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The Milford Commercial Club will host a soup luncheon Saturday, January 24, 11:00am to 1:00pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center, Milford, in conjunction with the U of O Winter Games.

Three kinds of soups, beverage and dessert will be served. Proceeds to community organizations and projects. All are welcome to attend.



Okoboji Athletic Booster Club

The Okoboji Athletic Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00pm in the media center at Okoboji High School. All parents of Okoboji athletes are invited and encouraged to attend.

Public Invited To The State Jazz Band Festival

Spirit Lake High School will be hosting eight high school jazz bands in the Iowa High School Music Association State Jazz Band Festival on Monday, January 26, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm at the Sami Bedell Center for the Performing Arts. The public is welcome to hear some great jazz band music.

Local high school jazz bands to perform are the Harris-Lake Park Jazz Band at 5:00pm, directed by Emily Gladfelder; and the Spirit Lake Jazz Band, directed by Jody Ingwersen at 8:05pm. A detailed schedule is available at www.samicenter.org/pics/Jazzfest.pdf. The Harris-Lake Park Jazz Band will perform "Hot Sauce", "As if To Say Goodbye", and "Blue Train." The Spirit Lake Jazz Band will perform "Shiny Stockings", "Snoozin'", and "Emergency Stopping Only."

Other participating high school jazz bands will be from Emmetsburg, Estherville-Lincoln Central, Sibley-Ocheyedan, Sioux Central, South O'Brien and Spencer.

The jazz bands will be evaluated by three adjudicators on jazz band ensemble characteristics of tone quality, blend, rhythmic feel, interpretation, precision, musicianship, solo improvisation and balance. Following the judged performance, each band will have a 20 minute clinic with a guest clinician. Each band is rated according to Iowa High School Music Association guidelines receiving a rating of Division One-Superior, Division Two-Excellent, Division Three-Good, Division Four-Fair, Division Five-Poor, or comments only.

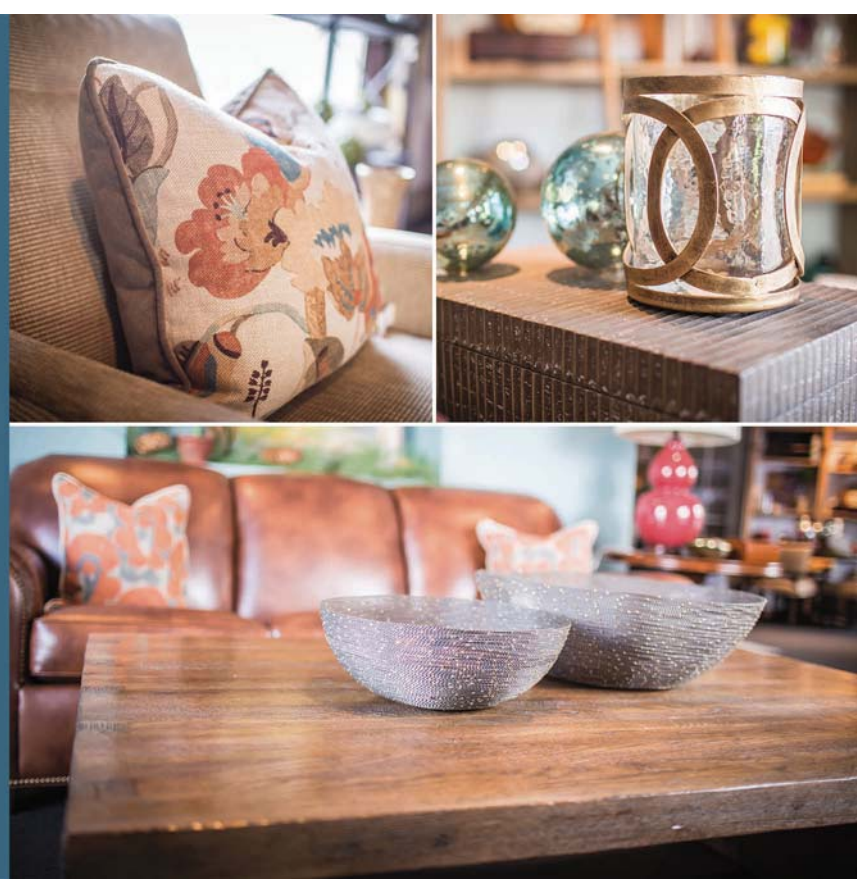


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Snowball Softball Tournament

Sign up now for the 22nd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games Snowball Softball Tournament at The Ritz in Arnolds Park. 2015 marks the first year Taylor and Rick Genrich and their crew have hosted the tournament, yet rest assured it will be well-run and fun with plenty of food and drink ready for all players to refuel after playing on the frozen waters of East Lake Okoboji.

Entry forms and rules for this Winter Games staple are available online at www.uofowintergames.com, at The Ritz and the Chamber office in Arnolds Park. The Snowball Softball Tournament is limited to the first 24 teams, so get your entry forms turned in.

In addition to the Snowball Softball Tournament, The Ritz will also play host to the KUOO Get Up and Go Winter Games Kick Off Breakfast on Friday, January 23rd from 6:00 - 10:00am and both live music and a DJ all weekend long.

Visit www.uofowintergames.com for calendar of events and entry forms to get involved in the 35th edition of the University of Okoboji Winter Games.

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THURSDAY
6-7pm The Barefoot Bar's Charity Battle of the Bartenders
6:30pm Damon Dotson - NO COVER!

FRIDAY
2pm Tiki in the Tent is open!
8pm BRAT Pack Radio

SATURDAY
8am Flag Football sponsored by Parks Marina
10am Creative Spirit painting - contact barb@creativespirits.com to register
11am-1pm Studded ATV/Motorcycle ice oval races
Kids games on the ice at Parks Marina: Bowling, Kite Flying, Bean Bag Toss, Ice Fishing
Meet the Mascots of Sioux Falls Skyforce, Sioux City Bandits and Sioux Falls Stampede: Thunder, Billy the Bandit and Stomp!
Sled Dog demo! Kids will get the chance to have a ride from a real sled dog team
Noon-2pm The Polka Police in the Trackside Tent
1pm Tim Horsman in the Tiki in the Tent
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2-8pm Karaoke and DJ Dance Tunes in the Trackside Tent
3pm Mighty Nish Band
7pm Sell Out Stereo

SUNDAY
10am Snowmobile Radar Run on the ice
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Events on East and West Lake!

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Thursday, January 22 in the Tiki in the Tent at Parks Marina

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Two Spirit Lake Artists Selected For National Exhibit

Spirit Lake artists Hank Hall and Dan Ruf will each have an original piece of art exhibited in the 47th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood National Exhibition at the Octagon Center for the Arts in Ames, Iowa. This national all media exhibit will be on display from January 23-April 5, 2015, with an opening reception January 23 from 5:30-7:30pm.

Juror for the exhibit is Pauline Verbeek-Cowart, Professor and Chair of the Fiber Department at the Kansas City Art Institute where she has been teaching since 1997. A native of the Netherlands, her work has been exhibited extensively in national and international venues. In addition, she received the Excellence in Teaching award from the Kansas City Art Institute in 2007 and the Kansas Arts Commission Master Fellowship in Visual Art/Fine Craft in 2008. From the 323 works submitted for the Octagon Center exhibit, Verbeek-Cowart selected 65 pieces; at the reception she will recognize the 61 artists represented in the show and award cash prizes.

Hall, a retired high school art teacher and art business owner, now creates new work in clay, drawing, and painting out of his home studio in Spirit Lake. His exhibit piece Space Signature is one of his colorful dense abstract drawings created from the random marks placed on paper by remote-controlled cars and small hand-made robots fitted with Sharpie markers. Hall says he avoids watching the marks being made on the paper so he can have "a fresh and exciting experience looking at them for the first time." The unpredictable nature of these marks becomes the inspiration for his developed drawing. Adding a title and crafting a special frame create unity for the piece and a window into his thought process.

Hall studied pottery for two summers under Bauhaus-trained Marguerite Wildenhain in the 1970s in California. She has been named one of the ten most influential potters of the 20th Century. Hall then earned a Master's degree in Art Education with an emphasis in ceramics from the University of Northern Iowa. He taught art in public and private settings for over 40 years and gained a reputation for his non-threatening, creativity-boosting experiences for all levels of students. Today many of his students are teaching and creating art throughout the country.

Hall's work in clay and drawing has been selected for regional, national and international exhibits. Recently, two of his signature teapots were selected for an international teapot show in Houston, Texas, at 18 Hands Gallery during January 2015.

Ruf completed a double major in art and biology from Principia College in Elmhurst, Illinois. His passion for photography began in the 1970s when he participated in workshops by renowned photographer Ansel Adams in Yosemite National Park. Adams used his iconic black and white images of the American West to help establish photography as a fine art form in the 1950s.

After retiring from being a livestock and grain farmer in 2007, Ruf began a new career in photography and writing. Today he uses digital photography to create "a more precise natural world of color that color film never quite achieved." His creative work has been influenced by his summers with the U.S. Forest Service during his college years, his rural connections with farming and, more recently, his life in the lakes area. His photography focuses on revealing moments of beauty in each of these areas. His selected piece Floating Docks reveals such a moment through the mist on the lake.

Ruf's work can be found in galleries and private collections throughout the country and has been showcased in several juried invitational exhibits from Lanesboro Arts Center in Minnesota to Arts on Grand in Spencer, Iowa. Most recently his work has been published in Our Iowa magazine, Beef Magazine, and Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, a publication dedicated to "protecting and restoring Iowa's land, water and wildlife". Ruf was also one of a select group of Iowa photographers to have images selected for permanent installation in the newly renovated Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines, Iowa.

For more information about the 47th Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood National Exhibition in Ames, go to www.octagonarts.org.



The Okobojo 6th Grade Maroon OYBA team recently won the Martin County West Tournament. The Pioneers played Mankato West, Jackson, Okobojo White and Grenada Huntley/East Chain during the tournament.

Pictured above are members of the 6th grade team. Frontrow: Austin Simpson, Will Hoffman, Dylan Anderson, Ridge Jostand, Caden LaRue, Zach Fife, Jacob Gilson. Back row: Dawson Goeke, Brayden Robards, Jackson Krebs, Trai Prachomponh, Jaden Heller, Cody Wintz, Justin Vaughn, Kole Carstens. The Pioneers are coached by Shane Hoffman, Doug Heller and Kirt Carstens.

BEARY-Cool Winter Games Gear

University of Okobojo Winter Games commemorative clothing is available. This year's selection includes two varieties of T-shirts, a crewneck and hooded sweatshirt, embroidered jackets and stocking caps. Prices range from \$16 to \$45 and there truly is something for every games goer!

Purchase your games gear at the following locations:

- Spirit Lake – Fareway and Hy-Vee
- Milford – Buy Rite and The Three Sons
- Arnolds Park – Boonedocks and the Iowa Welcome Center

University of Okobojo Winter Games gear can also be purchased online at www.uofowintergames.com. Shop early for the best selection because once it is gone, it is gone!

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DESSERTS

Friday, January 23 • 5-7pm
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Winter Games 500 Card Tournament

The 2015 University of Okobojo Winter Games 500 Card Tournament will be held Saturday, January 24 at the Spirit Lake Senior Center, 2100 Zenith Avenue. (under the Water Tower). Registration fee is \$5.00 and play starts at 9:00am, come early to register.

No pre-registration or partners required, partners will be rotating. Come play for Fun and Prizes. Coffee and water will be provided, and lunch of a maid-rite, chips and a bar will be available for \$5.00 after the tournament. You can also come for lunch even if you don't play cards. These events are being sponsored by Single Spirits but you don't have to be single to come join the fun. For questions about the 500 Card Tournament, call Shirley at 712-832-3266 and for the pinochle call Troylene at 712-320-6114.

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Soup Supper Fundraiser

8th grade students, headed to Washington, DC this summer, are having a Soup Supper fundraiser on January 22, 2015, from 5:30 – 7:00pm during the Spirit Lake 9th grade basketball game and J term presentations at the Spirit Lake High School. Chili and chicken noodle soup will be offered along with other fixings. Free will donation.

Bridge Tournament

The 2015 University of Okobojo Winter Games Bridge Tournament will be held Friday, January 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford. The doors will open at 11:00am. Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Cards will begin about 12:00 noon. Cost is \$10.00 which includes lunch, door prizes and refreshments. Reservations are required for accurate table count. Please call Susan at 712-338-2274 or 712-338-4674 to make your reservation.

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JANUARY 23-25 2015 35TH ANNUAL

- Thursday, January 22nd**
5pm Tiki in the Tent Locals Party, Battle of the Bartenders, Parks Marina
7-9pm Jason Grinnen's "Echoes from the Past", Pearson Lakes Art Center
- Friday, January 23rd**
ALL DAY "Amp Up the Music" Exhibit, Iowa Rock n Roll Music Association
ALL DAY "Skis & Skis" Boat & Snowmobile Show at Parks Marina, Okoboji
6-10am KUOO Get Up & Go Kick Off Breakfast, The Ritz, Arnolds Park
8am-12pm KAPCO Indoor Golf Tournament, Spirit Lake
11am Bridge Tournament, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Milford
5pm Fish Fry, Softail Saloon
5-7pm REMAX Lakes Realty Chili Cook Off, Dickinson County Expo, Spirit Lake
7-10pm Rock the Roof Concert, "Sly James & The New City Council", Arnolds Park Pavilion
7-9pm "North Pole" bear painting, Creative Spirits, Spirit Lake
8pm Chad Elliott, West O Beer
8pm Brat Pack Radio, Tiki in the Tent, Parks Marina, Okoboji
9pm IV Play Live, The Ritz, Arnolds Park
- Saturday, January 24th**
ALL DAY "Skis & Skis" Boat & Snowmobile Show at Parks Marina, Okoboji
8am 500 & Pinochle Tournaments, Senior Center, Spirit Lake
8-11am Boy Scouts/Milford Commercial Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Middle School, Arnolds Park
8-11am Sled Head Breakfast & Turkey Bowling, Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp, Spirit Lake
8am-12pm KAPCO Indoor Golf Tournament, Spirit Lake
8am-12pm CrossFit Okoboji Throwdown, Bedell Family YMCA, Spirit Lake
8am-1pm Okoboji Summer Theatre Omelet Brunch, Pavilion, Arnolds Park
8am-5pm Broomball sponsored by Shaw's of Okoboji, Smith's Bay, Preservation Plaza, Arnolds Park
8am-5pm Flag Football sponsored by Parks Marina, Okoboji (off the lake)
8am-5pm Snowball Softball Tournament sponsored by The Ritz, Speir Park
8:45am Chess Tournament, City Hall/Library, Arnolds Park
9am-4pm Staus Realty Ice Fishing Outing to benefit Lakeside Lab
9am-5pm Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament, HS & MS Gyms, Spirit Lake
10am Snowball Drop, Lake & Hill Ave, Corner, Spirit Lake
10am Freeze Your Fanny Bike Ride, Okoboji Expedition Company, Okoboji
10-11:30am Snowmobile Fun Run, Okoboji Boat Works (www.dickinsoncountysnowhawks.com for updates)
10am-12pm "Aloha Joe" Snowman Painting with Creative Spirits, Barefoot Bar, Okoboji
10am-1pm Children's Carnival, Boji Bay Fun House & Pavilion, Milford
10am-2pm Soup Feed sponsored by Milford Commercial Club, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford
10am-3pm S'mores at Mau Marine, Okoboji
11am Okoboji Disc Golf Tournament, Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji
11am 8th Annual People's Environmental Art Project, Lakeside Lab, Milford
11am-1pm Parks Marina Kids Ice Games, Okoboji
11am-2pm Polaris Youth Demo Rides, Polaris Plant, Spirit Lake
11am-6pm Tubing Hill, Horseshoe Bend Winter Sports Arena, Milford
12pm Polka Police, Okoboji Boat Works Tent, Smith's Bay
12pm Live DJ at The Ritz, Arnolds Park
1pm Tim Horsman, Tiki in the Tent, Parks Marina, Okoboji
1pm 2-Person Bean Bag Toss Tournament sponsored by KICD, Preservation Plaza, Arnolds Park
1pm Human Dog Sled Race, Parks Marina, Okoboji
1-3pm Chocolate Classic & Galleria sponsored by Mary Lynn Ingvall, Expo Building, Spirit Lake
1-8pm Russell Lachney & Keifer Brandt Live at the Softail Saloon, Superior
1:30pm Lakes Regional Healthcare's 5K/10K Road Race, Middle School, Spirit Lake
2pm Drawing for new Polaris Youth 120 Sled, Polaris Plant, Spirit Lake
2pm Okoboji Summer Theatre 2015 Schedule Announcement, Hedberg Theatre, Arnolds Park
2-4pm Bingo to Benefit The Humane Society of NW Iowa, Dickinson County Expo
3-7pm Business Today Adult Bowling Tournament, Corner Lanes, Spirit Lake
3pm Frozen Fanny Fat Bike Challenge, Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji
3pm Polar Plunge sponsored by Okoboji Harley Davidson, Okoboji
3pm Mighty Nish Band, Tiki in the Tent, Parks Marina, Okoboji
4:30-6:30pm NW Bank Tailgate Dinner, Pavilion, Arnolds Park
6:30pm Fireworks Extravaganza & Burning of the Greens sponsored by Liberty National Bank & Danbom Lakeside Engineering, Arnolds Park
7-10pm David Zollo, West O Beer
7pm Sell Out Stereo, Tiki in the Tent, Parks Marina, Okoboji
8pm Glenn Henriksen Live at the Sami Center, Spirit Lake
9:30pm Tripwire, The Ritz, Arnolds Park
- Sunday, January 25th**
ALL DAY "Skis & Skis" Boat & Snowmobile Show at Parks Marina, Okoboji
8am-5pm KAPCO Indoor Golf Tournament, Spirit Lake
9am-12pm Bloody Mary Breakfast Bar, Softail Saloon, Superior
9am-1pm Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Spirit Lake Senior Center
11am Dickinson County Snowhaws Radar Run, Parks Marina, Okoboji (check for updates)
11am Youth Hockey- Lakes Area vs. Marshall, Lakes Hockey Arena, Spirit Lake
1-4pm Open \$15 Paint, Kurio Kastle Pottery Painting Palace, Spirit Lake
2-4pm "Panda Love" painting, Creative Spirits, Spirit Lake
2:30pm Youth Hockey - Lakes Area vs. Worthington, Lakes Hockey Arena
3-7pm Business Today Adult Bowling Tournament, Corner Lanes, Spirit Lake
4pm Tripwire, The Ritz, Arnolds Park

