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1 cup powdered sugar
1/4 cup peanut butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. butter
2 Tbs. or little more milk

In a large bowl, cream together the oleo and both sugars until light and fluffy. Incorporate the egg, peanut butter, and vanilla, mixing well. Fold in the sifted dry ingredients. Spread the batter into a 9x13 pan and top with chocolate chips. Bake at 350°F for 15-20 minutes. Let the bars cool for about 5 minutes. While they rest, whisk the frosting ingredients together until smooth (adding milk a teaspoon at a time until it's spreadable).

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The cost of the tournament is \$30 for entrants aged 16 and older, and \$15 for those aged 15 and younger. The Extended Contest is only an additional \$20 and allows you to continue to fish for one of the tagged walleye through August 31st. The first walleye caught during the extended contest heads home with 20% of the proceeds generated from the contest, the second receives 15%, and the third receives 10%. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to catch a fish worth thousands this summer!

In addition to the tagged walleye, there are also fantastic prizes for the heaviest stringer of 3 walleye, heaviest northern pike, heaviest stringer of 5 panfish, and heaviest stringer of 10 bullhead. Well over \$3,500 in prizes for the largest fish contests will be available.

The Biggest Walleye Tournament returns on the FishDonkey app. Download the app today and pay \$20 to be entered into this additional aspect of Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend! The top three largest walleyes will be awarded a portion of registration fees. Cast your chance at some CASH!

Walleye Weekend officially begins at 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 2nd and concludes at noon on Sunday, May 3rd. For more information regarding the 43rd Annual Walleye Weekend, please visit www.okobojichamber.com or call 712-332-2107.



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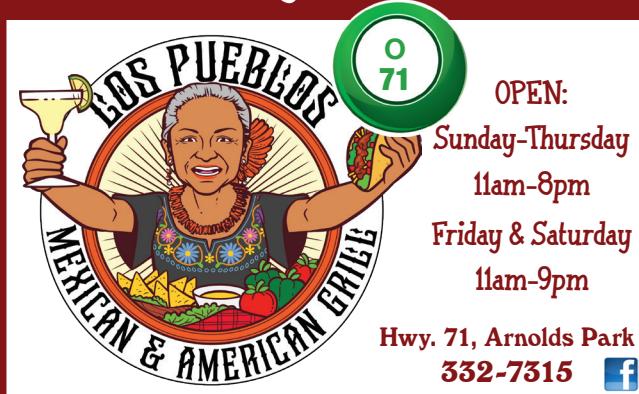
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The night will start off with a story about endangered animals, and the group will discuss what endangered animals are and some of the species that are listed in Iowa. Teams will be designated for a Jeopardy-style game to challenge players' nature knowledge.



To wrap up the night, families will meet Teddy, the Nature Center's ornate box turtle, and create a turtle inspired craft to take home as a reminder of the animals they learned about and the role we all play in caring for Iowa's wildlife.

"Test your animal trivia knowledge with a game night outing," said Community Relations Coordinator Amy Heiblert. "The Nature Center's ornate box turtle, Teddy, will make a debut to meet families up close."

Registration is required to attend prior to 5:00 PM on February 25 by visiting the Event List on www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Like and follow the Dickinson County Nature Center on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and event announcements.

Freedom Trivia Night

The Dickinson County Republican Women cordially invite you to Freedom Trivia Night on Thursday, February 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Lost Oar and Paddlefish Bar in Arnolds Park. Gather your friends to test your political knowledge in a fun, high-energy environment featuring music, patriotic prizes, and a true spirit of freedom. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to guarantee a spot; you may bring a pre-arranged team of four or easily join a team upon your arrival. Your generous free-will offering will help the organization strengthen and grow as it works to make a meaningful impact in our community, state, and country. If you have any questions, please call or text Sandy at 712-320-5517.



Okoboji FFA Grilling

The Okoboji FFA will be celebrating National FFA Week and will be hosting their annual grilling with the students on Sunday, February 22nd. They will be serving hamburgers, chips, cookies and drink for \$8. The grilling will take place at the Okoboji High School Lunchroom from 11:00 to 1:00. Everyone is welcome. The Okoboji FFA hopes to see you there!



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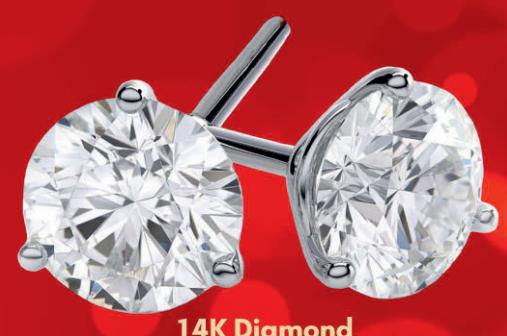
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Iowa Lakes Corridor to Host Conversational Management workshop

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) is hosting their next Corridor Connections workshop: Conversational Management with Tim Cosby on February 18.

Conversational Management will introduce an "always-on" coaching model that leverages real-time conversations on the job – on the shop floor, in the office, over the phone, or traveling to visit a client – to build bench strength continuously. Drawing from research and real-world coaching experience, Tim Crosby will show attendees how a majority of leadership development actually happens on the job through everyday interactions. Attendees will also learn how Conversational Management will distribute development across leadership team building agility, engagement, and retention.



Tim Cosby is the Co-Founder and President of Culture Impact, a division of Empowerment Coaching Network, Int'l., Inc. based in Grand Rapids, MI. He leads transformational coaching programs that redefine managerial paradigms. With 15 years of experience as a professional executive coach, he has served a notable roster of clients including Holland Freight, Wolverine Worldwide, and Samaritas.

"We look forward to hosting Tim for our next Corridor Connections event," said Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "He brings a wealth of experience in empowering managers to engage with employees in an innovative way, and we hope attendees will walk away with new strategies to build a culture of leadership in their organizations."

The Corridor Connections event will be held on Wednesday, February 18th from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Northwest Bank Corporate office in Spencer. This event is free for Corridor investors to attend, but space is limited. Reserve your spot at lakescorridor.com/connect.

