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Judge to rule on motion for new trial in Lake Park murder case

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News Editor

Several witnesses took the stand Wednesday, as attorneys debated whether 27-year-old Allison Decker should be granted a new trial after being convicted in June of murdering a Lake Park woman in late December of 2020. A judge's decision is expected after the court reviews the arguments and testimony given during this week's hearing.

THE BACKGROUND

Decker is one of two individuals who were charged with the murder

of 25-year-old Angel Bastman as well as the theft of multiple items. Bastman's family discovered the former Marine's body the morning of Dec. 22, 2020, in the basement of the Lake Park home she shared with her sister. Investigators said Bastman was strangled with a wide, flexible object such as a belt — medical examiners ruled out suicide as a cause of death. A number of the missing items were recovered from a Sioux City home where investigators say Decker had been residing. Her co-defendant, 25-year-old Justice Bertson, was arrested after attempting to elude

Sioux City Police in a car that had been rented to Bastman. Both suspects were booked into the Dickinson County Jail during the summer of 2021. Bertson agreed to a plea bargain in December that year — entering a guilty plea to the lesser charge of attempted murder in exchange for his truthful testimony during Decker's trial.

Bertson was sentenced to a maximum of 25 years in prison — 17.5 of which will be mandatory before he's eligible for parole or

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Allison Decker was convicted in June of murdering a Lake Park woman in December of 2020. Her defense attorney has since motioned for a new trial and questioned several witnesses Wednesday in support of that request. A judge has yet to rule on the matter. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

PREPARE FOR THE POLLS

■ Know the wheres, whens and whats of Election Day Nov. 8th

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A number of Dickinson County voters have already cast their ballots early, but many will still vote in person at the polls Nov. 8. Polling locations will be open in all 12 of Dickinson County's precincts from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. that day.

Voters will need to show a form of identification in order to vote in person. Acceptable forms of identification include an Iowa voter ID card, Iowa drivers license, Iowa non-operator ID, U.S. military or veteran ID, U.S. passport or a tribal ID card/document. The Iowa Secretary of State's Office notes a voter without any acceptable form of identification may have another registered voter in their precinct

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WHERE TO GO ON ELECTION DAY

- Precinct 1** — Lake Park Community Center — 903 S. Market St. in Lake Park
- Precinct 2** — Arnolds Park City Hall — 156 N. Highway 71 in Arnolds Park
- Precinct 3** — Dickinson County Expo Building — 1600 15th St. in Spirit Lake
- Precinct 4** — Dickinson County Expo Building — 1600 15th St. in Spirit Lake
- Precinct 5** — Arnolds Park City Hall — 156 N. Highway 71 in Arnolds Park
- Precinct 6** — Milford Community Building — 806 N Ave. in Milford
- Precinct 7** — Terril Memorial Building — 115 N. State St. in Terril
- Precinct 8** — Milford Community Building — 806 N Ave. in Milford
- Precinct 9** — Milford Community Building — 806 N Ave. in Milford
- Precinct 10** — Dickinson County Expo Building — 1600 15th St. in Spirit Lake
- Precinct 11** — Dickinson County Expo Building — 1600 15th St. in Spirit Lake
- Precinct 12** — Dickinson County Expo Building — 1600 15th St. in Spirit Lake

■ A MESSAGE FROM THE IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

Election Day is almost here, and we want you to know about all the steps Iowa election officials take to ensure your vote is safe. Iowa is ranked among the top three states in the nation for election administration and we work together in a bipartisan way to ensure the integrity of the vote.

There is a lot of misinformation and disinformation floating around regarding elections and voting. We urge Iowans not to fall for rumors and instead rely on the facts. Here are just a few of the ways we protect Iowa's elections:

- Iowans vote on paper ballots. You

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Legend rollercoaster restoration on track for 2023 season



Crews began deconstructing portions of The Legend rollercoaster in Historic Arnolds Park Amusement Park shortly after Labor Day. The wooden thrill ride is now undergoing the fourth and final phase of its latest refurbishment, and park officials say work is on track for the ride to be open again when the amusement park opens for the 2023 season. (Photo submitted)

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News Editor

The undulating form of The Legend roller coaster has loomed over Arnolds Park Amusement Park since 1930, and the latest phase of restoration efforts aims to keep it that way for many generations to come.

Crews began disassembling the iconic wooden coaster's lift hill, chain drive and first curve in early September, as part of the fourth and final phase of a multi-year refurbishment. Concrete footings had to be poured before new wooden support structures were put in place. Park officials say the coaster's main framework may be in place by the end of this year, and they

are confident The Legend will be ready to roll again come opening day 2023.

"I think it's fantastic that we can continue to upgrade the ride while keeping the same flow and the same feel," Historic Arnolds Park Inc. CEO Jon Pausley said. "The Legend is certainly the center piece of the park, and it's what brings people here, and what people remember the most. To be able to keep this classic ride — to keep it restored and safe and available for generations — I think it's really important that we do that. I'm really happy that we can maintain the classic look and feel of what it's always been."

The third phase of the restoration project was complete in the summer of 2016 — new tracks,

wooden supports, railings and braking mechanisms were installed along about 100 feet of the coaster. Pausley said trying to restore the full ride in a single off-season would have proved a difficult task both physically and monetarily — news archives from 2016 said the park had already invested more than \$1 million in refurbishing its iconic coaster as the third phase neared completion. Pausley said some costs for the current phase were slightly higher than originally anticipated, specifically the cost of lumber, which he said was previously locked in to ensure the work could be completed in time.

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Decker Update

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work release. Decker's case was heard during a five-day bench trial in May of this year. The judge found her guilty of first-degree murder, third degree theft and conspiracy to commit theft.

Decker and Berntson gave the court differing accounts of the events leading up to Bastman's death. Berntson testified that he and Decker arrived at Bastman's home early on Dec. 21, 2021, and the three of them used methamphetamine in the basement of the house. He said an argument ensued when Bastman's then 3-year-old daughter entered the basement while drugs were being used. He claimed Decker asked for the looped belt Berntson had used to inject drugs into his arm. Berntson said he did so and headed upstairs while Decker strangled Bastman.

Decker contends she never entered the basement or smoked methamphetamine at the house. Rather she claims she looked after Bastman's daughter that day and was unaware of the murder until after she and Berntson had left. Decker said Bastman confided in her she'd given Lake Park Police a list of possible drug offenders, including Berntson — under the pseudonym Jay R. Berns. Decker said she mentioned the list to Berntson in passing, and she indicated Berntson may have then become angry and killed Bastman.

Prosecutors pointed to a number of Decker's electronic communications following the murder, noting none mentioned the list of names a motivation for the murder — only the presence of Bastman's daughter. The prosecution also highlighted several electronic exchanges in which they argue Decker admitted to involvement in the murder — Decker initially told the court the messages were taken out of context, and her defense attorney more recently argued the messages may have been manipulated by the individual who provided them to investigators.

THE HEARING

Decker's defense attorney Ned Bjornstad has asked the court to grant his client a new trial, citing testimony he feels should be considered newly discovered evidence. Iowa Third Judicial

District Court Judge Shayne Mayer decided to allow some of Bjornstad's proposed witnesses to testify — not as part of the trial record but as supplemental testimony supporting Bjornstad's request for a new trial.

The defense had hoped to call a woman named Tierany Steenhagen to the stand. Steenhagen claimed in an affidavit signed almost a month after Decker's conviction that she herself witnessed some of the electronic communications prosecutors cited. Steenhagen said the overall exchange took place through multiple social media platforms, and some portions were not included in the evidence submitted to the court. Bjornstad had also hoped Steenhagen would be allowed to demonstrate for the court how the messages in evidence — specifically those sent via the mobile messaging app Snapchat — could have been manipulated. Snapchat's own online support page notes the app notified the parties in a given chat if a portion of the conversation is deleted.

Ultimately, Judge Mayer declined to hear Steenhagen's testimony Wednesday. The judge noted it was similar to Decker's own testimony at trial and indicated it would not have changed the court's verdict.

"It's clear to me the defendant knew about this conversation, and this evidence should have been discovered or brought forth by the defendant, if that was her intention to do so, at trial," Mayer said Wednesday. "It's not newly discovered evidence under the rule."

The defense was however able to call three of its other witnesses, beginning with 24-year-old Karina Marvin



Karina Marvin testified Wednesday regarding her previous relationship with Decker's co-defendant Justice Berntson. Decker's defense had previously indicated Berntson committed assaults similar to the manner in which Bastman was killed. (Photos by Seth Boyes)

of Rochester, Minnesota, who was previously in a relationship with Berntson. Defense attorneys had previously indicated Berntson assaulted Marvin while under the influence of methamphetamine and done so in a manner they argued was similar to how Bastman was killed.

Marvin testified Wednesday that she and Berntson lived together from approximately February through August of 2020. Marvin said the two of them "fought nearly every day," usually beginning as a verbal argument and sometimes escalating to a physical altercation.

"Usually it was just a push or restraining my hands or something like that," she said. "There was only maybe three times that it became more than that."

Marvin said Berntson largely hid his drug use and, while she believed he was likely high during some of their arguments, she couldn't be sure whether he had been under the influence of methamphetamine during either of the assaults discussed in court Wednesday — the lat-



Tia Lovegreen provided testimony Wednesday which ran counter to an affidavit signed by Broderic Westbrook. The affidavit claimed Lovegreen had first-hand knowledge Decker had been framed for the murder of Angel Bastman. Lovegreen denied making such statements.

ter of which she said involved Berntson slamming her against a wall by her throat while holding Marvin's young son in his other arm. Marvin also told the court Berntson did not threaten to kill or further harm her during that altercation — which marked the end of their relationship.

State prosecutors confirmed Marvin did not lose consciousness during the assault or even begin to have blurred vision. In fact, attorneys noted Marvin was able to speak when Berntson demanded she give him her cellphone before he would agree to give her the child.

"It was certainly not a strangulation," Assistant Iowa Attorney General Susan Krisko said of Marvin's account.

THE AFFIDAVIT

Decker's defense was also allowed to question 24-year-old Broderic Westbrook, of Jefferson, South Dakota, regarding second-hand statements Westbrook claimed were made by two other indi-

viduals. Westbrook told the court Wednesday he met Decker through mutual friends in late December of 2020 and has remained in contact with her. Court records in the case include monitored prison communications between Westbrook and Decker, during which Westbrook expressed his intention to marry Decker, though he said in court Wednesday he and another woman were in a "situation-ship."

Westbrook provided an affidavit to the court, claiming an inmate at the Sioux County Jail named Rob Hanson heard Berntson brag about killing someone and attempting to sell or trade the victim's car. Under cross examination from Krisko, Westbrook said Hanson, under the advice of his own legal counsel, refused to sign his own statement to that affect. Krisko also cited a July 27, 2022, communication in which Westbrook was said to have told Hanson, "Imma gonna do what-

ever I gotta do for the woman I love."