Birthday Announcement

Beverly Beving turned 90 on January 17, 2015. Please send cards and memories to her at St. Lukes: (1301 St. Lukes Drive, Spencer, Iowa 51301).

Camp Okoboji Family Winter Wonderland

Camp Okoboji, next to Crescent Beach, will be offering a variety of family focused activities from 10:00am - 2:00pm on Saturday, January 24. Dress warm for outdoor activities including couch racing, inner tubing, tug-of-war, disc golf and enjoying a campfire with S'mores. Inside activities will include inflatables, craft projects, recreation room games, and board and table games.



Grab a light lunch (free-will offering) in the dining hall of maid-rites, chips hot chocolate and more. Other snacks will be available in the camp store. Families of all ages will enjoy this festive and imaginative setting. It is worth a stop, even if just passing through on your way to other Winter Games events. Memories will be made. Camp Okoboji seeks to provide events and activities that help bring families together in a safe setting. Serving the Okoboji community since 1940, Camp Okoboji offers Christian summer programs for youth and families, and is available for retreats all year. There are many ways to contact Camp Okoboji for more information on this and other camp programs. Website: www.campokoboji.org Phone: 712-337-3325 E-mail: camp@campokoboji.org



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Crackers, bread, homemade treats, cold/warm drinks
\$7 Adult • \$4 Children

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Local Students Selected to Participate in Honor Band

Spirit Lake Middle School sixth grade band was honored to have 7 students selected to participate in the Strong Foundations Honor Band in Sioux City. This year's festival was held on January 12 and featured two bands of equal ability, with guest directors Mary Crandell and John C. Smith. Selected students were: Back Row: Alexa Danielson-Flute, Hope Johnson and Jenny Dykema-Clarinet, Max Bower-Alto Sax. Front Row: Nick Mingus-Trombone, Mason Weeks-Trumpet and Brianna Dreezsen-Alto Sax.

Kiwanis Soup and Pie Dinner

Milford Kiwanis will hold their annual Soup and Pie Dinner, featuring the OHS Jazz Band, on Sunday, January 25 from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Okoboji High School in the all-purpose room. Enjoy chili or vegetable beef soup and homemade pie while listening to the OHS Jazz band. The price is \$6 for adults and \$3 for school-aged children. The proceeds go to the OHS Band Parents.

Birth Announcement

Kyler Curtis Christoffel was born on December 19, 2015, to Katie and Curtis Christoffel of Granville, Iowa. Kyler weighed 7 pounds 13.5 ounces and measured 21.5 inches long. His siblings are Kade, 7 years old, and Kenzley, 5 years old. Grandparents are Mark Revland, of Arnolds Park; David and Rhonda Nelson, of Arnolds Park; Gary and Carol Christoffel, of Granville. Great-grandparents are Dick and Sally Nelson, of Arnolds Park; Arlene Galles, of Remsen; Joel Anderson and the late Sharyn Anderson, Laurens.



Jessie James & The Outlaws

Back by popular demand - Jessie James & The Outlaws will be appearing at Table 316 in Okoboji, on Wednesday, January 21st (Wednesday night). Doors open at 6:00pm and the band plays from 7:00 - 9:00pm. No cover charge. Meals are served, so bring your appetites and your dancin' shoes! It's always a fun night and great evening with the Outlaw Band so get on down to the Table 316 for a fun evening! "Ya'll come now, ya hear!"



Weekly Cash Drawing Winner

Linda Geske of Table 316, left, presented \$516 cash to Jason Skadeland, right, of Arnolds Park, last Thursday night during their weekly cash drawing. Congratulations to Jason! This was the first time that the drawing built up to \$516. Table 316 Steakhouse is located on Highway 71 in Arnolds Park and is open 7 days a week for dinner. See their ad for features and specials.

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Karen Wiese Retiring

Karen Wiese will be retiring from the City of Milford. Karen has been employed as an Office Assistant at the City Clerk office for almost 19 years. An open house honoring Karen for her many years of service will be January 22, 2015, from 3:00 to 5:00pm in the East half of the Milford Community Center. She will be missed, but we wish her all the best in her retirement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:
Jingle Jangle Brass Choirs would like to thank the Iowa Great Lakes community for their support during this Christmas season. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support: Southpark Mall and AmeriInn of Spencer, Good News Community Church of Okoboji, Smokin' Jakes of Arnolds Park, Rosewood Manor of Estherville, and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Pizza Ranch, Casey's, Hy-Vee, Welcov, Polaris, and Pure Fishing, all of Spirit Lake. Altogether, our organization was able to donate \$800 to the American Cancer Society, in memory of Spenser Bergquist, and over \$1000 to five communities' food pantries, including \$300 each to the Dickinson and Clay county branches of Upper Des Moines Opportunity. We enjoy spreading our love of music with you and hope to perform for you again in December 2015!
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University Of Okoboji Winter Games Events Moved Off Of Ice

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The University of Okoboji Broomball Tournament, sponsored by Shaw's of Okoboji, will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 8:00am - 5:00pm in Preservation Plaza in Arnolds Park.

The University of Okoboji Bean Bag Tournament, sponsored by KICD 107.7 and MORE 104.9 FM, will be held at 1:00pm on Preservation Plaza in Arnolds Park.

The University of Okoboji Snowball Softball Tournament, sponsored by The Ritz, will be held at Speier Park in Okoboji, directly across from the airport, from 8:00am - 5:00pm on Saturday, January 24th. Teams are asked to park at The Ritz and the vacant lot where Mineral City once sat to be shuttled to and from Speier Park.

The University of Okoboji Flag Football Tournament, sponsored by Parks Marina, will still be held at Parks Marina from 8:00am - 5:00pm on Saturday, January 24th and will be moved off of East Lake onto the Parks Marina property.

Please keep all vehicles off of the ice around the State Pier as this is where the Polar Bear Plunge will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, January 24th in Arnolds Park.

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The presentation will include films that are from 4 to 29 minutes long and will run about 90 minutes. This series is offered free to the public and a cash bar and popcorn will be available.

For more information, contact Rachelle at the PLAC at 712-332-7013, ext. 107.



Chocolate and Galleria Applications Being Accepted

One of the most popular events on campus during the Winter Games weekend is the Chocolate Classic and Galleria. Scheduled for Saturday, January 24th in the Dickinson County Expo Building, Mary Lynn and Jon Ingvall of Dowden Hinn Realtors will again sponsor a delicious and decadent experience to help cure those winter blues from 1:00 - 3:00pm.



Classic vendors are asked to have 300 sweet sample-sized treats available for the samplers to enjoy at the event or to take home. Chocolate Classic vendors will be compensated 50-cents per \$1 ticket redeemed. The taste-testing crowd will vote for their favorite sweet and winners will be announced later that evening during the Fireworks Extravaganza at 6:30pm.

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Shopping with Galleria vendors is another great part of this afternoon. Vendors pay their \$35 registration fee to have their cash 'n carry items at the event for throngs of people looking for a little retail therapy to accompany their sweet treats.

Registration forms for both events are posted on www.uofowintergames.com. For more information, please contact Jen Johnson at the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber, jen@okobojichamber.com, 712-332-2107.

Enjoy a fun-filled indoor U of O Winter Games tradition and either attend or participate in the Chocolate Classic and Galleria and 2015 will be the sweetest games to date.



Birthday Announcement

Hilda Huelsbeck turned 101 on January 14th, 2015. She is a long time resident of Milford and was very involved with St. Joseph Catholic Church in the past. She did quilting for many years. She continues to crochet headbands for children to send along with the quilts the ladies of the St. Joseph Church make and send overseas.

Hilda has a son Dennis who lives in Florida. She has many friends in the Milford area. She continues to stay active and attends many of the activities at Milford Nursing Center.

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The Community Table Expands

The Community Table, a service of the Dickinson County Ministerial Association, announces an expansion of its regular monthly schedule. In recent years, guests have enjoyed a complimentary meal and fellowship from 5:30pm to 7:00pm the second Thursday of every month. Beginning this month, the meal will be served twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays. Dickinson County churches provide and serve the meal, adding belonging and friendship to good food. All are welcome. Attendance averages 80-100. Cancellations are rare but in the event of inclement weather you'll learn of cancellations on local radio.

The addition of the fourth Thursday dinner is due to increasing popularity of Community Table and the willingness of the STEP in Faith Missional Community from Good News Community Church in Okoboji to provide food and service. The next Community Table is Thursday, January 22 from 5:30 until 7:00pm. The consistent location is the Okoboji Bible Conference Community Center, 45 S. Highway 71 in Arnolds Park. If your church or charitable group would like to become part of Community Table team, please contact the Okoboji Bible Conference Ministries office at 712-332-2883.

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90th Birthday Announcement

Please help Calvin Dodge of Terril, celebrate his "90th" birthday on January 21, 2015, by sending him birthday wishes. Cards can be sent to him at: 2882 240th Street, Terril, IA 51364.



Engagement Announcement

Britleigh Martin, daughter of Leigh Ashley Martin and Robert Martin of Panora, Iowa, and Kyle Ingwersen, son of Kim and Curt Ingwersen of Lake Park, Iowa, are happy to announce their upcoming marriage planned for fall of 2015.

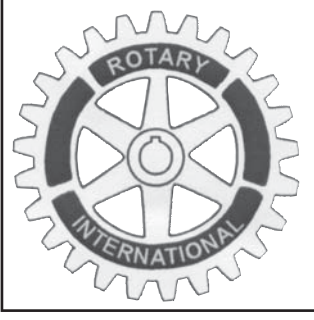
Britleigh is a 2009 graduate of Iowa State University with a major in communication studies. Kyle is a 2008 graduate of Harris-Lake Park High School and a 2012 graduate of Iowa State University with a major in kinesiology.

Britleigh is employed at the Bedell Family YMCA as their Development Director and Kyle attends Des Moines University pursuing a Doctorate Degree in physical therapy.

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For tickets, contact Greg Richards at 712-336-9759, President Chris Tobey at 563-212-0718, or any Iowa Great Lakes Rotary member. You must be 21 to enter and the drawing will be held on Sunday, January 25, live on KUOO. Proceeds go to community projects.



Indoor Golf Winter Games Tournament

For those feeling the golf itch or just any golfer wanting to test their golf skills in a warm environment, registrations and tee time reservations are now being taken for the KAPCO INDOOR GOLF University of Okoboji Winter Games Tournament. As in previous years, this is a 2-ball 9 hole scramble tournament costing \$40 per team to enter. KAPCO is also having a separate Closest to the Pin Competition costing \$5 per person to participate. The golf tournament will be flighted and payouts are based on the number of teams entered. A portion of the proceeds also goes to the Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

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Winter Games, OST Both 'On Thin Ice'

While the schedule won't be officially announced 'til Saturday, it's interesting to us that both the coming weekend's *University of Okoboji Winter Games* and the opening show for the *Okoboji Summer Theatre's* summer schedule will be "On Thin Ice."

The *OST* farce, with a June 16 curtain, will be a great start to the summer season -- and the *OST's* three musicals will include the family show, *Cinderella*, along with *The Taffetas*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The only musical of the three that might be unfamiliar has been billed as, "a journey back into a time when Hula Hoops were hot, Angora sweaters were fashionable, and poodle skirts were the talk of the town."

While that might sound like ancient history to youngsters who can't plug-in a Hula Hoop, many of us were among the 25 million or so kids who had to have a Hula Hoop in the summer of 1958. But more important to the story is the review of fifties music that promises to knock your bobbysocks off -- songs like Shelley Fabares' *Johnny Angel* (which we featured to mark Shelley's 71st birthday, Sunday morning at *Class 105...*), *Mr. Sandman*, *You Belong to Me*, and many more. It's a "be there or be square" kinda show, in addition to the two classic musicals.

By the way, there really is ancient history to the Hula Hoop. It dates back more than 3,000 years, to a time when Egyptian kids were weaving dried grapevines into hoops -- for much less than \$1.98...

We should note here as well, that the *OST* Association will be hosting a Winter Games omelet brunch at the Arnolds Park Pavilion, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday...

Stagerat Stan has been working overtime the last couple weeks to try to keep up to the summer schedules. He has learned that The Inn is planning to bring Marilyn Maye back over the Fourth of July weekend -- for Friday, Sunday and Monday night performances in the Lakeview Room -- almost like the "good old days." One other Lakeview Room show is to feature Debbie Ankeny "and Friends." And at least four acts (Glenn Henriksen, *Beyond Blue*, *The Itty Bitty Boji Duo*, and *The Three Ks*) are to rotate Friday nights in The Lounge throughout the summer months.

The aforementioned **Mr. Henriksen** will also be performing at the SAMI Center, Saturday night, following the Winter Games' fireworks. Stan has heard that the music will range from the classics performed on the Elton John red piano, to the music of Fats Waller, and Bruce Springsteen. In fact, Glenn is tipping his hat to Springsteen in naming the show as "Fire and Ice Concert," that will feature several other singers and musicians as well...

Friday night will see the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Music Association dance and show at the Arnolds Park Pavilion, from 7:30 'til 10:00. The show is to open with the *IRRMA Battle of the Bands* winner, *Black Diamond*, then continue with headliners *Sly James* and *The New City Council*...

Apart from the Winter Games weekend, The Itty Bitty Boji Duo will be performing for dancers, Friday night, at the *Spencer Family YMCA*, from 7 - 10:00. YMCA marketing director Sara Morrow told us this dance is the second in a series of what she plans as monthly events that will show the "Y" is more than a "gym and swim" place to be...

Spirit Lake High School will be hosting eight high school jazz bands in the *Iowa High School Music Association's Stage Jazz Band Festival*, Monday night, from 5:00 - 8:30. Local high school bands will include Harris - Lake Park (5:00), Estherville - Lincoln Central (7:15), Spencer (7:40), and Spirit Lake (8:05).

While you're invited to be a part of the audience, organizer Rich Nicklay is also asking your help as a volunteer to make the festival a success. Nicklay is also looking for like help on February 9, when SLHS will be hosting the Vocal Jazz Festival.