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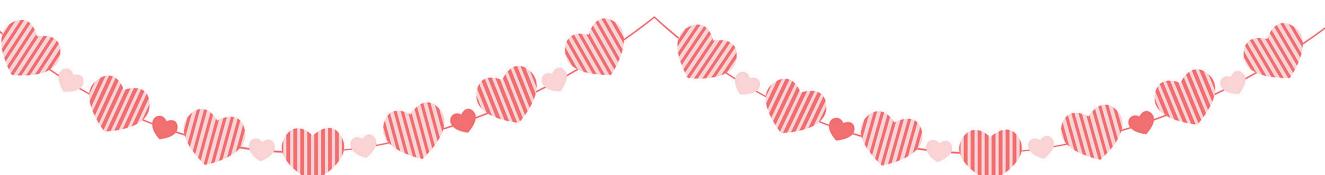
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If you are unable to attend and would like to send her your birthday wishes, please mail to Mary Ellen Sonius, 1307 Maywood Avenue, Milford, Iowa 51351.



Steffens Named to Dean's List

Congratulations to Zachariah Steffens, of Spirit Lake, who was named to the 2025 fall semester Dean's List at Saint Mary's University. The list includes undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Local Students Named to President's and Deans' Lists at Drake University

The following local students have been named to the Deans' and President's Lists at Drake University.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2025 semester at Drake.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2025 semester at Drake.

The following students were named to the Dean's List: Lucy Hermann, Addison Hoben, Kirsten Small, and Josie Thompson all of Spencer.

The following students were named to the President's List: Paityne Gehring and Teegan Jones of Spirit Lake.

Caregivers Support Group

Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every Wednesday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

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Community and Connection Flourish at Occasions in Spencer

Occasions in Spencer continues to fulfill its mission of enriching lives through a robust calendar of social and educational opportunities. Located at 104 East 4th Street, the center serves as a vibrant hub for local residents, offering a diverse array of daily activities designed to foster community connection. From the strategic challenge of Mah-Jongg, Bridge, and Snooker to the physical wellness found in Tai Chi and chair exercise classes, the facility provides something for everyone. Morning coffee hours and competitive card games like 500 and Ponystail Canasta ensure that the atmosphere remains lively throughout the week.

The center is particularly excited to highlight several upcoming special events, including the popular monthly Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, February 15. From 8:00am to 12:30pm, guests can enjoy a menu of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, and pancakes, complemented by a Bloody Mary bar, all available via a free-will offering. The educational component of the center's mission takes center stage on Wednesday, February 18, following the weekly Dig In Luncheon. City Manager Kevin Robinson will serve as the guest speaker, providing insights into local governance and community developments.

Looking further ahead, Occasions invites the public to save the date for the high-energy Mingo Music Bingo event on Friday, March 20, 2026. The evening kicks off with a cocktail hour at 5:00pm, followed by games starting at 6:00pm. Occasions in Spencer maintains regular operating hours from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:00am to 2:00pm on Fridays. Whether through a shared meal or a friendly round of bingo, the center remains dedicated to providing a welcoming space where individuals can connect and grow.



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15th Annual Family Fest Returns to Clay County Regional Events Center

Families across Northwest Iowa are invited to attend the 15th Annual Family Fest on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Clay County Regional Events Center. The event is free to attend and offers a morning packed with hands-on activities, learning opportunities, and family fun for all ages.

Family Fest has become a beloved community tradition over the past 15 years, bringing families together to play, explore, and connect with local organizations. The event features interactive exhibits, imaginative play spaces, and educational experiences designed to engage children while encouraging quality family time.

Family Fest offers a variety of hands-on activities and interactive exhibits from local organizations, including the Spencer Family YMCA, Spencer Hospital, and other community partners. Children will also have the opportunity to meet local first responders at Safety City, sponsored by Spencer Municipal Utilities, with representatives from the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Spencer Fire Department, and Spencer Police Department on site.

Families can also enjoy Tiny Town, sponsored by Community State Bank, an imaginative play space for young children; a Reading Nook hosted by Spencer Public Library and Spencer Reads; a Kids Zone with engaging activities; and booths from local nonprofits and vendors highlighting community resources.

A limited number of vendor booth spaces are still available for businesses and organizations interested in participating in Family Fest. Those interested can contact Stacey Meyer, Event Services Director, at 712-580-3000 or events@claycountyfair.com for more information.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Sponsors receive recognition and on-site acknowledgments, along with the opportunity to host a 10'x10' booth at the event. Customized sponsorship packages may be available. To learn more, contact Brent Burns, Partnership Director, at 712-580-3000 or brent@claycountyfair.com.

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Barbara Clayton Announces Candidacy for Dickinson County Supervisor District 2

Barbara Clayton, a 30-year resident of Dickinson County, announced her candidacy for County Supervisor District 2 at the February 2 Republican Caucus in Spirit Lake.

"I've called this place home for three decades. Joe and I have raised our family here, and watched our community grow," Clayton said. "I'm running to protect our rights, our environment, and our way of life in this unique county."

District 2 encompasses Big Spirit Lake, along with the north and west parts of the City of Spirit Lake, including Center Lake.

Clayton has been actively involved in local issues, particularly by advocating against large-scale wind projects proposed by outside interests (e.g., from Chicago), attending nearly every related meeting and hearing, and pushing to strengthen the county's wind ordinance.

Why She's Running

• Promote fiscal responsibility: to end the cycle of heavy property taxation and excessive county reserves. Your money should stay in your pocket, not the county's vault.

• Increase transparency: You deserve to know exactly where every tax dollar goes — no more surprises like a \$7M off budget project, decided in 3 meetings, with no public input, and in the board's words "no idea how to pay for it".

• Protect and preserve Dickinson County's quality of life: Our lakes, our recreation, and our way of life are under constant pressure — I will stand up and protect what makes this county special instead of letting it be chipped away by outside corporate interests.

• Support local families, farmers, and businesses, I'll work to keep life affordable so you can thrive where we live, work, and play.

• Provide common-sense leadership that listens and delivers practical solutions.

"I've been attending the County Supervisor meetings for 5 years and am committed to being a strong knowledgeable voice for the people of Dickinson County," Clayton added. "We've got a great county — let's be thankful and respect it."

Clayton will file for the June 2nd primary election. She looks forward to meeting voters at community events and hearing their concerns.