Westbrook's affidavit went on to claim 30-year-old Tia Lovegreen of Sioux City allegedly had "firsthand knowledge that Allison was set up regarding the crime/murder in Lake Park," but was afraid to come forward. Lovegreen testified Wednesday, saying she had been with Berntson in the vehicle rented to Bastman and exited the car just before the pursuit through Sioux City began. However, she denied making any statements about Decker being set up for the murder.

"I'm not afraid," Lovegreen said Wednesday. "I just didn't want to be involved in something so crazy. I wasn't there. I don't know anything."

Judge Mayer made no ruling on any of the matters discussed Wednesday, but she expects to review the case filings and make her decision as soon as possible.

Decker remains in custody at the Dickinson County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

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THURSDAY
High 69 | Low 37

FRIDAY
High 43 | Low 31

SATURDAY
High 47 | Low 35

SUNDAY
High 52 | Low 32

MONDAY
High 52 | Low 38

A slight chance of showers after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts of 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. North wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

A chance of rain or freezing rain before 2 p.m., then a chance of rain showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Partly sunny, with a high near 52.

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

THURSDAY NIGHT
A chance of showers. Low around 37.

FRIDAY NIGHT
A chance of showers and freezing rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

SATURDAY NIGHT
A chance of showers before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

SUNDAY NIGHT
Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

MONDAY NIGHT
Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

UDMO begins annual Adopt a Family program

Upper Des Moines Opportunity is once again asking for the community's help in sponsoring a number of area families in need ahead of the holiday season. Below is a list of participants in the annual Sharing Christmas Program, which provides holiday gifts to low-income children of Dickinson County.

Individuals or groups who wish to adopt a family may call the UDMO office at 336-1112 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Organizers ask that callers be ready with more than one selection as the list is continually updated. UDMO also asks that sponsors wrap each item and attach a tag with the family number and which member (such as Boy age 10, Girl age 7) each the gift is for. Organizers ask that the gifts all be put together in as few containers (boxes, large garbage bags, etc.) as possible and that the family number be written in large, bold numbers on all sides of the containers.

New this year — purchased gifts should be brought to the Dickinson County Expo Building in Spirit Lake (1600 15th St. in Spirit Lake) between 7 a.m. and noon Monday, Dec. 19. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

FAMILY 1

- Female, age 6, pants size 5/6, shirt size 5/6 — would like clothes, baby doll and art items

FAMILY 2

- Male, age 8, pants size 10 husky, shirt size 10/12 — would like crafts, Legos and puzzles
- Female, age 7, pants size 7/8 slim, shirt size 7/8 — would like 18-inch dolls, crafts, Barbies and Bluey items
- Male, age 3, pants size 6/5 husky, shirt size 6 — would like cars, dirt, dinos, animals and Bluey items
- Male, age 2, pants size 2T, shirt size 2T — would like — music, cars, animals and Bluey items

FAMILY 3

- Female, age 4, pants size 5T, shirt size 5 — would like earrings, toys and clothes
- Female, age 2, pants size 18 month, shirt size 18 month — would like toys and clothes

FAMILY 4

- Male, age 16, pants size large, shirt size large — would like joggers size large, hoodies size large, cologne and men's hygiene items

FAMILY 5 — ADOPTED

FAMILY 6

- Male, age 13, pants size 12/14, shirt size L10/12 — would like bike, football, basketball, action movies and board games
- Female, age 9, pants size 7/8, shirt size 7/8 — would like bike, LOL items, baby dolls and Monster High Barbies
- Male, age 7, pants size 7/8, shirt size 7/8 — would like

Pokemon items, Yoda items, soccer ball and bike

FAMILY 7

- Male, age 13, pants size large, shirt size s/m adult

FAMILY 8

- Male, age 11, pants size 12, shirt size 12 — would like PlayStation 4 cards

FAMILY 9

- Male, age 16, pants size adult medium, shirt size adult medium — would like lights, posters and room decor.

FAMILY 10

- Female, age 18, pants size women's 8, shirt size women's 8 medium — would like 8.5 women's shoes and low cut socks
- Female, age 7, pants size 7/8, shirt size 7/8 — would like Barbies and make up items

FAMILY 11

- Male, age 15, pants size N/A, shirt size large — would like basketball, cards and anything music related
- Male, age 10, pants size 10/12, shirt size 12/14 — would like Legos, art supplies and board games

FAMILY 12

- Female, age 9, pants size 14/16, shirt size 14/16 — would like nail polish, makeup for young girls, puzzles and books

FAMILY 13 — ADOPTED

FAMILY 14

- Female, age 15, pants size women's 9, shirt size women's large — would like clay bead making kit, art supplies, 32 oz. white iron flask



CORRECTION: The initial Sharing Christmas Program list of families sent to the Dickinson County News for publication mistakenly listed approximately 40 extra families. The Oct. 27 edition of the DCN went to print before staff was made aware of the issue. The submitted list also lacked information regarding changes to this year's new drop-off location and time. Those interested in supporting the program should refer to the list in this week's edition of the DCN.

- Female, age 13, pants size women's 1, shirt size women's XS — would like beauty supplies, clay bead bracelet kit, 32 oz. hydrocell
- Female, age 11, pants size children's 14/16, shirt size children's 14/16 — would like boba tea kit, 32 oz. hydrocell metal water bottle
- Female, age 9, pants size children's 12/14, shirt size children's 12/14 — would like art supplies, 32 oz. hydrocell water bottle and Lego Friends
- Male, age 7, pants size boy's 8, shirt size boy's 8 — would like 32 oz. metal water bottle, Lego sets and Picasso tiles run
- Male, age 4, pants size children's 5/6, shirt size children's 5/6 — would like Lego sets (stage), walkie talkies, 18 oz. hydrocell water bottle

FAMILY 15

- Male, age 13, pants size 12, shirt size 10/12 — would like Beyblades, Legos, Magic cards and game board
- Female, age 11, pants size 8/10, shirt size 8 or 10 — would like Legos, Barbie craft items, girly items and puzzles

FAMILY 16

- Female, age 11, pants size 14/16, shirt size 12/14 — would like nail polish, makeup kit, slime and Fodgets

FAMILY 17

- Male, age 6, pants size 10/12, shirt size 10/12 — would like glow in the dark items for his room

FAMILY 18

- Male, age 13, pants size 12/14, shirt size 12/14 —

would like Legos and STEM activities

- Male, age 5, pants size 6, shirt size 6/8 — would like Legos and Paw Patrol items

FAMILY 19 — ADOPTED

FAMILY 20

- Female, age 14, pants size medium, shirt size medium — would like arts and craft items, coloring and painting items
- Female, age 9, pants size 10/12, shirt size 10/12 — would like cars, trucks, trains and Legos
- Male, age 5, pants size 6, shirt size 6

FAMILY 21

- Female, age 2, pants size 2T, shirt size 3T — would like anything educational

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EDITOR'S NOTE

MESSAGES NEED SPACE TO BE UNDERSTOOD

I suppose one could call it performance art.

Climate protesters threw a can of soup on a Van Gogh last month, according to the Associated Press.

Others threw mashed potatoes on a Monet a couple weeks later.

Most recently, a pair of protestors attempted to glue themselves to a Vermeer while one poured "a can of red substance" over the other.

Don't worry. All of the classic works are just fine — they're generally under protective glass — but talk about the message getting lost in the medium.

According to the Associated Press reports, these aren't exactly the group's first strikes. They've been gluing themselves to high-profile gallery displays in Europe since at least July, but there didn't seem to be many reports of the group using food to get their point across until October.

Honestly, I think there's an obvious lack of thought given to these demonstrations (I mean, missing the opportunity for an Andy Warhol reference by using Heintz tomato soup instead of Campbell's? C'mon. But at least they had the good sense not to drizzle anything over a Jackson Pollock.). But, moreover, there's the question of whether this type of protest is effective.

And I won't even hesitate to say it's not.

The purpose is so clouded by the action that people's first instinct is to worry about the paintings — not what the protestors are trying to say in the moments before security arrives.

Evidently, the idea is that, if one feels outraged over a precious work of art being destroyed (but not really because, again — museum glass) then one should also be outraged by fossil fuels destroying the environment.

But the problem is one has to get past that first part (the one with soup) to conceive of the second part (the one about the planet). Or to paraphrase one of the sources quoted by the AP, it's pushing potential allies away because of the light in which the protestors are casting themselves.

In my opinion, part of the issue is that the ... I'll say desperate actions of these demonstrators don't leave much if any intellectual space for an audience to ponder the message.

Contrast that with a display created by ceramic artist and Iowa State professor Ingrid Lilligren. She had an idea to create a number of vessels out of clay, but not kiln them — let them simply dry out — and then display them in a gallery. However, that exhibit was also fitted with spritzers (somewhat akin to



Seth Boyes
News Editor

those you'd find in the produce aisle of the grocery store) which were motion-activated.

What happened was that each time a viewer moved in to appreciate the work, the clay got a little wetter, and

eventually they were too wet to hold their shape — bit by bit, the audience would indirectly destroy the work they came to see.

Lilligren did something similar in more recent years with "Ice Dreams" — kilned ceramics that hold ice which melts while in the gallery space and trickles down to arrangements of unfired clay below. The work was specifically inspired by the flooding which took place in western Iowa during the spring of 2020, but the thought process behind it also takes into account the larger-scale issue of climate change.

I doubt there are many who would say Lilligren's message is ineffective. And I think the key factor is the space in which the message was allowed to waft through the minds of the viewers.

Both "Ice Dreams" and these climate demonstrations took place in gallery spaces, but where one invited the public to view the critique up close at their own pace and come to their own understanding of its message in due time, the other ambushed the public and bombarded their thoughts with actions so hasty they obscured any intent for meaningful discussion and purposeful change.

And that's something of a lesson to be learned in itself.

We are often so impassioned by our individual stances, viewpoints or allegiances that we conflate advocacy with conveyance — we falsely believe that the way to convince others is to push harder, shout louder and stomp harder. It's the kind of thinking that could lead one to ... I don't know ... pour tomato soup over a painting, be detained by security within minutes and make headlines for being both bizarre and off-putting rather than actually being heard.

The better solution is to consider how we say something as much as what we are saying — invite others to sit on their haunches and see the water seep into the clay until the whole thing sogs over in a heap (yes, I made up a verb).

The whole point of putting art in a gallery is so it can be approached, understood and even perhaps emulated. They're qualities these demonstrators seemingly failed to realize — despite their chosen venue — but they're also three qualities which wouldn't be a bad set of criteria when relating to our fellow human beings.

LAWN & GARDEN

FALL CARE OF PERENNIALS

As you transition your gardens from fall to winter, you may be contemplating a bit of garden clean up. Before

reaching for the pruners and rakes, consider all the benefits and beauty of leaving healthy perennials stand for winter.

The seed heads of many perennials like coneflower, rudbeckias, liatris and bee balm attract seed-eating songbirds like finches, sparrow, chickadees, juncos and jays to the winter garden. These winged visitors add motion and color to the winter garden. Best of all, you don't need to refill and clean this natural food source.

