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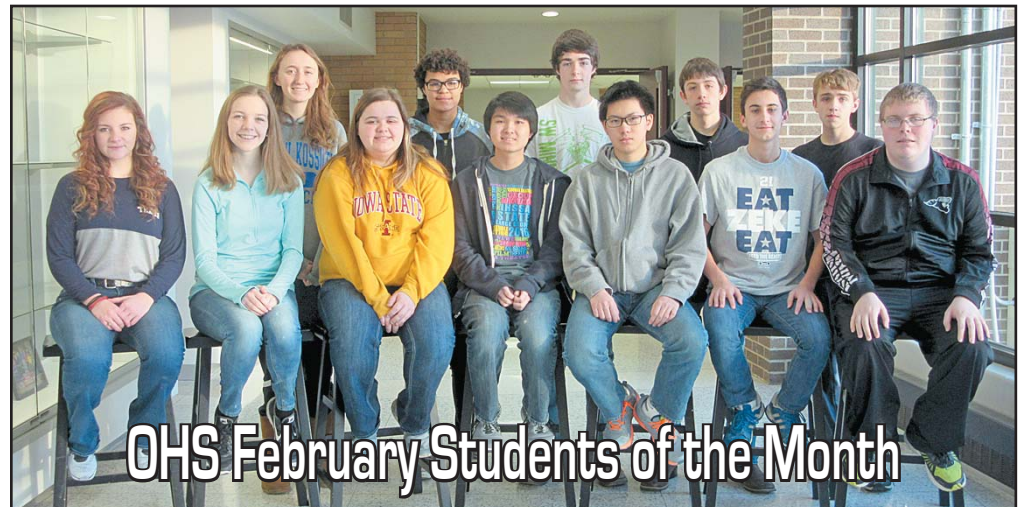
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The student of the month program allows faculty members to recognize students for outstanding performance in one or more of the following: Academic excellence; special effort in the classroom activities; concern for learning, positive citizenship, hard work and/or other personal behavior which enhances the general school and classroom atmosphere. Congratulations to all the following students – keep up the good work: Ag Education & Technology – Kendal Green, Art – Chasity Miller, Business Education/Technology – Albert Orpinell-Cabrian, English – Taylor Parson, Family & Consumer Sciences – Joey Jensen, Foreign Language – Bin Huang, Industrial Technology – Caleb Lambertus, Math – Albert Orpinell-Cabrian, Music – Catherine Rohret, Physical Education – Mao Zhong, Science – Cain Hanson, Social Studies – Elle Olthoff/Bin Huang and Student Of Character – Laura Clark.

Overall Student is senior, Joey Jensen, son of Lori Hoffner of Milford.



Okoboji Wins Dakota Domination Tourney

The Okoboji 7th Grade OYBA team took home the championship from the Dakota Domination Tournament held in Alcester, SD on January 28. In the five team format the Pioneers beat West Sioux to open the tournament, then beat the Brandon Prowl in the second round game. In the championship game Okoboji had a rematch with West Sioux and pulled out the title with a six point victory. Pictured above: (front row) Austin Harms, Lucas Lorenzen, Mason Vander Pol, Kaleb Peschong; (back row) Ethan Osler, Koleton Simington, David Connors, Adam Miller, and Peyton Hromatko. Okoboji is coached by Tony Peschong, Mike Vander Pol, Jason Lorenzen, Jamie Hromatko and Charles Miller.

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<p>SPIRIT LAKE \$179,800</p> <p>16-235</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly visible Hill Avenue location All new windows/storefront in 2006 Over 4,800 sq. ft., main level 	<p>BIG SPIRIT LAKE \$598,000</p> <p>16-654</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra deep lot on west shore Big Spirit Three full levels of living Park like setting 	<p>OKOBOJI \$198,000</p> <p>17-102</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On level living on Brooks Golf Course End unit provides plentiful natural light Carefree lifestyle - golf and pool 	<p>SPIRIT LAKE \$378,900</p> <p>16-1110</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Big Spirit Location 50' Lake Frontage 2002 Well-designed & Built Home
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<p>SPIRIT LAKE \$84,500</p> <p>16-341</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweet unit at Homestead! Nice room design Great easy access location 	<p>SPIRIT LAKE \$81,800</p> <p>17-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Housing at its easiest All on one level One Bedroom, One Bath 	<p>MILFORD \$55,000</p> <p>16-197</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near Terrace Park swimming beach! Nice condo unit design ~ #4 1 bedroom: \$55,000 	<p>SPIRIT LAKE \$149,800</p> <p>16-366</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tremendous Value Great Location Awesome View
<p>OFF WEST LAKE LOT \$89,500</p> <p>16-674</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spacious wooded setting Near Gull Point State Park Possible dock/hoist space 	<p>OKOBOJI \$28,900</p> <p>16-419</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nice Okoboji location Near Speier Park Near boat launch, swimming area 	<p>ORLEANS \$45,000 each</p> <p>16-777-779</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quiet, off lake Orleans neighborhood Approximate half acre lot In town convenience yet country setting 	<p>SPIRIT LAKE \$25,000</p> <p>16-336</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South facing lot Great Spirit Lake location 80' x 125' lot

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The Key Club of Okoboji High School wishes to thank students and staff who contributed to a recent campaign "Focus on Our Furry Friends" to raise money and supplies to benefit the work of the Northwest Iowa Humane Society in Milford. A "dash for cash" raised \$475 for the cause and the Key Club sponsor organization, the Milford Kiwanis, donated an additional \$250. The Key Club student organization committee: Sophie Hackbarth, Laura Clark, and Taylor Hackbarth are pictured, along with some of the supplies collected in the drive.

Spirit Lake Library News

Grant Awarded for Early Literacy

TEI Landmark Audio, an Indianapolis-based provider of products and services to libraries and schools, announced the winners of their 25th Anniversary Children's Literacy Grant Awards. Hundreds of public and school libraries from across the country applied to receive one of twenty-five \$1,000 grants to fund literacy programs in their libraries. Awards were made for a wide range of programs. The selection committee sought to spread the awards across a wide geographic area resulting in the awards going to libraries in twenty-five different states nationwide. The Spirit Lake Public Library has been awarded one of these grants for use in early literacy.

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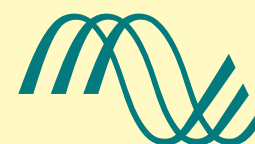
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Parks Marina Raises Over Twelve Thousand Dollars For Local Charities

As Winter Games wraps up, Parks Marina in Okoboji is pleased to announce that several of their recent events including three during the University of Okoboji Winter Games will stand to benefit local and statewide charities with total donations of \$12,115.



Co-sponsored by Malibu, the fifth annual Battle of the Bartenders held on the Thursday of Winter Games weekend garnered an impressive \$4,844 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa. Twenty-one area restaurants and pubs participated in this year's event. Each created a unique cocktail and decorated a tip jar in hopes of drawing tips from the crowd of tasters. The participant raising the most money in tips would have the honor of giving all of the evening's donations to their charity of choice. This year's winner was Jacoba Doll of Zippers in Milford.



"Human Dogsled Races" drew 10 teams, 40 participants and attracted over a thousand on-lookers. \$200 was raised and matched by the event co-sponsor, Budweiser. \$400 will go to the Children & Families of Iowa - Children's Home Society of America. A new event, "Tug a War", held at Okoboji Boat Works raised \$40 that will also be given to Children & Families of Iowa.



During the Park's Marina's Employee Christmas Party \$926 was raised by employees and Parks upped that gift with an additional \$1074 donation totaling \$2000 to be donated to Mayo Clinic Cancer Research. This was in memory of a couple late employees lost to cancer in 2016: Scott Pedersen and John Van Dyke.



The 7th annual Christmas toy drive, Boat Loads of Toys, brought in a boat load! An estimated donation of \$4,831 in toys, cash and clothing donations was happily accepted by Upper Des Moines Opportunity of Dickinson County and were distributed to local youth and families.