For more information, to get involved, or to arrange an interview: Contact Barbara Clayton Phone: 712-330-1288 Email: barb@claytoncompany.net Facebook: Vote Barb Clayton

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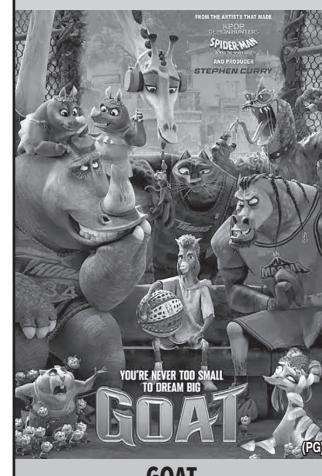
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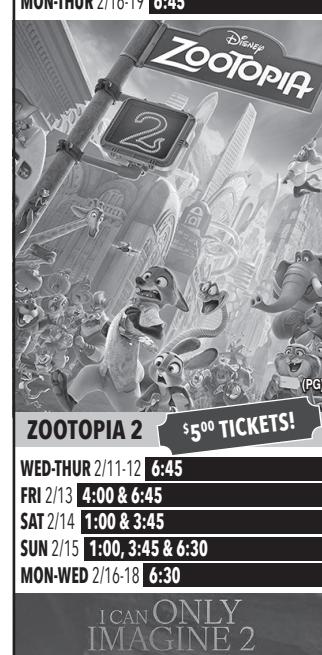
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Lakes Area Activity/Senior Center

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SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 10, 12:30 PM — DeNeitt — RSVP Coordinator

Tuesday, February 17, 12:30 PM — Mary Prentice — Topic: Medicare Updates

Tuesday, February 24 12:00 PM — Dickinson County Public Health will be providing free blood pressure checks

Thursdays - 11:00 AM - TaiChi

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Dr. Mark Milleman Joins Northwest Iowa Urologists, PC

Spencer, Iowa — Northwest Iowa Urologists, PC and Dr. Charlotte Caliguri, DO are pleased to welcome Dr. Mark Milleman, MD to their practice and the Spencer medical community. Dr. Milleman brings extensive experience in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of urological conditions and is now seeing patients.

Dr. Milleman joins the practice after relocating from Wisconsin and is board certified in Urology. He earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in New York before completing his medical degree at The University of Iowa College of Medicine. His advanced training includes a fellowship at Charité Medical School in Berlin, Germany, and a residency at The Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Dr. Milleman is known for his patient-centered approach to care, guided by a philosophy he summarizes as: "I practice medicine and treat patients how I would like to be treated — ethically, empathetically, and timely. Placing them and their desires first and foremost."

Outside of the clinic, Dr. Milleman enjoys spending time with his family, attending his sons' tennis matches and activities, hunting, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. He and his wife are proud parents of two sons.

Patients interested in scheduling an appointment with Dr. Milleman may contact Northwest Iowa Urologists, PC, located within Spencer Hospital, at 712-262-6214.



View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Stirtz Stirs the Hawks

Bennett Stirtz once again showed that he is one of the best guards in the nation on Sunday, rescuing Iowa from what would have been a very bad loss at Carver Hawkeye Arena against a 10-13 Northwestern team, scoring a career-high 36 points while playing all 40 minutes in Iowa's 76-70 win over the Wildcats. Stirtz, as is usually the case, was very efficient in this game, picking his spots as to when to take over, going 12/20 from the field, including 4/6 from the 3-point line, while also making all eight of his free throw attempts; any time Iowa needed a bucket to answer a Wildcat run, Stirtz was there with either a driving layup or his patented step-back three-pointer. The win is Iowa's sixth straight B1G victory and moves the Hawkeyes to a very impressive 18-5 overall record with an 8-4 conference mark. Iowa was just out of the AP Top 25 last week, but I would imagine this week they would be ranked anywhere from #22-24, which is something no one would have predicted in head coach Ben McCollum's first season in Iowa City.

The thing that I love about Stirtz, and his game is that you cannot tell if he is having the best game or the worst game of his career as his facial expressions and body language never changes. He plays the game with such a calmness that resonates with the rest of his younger Hawkeye teammates and has been such a huge factor to their success this season. I'm not going to lie, I questioned whether Stirtz's game would translate from Drake to the B1G, and after struggling in December games at Michigan State and vs. Iowa State, I thought the night in and night out wear and tear of playing against high-end defenders at that level might be too much for him. It also appeared that Stirtz might be wearing down during Iowa's three-game B1G losing streak, as he went just 6/27 from the three-point line in those losses. Stirtz, however, has found another gear during this winning streak and helped propel Iowa squarely into the NCAA Tournament, now fighting for seeding instead of just to get in the tournament. Stirtz averaged 27 points per game in Iowa's sweep of their West Coast trip last week in games at Oregon and Washington, which were two big wins for a team that was at the time on the NCAA bubble.

The B1G and the Big 12 are definitely the top two conferences in the nation this year, with both dominating the Top 10. Iowa currently sits in sixth place in the B1G and has a particularly good chance to finish in the Top 5 of the conference, which would be an amazing accomplishment for this team, and one that would be largely due to McCollum's coaching and Stirtz's play. These two are obviously perfect for each other, having won wherever they have coached and played together, whether that is at the DII level, the mid-major level and now the Power 5 level. How far Iowa advances in the NCAA Tournament will no doubt depend on where they end up being seeded and of course what kind of matchup they receive. We all know that one thing that drove Iowa fans crazy about Fran McCaffery was his inability to reach the Sweet 16, as Iowa has not been there since 1999, and Hawkeye fans are hoping that McCollum can put an end to that drought. One thing I know, if any one player can help McCollum accomplish that daunting task, it's definitely Stirtz!

