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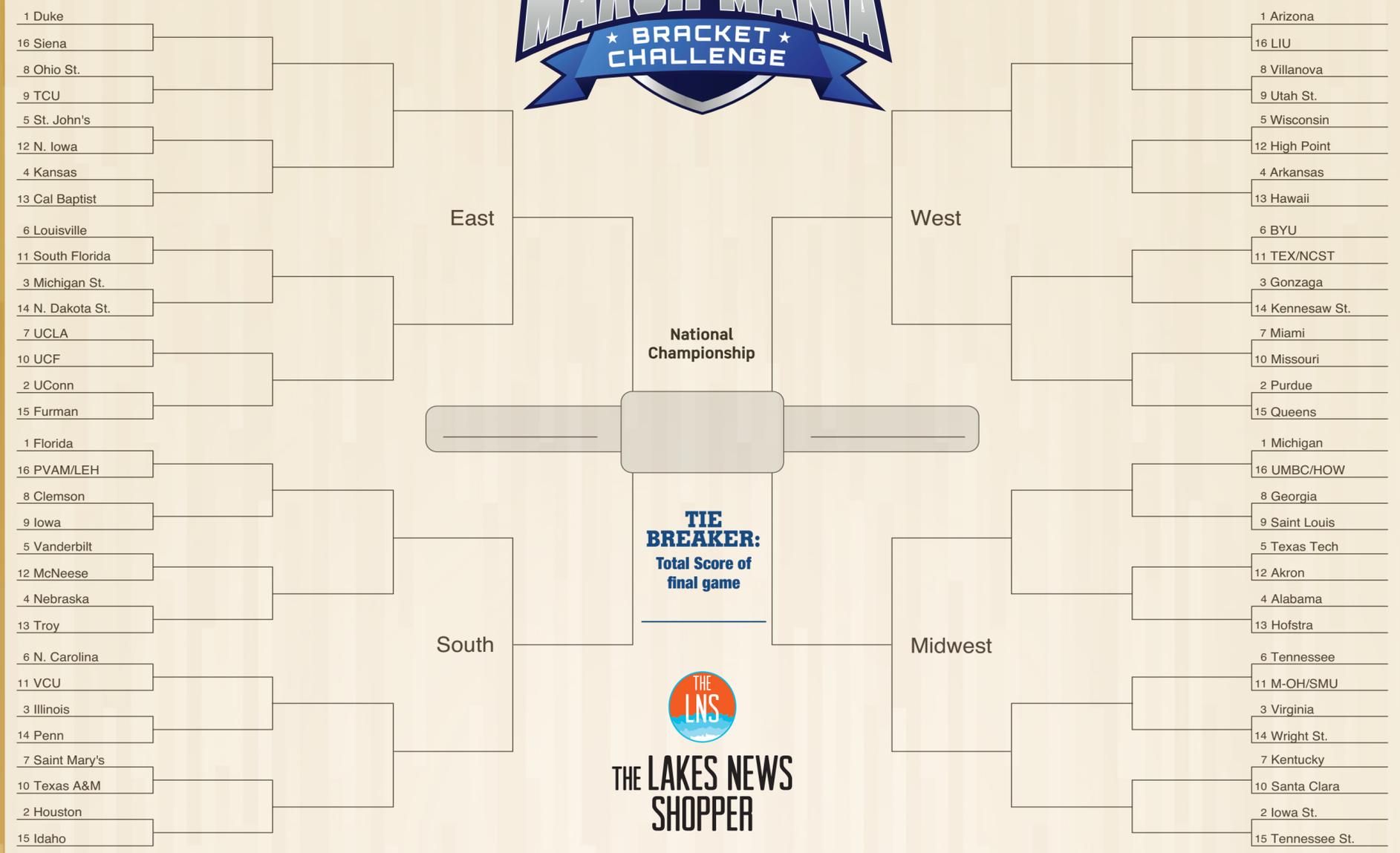
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The meal will feature homemade chicken and noodles, real mashed potatoes, a salad bar, a dessert bar, and beverages. Those attending may eat in the parish center dining room or take a carryout with them. Delivery within Milford will be available; please call the office before Sunday, April 12, at 11 a.m. at 712-338-2274 to arrange your delivery.

A free-will offering will be taken, with a suggested donation of \$12 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward St. Joseph Parish repair projects.

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The cost of the tournament is \$20 for entrants, plus a \$5 fee for the app, and the tournament will run in conjunction with Walleye Weekend. Registrations must be entered by 11:59pm on Friday, May 1st. The tournament will begin at 12:00am on Saturday, May 2nd and run until 11:59am on Sunday, May 3rd. All participants must register through the mobile phone app called Fish Donkey where they will be able to photograph and enter their catches and follow along with the leaderboard live all weekend long.

In order to follow the Iowa DNR regulations and protect the fish stock in the Iowa Great Lakes, this tournament will be conducted entirely through a mobile app called Fish Donkey. Those interested in participating are encouraged to download this free app and search for "Biggest Walleye Tournament - Iowa Great Lakes Walleye Weekend". A full list of rules and regulations can be found on the app.

Cash Prizes will be given to the top three largest walleye with the cash amounts coming from a percentage of registration fees. Your \$25 registration includes entry into the tournament and a chance at the top prizes! The top three largest walleye will be paid out: 25% to overall largest walleye, 15% to second largest walleye, and 10% to third largest walleye. Last year's winners walked away with almost \$1,000 in cash prizes!

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Boys 12-21 400 Freestyle Relay - Mason Yost, Trice Edwards, Jackson Mensing & Oliver Miller
Boys 8 & Under 100 Freestyle Relay - Eli Begeman, Bo Brownlee, Deagan Hurtig & Noah Mensing
Girls 13-14 200 Medley Relay & 200 Freestyle Relay - Emerson Wittrock, Abi Mensing, Josephine Haulard & Aubrey Paterson

Runner Ups:
Carson Profit - 200 Backstroke & 100 Freestyle, Oliver Miller - 200 Freestyle, Keaton Cook - 50 Breaststroke, Eli Begeman - 25 Backstroke, Lanaeh Wahpepah - 200 Backstroke
Boys 15-21 200 Medley Relay - Ray Kaiser, Ethan Weston, Mason Yost & Carson Profit
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3rd Place:
Eli Begeman - 25 Freestyle & 50 Backstroke, Jackson Mensing - 50 & 100 Breaststroke, Nellie Rohling - 25 Fly & 50 Freestyle, Emma Cunningham - 100 Freestyle & 50 Backstroke, Carson Profit - 50 Freestyle, Buddy Wahpepah - 100 Backstroke, Keaton Cook - 100 Breaststroke, Abi Mensing - 50 Freestyle
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4th Place:
Kaela Weston - 50 & 100 Breaststroke, Jackson Mensing - 200 Breaststroke, Alex Wilken - 100 Breaststroke, Gabriella Hurtig - 100 IM, Emma Cunningham - 100 Backstroke, Lindy Wittrock - 50 Backstroke
Boys 9-10 200 Freestyle Relay - Buddy Wahpepah, Cooper Daggett, Merritt Haulard & Keaton Cook
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5th Place:
Kaela Weston - 200 Freestyle & 200 IM, Bo Brownlee - 50 Backstroke, Alex Wilken - 200 Breaststroke, Oliver Miller - 100 Fly, Brielle Eick - 50 Freestyle, Nellie Rohling - 50 Backstroke, Lindy Wittrock - 50 Fly, Gabriella Hurtig - 50 Fly, Abi Mensing - 100 Breaststroke, Jade Henson - 100 Breaststroke
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Girls 11-12 200 Medley Relay - Zayla Ruisenor, Jovie Erickson, Gabriella Hurtig & Lola Erickson
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8th Place:
Keaton Cook - 50 Freestyle, Brielle Eick - 50 Backstroke