Many of these plants provide homes for beneficial insects, including native bees and other pollinators. A variety of these insects overwinter in or near the stems of perennials.

Native plants have evolved with many of these insects, birds and wildlife and most provide homes and food for native insects, songbirds and wildlife. Purple coneflower, liatris, rudbeckias, sunflowers, asters, goldenrod, yucca and Joe Pye weed are just a few of these native plants you might be growing.

Enjoy the winter foliage of evergreen and semi-evergreen perennials by leaving them intact in the garden. Watch for and avoid disturbing the green leaves at the base of perennials like yarrow, Shasta daisy and globe thistle.

Leave borderline hardy perennials intact to improve their chances of surviving a harsher-than-normal winter. The stems capture any snow and help retain any additional winter mulch, both providing needed root insulation.

Remove any diseased or insect-pest-

Melinda Myers
Garden Expert

infested plants. Removing this from the garden in fall reduces the risk of these problems occurring next year.

Discard do not compost this material as most compost piles do not heat up to high enough temperatures to kill them. Contact your local municipality for disposal options.

Remove hosta leaves once the fall color fades and leaves die to reduce the risk of leaf nematodes overwintering in the crown of the plants. It also eliminates a winter home for slugs and their eggs.

Wait for several hard frosts when cutting back perennials in the fall. In milder climates, wait for leaves to brown and dry completely. This ensures the plant has stored all the energy it produced in the roots for healthy growth next spring.

Use sharp bypass pruners to make a clean cut through the stem. Disinfect tools by dipping in rubbing alcohol or spraying with a disinfect spray to prevent the spread of disease.

Rake leaves into the garden over the soil surface around the plants instead of to the curb. Fall leaves make great mulch that moderates soil temperature, suppresses weeds, conserves moisture and improves the soil as they break down. Plus, they are free.

Wait to finish removing perennials until spring temperatures regularly hover in the 50s. This allows overwintering insects a chance to leave their winter homes. It also provides songbirds much needed food in spring before many of our plants begin producing seeds and berries.

Once the garden is set for winter, you can relax and make plans for the spring garden.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

LOCAL COMPOSERS PERFORM AT PLAC

When you like to entertain audiences with your musical skills but also want to share your thoughts, you become a composer as well as performer. That is what the trio on stage at the Pearson Lakes Art Center shared with an audience last week.

The show was called "Iowa Roots Round" and was performed by Chad Elliott, Ryne Doughty and Kathryn Fox.

Most in the audience was familiar with Elliott as he used to live in Spencer. He is also known for his visual arts talent in ceramics and paints. He plays guitar and harmonica and sings with emotion.

Fox was actually born and raised in Wisconsin but now resides in the Tall Corn State. She has a beautiful voice and plays a terrific fiddle as well as guitar.

Doughty also has a nice, strong set of vocal cords to complement his talent on a guitar. The performers explained how and why they wrote each song they sang individually with some background harmony from the others during some of their numbers.

When Elliott was singing about his grand-



Doris Welle
Performance Reviewer

pa's old Buick, I couldn't help thing about my grandpa and his car (he always bought Oldsmobiles). I think we all sat there reflecting on our memories during those kinds of songs.

Doughty's "Dirty River Catfish Blues" was highly entertaining, as was "Spring Done Sprung."

I liked Fox's composition "Madelia," which she noted she composed while riding along Interstate 90 in Minnesota.

Elliott shared with us a song he wrote called "Blue Bird Creek" about the little sliver of water flowing near Linn Grove.

I spoke afterwards with several audience members, and we all seemed to agree that sitting there listening closely to the lyrics of all those original hometown happenings was soothing and a joy to hear.

After Fox's "Summer Moon" and Doughty's "Crossing the River," all three joined together to round out the night by playing and singing another Iowa composer's work — Greg Brown's "The Iowa Waltz."

It was an appropriate finale to a relaxing and nostalgic evening of fine music.

MOVIE REVIEW: 'BLACK ADAM'

JOHNSON'S PASSION PROJECT MISSES MARK

I admit, I had really high hopes for a little DC redemption as Dwayne Johnson's passion project "Black Adam" hit the big screen. Despite the blockbuster star's best efforts and his amazing, and undeniable charisma, this superhero tale doesn't quite live up to the hype. My disappointment comes from the fact that the idea of the antihero could have worked.

My real challenge with "Black Adam" comes with its need to embrace this current theme of adding too much comedy into the tale. Specifically when "the funny" is out of place. Comedy worked in Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" and even "Thor: Ragnarok." It matched the characters and the tone. It didn't work as well in "Thor: Love and Thunder" — there was just too many quips and one-liners delivered in moments when it doesn't fit. Plus the overuse of CGI (and sometimes not very good CGI) steals from the movie as well. I get it, it's a superhero film, CGI is expected, but too much of it, and bad effects, can have an impact on the viewing experience.

The film opens in 2600 BC, in Kahndaq, where a tyrannical King Ahk-Ton (Marwan Kenzari) assumes rule and enslaves his people in search of the kingdom's rich mineral to craft a magical and evil crown which will make him all powerful. When one of the slaves discovers the mineral, the other slaves mob him.

A young boy comes to his rescue and encourages the people not to fight each other, but to rebel against their oppressors — suggesting they need a hero. After the guards take the mineral from the slave, the boy attempts to lead an insurrection but is instead taken before the king who attempts to have him killed. As the executioner's blade comes down, the boy disappears in a cloud.

He was swept away by the same wizards who gave the modern-day powers to the teen who becomes DC's "Shazam." They bestow the same powers on the slave child, and speaking the magic word he is transformed into the defender of Kahndaq, marked by the same lightning bolt on his chest displayed by his modern day counterpart. Teth-Adam (Johnson) arrives at the castle and destroys everything within it, burying the crown as well as himself.

Fast forward to modern day Kahndaq. A group of new oppressors, known as Intergang, control the town while actively seeking the lost crown. Also in search of the crown to hide and protect it from abuse, an archaeologist Adrianna Tomaz (Sarah Shahi), her brother Karim (Mo Amer) and a small team find the buried tomb first, leading the Intergang thugs to the site. With crown in hand and guns in



Randy Cauthron
Spencer Reporter



her face, Tomaz summons the entombed champion who subsequently rises and destroys the bad guys when they attack. As Tomaz and her brother flee the temple, they come under attack from heavily armed Intergang backup squads only to once again be saved by the powerful fallen hero. Tomaz takes the injured champion to her home where she lives with her brother and son, Amon (Bodhi Sabongui).

When he awakens, Teth-Adam finds himself in a strange world, hunted by both Intergang and the Justice Society, a superhero team, under instruction

of DC puppet master Amanda Waller (Viola Davis). She instructs Hawkman (Aldis Hodge), Dr. Fate (Pierce Brosnan), Cyclone (Quintessa Swindell) and new recruit Atom Smasher (Noah Centineo) to bring him down and bring him in.

The town of Kahndaq becomes a battlefield as Tech-Adam takes on the evil soldiers as well as the formidable heroes, leaving a wake of destruction as he once again emerges as Kahndaq's savior from the oppressors.

Amon and Karim serve as the comic relief, but the timing doesn't always work as many of the one-liners fall flat in the middle of horrifying battles or dangerous moments. The excessive CGI is questionable at times, suspect in other moments of the film and instead of adding to the story seems to take away from it.

Johnson is great as the antihero, while both Hodge and Brosnan shine as the relentless and over-matched trouble shooters. But the overall movie has some problems.

The movie also goes a bit too long. The story should have ended about 20 minutes earlier, saving the final piece for the next film — which based on the post credit scene there will be one.

Based on the character introductions and all the possibilities which remain, a second film seems a likelihood. A big box office will help.

I'm a sucker, I will go with higher hopes in a couple years. In the meantime I will turn my hopes to the next hero tale, "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" due in a couple of weeks. Minus Black Panther of course. See you there.

• On a scale of 5 popcorn buckets, "Black Adam," pops up a disappointing 2 1/2 tubs, sometimes overdone, other times stale scenes of constant action and fighting. Too much of a good thing you know. With the breakneck pace, there is little development or explanation. While the stars shine, the CGI, globbed storytelling and out-of-place humor detract from what have been exciting and fun. Let's hope they get it right in the sequel. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 2 hours, 4 minutes. This film was reviewed at Southpark 7 Theatres in Spencer.



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STEVEN IHNEN
AUG. 8, 1954 – OCT. 29, 2022

Steven Ihnen, age 68, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, surrounded by his family at his home in Spirit Lake.

A visitation for Steve was held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A burial will be held at a later date in the Silver Lake Cemetery in Lake Park. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Steven Darrold Ihnen was born Aug. 8, 1954, in Spirit Lake, the son of Darrold Ihnen and Elaine Peters (Doll). He was raised and received his education in Lake Park. Upon graduation of high school in 1973, Steve began to haul petroleum, which he continued to do so for 43 years until his retirement in 2018.

In Steven's earlier years, he enjoyed working on cars, riding motorcycles and snowmobiles, hunting and spending weekends with his kids. Later in life he enjoyed westerns ("Gun Smoke"), country music (Brooks and Dunn) and of course Sunday race day ... at least the last few laps once he woke from his snoozes.

He is survived by his son Joseph Ihnen (Mel Hughes) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, daughter Kimberly (Cory) Zweibahmer of Milford; grandchildren Brennan Ihnen Bascke, Oliver Ihnen, Kaden Zweibahmer and Kinzlee Zweibahmer, sisters Sue Ehret, Kathy Perkins, Lori Stahly, Patty Delaney along with many nieces and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by both his parents and grandparents.



JOANNE 'PINKEE' CHAIN LAURIDSEN
SEPT. 27, 1964 – OCT. 21, 2022

Joanne "Pinkee" Chain Lauridsen passed away on Oct. 21, at the age of 58, after a multi-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Born Sept. 27, 1964, in Perry, Pinkee was the youngest of Walter "E" and Frances Lauridsen's four children. Shortly after birth, she was diagnosed with Down syndrome and given a life expectancy of 10 years, which was typical for a Down child at that time. Her parents resolved to raise her no differently than their other three children, however, and worked tirelessly to see that she received the best education possible. "Education is the one thing they can never take away from you" was her father's lifelong motto.

She traveled with her parents to San Diego, where she graduated in 1983 from Claremont High School. She defied expectations not only in life expectancy, but also in academic prowess, and she graduated 94th out of a class of 656. Claremont was not a special needs school, and Pinkee received a full diploma. She spent many semesters on the honor roll, and her nieces and nephews found it challenging at times to go toe to toe with her in a recitation of the multiplication tables.

During the summertime, Pinkee returned to Okoboji with her parents and spent her early years working at Echo Plus in Spirit Lake. Just as her parents did not lower the bar for her education, they also expected her to contribute to society. During the balance of the year in San Diego, she worked as a Sharp Hospital volunteer and logged 15,000 hours of work over three decades. She spent the majority of her time in the Thrift Korral at Sharp Grossmont Hospital, where she costumed as Mrs. Claus during the Holiday Boutique and donned various other costumes when visiting hospital rooms to distribute toiletries.