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12:30 - Bridge

Wednesday, February 11

9:00 - Exercise Class
12:00 - Dinner Date

Thursday, February 12

10:00 - Strummers
11:00 - Tai Chi

12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - 500 Cards

3:00 - Cribbage

4:00 - Zumba

5:30 - Singles Group

Friday, February 13

9:00 - Exercise Class
9:50 - Chair Yoga

12:00 - Dinner Date

Saturday, February 14

Facility is available for rent

Sunday, February 15

8:30 - Breakfast Fundraiser

Monday, February 16

9:00 - Exercise

12:00 - Dinner Date

1:00 - Mahjong

Tuesday, February 17

8:30 - Kiwanis

12:00 - Dinner Date

12:30 - Speaker - TBD

12:30 - Bridge

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call 712-336-5247 by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The card room closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Books are available to borrow or read. Puzzle table ready for you to put a puzzle together. Pop Tabs are being collected for Ronald McDonald House. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Join us for our upcoming Breakfast Fundraiser February 15, 8:30am - noon. The Lakes Area Activity/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

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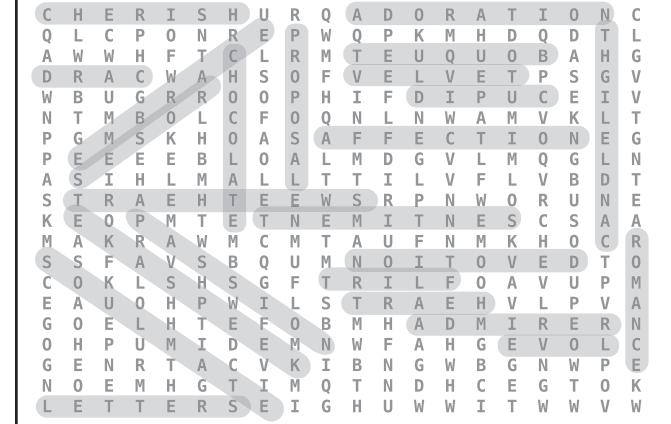
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Spirit Lake Library News

New Test Prep Courses Available From Mometrix
by Jill Jennings

For some of our library patrons, a standardized test is the next obstacle to overcome in reaching career or educational goals. Mometrix's mission is to help people pass the exam standing between them and the next step in their career. Online test prep resource Mometrix eLibrary recently launched a variety of new study courses, study guides, flashcards, including K-12 study guides and workbooks. The new offerings join more than 4,500 other test prep materials in the Mometrix database. It covers subjects from foundational education to specialized trades and advanced academic fields. This online resource is available to all Iowa residents and authorized users and is funded by an appropriation from the Iowa Legislature.

You can find Mometrix on our website slpublib.com under "Digital Services." You will have to create an account for yourself with an email and password. When you arrive at the Mometrix eLibrary home page, you will see that it is very user friendly. There's even a short "How to use the Mometrix eLibrary" video that you can watch to get started navigating the site. Click on the "Employment Resources" button to get even more help applying to a college or for a job. If you have any questions, please contact the Spirit Lake Public Library at (712) 336-2667.

Other ways that the SLPL might be able to help are printing out your resume from our public computers, setting up a job interview via Zoom in our Proctor Room or just having a quiet place to research college applications or employment opportunities.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Nancy is reading Cottage by the Sea by Debbie Macomber on Libby, The Long Night by Christian White, Fake I.D. by Lamar Giles, and A Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan.

Upcoming Activities:

- Monday, February 16, 10:00-11:45 a.m., Movie Matinee
- Monday, February 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, February 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Tuesday, February 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Evening Edition Book Club at The Revelry (Theme: Romance books)
- Wednesday, February 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Page Turners Book Club (Intermezzo by Sally Rooney)
- Wednesday, February 18, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, February 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Block Party
- Thursday, February 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg



\$2,500 Donation Boosts Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity

Northwest Iowa Corridor Habitat for Humanity has received a \$2,500 donation from Northwest Bank, made possible through a contribution from Elan Financial Services as part of the bank's valued partnership with Elan. Donation presentation includes Northwest Bank Iowa Corridor Habitat for Humanity board member Shelby Schmidt, Northwest Bank representatives, Angie Peterson & Jed Jensen, board members, Sara Frerichs, Jerry Welter, Jan Bowles, Valerie Watters and Joe Bjornstad-Executive Director.

The donation will support Habitat for Humanity's ongoing work of building strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership.

This contribution reflects the shared commitment between Elan Financial Services and Northwest Bank to investing in organizations that strengthen local communities and make a positive lasting impact. Partnering with companies that share a similar vision and focus on community investment allows Northwest Bank to extend its impact beyond banking services and into meaningful local initiatives. Habitat for Humanity partners with families in need to help them build, rehabilitate, and repair homes, empowering individuals and families with a safe, and affordable place to live.

"We are honored to provide Northwest Iowa Corridor Habitat for Humanity this donation to support the meaningful work they do in our communities," said Jed Jensen, Bank President of Northwest Bank in Spirit Lake. "Access to safe, affordable housing is foundational to strong communities, and we are honored to help support an organization dedicated to making homeownership possible for local families."

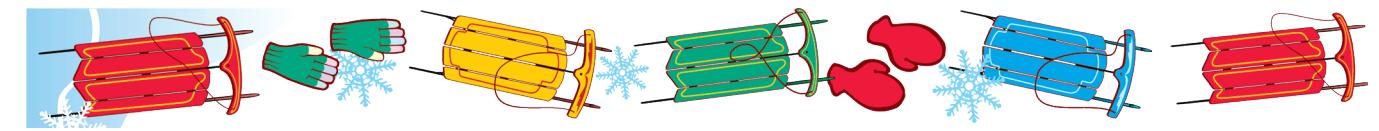
Northwest Iowa Corridor Habitat for Humanity representatives expressed appreciation for the donation, noting that community partnerships play a vital role in advancing their mission and expanding their impact.

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Deputy Grand Knight Johnny Klaschen and Dennis Kurth.

Spirit Lake K of C Recognizes Dennis Kurth

Dennis Kurth was honored for his 40 years of service to the community and his church on Feb. 2. He received an honorary plaque and hearty congratulations from his Brother Knights at the monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 at St. Mary Parish in Spirit Lake.

Deputy Grand Knight Johnny Klaschen presented Kurth with the well-deserved recognition for 40 years of membership and unwavering dedication to the council and to the values it stands for, including charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. In fact, Kurth was a Fourth Degree Knight and represented the Knights during numerous Honor Guard Ceremonies. His commitment to showing up, serving faithfully and setting the example has made a lasting impact.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past few years contributing more than \$30,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, Prison Ministries, as well as to local family, community, and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition, Spelling Bee, Coats for Kids, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations.

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, with more than 1.9 million members in over 16,000 local councils.

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Lakes Area Senior/Activity Center Events

Seniors Movin' On is an exercise group that meets every Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. The exercise program is based on the Silver Sneakers Program.