You can call Rich at the Middle School (712-336-1370, x 2190) or reach him by email, rnicklay@spirittakecsd.org to volunteer.

Congratulations are in order to the Okoboji High School Jazz Band, which won second place honors, Friday, in Class 2A competition at the *Iowa Central Community College Jazz Band Contest*, in Fort Dodge. South Central Calhoun garnered first place, and Alta - Aurelia, third of the eight bands involved.

Okoboji's outstanding soloist award winners include Emma Myhre, and Hannah Roberts, tenor sax; Dalton Adams, and Tom Mayer, trombone; Austin Kolegraf, bass; and Brittany Kolbeck, drums.

Both the Okoboji High School and Middle School Jazz Bands will perform Sunday, at the Milford Kiwanis Soup & Pie Dinner at the OHS cafeteria. Serving will be from 11 a.m. 'til 1 p.m.

It appears that this year's competitions and graduation will cap the storied success of OMS and OHS music directors Julie and Greg Forney, who have submitted their retirement papers to the district. While we can understand them wanting a real life of their own, their expertise will certainly be missed. We wish them and their successors only the best...

Whether the ice is thin or thick, here's hoping you enjoy a great Winter Games weekend on the campus of the Uofo, and have a lot of fun. That's what it's all about. But to quote *Hill Street Blues' Sgt. Phil Esterhaus*, "Be careful out there."

You are invited to join the *Old Professor for Ballads, Blues and Big Bands*, too, at *Class 105*, The LIVE Broadcast from the College of Musical Knowledge at the University of Okoboji. *Class 105... airs Sunday mornings from eight 'til noon, on 105.7, KRAQ-FM.* All the news that fits, we print. Please send your music-related announcements or comments to: class105@connect.com or P.O. Box 676, Okoboji, Iowa 51355-0676



Anniversary Announcement

Robert and Barbara Kollasch will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on February 1, 2015. They were married by Father Al Grendler at St. Patrick's Church in Estherville. Their children and grandchildren Joe, Amber, Nathan, Kayla, Travis, Julie, Natalie and Kolton of Milford; and Chad, Melissa, Niki and Alexandra of Maple Grove, Minnesota, wish to honor them with a card shower. Warm wishes may be sent to them at 2829 250th Street, Terril, Iowa 51364.

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New Name For Local Business

Local business owner, Alan Ditsworth, has announced a change in his business name. Formerly "The Worker Bee" Home Maintenance & Inspection, operating since 2007, will now be known as "Northwest Iowa Home Inspection." Alan is a certified home inspector, and has been performing home inspections for five years. He is a member of the National Society of Home Inspectors (NSHI). Although home inspections have become more of a focus, home maintenance and repair services are still being offered. In addition, Alan also provides Property Management services. This includes, but not limited to, oversight of property maintenance and repair matters, as well as winter time house security checks. For questions about home inspections or other offered services Alan can be reached at 712-330-5817, or find him online at www.nwiahomeinspection.com.

TIMES FOR FRI-THURS, JANUARY 23 - 29

SOUTHPARK 7 SPENCER - 262-1234	SOUTHPARK MALL Shows Before 5:30 2D Shows \$6.00 3D Shows \$8.00
THE BOY NEXT DOOR [R] Jennifer Lopez Kristin Chenoweth FRI-SUN: 2:00, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 MON-THURS: 4:50, 7:10, 9:30	BLACKHAT [R] Blair Underwood Viola Davis FRI-SUN: 1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40 MON-THURS: 4:00, 6:50, 9:40 *Time Not Shown Thursday, Jan 29
STRANGE MAGIC [PG] Voices Of: Evan Rachel Wood Elijah Kelley 2D Times... FRI-SUN: 1:00, 6:50 MON-THURS: 6:50 3D Times... FRI-THURS: 4:40, 9:10	PADDINGTON [PG] Hugh Bonneville Julie Walters FRI-SUN: 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:00 MON-THURS: 4:20, 7:00, 9:00
AMERICAN SNIPER [R] Bradley Cooper Sienna Miller FRI-SUN: 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10 MON-THURS: 3:50, 6:30, 9:10	TAKEN 3 [PG-13] Liam Neeson Maggie Grace FRI-SUN: 1:50, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20 MON-THURS: 4:10, 6:40, 9:20
THE WEDDING RINGER [R] Josh Gad Kevin Hart FRI-SUN: 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30 MON-THURS: 4:30, 7:20, 9:30	STARTS THURSDAY, JAN 29 PROJECT ALMANAC [PG-13] Jonny Weston Amy Landecker At 7:00 pm Thursday, January 29 Regular Engagement Begins Friday.
GRAND 3 ESTHERVILLE - 362-3778	Shows Before 5:30 2D Shows \$4.00 3D Shows \$6.00
STRANGE MAGIC [PG] Voices Of: Evan Rachel Wood Elijah Kelley 2D Times... FRI-THURS: 6:40 Plus SAT-SUN Matinee: 1:20 3D Times... FRI-THURS: 8:50 Plus SAT-SUN Matinee: 4:10	MORTECAI [R] Johnny Depp Gwyneth Paltrow FRI-THURS: 6:50, 9:20 Plus SAT-SUN Matinee: 2:10, 4:00
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Fri., Jan. 30 - 10:00 AM - Land Auction in Sioux Rapids, IA. Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www.midwestlandmanagement.com

Sat., Jan. 31 - 10:00 AM - 101.89 Acres Land Auction in Jasper Co., IA. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company. 641-521-0151. www.FarmersNational.com

Sat., Jan. 31 - 10:30 AM - Retirement Farm Machinery Auction in Hartley, IA. Auctioneers: Sterk, Klaassen & Bleeker. 712-728-1500. www.klaassenrealty.com

Thurs., Feb. 5 - 7:00 PM - Land Auction in Ceylon, MN. Auctioneers: Kahlers, Wedel, Pike, & Hartung. 507-227-8528. www.auctioneeralley.com

Sat., Feb. 7 - 10:30 AM - Large Toy Auction in Paullina, IA. Auctioneers: Vander Werff, Hattermann, & O'Brien. 712-261-0298. www.vw72.com

Tues., Feb. 17 - 1:00 PM - 623 Acres Land Auction in Monona Co., IA. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company. 712-545-9138. www.FarmersNational.com

Wed., Feb. 18 - 1:00 PM - 238 Acres Land Auction in Floyd Co., IA. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company. www.FarmersNational.com

Obituaries

Mabel Rose Hoefler, 95, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 10, 2015, surrounded by family at the home of her daughter in Jonesboro, Georgia.

A celebration of her life was held at Parkview Church in Iowa City. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Informed Choice of Iowa or Special Olympics.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.gayandciha.com.

Mabel was born June 16, 1919, in Blue Mound, Illinois, the daughter of Everett and Luella Zimmerman. She was a 1936 graduate of Blue Mound High School. She married William Hoefler on January 12, 1946, in Blue Mound and later moved to Sioux City, IA where she lived until 1994. Mabel also lived in Ankeny, IA; Spirit Lake, IA; and most recently Iowa City, Iowa.

Throughout her many moves, she was always an active member of her local church and found a ministry in folding worship bulletins. She was an active supporter of Youth for Christ and served on the board of Stouland Youth for Christ in Sioux City. Mabel truly had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening of all kinds. She was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Iowa Hawkeyes and enjoyed watching them whenever they played. Mabel treasured the role of Grandma and spending time with her large family watching the children play. She also loved time alone with a good book, sometimes reading more than one per week. Above all else her relationship with Jesus brought her the greatest joy in life.

Mabel is survived by her six children: Richard Hoefler (Marylu) of Coralville, IA, Jan Holland (Lee) of Jonesboro, GA, Sue Downing (Dick) of Spirit Lake, IA, Linda McCaman (Gary) of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sarah Weeks (Kevin) of LaMoille, IL and Chris Hoefler (Sheila) of Grimes, IA; fourteen (14) grandchildren: Bill, John, Brian, Laura, Tim, Michael, Stephen, Jennifer, Andy, Kristina, Nathan, Adam, Jonathan, and Jacob; and twenty-seven (27) great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Hoefler, her parents and her three sisters, Lucille, Virginia and Gertie.

Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service is caring for Mabel's family and her services.



Obituaries

Frances A. Connors of Carroll passed away on Friday, January 9, 2015, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, Iowa.

Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. Woodhouse Funeral Home in Carroll was in charge of arrangements.

Born in Whittemore, Iowa, Frances was the daughter of Martin Sr. and Catherine (Flanagan) Duffy. She grew up in Whittemore and graduated from the Presentation Academy as valedictorian of her class. She received a full ride scholarship to St. Catherine's College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Following college she worked for the Kossuth County Treasurers Office as assistant to the Treasurer. She was married to Earl V. Connors in Whittemore. The couple made their home in Adair and owned and operated Connors Market. They moved to Carroll in 1950, so their children could attend Catholic school. Frances owned and operated Connors' Trading Post which was an antique store in Carroll. She was a member of St. Lawrence Parish and was active with the church guild. Frances was an avid antiques collector and she loved to play Duplicate Bridge. She was a faithful Catholic, she loved her family very much and she enjoyed entertaining friends. Frances had the Antique Shop in Arnolds Park for many years which is still in operation. She cherished the time she spent in Okoboji.

Frances is survived by two daughters: Marie "Toni" Whannel (and her husband Jay) of Traer, Iowa, and Polly Connors of Arnolds Park; a grandson Jay Whannel Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Cedar Rapids; two great grandsons: Connor and Austin Whannel; a son-in-law Dr. Robert Shima and his wife Lee of Sierra Madre, California; and several nieces and nephews.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Cae Shima, her husband Earl and her siblings.



Obituaries

Dwayne Alan Meyer was born on May 29, 1957, in Sheldon, Iowa. He was the son of Willard and Nellie (Engeltjes) Meyer. He lived his youth in rural Sheldon and attended Sheldon Community School, graduating from Sheldon High School in 1975. He graduated from NCC in Sheldon with a truck and diesel degree.

He married Cathy Miller of Fostoria, Iowa, on October 9, 1987, at the First Reformed Church in Sheldon. They lived in Sheldon where Dwayne worked at John Deere as a mechanic. They moved to Fostoria where he was employed at John Deere. Dwayne and Cathy later divorced.

Dwayne worked at Midland Transportation as a truck driver until they sold the business. He was then employed at John Deere in Spencer, Iowa. He later worked at Anderson Grain, based out of Everly, Iowa as a truck driver, transporting grain.

Dwayne enjoyed camping with his family, country western dancing, auctions, swap meets, tractor pulls, and old cars. He restored a 1929 Model A into a street rod, brought it to car shows and won a lot of trophies. Dwayne especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was a member of the First Reformed Church in Sheldon. He passed away on Friday, January 16, 2015, at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Those left to cherish his memories are his son: Kyle and wife Sara Meyer of Milford, Iowa, and their children, Evan and Kyra; daughter: Jessica Meyer of Spirit Lake, IA and her daughter Karlie; stepson: Heath Miller of Fostoria, IA and his children, Damion and Chasity; 2 brothers and sister-in-law: Gary and Judy Meyer of Granville, IA and Loren Meyer of Sheldon, IA; sister and brother-in-law: Charlyn and Brian Woelber of Sheldon, IA; relatives and friends. Online Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to www.adoringatuneralhome.com

He was preceded in death by his parents.



Obituaries

William "Bill" Hoffmeyer, age 80, of Milford, Iowa, formerly of Petersburg, Minnesota, passed away Friday, January 9, 2015, at the Milford Care Center, Milford, Iowa.

Bill was born at his parents' farm home near Huntington, Iowa, on August 9, 1934, to Floyd and Harriett, also known as "Holly," (Stam) Hoffmeyer. He was the oldest of five siblings, three boys and two girls.

Bill graduated from Jackson High School in Jackson, Minnesota, in 1952. He immediately enlisted and served his country in the Air Force for twelve years. While stationed in Shreveport, Louisiana, he met and married Era Nelwyn Plunkett on May 13, 1955. While in the service, Bill and Era lived in Louisiana, Idaho and Colorado. In 1964, they made their home in Burnsville, Minnesota, until 1995.

Bill earned his Masters Degree in Academic Instruction from the University of Colorado in 1960. He worked for Northwestern Bell for 25 years, most of those years as an instructor, before retiring. While in the Air Force, he developed a love for flying. He continued with his pilot education and earned his commercial pilot's certification. He continued to fly for recreation throughout his life.

Bill and Era enjoyed travel, both in the U.S. and abroad, and were able to do so extensively. For many years they owned a vacation home at Lake Mille Lacs, Minnesota, which gave Bill the opportunity to indulge in his other loves of hunting, fishing, boating and photography.

Bill always considered the Jackson/Petersburg area to be his home and after his father passed away in 1994, he purchased his parents' property in Petersburg and built their retirement home. Bill kept active volunteering with the Sheriff's Reserves and Lions Club in Jackson, Minnesota. He was a member of Union State Line Lutheran Church in Petersburg and also served on the Council.

Everyone who knew Bill found him to be a genuinely likable and kind person with an ability to converse and connect with anyone he met. He always maintained a gracious manner, even temper, a wonderful sense of humor and a positive attitude. He is loved by many family and friends and our lives have been better for having known him.

Bill is survived by two sisters: Sandra Mixell of Fulda, Minnesota; Joy Zweibahmer and her husband, Chuck, of Milford; sister-in-law, Barbara (Lonnies) Hoffmeyer, of Estherville, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Era, who passed away on May 11, 2013; his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Merritt and Evelyn (Evie) Hoffmeyer, Sherburn, Minnesota; and a brother, Lonnie Hoffmeyer, Estherville.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held in March, 2015. Details to be announced. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home, in Spirit Lake, is in charge of the Arrangements.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

We want to thank organizations, individuals and the Spirit Lake Community for their generosity and support of the Lakes Area Senior Center. Remembering others is truly the joy and spirit of the season.

Participants in the Decorate a Tree contest is always a highlight for the holiday season at the Lakes Area Senior Center. We had some beautiful trees displayed for our open house on Sunday, December 14. Those participating were: Gentiva Hospice, Birthday Club, Echo Plus, Hilltop Care Center, Leona Simpson (representing Special Olympics) and R&A Enterprise. You deserve a big "Thank You", for your creativity and efforts. Winning 1st prize was Leona Simpson and 2nd prize went to R&A Enterprise. Thanks goes to Ann Olson, Arlene Gray, and Sue Johnson for decorating the mall tree.

We are now gearing up for Winter Games Weekend. We are hosting a Chris Cakes pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 25. There is an ad in The Lakes News Shopper, flyers posted in area businesses and Dicko will provide more information about this event. If you have questions or need tickets, call 712-336-5247.

From all of us at the Lakes Area Senior Center, we thank you and wish you a happy, healthy New Year!

Cathie Verneys • Manager



Indians Win Spencer Tournament

The Spirit Lake 8th grade team won the Spencer Tailtwister Basketball Tournament this past weekend. The Indians beat Central Lyon, Sibley-Ocheyedan and Sioux Central on their way to the championship. Pictured (front) Garrett Vugteveen, Ben Newman, Spencer Newman, Chase Kruse, Ryan Schmidt; (back row) Conner Jensen, Cameron, Greg Will, Brevin Brandt and Mason McCaffrey. Spirit Lake is coached by Roland Schmidt and Doug Dau.



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Pioneers Win MOC Tournament

The Okoboji 7th Grade Maroon OYBA team won the MOC-Floyd Valley Booster Club Tournament this past weekend held in Orange City. The Pioneers defeated the Sioux City Storm, Unity Christian and then the hosts MOC-Floyd Valley in the title game. Pictured (front) Jamison Helmers, Joe Stein, Jake Halbur and Tyler Adams; (back) Kyle Martin, Jake Olson, Lucas Bossard and Matt Wintz. Okoboji is coached by John Adams, Jeremy Helmers, Rich Martin and Dave Stein.



OKOBOJI Okoboji Athletic Booster Club

The Okoboji Athletic Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00pm in the media center at Okoboji High School. All parents of Okoboji athletes are invited and encouraged to attend.