"We thank all of the businesses who participated in these events like the Battle of the Bartenders," says Debbie Parks, Marketing Director at Parks Marina. "It's the generous spirit of those who played and those who came to give that truly exemplify the core values of our community and the Winter Games. I only hope we can continue to grow these events!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Winter Games 37: That's a Wrap!

To The Editor:
On behalf of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce, and Okoboji Tourism, we would like to thank so many for making our 37th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games another success for our business community.



We would like to start by recognizing and thanking each of our sponsors for making so much of this possible. Our Naming Sponsor: Parks Marina, Okoboji Boat Works, and O'Farrell Sisters. Our Gold Sponsors: Re/Max Lakes Realty, Pure Fishing, and Stauss Realty. Our Silver Sponsors: Milford Electric, Danbom Lakeside Engineering, Rolling Oaks Barn, and Re*be. Our Bronze Sponsor: Farmers Trust and Saving Bank. A huge thank you goes out to our individual event sponsors as well: Okoboji Harley-Davidson for the Polar Plunge, KICD and Parks Marina for the Bean Bag Toss, The Ritz for Snowball Softball, Ingvall Real Estate Team for the Chocolate Clossic & Galleria, Re/Max Lakes Realty for the Chili Cook-off, Lakes Regional Healthcare for the 5K/10K race, Shaw's of Okoboji for the Broomball Tournament, and Parks Marina for Flag Football. We also would like to thank all our event chairs and hundreds of volunteers for making each of the events throughout the weekend a reality. We couldn't do it without your commitment and assistance!

We truly appreciate the leadership of this year's Chair, Greta Gruys, and Co-Chair, Ryan "Diesel" Davelaar. Their excitement and energy for the games along with that of our 8 wonderful Winter Games Cheerleaders made for a great year. Thank you to KUOO, KICD, the Dickinson County News, The Lakes News Shopper, Dickco Cable News, and MC 22 for continuous coverage of the games. We were also thrilled to have Okoboji High School sophomore Kaitlyn Meylor beautifully perform the National Anthem for our Extravaganza. Thank you to the Arnolds Park Amusement Park's hard working staff, county and city governments, the courageous law enforcement of the Lakes Region, the Iowa DNR, and Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire & Rescue for keeping us safe. Thank you to Chamber businesses that housed events and provided stellar customer service & fun for our thousands of visitors. It takes a very special 'Community of Communities' to unite and support an event that not only creates an economic boost for our Chamber Members but also brings joy to our locals and visitors alike. Thank you to you all.

Sincerely,
The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Thee - CEO/President
Kara Matheson - Events Coordinator
Kari Karnes - Finance and Membership Director

Lakes-Opoly Games For Sale

Lakes-Opoly games are out to local businesses for \$35 each. The games can currently be seen for purchase at the following locations: City of Milford Office, Milford Utilities, Milford Library, The Lakes News Shopper, Snook's of Okoboji, Smith Stone Works, Boji Junction, Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of office, Hy-Vee in Spirit Lake, Milford Hy-Vee Pharmacy, MHR Insurance and Perkins. All proceeds go to Milford's 125th town celebration in July of 2017.

Birthday Announcement

Dianne Jansen celebrated her 70th birthday on February 6, 2017. Her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Cards can be sent to her at 502 East Railroad Street, Lake Park, Iowa 51347.

Birthday Card Shower

All are invited to send a Happy Birthday card to Betty Smith (alteration lady extraordinaire and long-time area resident). February 15, 2017, is the special day that this lovely lady turns 90. Your warm wishes can be sent to 1007 H Avenue, Apartment #5, Milford, Iowa 51351. *Shhhhhh - it's a surprise.*

Breker Promoted to Colonel

Lieutenant Colonel Breker is the Deputy Director for Anti-terrorism Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense and Global Security. He is responsible for the oversight of the Department of Defense's global Anti-terrorism (AT) programs which include the Department's AT standards, AT strategic plans, integrated installation protection and protection of high risk personnel. He represents the Secretary of Defense in the inter-agency policy making process involving the intelligence Community, National Security Council, Department of State, Joint Staff, the Military Services and other Federal agencies.



Lieutenant Colonel Breker Deputy Director, Antiterrorism Policy

Lieutenant Colonel Breker was commissioned as a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force in 1995. He is a graduate of the Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution program from the University of Maryland at College Park, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy.

Lieutenant Colonel Breker deployed as Chief of Security Forces in Kuwait and Iraq and as Combat Advisor in Afghanistan. He commanded the 47th Security Forces Squadron, Joint Security Force at Joint Task Force Bravo, and the 55th Security Forces Squadron. He served on the Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command staffs in positions from action officer to branch chief.

Lieutenant Colonel Breker is from Rock Rapids and is married to the former Arlene Hillert. They have three children, Katie, Rachel and Matthew. Ted's parents are Don and Linda Breker of Spirit Lake (formerly of Rock Rapids and Sibley), fraternal Grandparents Albert Breker and late Viola Breker of Harris, maternal Grandparents the late Lynn and Bonnie Clark from Lake Park, sister Ruth and her husband Jason and son Hayden of Hartford, South Dakota.



OHS Jazz Band Takes First Place at Morningside Jazz Festival

The Okoboji High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mrs. Toni LeFebvre, traveled to Sioux City on Thursday, February 2. Eight area bands competed on this day at the Morningside Jazz Festival on the campus of Morningside College for the top spots in Class 2A. Okoboji took home the first place trophy. In addition, senior tenor saxophonist, Hannah Roberts, was named the Outstanding Soloist of the day out of all competing bands. Congratulations to these students! Their next contest appearance will be on February 14 at Western Iowa Tech, also in Sioux City.

OHS Jazz Band Members: Saxophones - Lindsey Wittrock, Haley Bouse, Martha Stein, Hannah Roberts, Nicole Welle, John Alexander, Chaelyne Schweers, Olin Myhre; Trumpets - Luke Thompson, Riley Anderson, Ethan Tanner, Madeline Stover, Keitra Cabinboy, Taylor Hanson; Trombones - Laura Nielsen, Rikka Heimdal, Dalton Johnson, Catherine Rohret; Rhythm - April Welle, Carley Wells, David Alexander, Niomie Egesdal, David Greiner, Jordan Koenck, Kaia Johnson.

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Lightning Thief to Perform at the PLAC

The *Lightning Thief*, a new musical adapted from the book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, will be performed at the Pearson Lakes Art Center, live on the Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre stage, on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 2:00pm.

Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school...again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy is the prime suspect. Now Percy has ten days to find and return Zeus's stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the true thief; he must come to terms with the father who abandoned him; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and unravel a treachery more powerful than the gods themselves.

The *Lightning Thief*, a musical adapted from the book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, features a book by Joe Tracz with music, lyrics, & orchestrations by Rob Rokicki. The original Off-Broadway production was directed by Stephen Brackett (Buyer and Cellar) and choreographed by Sam Pinkleton (Machinal; Natasha, Pierre and the Comet of 1812). Fight choreography is by Turner Smith. The show features costumes by Sydney Maresca with sets by Lee Savage.

This 60-minute musical is recommended for audiences age 8 and up.



Boji Bay Legacy Park Announces 2017 Summer Concert Series

Boji Bay Legacy Park, located in Milford, announces their 2017 concert series.