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

Tai Chi at 11:00am and Zumba class at 4:00pm on Thursday.

MahJong -1st and 3rd Mondays this month at 1:00pm.

Pinocchio Club- 2nd and 4th Mondays this month at 1:00pm.

Chair yoga every Friday at 10:00am.

Pool and ping pong tables available.

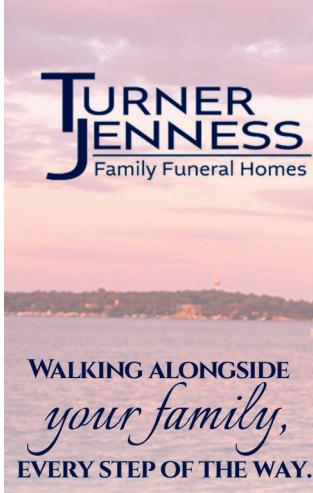
Puzzles and books available to borrow or enjoy.

Greeting cards are available for purchase for \$.50

The center is now collecting pop tabs - collection proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

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AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

Obituary

A funeral service for Byron Sampson, age 91, of Sioux Center, formerly of Primghar and the Lakes Area, was held Monday, February 9, 2026, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Byron passed away on February 5, 2026, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Byron E. Sampson was born on January 23, 1935, the son of Robert and Mildred (Hirt) Sampson. He was raised on a farm near Primghar, Iowa, received his education in the Hartley and Primghar school systems and graduated from high school in 1953. Byron enlisted in the United States Army in 1953 and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1957, attaining the rank of First Sergeant.

Byron met the love of his life, Dorothy Pierce, at a dance in Spencer, Iowa. The couple was united in marriage on August 17, 1958. Their marriage of 65 years was blessed with five beautiful daughters.

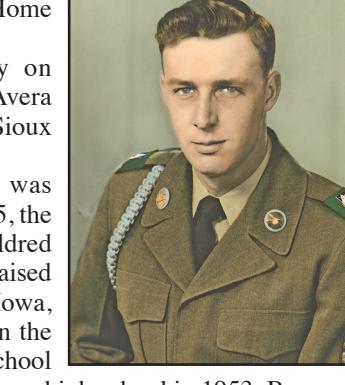
A lifelong farmer, Byron took great pride in the land and the life he built for his family. He cherished time spent with his daughters, their spouses, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Byron also had a passion for golf and proudly recorded eight holes-in-one over the years.

After retiring, Byron and Dorothy enjoyed dancing and traveling together, spending time in Florida, Texas, and Mississippi, making many treasured memories along the way.

He will be lovingly remembered by his five daughters, Jan Schimmer, Julie Pape, Jennifer Meyer, Karen Raymond and Karmen Staples; twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; sisters, Marilyn Tesch, Elsin Petersen and Shirley Ney.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty-five years, Dorothy Sampson; his parents, Robert and Mildred Sampson; his brothers, Milton Sampson and Kenneth Sampson.

Arrangements were under the care of Turner Jenness Funeral Home.



Obituary

Kirk Joseph Eilers was born November 8, 1972, and passed December 15, 2025, in Venice Beach, California.

Kirk Joseph Eilers lived a life of quiet purpose and determination. Born to Robert Francis Eilers and Kathleen Ruth Eilers (Zwiebahn), he joined his older brother Chris as the second of four siblings, later welcoming Kent and Kimberly.

Kirk took pride in his academics and was part of many athletics and activities during his school years. From trips with Science Club, weekend long wrestling tournaments, show choir competitions, speech and debate tournaments and weekends watching Twin Peaks with the crew at mom and dad's house. He was active in Boy Scouts which instilled his passion for the outdoors. He earned the highest rank, Eagle Scout. As a proud graduate of Okoboji High School Class of 1991, he furthered his education at South Dakota State University. He later earned his degree in Political Science from the University of Iowa.

His career in political research and campaign strategy took him across the United States. He lived in Montana, Washington DC, Florida, North Carolina and found his home in California. Kirk worked on numerous campaigns and research projects, most recently with the RAND Corporation, where he analyzed charitable donor data. Kirk was a man of simple pleasures. He enjoyed building and creating; from homemade banjos to complex bicycles. He loved spending time cycling with Venice Electric Light Parade or wandering down Abbott Kenny on Food Truck Fridays, which made his foodie heart happy!

Kirk adored his family and the time he spent with them. He loved watching football with the boys. He shared his passion for movies, gaming and cooking with his nieces and nephews, siblings and parents.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Eilers. Kirk is survived by his mother, Kathleen Eilers (Des Moines, IA); his siblings, Christopher Eilers (Des Moines, IA), Kent & Kami Eilers (Milford, IA), and Kimberly & Joseph Jackson (Kansas City, MO); and his cherished nieces and nephews.

Kirk lived boldly, never being afraid of new chapters and adventures.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 1:30 PM at Calvary Cemetery, 225th St, Milford, Iowa.

Please join us immediately after for memories and fellowship at Florence Park Shelter House 901 H Ave Milford, Iowa.

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Iowa Lakes Corridor Releases 2025 Annual Report

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) unveiled their 2025 Annual Report of Activities at their recent Business Recognition Luncheon.

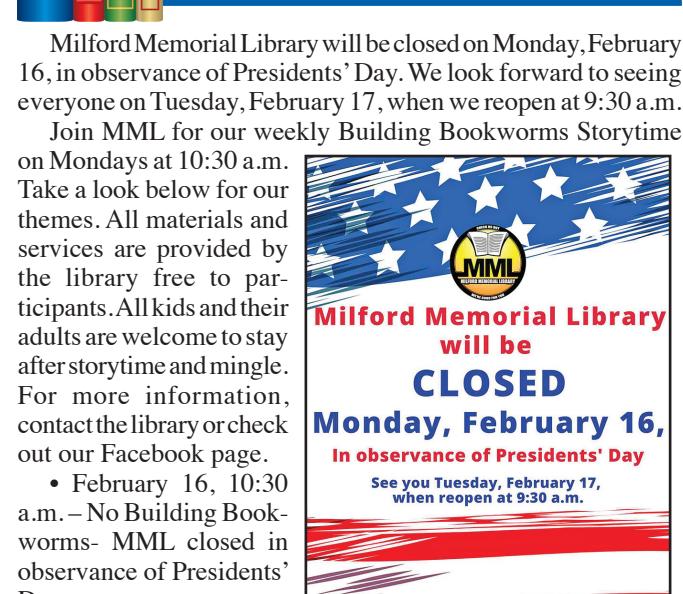
The Corridor's 2025 Annual Report outlines many accomplishments and developments in the region over the last year including new programs like the Homegrown Talent Initiative, Big IDEA Challenge, and Corridor Conversations Podcast. It also reports on other ongoing programmatic areas including business retention and expansion, business succession, business recruitment, entrepreneurship, and legislative advocacy, workforce, housing, and childcare.