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Okoboji Foundation 2015 Grant Application Available Online

The Okoboji Foundation's annual Grant Application for Vital Capital Projects in the Lakes Community is available online at www.okobojifoundation.org. Application deadline is March 1, 2015.

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*Youth In Philanthropy Initiative: The Okoboji Foundation involves approximately 25 students from Okoboji and Spirit Lake high schools annually in Youth in Philanthropy. This initiative empowers and challenges youth to identify community needs while building a sense of social responsibility. Students raise funds to make their own grants steered by student decision.

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White On Fall Dean's List

Mount Mercy University has announced that Sarah White, of Peterson, Iowa, has been placed on the 2014 Fall semester dean's list. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.60 or higher on a 4.0 scale.



Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before their eighteenth birthday. Darkness to Light Stewards of Children is a prevention training that empowers and educates adults how to prevent, recognize and react to child sexual abuse. It is especially helpful for youth serving organizations, churches and parents in that it offers tools to talk to your children about this important topic and teaches safety measures you can put in to place in your homes, organizations, and communities.

All adults are invited to attend a free community training on Tuesday, February 3 from 6:00-8:15pm at the Spencer Public Library or Wednesday, February 4 from 9:30-11:45am at the Spirit Lake Public Library, 712 16th Street. For more information or to register for the training please contact Kristi Neumann (Sexual Abuse Prevention Education Specialist from CAASA) at kristin@caasaonline.org or 712-732-8120.



Wedding Announcement

Greg Tusa and Megan Bueltel were united in marriage on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. The wedding party included: Maid of Honor-Dastinee Vancura, Bridesmaids- Alison Bueltel, Elizabeth Tusa, Amanda Bueltel, Best Man- Brad Tusa, Groomsmen- Aaron Wallace, Nathan Schulz, Cody Kraus, Usher- John Milbrath, Ring Bearers- Gavin and Caden Tusa. A reception was held at the Estherville Elks Lodge following the ceremony.

Both graduated from South Dakota State University and reside near Alpha, MN. Greg is currently farming near Alpha and Megan is a grain marketer with Ag Partners in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Parents of the couple are Loren and Marilyn Tusa of rural Alpha, Minnesota, and Jeff and Sandi Bueltel of rural Superior, Iowa.

The couple wishes to thank all of their family and friends who helped them celebrate their special day.



ILCC Foundation's Kossuth County Golf Outing

Golf enthusiasts are invited to attend the Iowa Lakes Community College's Kossuth County Scholarship Golf Outing set for Friday, June 5. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m., followed by a noon shotgun start. A short awards program follows play.

The event features an 18-hole, four-person team best-shot tournament format at Spring Valley Golf Course. Participants have the opportunity to take part in games, contests and raffles throughout the afternoon to help raise scholarship funds. All proceeds benefit scholarships for students residing in Kossuth County attending Iowa Lakes Community College.

Area businesses or individuals wishing to sponsor or golf this event should call the Foundations Office at 800-242-5106 ext. 4425 or email events@iowalakes.edu. Early registration deadline is May 15, 2015.

Free FAFSA and Scholarship Assistance Provided At ILCC

The best advice for families of students attending college this fall is to start right now in completing financial aid and scholarship applications. Iowa Lakes Community College will help speed up the process with several free sessions.

Open computer labs with financial aid staff available to help with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and scholarships will be available in February at all campuses of Iowa Lakes.

Federal student loans, work study, some private loans and many scholarships, are not available without filing FAFSA. Filing delays mean less chance of getting many sources of aid, often given out on a first-come, first-served basis or with specific deadlines. Many scholarships not only have specific deadlines but also require completion of the FAFSA before the deadline.

Computer labs in Algona, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spencer and Spirit Lake are scheduled to be available to both new and returning students for FAFSA and scholarship application completion as follows:

- Monday, February 16 Estherville, Room 450 2 - 4:30pm
- Tuesday, February 17 Spirit Lake 1 - 4pm
- Wednesday, February 18 Spencer 1 - 4pm
- Friday, February 20 Emmetsburg, Room 110 1 - 4pm
- Saturday, February 21 Emmetsburg, Room 110 9am - 1pm
- Monday, February 23 Algona 1 - 4pm
- Tuesday, February 24 Spencer 1 - 4pm
- Wednesday, February 25 Emmetsburg, Room 110 8 - 10:30am
- Thursday, February 26 Estherville, Room 450 2 - 4:30pm

If 2014 taxes are completed, bring them; otherwise estimated numbers can be used at this time. Bring identification information and FAFSA PIN (if already obtained).

Nominees Sought For Jim Hall Outstanding ILCC Alumni Award

The Iowa Lakes Community College Alumni & Friends Association is once again seeking nominations for the 23rd annual Jim Hall Outstanding Alumni Award. This award is presented annually at spring commencement to prior graduates of Iowa Lakes who exemplify outstanding support for community, business, school, service clubs, etc.

The Iowa Lakes Alumni & Friends Association established the Jim Hall Outstanding Alumni Award in 1992. Hall was a 1968 alumnus of Iowa Lakes who died in 1991. He was a strong supporter of the college and enjoyed being an assistant football coach at Iowa Lakes.

Past recipients of the award include: Dr. Judy Reinking of Algona; Kathy Preston of Armstrong, Ronald Smith of Dolliver; Marcie Frevert of Emmetsburg; Larry Sundall, Bob Gremis, John S. Walz, Pat Hall, Alan Blum, Linda Heldt, Rick Olesen, Darin Moeller and John Wittneben of Estherville; Herman Richter, Dean Luchtel, and Greg Stevens of Milford; Marian Brunsvold and Jack Tatman of Spirit Lake; Bruce Hertzke of Forest City; Dana Holland of Ottumwa; Erica Tonsfeldt Volker of Papillion, Neb.; M.C. Gill of Pasadena, Calif.; Dr. L.T. Donovan of St. Paul, Minn.; Bridget Breen of Sioux City; and, Robert (Rob) Jacobs of Hartley.

Those wishing to name a deserving candidate may send a nomination to the Iowa Lakes Alumni & Friends Association, 19 South 7th Street, Estherville, IA 51334; fax to 712-362-0480; e-mail to TonyCondon@iowalakes.edu or submit online by visiting www.iowalakes.edu (click on Alumni & Foundations then Alumni & Friends then Jim Hall Outstanding Alumni Award and look on the left side of the computer screen for the Jim Hall Nomination form.) All nominations must be received by Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Offered

The Dickinson County Extension and Outreach office will be offering a Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instructional Course (P-CIC) for private pesticide applicators Tuesday January 27th at the Spirit Lake Community Building. The course runs from 9:30 to 11:30am with registration beginning at 9:15am.

The registration fee is \$20.00. To pre-register or obtain additional information about the P-CIC program, contact Janet Neppel at the Dickinson County Extension Office Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm by phoning 712-336-3488.

The continuing instructional course is for private pesticide applicators that chose to renew their certifications by CIC, and has been approved by IDALS.

Additional information for this program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PME/.



Chad Elliott Live At West O Beer

Award-winning Iowa songwriter Chad Elliott will perform at West O Beer in Milford at 7:00pm on January 23, 2015, with special guest J. Jeffrey Messerole opening.

Chad Elliott, winner of the Iowa Blues Challenge, performs a mix of Americana, blues and roots music including original songs. He has performed over 200 shows in the past 12 months, logging miles crisscrossing the nation from Utah to New York and as far south as Texas.

Elliott is currently working on his 20th original album, "Wreck and Ruin." He's been busy traveling to Nashville to record with producer/drummer Ken Coomer, of Wilco and Uncle Tupelo, and expects to release the album in the fall of 2015.

To learn more about Chad Elliott visit, www.chadelliott.net. EPK: www.sonicbids.com/chadelliott Radio Stations: Download radio-ready tracks free at <http://airplaydirect.com/chadelliott>.

Hallgren Named Executive Director At Bridge View Center

Steve Peters, president of VenuWorks, is pleased to announce Scott Hallgren as the new Executive Director of the VenuWorks-managed, Bridge View Center following City Council approval last night.

With the decision of the Clay County Fair Board to self-operate, we had the opportunity to move Scott to another VenuWorks-managed facility. He did a great job at the Events Center and we are happy to keep him in the VenuWorks family."

Hallgren will begin his new duties on March 9. He goes to Ottumwa from VenuWorks-managed Clay County Regional Events Center in Spencer, Iowa where he served for 10 years as General Manager. Over the years, Hallgren booked several national acts and tours at CCREC including, Ringling Brothers Circus and Bill Cosby with these shows selling out: Larry the Cable Guy, Mannheim Steamroller, Miranda Lambert and WWE - World Wrestling Entertainment. He has served on numerous boards and in leadership positions while in Spencer including the Rotary Club, NW Iowa Down Syndrome Society and the First English Lutheran Church.

"It has been a true honor and privilege to serve as the manager of the Events Center and to serve this community," said Hallgren. "I am proud of everything we've accomplished over the years, and I believe we have very successfully met our top two goals for this venue - #1 goal to improve the quality of life for residents of Spencer and Clay County and #2 goal to provide economic impact back into this community."

"It was great to receive the news that Scott had found another position in the VenuWorks family," said Jeremy Parsons, Clay County Fair General Manager. "We have enjoyed our relationship with Scott over the years and recognize the work done by him and the local VenuWorks staff and their commitment to our community."

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Spirit Lake Library News

The Spirit Lake Public Library invites children birth through preschool and their parents or caregivers to a storytime series meeting each Thursday in January. Two sessions are available: at 9:30 and 11:00am each week. The overall theme for this series is 'Lost and Found'. Each 30-40 minute session includes songs, fingerplays, stories and a simple craft on the topic. You are invited to sign up ahead for the whole series but walk-ins are always welcome. Call the library at 712-336-2667 to sign up. You can also check out our website at slpublib.weebly.com. See you there.



Officers from Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 of the Knights of Columbus present a check to Cherish House employees for the purchase of baby cribs for teenage new mothers. Pictured are Paul Katfey, Knights of Columbus Recorder; Warren Jager, Thee Garage Sale Store Manager; Jon Pausley, Cherish House Executive Director; Jim Miller, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight; and John Steinkamp, Knights of Columbus Trustee.

Spirit Lake K Of C Omelets For Cherish House Baby Cribs

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 of the Knights of Columbus decided at its annual Christmas party that all funds received at its recent omelet breakfast would be dedicated to the Cherish House to purchase baby cribs for its teen girl new parents.

Knights of Columbus officers presented the check to Jon Pausley, Cherish House Executive Director, and Warren Jager, Thee Garage Sale store manager, at Cherish House Friday morning.

Cherish House offers a warm, compassionate home for the young lady who is pregnant and needs to sort out options for herself and for her baby. Pre-natal care and counseling for both parenting and placement for adoption are available. Each young lady also receives training in parenting and in other life skills.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.8 million members in more than 14,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated 69 million volunteer hours and \$151 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth. Its dedication to preserving the culture of life from birth until death fits well with the compassionate care offered by Cherish House.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 sponsors other events including the Soccer Shootout and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, which will be February 10 at Spirit Lake Middle School. They also run the Soup and Pie Supper in November, and the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, benefiting local organizations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The Second Annual Mini-Dance Marathon was held Jan. 2, 2015, at Spirit Lake High School. Dance Marathon raises funds and awareness for Children's Miracle Network. All of our funds are sent to University of Iowa Children's Clinic and Hospital. This year the total raised in one evening was \$1847.54. After two events, we have raised over \$3600 for CMN. We have created an opportunity for SLHS kids to better understand and support families fighting battles.

Three local families shared about their experiences as pediatric patients at the University of Iowa Clinics. Those sharing times are what bring such meaning to the event and we appreciate the McKim, Laven, and Fisher families giving us insight about the impact CMN has had on their lives. Four fleece blankets were created and will be sent, along with a message from SLHS, to patients at the hospital.

Music, fun, and food are all part of the 5 hour celebration. We appreciated support from SLHS Alumni, Jack Goodlaxson and Anna Pringnitz who represented ISU Dance Marathon. Generous donations were provided by Pizza Ranch, Central Bank and Central Insurance, Custom Creations, Hey, Good Cookies and The Three Sons. KUOO, Mr. Brock Holman, Mr. Gary Heady, student leaders and their families all helped make our event a success, once again.

SLHS Dance Marathon is off to a great start in our community. Thanks to all for your contributions. Please continue your enthusiasm and support "for the kids."

Alex Pringnitz • SLHS Dance Marathon



U of O Winter Games Flag Football Tournament

Back by popular demand, no pads or helmet necessary! University of Okoboji Winter Games Flag Football is back on the schedule this year and will take place in front of Parks Marina on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Tournament play will begin promptly at 8:00am on the frozen waters of East Lake Okoboji in front of Parks Marina. Pre-registration is required and participation is limited to the first 16 teams to sign up. Teams are encouraged to register early to ensure a spot in this fun-filled frozen event!

Also new to the 35th edition of the University of Okoboji Winter Games, Human Dog Sled Races at Parks Marina. Visit www.parksmarina.com for more information on this "howling" good time.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Chamber or found on www.uofowintergames.com. Please call The Chamber at 712.332.2107 with questions. Thank you to Parks Marina for sponsoring this fun and freezing U of O Winter Games tournament!

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Kiwanis Soup And Pie Dinner

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Enjoy chili or vegetable beef soup and homemade pie while listening to the OHS Jazz band. The price is \$6 for adults and \$3 for school-aged children. The proceeds go to the OHS Band Parents.

Diabetic Support Group

Marcia Young will present a program from the Diabetes Forecast Magazine. Diabetes Forecast Magazine is an informative source of information for understanding and managing a disease that affects the whole body and the whole family. Knowledge is power that motivates to a healthier attitude and body. With the power of knowledge, diabetes care can be focused on inspiring, encouraging, and making life better while "taking over the management of the pancreas".

The local diabetic support group meeting led by local patient facilitator, Marcia Young, is open to anyone dealing with diabetes, spouse, family members, or friend.

The presentation will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015, at 7:00pm in the Big Spirit Room in Lakes Regional Healthcare's Education Center, on the hospital's lower level. Admission is free and beverages will be provided.

Peoples Art Project Announces Location Change

Still expect the appearance of a giant, 160-foot snail during the Peoples Environmental Art Project during the 35th annual Winter Games. "However, it will be a land species, not an aquatic species," explained Jane Shuttleworth, Lakeside Lab Environmental Education and People Project Coordinator.

Due to this year's fragile ice conditions, the event is being relocated off the ice at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory to an open field next to the First Lutheran Church in Milford.

"Fortunately, this is not a big logistical change," said Chad Branham, the 2015 Art Director. "Participants had already been asked to meet and park at the First Lutheran Church to take a shuttle bus to Lakeside Lab. This way, we will not need to bus participants."

"We will miss being on the ice, but this way everyone will be safe," added Judy Hemphill who will be photographing participants from a plane in the sky.

Now in its eighth year, this year's image of a giant snail was designed by Ruth Wolterstorff of Ocheyedon from over a dozen entries submitted by the public.

To participate, persons should dress warmly and meet at 11:00am Saturday, January 24, at the First Lutheran Church parking lot, located on 1525 Cross Road next to Highway 86 and one mile west of the junction of Highways 86 and 71 in Milford. "We will rope off a staging area, and once everyone is counted my wife Marta Barnard and I will lead people into the design," said Chad. Once the design is filled, Chad will use a secret signal to summon photographer Judy Hemphill to photograph the image from above from inside a plane.

Following the picture taking, participants are invited to warm up in the Lutheran Church where Okoboji Middle School TAG students will be selling soups and treats. Participants will also be eligible to win raffle prizes while waiting for photographer Hemphill to land from the sky and share the images. Prints of this and previous years' events will be for sale and order.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but not mandatory. Those who pre-register are eligible for a 20% discount on the 2015 photo. Volunteers are also needed to help and will receive a free photo in exchange. To pre-register or volunteer, persons are asked to send a message with the first and last name of each person in their party to friendsoflakesidelab@gmail.com by noon on Friday, January 23.

The event is free, thanks to sponsors the Friends of Lakeside Lab, Iowa Lakeside Laboratory and Beck Engineering. Project organizers especially thank the First Lutheran Church for being flexible with the weather and change of plans.

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Why Men Hate Church Explored At Lifetree Café

The trend of most men avoiding church will be considered at Lifetree Café on Sunday, January 25, 2015, at 6:30pm.