- June 9 – Bad Authority-Carroll IA/Okobojo Bike Rally Preview Show
- June 16–National Country Artist, Adam Wakefield-Nashville, TN (Runner-Up On The Voice 2016)/Neon Live-Mankato, MN
- June 23 – Strutter- Detroit, MI/Nation's #1 KISS Tribute Show
- June 30–The Brits-Omaha, NB/British Invasion Tribute Show
- July 2 – Cash'd Out-San Diego, CA/Johnny Cash Tribute Show- The Best In The Nation
- July 7–The Seven Sons Reunion Show/60s Soul Extravaganza/ Dave Rowley & Guests-Spirit Lake, IA
- July 9 – Opry At The Legacy/Original Country Opry Show
- July 14 – THE RUMBLES!!-Omaha, NB/One Time Only! Reunion Show/Daybreak-Omaha, NB
- July 21 – Milford 125 Year Celebration Rock Concert/ The Classics IV-Atlanta, GA "Spooky," "Stormy," & "Traces"/ Gary Puckett/Union Gap-San Diego, CA "Young Girl," "Lady Willpower"/Ides Of March-Chicago, IL "Vehicle," "You Wouldn't Listen" & "L A Goodbye"
- July 28 – The Original 1910 Fruitgum Company-New Jersey "Simon Says" "Indian Giver"/The Jammers-Sioux City, IA
- August 4 – Free Fallin'- Minneapolis, MN/Incredible Tom Petty Tribute Show/Murphy Brothers Band-Mankato, MN
- August 11 – Rolling Stoners-Minneapolis, MN/Rolling Stones Tribute Show
- August 18 – Okobojo Bike Rally Weekend. L A Guns-Los Angeles, CA/National Recording Artists/Bad Authority-Carroll, IA

For more information contact: Tom Tourville 712-336-2012 or tourvilles@aol.com.



Okobojo Bicycle Club Meeting

The Okobojo Bicycle Club will have an annual meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 7:00pm at West O Brewery. They will discuss upcoming rides, weekly rides in the area, purchasing of jerseys, and the ride across Iowa. Local members and others interested in being part of a bicycle club and weekly rides are invited to attend. Contact Donna Ball at 319-541-2178 for more information.

Christian Women's Event

Three well-known area women will bring their humor, inspiration and heart to Okobojo this fall to bring a message of hope, healing and understanding to women interested in cultivating their spiritual lives.

"Overcomer" is a new event and will take place Saturday, March 25, from 9:00am to noon at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Okobojo. The morning-long format will accommodate busy schedules, giving women a strong dose of reality-based spirituality in a short time, leaving the rest of the day free.

Leading keynote speaker will be Pat McGill, founder and president of McGill Speaking and Training Resources. A former middle school teacher and adjunct professor of human relations, she holds a master's degree in education from St. Mary's University in Minnesota. She's convinced, however, that her talents are rooted in her Midwestern upbringing, Irish heritage and an early adventure in pageantry.

"Before being named Miss Congeniality in the Miss South Dakota Pageant, I tripped upon entering the judging room, then fell down," she said. "...but I got up and asked if they wanted to see more. They did, and I've been tripping up ever since—learning lessons and passing them on."

Next up will be Joleen Frideres, owner and manager of Courageous Life Coaching in Emmetsburg, Algona and Clear Lake. A therapist and life coach from Wesley, Iowa, she has been helping people live happier lives for 30 years. Living her passion and life purpose, she counsels individuals, couples and families all over the nation via Skype.

She is an inspirational writer and speaker, university instructor and life-long learner who will inspire attendees to "live life more fully...by overcoming fear."

Closing keynote speaker will be Karen Schwaller, owner of Schwaller Agri-Stories of Milford. Schwaller is a farm wife and mother, author and speaker who takes her farm story on the road, sharing stories of humor and womanhood, motherhood, tragedy and triumph.

"I think people need to be uplifted—to have hope—and hope is best served through humor and real-life stories that show other people they are not alone when life places them in tough situations or uncertain circumstances. A farm is a great teacher of life," said Schwaller.

"Overcomer" is open to women of all ages. Cost for this event is \$30 per person in advance, and \$40 at the door. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets can be obtained by clicking on the "Eventbrite" link on the "Overcomer" Facebook page, or go to eventbrite.com and search for this Okobojo-based event.



Black History Month Honored at ILCC

Iowa Lakes Community College would like to extend an invitation to listen to Dr. Damani Phillips and guests perform jazz music in honor of the Civil Rights Movement. The event is free of charge and the public is encouraged to attend.

This event will take place on Wednesday, February 8. They will be performing in the Estherville campus gymnasium at 10:00am and in the Emmetsburg campus gymnasium at 1:00pm.

Dr. Phillips and guests will help honor Black History Month by presenting "Jazz in the Fight for Civil Rights". They will discuss specific examples of how jazz music was used to high light and speak out against social and cultural injustices during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. There will be musical examples to demonstrate the music discussed.

For more information, please contact Katie Larson, Student Activities Coordinator at the Estherville campus, at 712-362-8367, or klarson@iowalakes.edu.

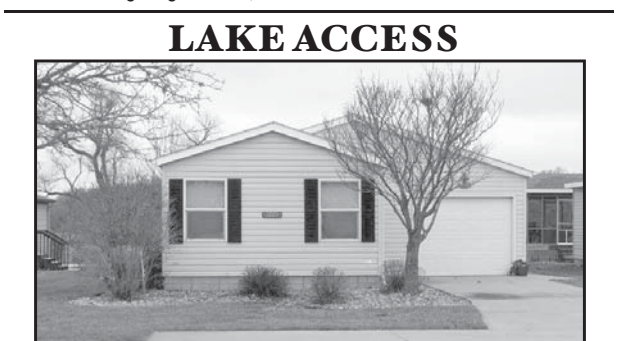
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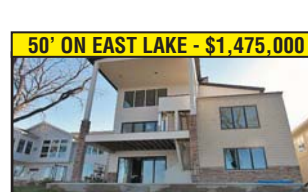
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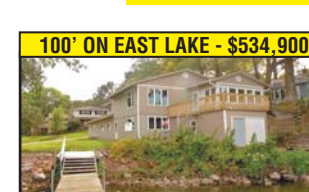
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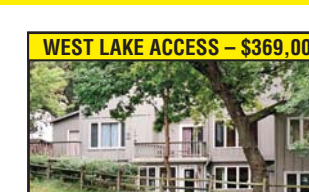
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"An Evening of Contemporary Piano with Jason Farnham" at PLAC

The Pearson Lakes Art Center proudly announces its concert event scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017, when Jason Farnham performs his signature piano show "An Evening of Contemporary Piano" at 7:30pm live on the Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre stage. Tickets are available for purchase by calling the box office at 712-332-7013 or by visiting www.lakesart.org. Jason Farnham of San Francisco Bay, California, is truly the "International Entertainer of Contemporary Piano Music". Fans have affectionately dubbed him "Schroeder" from Peanuts because of his toy piano, his witty Victor Borge-style piano comedy antics and the clever way he interacts with the audience. The newest addition to his piano show has become his staple track: Fur Elise with a techno-rock beat: "Fur Crying Out Loud Elise, Let's Dance!" And Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Rondo Alla Turca has now become "Rondo Alla Techno". Fans of Mannheim Steamroller and rich piano instrumentals will find much to love here. Jason Farnham is a first-class entertainer, and his show is sure to leave the audience smiling. Kathy Parsons of MainlyPiano.com says, "Think Schroeder from Peanuts meets George Winston meets Victor Borge meets a guy who makes techno remixes out of classical tunes." Founded in 1965, the Pearson Lakes Art Center has focused on broadening horizons through the arts for more than 50 years. For more information or to become a member, please contact the Art Center at 712-332-7013, by email info@lakesart.org, or visit the website at www.lakesart.org.



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To the Milford residents who responded to the call for recipes for our Quasiquicentennial Cookbook, many, many thanks. We have reached our final deadline and are now working on putting together the cookbook as we continue to make history in Milford, Iowa.

The Milford Quasiquicentennial Cookbook, we hope, will be available for the first week of May, 2017. We are offering pre-sales. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact the following: Lynnette Cook at 712-338-2380, 712-330-0169 or lynnettesflowers@gmail.com; Darlene Moritz at 712-338-4072, 712-330-6725 or bojigram9@gmail.com.