Other State Swimmers:
Lola Erickson - 100 IM, 100 Freestyle & 50 Backstroke, Zayla Ruisenor - 50, 100 & 200 Backstroke, Deagan Hurtig - 25 Freestyle & 100 IM, Ethan Weston - 50 Freestyle, Josephine Haulard - 50 Freestyle, Abi Mensing - 200 Breaststroke, Jade Henson - 50 Breaststroke, Nori Rohling - 100 Freestyle, Kaela Weston - 100 Breaststroke
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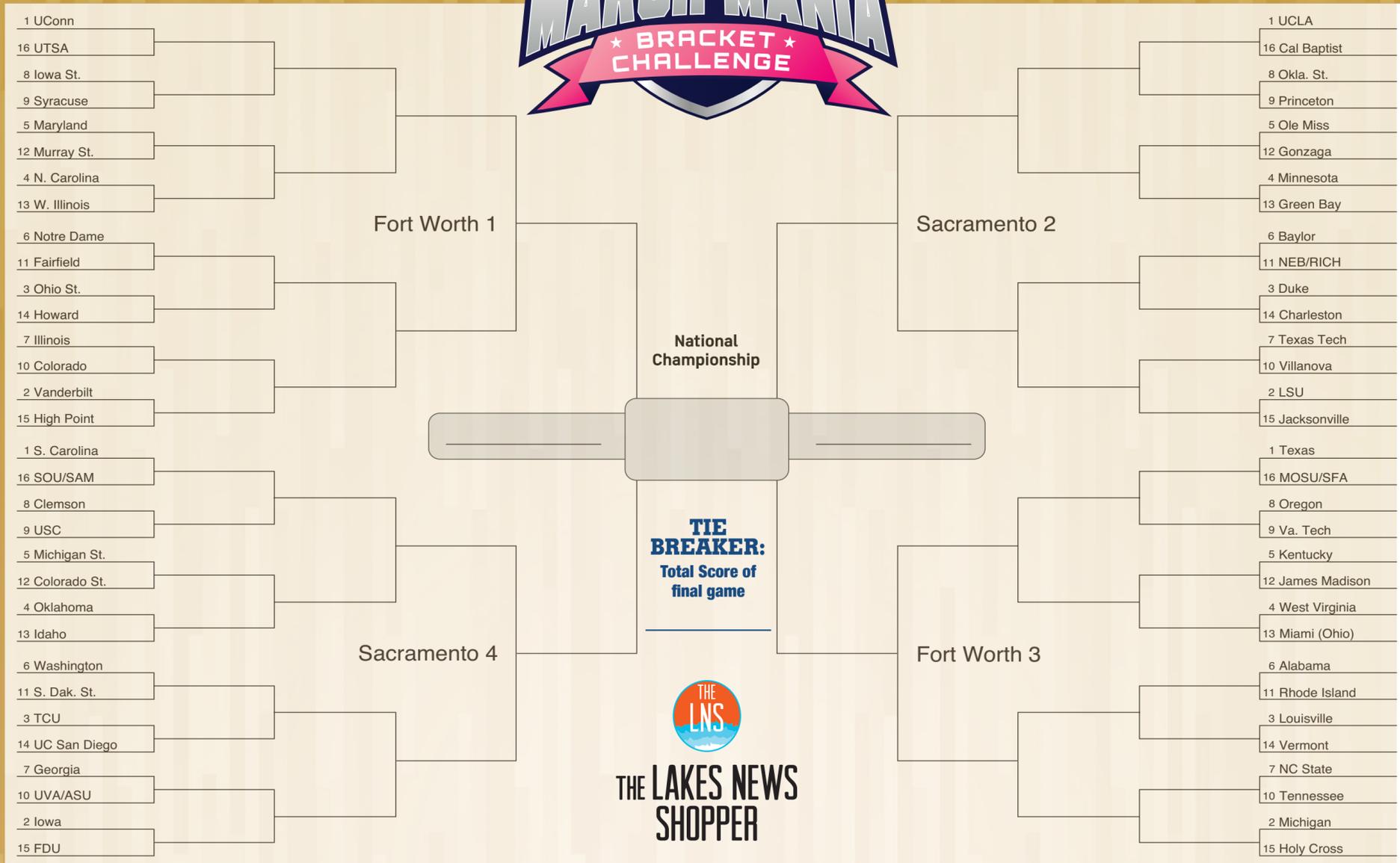


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Spencer Chamber Foundation to Host Ag Breakfast in Celebration of National Ag Day

The Spencer Chamber Foundation and the Spencer Chamber Ag Committee invite the community to join them for Ag Breakfast in celebration of National Ag Day on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. The breakfast will be held at Veterans Hall (15 E 21st St, Spencer, IA) from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, or until food runs out. Guests are invited to stop by and enjoy fresh, cooked-to-order omelets while celebrating the important role agriculture plays in our community and across the nation. National Ag Day is an opportunity to recognize and thank the farmers, producers, and ag-related businesses that help keep our communities strong and our food supply moving. Community members, agricultural producers, ag businesses, and supporters of the industry are all encouraged to attend. The event offers a chance to connect with others in the ag community and show appreciation for the industry that is such a vital part of Clay County and Northwest Iowa. For more information, please contact the Spencer Chamber at 712-262-5680.



HSNWIA Seeks Volunteers and Donations for Feral Cat Program

The Humane Society of Northwest Iowa (HSNWIA) will be conducting another Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program this spring to help address the growing feral cat population across Dickinson County, Iowa. Local estimates suggest there may be between 3,000 and 5,000 feral cats living in the county alone, many of which face hunger, disease, harsh weather, and injury. Through the TNR program, cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to their outdoor colonies—helping stabilize populations while reducing the spread of disease and other issues associated with unmanaged feral cat communities. In one weekend alone last fall, HSNWIA successfully spayed or neutered around 300 cats through this program. "This is one of the most effective and humane ways to address feral cat populations while reducing long-term suffering," said Melanie Becker, Chairman of Shelter Improvements and Finance for HSNWIA. "Our team and volunteers are working hard to make a meaningful difference for animals and our community." Those interested in supporting the program can learn more or want to make a donation are encouraged. To help, visit the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa website. www.humanesocietyofnwia.com. The Humane Society will also have volunteering opportunities for individuals interested in helping with the program. HSNWIA will provide more information once a firm date for the TNR program is established.



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Witzke Graduates from Iowa Bankers Association Consumer Credit School

Mallory Witzke, Personal Banker in Spirit Lake was recently recognized by the Iowa Bankers Association (IBA) for graduating from the IBA's Consumer Credit School. Witzke completed the week-long school on March 6 alongside 29 other graduates. The school aims to prepare consumer credit personnel who want to broaden their consumer credit knowledge to serve effectively and profitably as consumer credit officers.



Mallory has been with Northwest Bank for nearly 4 years. Her primary responsibility includes opening and servicing deposit accounts, consumer lending and building customer relationships. The Iowa Bankers Association represents Iowa banks and savings institutions. Iowa bankers are committed to the values of honesty, hard work and community service, and have been a trusted resource for Iowans for more than 135 years. Iowa banks offer FDIC insurance and lend nearly \$92 billion to help individuals, business owners and agriculture. Nearly 40,000 Iowans work at an Iowa bank, and bank employees volunteer more than 300,000 hours to support local communities each year. To learn more, visit www.iowabankers.com.

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Kiwanis Club Gets an Inside Look at "Riddle Me That"

Kara Packebush of "Riddle Me That" Escape Room, located in Arnolds Park, and her son, Slade, were recent guests at the Milford Kiwanis Club where they gave an eye-opening program about "Riddle Me That." After listening to Kara's presentation, several Kiwanians have made a vow to check out the establishment in the near future!



It is important to note that visiting this Escape Room is a unique experience for ALL age groups. Whether you're 8 or 108, you will have a great time. You and your "team" (family night, team-building, date night, school activity) can book your experience online or with a phone call! Once you arrive at the site the staff will explain what to expect in the rooms and give your team some advice on how to achieve your goal to escape! You will solve different puzzles and riddles as you work your way through the game. Each of the scenarios (there have been 15 to date!) are carefully crafted to get your brain juices flowing. Lots of laughs will be had as inevitably wonderful memories will be made!