The program, titled "Why Men Hate Church: An Open Forum on the Male Exodus," features a filmed interview with author and church analyst David Murrow.

"Men don't hate Jesus, but they do hate the mechanics of going to church," says Murrow, who points out that a typical church doesn't appeal to male values. "If church was a show on TV, it would be on the Oprah network."

Participants will have the opportunity to talk about both the reasons for and consequences of men abandoning church involvement.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at The Center in the Lake Center Mall in Arnolds Park; 66 N. Highway 71, #2.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Kelli Achenbach at 712-332-5698 or lifetreerekoboji@yahoo.com.

Applicants Sought For Healthcare Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the college financial aid programs administered through Spencer Hospital: the Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship, Adam J. Anderson Scholarship, as well as the Cornwall Loan Program. All programs are designed to help area students pursue healthcare careers.

The Shine scholarship fund annually awards funds to persons who have completed at least one semester of a nursing or allied health program, such as radiology, therapy programs (respiratory care, speech, physical or occupational), medical technology, laboratory tech, paramedic training, pharmacy, etc. These programs are not intended to fund individuals pursuing a degree in medicine, dentistry, physician assistance or veterinary science. The Anderson scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons living in the Spencer area to pursue education and training to become a certified EMS provider (EMT-B through EMT-P).

Ben Shine was a long-time trustee of the Spencer Hospital Board. His wife, Ernestine Shine, was active in the hospital auxiliary and served as president of that organization. The Shines recognized the importance of quality health care for their community and were actively involved in maintaining a quality and progressive hospital. One effort toward achieving this goal was the establishment of the Shine Scholarship.

The Ruth Cornwall Loan Program was created by Wilson Cornwall in memory of his wife, Ruth, who had received quality hospital care and later home care from Spencer Hospital during an extended illness. The Cornwall family wished to help local people interested in receiving healthcare education. To accomplish this, a low-interest loan program was created.

114 loans have been granted since 1977. During that time over \$113,825 has been loaned to area people involved in health education programs.

The Adam J. Anderson Scholarship was created by Duane Anderson and Marcia Anderson Taylor in memory of their son Adam who died in January, 2001, of cancer. Adam had worked as a volunteer on the Terril ambulance crew after graduating from Iowa Lakes Community College and later took a job as an EMT for Spencer Hospital. According to his mother, Adam's goal was to obtain his paramedic certification and he was accepted into paramedic school in August 2000; however, his illness had progressed so much he was unable to attend. The scholarship is intended to honor Adam's memory and his spirit, and to enable others to fulfill the dream to be of service to others as paramedics.

The application deadline for both the Shine and Anderson Scholarship and Cornwall Loan is March 31, 2015. Recipients will be notified of their award in April. Students interested in applying for the scholarship or loan program should contact Danelle Stumbo, Human Resource Development Director at Spencer Hospital, 712-264-6623.

Winter Games Rock the Roof

Mark your calendars for the University of Okoboji Winter Games Rock the Roof presented by the Iowa RockNRoll Music Association (IRRMA).

On Friday night of the three-day weekend celebration, IRRMA will host the dance/show in The Pavilion at Arnolds Park from 7:30 to 10:00pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm on Friday, January 23.

Opening the show will be the winners of the 2014 Battle of the Bands, Black Diamond from Carroll. These young people love to perform and are looking forward to returning to the Lakes Region to be part of IRRMA's event during Winter Games.

Sly James & the New City Council will headline the show and dance. Though the name may not sound familiar, the players are. South Dakota and Iowa Hall of Fame Inductee Kevin King (Hot Rod Chevy Key) from Des Moines leads this talented group of musicians. On bass guitar and vocals will be Hall of Famer Shane Von Holdt from Sac City. Spirit Award winner Tyler Pedersen (BB & the Bullfrogs) is the drummer/vocalist.

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Glenn Henriksen To Present Winter Games Show

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This fresh new show will feature Glenn's own arrangements and performances on the red piano. Glenn is excited to perform at the Sami Center and emphasizes that "this will be unlike his shows you may have ever seen before."

Glenn Henriksen is an accomplished, versatile pianist and organist. He began piano lessons at age seven, and continued through high school. At age thirteen, he became the organist at his hometown church. Glenn attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and received further musical instruction. In the years following, he played for a wide variety of events, including solo piano and organ concerts, church services, weddings, funerals, receptions and other social events. Glenn's repertoire includes a variety of styles. Glenn is also a seasoned accompanist, providing services to many vocalists and instrumentalists. He is a member of the variety rock band Galaxy. Glenn's lifetime experience in many musical genres has enabled him to develop a unique musical style, resulting in one-of-a-kind improvised arrangements. Glenn resides in both Spirit Lake and Armstrong, Iowa.

General admission tickets are \$15 and are available online at www.samicenter.org or at the Sami Center box office at 712-336-3707, ext. 6500.

Okoboji Jazz Band Earns 2nd Place At ICCCT Triton Jazz Fest

The Okoboji High School Jazz Band won 2nd place in Class 2A at the Iowa Central Community College Jazz Band Contest in Fort Dodge on Friday, January 16. First place in Class 2A went to South Central Calhoun and third place was Alta-Aurelia. Outstanding soloist award winners from Okoboji were Emma Myhre and Hannah Roberts on tenor sax, Dalton Adams and Tom Mayer on trombone, Austin Kolegraff on bass, and Britany Kolbeck on drums. The eight bands in Class 2A were South East Valley, East Sac, Pocahontas Area, Alta-Aurelia, Okoboji, South Central Calhoun, Manson Northwest Webster, and Fort Dodge St. Edmond.

OHS & OMS Jazz Bands perform at the Kiwanis Soup & Pie Dinner at the OHS cafeteria on Sunday, January 25, and then travel to LeMars to compete in the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters' Jazz Festival at LeMars High School on Monday, February 16. The District Jazz contest at LeMars is the NW Iowa qualifying contest for high school bands for the Iowa Jazz Championships. Other upcoming high school jazz festivals include the Morningside Jazz Festival on Thursday, February 5, and the Lewis and Clark Jazz Festival at Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City on Tuesday, February 24.

Northwest Iowa Artisans Road Trip 2015 Call To Artists

Applications for the Northwest Iowa Artisans Road Trip October 10 - October 11, 2015, studio tour are now available. The application can be downloaded at www.artisansroadtrip.com.



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Interesting People: Lexy Determan

By *Kaleigh Moore* • Published in *The Source*

Lexy Determan serves as both the Head Softball Coach and the Sports Information Director at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, and is a formidable softball player herself. Originally from Terri, Jacksonville has been an easy adjustment and has "everything she needs."



As a softball player, she had an outstanding prep career in high school where she was a starter and on the All State team, while also participating as an athlete in volleyball, track, and basketball.

In college, she broke the strikeout record at Northwestern College with 261 strikeouts and was on a team with 21 season wins. After transferring to Luther College, her team made two trips to the NCAA Division III National Championships and she broke another strikeout record at Luther during her senior year.

Before coming to MacMurray, Determan served for two years at the Assistant Softball Coach at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. That team finished in fourth place at the USCAA National Championships and included a 1st Team USCAA All-American player in 2013.

After later seeking a position as a head softball coach, MacMurray became her new home. Now at MacMurray for two years, Determan says, "My life is pretty much softball and my dog, Dottie." When she's not coaching, she's helping recruit players and working to get press for MacMurray sporting events through traditional and social media.

Being new to the college and the community, her fellow head coaches and MacMurray staff have served as both mentors and friends. "No matter what I've had a question on, they've all been great help," she said. "I've loved meeting people through Triple Threat Crossfit, too."

While the job can sometimes be time-consuming, Determan doesn't seem to mind a bit. Fall is the busy season when you'll find her buzzing around campus or out on the softball field. "I love getting a chance to know all the student athletes—not just the softball players," she said. "That's one of the benefits of being the Sports Information Director."

In the future, Determan hopes to help make the MacMurray softball team more competitive. This year, they were picked to take 10th place, but claimed 7th at the end of the season. "I want to build on that," she said. It's her goal to make MacMurray's softball team improve each and every year.

While she continues to work toward her masters in sports psychology, she remains as devoted as ever to her "MacFam." Under her expert guidance, the softball team is sure to have an excellent (and interesting) leader at their disposal.

ILCC Hosts Jazz Band Contest

The annual Jazz Band Contest for area high schools will be Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 21 and 22. Fifteen schools will travel to Estherville to perform and compete for first, second and third place ratings in four classes. Each band will also be given valuable feedback from experienced judges. Classes 1A and 3A perform on Wednesday, and classes 2A and 4A on Thursday. The performance schedule for the Jazz Band Contest is listed below. All performances take place in the Iowa Lakes Community College gymnasium.

There is no admission fee for this event and the public is invited to attend. Please contact Linda Kautz, 712-362-8345, or check the Iowa Lakes website at www.iowalakes.edu for more details.

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ILCC Alumni & Friends Association Hosts Tailgate

Join the Iowa Lakes Alumni & Friends Association for a Tailgate Event on Saturday, January 31. Pack the gym and receive a free temporary tattoo from the Iowa Lakes Volleyball Team.

The 12:30pm Tailgate will be held at the Iowa Lakes gym in Estherville in conjunction with the Men's and Women's basketball contests against Southwestern Community College.

Enjoy Woody's Pizza, a dessert bar and a drink for \$5. Alumni & Friends members eat free. Non-members can join the Association at the event and their meal will be free as well. All Iowa Lakes Alumni & Friends members have a chance to win one of two \$25 Gift Certificates to the Iowa Lakes Campus Store.

The Alumni & Friends Association will also host a Duck Toss game during half-time of the Men's game. Ducks will be sold for \$2 each or three for \$5. Each successfully dunked duck wins a prize.

For more information about the Alumni & Friends Association or the Tailgate Event contact the Iowa Lakes Institutional Advancement/Foundations office at 712-362-0491 or email events@iowalakes.edu.

Birthday Announcement

Bonnie Harris is celebrating her 90th birthday on January 22nd. She would enjoy hearing from friends and family. Wishes may be sent to: 48 Dam Road, Arnolds Park, Iowa, 51331.



More than twenty girls and boys ages 9 to 14 participated in the 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship last weekend, and ten earned the right to compete at the District level. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 in Spirit Lake sponsored the local competition at Spirit Lake High School, which drew kids from Spirit Lake, Okoboji, Milford and Lake Park.

The 9-year-old winner in the boys' division was Cade Hasel and the 10-year-old winner was Ethan Backhaus. Ella Stoll was the 11-year-old girls' champion and Max McCaffery won the boys' bracket. Maggie Bramhall championed the 12-year-old girls' division and Max Bower represented the boys. The 13-year-old winners were Ella Skinner on the girls' side and Jaden Rueter for the boys. Rounding out the competition was the 14-year-old girls' division, won by Cameron Quance, while the boys' champion was Ryan Schmidt.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts for the Council level championship.

Every participant received a recognition certificate. Each winner received a plaque and certificate, and is eligible to compete in the District competition February 8, at Spirit Lake High School, with an eye toward moving to the Regionals at St. Mary's High School in Remsen, then State and then International. Spirit Lake's Kaisha Brown won the international level competition several years ago.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.8 million members in more than 14,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated 70 million volunteer hours and \$167 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043, based at Spirit Lake's St. Mary's Parish, sponsors annual events including the Free Throw Championship and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, slated for February 10 at Spirit Lake Middle School. They also run the Soup and Pie Supper in November, and the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting local organizations.

Winter Games Chili Cook Off Entry Forms Available

Entry forms for the REMAX Lakes Realty Chili Cook Off are now available online at www.uofowintergames.com or in the Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce office in Arnolds Park. This delicious event is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd from 5:00 - 7:00pm at the Dickinson County Expo Building in Spirit Lake.

Chili Cook Off teams are asked to furnish at least 10-gallons of their special recipe chili, warmers, ladles, extension cords and decorate their serving area. All members of the community are invited to participate, yet due to space constraints we are limited to 42 teams.

And this year's theme? OUTER SPACE! Dress like aliens, fashion your chili booth like a rocket ship...just have fun with the crowd. Commemorative mugs for this annual event are available for purchase at the REMAX Lakes Realty office in Spirit Lake, Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce office, The Three Sons in Milford as well as the Iowa Welcome Center in Arnolds Park. Purchase your mugs in advance to bypass lines at the event.

Prizes for the REMAX Lakes Realty Chili Cook Off will be awarded for the Best Overall Chili, Best Business, Best Non-profit and Best Booth. Winners will be announced on Saturday, January 24th during the Fireworks Extravaganza, sponsored by Danbom Lakeside Engineering and Liberty National Bank.

For more information on this and other University of Okoboji Winter Games events, please visit www.uofowintergames.com or contact Jen Johnson-Ross at 712-332-2107.

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Bean Bag Throw Tournament

Spirit Lake John W Kidd Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is hosting their 2nd Annual Bean Bag Throw Tournament in Memorial Hall Saturday, January 24th at 4pm. There will be a \$25.00 entry fee and it is first come/first serve, allowing up to 40 teams. 1st prize is \$100.00, 2nd prize is \$75.00, 3rd prize is \$50.00 and 4th prize is \$25.00. Entries can be made at VFW 918 Lake Street, Spirit Lake, behind Coca-Cola Bottling or call 712-336-9942 or 712-331-4516.

Raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing will be held during the tournament. They will be honoring a past commander, Harold Henderson. Some of Harold's family will be present to say a few words in honor. Roger and Vickie Werner will also be there sharing and selling boards and bean bags. They can create custom boards with customer's requests.

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Spirit Lake High School will be hosting the high school state Jazz Band Festival (Monday, January 26) and Vocal Jazz Festival (Monday, February 9). Volunteers are needed to make these festivals a success for the visiting schools. If interested, contact Festival Chair, Rich Nicklay, rnicklay@spiritlakescd.org, 712-336-1370, ext. 2190. Or you may sign up for the Monday, January 26 Jazz Band at <http://bit.ly/Kru7xb> and the Monday, February 9 Jazz Choir at <http://bit.ly/1dJXJ34>.

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Winter Games Pinochle Tournament

The 2015 University of Okoboji Winter Games Pinochle Card Tournament will be held Saturday, January 24 at the Spirit Lake Senior Center, 2100 Zenith Avenue. (under the Water Tower). Registration fee is \$5.00 and play starts at 9:00am, come early to register. No pre-registration or partners required, partners will be rotating. Come play for Fun and Prizes. Coffee and water will be provided, and lunch of a maid-rite, chips and a bar will be available for \$5.00 after the tournament. You can also come for lunch even if you don't play cards. These events are being sponsored by Single Spirits but you don't have to be single to come join the fun. For questions about the 500 call Shirley at 712-832-3266 and for the pinochle call Troylene at 712-320-6114.

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Bedell Family YMCA Receives Funding To Support Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

Y-Kids Before and After School Program receives HEPA Grant.

In response to a call by First Lady Michelle Obama and the Partnership for a Healthier America, the Y has expanded its long-time commitment to supporting healthy living by adopting a set of Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) standards. Based, in part, on years of research with key partners, the HEPA standards will build a healthier future for our nation's children by creating environments rich in opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity.

The Bedell Family YMCA is pleased to announce that our Y-Kids Programs received a 2014 Overcoming Barriers to HEPA Implementation Grant. The YMCA was deemed eligible for these funds based on identified needs to meet HEPA standards for the Before and After School Program.

"The YMCA of the Okobojis is committed to addressing critical social issues that affect our community," says CEO Norman Johnson. "The Bedell Family YMCA has recognized the opportunity to impact our community youth through this program, and is excited to leverage this grant to make the healthy choice the easy, accessible choice."

The funds the YMCA received were used to purchase proper refrigeration/storage for the Okoboji Y-Kids site, allowing the program to serve fresh fruits and vegetables for daily snacks. Additional funds were used to purchase interactive and educational resources for winter indoor activity at both the Spirit Lake and Milford Y-Kids sites. A small amount of the funds were used for marketing materials for child and parent education.

The acquisition of these funds allows the Bedell Family YMCA to continue serving the youth in our community by educating and giving them the opportunity to make healthy food and lifestyle choices.



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During the session, Jones can be reached at megan.jones@legis.iowa.gov or through the House switchboard at 515-281-3221.