A regular patron of the Okoboji Summer Theatre, Pinkee attended more than 300 performances and could be found nightly in the third row of any musical. She received her own star on the OST Walk of Fame and loved meeting with the many gifted students who received the annual Pinkee Lauridsen Spotlight Scholarship. She also enjoyed many wonderful performances at the nearby Lauridsen Performing Arts Theater, and she was fond of the raku pottery classes offered by the Pearson Lakes Art Center. In San Diego, she presented the annual Pinkee Lauridsen Educational Scholarships to the highest achieving high school seniors in the Sharp Experience program to assist them with their pursuit of a medical career. The humor and charm she employed in her award speeches never failed to bring the entire auditorium of the Sharp Auxiliary to a standing ovation.

The great love of Pinkee's life was her schnauzer Max,

who she walked daily on the beaches of San Diego. She also enjoyed playing the piano and performed annually at both the Point Loma Library and Noah Homes, where she resided for the last decade of her life. Pinkee worked through the attendant anxiety of recitals because she loved the applause she received at the end, and the ham in her was on full display as she toyed with the audience while entering and exiting the stage. Her most recent piano piece was Johann Sebastian Bach's "Harpsichord Concerto in D Minor." Pinkee was an avid crafter, with a particular fondness for latch hook, and she enjoyed reading, word searches, swimming and cooking eggplant parmigiana. She did not, however, like to pull weeds.

All who knew her were blessed. At the family's request, the services will be private. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll.



HAROLD GEORGE LUNDBERG
FEB. 26, 1941 – OCT. 24, 2022

Harold George "Harry" Lundberg, age 81, formerly of Fridley, Minnesota, passed away Oct. 24, 2022, at Saint Therese of New Hope, Minnesota. A celebration of Harold's life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at St. Philips Lutheran Church in Fridley, where he was a member for 58 years.

Harold Lundberg was born on Feb. 26, 1941, in Fort Dodge, the son of Mildred "Millie" and Harold "Swede" Lundberg. The family lived in Dayton until 1953 before moving to Spirit Lake, where he graduated from Spirit Lake Community High School in 1959. He attended Morningside University and after two years transferred to Iowa State, where he received an EE degree in 1964. After graduation, Harold moved his first wife, Aleta and eldest daughter Kristine to Fridley, where he began a long career at Control Data in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

He was passionate about computers and made a living early in the computer world. Harold also loved the outdoors — pheasant hunting and fishing with long-time friends. He was an expert woodworker, making intricate furniture for himself and others. Harold passed on his skills, patiently teaching his children and grandchildren. Harold created beautiful stained glass windows, and he collected trains throughout his life. He loved to travel and had a huge heart for Switzerland and Oberammergau. An accomplished photographer, Harold left his family with 1,000 slides and photos full of beautiful memories.

Harold is survived by his two daughters and their husbands, Kris and Scott Jarland and Kathi and Tom Healy; six grandchildren, Alex (Emma) Wheeler, Brandon (Ramsey) Wheeler, Emma and Drew Healy, Connor and Kailee Jarland; two great-grandchildren, Avery and Sophie Wheeler; three step children Brenda (Jerry) Southwick, Kathy (Ed) Koch, and Jennifer (Joe) LaCount; and five step grandchildren Kayla Southwick, Hannah Koch and Matt, Emily and Jessica LaCount; a brother Gary Lundberg and his wife Marcia, his special friend Winnie Maki and many more family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Barb Lundberg.

All memorial funds will be donated to World Vision International, a Christian humanitarian aid, development and advocacy organization.



DELMAR PHILLIPS
NOV. 15, 1939 – OCT. 18, 2022

A memorial service for Delmar Phillips, age 82, will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at Crosswinds Church in Spirit Lake. Delmar passed away Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, at Lakes Regional Hospital Hospice surrounded by family in prayer.

Delmar Eugene Phillips, the son of Clifford and Melvina (Fogle) Phillips, was born Nov. 15, 1939, in Spirit Lake. He was a lifelong resident of Spirit Lake.

On Aug. 6, 1961, he married Bonnie Schlotfeldt in Estherville, and they were blessed with three children.

After graduating from SLHS, he started working for the U.S. Postal Service. He walked a 15-mile route for 34 years. After retiring from the post office, he enjoyed retirement by working for Diamond Lake Concrete, working side-by-side with Dean, JD, Renae, Josh, Danielle, Stephanie, Jenny and Marie.

Delmar was a member of Faith Evangelical Free Church and served as trustee. He took pride in men's workday, helping in construction of all three sections of the church building and parking lot. Delmar did whatever it took to build the

church that stands today, Crosswinds Church.

Delmar enjoyed time in his backyard watching the activities on East Lake Okoboji, the Minnesota Vikings and the Iowa Hawkeyes on game days and any school activity he could attend. He also liked to spend time hunting and fishing with Tony.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Bonnie; their three children, Tony (Theresa) Phillips of Buffalo Center, Kristina Phillips of Spirit Lake and Michelle Phillips of Spirit Lake; granddaughters, Jessica Phillips of Des Moines, Danielle (Mike) Hart of Estherville and Bethany (Tyler) Allen of Estherville; great-grandchildren, Grace Hart and Micah Allen; sister Ila (Hank) Spent of Sunrise, Florida; brother Howard Phillips; aunt Ruth Hansen of Estherville; cousins, nieces and nephews.

Delmar was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alan and Melvin; parents-in-law, Harold and Betty Schlotfeldt; sisters-in-law, Diana (Schlotfeldt) Van Eman and Karen (Schlotfeldt) Ray; and nephew Monty Phillips.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



CARL WOHLBERG
JULY 20, 1926 – OCT. 23, 2022

A graveside service for Carl Wohlenberg, age 96, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and a summer resident of Okoboji, was held on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, at the Ida Grove Cemetery. A celebration of Carl's life will be held in the summer of 2023.

Carl Lipton Wohlenberg was born July 30, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Carl Christoph and Mary Cecelia Lipton Wohlenberg. His family lived in Holstein, the town which his paternal grandfather helped to found in 1882.

Carl came from a banking family. In Iowa, his father was a banker as were both of his grandfathers. In California, his great-great uncle, Sen. James Graham Fair (one of the four "Silver Kings" of the Comstock Lode) owned, together with two of his Comstock partners (John Mackay and James Flood), the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

In 1931, with the collapse of so many of the country's banks during the Great Depression, his family moved from Holstein to Chicago. He attended South Shore High School, graduating in 1944. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was called to active duty just before his 18th birthday, serving from 1944-46. He served aboard the attack personnel destroyer, USS Earheart (APD113), with the rate of Yeoman Second Class at the time of his discharge.

After his tour with the Navy, he entered college. He was educated at Yale (BA 1950), Georgetown (LLB 1955) and Harvard (MBA 1956). While at Yale, he joined the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and was a member of the Yale Glee Club which toured cities throughout the United States, and in 1949 made an extensive concert tour of Europe.

After college, most of his business career was spent with various companies of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group including the Shell Company of Venezuela, the Shell Oil Company of the United States and the Asiatic Petroleum Corporation (now part of Shell Oil Company) from which he retired in 1976 to devote more time to personal affairs.

Carl served as a director from August 1976 and, from Aug. 31, 1978, to the end of March 1979, he was chairman of the board of directors of the Starr Broadcasting Group Inc., a holding company for various radio and television stations. Starr was sold to the Roy Disney family during the latter part of 1979.

Carl became a resident of Florida in 1977 and spent winters there. Beginning in 1978 he spent the summers, as he had during his childhood, at the Wohlenberg's cottage on Lake Okoboji, which has been in the family since 1906.

Carl passed away Oct. 23, 2022, at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, and by their much beloved cocker spaniel Dinah Lee.

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commanding me to "be thankful" could.

In fact, "You are forgiven" opens up a whole new world, where my Thanksgiving dinner favorites — like marshmallow-covered sweet potatoes and green bean casserole — alongside turkey or pizza or whatever's on the menu this year in your home is just one more part, one more gift that goes along with this new life Jesus regularly reminds me he's given me. The family gathered around the table, those who we've lost that gather around God's table in heaven — all a part of this promised new life that comes from Jesus. Through Christ, this is your life too. Your past, your future, every single breath — part of this new life you've been given.

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“We were surprised by the response from the community who all wanted a piece of the classic ride,” Pausley said. “It’s amazing how many people have memories and history and nostalgia that’s tied to the rollercoaster.”

Pausley said the coaster’s current restoration has largely been aimed at meeting modern safety standards. For instance, he said the ride’s new wooden timbers will remain unpainted, as opposed to the white beams past thrill seekers have known.

“If there’s any cracking of the wood or any rotting that forms over time, you’ll be able to see it rather than have it covered up by paint,” Pausley said. “Certainly it is a loss to the classic look of the white paint. We will miss that, but we want to make sure we’re keeping up with industry standards as well.”

Pausley said this is actually not the first full restoration The Legend has undergone, and he said the most recent took place in the 1980s. However, the roller coaster’s form and overall character have remained the same since its debut, despite it having no remaining original components — the last of which were replaced during recent work on the lift hill.

“It’s neat to be able to restore it in that sense, and I think it kind of relates to us being Historic Arnolds Park Inc.,” Pausley said. “We want to make sure we maintain that historic, classic Americana feel. I think a classic wooden rollercoaster at the size and speed that The Legend is, is kind of that classic feel.”



Crews with Great Coasters International of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, are expected to continue restoring The Legend through the winter. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

The wooden rollercoaster — which park officials say ranks just outside the top 10 oldest operating wooden coasters in the world — carries riders to a height of six stories before racing down a 63-foot drop at around 50 mph, according to information from the amusement park. The cars travel 2,000 feet of track in a little more than a minute.

But one long-standing piece of that well-travelled track won’t be returning in

2023. The wooden sign at the apex of its first crest — which reads “The point of no return” — will be housed inside the nearby amusement park museum. Pausley said a new sign of a similar design will be put in place by crews with Great Coasters International of Sunbury, Pennsylvania — the same company which was hired for the previous phases of The Legend’s refurbishment. Pausley said crews have been so efficient that at one point nearly all

the new supports were ready to be put in place before the concrete footings had fully cured and, if Mother Nature cooperates, they could potentially begin laying the coaster’s track before the new year.

And Pausley said, when all the work is said and done, The Legend may offer a slightly smoother ride for visitors — though the CEO said he’ll leave it to the riders themselves to decide if that’s actually an improvement to the classic coaster.

SIRENS

MAN INJURED IN SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH

The Dickinson County Sheriff’s Office said 27-year-old Joseph Hilsabeck, of Milford, was driving a 2019 GMC Terrain westbound on County Road A22 around 12:08 a.m. Oct. 29, when he lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle then entered the north ditch and rolled multiple times. Hilsabeck was ejected from the vehicle and was suspected of receiving serious/incapacitating injuries. Hilsabeck was transported by ambulance to Lakes Regional Healthcare and then flown to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Authorities said the accident remains under investigation. The sheriff’s office was assisted on scene by Lakes Regional Healthcare Ambulance, Milford Fire Department, Lake Park Police Department and Lake Park First Responders.