Last year, the "Des Moines Register" named "Riddle Me That" as one of the best Escape Rooms in Iowa. They have also included it in their list as one of the best 15 such establishments in the State for 2026, and it is right in our back yard! A new escape room will be unveiled April 15 of this year. You don't have to wait until then, or until the tourist season starts, to schedule an appointment. Simply call ahead to 712-332-8072 and arrange your time. Kara and her crew will make sure to work with your calendar and group size. Plan about an hour and 15 minutes to experience the vibes from "Riddle Me That." It will be an unforgettable encounter!








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One Week Away: Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

Spirit Lake, Iowa—The countdown is on! The Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt is just one week away and families are encouraged to mark their calendars for Saturday, March 28, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bedell Family YMCA soccer fields.



This FREE community event is open to the public and is a fast-paced, fun-filled morning for children ages 8 and under. Families are asked to arrive a little early, as the hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. — and the eggs are usually collected within just a few minutes!

Children should bring their own baskets and get ready to search for colorful eggs across the youth soccer fields. To make the event enjoyable for everyone, the hunt will be divided into three age groups: 2 years & under, 3-5 years, & 6-8 years.

The event will be held outdoors on the soccer fields, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will move indoors to the YMCA gym areas. Be sure to dress for the weather.

The Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club looks forward to welcoming families for this cherished community tradition. Don't miss out on the fun — we'll see you next Saturday! Happy Easter!



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Summer 2026 Youth Art Classes

Registration deadline for all youth classes is the Wednesday prior to the class start date. Registration is based on what grade your child is going into in the '26-'27 school year. Students must be of the age category they are registered for to ensure a successful experience for the student and group.

Preschool Picassos | 3-5 years

Wednesdays: 10:00-11:00am
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June 10: Painting Donuts!
June 17: Oil Pastel Vegetable Garden
June 24: Clay Bugs
*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye
July 8: Fabric Collage
July 15: Clay Coil Vase
July 22: Antique Collage
July 29: Large Paint Scraper Paintings!

Summer Cézannes | 1-3 gr

Mondays & Tuesdays: 10:00-11:30am
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June 8 & 9: Painting With Handmade Stencils
June 15 & 16: Weaving with Reeds
June 22 & 23: Clay Lanterns
*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye
July 6 & 7: Clay Creature Bowls
July 13 & 14: Abstract Coil Sculpture
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Summer Seurats | 4-6 gr

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June 11 & 12: Landscape with Spray Paint!
June 18 & 19: Basket Weaving
June 25 & 26: Clay Lights
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July 9 & 10: Felted Illustrations
July 16 & 17: Beginning Wheel Throwing
July 23 & 24: Drawing Realistic Faces
July 30 & 31: Scraper Paintings with Metallic

Teen Art | 7-12 gr

Mondays & Tuesdays: 1:00-2:30pm
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June 8 & 9: Landscapes with Oil Paint
June 15 & 16: Coiled Baskets
June 22 & 23: Clay Pendant Lights
*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye
July 13 & 14: Wheel Throwing
July 20 & 21: Drawing Faces with an Eraser
July 27 & 28: Abstract Paintings on Canvas with Gold Leaf!

4th of July Tie-Dye T-shirts | All Ages

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Teen Art | 7-12th
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Spring Cupcake Decorating

With Janet Steinbach of Lakes Cakes Baji Custom Cakery

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Tea Party in Paris

With Sarah Page w/ So Good By Sarah Custom Catering

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.

Curtis Rouse Announces Candidacy for Dickinson County Supervisor

Dear Editor,
I am writing to announce my candidacy for Dickinson County Supervisor, District 2.

My wife Jodi and I chose to make Spirit Lake our home because we love the natural beauty, strong values, and close-knit communities of Dickinson County. As year-round residents, we are deeply invested in protecting our lakes, preserving water quality, and ensuring responsible growth that respects the unique character of our area.

Professionally, I am a CPA and retired Global Tax & Finance Director with more than 40 years of experience leading financial and strategic initiatives for complex organizations, including Pioneer and John Deere. I also currently serve as an Officer and Board Member of the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association (DCTA), where I have been actively involved in promoting fair taxation, responsible spending, and transparent government.

Property taxes are placing increasing pressure on families, retirees, and businesses. County government must prioritize essential services, increase transparency, and ensure every taxpayer dollar is justified. I support priority-based budgeting, stronger fiscal oversight, and clear reporting so citizens understand where their money is going.

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Sat., March 28 – 9:30 AM— Large coin auction in Spirit Lake, IA. Auctioneers: Toering. 712-230-0238.

Tues., March 31 – 10:00 AM— Online machinery auction. Auctioneers: Klaassen Realty. 712-754-3500. www.klaassenrealty.com.

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Reckless Spending - Reckless Tax Cuts,

To the Editor:
ICE spending is out of control. We have large salaries for thousands, hiring bonuses of 50k. Imagine what the costs for lodging, uniforms, meals and a lot of masks and guns for shooting the good people of Minnesota. They paid 129 million for a facility in New Jersey that was assessed at 62 million. Another warehouse in Pennsylvania they paid 87 million that sold in 2024 for 57.5 million. In Georgia they paid 68 million for a warehouse that was appraised in 2025 for 7.1 million. These are awful expensive detention centers, and still have to rehab them on top of this. I am in the process of doing my taxes, this makes me ill.

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Jim Gustafson
Milford, Iowa

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Automobile Russian Roulette anyone?

To the Editor:
You have a bill that I believe is under IASF378, that is supported by one of your local legislators, which would, if passed, increase the speed limit on roads labeled 55 mph to 60 mph.

Doesn't sound like much, does it? But here are some things you should know. It is estimated that with every 5 mph increase in the speed limit, there is an 8% increase in fatalities. Also, fuel mileage drops by approximately 7% for every 5 mph increase over 50 mph because of aerodynamic drag. Fines don't start till over 5 mph the speed limit, which I never understood, because I have never seen a sign that said: "Suggested speed limit," but instead, "speed limit." What this would lead to is an automatic increase of 10 mph.

Let's not forget the potential of higher insurance rates to cover the increase in accidents. Also, don't forget other equipment that you have to share the road with, along with animals and varying road conditions which require your constant attention.

Minnesota went through this some years back, and all it did was give people a reason to drive 65 without fear of reproach. Let's not forget that the caliber of driver has been steadily deteriorating over the years. So if you like playing Russian roulette with yours or your family's life, do nothing; if not, contact your state representatives and tell them to put an end to this proposal.

Mike Handzus
Lakefield, Minnesota

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Iowa Lakes Baseball Team to Resume Regular Season Play

Estherville, Iowa — The Iowa Lakes Community College baseball team returned to competition this week, continuing its regular season schedule Friday, March 13, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis against Minnesota North College—Mesabi Range. The decision to resume play comes after thoughtful conversations among student-athletes, coaches, and college leadership as the team continues to process and heal following the recent bus accident involving the Iowa Lakes baseball program. “Our student-athletes have shown incredible resilience and strength during an unimaginably difficult time,” said Troy Larson, Vice President of Student Services and Athletic Director at Iowa Lakes. “Returning to the field is not about moving on, but about moving forward together. Baseball has always been a place where this team finds connection, purpose, and support from one another and the broader community.” Head Baseball Coach Chris Witzke said the decision to continue the season was made with the well-being of the players at the center. “Our players love this game, and they love competing for each other,” said Witzke. “We are taking things one day at a time, supporting one another, and honoring those impacted by the accident every step of the way. When we take the field, we do it as a family and with the incredible support of the Iowa Lakes community behind us.” As the team returns to competition, Iowa Lakes will continue to honor and remember those impacted by the accident. The baseball program and the college community remain committed to supporting student-athletes and their families while recognizing the strength and unity that continues to carry the team forward. Fans and supporters can view the full Iowa Lakes baseball schedule online at: <https://www.iowalakesathletics.com/sports/bsb/2025-26/schedule> Iowa Lakes continues to provide support resources for student-athletes, staff, and others affected by the accident as the college community stands together.