The Homegrown Talent Initiative is a program supported by an annual golf tournament hosted by the Corridor each year. In 2025, the first two grant recipients were chosen to receive a \$6,000 grant paid over four years to individuals who graduated from the region, went off to college or training program, and recently returned back to the region to live and work. These grant funds are paid for student loans, mortgage, or childcare expenses.

To assist entrepreneurs looking to start or expand their businesses, the Big IDEA Challenge brought five local business owners in to a pitch competition to compete for monetary awards. The Corridor Conversations Podcast launched in October 2025 with seven episodes in the first season talking to a variety of guests from the Homegrown Talent Initiative grantees, to local city leadership.

"Our Annual Report offers a snapshot of the momentum building across the region," said Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "The accomplishments highlighted reflect strong collaboration between our team, partners, counties, and communities, and demonstrate a shared commitment to growing opportunity and investment throughout the Corridor."

The Corridor's full annual report can be viewed on their website at www.lakescorridor.com/report, by picking one up at the office or contacting the Corridor at 712-264-3474.



DNR to Recap Hunting Seasons, Discuss Possible Rule Changes

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at Maser Monarch Lodge, 22785 Nature Center Road, in Okoboji, on March 4. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

"We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff," said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Bureau. "Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process."

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.

Comments received during previous listening sessions have resulted in regulation changes, including modifying and removing areas closed to Canada goose hunting, establishing later goose season dates and increased bag limit, expanding the raccoon hunting and trapping season on private land, modifying Iowa's antlerless deer quotas in north central and western Iowa, and extending the regular trapping season through the end of February.

Any person attending the public meeting and has special requirements, such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, should contact the Iowa DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.

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Clay County proudly stood out at the recent Northwest Iowa Awards Ceremony hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, receiving one of the six top awards. The Clay County Extension Council was recognized with the Council Distinguished Service Award. Pictured Clay County Council Members are Dustin Biedenfeld, Jarret Smith, Renee Juza, Dirk Benson, Gary Johnson, Adam Batschelet, Liz Biedenfeld, Clint Hoermann.

This award honors exceptional leadership and commitment to Extension governance. The Clay County Extension Council exemplifies visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to ISU Extension and Outreach's mission. Their efforts led to the construction of a 5,088-square-foot facility that has transformed educational programming and community engagement, creating a hub for innovation and lifelong learning. Through strategic fundraising and careful stewardship of resources, the Council raised \$691,000 from 123 donors, setting a benchmark for excellence across Iowa.

This recognition celebrates the Council's lasting impact on youth, families, and communities in Clay County.

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Milford Memorial Library News

Milford Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents' Day. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, February 17, when we reopen at 9:30 a.m.

Join MML for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Take a look below for our themes. All materials and services are provided by the library free to participants. All kids and their adults are welcome to stay after storytime and mingle. For more information, contact the library or check out our Facebook page.

- February 16, 10:30 a.m. – No Building Bookworms - MML closed in observance of Presidents' Day
- February 23, 10:30 a.m. – Underwear

There is still time to register for MML's CrAFTER Hours on Wednesday, February 18, for French Pastry 101. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. we will be creating few different types of pastries. Cost is \$5.00 and you can register by calling Milford Memorial Library at (712)338-4643 or online.

Milford Memorial Library Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 17, at 1:00 p.m. This month, they will be discussing Once There Were Wolves by Charlotte McConaghay. Any interested individuals may pick up a copy at Milford Memorial Library. It is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

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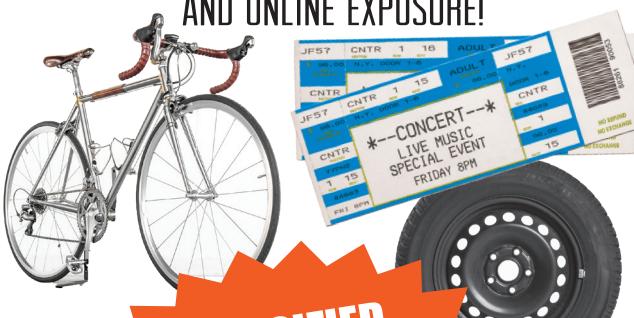
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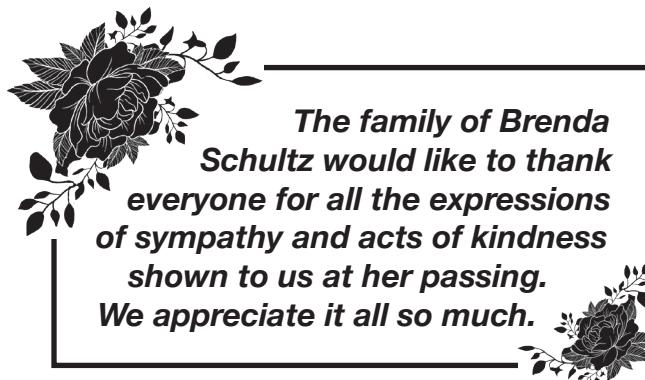
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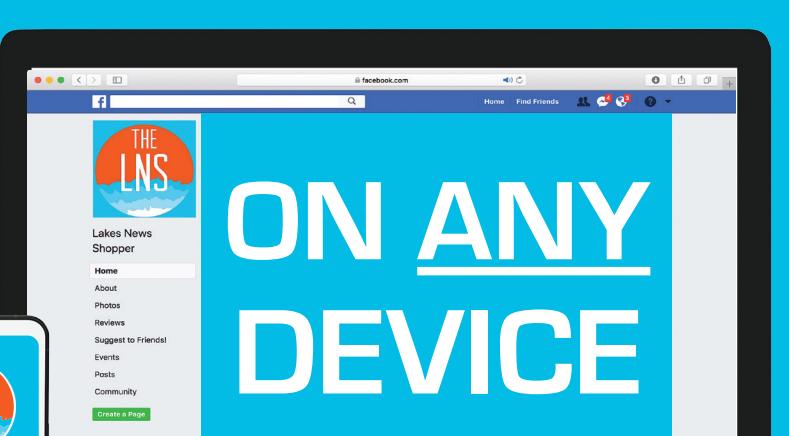
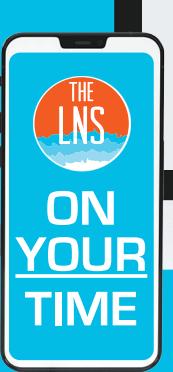
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There was a plastic surgeon named Maxwell Maltz in the 1950s who noticed something curious. Patients who had dramatic cosmetic improvements often felt no happier afterward. Meanwhile, others with modest changes experienced profound shifts in confidence, joy, and purpose. The difference wasn't the surgery. It was the self-image.