COLLISION INJURES PAIR OF DRIVERS

The Dickinson County Sheriff’s Office responded to a motor vehicle accident at approximately 3:47 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, just east of the intersection of Highways 9 and 71, also known as the Jackson Y. Doyle Svoboda, age 55, of Lakefield, Minnesota, was driving a 2015 Freightliner semitractor-trailer eastbound on Highway 9 when he was struck from the rear by a 2020 Ram pickup driven eastbound by Mark Moffitt, age 55, of Gruver. Both drivers were injured in the accident. Svoboda was transported to Lakes Regional Hospital by ambulance with non-incapacitating injuries. Moffitt was transported by ambulance with incapacitating injuries to Holy Family Hospital in Estherville and then flown to Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Authorities said the accident remains under investigation. The sheriff’s office was assisted on the scene by the Iowa State Patrol, Superior Fire & Rescue, LRH Ambulance, Terril Ambulance, Spirit Lake First Responders and Boji Tow.

Simmakon Phaly, age 41, of Jackson, Minnesota, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 4:02 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, on the charge of failure to appear/contempt of court. Phaly pleaded guilty in April of 2019 to the illegal use of a credit card in December of 2018 at the Spirit Lake Walmart. He was granted a deferred judgement and put on probation, but failed to pay the court fees in full. He failed to appear for a Feb. 3, 2022, hearing on the matter and was served with a warrant on Oct. 27 and extradited from the Minnehaha County Jail in South Dakota.

Scott Charles Stepp, age 59, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 4:06 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, on the charge of failure to appear/contempt of court. Stepp had been called to appear in court Sept. 15, 2022, regarding a fourth-degree criminal mischief charge filed against him in July of 1996. Online court records indicate a number of court documents sent to Stepp were returned as “unable to forward.” He was served with a warrant on Oct. 27 and extradited from the Minnehaha County Jail in South Dakota.

James Albert Heim, age 73, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, on a previous court decision. He is scheduled for release Friday, Nov. 4, 2022.

Daisy Ann Sturgill, age 25, of Terril, was charged with operating while under the influence — first offense — and driving on the wrong side of a two-way highway at approximately 1:20 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, near the intersection of 18th Street and Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake. A criminal complaint said Sturgill was traveling north in the southbound lane of Highway 71 and turned east at the intersection with 18th Street near the Spirit Lake Walmart before she was stopped. The complaint went on to say she “admitted to drinking ‘not very much.’”

• All people listed may face charges and should be presumed innocent until their case is reviewed through the legal process.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

RESPITE ANGELS TO HOST STEVE LANG

Steve Lang will be performing his country music show at 10 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. Lang plays a wide variety of country and gospel music. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Questions may be directed to Chelsie at the church 712-332-2447 or Kelly at Respite Angels 712-229-6064.

NATURE TOTS PROGRAM FOCUSES ON TREES

The Dickinson County Nature Center invites families to attend Nature Tots: Into the Woods on Nov. 9. Nature Tots is a free toddler program for ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult held on the second Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Dickinson County Nature Center. Each month will have a new topic to explore. Preregister for this program online at dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com. Trees are very important to our lives. They provide us with oxygen and form habitats for many animals. Participants in the upcoming Nature Tots will start at the nature center and head out to explore the land before heading inside to follow up the lesson with a craft. Visitors can expect this program to last an hour and, weather permitting, the program may take place outside, so dress appropriately. Questions can be directed to 712-336-6352 or naturecenter@dickinsoncountyia.com. For more information on Dickinson County Nature Center’s other programs, visit dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com.

H-LP HIGH SCHOOL FFA TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE

The Harris-Lake Park High School FFA chapter will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Lake Park Community Center — 903 S. Market St. Those interested in donating are asked to either call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter “HARRISLAKEPARK” to schedule an appointment.

LRH AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS TO HOLD BRUNCH

The Lakes Regional Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers will hold its fall brunch and general meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the LRH dining room — the meal will begin at 8:30 a.m. All past and present members as well as their guests are invited. Those interested in volunteering are also welcome to attend. The day’s agenda will include the introduction of board members, installation of officers, review of bylaw changes and the awarding of pins for hours served.



SOS Message

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cannot hack a paper ballot.

- Every vote tabulator in the state undergoes a public logic and accuracy test ahead of the election, to ensure they are functioning properly and recording votes accurately.
- Our vote tabulators are not connected to the internet.
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- Post-election audits take place in randomly selected precincts in all 99 counties following the election. A bipartisan team hand-counts the ballots to ensure they match the totals from the vote tabulators. The audits consistently produce a 100% match.
- There is zero evidence of any unauthorized intrusions into Iowa’s election systems.
- The requirement of voter ID at polling places and on absentee ballot request forms adds another important layer of security.

This year, we are expanding our protections. Our post-election audits will be even more robust. Along with auditing the governor’s race in one randomly-selected precinct in each county, every county will audit an additional race which will be announced the day after the election. These post-election audits are open to the public to provide transparency to the process.

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attest to their identity. Otherwise, a provisional ballot may be provided to the voter, who may then provide an appropriate ID up until the time county officials canvass the vote — typically the Monday after Election Day. Absentee voting in Iowa began Oct. 19, and the final day to request an absentee ballot by mail was Monday, Oct. 24. County auditors’ offices will be open for in-person absentee voting Saturday, Nov. 5, and any remaining mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the auditor’s office before 8 p.m. on election night.

Voters who are unsure of which precinct they reside in may contact the Dickinson County Auditor’s Office at 712-336-3356 Ext. 7 or may look up their precinct

and polling place through the Iowa secretary of state’s website at sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/polling-place/search.aspx.

The Iowa Secretary of State’s Office said voters who have moved to a different precinct within the same county will be required to prove both their identity and residence before voting. If the voter’s form of ID lists the voter’s new address, no further proof is required, according to the secretary of state’s office. Otherwise, the voter may provide a residential lease, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, property tax statement or other government document issued within the last 45 days which shows the voter’s name and current address.

LIBRARY NEWS



LAKES LIBRARIES TO HOST ALL IOWA READS AUTHOR

Established in 2003, the purpose of All Iowa Reads is to foster a sense of unity through reading. Iowans are encouraged to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book title in the same calendar year.

The 2022 All Iowa Reads Adult Selection is “The Butterfly Effect” by Rachel Mans McKenny. The public is invited to joining the Lakes Area Libraries for a visit with Mans McKenny at 3 p.m. at the Spirit Lake Public Library. This visit will include an author reading, Q&A session and a book signing. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Public Library and Spirit Lake Public Library. For more information contact your Lakes Area library.

Mans McKenny is a writer and humorist from the Midwest and was recently published in McSweeney’s Internet Tendency, Elle Magazine, Electric Lit, The Rumpus and The New York Times. She also co-hosts the literary matchmaking podcast Blind Date with a Book. “The Butterfly Effect” is her first novel. The book is an unconventional tale of self-discovery, navigating relationships and finding how it sometimes takes stepping outside of our comfort zone to find what we need the most.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Is there such a thing as an anti-social butterfly? If there were, Greta Oto would know about it — and totally relate. An entomologist, Greta far prefers the company of bugs to humans, and that’s okay, because people don’t seem to like her all that much anyway, with the exception of her twin brother, Danny, though they’ve recently had a falling out.



So when she lands a research gig in the rainforest, she leaves it all behind. But when Greta learns that Danny has suffered an aneurysm and is now hospitalized, she abandons her research and hurries home to the middle of nowhere America to be there for her brother. But there’s only so much she can do, and unfortunately just like insects, humans don’t stay cooped up in their hives either — they buzz about and... socialize. Coming home means confronting all that she left behind, including her lousy soon-to-be sister-in-law, her estranged mother and her ex-boyfriend Brandon who has conveniently found a new non-lab-exclusive partner with shiny hair, perfect teeth and a brain that can actually remember the names of the people she meets right away. Brandon runs the only butterfly conservatory in town and, with Greta’s dissertation is now in jeopardy, taking that job and being back home are creating chaos of Greta’s perfectly catalogued and compartmentalized world. But real life is messy, and Greta will have to ask herself if she has the courage to open up for the people she loves, and for those who want to love her.

MILFORD LIBRARY

Young Adults’ Day Off will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the Florence Park Shelter in Milford. Students in grades four through 12 will be creating an animal silhouette painting, eating pizza, and watching “Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey.” This event costs \$10 and registration is required. You may register by calling Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643 or Arnolds Park Library at 712-332-2033.

Students in grades four through 12 are invited to register for MML’s Young Adult Out of the Box Challenge. This box will be filled with odds and ends to design a game, create an art project and repurpose an item in your home. This is a free activity, but does require registration. Pick up and registration may be completed from Tuesday, Nov. 8, through Friday, Nov. 18. To register, call Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643 or go online to <http://milfordlibrary.weebly.com/young-adult-registration.html>.

Any interested individuals are welcome to join MML’s Book Club at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. The featured book, “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid, can be found in our library. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

MML will be hosting Festival of Trees again this year. Start thinking of your tree, because the first window for dropping off entries in the contest will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21. We are looking forward to seeing and displaying your beautiful trees.

YOUTH CORNER

Milford Memorial Library has two more November youth programs for the community. Afterschool Activity will start at 3:30 p.m. this coming Thursday, Nov. 10. We will play a variety of board games and enjoy some popcorn. The more the merrier in order to make the game playing fun for all. Our second program is Building Bookworms, and it will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 21. The theme will focus on being kind and thankful. New youth book displays are out, and they are: Thanksgivng, hiking, writing, games and puzzles and trains.

This week’s library feature is MML’s Elementary Resources webpage. You can find the link on the Youth page (milford.lib.ia.us/youth) or directly at milford.lib.ia.us/k-4. Miss Becca recently put a bunch of new resources on it such as PBS Kids, Wonderopolis, and National Geographic for Kids.

Iowa Lakes to offer Night At The P.A.C.



Performers singing at the October Night at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center in Estherville. (Photo submitted)

The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department announced Night at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center will take place at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

The Community Handbell Choir will perform prepared pieces, including a duet with the Iowa Lakes handbell choir. In addition, instrumental and vocal performances

from ILCC students, staff and community members will showcase a variety of musical genres, including country, jazz, pop and show tunes. This event is free to the

public, and all are welcome.

Anyone interested in performing at the event should contact the Iowa Lakes Music Department at 712-362-8345 or music@iowalakes.edu.

Spirit Lake Schools to present ‘Seussical: The Musical’ Nov. 11-12

The music and drama departments at Spirit Lake High School will present “Seussical: The Musical” at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, and at noon Saturday, Nov. 12.