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Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to last week’s LTE from Mr. Yarns. Here we go again, the Trump haters just can’t stand that he puts the American citizens and the United States priority one. These ridiculous tax cuts are giving my wife and I a Federal Tax Refund for the first time in 24 years. As for the skyrocketing debt, the Biden administration spent stupid amounts of money and created the worst inflation in history. The affordability problem that the Democrats are now complaining about was created by Biden and their policies. As for the wars, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush, Obama and Biden all used the War Powers Act. Why is it that Trump can’t do the same? It doesn’t matter what Trump does, the Democrats will oppose it. The Middle East was a powder keg long before Trump became president. Iran has been killing Americans for over 45 years. If they were allowed to have a nuclear weapon you better believe they would use it. The Democrats are responsible for the current partial shutdown. Why don’t I hear you complaining about that. Ice is funded through 2029 and is not even affected by this shutdown. They are punishing millions of Americans for no good reason at all. Obama gave Tom Homan a medal for his work deporting over 3 million illegal immigrants during his administration. Now that he’s doing the same for Trump they are calling him a Nazi, really. When it comes to voting, what’s wrong with having to prove you’re a citizen and showing an ID. It seems like I show my ID for one thing or another almost daily. The polls show 84% agree with Voter ID. The Democrats continue to be in favor of the wrong side of every issue. Maybe, those who feel that the United States is such a horrible place to live should pack up and move. Let’s say to maybe, Iran.

Don Origer
 Milford, Iowa

80th Birthday Celebration

“Happy Birthday, Kenny, we love you!” Family and friends are invited to celebrate with this “old John Deere guy” for his 80th birthday on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. To help mark this milestone, a card shower is being held in his honor.

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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, March 26 and April 9. 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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Iowa Lakes Music Department Presents Spring Musical April 16-18

The Iowa Lakes Music Department will present the beloved musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, on April 16-18 at 7:30 p.m., in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center. Based on the iconic Peanuts characters, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* is a warm, funny and heartfelt musical told through a series of charming vignettes. The production follows Charlie Brown as he navigates the everyday ups and downs of childhood—school, friendship, self-doubt and the search for happiness—alongside Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, Schroeder, Sally and the rest of the gang.

Filled with humor, honesty and memorable songs, the musical captures the simple joys and quiet struggles that make growing up universal. With timeless themes and gentle optimism, the show celebrates friendship, perseverance and the reassuring reminder that everyone—even Charlie Brown—is good just the way they are.

Rehearsals began in early February and are actively underway under the direction of co-directors Carol Ayres Stueven and Lincoln Larsen. The cast and production team are focusing on ensemble work and individual development as they prepare a polished and engaging production for the community.

"This show reminds us that the smallest moments in life are often the most meaningful," said co-director Carol Ayres Stueven. "Our cast has embraced the heart and honesty of these characters in such a genuine way. It's been a joy to watch them grow in confidence and truly support one another through this process."

"What makes *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* so special is its simplicity and relatability," said co-director Lincoln Larsen. "Every audience member can see a little of themselves in these characters. Our goal is to create a production that feels joyful, sincere and full of heart for our entire community."

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 17 and 18 in the Performing Arts Center. Adults are \$20; students (K-12) are \$10. Tickets go on sale March 9 and can be purchased online at the event page: <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/iowa-lakes-charlie-brown>.

Production Credits: *YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. www.concordtheatricals.com

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. Original Direction for this version of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* by Michael Mayer. Originally Produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson.

Easter Basket Giveaway & Easter Egg Hunt

A brand-new bike is up for grabs! Families are invited to attend an Easter Basket Giveaway and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, at 1:00 PM. The event is hosted on the grounds of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake, where all children are welcome to participate in the festivities. One lucky participant who discovers the hidden golden Easter egg will be awarded a free bicycle. This community gathering is made possible by D & D Helping Hands, the Lakes Area Senior Center, and St. Alban's Episcopal Church. In the event of inclement weather, the activities will be moved inside to the Parish Hall.



To ensure there are enough supplies for everyone, parents and guardians are requested to pre-register their children by March 18. Registration can be completed by contacting Diane Esch at 515-708-9400 or Deb Holz at 507-236-0814 of D&D Helping Hands. St. Alban's Episcopal Church is conveniently located at 2201 23rd Street in Spirit Lake, situated just east of the hospital.

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The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ILUUF) invites the public to join its open-minded and open-hearted spiritual community, which focuses on helping individuals lead lives of justice, love, learning, and hope. The fellowship meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the Lakes Area Activity Center, located at 2101 Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake.

ILUUF SUNDAY Program

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Reverend Morrow brings an extensive academic background to the discussion, holding a Bachelor of Science in English with minors in Political Science and American History, as well as a Master of Science in Higher Education from Iowa State University. Before entering the ministry, she spent the first half of her professional life in student affairs at several universities. While serving as the Dean of Students at the University of South Dakota, she answered a call to ordained ministry, which led her to Berkeley, California, to attend the Pacific School of Religion.

The ILUUF looks forward to welcoming new participants to this progressive community gathering at the Lakes Area Senior Center. As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the fellowship encourages those interested in learning more to visit their website at www.uuokoboji.com.

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During the two-week fundraiser, community members can show their support by donating \$1, \$5, or \$10 at checkout when visiting Spirit Lake Hy-Vee. All funds raised will go directly toward supporting the Spirit Lake Athletic program, helping provide uniforms, equipment, and resources for student athletes in grades 7-12.

The IABC serves as the hometown athletic booster club for the Spirit Lake Community School District and works to enhance athletic opportunities for students by providing additional support beyond school funding.

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Event Schedule:
Doors open: 4:30 pm
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Presentation: 5:30 – 6:30 pm
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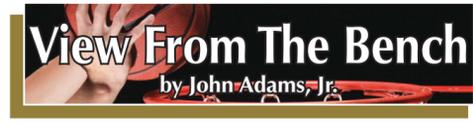
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Let the Madness Begin!

For a college basketball junkie like me, last week with the Conference Tournaments, and this week with the NCAA Tournaments starting, for these two weeks I feel like a little kid at Christmas again. This year's NCAA Tournaments have an extraordinarily strong Iowa flavor, with Iowa State, Iowa and Northern Iowa all making the Men's Tournament and Iowa State and Iowa being selected for the Women's Tournament. Both the Iowa State Men and Iowa Women earned very impressive 2-seeds, the Cyclone Women are an 8-seed, the Iowa Men are a 9-seed and Northern Iowa enters the tournament as a 12-seed. While my brackets are never the winners in the pools that I enter, I will take my shot below at predicting the fates of our State of Iowa teams during the first two rounds.

The Iowa Women enjoyed an excellent season, ending with a 26-5 record and earning the chance to host the opening two rounds. Iowa was also placed in the same region as South Carolina, which is the fourth overall #1 seed and a team that Iowa matches up the best with out of the four top seeds. The Hawkeyes will host 30-4 Farleigh Dickinson on Saturday at 3:00 and are a 21.5-point favorite. I do not see much trouble for Iowa in this game as their overall size and athleticism will be far too much for the Knights to handle. Iowa's second round game will be the winner of Georgia and Virginia/Arizona State. This will be a much tougher game, and I imagine it will be against Georgia. The Bulldogs are 22-9 and finished 8-8 in the rugged SEC. Carver-Hawkeye Arena will no doubt be rocking and provide Iowa with the home-court advantage they earned, helping the Hawks pull out an 82-75 win to advance to the Sweet 16. Iowa State's path is much tougher as a dreaded 8-seed. The Cyclones are in UCONN's region, which is the overall number one seed in the entire tournament. Iowa State will play 9-seed Syracuse in the first round on Saturday at 4:30. The Cyclones are an early 7.5-point favorite against the 22-9 Orange. Look for Iowa State to have too much fire power inside with Audi Crooks and Addy Brown and pull out this game but lose in the next round to the team I believe will win the entire tournament, UCONN, 84-68.