The swearing in ceremony of all 100 state representatives begins a week full of ceremonies, including the condition of the state address by the governor, and the condition of the judiciary address by the Iowa Supreme Court chief justice. A full slate of committee work begins as well, as bills begin the process it takes to get them to the House floor for full debate.

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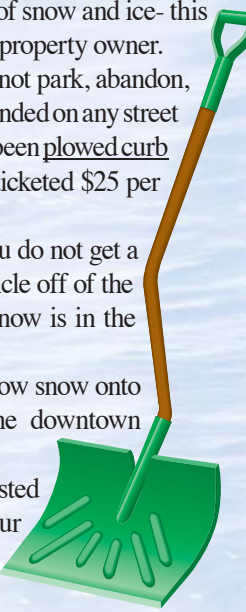
City of MILFORD NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2015

WINTER WEATHER

The winter season is upon us. Here are a few reminders to help you through the upcoming months:

- Keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice- this is the responsibility of the property owner.
- During snow removal, do not park, abandon, or leave your vehicle unattended on any street or alley until the street has been plowed curb to curb. Violators will be ticketed \$25 per offense.
- The best way to ensure you do not get a ticket is to move your vehicle off of the street if it is snowing or snow is in the forecast.
- Do not shovel, move, or plow snow onto city streets outside of the downtown area.
- Drive carefully, obey posted speed limits, and adjust your speed according to the current conditions. (Note: the speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted)



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Snowmobiles may only be operated on city streets when traveling directly to or from the nearest designated snowmobile trail on the most direct route.

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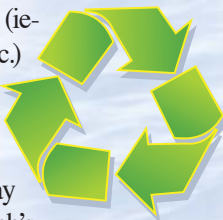
- Residential garbage collection is every Monday. Please have all garbage in blue city bags placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. If you forget to set your trash bags out, you may take them up to the public works grounds located near the intersection of 17th Street and M Avenue Monday-Friday (7 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.). Bags may be purchased at the City Clerk's Office and Buy Rite Foods.
- If Monday falls on a city observed holiday garbage pickup will be on Tuesday.
- All regular household garbage must be placed in blue city bags. Bags should not exceed 40 pounds in weight. Tags for appliances, electronics, furniture, and other non-regular household garbage may be purchased at the City Clerk's Office.

RECYCLING

- Residential curbside recycling is the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. Plastics with symbols 1-7 are now being accepted. All items must be separated. For more details visit www.milford.ia.us and click FAQ.
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- Emergency336-2525 or 9-1-1
- Utilities (water & electric)338-2401
- Library338-4643
- Public Works Department.....330-7976
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Take Down Cancer Night

The Spirit Lake Park Wrestling Team and the AC/DC Relay for Life Team hosted the Take Down Cancer Night at the Jerry Hentges Memorial Dual Wrestling Tournament on Friday, January 9, 2015, at the Spirit Lake High School. The wrestling team offered Jerry Hentges T-shirts and the AC/DC Team sold Hentges koozies and walking tacos.

Jerry Hentges was a long time coach and official of wrestling, even reaching the state tournaments. He taught and coached at Harris-Lake Park Schools, then moved to Spirit Lake and continued as middle school counselor and coach. He took numerous SLP wrestlers to the state tournaments and helped them achieve their dreams. Jerry lost his life to cancer in December, 2010 and now we have honored him with a cancer awareness night.

The event was a huge success and many memories were shared in Jerry's honor. The AC/DC Team will host Coaches vs. Cancer on Friday, January 30, 2015, at the Spirit Lake High School.



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As we look forward to the opening of 27 additional residences in May 2015, we're excited by the opportunity to offer care to more seniors in need of assisted living services. Our expanded services will also allow us to work more closely with families to provide the best in coordinated care and—in time—become northwest Iowa's premier memory care provider. To all Keelson Harbour residents, families and dedicated staff, thank you for your patience, faith and generous support.



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Maxine Anderson, Director of Health (front-right)
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Representative Wills Sworn in To The Iowa House

Representative John Wills (R-Spirit Lake) is seen here signing the oath of office in the Iowa House chamber as the 86th General Assembly kicked off Monday at the Capitol.

During the session, Wills can be reached at john.wills@legis.iowa.gov or through the House switchboard at 515-281-3221.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:
I am writing to encourage taxpayers to contact their legislators to support the funding of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. It is important to me that we preserve our natural resources and offer a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities. I believe this is so important to the quality of life for the citizens of Iowa.

I understand that a tax increase in any form can be viewed negatively. However, as cited in the Dec. 14, 2014 Des Moines Register editorial, polls show the majority of voters are willing to pay more in taxes when they know the money is being spent on conservation and recreation. I am one of those voters.

That same editorial also stated, "An investment in our natural infrastructure is an investment in this state's economy and future." I urge our elected legislators to adopt this perspective and support funding for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

Please contact Senator David Johnson at P.O. Box 279, Ochevedan, Iowa 51354-0279, phone 712-348-2953 or email at david.johnson@legis.iowa.gov. Representative John Wills may be reached at the Statehouse: 515-281-3221, e-mail - john.wills@legis.iowa.gov. Home address: 15732 Tradewind Drive, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360, Cell: 712-330-9492. Encourage them to support the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund for Iowa's future.

Sincerely,
Gary Taber • Lake Park, Iowa

PEBC Public Programs

Prairie Ecology Bus Center (PEBC) will host the following Public Programs at the Prairie Ecology Bus Center (Sparks Park, 935 N. Highway 86, Lakefield, Minnesota). Pre-registration is required. Please call 507-662-5064 or email marilyn@ecology-bus.org

• *Return of the Reptiles:* Wednesday, January 21 from 6:30 - 8:00pm for families and adults.

Winter presents a long season of inactivity for local herps. The official term for this state in reptiles is "brumation," similar to hibernation in mammals. Discover where these animals are spending the winter months and some of the unique features they have that help them to survive and thrive. You'll be able to meet the resident reptiles of the PEBC and see for yourself what fascinating animals reptiles are!

• *PEBC's Annual Tromp, Stomp & Snowshoe Romp:* Saturday, January 31 from 1:00 - 3:30pm for all ages and families.

Enjoy life in the snow lane. Our annual snowshoe hike is here again! Snowshoeing is a great way to have fun and rediscover how to enjoy winter like a kid. Join the PEBC for a hike on the trails of Sparks Park and see the winter scenery in a whole new way. We'll top off the afternoon with a belly-warming mug of hot cocoa! Snowshoes are provided or bring your own. Snowshoes are limited so call early to register!

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LETTERS 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.

To The Editor:
Standard is defined by the Oxford dictionary as a level of quality or attainment and an idea or thing used as a measure. A decade ago, our Iowa Legislature ended local control when it comes to placement of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation, created a document called the Master Matrix to be used as a standard scoring system filled out by the producer, and shifted the regulatory burden of reviewing confinement applications to the IDNR as well as confinement inspections. Why this process does not work:

1. We elect our Board of Supervisors. They represent us. It is unrealistic to believe that what is good for one county would be good in another and this is why our Board of Supervisors should be allowed to have a voice in the placement of CAFOs.
 2. The Master Matrix does not require the producer to answer all the questions in order to get a passing score of 440 points when 880 points are possible. If you are doing the math, that is only a 50% passing score. In addition, the scoring values are construed so higher points are given to items that are easy for the producer to attain - allowing the 440 points to be met quickly and more important factors, such as the use of bio-filters to control emissions, are left unscored.
 3. The IDNR has seen large budget cuts that equate to a staffing dilemma when it comes to the inspections of CAFOs. When inspecting these facilities, the IDNR is not to go into the confinement to inspect the structure - they are limited to the outside walls and reports of problems after they happen.
- The IDNR has 30 days to review the comments and recommendations made by the County Supervisors. This is the process we are in now. While it would appear that our County has input on the proposed CAFO in Dickinson County by denying the application, the fact is that the IDNR is restricted to following the state developed Master Matrix and the County's decision does not carry much weight.
- If you believe that the Master Matrix should require a higher standard of scoring or that our locally elected officials should have a greater say in the placement of CAFOs in the county, contact our State Officials because your voice matters!
- Erica Schultes • Spirit Lake

Welcov Winter Wonderland Tea

Come out of the cold and see the snowmen on display at Welcov on Saturday, January 24th, from 1:30 to 3:30pm. The Alexander Boys will be providing the entertainment for your listening enjoyment. If you have snowmen that you would like to add to their display, please bring them prior to January 24th. You can take them home after the tea. Hope to see you there!



Start A Lifesaving Habit By Giving Blood

The American Red Cross encourages eligible blood donors to start a lifesaving habit by becoming a regular blood donor this year, starting with National Blood Donor Month in January.

January is a challenging time for blood donations. Inclement weather can result in blood drive cancellations, and cold and flu season may cause some donors to be unable to make or keep blood donation appointments. National Blood Donor Month, celebrated in January since 1970, raises awareness of the need for blood during the winter and throughout the year, while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients with any blood type. Types A and B negative can be transfused to Rh positive or negative patients.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities: January 23, 9:30am - 2:30pm at the Spencer Family YMCA, 1001 11th Avenue West, Spencer.

How to donate blood: Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Bill Reinsbach • City Of Milford Mayor

Caregiver support group

Caregiver support group will meet on Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00pm at Keelson Harbour Assisted Living in Spirit Lake. This group is open to all caregivers and they meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, please call Kelly at Respite Angels at: 712-229-6064

Rentschlers On Fall Dean's List

Gustavus Adolphus College has announced that Adriane Rentschler and Breanne Rentschler, of Lakefield, Minnesota, has been placed on the 2014 Fall semester dean's list. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.70 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Large Toy AUCTION
10:30 AM PAULLINA LEGION BUILDING
5624 Hwy 10, Paullina, IA
Location: From Casey's go 1/4 mile East on Hwy 10. Lunch will be available.
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ANOTHER QUALITY RETIREMENT FARM MACHINERY PICKUP • BACKHOE AUCTION
Saturday, January 31, 2015 • 10:30AM
2326 Tyler Ave., Hartley, IA 51346 (Auction signs will be posted)
LOCATION: From Melvin, IA - 4 miles east and 1 1/4 mile north, from Hartley, IA - 2 miles west and 8 1/4 miles north, from Ochevedan, IA - 1/2 mile south 1/2 mile east and 6 1/4 miles So.

TRACTORS & COMBINE, HEADS & HEAD MOVER: 1995 Case IH Magnum 7240 tractor w/front wheel assist, triple hydraulics, quick hitch, 18-4-46 rubber w/axle mount duals, 4,995 hours Serial #63770; 1990 Case IH Magnum 7130 tractor w/radar, w/triple hydraulics, quick hitch, 18-4-42R w/axle mount duals, 9,054 hours (new engine at 5643 hours) Serial #22109; 1977 IH 1586 tractor w/dual hydraulics, 3 point, 18-4-42 rubber w/axle mount duals, 9,388 hours Serial #13581; IH 1466 tractor with red cab, dual hydraulics, 3 point, 18-4-38 rubber w/axle mount duals, w/Farm Hand loader; 1975 Massey Ferguson 285 diesel tractor, w/Miller loader, 3 point, 18-4-34 rubber and rear weights, Serial #227258; 1941 H Farmall H tractor 12 volt w/pulleys Serial No. 91617; 1992 Case IH 1680 axial flow combine, w/wittite chaff spreader, long sieves, straw chopper, rock trap, cross flow fan, "field tracker", 3,252 hours Serial #118529; Case IH 1020 30" bean head "field tracker", 1 1/2" cut with bean saver, black plastic reel, extra sickle, Serial #325304; Massey Ferguson 8 row 30" corn head, (used on 1680 IH combine) Maurer 30" bean head mover; MF 10" head w/oats pickup; More

FARM MACHINERY, AUGER, & BOX SCRAPER: John Deere 16 row front fold 7000 planter with lots of updates & corn finger pickup, JD radial meters for beans & insecticide boxes, w/Sunco finger trash whippers, computer trak #350 monitor; Case IH 4900 38' field cultivator w/3 bar mulcher & spray kit, Case IH 496 28' tandem disk, Eight J & M wagons (350 bu.) w/gears, lights & truck tires; Killbros 475 grain cart; Westfield MK 100x61' auger 10" & 61", hydraulic lift & hopper; Ravelling 12' box scraper; 3 pt. 400 gal. (saddle tanks) sprayer w/40' boom; Saddle tanks-2 250 gal. & brackets for 7240 IH; 1500 gal. water wagon on truck frame w/pump, hoses, etc. complete; Betterbuilt 3350 honey wagon tandem axle (pump is good); Homemade 3 pt. manure pump; Three Sudenga 61' augers (8"); 31' Sudenga 8" truck auger w/7 1/2 HP electric motor; 24' Sudenga 8" truck auger w/10HP electric motor; 14' Glencoe soil saver; Loftness 3 pt. snow blower w/hydraulic spout; Lundell flail chopper; Hesston 12' pull type swather; New Holland 275 square baler; Five 16' flat beds (some with backs); 3 pt. Tonutti 5 wheel siderake; 16' bumper hitch livestock trailer; Roorda 220 bu. manure spreader; 2' bale elevator with electric motor; Gravel box w/hoist on truck frame; Two wheel trailer

4 WHEELER, TOOLS, TOOL TRAILER & MISC.: Yamaha 350 4 wheeler, ultramatic, 4 wheel drive; Bomgaars yard sprayer for 4 wheeler; 13 HP Honda pressure washer; Hydraulic press; "Snap On" 3/4" drive socket set, Large assortment of tools
PICKUP & BACKHOE: 2008 Ford F250 4 door pickup, 4 wheel drive, automatic, w/power stroke diesel engine, 20" wheels, 6 1/2' box, maroon w/ matching topper, 97,000 miles; 1993 MF Perkins diesel tractor backhoe with cab model #60HS, front wheel assist, w/shuttle transmission, joy stick, 73" bucket on loader, 26" bucket on backhoe, 1,900 hours, Serial No. 5444D8231

AUCTIONEER NOTE: Mike and Joleen are retiring from farming and have asked us to sell their farm machinery at auction. Sale order: tool trailer, misc., farm machinery, combine & heads, tractors, pickup, and backhoe. Come & enjoy the day.

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712-736-2463 or 712-348-2834
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MARTIN COUNTY, MN LAND AUCTION
160 DEEDED ACRES +/-
Thurs., February 5, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
To be held at the American Legion in Ceylon, MN.
Legal Description: NW 1/4 Section 34, Lake Belt Twp., Martin Co., MN. Located 4 miles SW of Ceylon, MN (2 miles W on Co. Rd. 8 & 2 miles S on 100th Ave).
Top producing farm w/nice acreage-4 bed home, 2 large machine sheds, & 50,000 bu. grain storage, very neat & clean.
***Acreage may be split separately.**
INSPECTION: Sat., January 24th 9AM-12PM or Tues., January 27th 3PM-5PM or by appt. Call for booklets or go to www.landservicesunlimited.com.
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LAND AUCTION
Friday, January 30, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Sale Location: American Legion, 200 Main Street, Sioux Rapids, IA

Method of Sale: Parcel A will be sold first with sale of Parcel B immediately following.

160 ACRES More or Less
Scott Township, Buena Vista County, IA

Parcel A Location: 3 miles west of Rembrandt, IA on C25 and 1 1/2 miles south on 90th Ave.

Parcel A Description: The Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Nine (9) in Township Ninety-two (92) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, IA.

Surety/AgriData Avg. CSR2: 86.4 Avg. CSRI: 75.6
Table Acres: 156 ac.
Annual Real Estate Taxes: \$3676
FSA Information:
Tillable Acres: 154.9 ac.
Corn Base: 78.6 ac. DD/CC Yield: 132/132 bu.
Soybean Base: 75.7 ac. DD/CC Yield: 31/31 bu.

80 ACRES More or Less
Scott Township, Buena Vista County, IA

Parcel B Location: 3 miles west of Rembrandt, IA on C25 and 4 miles south on 90th Ave.

Parcel B Legal Description: The West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W 1/2 NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28) in Township Ninety-two (92) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, IA.