The Silent Operating System

Each of us carries an internal picture of who we are. Not who we wish we were. Not who others see. But who we quietly believe ourselves to be.

That self-image operates like a thermostat. It regulates our behavior, our expectations, and even our happiness. We tend to act in ways that stay consistent with it, often without realizing it.

If you see yourself as capable, resilient, and worthy, you naturally make choices that reinforce those traits. If you see yourself as inadequate or "not the kind of person who succeeds," your mind will quietly steer you back to familiar ground, even when opportunity appears.

The encouraging news? **That image is learned. And anything learned can be changed.**

How to Strengthen the Self-Image

Improving your self-image doesn't require hype, affirmations shouted into the mirror, or pretending life is perfect. It requires intention and repetition, small, human steps practiced consistently.

Here are a few that matter:

1. Stop rehearsing failure.

Your mind doesn't know the difference between a real event and one vividly imagined. When you repeatedly replay past mistakes or worry about future failure, you are training your nervous system to expect defeat. Replace rumination with rehearsals. Quietly picture yourself handling situations well. Vision yourself as calm, prepared, capable.

2. Detach your worth from outcomes.

You are not your last performance, your last mistake, or your worst day. When self-worth rises and falls with results, confidence becomes fragile. Measure success by effort, integrity, and learning—not perfection. Fall in love with the process, and the outcomes will take care of themselves. Every highly successful sports coach does this for their team—John Wooden, Nick Saban, Geno Auriemma, etc.

3. Act as if.

You don't wait to feel confident before taking action. You act first, and confidence follows. Speak up. Try. Volunteer. Begin. Each small act becomes evidence that reshapes how you see yourself. New things are naturally awkward at first, but it's a process, and over time you improve. Don't wait to get started in taking baby steps toward a new confidence.

4. Practice rational optimism.

This isn't blind positivity. It's the quiet belief that you can handle what comes next, even if it's difficult. That belief alone changes how the brain responds to stress, setbacks, and uncertainty. Human nature protects us by focusing on the worst case scenarios, so the advice is to consciously focus on the best case outcomes to balance this out.

Happiness Is a Skill

One of the most liberating ideas is that **happiness is not something you chase, it's something you practice.**

Peace comes from releasing the impossible demand to control everything. Fulfillment grows when we focus on the present task rather than constantly measuring ourselves against an imagined future. Calm emerges when we stop fighting yesterday and tomorrow at the same time.

Happiness, in other words, is not a reward for perfection. It's a byproduct of self-acceptance, purposeful action, and realistic expectations.

The Quiet Truth

You don't need to become someone else to live a richer life. You need to see yourself more clearly.

When you upgrade the image you hold of yourself: patiently, gently, deliberately, your behavior follows. Your habits improve. Your courage expands. Your life begins to align not with who you fear you are, but with who you are becoming.

And perhaps the most hopeful thought of all: your mind is not your enemy. It is your most powerful ally, once you learn how to work with it.

Bonus pro-tip: always remember everyone else is struggling with the same issues of self-image. So for those people you care about in life, be the light in their life: spouse, parents, children, co-workers, or just anybody you run into that seems to be down on their luck.

You may be the one person that changes everything.

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You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown - Cast Announced

Iowa Lakes Community College Students and Community Members Featured

The cast has been announced for Iowa Lakes Community College's upcoming production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, a beloved musical based on the classic Peanuts comic strip.

"We're excited to announce our cast," said Lincoln Larsen, Director of Music and Performing Arts and co-director of the musical. "It's such a fun show with great songs, and we're proud to bring together students and community members in an intergenerational setting."

"The cast is a wonderful mix of seasoned performers and new talent stepping onto our stage for the first time," added Carol Ayres Stueven, co-director of the musical. "We had many talented singers and actors audition, which made casting this show both exciting and challenging."

Ethan Hexamer of Estherville has been cast as Charlie Brown. Hexamer brings strong comedic timing and a thoughtful understanding of the character, delivering a performance that captures both Charlie Brown's charm and heart.

Cole Danner, an Electrical Technology major from Estherville, takes on the role of Snoopy. Danner's energetic and playful performance shines, particularly in Snoopy's signature musical number.

Lucy is portrayed by Mindy Truong, who brings confidence and boldness to the role while also revealing Lucy's softer side. Her affection for Schroeder—played by Aiden Holdorf—is central to several scenes. Holdorf, a Biology major from Spirit Lake, delivers a lively performance as the Beethoven-loving pianist, highlighted in "Beethoven Day!"

Lorie Irwin of Estherville plays Sally, bringing humor and enthusiasm to the role, especially in her performance of "My New Philosophy."

Linus is played by Dakota Kropf, an Aviation major from Sloan. True to the character, Linus never strays far from his blanket, which takes center stage in his featured song, "My Blanket."