I do not think much work will get done on Friday afternoon/night in the State of Iowa with all three of the Men's teams playing. Iowa State (27-7) tips things off first at 1:50 and will play 15-seed Tennessee State (23-9) in St. Louis. The Cyclones are coming off a heart-breaking loss in the Big 12 Semifinals on a buzzer beater to the overall number two seed, Arizona, 82-80, in one of the best college basketball games of the season. Iowa State is a 23.5-point favorite and will try to fend off the demons of 2001 when they were a 2-seed and were upset in the first round by Hampton. I look for this ISU team to handle their business and pull away for an 85-60 victory. The Cyclones would then play the winner of Kentucky/Santa Clara, which I am predicting the Broncos pull off the upset over the Wildcats and advance to face ISU. The second round will be a great matchup as Santa Clara and Kentucky both play up-tempo basketball. I look for Iowa State's defense to be the difference in this game, as the Cyclones advance to the Sweet 16 with an 84-75 victory. Northern Iowa (23-12) plays 5-seed St. John's (28-6) at 6:10 on Friday night. The Panthers got a brutal draw here, as the Red Storm are coming off winning the Big East regular season and tournament championships and should have been a 3 or 4 seed. The Panthers will keep this close with their hard-nosed defense, but St. John's has too much size and will pull away for a 78-67 victory. Iowa (21-12) enters the tournament having lost four of five games, which dropped them from a probable 6 or 7 seed to the dreaded 8/9 matchup vs Clemson (24-10) Friday at 5:50 in a game that is pretty much a tossup. These two teams are very similar, and I look for this to be one of the most contested games in the first round, with Iowa finding a way to finally pull out a close victory, 76-75. The Hawkeyes will then face 1-seed Florida in the second round, where the Gators' size will be too much for Iowa to handle as the Gators roll to an 84-68 victory.

We will see how these predictions turn out; if it's anything like past years, I would guess I'll be about 50% right, let's just hope it's the 50% that has our State of Iowa teams winning that I get correct! Enjoy March Madness, fortunately we have an amazing Team Lakes News Shopper that allows me to be a bit distracted at work this week while still turning out an impressive product. Let the Madness begin!!

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Okoboji's Henningsen Secures Back-to-Back State Glory

Eight-year-old Whitaker Henningsen of Okoboji has once again emerged as a wrestling champion, securing his status as a back-to-back state titleholder at the Iowa Super Pee Wee State Wrestling Championship held at Young Arena in Waterloo on March 7th, 2026. Now a 2-time State Champion, the Okoboji Elementary second grader demonstrated exceptional skill and determination throughout the tournament. Competing in the highly competitive Boys 2nd Grade, 70-pound division, Whitaker navigated a massive 32-man bracket featuring some of the state's top young talent, including several highly-ranked "hammers" and prior state champions.



Whitaker's path to the top of the podium was marked by a perfect 5-0 record, showcasing a dominant and versatile performance on the mat. His impressive run included two victories by fall, one by technical fall, and one by decision. In a high-stakes championship match, Whitaker punctuated his tournament performance with a victory by major decision to claim the gold.

A dedicated athlete, Whitaker continues to hone his abilities through the Okoboji Youth Program and the Iron Hawk Wrestling Academy. His consistent hard work and rigorous training have clearly paid off, as evidenced by his ability to defend his title in such a challenging field. The victory has sparked renewed excitement within the Okoboji community, with many celebrating Whitaker's remarkable achievement of becoming a two-time Super Pee Wee State Champion. His coaches and family are incredibly proud of his accomplishment, which stands as a highlight of the 2026 state championships and a testament to the future of Iowa wrestling.

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WILD Roots (Wilderness Inspired Leadership Development) is a free teen program hosted by the Dickinson County Nature Center to foster friendships, learn new outdoor recreation and land stewardship skills, and develop leadership qualities. WILD Roots teens are also invited to volunteer at designated programs to gain experience in the conservation education field and to develop positive character qualities.

Registration is required to attend each WILD Roots event and the deadline to sign up for the Spring Soirée is 5 PM on March 20th. There are two more opportunities to join in WILD Roots events on June 1st and July 20th (registration required, no cost to attend) and various monthly opportunities to volunteer at educational programs.

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Al-Anon Meeting Schedule

The new Okoboji Al-Anon Group meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church, located at 679 W. Okoboji Grove Rd. in Arnolds Park; for additional details, you may call 312-280-8732.

Meanwhile, the Milford New Hope Al-Anon group holds its meetings virtually via Zoom using Meeting ID 775 5729 0457 and passcode JXEU2H.

For further information or to find other local groups, please visit Iowa-Al-Anon.org, navigate to the "Meetings" tab, and search for Milford, IA 51351. You may also contact the area information line at 712-580-4406.

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K of C Crowns Regional Free Throw Champions in LeMars

Area girls and boys ages 9 to 14 participated in the 2026 Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Championship March 8 in LeMars, and three earned the right to compete at the State level. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 in Spirit Lake sponsored the Local and the District competition at the Bedell Family YMCA, drawing kids from Spirit Lake, Spencer and Okoboji. The Regional Championship was held at Gehlen High School in LeMars.

For the boys, the 9-year-old Regional winner was Jack Groen and the 11-year-old winner was Bennett Schmitz. For the girls, the 14-year-old Regional winner was Claire Kruger. Beckham Munden placed second for the 10-year-old boys. Third place winners included, for the 12-year-old boys, Henrik Gruys and on the girls' side 9-year-old Leah Reinking, 10-year-old Paisley Nissen, 12-year-old Ali Reinking and 13-year-old Norah Strouth.

Each contestant attempted 25 free throws for the Regional level championship.

Participants earned a unique Regional medal and the winners are eligible to compete in the State competition in Boone. After that the International awards are presented. Spirit Lake's own Claire Kruger won an International Crystal Trophy two years ago by hitting 24 of 25 free throws, and she is in the running again this year!

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, high school scholarships, 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. And they recently hosted the last of three Lenten fish fry dinners.

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Elli Hanson of Arnolds Park, Iowa (51331), graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from SDSU's College of Nursing.

Carly Grange of Estherville, Iowa (51334), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Haley Berends of Everly, Iowa (51338), graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Ava Rasche of Lake Park, Iowa (51347), graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from SDSU's College of Nursing.

Faythe Beall of Spencer, Iowa (51301), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Davis Hogge of Spencer, Iowa (51301), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Natural Sciences.

Brogan Seier of Spencer, Iowa (51301), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering.

Jakob Brown of Spirit Lake, Iowa (51360), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Haley Tvinnereim of Jackson, Minnesota (56143), graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from SDSU's College of Nursing.

Carter Henning of Lakefield, Minnesota (56150), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Rudy Voss of Lakefield, Minnesota (56150), graduated with an Associate of Science from SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.



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Family Nature Night "Pesky Pests" at Dickinson County Nature Center

Looking for a fun and educational evening with the family? On Friday, March 27, from 5:00-6:00 PM, the Dickinson County Nature Center will host Family Nature Night: Pesky Pests, an engaging program for families to learn about mosquitoes and other pesky critters through interactive games and activities.

The evening will begin with a game called "Good Bug, Bad Bug," where participants will identify insects that are beneficial to the environment and those that may spread disease. Next, children will take part in a tag-style activity called "Pest Problems," that demonstrates how quickly insects can spread disease. To wrap up the program, Miss Danika will introduce families to some of nature's natural pest controllers found right here in Iowa, highlighting how certain animals help keep insect populations in balance.

"Pesky pests may be annoying, but they play an important role in our environment, and we're excited to see families learn more about them while having a great time together," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board.

Family Nature Night is designed for families with elementary-aged children who love nature and want to explore something new through fun, hands-on activities. Registration is required to attend and the deadline to sign up by 5 PM on March 25th.

For more information about this event and other programs, visit www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com under Programs/Events.



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Echoes of the Storm: A History of Dickinson County Blizzards

The recent blizzard this past Sunday was one for the books. At the Dickinson County Museum, staff decided to dig back and uncover stories from other historic storms.

Severe winter storms have long been part of life in the upper Midwest. In The History of Dickinson County, R.A. Smith claims that the term "blizzard" originated with Dickinson's neighbors to the east. Smith writes:



"There has been considerable controversy among Iowa newspapers regarding the origin of the term. It was claimed at one time that it originated with O. C. Bates, the founder of the Northern Vindicator, in Emmet County. Now, while there is no doubt that Mr. Bates was the first to use the term in a newspaper article, thus being the first to launch it on the sea of newspaper nomenclature, it did not originate with him."