Surety/AgriData Avg. CSR2: 88.6 Avg. CSRI: 75.3
Table Acres: 77 ac.
Annual Real Estate Taxes: \$1768
FSA Information:
Tillable Acres: 77.6 ac.
Corn Base: 38.8 ac. DD/CC Yield: 123/123 bu.
Soybean Base: 38.8 ac. DD/CC Yield: 41/41 bu.

Terms: 10% earnest money down day of sale. Balance due at closing on or before March 5, 2015. Real estate taxes to be prorated to December 31, 2014. Full possession at closing. No lease for 2015. All final bids are subject to approval of seller.

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Renew Your Wedding Vows On Valentine's Day

On Valentine's Day, Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park invites you to renew your vows. A special renewal of vows service will be held at 4:00pm, followed by a cupcake reception with time for couples to take pictures. Couples are encouraged to bring friends and family with them to celebrate love, relationship and marriage. Whether you have been married for a short time or decades, all are welcome.

This event is part of the process of saying good-bye to the old Calvary church building. The congregation is moving out of the building in May and this will be a special chance for couples to celebrate their love in this quaint little church.

Couples are asked to RSVP in the church office 712-332-2447 by February 5th. Couples can also schedule a private ceremony time with the pastor.

Alzheimer's Association Presents Know The 10 Signs

Geniva Hospice and the Alzheimer's Association presents *Know The 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters* on Wednesday, February 4 at 12:00 noon (bring your own sack lunch) at Geniva Hospice (1307 Lake Street, Spirit Lake). Registration required by calling 800-272-3900.

Know The 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters presentation provides attendees with an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's and what to do if they or someone they know has signs of the disease.

Attendees will view video footage of real people who are living with the early stages of dementia and their families addressing fears and myths associated with Alzheimer's disease. The presentation will cover the following topics:

- The 10 warning signs
- Basic overview of Alzheimer's disease
- Risk factors
- What is involved in getting a diagnosis
- Benefits of early detection including accessing availability treatment, planning for the future and participating in clinical trials

Following the video segment there will be a guided discussion led by Alzheimer's Association. All who are interested are welcome to attend this complimentary presentation.

Any questions call Jeanne at 712-279-5802.

PLAC Announces Winter/Spring Adult Workshops

Now available for registration are four exciting workshops at the Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji.

Photoshop 101 with instructor Rebecca Peters
January 27th and 29th, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Members \$35, NonMembers \$45
Deadline to Register: January 23rd
Learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop so you have the confidence to navigate the program and create works of art using your own photos! Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere where each student will be learning on their own laptop (provided by the PLAC). Sign up today, only a handful of seats available!

Valentine's Day Dance with Marta Barnard
February 14th, 2:00 – 3:00pm
\$10 per participant
Deadline to Register: February 7th
Bring your sweetie, or find one on stage! Adult dancers of all abilities are encouraged to come and dance with Marta. Try a little swing, and then do your own thing to a wide variety of music. Party party, part dance class.

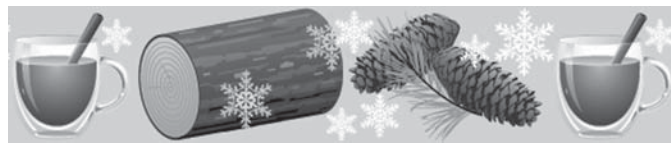
Photoshop 102 with instructor Rebecca Peters
February 24th & 26th, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Members \$45, NonMembers \$55
Deadline to Register: February 20th

Take your basic photoshop skills up to the next level so you have the confidence to do more challenging enhancements to your photos! Students will be asked to bring a series of digital photos they are interested in working on and will leave the class with a printed 8x10 copy of a completed project. *Prerequisite:* Photoshop 101.

Beginning Digital Photography with Dan Ruf
April 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 6:30-8:30pm
Fee: \$90
Deadline to Register: March 26th

Students will learn the basic principles and applications of digital photography in this course. Topics covered will include purchasing, handling, composition, design, and some digital editing. This course is open to serious amateurs who have some familiarity with their camera and editing process. In this four week course, assignments will be given. Students should have a digital camera (compact or DSLR) and some computer skills. No refunds given after deadline date.

Please stop by the Pearson Lakes Art Center, 2201 Highway 71 Okoboji, IA 51355, or call 712-332-7013 to register. For further questions regarding workshops, contact Holly Zinn, Education Director at holly@lakesart.org. www.lakesart.org



Dickinson SWCD Foundation Announces Scholarship Availability

The Dickinson SWCD Foundation announces the availability of a \$500 scholarship that will be presented to Dickinson County Graduating High School Seniors. This scholarship is to be used for the first year of education on the college or vocational school level.

The District Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, is offered for any field of conservation or agriculture and in addition, the winning application will be forwarded to compete in the Conservation Districts of Iowa's (CDI) Annual Scholarships. CDI funds 6 regional awards of \$600 each and state level awards in the amount of \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. The applicant needs to submit two (2) typed copies of their application and must use the 2015 application form.

High school seniors must submit their applications to the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District no later than Monday, February 16, 2015.

Applications can be obtained from the High School Counselors at Harris-Lake Park, Okoboji, Spirit Lake or Graettinger/Terrill High Schools, or by contacting the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District at the USDA Service Center in Spirit Lake at 3302 18th Street, by calling 712-336-3782, ext. 3, or e-mail: maxine.butler@ia.nacdnet.net



Fourth Graders who participated in last year's Knights of Columbus Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 Spelling Bee show off their certificates of participation.

K Of C To Hold Spelling Bee

Area boys and girls in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 are welcome to compete in the 2015 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is sponsoring the always-entertaining contest February 10 at the Spirit Lake Middle School music room. On-site registration – requiring a parent's signature – will begin at 3:30pm in the hallway outside the Music Room at Spirit Lake Middle School.

Fourth graders will begin competing promptly at 4 p.m., with other grade levels to follow. The top speller and an alternate in each grade will then be eligible to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee at Le Mars Gehlen Catholic School later that month. The first and second place contestants in the regional competition may advance to the state level.

Students can prepare for the competition by accessing the spelling lists at <http://iowakofc.org/pages/spelling-bee>. Students from the other area school districts are invited to participate.

Any questions may be directed to Jim Miller, Grand Knight, at 605-480-5327, or Paul Katzfey, Recorder, at 712-330-6371.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.8 million members in more than 14,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated 70 million volunteer hours and \$167 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 sponsors annual events including the Free Throw Competition and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. They also run the Soup and Pie Supper in November, and the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting local organizations.

Students Graduate From ILCC

Iowa Lakes Community College held its Summer Commencement ceremony in late July on the Emmetsburg campus.

The keynote student speaker was Kerry Belgrave, a Massage Therapy student who received his diploma during the ceremonies. He was introduced by Janet Gentle, Massage Therapy instructor.

The Kibbie Outstanding Service Award recipients were also announced that evening. Three students - Jeremy McDevitt, Tyler Lecy and Trenton Meiners - were officially recognized for their service to the college and community.

Individuals who would like to know more about Iowa Lakes may visit the college Web site at www.iowalakes.edu.

The following students were among the graduates of ILCC:

- **Armstrong, IA:** Andria Taylor **#, Associate in Applied Science, Surgical Technology
- **Arnolds Park, IA:** Karen Jacobson ***, Associate in Science, Accounting Specialist
- **Dickens, IA:** Nathan Sorenson, Diploma, Auto Collision & Paint Technology
- **Estherville, IA:** Macy Dahl **, Associate in Arts; Evan Hansen, Associate in Arts; Jessica Hatland *, Diploma, Massage Therapy; Tara Huntley, Diploma, Surgical Technology; Cole Mace, Associate in Applied Science, Wind Energy & Turbine Technology; Wendell Pelts Jr., Associate in Arts and Associate in Science; Amber Schacherer ***, Associate in Arts
- **Harris, IA:** Chelsey Hively *, Diploma, Massage Therapy
- **Jackson, MN:** Megan Micklos, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing
- **Lake Park, IA:** Brenda Kasch *, Associate in Applied Science, Surgical Technology
- **Milford, IA:** Brandi DeMuth, Associate in Applied Science, Surgical Technology; Monica Madera, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing; Dustin Meyeraan, Diploma, Auto Collision & Paint Technology; Nicole Pflueger *, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing; Amy Robards, Diploma, Practical Nursing; Jennifer Schmidt, Associate in Science, Business Administration & Management; Mariela Waldman *, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing
- **Okoboji, IA:** Nicole Cain *, Associate in Applied Science, Medical Assistant; Rachel Eddy **#, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing; Brittany Evans ***, Associate in Applied Science, Medical Assistant
- **Ringsted, IA:** Morgan Schubert, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing
- **Sibley, IA:** Jessica Nasers *, Associate in Applied Science, Surgical Technology; Jessica Nasers *, Diploma, Surgical Technology
- **Spencer, IA:** Bonnie Dalager **, Associate in Arts;
- **Tonya Guertman ***, Associate in Applied Science, Medical Office Technology; Crystal Halverson, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing; Cody Harris, Associate in Science, Computer Programming; Beatrice Holloway **, Associate in Applied Science, Medical Assistant; Lindsay Kestner, Associate in Arts; Christian Kwickel, Associate in Arts; Jason Langschwager ***, Associate in Science, Business Administration & Management; Edith Lopez, Associate in Arts; Kymberly Phelps-Grimes, Diploma, Medical Assistant Specialist; Mercy Preston **, Diploma, Construction Technology; Jeffrey Wittrock *, Diploma, Marine Service Technology; Dana Zernechel, Associate in Arts and Associate in Science, Criminal Justice**
- **Spirit Lake, IA:** Breanna Blom, Associate in Applied Science, Nursing; Emily Mercer, Diploma, Practical Nursing; Ashley Neilson, Diploma, Massage Therapy; Breanna Paulette ***, Diploma, Massage Therapy; Ethan Roach, Associate in Arts
- **Terrill, IA:** Kayla Evans ***, Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. * Cum Laude = 3.25 to 3.49 GPA, ** Magna Cum Laude = 3.50 to 3.74 GPA, *** Summa Cum Laude = 3.75 to 4.00 GPA, # Presidential Scholar, ~ Phi Theta Kappa

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HARRIS: Completely remodeled, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with partial basement. New shingles, vinyl siding and windows, all new interior finish. Large double lot with alley access to rear of property. **\$69,900.**

HARRIS: Build in your equity with this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath property. Partially completed with new shingles, furnace & water heater, upgraded wiring and new windows. Partial basement, detached garage with alley access. **\$54,000.**

MILFORD: Built For Family Comfort: A very nice 3 Bdrm. 2.5 BA home. Separate family and living room areas with a gas fireplace, open floor plan with a first floor laundry. Att. double garage w/adjacent 3 season room, extra lower level family room and lawn irrigation! **\$239,000.**

Spacious-3 bdrm. 3 bath home w/triple attached heated garage. Master bath w/whirlpool tub, separate TV room and large living room along with a partially finished basement. Low maintenance decks and exterior with lawn irrigation system. Close to schools. **\$219,000.**

MILFORD: 3 bedroom, 2 bath easy living floor plan with vaulted ceilings and full basement. Double car attached garage. Located close to the city recreational ball fields. **\$159,000.**

MILFORD: Nicely updated 2 bedroom home with attached dbl. garage & room to grow. First floor laundry, 2 1/2 baths and full basement. Come see & appreciate the many upgrades completed in the last few years. Nice yard with irrigation system. **\$189,900.**

MILFORD - Spacious home, convenient location. 3 BD 2.5 BA w/open floor plan & 1st floor laundry. Comfortable 3 season room & extra utility workshop w/plenty of storage. Full basement w/workshop & dbl. attached garage. Nicely upgraded kitchen, newer appliances. **\$169,000.**

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE

MILFORD - A good location with additional space for an extra garage or accessory building. **\$24,900.**

COUNTRY VIEW ACRES - Close to Milford & Golf Course. Just under an acre on hard surfaced road. **\$30,000.**

AT RIDGEVIEW ESTATES - Large 1.25 acre lot on hard surfaced road. Close to Milford and Lake **\$38,000.**

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To The Editor and Dickinson County Residents:

We urge you to support the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors in their request to the DNR to deny the construction permit for New Fashion Pork to build a hog confinement facility on the east side of Spirit Lake.

The Board of Supervisors has written an excellent letter outlining their concerns and I urge you to become familiar with their arguments and bring them to the attention of those who can make changes.

When we first heard of the possibility of a hog confinement facility being built east of Spirit Lake, we were perplexed that Iowa law would allow a process in which such an operation could be built in a beautiful and economically vibrant area. The Iowa Great Lakes are an Iowa Treasure and an economic engine for the state. And the hundreds of thousands of visitors that come each year to that area come because of the beauty, outdoor living and quality of almost everything the Great Lakes offer.

We bought a place on East Okoboji Lake seven years ago and have loved spending summer weekends at the lake. Friends and relatives from Minnesota, Colorado, California, Florida, Michigan and South Dakota have enjoyed summer days there with us. Our children and grandchildren have a memory bank filled with days of boating, swimming, walking, sailing, and celebrating birthdays on the deck. We fear that additions to the memory bank may be no more.

We understand that one of the manure management fields has been removed from the watershed area that goes into Big Spirit Lake. And we are glad to see the threat of contamination of the water of the great lakes has been lessened. However, nothing is going to keep the odor from the confinement facility from spreading out for miles. And that has its own set of health hazards.

We will be perfectly frank with you. If we came to Okoboji to spend a vacation and had to smell the hog manure for our vacation, we would not come or we would not return. If we came to look at a place to buy for vacation days or retirement, we would get back in the realtor's car and leave if the odor were in the air. If we were planning to buy a business that depended upon tourism and we came to inspect a possible location, we would fear the impact of the odor on tourism and go elsewhere. The hog confinement facility may be a fine business opportunity for those owners but it is not a plus for the rest of the businesses in the lakes area.

During our time at the lake, we support more than two dozen local businesses ranging from home improvement, lawn and pest control, restaurants, grocers, wine and gift shops, the farmer's market, the businesses around Arnolds Park, the appliance sales and home maintenance firms to health facilities.

We understand there are numerous reports and studies related to reduction in property values from the impact of a confinement facility and that certainly results in a loss of property taxes. We would fully expect a significant loss in the value of our place and would probably make it very difficult to sell. That is such a painful event for us to contemplate because of our love of the lakes, but we will not enjoy a meal on the deck surrounded by that malodorous smell nor will we be willing to risk the health of our grandchildren because of that air.

If this facility is approved and built, it will be too late to protect the quality of life of the lakes. The damage will have been done.

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Art & Nature

"Earth Without Art Is Just Eh." Dickinson County Conservation environmental education coordinator, Karess Knudtson, certainly thinks so. An artist herself, Knudtson sees the profound impact when people realize the connection between art and nature.



Students work on watercolor paintings during Anita "Katie" Plucker's Watercolor Workshop last August at the Dickinson County Nature Center in Okoboji

The conservation board is hoping to educate people on this connection through a new series called Art & Nature being implemented at the Dickinson County Nature Center in Okoboji. "Using 'Art & Nature' together becomes a vehicle for understanding and a way to achieve awareness of the environment," Knudtson said. Creative workshops and classes will be held monthly at the nature center, starting with Wooden Wall Art 6:00pm. Wednesday, January 28. Participants will paint tree cookies (slices of tree trunks or limbs) to create beautiful pieces of art to hang. Paint in the rings of the tree or create your own unique design; you can even decorate several tree cookies and create a grouping on the wall.

Upcycled Owls will be held 6:00pm Wednesday, February 25, at the nature center. Knudtson will show people how to use what some might call junk to create a treasured piece of garden art shaped like an adorable owl. Think old metal strainers, jar lids, kitchen utensils – anything metal can be imagined into an owl.

Ages 8 and older are welcome for the first two programs of the year, although children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register for the free classes by calling 712-336-6352.

Watercolor artist Anita "Katie" Plucker, who is the first featured artist in the new eARTH art gallery in the nature center, will hold a class called The Illustrated Journal 9:00am – 4:00pm Wednesday, March 25.

"We will explore and practice different approaches of recording and documenting feelings, emotions and the world around us with small sketches and watercolor paintings to create an illustrated journal," Plucker said.

To register for the adult class, please contact Plucker at 712-240-6343. Registration is \$50, and Plucker needs a minimum of six students to hold the one-day session.