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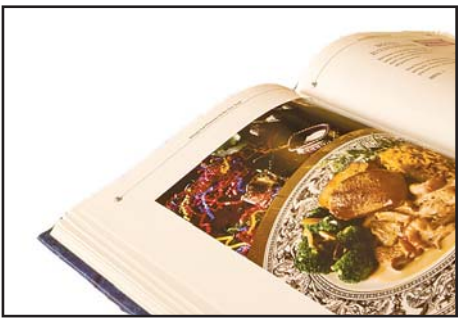
Iowa Lakes to Hold Annual Job Fair

Iowa Lakes Community College will hold their annual job fair for all Iowa Lakes students as well as the public. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 1, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Emmetsburg Campus Cafeteria, or Wednesday, March 8, from Noon to 2:30pm in the Estherville Campus Cafeteria and the SERT building. Nearly 100 employers are scheduled to attend between the two campuses.

This is an opportunity for area employers to meet with students and other job seekers from the community to explore employment opportunities. Part-time and full-time employment, as well as internship possibilities, will be of interest to all attending.

Information is available through the Career Resource Center to help students prepare, or they can visit Optimal Resume Suite at https://iowalakes.optimalresume.com, which is a free service for Iowa Lakes students that offers resume preparation assistance.

For more information, please contact Melissa Lutat at 712-362-7926 or mlutat@iowalakes.edu; or call the Estherville Career Resource Center at 712-362-7926.



SL FFA Members Attend 32nd Annual Legislative Symposium

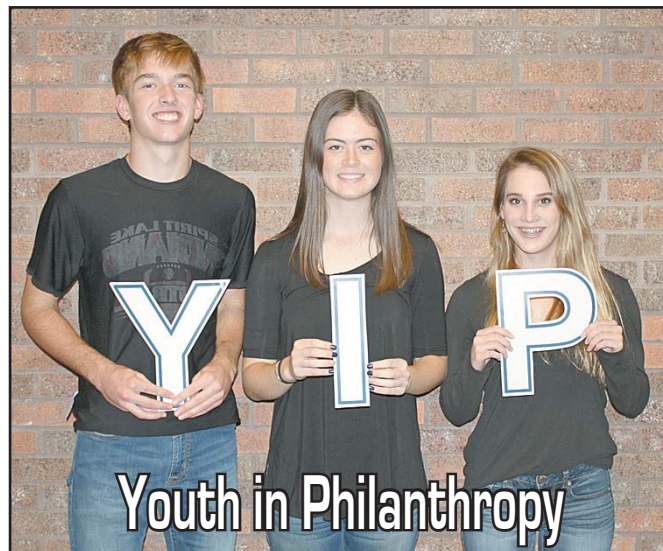
FFA members from across Iowa converged on the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates and the Iowa State Capital in Des Moines to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism.

Among those attending, four members, Emily Burnette, Dawson Frink, Dylan Pederson, and Benjamin Heitritter, of the Spirit Lake FFA Chapter wore blue corduroy to flood the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines on January 31. The students visited with state legislators, David Johnson of the Senate, and John Wills of the House, to discuss agricultural education and learn the importance of citizenship.

During the morning, FFA members heard from Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Libby Crimmings of the World Food Prize addressed students about the future of Iowa agriculture and the importance of being involved with statewide issues. The FFA members also heard remarks from Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds about the importance young agriculturalists can play in the legislative process.

Governor Branstad signed the FFA Week Proclamation, declaring February 18-25, the week of President George Washington's Birthday, FFA Week in Iowa. The proclamation signing took place during a special ceremony at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates following legislative visits at the Iowa State Capitol Building.

The 32nd Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium at the Capitol is made possible with support from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.



Youth in Philanthropy

Youth in Philanthropy continues fundraising through March to reach their team goal of \$34,000 for 2017 YIP Grants for vital nonprofit projects in our lakes community. 25 Students from area high schools participate from October through May in the Okoboji Foundation's annual Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) initiative. Each student is asked, "Why are you dedicated to giving back to your community through Youth in Philanthropy?"

Nick Christensen: "I am dedicated to giving back to this community because we are lucky to live in such a great place, and I want to help keep it that way."

Hannah Butler: "I live in such a great community. The best way for me to help and give back is through YIP."

Frankie Waters: "I am dedicated to giving back because I feel like it is important to give back to a community that has offered me so much."

Youth in Philanthropy encourages you to join them as YIP sponsors. There is nothing to buy; every dollar given to YIP goes directly back to the community. To learn more about past YIP Grants or see a list of all 2016-17 participants, visit www.okobojifoundation.org and click on Youth tab. Visit www.GiveOkoboji.com to make a secure online gift to YIP or mail your tax-deductible donations to Okoboji Foundation, P.O. Box 593, Okoboji, Iowa 51355.

The Okoboji Foundation is the community foundation for the Iowa Great Lakes Region. Started in 1988, it serves as the Center Point of Community Giving for Vital Capital Projects. The annual grant application form is available online through March 1 at www.okobojifoundation.org under the GRANTS tab. For additional information call 712-332-7177.



WILLS WELCOMES IOWA GREAT LAKES BOARD OF REALTORS

Recently Rep. John Wills (R-Spirit Lake) met with members of the Iowa Great Lakes Board of REALTORS. The group was visiting the Capitol to talk with legislators about home savings account legislation.

Pictured are Katie Stater (Okoboji), Amy Maris (Okoboji), Rep. John Wills (Spirit Lake) and Jodi Tusa More (Spirit Lake).

Tax Refund Sale advertisement listing various vehicles and their prices. Includes Milford Motor Company logo and contact information.

Trails Talk advertisement featuring Erin Reed, Executive Director of DCTB, and Dickinson County Recreational Trails. Includes contact information and website.

New Executive Director At DCTB I am very excited to introduce myself as the new Dickinson County Trails Board Executive Director following Jean Martin's retirement. I can be reached at detrails@co.dickinson.ia.us or 712-330-7776 and through our website www.dickinsoncountyrails.com. I have been a member of the Trails Board for over ten years, serving as president for many of them. My passion for trails began the first day I stepped foot on the Iowa Great Lakes Spine Trail. My work experience includes 12 years at the Jackson County Highway Department in Minnesota where I was an engineering technician. While there I wrote several successful trail grants and designed seven trail segments located in the City of Jackson and Loon Lake campgrounds. One of my favorites being the Loon Lake trail that connects with Dickinson County Trails at Mini-Wakan State Park on the north shore of Big Spirit Lake. I extend much gratitude from our whole board to Jean Martin for her service as Executive Director. During her 4-year tenure with DCTB we secured over \$1 million in recreational trail grants and built seven new trail segments while completing a number of maintenance projects including an overlay of the Spine Trail. There was also over \$1 million given through our Friends of Trails' generous donors. Jean has agreed to take my place as the Dickinson County representative on the trail board. She has been a tremendous help through the transition and I know she will continue to do great things on the trail board. Thank you Jean for all you have done and continue to do! What The DCTB Is Working On: Rail Trail - We will be finalizing the purchase of 37+ miles of railroad right-of-way soon and letting the project to rehabilitate the bridges and culverts so they are trail ready. The rail trail will traverse from just west of Superior to Sibley in Osceola County. Jones Pasture Trail - This trail will continue on the northeast side of Big Spirit and provide a connection to the future Angler's Bay Trail. We have secured \$100,000 in grants through REAP and Okoboji Foundation for construction of the Jones Pasture

Trail. We continue to apply for State and Federal grant dollars to fund the rest of the project but so far have not received an award. Competition for these grants has increased considerably while funding continues to decrease but we will keep looking at all funding options. East Lake Trail - As part of our goal to get trails around the east side of East Lake Okoboji we will be partnering with Arnolds Park to pave 8-foot shoulders on 190th Street from Bridges Bay to 242nd Avenue. This is the first phase of a long term project that will address the safety of the ever increasing amount of pedestrians and bicyclists that are using 190th Street to commute into the heart of the Iowa Great Lakes. Construction is scheduled for summer of 2017. Annual Planning Session - DCTB had its planning session in January where we prioritized future projects and maintenance needs. There are a lot of great ideas about where we want to expand and improve the trails system with a priority to keep the rail trail moving forward. We have a great board with a variety of talents to contribute! Save The Date: The DCTB Friends Committee is busy planning our annual fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 24, at the Arnolds Park Pavilion and will coincide with the University of Okoboji Campus Ride. We are looking for sponsors to help us reach our goal of a great party that brings in funds to provide local match dollars for our projects. Please contact me at detrails@co.dickinson.ia.us if you would like to contribute to our endeavor. This event is always a great time so be sure to plan on being a part of it. Until next time, as always, Happy Trails to you and yours.