Regardless of the word's origins, Smith goes on to vividly describe the storms early pioneers had to endure, noting they were "cruel and relentless" and "to be much dreaded."

Dickinson County still experiences that same relentlessness, even in recent memory. According to an article by Dickinson County Emergency Management:

"On January 10, 1975, a severe blizzard, sometimes referred to as The Blizzard of the Century, struck the upper Midwest, including Dickinson County. What started out as a warm day for mid-January quickly turned into a raging snowstorm, complete with wind gusts over 60 mph and upwards of a foot or more of snow."

It was Sunday before that 1975 storm began to let up, and days passed before roads returned to normal.

This week's Sunday storm also brought wind gusts of 60 miles per hour and zero visibility. Thanks to local emergency management and modern technology, the community was advised against travel, and snow plows were eventually pulled off the roadways. Today, residents can watch the snow melt as temperatures approach 70 degrees by Friday—a classic example of spring in Iowa.

The Dickinson County Museum invites the public to join them this Wednesday at 10 am for "Way Back When" to continue this "dig" into local history.

Surprise Celebration for Verla

Friends and family are invited to gather for a joyous milestone as Verla Johnson celebrates her 85th birthday. A surprise party in her honor will be held on Sunday, March 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Lake Area Senior/Activities Center, located at 2101 Zenith Ave. Hosted with love by her daughters and their families, the afternoon will feature ice cream, cupcakes, and a shared celebration of Verla's eighty-five amazing years. To ensure the occasion remains a true surprise for the guest of honor, attendees are kindly asked to keep the details confidential until the big reveal.

Lakes Area Senior/Activity Center Presentations

Please call 712-336-5247 to let the Lakes Area Senior/Activity Center know you will be attending.

- Tuesday, March 17, 12:30PM - Dianna DonkerSloot—Where did I Park My Car, AGAIN??
- Tuesday, March 24 12:30PM—Sue Boettcher
- Tuesday, March 31 12:00PM—Dickinson County Public Health will be providing free blood pressure checks
- Thursdays — 11:00am—Tai Chi
- Fridays— 10:50am—Chair Yoga

The Lakes Area Activity/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

Dance at Spirit Lake VFW

Bill & Jackie will be performing for a St. Patrick's Day dance at the Spirit Lake VFW on Tuesday, March 17. They'll be performing your favorite dance music from 6:00 to 8:00 PM that evening. The dance is open to the public. Come early and enjoy a meal prepared by the VFW. Don't forget to wear your green. It's always a great time when Bill & Jackie perform.



Lakes Area Senior/Activity Center Events

The Lakes Area Activity/Senior Center is preparing for an afternoon of music and community at their Spirit Lake location on Sunday, March 29, 2026. The center will host a social dance featuring the musical talents of Bill and Jackie from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., providing local residents a wonderful opportunity to stay active and social.

A community potluck lunch is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. during the festivities, and admission for the afternoon is set at \$8.00 for individuals or \$15.00 per couple. All activities will take place at the center's facility located at 2101 Zenith Ave.



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Obituary

A Mass of Christian Burial for Stephanie Waddell will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Interment will be at St. Margaret's Cemetery. A visitation will be on Monday, March 23rd, from 5:00-6:30 PM at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.



Stephanie "Skip" Waddell, age 73, of Spirit Lake, passed away on March 11, 2026. Skip was born on March 8, 1953, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Matthew and Jacquelyn Lingreen. She graduated from Fort Dodge Senior High School and later attended Iowa Central Community College.

In September of 1972, she was united in marriage to Rick Waddell. Together they owned and operated Waddell Sheet Metal, where Skip worked as the office manager. Throughout her life, she lived in Fort Dodge before moving to Denver, Colorado, and later settling in Spirit Lake, where she and Rick were blessed with two children, Kristin and Eric.

Skip was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Her greatest joy in life was her four grandchildren, whom she adored beyond measure. She was a constant and nurturing presence in their lives, rarely missing a sporting event or activity.

She enjoyed fishing off the family's dock and spending time boating with family and neighbors. Skip also loved her dogs and treasured the simple moments spent with those she loved most. She had a selfless dedication to her family and always had a beautiful smile on her face when she was with them.

Skip especially enjoyed baking her famous frosted sugar cookies with her family at Christmas—a tradition everyone looked forward to each year. She also enjoyed sewing and gardening, with her rhubarb being her pride and joy. She loved baking all kinds of rhubarb treats, and if someone claimed they didn't like rhubarb, Skip would happily try to persuade them to give her desserts a chance, confident they would change their mind after just one bite.

She leaves behind a family who loves her dearly and will miss her every day. Skip was a strong believer in her faith and shared that faith with those around her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Rick Waddell; daughter, Kristin Waddell and her children, Carson and Brody Waddell; son, Eric (Stacy) Waddell and their children, Deacon and Grayson Waddell; brother, Steve (Doris) Lingreen; brother, Dave (Ley) Lingreen; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew and Jacquelyn Lingreen.

Arrangements are under the care of Turner Jenness Funeral Home.

Obituary

A Funeral Service for Janice Nissen, age 86, of Lake Park, was held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Lake Park Methodist Church in Lake Park. Interment was at Oakland Cemetery in Peterson.



Janice Jean (Otten) Nissen was born May 7, 1939, in rural Peterson/Sutherland, Iowa, the daughter of Omer and Marjorie (Rohrbaugh) Otten. She was raised on the family farm near Sutherland and graduated from Sutherland High School in 1957.

Janice was united in marriage to Richard Nissen. Throughout the years, they lived in Owatonna, Minnesota, and Peterson, Iowa, before eventually settling in Lake Park, Iowa.

She first worked at Berkeley's in Spirit Lake and later became a CNA. Janice spent many years caring for others at the Lake Park Nursing Home where she worked for over 30 years and formed many lasting friendships with co-workers and residents.

Janice was a member of the Lake Park Methodist Church and enjoyed spending time with the ladies of the church, often helping serve funeral lunches. She also enjoyed many years with the ladies of the TOPS Group.

Music and dancing brought Janice a lot of joy, especially evenings spent dancing at the Sioux Valley Ballroom and other dance halls. She was also a big fan of Elvis. Janice loved watching high school basketball games, especially when her grandchildren were playing.

Above all, Janice loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved cherry tomatoes and picking fresh tomatoes out of Ron's garden—there were never too many!

Janice passed away on March 8, 2026, at the Good Samaritan Society in Holstein, Iowa.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Ron (Shelli) Nissen, and their children: Amber (Rob) Ramsey, Brian (Jamie) Nebelsick, Travis (Bryanna) Nissen, and Brady Nissen; daughter, Jolene (Steve) Clark and their children: Jason Clark, Lindsey Clark, Kevin (Allie) Clark, and Heather (Craig) Kriener; daughter, Linda (Brian) Elsbecker and their children: Cory (Stephanie) Vaske and Zach (Megan) Elsbecker; daughter, Lonna (Brian) Draayer and their children: Alyssa Yaw and Taylor (Bryanna) Yaw; 21 great-grandchildren; sisters, Carolyn Grothe and Elaine (John) Weir; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents; sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Ann (Harlan) Will; and brother-in-law, Paul Grothe.

Arrangements are under the care of Turner Jenness Funeral Home.

Obituary

Patricia "Pat" Wozniak Welch joined her husband, Edward James Welch, in Heaven on November 18, 2025.



She was full of faith, humor, love, and devotion to the Catholic Church. Pat went to South High in Omaha, Nebraska, and attended the University of Nebraska Omaha. Pat was an excellent student and avid reader who loved all the great works of literature and had a keen interest in mysteries and thrillers. After a brief career in advertising, she married her lifelong, loving, and devoted husband, Ed. Their unbreakable bond was rooted in their Catholic faith and their deep and unwavering love of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Pat was a selfless mother who gave indefatigably to her kids and donated faithfully at Sunday Masses at all the Parishes she attended in Omaha and Spirit Lake, Iowa, where she and Ed purchased a summer home along the shores of West Lake Okoboji to enrich the lives of their young family.