All performances will be held at The Sami Bedell Center for the Performing Arts, located at 612 28th St., in Spirit Lake.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults for all performances. Spirit Lake student activity passes will be honored for this event. Tickets will be available in the lobby one hour before both performances. All seats will be general admission, and no advance tickets will be sold.

This family-friendly musical brings to life many favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie LaBird and a small child with a big imagination — JoJo. The colorful characters transport the audience from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, and then to the invisible world of the Whos. Along the way, these familiar characters encounter many obstacles but discover that, through the power of friendship, loyalty, family and community, they can work together and emerge triumphant.

“This is a bright, full-color and high-energy show,” said Luke Miller, vocal music and drama director at Spirit Lake High School. “The students have really embraced the challenge of preparing such a large production, and I think the community is really going to enjoy their performances.”

The company has been in rehearsal since early September. The show involves more than 50 students from Spirit Lake High School as actors, singers, dancers, set designers and stage hands. Additionally, more than 15 young students from Spirit Lake Elementary School are also in the show as ensemble members.

The Spirit Lake production is sure to please theatergoers of all ages, and it will be adjudicated by guest judges as part of the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards program.

“Seussical: The Musical” is based on the works of Theodor Geisel — better known as Dr. Seuss — and contains music by Stephen Flaherty, with lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. The show was co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle.

Questions may be directed to the Spirit Lake High School at 712-336-3707.

SLMS BAND STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN HONOR BANDS



Two Spirit Lake Middle School band students were selected to participate in the 55th annual Northwest Iowa Middle School Honor Band Festival. More than 300 seventh and eighth grade band students from 41 northwest Iowa schools auditioned Saturday, Oct. 15, for positions in two honor bands. Approximately 190 students were chosen. These selected students will perform a concert at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Dordt University in Sioux Center. Julie Forney, former Okoboji Middle School band director, and Angela Holdt from Northwestern College will be the directors of the bands. Selected from Spirit Lake Middle School were Bethany Frostestad — trumpet and Jennifer Resch — trombone. The Spirit Lake Middle School band director is Sally Jo Ites. (Photo submitted)

REED TO PRESENT HISTORY OF BROADWAY STREET

Arnolds Park’s Broadway street wasn’t always just drinking establishments — at one time it had everything a person could want from a small, self-sustaining town. The Dickinson County Museum invites the public to join author and historian Jonathan Reed as he shares stories and photos of the hotels, rooming houses, theaters, bakeries, stores and drinking establishments that have occupied “uptown” over the years. This presentation is part of the History Lives! speaker series and will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the museum — 1708 Keokuk Ave. in Spirit Lake.

Iowa Lakes Community College to recognize military women during Veterans Day program

Iowa Lakes Community College will honor veterans with a focus on celebrating women in the military for this year’s Veterans Day program. This year’s event will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville campus. The public is invited to attend this free event.

“We want to honor veterans who served and sacrificed to protect our country,” said Tim Ireland, Iowa Lakes Veteran Center director. “Our veterans program this year features female veterans and current military personnel as the emcee, keynote speaker, and student address.”

This year’s featured keynote speaker is Col. Sonya L. Morrison, the first female wing commander of the Iowa Air National Guard’s 185th Air Refueling Wing. Morrison, an Osceola native and a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, is an accomplished pilot who has



flown everything from helicopters to fighter planes to crewless aerial vehicles and has flown more than 500 combat hours in various operations.

The master of ceremonies

will be Melissa Lutat, a retired Air Force veteran who served for 22 years. In addition, Danessa Bruner, an Iowa Lakes construction technology and military student from Buffalo Center,

will discuss Veterans Day history.

The program will also showcase musical performances from the Iowa Lakes Choir, Iowa Lakes Band and the Iowa Lakes Handbell Ensemble, directed by Professors Carol Ayres and Brett Fuelberth.

Lunch will be served in The Max dining hall from noon to 12:30 p.m., with all veterans receiving a complimentary lunch.

Iowa Lakes strives to offer a military and veteran-friendly environment. A recently awarded grant from the U.S. Department of Education will allow improvement of existing military and veteran student services by developing a Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success on the Estherville and Emmetsburg Campuses to coordinate comprehensive support services, including academic, mental health, physical health and enhanced learning opportunities.

Vigdal to speak on experiences in the Galapagos



The public is invited to attend the upcoming Kenue Coffee Hour and listen to Charles Vigdal revisit his trip through the islands and the impact of biology.

The Galapagos Islands is a province of Ecuador, which lies off the South American country's coast. Its isolated terrain shelters a

diversity of plant and animal species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Charles Darwin visited the islands in 1835, and his observation of Galapagos' species later inspired his theory of evolution.

Kenue Coffee Hour will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Dickinson County

Nature Center in Okoboji.

"I can't wait to hear about the diversity of the habitat seen firsthand by Charles," said Bryanna Kuhlman, the nature center's environmental education coordinator.

Kenue Coffee Hour is a monthly program geared toward the adult nature lover. Attendees will be able to

sit down with a cup of coffee and hear about various topics in nature.

Kenue Coffee Hour lasts approximately one hour and is free to the public. There is no need to preregister for this program.

For more information, visit www.dickinsoncounty-conservationboard.com.

LOCAL CHAMBERS CUT RIBBON AT ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME



Members of the Spirit Lake and Iowa Great Lakes Area Chambers of Commerce gathered at Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake to celebrate a change in ownership. Corey and Kerri Robinson took on full ownership of the former Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in September — the Robinsons had been minority owners of the business for the past six years. Officials with both chambers said the Robinson's and their business have been valued community partners, and they expressed their excitement for how things develop under the business' new name. Both chambers helped the Robinson family cut a ceremonial ribbon outside the funeral home Thursday afternoon. The Robinson's thanked the community and the various partners who helped make the transition possible. Corey Robinson has been providing mortuary services in Iowa for more than two decades, and he previously assured the public all agreements, guarantees and preplanned ceremonies arranged under the Schuert-Lentz name will be honored and carried out by Robinson Funeral Home. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

AREA BOOSTERS RECEIVE DONATIONS FROM EXIT REALTY



(Top) EXIT Realty Midwest held a drawing at the Spirit Lake vs. Estherville football game. Two lucky winners chose a booster club from their respective schools to receive a \$100 donation. Congratulations to Anna Coffin, who chose Spirit Lake Music Boosters, and Kelsey Shatto, who chose Estherville Athletic Boosters. (Bottom) Pictured are Brad Sanderson presenting the donation to Spirit Lake Music Boosters president Dawn Fisher and Nancy Vierkant presenting to Estherville Athletic Boosters president Dean Gesche. (Photos submitted)

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TRICK OR TREAT ON THE STREET



Costume-clad kids — not to mention a fair number of adults and pets — recently visited some of the area's downtown haunts in search of tasty Halloween treats. The Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Downtown Candy Walk Saturday afternoon. Many businesses invited the youngsters in or had goodies waiting for them outside as they travelled a long circuit through the city's business district. (Photos by Seth Boyes)



The Milford Commercial Club held its traditional Business Trick or Treat the afternoon of Halloween itself. Children donned their costumes once again and paced the sidewalks of downtown Milford, filling baskets, bags and buckets with candy as they went. The various businesses displayed distinct commercial club signage to guide the downtown trick or treaters on their Monday afternoon quest for candy.





Spirit Lake teammates Will Graves (9), Jake Cornwall (8) and Owen Lalumendre (50) converge on a Clear Lake ballcarrier in the fourth-ranked Indians' playoff win over the Lions Friday. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

LION KINGS

■ No. 4 Spirit Lake dominates Clear Lake 43-21 in 2A playoff tilt

Matt Heinrichs
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A dominant defense and an opportunistic offense proved to be too much for Clear Lake to handle in Friday's Class 2A second-round matchup with No. 4 Spirit Lake. Save for a successful fake punt, the Indians' defense didn't allow a first down in the opening stanza while the offense turned a 22-0 first-half lead into a 43-21 playoff victory in Spirit Lake.

"I thought we started really well," Spirit Lake coach Josh Bolluyt said. "I thought we had some explosive plays offensively. I thought we created some turnovers defensively. Really did a good job of shutting

■ Spirit Lake Football
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Spirit Lakes Gabe Poolman (51) celebrates after a tackle for loss Friday in his team's playoff win over Clear Lake.

Krieger, Hughes compete at Class 2A state meet



Spirit Lake senior Katelyn Krieger placed ninth to earn all-state honors at the Class 2A state cross country meet held Friday, Oct. 28, in Fort Dodge. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Spirit Lake's dynamic duo of Katelyn Krieger and Brandon Hughes competed at the 2022 Iowa High School Cross Country Championships held Friday, Oct. 28, at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge.

Krieger earned all-state honors after placing ninth in the Class 2A girls race. Hughes placed 31st in the Class 2A boys race.

Heading into Friday, Spirit Lake's

longtime cross country coach Tim Heintz said he knew both runners would need to start fast if they intended to earn a top-15 finish.

"Based on all of my experience at the state meet, we knew that — if they wanted to finish in the top 15 to be all-state and get on the podium — that they had to have great races and they had to start out fast," Heintz said. "Not top-five fast, but probably top-20 or top-25 fast. Both of

■ Spirit Lake Cross Country
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Okobojo boys runners-up; trio earns all-state honors

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Okobojo ended its historic cross country season with several stellar performances at the 2022 Iowa High School Cross Country Championships held Friday, Oct. 28, at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge.

The boys team, anchored by all-state performances from sophomores Evan Osler and Trigg Heimdahl, earned a runner-up finish in the Class 2A team race. The Pioneers' Maryn Frein also earned all-state honors in the Class 2A girls race.

Okobojo coach Brad Peter said he had two main points for his team's race plan heading into Friday.

"First, we talked a lot about the experience from last year where we didn't get out well in the first mile, were buried deep in the field and couldn't manage to move up," Peter said. "Second, we looked at the results from last year and saw that six of the top seven teams were in the exact team spot at the one-mile point in the race that they finished at the end. We had been intentional all year in meets, asking our kids to go out hard early and find ways to settle into the race after a hard first mile, all with the goal of executing that race plan at the state meet. Our guys followed the plan to a T on Friday, and we were really proud of how they were willing to put themselves out there and compete all the way to the line."

■ Okobojo Cross Country
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Okobojo's Evan Osler led his team to a runner-up finish at the Class 2A state cross country meet held Oct. 28 in Fort Dodge. Osler placed third individually to earn all-state honors. (Photo by Matt Heinrichs)

Ice fishing open houses dates set for November



If you're looking for electronics for the upcoming fishing season, Stan's Bait and Tackle has a wide range of options. See them all at the Ice Kickoff on Saturday. Don't forget the IGLFC fishy fry! (Photo submitted)

Steve Weisman
Outdoors Editor

How can an outdoor person get bored here in northwest Iowa? Right now we have hunting seasons going like crazy, the fall fishing is only getting better as the lake water temperatures fall! Oh, but that's not all. Nope! Because the "pre-ice fishing craze" is just around the corner.