Walters Real Estate advertisement listing properties in Spirit Lake, Forstoria, and Milford. Includes contact information and website.

2016 Iowa Home Sales Up 4.6% and Prices Up 4.2%

by Mark Gavin | February 03, 2017

Home sales and median home prices rose throughout the year according to the official yearly housing trends released by the Iowa Association of REALTORS®. 42,671 properties were sold in 2016 compared to 40,778 in 2015.

Median sale prices were up 4.2% in 2016. The median sale price was \$146,900 in 2016, while only \$141,000 in 2015. This is the fifth consecutive year with a rise in median sale price when compared to the previous year.

The months supply of inventory (MSI) is 3.5 months. MSI is the number of months it would take to clear the existing inventory from the market, based on the average number of sales over the last 12 months. 6 months is considered a neutral market. Days on market was up only slightly taking an average of 80 days to sell a home, while the average was 76 in 2015.

"The secret is out. Iowa is a great place to live. Iowa continues to be mentioned in national headlines. We have so many great communities. People of all generations and types are finding Iowa as an affordable, fun location to settle down. With our four seasons, healthy economy, and a variety of urban and outdoor activities, we have something for everyone. 2016 was another great year for homebuyers and home sellers," expressed Cindy Miller, 2017 President of the Iowa Association of REALTORS®.

"All real estate is local. In order to get the best picture of the market in your area, contact a local Realtor® today for a comprehensive market analysis," Miller encouraged.



SPIRIT LAKE HS STUDENT ABBY DULIN signed a letter of intent to attend Morningside College. Abby has been on the girls varsity golf team for four years of her high school career. She has led Spirit Lake girls golf throughout the last two seasons and is excited for the upcoming golf season.



2017 U of O Winter Games Results

- Chili Cook-off sponsored by RE/MAX Lakes Realty – Best Business/Overall Winner: Minervas, Best Non-profit: Camp Foster, Best Booth: All Pets.
- Chocolate Classic sponsored by Ingvall Real Estate Team – 1st: Minervas, 2nd: Mary Abbott, 3rd: Goodies
- Bean Bag Toss Tournament sponsored by KICD and Parks Marina – 1st: Team Smith, 2nd: Lumberjacks Shacks, 3rd: Bayside Tigers, 4th: Garmins, Consolation Winner: Ash Creek, Consolation Runner-up: Shuck This
- Broomball sponsored by Shaw's – 1st: Martins, 2nd: Winkelhof, 3rd: Bat Removal
- Cribbage – 1st: Donald Miller, 2nd: Jack Dittman, 3rd: Brandon Dittman, 4th: Mina FEAR, 5th: Chuck Matthiesen, 6th: Chad Pedersen, 7th: Kent Rick, 8th: Mark Leiss, 9th: Keith Dwire, 10th: Jerald Clark
- Flag Football sponsored by Parks Marina – 1st: Dry Dock, 2nd: RIP Norv, 3rd: Revolution
- Tug-a-War sponsored by Okoboji Boat Works – Ryan Milbrandt, Chris Jeffery, Michael Hansen, Sunita Stanton, Nate Meyers, and Anthony Zessman
- Human Dogsled Races sponsored by Parks Marina – Team USD Coyotes: Jack Hopkins, Spencer Hopkins, Brian Woodward, Joe Franks
- Softball sponsored by The Ritz – 1st: Snowfalls; 2nd: Finnas, Spirit Lake; 3rd: Girl Scout Drop Outs, Milford.
- Chess – 1st (K-5): James Allen, 2nd (K-5): Damien Leckband; 1st (6-12): James Williams, 2nd (6-12): Riley Rockman, 3rd (6-12): Calvin Grosvenor; 1st (Adult): Jodene Kruse, 2nd (Adult): Jacob Bibble
- Mega Snow Pong – 1st: Team Balls of Fury; 2nd: Team Mega Hawk Pongers; 3rd: Tema Timon and Pumba
- Keg Toss – James Koerselman
- 5K Road Race sponsored by Lakes Regional Healthcare – Overall Men's: Mason McCaffery; Overall Women's: Zoe Schneider
- 10K Road Race sponsored by Lakes Regional Healthcare – Overall Men's: Ty Fluth; Overall Women's: Paige Foster
- Polar Plunge sponsored by Okoboji Harley-Davidson – 115 plungers dove into the icy waters of West Lake (with additional donations) totaling \$2,230 benefitting the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire & Rescue.
- KAPCO – (1st Flight) 1st: Mike Clark & Kyle Rehnstrom; 2nd: Nick Fear & Josh Wolterstorff; 3rd: Seth Vogel & Jake Schatzberg; (2nd Flight) 1st: Adam Eckard & Darrin Kness, 2nd: Andy Earl & Chance Millard, 3rd: Nate Fairchild & Joel Anfinson; (3rd Flight) 1st: Steve Schatzberg & Jake Schatzberg, 2nd: Marvin Smith & Jerrod Hansen, 3rd: Bill Vos & Kevin Krieger
- Closest to the pin – 1st: Dave Koerselman, 2nd/3rd: Nick Fear & Jeff Danbom
- Crossfit Throwdown – (Men's Prescribed Division) 1. Bernie Lawton, 2. JD Smith, 3. Tony Boster; (Women's Prescribed Division) 1. Heather Brandt, 2. Barb Caskey, 3. Miranda Tesch
- Battle of the Bartenders – 1st: Zippers, 2nd: The Waterfront, 3rd: The Shed

IGL TeleConnect Offers Free Community Tech Classes

IGL TeleConnect will be offering monthly tech classes led by Tech Support Consultant Mak Kloewer. The classes titled "Tech Tuesday's with Mak" will cover a variety of topics related to computers and the internet. Each class will be held from 2:00 – 3:00PM on Tuesdays in communities around northwest Iowa. These classes are geared towards those who do not feel they are tech-savvy. February's topic will include "How to search online" and is perfect for those who have wanted to search the web safely. Mak will carefully walk each participant through the basics of internet navigation. There will also be opportunities for participants to ask questions.

Mak will be available at the following locations from 2:00-3:00pm during February:

- Tuesday, February 7: Generations by Great Lakes Office – 1501 35th Avenue West, Spencer
- Tuesday, February 14: Milford Memorial Library – 1009 9th Street, Milford
- Thursday, February 16: Webb Public Library – 124 Main Street, Webb (Please note this is a Thursday)
- Tuesday, February 21: Sioux Rapids Memorial Library – 215 2nd Street, Sioux Rapids
- Tuesday, February 28: Lake Park Community Center – 903 S Market Street, Lake Park

Classes are free and seats are limited. Participants are asked to bring their mobile devices to class. RSVPs are being taken at IGL TeleConnect by calling 712-432-8352.



Okoboji Summer Theatre Announces Its 60th Anniversary Season

The Okoboji Summer Theatre (OST) is proud to announce the nine productions for its 2017 season.