With a keen sense of humor, Pat was able to articulate her profound vocabulary through storytelling and letters. Pat was a crossword puzzle aficionado who completed four daily. She prayed the Rosary every night and was deeply devoted to St. Anthony, who guided her in finding the simple things around her houses, which she filled with affection, silly jokes, entertaining stories, and all the comfort and security a mother could give her family. One of her favorite sayings was "A mother is not someone to lean on but to make leaning unnecessary." She loved her family dearly and gave everything she had to her devoted children.

Pat was preceded in death by Ed and her parents, John P. and Elizabeth Wozniak. She is survived by daughters Molly (Larry) Harris of Miami, Florida; Katherine Welch of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Eileen Lamer of Spencer, Iowa; Patty (Mike) Buzard of Urbandale, Iowa; and Joan Welch of Miami, Florida; son Edward "Jamie" Welch (Francisca) of Gulf Breeze, Florida; grandchildren, Jordan Welch (Dallas), Leslie Dahl-Mongan (Glenn), Rachel Harris, Naomi Alvino (Fabio), and Nathan Harris (Dave), Jacqueline Harvey (Shaun), Dorothy and Michael Buzard (Elise); great-grandchildren Scottlyn, Greyson and Margaret Harvey; Lake, Peyton, Autumn, and Ember Mongan; Theodore and Arthur Alvino; sister Betty Cleveland of Sierra Madre, California; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2026, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Missouri Valley will follow at 2:00 p.m.

Obituary

Winifred (Teddy) Shuttleworth, 96, took her last breath in her room at Cottage Grove Place in Cedar Rapids on February 28, surrounded by her children Jeffrey, Jane, and Amy Shuttleworth and by friends, artist Peter Xiao and his wife Guoli. Her family had decorated the wall around her bed with drawings she had made, selected from the many sketchbooks she kept throughout her life, including portraits of family members and scenes from memorable family vacations. It was an apt setting, for Teddy loved nothing more than being in the company of family and friends discussing ideas, books, and art.



Teddy was born as Winifred Gilchrist Allen to Mavis Gilchrist Allen and Wilmot Allen in Des Moines on August 31, 1929. She earned her nickname "Teddy" when her older brother Benjamin Allen compared her to a Teddy Bear.

Teddy grew up in Laurens in northwest Iowa and was close to her Hakes and Gilchrist cousins and her grandmother, Ella Gilchrist, who all lived in town. However, most of her school years were split between Laurens and Washington, D.C., after her mother, Mavis, became secretary to her father, Fred C. Gilchrist, a Republican congressman who represented northwest Iowa from 1931 to 1945.

Splitting her school years between the small town of Laurens and the nation's capital broadened her perspectives and curiosity about the world and helped fuel her lifelong interests in politics, ideas, art, and music.

Teddy spent her first two years of college at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland, where she met several lifelong friends. She transferred to the University of Iowa for her final two years of college. It was there that she met William (Bill) Shuttleworth of Cedar Rapids, whom she ultimately would marry in 1951.

After Bill graduated from Yale Law School, he and Teddy settled in Cedar Rapids, where he joined the law firm Shuttleworth and Ingersoll, where his father, Vivian Craven Shuttleworth, was a senior partner. Teddy became involved in Cedar Rapids civic affairs, often serving in leadership roles with organizations such as the League of Women Voters, the Cedar Rapids Art Association, the Jane Boyd Community Center, the Junior League, and CSPS. Teddy and Bill joined the People's Unitarian Church, and Teddy was active in church affairs, serving as board president at one time. In addition, she and Bill were longtime members of the Cedar Rapids Country Club.

Teddy helped found what she and other members called the Book and Bottle Club, which gathered monthly for lively discussions of important books. The group included several Coe College professors, lawyers, a psychiatrist, a doctor, an architect, holocaust survivors, and several businessmen.

Teddy and Bill had three children, welcoming son Jeff in 1956, daughter Jane in 1958, and daughter Amy in 1962.

After Jeff left for college in 1974, Teddy earned a Master's Degree in Art History at the University of Iowa. She and her partner Shirley Wyrick started an innovative art consulting business, ArtWorks, that represented local artists, helping them sell their work to professional offices, banks, and individuals.

Teddy also had a long involvement with Coe College, where Bill served on the Board of Trustees for many years. She was a counselor in Coe's Advising and Counseling Office and also taught art history for one semester.

Lake Okoboji was a lifelong and important part of Teddy's life. She spent nearly every summer there, first in rental cottages with her family and later at the family cottage her Gilchrist grandparents purchased in 1945. She loved swimming, sailing, golf, tennis, painting and birdwatching there, and hosting gatherings with family and friends. On her 80th birthday, she even swam across the lake.

Teddy's artistic talent also included music; she played the trumpet in high school and was in a recorder group in her adult years.

In addition to her parents, Teddy was preceded in death by her brother Benjamin Allen, husband William Shuttleworth, and son-in-law Hank Miguel (Jane). She is survived by her children Jeff (Cecilia Gaerlan), Jane, and Amy (Benjamin Trachsel) Shuttleworth; her grandchildren Judy (Colin) Fisher and Will (Kayla) Philips; great-grandsons Charlie and Francis Fisher; nephew Alexander Craven Sarkis, and her half-sister Christina Cochrane.

Teddy's children thank her caregivers Rose Hayslett, Lindsey Miller, Kasi Crusoe, and Christina Juma, Dr. Melanie Stahlberg, and Mercy Hospice for their excellent care in her later years. Her children also are grateful for the wonderful staff at Cottage Grove Place, which provides an enriched environment for its residents.

In lieu of flowers, Teddy's children ask people to consider giving to one of her favorite nonprofits, such as the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Indian Creek Nature Center, the Peoples Unitarian Church, the African American Museum of Iowa, the History Center, the League of Women Voters, Four Oaks Family and Children Services, CSPS, the Friends of Lakeside Lab or any organization that reflects her passion for the arts, social justice, and the environment.

A date for Teddy's service is still pending.

Spirit Lake Library News

Hodge Podge
by Jill Jennings

The Spirit Lake Public Library is partnering with the Okoboji McDonald's restaurant and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Siouxland in a duck decorating contest and fundraiser.

Here is how you can participate: 1. Buy as many ducks as you would like for only \$1 each at the Spirit Lake Library.

2. Decorate them as creatively as possible - you can use paint, stickers, accessories, sequins or anything else you can imagine.

3. Return your finished duck(s) to the Okoboji McDonald's between Saturday, March 28 - Friday, April 3, 2026. There are a variety of prizes that you might win: McDonald's meals or \$25, \$50 or \$100 Amazon gift cards.

All proceeds will go to support the Spirit Lake Public Library. After the contest, the decorated ducks will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Siouxland. We hope that you will participate in this fun, creative activity!

We are hiring at the SLPL for a full-time Program Librarian/Assistant Director. If you are interested and can begin mid-late April, please fill out an application. You can find the job description and application on our website spiritlake.lib.ia.us, or you can pick up a paper copy at the library.

Have you shopped our book sale recently? Please stop by soon! We have added many more items to the shelves in the Community Room, especially adult fiction and DVDs. You can buy a bag for only \$2!

Finally, we have a notary public on staff again at the Spirit Lake Public Library. If you need that service, please call to make sure she is here and is available to help you with that process. Our number is (712) 336-2667.

As you can see, there is always something going on at the library! Come see us Monday - Thursday 9-6, Friday 9-4, and Saturday 9-2.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Krista is reading *The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion, Vol. 1* by Beth Brower and *Somebody's Fool (North Bath Trilogy, #3)*, by Richard Russo.

- Upcoming Activities:
- Monday, March 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
 - Tuesday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Wednesday, March 25, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
 - Thursday, March 26, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Dots Story Time
 - Thursday, March 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg

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Milford Memorial Library News

Milford Memorial Library would like to congratulate the winners of Blind Date with a Book, Brittany and River.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in this event. Thank you to the Friends of the Milford Library for sponsoring the Blind Date with a Book prizes.