It always comes in November and into December across the Midwest ... ice fishing shows such as the Dakota Angler Ice Institute in Sioux Falls (Nov. 11-13) and the St. Paul Ice Show (Dec. 2-4).

They are always fun to attend, but right here in the Iowa Great Lakes, we will have three ice fishing open houses: Saturday, Nov. 5, at Stan's Bait and Tackle; Saturday, Nov. 12, at Kabele's; Saturday, Nov. 26, at The Hook Up (Oak Hill Outdoors). Over the next three weeks, we will look at each shop's open house.

First up, Stan's Bait and Tackle. Before we get into Stan's Ice Kickoff, I'd like to offer a big welcome to Mason Wharton, the new owner of Stan's! Wharton took over the business on July 15.

Wharton noted, "It was a busy summer, and I am really looking forward to the ice fishing season."

It's a perfect fit, because as Wharton said, "I've always loved to fish. I've been fishing since I was old enough to hold a fishing pole."

Those who frequent Stan's know that although it is a small-town bait shop, it has a big store selection with basically everything you need for panfish, walleye and bass fishing, along with catfish and musky tackle.

STAN'S ICE KICKOFF

Now, back to ice fishing ... Wharton is excited that Stan's can kick off the ice fishing season in the Iowa Great Lakes with its sixth annual Ice Kickoff and Fish Fry that will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We are just putting on the finishing touches for this year's event," Wharton said. "Our goal is to offer ice fishermen with the equipment they need, from those just getting started to the veteran fisherman."

He added, "So, we will have product for the entry level fisherman and the fisherman that wants to most high end equipment."

For the Ice Kickoff, Wharton plans

to have extensive products from a wide range of manufacturers.

"We do plan on having several pro staffers here to give fishermen information about the product lines they represent, including Clam pro staffers, a representative from P3 Plastics, Vexilar and a rod maker out of Spencer," he said

Several specials will be offered: buy a Clam ice house and get a free hooded sweatshirt; buy an IceArmor suit and get a free Kanga Cooler; buy \$50 of Clam product and get a free bucket.

One final special includes purchasing a 4-quart minnow bucket and getting 10% off anything that fits in the bucket with the lid closed.

A highly anticipated event at Stan's Ice Kickoff will be the annual fish fry hosted by the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club.

"The IGLFC always puts on a great fish fry," Wharton said. "The plan is for the fish fry to start about 11 a.m., and it will last until the fish is gone!"

So, if you need something to do on an early November Saturday, check out the Stan's Ice Kickoff and Fish Fry. Whether you are a regular or a newcomer, Wharton invites you to stop in on Saturday.

Looking back on open water fishing in 2022



Mike Frisch with a swim jig bass. (Photo by Bob Jensen)

Bob Jensen
Fishing the Midwest

The 2022 open water fishing season is over for this angler. Unless something very unusual comes up on the open water scene, I'm waiting for ice. It wasn't that many years ago that there were usually only a couple of days between my last open water trip and my first foray of the season onto the ice.

Priorities and experiences change, but one thing that hasn't changed for me is the enjoyment that I get in looking back at previous open water fishing seasons. I'm guessing that most anglers enjoy reviewing past open water fishing seasons also. Following are a couple things that I'm remembering about recent and not so recent open water fishing seasons.

How fishing techniques evolve constantly surprise me, but it shouldn't. Change is one of the only constant things in life. I remember several decades ago when my dad and I would work shallow water cover in the spring for largemouth bass. Almost always we were casting spinnerbaits, and almost always we were either pretty successful or very successful.

At the time, I couldn't imagine a more effective technique. Flash ahead 40 years. I'm sharing a boat with Mike Frisch. We're throwing to shallow water cover for largemouth bass. The layout looks exactly what Dad and I used to fish. The only difference is, Mike and I don't have spinnerbaits tied on.

The hot setup in recent years has been a jig! A jig! It used to be jigs were used for slow presentations, and they still work when used slowly. But Tour Grade Swimming Jigs tipped with a Rage Menace plastic and worked almost like a spinnerbait are so productive that we're using them more and more every year. I wonder what we'll be using in 10 years in place of the swim jig? Maybe back to spinnerbaits?

I remember all the time that I used to spend chasing walleyes at night in the

fall. Sometimes I fished from shore in my waders; other times I trolled. The shore fishing was often predictable. If there were baitfish in the area during the day, the walleyes would be there at night. If there was a light breeze blowing into the area, action was better. The walleyes would almost always show up at about the same time every night. We caught lots of walleyes from shore at night then and continued to do so.

I remember another time when I was fishing alone at night trolling on Leech Lake in north-central Minnesota. It was very windy. I should not have been out there, and I certainly should not have been out there by myself. But the walleyes were biting, and there were a good number of big ones. I was pulling crankbaits. I hooked what was at the time the biggest walleye I had ever tangled with. I got it to the boat, but when it came time to net it, there was no way to do so.

The rolling waves made it hard for me to stand up, and the up and down of the boat in the rolling waves made netting the fish impossible. When it finally came unhooked, it just laid there a minute, giving me a very good look at it. It made the 8-pounder that I hooked and landed shortly after look not so big.

The thing that we need to keep in mind is that fishing seasons are never really over as long as we can remember them. My fishing friends and I have relived so many fishing trips and fishing seasons from years past while sitting around a table inside or a campfire outside. My friends remember their catches being bigger than they were and my catches being smaller than they were, and that's OK.

The stories change every time they're told. I would strongly suggest that we all cherish our fishing or whatever other activity you enjoy as it's happening, and then enjoy those experiences in your memory on a regular basis.

IGLFC DNR Night set for Nov. 10

Steve Weisman
Outdoors Editor

The Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club will be hosting its annual fall Department of Natural Resources night at Oak Hill Outdoor located at the north edge of Milford (across the road to the north of Perkins) on Thursday, Nov. 10. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with pizza at 6 p.m., followed by the DNR presentations at 7 p.m.

According to IGLFC president Terry Thomsen, "This is always a great event with excellent information provided by our DNR personnel. The

evening, including the food and beverage, is free for club members. Cost will be \$10 for nonmembers to cover the cost of the pizza."

A variety of prizes will be awarded in an end of the evening raffle. In addition to the normal raffle items, a special raffle will honor our veterans (Veterans Day is the next day — Nov. 11) with each veteran getting a free raffle ticket for the Veteran-only raffle and raffle items.

The evening will also include an opportunity to renew memberships and for non-members to become members. Cost of membership is \$25, which

covers the cost of an entire family.

"Our memberships help the IGLFC achieve its mission and vision statements: to recruit youth to the sport, encouraging connection to the outdoors and fishing as a lifelong passion; to contribute to the environment and our communities by improving the quality of local fisheries and promoting involvement through educational and recreational activities," Thomsen said.

With the number of memberships continuing to increase, the IGLFC board hopes to continue expanding fishing opportunities for more individuals in all area communities.



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LEGALS

City of Spirit Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
City Council Chambers
Present: Mayor Keenan, Councilmembers Harbst, Bice, Brockmeyer, Chappas, Kofoot.
Meeting called to order by Mayor Keenan.
The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.
MINUTES
Motion by Chappas seconded by Brockmeyer to approve the minutes of the October 11th regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
BILLS
Motion by Chappas seconded by Brockmeyer to approve the bill list for the month of October, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
4 EVERGREEN LANDSCAPE, TREES\$9,327.70
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, COPIER\$228.52
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL, UTILITIES\$911.35
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE, AFLAC ACCIDENT...\$941.67
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CENTURY LINK, TELEMETRY\$148.00
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICE INC, TESTING - LIFT STATION. \$2,550.00
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CITY LAUNDERING CO, MATS.....\$35.75
DISPLAY SALES, BULBS..\$1,389.00
DOCUMENT DEPOT INC, SHREDDING.....\$49.00
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX.....\$20,740.56
FTC, W&R DEF COMP\$100.00
FEAR COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC, FIX EMAIL.....\$130.00
HAWKINS, INC, VACUUM REGULATOR.....\$336.44
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JOSH KILPATRICK, REISSUE UNCASHED CHECK.....\$200.00
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MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT, MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT\$2,738.81
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UMB CORP TRUST, BOND FEES\$600.00
VOLTMER INC, PAY APP#4 & CO#2\$30,264.76
VOYA INSTITUTIONAL TRUST CO, VOYA DEF COMP.....\$1,270.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN, LANDFILL FEES 9/16-9/30\$26,063.71
WELLMARK, BCBS HEALTH.....\$42,358.32
WESSELS OIL CO INC, DUST CONTROL.....\$337.50
UTILITY REFUNDS, UTILITY REFUNDS\$482.80
PAYROLL, PAYROLL.....\$67,533.93
TOTAL.....\$262,560.44
LIQUOR LICENSE
Motion by Chappas seconded by Brockmeyer to approve a Class B Beer Permit with outdoor service and Sunday sales for Boji Craft Beer. Motion carried unanimously.
REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA PUBLIC HEARING
The Mayor announced this is the time and place to consider the rezoning of certain properties located within the corporate limits of Spirit Lake and opened the public hearing. No written comments were received.
Chris Sill asked the reason for the rezoning request. Owens stated that over time some of the residents at Homestead Cooperative have asked to have the property rezoned. Owens stated that at some point the zoning changed to C-2 and apparently by mistake which made the Homestead Cooperative property non-conforming a rezoning would return property to the original classification. Sill asked if any plans of parceling the property off have been decided. Owens stated that no plans have been turned into the city but if the property is rezoned the city doesn't have the right to limit what they can build as long as they follow the zoning ordinance. Sill stated that his property is currently receiving drainage from the parking lot. Owens stated any future changes would require a drainage plan and meet the city's requirements. Owens stated in his experience drainage improves with development due to the city's requirements. Sill stated that he currently doesn't have a drainage issue as the drainage tile is working but the water is within 10 feet of his property and 5 feet from his neighbors' property.
Tim Voht expressed concerns with drainage. Voht stated that his property turns into a pond due to the drainage from the parking lot and stays in his yard for 4-5 hours. Voht stated he has had no issues with water in his basement but his neighbor to the south has had an issue. Charles Gilbert expressed concern over the drainage as all of the water drains onto his property first. At this time, the Mayor closed the public hearing. Brockmeyer stated the setbacks are more restrictive in R-3 versus C-2 and will have less buildable space. Bice stated any new structure would have the drainage reviewed and if anyone would cause drainage issues the city would hold them responsible.
Chappas stated R-3 is the appropriate rezoning for the Homestead Cooperative property. (Lot 45 of Auditor's Plat No. 108 lying South of 27th Street EXCEPT that part of said Lot 45 of Auditor's Plat No. 108 in Section 5, Township 99 North, Range 36 West)
ORDINANCE NO. 10-2022
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA, REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SPIRIT LAKE, DICKINSON COUNTY, IOWA - FIRST CONSIDERATION
Motion by Bice seconded by Kofoot to approve the first consideration of Ordinance No. 10-2022. Aye: Harbst, Bice, Brockmeyer, Chappas, Kofoot. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36
RESOLUTION APPROVING FY2022 CITY STREET FINANCIAL REPORT
Harbst introduced and caused to be read Resolution No. 2022-36 and moved for its adoption, which was seconded by Brockmeyer. Aye: Harbst, Bice, Brockmeyer, Chappas, Kofoot. Resolution duly adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-37
RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY APPLICATION #4 AND CHANGE ORDER #2 OF THE CITY OF SPIRIT LAKE STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Bice introduced and caused to be read Resolution No. 2022-37 and moved for its adoption, which was seconded by Kofoot. Aye: Harbst, Bice, Brockmeyer, Chappas, Kofoot. Resolution duly adopted.
ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAPLE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION
Motion by Brockmeyer seconded by Harbst to accept the public improvements for Maple Meadows Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-38
RESOLUTION CERTIFYING DELINQUENT CHARGES TO THE DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER
Bice introduced and caused to be read Resolution No. 2022-38 and moved for its adoption, which was seconded by Chappas. Aye: Harbst, Bice, Brockmeyer, Chappas, Kofoot. Resolution duly adopted.
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE 36TH STREET & HILL AVENUE INTERSECTION AND CORRESPONDING SPEED LIMITS
Motion by Kofoot seconded by Chappas to authorize city staff to implement the proposed diagrams issued by Beck Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.
COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF
City Administrator Owens provided an updated on the downtown tree planting.
ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Bice seconded by Brockmeyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
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Osler led the way, placing third in 16 minutes, 18.10 seconds. Heimdal placed 12th in 16:45.38. Frein placed 13th in 19:47.98.