- *The World Goes 'Round* (by Kander and Ebb), Musical, June 13-18
- *Plaza Suite* (by Neil Simon), Comedy, June 20-25
- *The Nerd* (by Larry Shue), Comedy, June 27-July 2
- *Footloose* (by Dean Pitchford and music by Tom Snow), Musical, July 4-9
- *Boeing Boeing* (by Marc Camoletti and Translated by Cross and Evans), Farce, July 11-16
- *On Golden Pond* (by Ernest Thompson), Classic, July 18-23
- *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* (by Ray Cooney and John Chapman), Farce, July 25-30
- *Sylvia* (by A.R. Gurney), Comedy, August 1-6
- *South Pacific* (by Rodgers and Hammerstein II), Musical, August 8-13

In addition, the Boji Bantam Children's Theatre performances include: *Pinkalicious the Musical* (June 21-24), *Five Little Monkeys* (July 5-8), *Elephant and Piggie's "We are in a Play"* (July 19-22), and *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat* (August 2-5).

The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association is once again offering the discount voucher booklets for \$145. The booklets can be purchased by emailing: ostassociation@gmail.com or by visiting Northwest Bank locations in the lake area, Liberty National in Okoboji, Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji or Arts on Grand in Spencer. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay informed for behind-the-scenes updates, extra performances and special promotions.



Al-Anon Meetings:

New Hope Al-Anon Meetings will be held on Mondays at 8:00pm at the St. Joseph Catholic Church School (1301 Okoboji Avenue, Milford). For more information, contact Linda T. 712-363-2248.

DMACC's Molly Mitchell Named ICCAC DII Women's Basketball Player Of The Week

The Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) has named Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's basketball player Molly Mitchell the ICCAC Division II Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the week of January 23 to 29.



The honor is the second for Mitchell, a freshman from Okoboji. She was also named ICCAC DII Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 14 to 20. And she is the fourth DMACC women's basketball player to earn this honor. Sophomore Shayla Dean of Zeiring earned it for the week of Nov. 21 to 27; sophomore Angel Agtho of Rochester, Minn., earned it for the week of Jan. 2 to 8; and sophomore Amanda Cartney of Hudson earned it for the week of Jan. 9 to 16.

Mitchell averaged 17.5 points and 14.5 rebounds as she helped DMACC to victories over Southwestern Community College (SWCC) and Ellsworth Community College (ECC) during the week. She scored 21 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in DMACC's win over SWCC and had 14 points and 12 rebounds in the Bears' victory against ECC. Mitchell made eight of 14 field goal attempts and was 5-of-7 from the free throw line in the SWCC game and hit six of seven field goal attempts and was 2-of-2 from the free throw line in the ECC game.

For the season, Mitchell is averaging 9.8 points and 8.5 rebounds a game. She is shooting 53.3 percent from the field (76-of-142) and 75.4 percent from the free throw line (43-of-57). Mitchell leads the Bears in rebounding with 170 total rebounds, including 110 defensive rebounds. She also has 10 assists, 17 steals and 27 blocked shots.

Des Moines Area Community College, a public institution serving the educational and career training needs of Iowans, is committed to the lifelong success of its students. As Iowa's largest two-year college, DMACC offers 222 programs, certificates and transfer degrees, annually serving more than 70,000 credit and noncredit students on six campuses and six learning centers. Thanks to college-wide innovation, new programs and affordable tuition, DMACC continues to experience solid growth. For more information, please visit www.dmaccc.edu.

Legislative Forums

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our second Legislative Forum, Saturday February 18, 2017 from 11:30am – 12:30pm in the Pomerantz Hall of the Pearson Lakes Art Center.

Invited guests include State Senator David Johnson, Senate District 1 from Ocheyedan, State Representative John Wills, Legislative District 1 from Spirit Lake and State Representative Megan Jones, Legislative District 2 from Spencer.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Moms and Tots Meetings

Moms and Tots of Spirit Lake invites all moms and their children ages 5 and under to join them as they encourage one another to be the best moms they can be. Mom time mornings are held at the Good News Community Church in Okoboji the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the school year from 9:00am-11:00am. Childcare is provided. Moms and Tots – creating connections with Moms, Kids and God. For more information, email motsspiritlake@gmail.com.



MILFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB WELCOMES MILFORD PIONEER THEATRE – Milford Pioneer Theatre has been a fixture in Milford for many years. Current theatre manager Cassandra Struthers is working with the theatre owners, Rob Mayer (who lives in Florida) and her brother Tom Struthers, to make several upgrades and modifications since reopening in August of 2016. All three are hoping to bring a great movie experience with a newly remodeled balcony to include premium recliners. Focusing on local families they've been able to bring many kid-friendly features in the last several months; and with the balcony upgrade are hoping to become a local favorite to even more people in the community. There are lots of other exciting things on the horizon and guests are encouraged to watch for things such as possible meal service with a movie as well as possible expansion to add another screen! Be sure to follow on Facebook for updates!

The Mission of the Milford Commercial Club is to foster partnerships and collaboration of all members in order to promote Milford member businesses. Please remember to shop locally to help support the businesses that support local events.



LEGISLATORS WELCOME WEST LYON FCCLA MEMBERS – This week Sen. David Johnson (I-Ocheyedan) and Rep. John Wills (R-Spirit Lake) met with members of the West Lyon Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). The group was visiting the Capitol to talk with legislators to kickoff National CTE Month.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc. Thank you!

To The Editor:
On January 26, 2017 a fundraiser was held at Chaplin's with all proceeds donated to Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc. (UDMO) Dickinson County Outreach. Jason Grinnen with Exit Realty Midwest did all the organizing and planning for this event. UDMO cannot express enough how much we appreciate all the effort Jason put into this event. With the live auction, over \$5,000 was raised and over 300 pounds of food was donated to help low income individuals and families with food needs in Dickinson County. Special thanks goes to Chaplin's for hosting the event and the many people that donated by bidding on the auction items and bringing nonperishable food items. I am overwhelmed with appreciation by the turn out and support of Jason, Chaplin's, and the many people that supported this event. The people of this community and everyone at UDMO thank you!
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COMMEMORATIVE CROCKS FOR SALE – Five different crocks have been created to commemorate Milford's upcoming Quasiquicentennial and will be sold by the Quasiquicentennial Committee. This great souvenir/gift idea is on display at the Milford City Hall on the corner of 10th Street and N Avenue, downtown Milford. Each piece has been designed and thrown individually in honor of the town's 125th Birthday Celebration. The pieces shown include a one quart jar, one quart pitcher or small crock for \$35; a preserve jar with lid and handle for \$45; and a two quart utility crock for \$50. These collector's items can be purchased by calling Lynnette Cook at 712-330-0169 or 712-338-2380, Chris Hinshaw at 712-320-0957, or Mary Dannett at 712-338-4421 or 712-330-6790.

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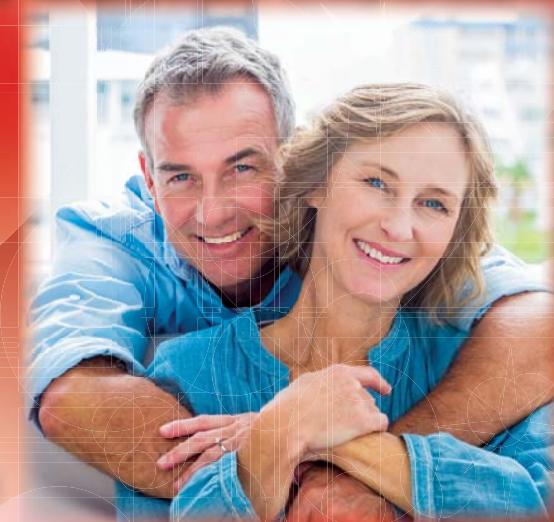
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Say "I love you" with a Singing Valentine, and leave your sweetheart speechless! On Tuesday, February 14, the Iowa Lakes Men's Quartet will deliver Singing Valentines for area residents and business people looking for a fun and exciting way to send a Valentine message to their sweethearts, family members, friends, employees, or customers.

The singers can serenade them at home, at work, in a restaurant, or anywhere else desired. Wherever they appear, they'll draw a crowd - and sometimes a few tears.