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.

- March 23, 10:30 a.m. - Yack
- March 30, 10:30 a.m. - Zoo
- April 6, 10:30 a.m. - Barn Animals
- April 13, 10:30 a.m. - April Showers
- April 20, 10:30 a.m. Earth Day

Kids, 10 years of age and under, are invited to join Milford Memorial Library's Spring Coloring Contest! Pick up a coloring sheet at MML. Age groupings include ages 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-10 years old. All completed papers need to be turned in by Saturday, March 28.

Milford Memorial Library's Annual Spring Egg Hunt is going on now! This event will have fourth graders through adults exploring MML while trying to find twelve items. Participants can pick up the Spring Egg Hunt Sheet at MML's front desk. Turn in completed sheets at the front desk to be entered into a prize drawing. The Spring Hunt prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Library. The hunt is over on Saturday, March 28.

MML's CrAFTER Hours is happening on Wednesday, March 18, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. This month we will be creating a resin bookmark or suncatcher. Make sure to preregister and the cost for the class is \$5. Register by calling MML or online at <https://milford-ia.whoft.com/calendar/event/5647079>.

Read Across America Bingo at Milford Memorial Library is half way over! But fourth graders and under, still have time to pick up an interactive bingo sheet at MML's front desk. Two full Bingos in a row gets a small prize, and a completed bingo card equals a large prize drawing entry. Read Across America Bingo is available until Tuesday, March 31.

Federal 1040 tax forms and instructions are now at MML. The forms are available in English, Spanish, and large print.



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\$5.49

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DIGITAL DEAL!

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2/\$8
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SUNNY DEAL!

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88¢

SUNNY DEAL!

Best Choice Premium Yogurt
32 oz. Var.
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SUNNY DEAL!

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\$2.99

DIGITAL DEAL!

Best Choice Cereal
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2/\$4
AD PRICE
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2/\$3

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SUNNY DEAL!

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\$3.98

DIGITAL DEAL!

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DIGITAL DEAL!

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DIGITAL DEAL!

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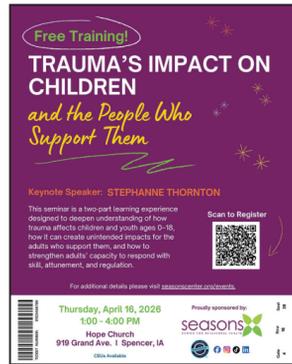
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Seasons Center's FREE Training Seminar

Spencer, IA – Community professionals and caregivers are invited to attend a free training seminar focused on understanding trauma and strengthening our ability to respond with skill, attunement, and regulation. The seminar, "Trauma's Impact on Children and the People Who Support Them," will feature returning presenter Stephanie Thornton, who led a well-received session last fall. While many attendees appreciated the previous training, this seminar will offer entirely new content and expanded learning opportunities.



Designed for professionals and caregivers who work with children and youth ages 0-18, the seminar will deepen understanding of how trauma affects developing minds and bodies, how it can create unintended impacts for the adults who support them, and how communities can build their capacity to respond in supportive and effective ways.

The three-hour training will be presented in two parts: Foundations of Trauma – This portion explores how trauma shapes the developing brain and nervous system, influences attachment and behavior, and reverberates across generations and environments. Participants will examine Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Positive Childhood Experiences (PACES), environmental and social stressors, and the ways trauma affects not only children but also the adults who care for and work with them.

From Awareness to Application – The second portion focuses on practical strategies participants can use in everyday settings. Attendees will learn techniques to reduce trauma exposure, support emotional regulation, and create calm, predictable environments that promote safety, connection, and resilience for both children and adults.

Whether participants attended last year's training or are joining for the first time, the seminar will provide valuable tools and insights for healthcare providers, social workers, counselors, therapists, educators, mentors, legal or judicial professionals, faith leaders, and anyone serving in a caregiving role.

Event Details
• Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026
• Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM
• Location: Hope Church 919 Grand Ave., Spencer, Iowa
• Cost: Free and open to the public
• Registration: <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/seasons-center-for-behavioral-health/trauma-s-impact-on-children-and-the-people-who-support-them>

"The more we understand how trauma affects both children and the adults who care for them, the better equipped we are to create environments where healing and resilience can grow," said Sarah Wurm, VP of Program Development & Specialized Services at Seasons Center. "This training is about giving people practical tools they can use every day to build safety, connection, and stronger outcomes for the children and families they serve."

Participants are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen their understanding of trauma-informed care and build skills that support healthier outcomes for children, families, and communities.

For more details, please visit Seasons Center's website at www.seasonscenter.org/events or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SeasonsCenterForBehavioralHealth

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- Semi Feed Trailer
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The River
AN EXECUTIVE COACHING BLOG
TONY THELEN

In 1938, researchers at Harvard University launched an experiment that would quietly become one of the most important studies on human life ever conducted. Their goal was simple but profound: to understand what truly makes a good life.

The researchers began by selecting two very different groups of young men. One group consisted of Harvard sophomores, many from privileged backgrounds and with promising futures ahead of them. The other group came from some of Boston's poorest neighborhoods, young men who had grown up facing economic hardship and difficult circumstances. The scientists followed these men year after year, interviewing them, reviewing medical records, visiting their homes, and eventually speaking with their spouses and children as the decades passed.

The project eventually became known as the Harvard Study of Adult Development, and it is now considered one of the longest-running studies on human life ever conducted. For more than 80 years, researchers have followed the lives of hundreds of people, watching careers unfold, families grow, successes emerge, and hardships inevitably arrive. Some of the Harvard students became highly accomplished professionals. Others struggled with alcoholism or disappointment. Some of the young men from Boston's toughest neighborhoods built stable families and meaningful careers, while others experienced lives marked by difficulty. In other words, life proved unpredictable, regardless of where someone began.

Yet through all the thousands of interviews, medical records, and decades of observation, one clear conclusion emerged above all the others. It wasn't wealth, fame, or career success that best predicted happiness and long-term health. The strongest indicator of a fulfilling life turned out to be the *quality of a person's relationships*.

People who maintained strong connections with family, friends, and community consistently reported higher levels of happiness and life satisfaction. Even more striking, they also lived longer and experienced better physical and mental health as they aged. Supportive relationships appeared to act almost like a protective shield during difficult periods of life. When challenges arose, those who were closely connected to others were more resilient and better able to navigate adversity.

On the other hand, the study revealed something equally important. Loneliness carries real consequences. Individuals who felt socially isolated were more likely to experience declining health, earlier mortality, and lower overall happiness. In fact, researchers found that the health risks associated with chronic loneliness can rival the dangers of smoking or obesity.

Dr. Robert Waldinger, the current director of the study, summarized the findings in remarkably simple terms: "Good relationships keep us happier and healthier. Period."

That conclusion may seem almost obvious, yet it stands in quiet contrast to many of the messages we hear in modern life. Our culture often emphasizes achievement, status, and productivity as the primary markers of success. We celebrate promotions, financial milestones, and professional accomplishments, and while those things certainly have their place, this study suggests that the most meaningful elements of life are often much simpler.

Think back over your own life for a moment. The events that likely stand out most vividly probably have little to do with emails sent, meetings attended, or deadlines met. Instead, the memories that linger tend to involve people: the friend who stood beside you during a difficult time, the mentor who offered encouragement when you needed it most, or the family member who brought laughter into an otherwise ordinary day.

These relationships do not develop by accident. They require time, attention, and care. Friendships deepen through shared experiences. Families grow stronger through patience and understanding. Communities thrive when people choose to participate and support one another. Like most things of real value, relationships strengthen gradually through small acts repeated over time.

The encouraging message from this remarkable study is that it is never too late to invest in them. A phone call, a conversation, a shared meal, or a simple expression of gratitude can strengthen bonds that last for years. As researchers discovered after studying thousands of lives for more than eight decades, the path to a meaningful and fulfilling life may not be nearly as complicated as we sometimes believe.

Often, it simply comes down to who walks beside us along the way. So here is a question worth reflecting on this week: are we investing enough in the relationships that truly matter, and if not, what are we doing about it?

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