Art & Nature workshops will continue throughout the year, and examples of creations to be made during each will be on display at the nature center. Mark your calendars for these courses:

- April 22: Soil Painting, taught by Knudtson
- May 27: Watercolors, taught by Glenda Drennen
- June 24: Encaustic Beeswax Painting, taught by Knudtson
- July 22: Nature Photography, taught by Dan Ruf
- Aug. 12-14: Watercolor Workshop, taught by Plucker
- Sept. 23: Andy Goldsworthy Art, taught by Knudtson
- Oct. 28: Concrete Mixer, taught by Knudtson
- Nov. 18: Nature Weaving, instructor to be determined
- Dec. 16: Recycled Christmas, taught by Knudtson

In addition to these classes, the Art & Nature series also includes three other facets of creative expression. The eARTH exhibit area in the nature center will feature quarterly artists. Following Plucker will be watercolor artist Glenda Drennen April-June, photographer Dan Ruf July-September, and Knudtson will exhibit her encaustic photography October-December.

A new concert series at the Dickinson County Nature Center outdoor amphitheater will premiere Saturday, June 13. Concert-goers are welcome to bring a picnic, including a bottle of wine or beer, and blankets or chairs to sit on. Concerts will also be held Saturday, July 11, and Friday, September 4, during the Bee & Butterfly Festival.

The final part of this year's Art & Nature series will be a nature photography contest for the public, with entries for the first competition due April 1. Details will be released on upcoming classes, featured artists, concerts and the photography contest as those events draw nearer. For more information, please call 712-336-6352 or visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com.

Bird Haven Reflections
 By Wendell Hansen
Keep Bird Feeders Clean

Wet birdseed can be unpleasant for birders and dangerous for birds, but how can backyard birders protect birdseed from rain and snow? For my two cents there is not much that can be done. You could try and put a roof or a baffle above a feeder, but the only way that would work is if the rain or snow is falling straight down. The chances of that happening in northwest Iowa are slim and none.



(photo by Wendell Hansen)

Really, the only way to keep seed dry is to bring the feeders in every time it rains or snows. No matter what type of feeder you use, the seed is going to get wet.

Keep seed dry by using a hopper-type feeder, a fly-through feeder or a platform feeder. Scrape out old seed that accumulates in the corners. Most fly-through feeders or platform feeders have a screen bottom that will allow seeds to dry out from above and below after a rain shower.

Remember not to put out too many seeds at a time because if the seeds are several inches thick, they can still become moldy in the center of a feeder with a screen bottom. On a hopper-type or tube style feeder, you want ones that have good drainage. When a little water does get into the feeder, there should be adequate drainage so it does not create puddles.

Most have very small drainage holes, and these 'factory' holes may be inadequate in wetter climates and could easily become clogged by small seeds. In some cases, I have been able to re-drill the drainage holes up one size and at times will even add extra holes.

Dealing with wet seed

I have found that wet seed, particularly oily seeds such as hulled sunflower and Nyjer, when wet will almost turn into glue and will clump up and can clog feeding ports so birds are not able to access seed as readily. When the wet seed dries, it will almost turn into concrete blocking the feeder ports completely. Right after a rain or snowfall, I will take my finch feeders down and turn them sideways and give them a good shake back and forth a few times, then roll the feeders over looking at all the feeder ports.

If any are plugged, I will punch them open using a toothpick or small wire. Then I hang the feeder back up for the birds. At the end of the day, I will take the feeders in and dump all seed into a plastic bag and leave the top of the bag open in a dry location. In the course of 24-48 hours, I will shake up the seed in the bag or turn the seed over by hand breaking up the clumps at the same time. I have found 99 percent of the time the seed will be dry within that time period and can be reused.

After the wet seed has been dumped into the bag, I will wipe the feeders dry and refill with fresh dry seed and hang back out for the birds while I'm waiting for the seed to dry and reuse. On my fly-through feeders or platform feeders, I don't worry about it too much, because most of the time it will dry in a matter of hours.

Moldy birdseed and unclean bird feeders can cause birds to become sick. In hot humid weather, it is common for mold to form on wet bird seed in as little as 6-8 hours. Even in the winter months wet seed can turn moldy. It takes a longer period of time to develop that mold. Still, all you need is a bright sunny day with the sun shining on the feeder and the mold will start to grow.

The mold can cause a fatal avian disease called aspergillosis, which affects the birds' respiratory system. Salmonella is another disease that affects birds and is associated with unclean feeders. It is important to keep a bird feeder clean to minimize the threat of disease.

Cleaning feeders

Here at Birdhaven I use a solution of two ounces of bleach with one gallon of water to clean and scrub the feeders. I scrub the entire surface inside and out and allow the cleaned feeder to dry overnight. For the fly-through feeders or platform feeders I use the same bleach solution, just in a spray bottle. Spray the wooden feeders down good and let air dry.

With this weak bleach solution after it has dried there are no harmful residues left behind. Most of my feeders get taken down and cleaned late in the evening after the birds are done feeding for the day and hung back out first thing in the morning.

As always, get up, get out and enjoy nature!

Local Residents On Dean's List

Rochester Community and Technical College has announced that the following students have been placed on the 2014 Fall semester dean's list: Taylor Christopher, Zachary Copley and Corri VanderWoude, of Jackson, Minnesota; Christian Lamoureux and Lucas Lamoureux, of Spencer, Iowa.

To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.00 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Seasons Center Receives Three Year Renewed Licensing

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health, an Avera Partner, recently underwent an on-site review of the Substance Abuse Treatment program for relicensing of the program. Iowa Code requires substance treatment programs to be licensed by the Iowa Department of Public Health, Division of Behavioral Health. During the visit, the on-site review team met with the substance treatment team to review records and program policies and procedures.



Upon completion of the inspection, the Division of Behavioral Health submitted an inspection report to the Iowa Board of Health Substance Abuse/Program Gambling Program Committee. The committee reviewing the report may issue a denial of licensing or grant a renewable license for one, two or three years. The renewal of a one, two or three year license is contingent upon demonstration of continued compliance with the licensure standards, and based on a point value system.

"We are honored to be awarded a three year renewed Substance Abuse Treatment Program License," says Brenna Koedam, LMHC, IADC from Seasons. "Our program is growing and the three year renewal supports our success. Our focus is on providing individualized treatment to address specific patient needs and to continue to offer quality care for the individual and their families."

For more information on this service and other services provided by Seasons, please visit our website at www.seasonscenter.org or call 1.800.242.5101.

By the Water's Edge Protecting Our Waters
 By Steve Weisman



The older we get, the faster time seems to go. It's hard to believe that I have lived in northwest Iowa for 36 years and have been writing outdoor columns for the past 23 years. That's almost 1200 columns! Whew!

Do you know what drew me to northwest Iowa? A job, yes... but the clincher was that title: The Iowa Great Lakes. I have been an outdoor enthusiast my entire life, and my wife and I felt this was the place to be. I am a huge proponent of encouraging all of us – young and old – to both enjoy and protect the incredible natural resources we have. We have something very, very special here in the Iowa Great Lakes, and it is our responsibility to preserve it for future generations.



Over the past several years, I have watched the Clean Water Alliance and its many partners work diligently to protect the natural resources that we all cherish so dearly. Is it any wonder why the Iowa Great Lakes is such a "trip destination and re-location" area? To me, it is the true jewel of the Midwest. At the same time, there are real threats to this area ranging from invasive and exotic species to water quality issues to protecting both land and the watersheds surrounding the Iowa Great Lakes. When you think about it, it is such a balancing act. As humans, we are consumers and users of our natural resources. How we use them, how we abuse them, how we protect them determines the future of these natural resources.

Which brings me to this... The Publicity Committee of the Okoboji Protective Association (OPA) recently asked me if I would provide publicity for them and help spread the word about clean water initiatives throughout the Iowa Great Lakes, the efforts of the OPA and what we all can do to protect this resource. I said I would be honored to do so. So, you can look for monthly articles and timely releases when "big things" are or will be happening.

About The Okoboji Protective Association

The non-profit OPA is an organization governed by a board of directors and is comprised of dues paying members dedicated to preserving the lakes for future generations. Since its founding in 1905, the OPA has worked to preserve and enhance the ecological health not only of West Lake Okoboji but of the entire Iowa Great Lakes watershed.

- Goals include:
- preventing invasive species
 - preserving and protecting the wetlands in the Iowa Great Lakes watersheds
 - participating in the control of lake developments to prevent environmental threats
 - promoting sustainable urban and agricultural development that won't upset the delicate ecological balance of the lakes and watershed
 - informing the community of any concerns and actions that must be taken to act on those ecological concerns

Pretty powerful goals, I would say. Over all of these years, the OPA has worked tirelessly for the protection of West Lake Okoboji and the Iowa Great Lakes watershed, and its partnerships and accomplishments have proven to be deep and successful.

The OPA took the lead in the first Iowa Great Lakes watershed study, was a founding member of the Dickinson County Clean Water Alliance (CWA), helped found Friends of Lakeside Lab in providing student scholarships at Iowa Lakeside Lab and raising public awareness of water quality issues and has been an active partner with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in key wetland restoration projects in the lakes area.

Today the OPA is strongly involved with water quality and water safety issues. Partnering with CWA and the DNR, the OPA helps fund and encourages the use of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques in area development and construction projects, utilizing rain gardens, wetland basins and bio-swales to manage storm water runoff.

Through education and funding, the OPA has raised awareness of the threat of aquatic invasive species into the Iowa Great Lakes chain, and was instrumental in the construction of an electric fish barrier at the Lower Gar outlet to prevent the infestation of Asian carp into the system, and since 2010 has partnered with the DNR to staff invasive species monitoring at area boat ramps.

The OPA has worked closely with the Iowa Great Lakes Water Safety Council (WSC) and the DNR to improve water safety. With OPA support a nighttime boating speed limit was established, the alcohol level limit for boaters was lowered to match the .08 level of motorized vehicle operators, a new boat noise ordinance was enacted and the DNR Lake Patrol staff and boat fleet have been greatly strengthened.

This column ("By the Water's Edge") will showcase the OPA's work in helping "Keep our Lakes Alive." I also challenge each and every one of us to become involved in this work. By doing so, we will ensure that we will leave a wonderful legacy for future generations!

According to Barry Sackett, President of the OPA, "The OPA membership is made up of people who love the lakes. The OPA finds many opportunities to show our love for the lakes. Please join us and make your heart happy!"

For membership information and for more detailed information on the OPA, go to www.okobojiprotectiveassociation.org and also take time to visit the OPA's Facebook page.

Saturday In The Museum

The monthly *Third Saturday in the Museum* has been moved to January 24, the fourth Saturday, at the Iowa RockNRoll Museum in Arnolds Park.

The University of Okoboji Winter Games take place that weekend. The museum will be open on that Saturday from 11:00am until 4:00pm so visitors and locals may tour the "Amp Up The Music" display. Visitors will have the opportunity to play an original jukebox, stroll through the Hall of Fame section and view many other pieces of Iowa music history.

To find out more about the Iowa RockNRoll Music Association Museum, log onto iowarocknroll.com or call the IRRMA office at 712-330-0889.

Free Kids' Carnival

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health is hosting a free kids' carnival during Okoboji's winter games on Saturday, January 24th from 10:00am – 1:00pm at the Boji Bay Fun House and Pavilion. All donations received will support their new regional children's center, Autumn's Center. Autumn's Center was named in honor and memory of Autumn Elgersma, of Orange City, Iowa, who died on October 31, 2013, after being hospitalized for two days due to the abuse she endured while in the care of her baby-sitter. Autumn's family will be present during the carnival. Boji Bay Fun House Pavilion is located at: 2501 Boji Bend Dr., Milford, IA 51351

Milford Library News

Tuesday, January 20, at 1:00pm, our Open Book Discussion Group will be meeting in the library to talk about *Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald* by Therese Anne Fowler. This book tells the story of Zelda Fitzgerald in a way she herself might have told it. Open Book Discussion Group meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to join and for more information contact Beth Sorenson at beths@milfordlibrary.net.

Did you know that the Milford Memorial Library offers a homebound delivery service? The library staff is willing to deliver and pick up books, audiobooks, or movies. Patrons may request specific titles or just let us know what types of items you are interested in and we can make the selections for you. We do ask that you allow us at least 24 hours to get your materials together and deliver them. We are happy to provide this service to our patrons when they are unable to come to us. If you are interested in our homebound delivery service you can call 712-338-4643 or email info@milfordlibrary.net.

Our public storytime is happening this Friday, January 23, at 10:00am. Join our Children's Librarian Betty Naab for "Polar Animals" stories and a penguin coloring sheet.



Legislators Host Student On The Board Of Regents

Representative John Wills (R-Spirit Lake) and Senator David Johnson (R-Ocheyedan) met with Hannah Walsh of Spirit Lake this week. Hannah is the student representative for the Board of Regents. She was at the Capitol for the Board of Regents Legislative Breakfast.

Pictured here are Representative Wills, Hannah Walsh, and Senator Johnson.



Attention Veterans!

The VA now offers a DENTAL INSURANCE PROGRAM! (VADIP)

What is the VA Dental Insurance Program?
The VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) is a three-year, national pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing a premium-based dental insurance plan to eligible individuals.

Who is eligible for the program?
Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program and CHAMPVA program beneficiaries are eligible to participate in VADIP.

Can my family participate in VADIP?
Dependents of Veterans, except those eligible under CHAMPVA, are not eligible for VADIP; however, separate coverage options may be offered dependents by the insurance carrier.

Who are the insurance carriers?
VA has contracted with Delta Dental and MetLife, private insurers, to administer the dental insurance program.

Is there a cost to participate in the program?
Each participant will pay a fixed monthly premium for coverage, in addition to any copayments required by his or her plan.

What services are offered?
Multiple plan options will allow participants to select a plan that provides benefits and premiums that meet their dental needs and budget. The offered plans vary and may include diagnostic, preventative, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment.

Where do I receive treatment?
Coverage for VADIP dental services will be provided in the United States and its territories.

What if I travel or move?
Both insurance providers offer care nationwide. Coordinate with your provider in advance of your travel or move for information on coverage.

When does coverage begin?
Coverage will begin depending on when you apply for the program, but no sooner than January 1, 2014.

What happens to my coverage when the pilot period ends?
Dental coverage is available through the contracted period of the pilot unless the program is extended or made permanent.

Is there a mandatory participation period?
The initial participation period will be at least 12 calendar months. Afterward, beneficiaries can renew their participation for another 12-month period or be covered month-to-month, as long as the participant remains eligible for coverage and VA continues VADIP.

Can I be denied participation?
The contracted insurance carriers must accept all eligible beneficiaries who request participation.

How do I apply for VADIP?
Eligible individuals interested in participating in VADIP may apply by mail, online or by phone. For details, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP.

How do I get more information?
For more information on VADIP, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP or call Delta Dental at 1-855-370-3303 or MetLife at 1-888-310-1681.



Are you a veteran that is NOT enrolled in the VA Healthcare System?
Call Director Ann Miller at 712-336-0883 to see if you qualify
(VA Healthcare is income based if the Veteran does not have a service connected disability or served in an area that automatically qualifies for enrollment.)

Milford Kiwanis Welcomes New Member Eric Stoll

The Milford Kiwanis Club recently welcomed new member Eric Stoll to their organization. Eric and wife Jody live in Milford with their two children, Alex and Ella.

Eric, General Manager, has worked with Milford Municipal Utilities for the past five years. Jody is a financial advisor with Northwest Bank.

Eric hails from Denison, Iowa, and began his Utility service career in Atlantic and later spent five years with the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities in Ankeny. After extended work related travel time away from his family, Eric decided on a move to Northwest Iowa. The Stoll family enjoys a wide variety of outdoor activities; Eric is a coach for the Youth Trap Club and Jody is a basketball coach. Eric also serves locally on the Dickinson County Conservation Board. He has been proactive with the zebra mussels eradication effort and the implementation of a system of prevention strategies.

After various conversations with Kiwanis member Dick Anderson, Eric was impressed by the Club and all that it does for area youth. He was invited to join and readily accepted saying "there are a lot of great people in the Club. I'm really looking forward to being involved, especially when it comes to setting up tents."

The Milford Kiwanis Club extends a welcome to Eric and Jody.



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