A Singing Valentine costs \$25 and includes two songs sung by the quartet, a personalized Valentine's card, a rose, and a commemorative photograph, so individuals can always remember the occasion. Men and women alike are on the receiving end - with moving results. Also, new this year, individuals can choose between having the Valentine delivered by a men's quartet (all in tuxes of course) or the women's quartet.

To order a Singing Valentine, contact Brett Fuelberth, Iowa Lakes Vocal Music Professor, at 712-362-7963, or email bfuelberth@iowalakes.edu.



Conservation Executive to Speak to Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship

Lee Sorenson, the executive director of the Dickinson County Nature Center, will speak to the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Sunday, February 12, at the Arrowwood Conference and Convention Center in Okoboji, Iowa. Growing up in Waterloo, Iowa, Sorenson's respect and appreciation for the outdoors was instilled in him by hiking, fishing, and hunting. The time he spent outside the city was an oasis of enjoyment and relaxation. He earned his bachelor's degree in fishing and wildlife biology from Iowa State University. After graduation from college he was a park ranger with the Iowa County Conservation Board and then executive director for 12 years. Sorenson's topic "Iowa Natural Heritage: The Mill Creek Project, will address the mission of the Dickinson County Conservation, the newest land acquisition along Highway 71 south of Milford where one of the old mills was located and an exciting project the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County is working on to educate people about the importance of pollinators. UU Fellowship is at 10:30 and service begins at 11:00. An optional lunch (\$10) is served after the program. For more information check the UU Fellowship website uuokoboji.com. Visitors are always welcome.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
On behalf of the American Red Cross, we wish to express our deep appreciation and say "Thank You" to every donor, volunteer and support person who participated in the January 31 blood drive in Spirit Lake. A special thanks goes to Grace Lutheran Church for providing a wonderful place for this to happen and a big "thank you" goes to Fareway for the fabulous cookies they provided.

We only missed our goal by 4 units. The weather was nice and many were out. We had 42 procedures, 5 deferrals, and 2 unproductive but still obtained 49 units of red cells.

You all made a difference in someone's life and your generosity is most appreciated by those needing transfusions in trauma situations and for on-going treatment of chronic life-threatening illnesses. Blood is in very short supply and we are in desperate need.

Mark your calendar for May 15, 2017, and let's make that one an even more successful drive.

Julia Davis and Karen Dokken, Co-chairs



Petrick Recognized by the Professional Photographers of Iowa

Dave Petrick (top left), Certified Professional Photographer, owner of Dave Petrick Photo in Spirit Lake, and Lead Adjunct Instructor of the Iowa Lakes Community College Photography Program in Estherville, recently attended the Professional Photographers of Iowa (PPI) Winter Convention, held in Des Moines on January 20-23.

Petrick received his 20 year pin for being a PPI member for 20 consecutive years at the Awards Banquet the evening of Sunday, January 22. He attended workshops presented by some of the top photographers in the United States, including: Sue Bryce, Amanda Holloway, Twig and Olive Photography, Russ Harrington, Dan Brouillette and Dan Rowe. He had 3 prints, of the three he entered, exhibited in the juried print display held during the convention.

Petrick is a Life Member of Professional Photographers of America, and a member of South Dakota Professional Photographers Association, as well as the Mentor Coordinator for PPI. He has owned and operated Dave Petrick Photo, in the Iowa Great Lakes area, since 1975.

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Public Story Time changed to 11:00am on Fridays. Preschool children are invited to come for stories and a simple craft. Call 712-338-4643 for more information.

Respite Angels

Join Respite Angels and Calvary United Methodist Church for a Valentine's coffee on Thursday, February 16, at 10:00am. There will be music, treats and conversation. This is a free event. Calvary Methodist Church and Respite Angels have partnered together to provide a break for caregivers and the ones they love. They want to celebrate Valentine's Day with a special coffee for the community and they hope to see you on the 16th.

NAMI Meeting

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of northwest Iowa monthly support group meets on Monday, February 20, at 7:00pm (weather permitting) at the Spencer Hospital lower level Cedar Conference Room, 1200 1st Avenue East, Spencer. For more information, please contact Kim at 712-262-9438 or at namiofnwia@gmail.com.

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J-Term Class Learns About The Importance Of Animals

The Spirit Lake High School J-Term class Anthrozoology (Human/Animal Connections) sponsored an essay contest as a part of its campaign to bring awareness to the issue of animal homelessness. The 4th grade students from Spirit Lake Elementary School all chose a dog or cat currently residing at the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa. The students then wrote an essay from that animal's perspective trying to persuade people to adopt him/her. The high school students then judged the essays and chose three winners per class and one overall winner. The overall winning essay is printed here and was written by Lilly Holdorf from Mrs. Kreiner's 4th grade class. The other winning essay writers were Cadence Johnson, Kazhmyr Menough, Brooklyn Jackson, Isaac Ostovic, William Ditsworth, Niyati Mistry, Kaleb Johnson, Libby Leinbaugh, Tyson Robinson, Nicholas Schilling, and Tory Jalas.

The winners of the essay contest got to go to Dairy Queen for ice cream and to the Humane Society to meet the animals they wrote about.



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A Letter From Sadie

(With Help From Lilly Holdorf, Mrs. Kreiner's 4th Grade Class)

Hello! My name is Sadie. I am a cat. I like to... to... ACHOOOOO! Sniff. Sniff. Oh no! I am soooooo sorry. I suffer from FIV [Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. See more information at the bottom of this article*].

Anyway, I love to snuggle and play with feathers. My life would be a lot better if I had a family... Well, not just me but my twin sister Lucy too. I just want to snuggle and play with you! I would be sooooo happy I could just... Sniff! ACHOOOOO! Sniff. Sorry! As I was saying... BURST WITH EXCITEMENT!... ACHOOOOO! Again, I'm sorry! But I can't help it! FIV, GO AWAY!

I am clearly the best cat there! And I made a rhyme of why you should choose ME! Sniff. Sniff.

When you are sad or blue,
I will hug you,
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Awesome, huh? PICK ME! Your life will not only be more fun, it will be awesome-tastic!!!

*FIV is a condition where a cat's immune system is compromised. A cat can spread the virus only through a deep bite to another cat; however, cats with FIV might be best as an indoor cat in a home with no other cats. FIV cats can live long, happy lives as long as appropriate precautions are taken to reduce the chance of illness. The FIV virus cannot be spread to humans (College of Veterinary Medicine-Cornell University).



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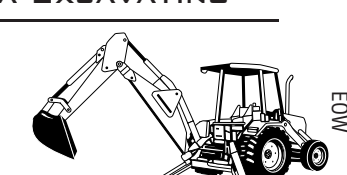


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The Spirit Lake High School Mini Dance Marathon team, with Mr. Holman, are planning an event for Saturday, February 11, from 6:00-11:00pm, in the Commons/Gym. Mini Dance Marathon helps raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and all money raised will go to the cause. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals help pediatric patients through all sorts of trials; cancer, illness, premature births, and much more. There will be dancing, food, drawings, games, crafts, many other activities. The event also includes speakers who will be Miracle Families and Miracle Kids who have been impacted by Children's Miracle Hospitals and are willing to share their stories and experiences. There will be an entrance fee (\$5.00), and all donations are accepted.



Iowa Lakes Grad Aims at Master's Degree, World-Level Wrestling

Though two-time NJCAA National Champion Alfredo "Freddie" Rodriguez has graduated from Iowa Lakes Community College, he still has some goals he'd like to pin down.

After Iowa Lakes, Rodriguez transferred to Oklahoma, then pursued his wrestling career at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, competing in the NCAA Division I wrestling championships at Madison Square Garden early last year.

At times during his life, things didn't look very bright for Rodriguez, but he made his way to Iowa Lakes and the culture - and his coach - helped make him a better man.

"Coach Alesch was a caring person who wanted to see me succeed," Rodriguez said. "It was an easy decision to come to Iowa Lakes because of him."