Rounding out the Peanuts gang are Charlie Brown's friends—each convinced they are better at just about everything than he is:

Shermy – Karston Trask, Spirit Lake, Business Administration

Lila – Kristen Kuiper, Spirit Lake, alumna

Peppermint Patty – Emma Chapin, Graettinger, Surgical Technology

Violet Gray – Serena Lynch-Hein, Estherville, alumna

Jose Oz Luna – Estherville, AA and AS Degree

Little Red-Headed Girl – Shainee Henely, Spencer, Culinary & Hospitality Management

Harold Koen Zott – Armstrong, Massage Therapy Diploma

Rerun – Ethan Truong, Spirit Lake Community School

Pig-Pen – Jeff Irwin, Estherville

Lydia – Isabelle Truong, Spirit Lake, AA Degree

Eudora – Mary Schumacher, Estherville

Charlotte – Shawna Wahl, Spirit Lake

Floyd – Anthony Trigger, Estherville, Music Education

The production will also feature a full pit orchestra comprised of Iowa Lakes Community College students and community musicians.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will be performed April 16, 17, and 18, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Iowa Lakes Community College Estherville campus.

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

Based on the comic strip Peanuts by Charles M. Schulz

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Clark Gesner

Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer

Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. www.concordtheatricals.com

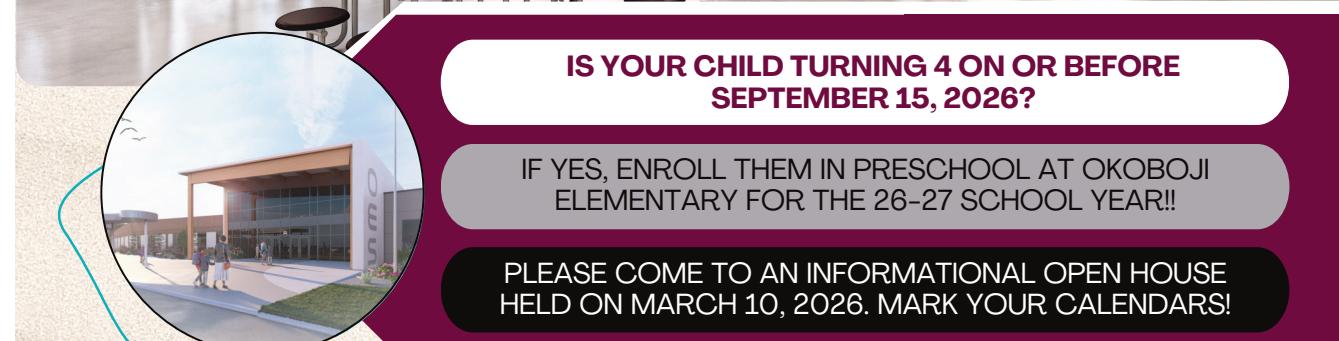


Dean's List at St. Olaf Announced

Brynn Finley, of Estherville and Trigg Heimdal, of Milford, made the Fall 2025 Dean's List at St. Olaf College. The Dean's List is a scholarly award for students who demonstrate academic excellence and have earned a GPA of 3.75 or above and completed at least three credits for that semester.

Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Milford Kiwanis Bingo Nights will be Thursday, February 12 and 26. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.



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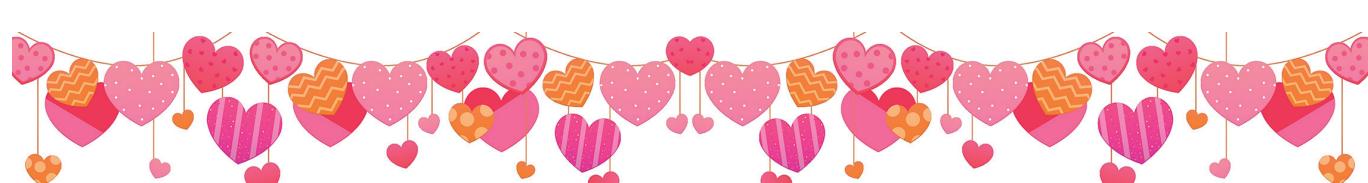
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EDUCATION CLASSES

CLOVERLEAF BASKET WEAVING
 With Sandie Smith
 Thursday, Feb. 26 | 5:30-7pm and Saturday, Mar. 7 | 10am-3pm | \$55/\$65 | **Intermediate, 18+**

Join us to create a lucky handwoven treasure with this two-part intermediate basket weaving workshop. Featuring a distinctive cloverleaf design at the base, this basket is perfect for St. Patrick's Day or just because! With guidance of instructor Sandie Smith, students will work with round reeds to shape, form, and finish a unique basket that highlights both skill and creativity. Register by Feb. 18

MARCH YOUTH ART CLASSES:

Mini Michelangelo's | K-2nd
 Thursdays | 4:00-4:45pm
 Mar. 5, 12, 19: Wiggle Glaze! Bowl, Plate, & Cup Set

Art Club | 3rd-6th
 Thursdays | 5-6pm
 Mar. 5, 12, 19: Patterned Slab Vessels

Teen Art | 7-12th
 Tuesdays | 4-5pm
 Mar. 3, 10, 17: Mugs, Cups, & Containers!

SWING DANCE CLASS
 With Midwest Swing Dance Co.
 Friday, Mar. 13 & Saturday, Mar. 14 7-9pm | \$80/\$90 | All Levels, 21+

We work from the ground up so that anyone at any ability level can learn how to dance. This class is not only for couples, but for singles too! Hors d'oeuvres will be served and cash bar available. Register by Mar. 6.

CULINARY CLASSES

Winter Comfort Food
 With Jay Norton of The Hen House
 \$100/\$110 per dinner | 6pm
 Registration required 2 days before each class.

Thursday, Feb. 19: Southern Cooking
Thursday, Mar. 12: Irish Country Supper
 Join Chef Jay at the kitchen counter for a small group experience of timeless favorites! A glass of wine is served with each dinner.

Wine Class
 With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman of Okoboji Wines
 Thursdays | 6pm | \$45/\$55
 Registration required 2 days before each class.

Mar. 5: Blind Tasting: Cool Climate vs Warm Apr. 2: Varietal Series: Cabernet Franc

A Vegetarian Voyage
 With Sarah Page w/ So Good By Sarah Custom Catering
 Wednesday, Mar. 18 | 12pm
 \$50/\$60 | Register by Mar. 12

Struggling to incorporate more healthy vegetables into your daily diet or tired of delegating vegetables as just side dishes? Sarah is eager to demonstrate tasty vegetarian main dishes to build your confidence in exploring the wide world of plant-based cuisine! Enjoy several samplings and a glass of wine.