And the college helped as well.

"Not only did (Iowa Lakes) build me back, but they made me a better person than I was before," Rodriguez said.

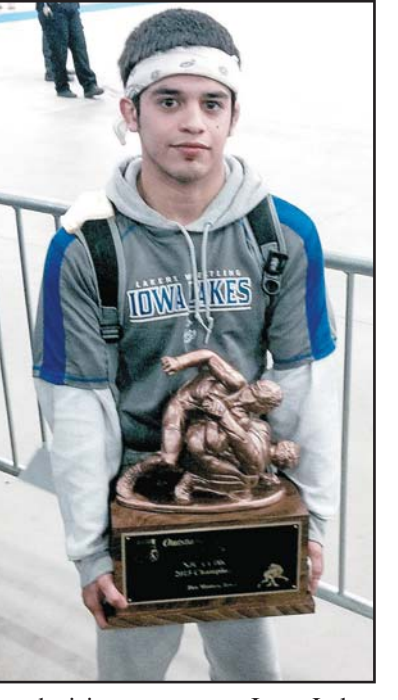
As he wraps up his last year as a Cougar, he still has goals for this season - and the future.

First, he wants to be the best teammate he can be to his fellow wrestlers, and he wants his team at Southern Illinois to win a Southern Conference title.

Second, he wants to "wrestle through every position every second I am on the mat," because using a varied approach keeps opponents guessing.

Upon graduation, there are still more lofty goals to accomplish.

"I am looking to pursue a master's degree in social work and be a graduate assistant coach while still competing trying to make world teams at the senior level," Rodriguez said.



Milford Library News

Area libraries are sponsoring Paint Night at the Library in February! Join area libraries on Tuesday, February 14, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, at Arnolds Park Library for a fun night of painting, community, and snacks! Register early because there are only 30 spots available. Make it a date! This is a two canvas painting and we encourage you to bring your boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife, friends, children, parents, and anyone else you would love to paint with. The French phrase says "my other half" or "my better half." The cost for early registration is \$15 for both paintings and registration the day of the event is \$30. Those interested can register at the Arnolds Park Public Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, and the Milford Memorial Library. Attendees of any skill level are invited to recreate a beautiful painting by following step-by-step instructions from the artist who created the original painting. Participants will be painting on a 16 x 20 canvas and all the supplies are provided by the libraries. Mark your calendars for Paint Night at the Library! Sponsored by Arnolds Park Library, Spirit Lake Public Library, and Milford Memorial Library.

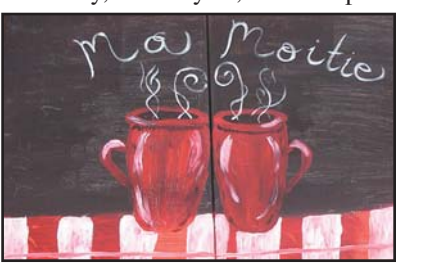
The Milford Memorial Library Adult Craft Series is back! Join MML director Beth Sorenson for "Light Up Valentine's Day Cards" on Thursday, February 9, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm, at the library. Registration for this event is required and the cost to participate is \$2. Contact the library for more information.

If you are in preschool through 4th grade and need something to do after school, stop by the library on Thursday, February 9. Join Betty Naab, our children's librarian, as she hosts the after school craft party. The theme this month is "Valentine Bingo." IGL TeleConnect will be offering monthly tech classes led by Tech Support Consultant Mak Kloefer. Come to the Milford Memorial Library on Tuesday, February 14, at 2:00pm for "Tech Tuesdays with Mak." These classes are geared toward those who do not feel they are tech-savvy. February's topic will include "how to search online." There will also be opportunities for participants to ask questions. Classes are free and seats are limited. Participants are asked to bring their mobile devices.

Join us for great stories and much more every Friday morning at 11:00! Betty, our children's librarian, looks forward to sharing stories with you! No pre-registration is necessary. This week the theme is "Valentine Stories."

If you are in 3rd or 4th grade and you like to create with your hands and use your brain, the Constructors Club is for you! We'll have fun while constructing something different each month. Come to the library Saturday, February 18, at 11:00am, and prepare to construct towers. Don't forget to bring your thinking cap! There is no cost and all materials are provided by the library.

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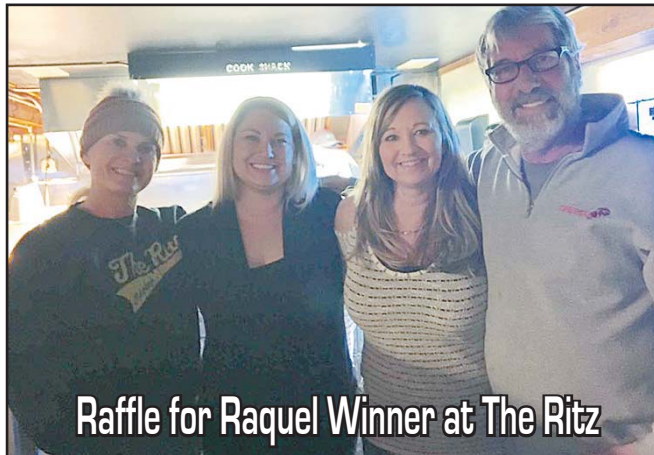
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Raffle for Raquel Winner at The Ritz

To The Editor:

On Wednesday, February 1, the winner was drawn at The Ritz in Arnolds Park from 600 raffle tickets sold to benefit Raquel Burnell, a young mother battling cancer. A special thanks to Okoboji Indian Motorsports for assisting with the purchase of the Polaris Ranger that was raffled, to Tri State Litho for all of the printing of event materials and to all of the generous lakes area businesses donating additional items for the benefit. We'd also like to extend a debt of gratitude to US Foods for donating the burger, The Okoboji Bake Shop for contributing the hamburger buns and to our staff at The Ritz for preparing the free meal for all event guests.

Of the 600 tickets sold to benefit this young mother, it was Deanie Dyhrkopp's ticket drawn as the winner of the Polaris Ranger.

Again, a sincere "thank you" to our extended family in the Iowa Great Lakes for supporting one another and to our family at The Ritz for making this and other events a reality.

Respectfully,
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Thousands Donated Through Giving Back at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort!

Larchwood, IA: Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort would like to thank the local community for their continued commitment to Giving Back at Grand Falls! Donations were collected January 1 - 31, 2017 to benefit The Sioux Falls Firefighters Benevolent Foundation, and we are pleased to announce that we collected \$5,260 to benefit this charity organization.

The Sioux Falls Firefighters Benevolent Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides relief to the distressed and needy, including victims incurring loss due to fire related incidents, in addition to assisting current and retired firefighters and their families. Depending on the individual's needs and resources, the SFFBF is able to provide basic necessities such as food, clothing, housing (including repairs), transportation, and medical assistance.

Giving Back at Grand Falls will continue in February, as we recognize Active Generations. Active Generations promotes positive aging for adults and works to enhance the quality of life for all generations through programs, services, and education. The diverse volunteer programs offered by Active Generations help people throughout our communities, and also provide important services for elderly residents.

Be a part of Giving Back at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort! Resort Club Members will receive \$10 in Free Slot Play for each \$10 donation to the charitable organization being recognized each month. Donations can be made daily at the Resort Club. If you are not yet a member of our Resort Club, don't worry - membership is FREE! For additional information on becoming a member or Giving Back at Grand Falls, please visit www.grandfallsresort.com or call the Resort Club at 712-777-7777 ext. 3810.

<p>Open House Sun., Feb. 12 • 1PM-3PM 335 202nd St., Arnolds Park MLS #16-67 Arnolds Park TEXT: E034999 to 51004</p>	<p>New Listing MLS #17-90 West Lake Okoboji TEXT: E034960 to 51004</p>	<p>New Listing MLS #17-95 Spencer TEXT: E034964 to 51004</p>
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