“Evan, Trigg and Maryn all were able to achieve all-state honors by following the same race plan as the rest of the team,” Peter said. “I think that speaks to their unselfishness as leaders. Evan was able to finish in an all-state position last year by running a conservative first mile and moving up, but he was the only person on our team who was able to do that. He was willing to change his tactic to follow our team strategy and, while it did pay off for him, more importantly, it helped the rest of our guys buy-in as well. Trigg was a huge beneficiary of this plan, as he improved his position more than 100 places from last year’s state meet. Maryn, running individually, had a goal of finishing in the top 15, and for her, it was all about getting out early. She has raced Madison Brouwer and Madison Marco from Sibley-Ocheyedan so often this year that this race was really going to be no different. I think getting together with (Spirit Lake’s Katelyn) Krieger early was really helpful, as they had also raced each other often and Maryn felt some comfort knowing the pace was on point racing with a similar and familiar opponent.”

Peter said it is a really special honor to earn all-state recognition.

“Cross country races are far from predictable, and there are many athletes capable of finishing in the top 15 in the race, so you really have to have your ‘A game’ that day to do it,” he said. “As far as the team race goes, putting two runners in the top 15 is a recipe for finishing in the top three as a team. It isn’t the only way to pull it off, but it is really useful to have two kids score low in a big meet.”

In addition to Osler and Heimdal’s high finishes, the Okoboji boys team had several key performances en route to a runner-up team finish.

Dylan Jones placed 24th; Drew Sandven placed 37th; Akron Jostand placed 54th; Christian Hesse placed 63rd; and Dakota Hesselstine placed 100th.

“All year long, our depth



Okoboji’s Maryn Frein placed 13th to earn all-state honors at the Class 2A state cross country meet held Friday, Oct. 28, in Fort Dodge. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

has been such a huge advantage for our guys,” Peter said. “Yes, we have three very solid front runners in Evan, Trigg and Dylan Jones. We count on them to finish high in every race and we likely don’t finish second without their individual performances. However, Akron, Drew, Christian and Dakota can all take risks and go for it in races because they know we technically only need two of them to hit a great day in order to get our five scoring runners home. We don’t worry as coaches asking these guys to go out a little faster than maybe is advisable because we know and, more importantly, they know we have multiple guys capable of running under 17:40. At the state qualifying meet, Christian and Akron ran the best races of their lives. At state, Drew showed up huge for our team and had his best race ever. That doesn’t mean the other guys ran poorly, just that we had a kid or two really click in that particular race. Our guys have such strong belief in each other that there wasn’t as much stress before the race as no one felt too much pressure to overperform.”

It was a great way for the Pioneers to cap an historic season.

“We had tremendous improvement on both teams

this year,” Peter said. “Up and down the lineup, on both the girls’ and boys’ teams, all of our kids showed improvement from last year. That is extremely rare in cross country, and we are exceptionally proud as coaches of the improvement in each and every athlete. We had some nice team successes, but to see our group grow the way they did is very rewarding.”

Peter said the Pioneers’ season would not have happened without seniors Dylan Jones, Christian Hesse and Dakota Hesselstine.

“Their freshmen year, our team qualified for the state meet for the third year in a row, and these guys were on the team but not running varsity,” Peter said. “As sophomores, all three ran varsity and we finished fourth at the state qualifying meet by four points, just missing out on the state meet. I think that moment, that realization that nothing is guaranteed, motivated them to come back and work harder. All three guys were instant leaders from there on out, dedicating themselves to being the best runners they could be, calling other guys to run in the summer, and working hard in track and in the weight room. Their leadership changed the trajectory of the team from a group that often qualified for the

state meet to a team that could contend for a trophy in Fort Dodge.”

With Osler, Heimdal, Frein, Sandven and Jostand back next season, Peter believes the future of Okoboji cross country remains bright despite added attention following this year’s stellar showing at state.

“There is no doubt that the experience from last year played a huge part in how our team responded this year,” Peter said. “Moving forward, it will be hard for our team — and these individuals — to fly under the radar, so there will be some expectations to manage. However, there is no substitute for experience, and we are lucky to have so much state meet experience coming back next fall.”

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Class 2A Boys Team Scores	
1. Des Moines Christian	75
2. Okoboji.....	99
3. Tipton.....	120
4. Waukon	127
5. Oelwein	138
6. Mediapolis.....	191
7. Pella Christian.....	209
8. Denver	224
9. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura..	226
10. Unity Christian	234
11. Danville/New London ..	245
12. Clarinda.....	274
13. Mid-Prairie Wellman.....	279
14. Chariton	317



Okoboji’s Trigg Heimdal placed 12th to earn all-state honors at the Class 2A state cross country meet held Oct. 28.



Drew Sandven placed 37th and helped the Okoboji boys team to a runner-up finish at the Class 2A state meet.

15. Forest City	329
16. Akron Jostand (Okoboji),	17:42.13
17. Christian Hesse (Okoboji),	17:54.47
18. Dakota Hesselstine (Okoboji),	18:37.54

Class 2A Boys Individual Results

1. Aaron Fynaardt (Des Moines Christian),	15:50.62
2. Caleb Ten Pasa (Des Moines Christian),	16:06.33
3. Evan Osler (Okoboji),	16:18.10
4. Charlie Sieck (Starmont West Central),	16:24.88
5. AJ Bonnesen (Danville/New London),	16:29.37
6. Solomon Zaugg (Mediapolis),	16:30.81
7. Clay Bohlmann (Tipton),	16:35.87
8. Kaden Van Wyngarden (Pella Christian),	16:36.27
9. Treyton Schaapherder (Clarinda),	16:41.92
10. Chesney Capron (Monticello),	16:42.79
11. Conall Sauser (Oelwein),	16:45.28
12. Trigg Heimdal (Okoboji),	16:45.38
13. Owen Schmidgall (Mediapolis),	16:45.83
14. Ty Nichols (Tipton),	16:45.87
15. Emerson Vokes (GCGR Grundy Center),	16:45.99
16. Dylan Jones (Okoboji),	17:13.55
17. Drew Sandven (Okoboji),	17:24.85

Class 2A Girls Individual Results

1. Danielle Hostetler (Mid-Prairie Wellman),	18:41.64
2. Katelyn Johnston (Osage),	19:01.70
3. Clare Kelly (Van Meter),	19:05.90
4. Mackenzie Wilson (Jesup),	19:14.07
5. Hillary Trainor (Sumner-Fredericksburg),	19:19.51
6. Mayson Hartley (Clarinda),	19:21.18
7. Kinze Shea (Crestwood Cresco),	19:28.82
8. Campbell Kolbet (New Hampton),	19:33.05
9. Katelyn Krieger (Spirit Lake),	19:36.97
10. Julia Mertz (Beckman Catholic Dyersville),	19:45.84
11. Jada Bucholtz (Williamsburg),	19:46.34
12. McKenna Montgomery (Albia),	19:47.13
13. Maryn Frein (Okoboji),	19:47.98
14. Katie Young (Unity Christian),	19:49.94
15. Emma Althoff (Monticello),	19:51.13

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them did an awesome job of doing that. Katelyn obviously maintained her positioning. When I saw her at probably the 800-meter mark, she was around 13th. That was a great spot for her to be in. She’s just one of those runners that, as the race goes on, she just doesn’t slow down. She just maintains. We knew she was in really good shape and she just ran an awesome race. We were hoping for top-15. For her to finish that high is just great for her.”

Krieger finished in 19 minutes, 35.97 seconds. Junior Danielle Hostetler of Mid-Prairie Wellman placed first in 18:41.64. Osage senior Katelyn Johnston was third in 19:01.70. Van Meter senior Clare Kelly was third in 19:05.90.

Heintz said it was a great way for the Spirit Lake senior to end her cross country career.

“She’s just been a great runner for us,” Heintz said. “She only went out for cross country for two years. As a sophomore in track, I saw her potential in distance races. I just could tell. I’ve been around long enough to know. I somehow convinced her to go out for cross country. She’s glad she did and I’m glad she did. She says

it really made a difference in her life. That’s awesome. I’m very pleased with everything she’s done for the program. She was just elated to be all-state. She couldn’t have asked for more. She was pretty happy about it.”

Hughes also got out to a solid start, but an issue with his hip caused the sophomore to slide back throughout the race. He finished in 17:19.30.

“When I saw him at the 800-meter mark, he was probably in 14th or 13th,” Heintz said. “He just ended up having a little bit of a problem with his hip. I don’t know the reason why. He said he felt good going into the race. It’s just one of those things. That’s unfortunate for him. Last year, he finished 78th and he was sick. He was very disappointed last year. This year, he didn’t run the race he wanted, but he’s only a sophomore.

The coach added, “He finished 31st out of 132 runners. I told him that he beat 100 runners. That’s a great accomplishment. He’s just going to keep getting better. He has two years left and every meet that he gets to go participate down at state is just going to benefit him in the future.”



Spirit Lake sophomore Brandon Hughes placed 31st individually at the Class 2A state cross country meet held Friday, Oct. 28, in Fort Dodge. (Photo by Matt Heinrichs)

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down the run game early ... (In the second half) I felt like we were confident that we were going to win, but we just kind of played a little tentative — played not to give up big plays. It's somewhat situational, but we weren't as aggressive as we needed to be defensively. Offensively, we were really sharp. It was a great win for us. I'm excited for the kids that way. We need to stay focused through the end of the game until the last horn goes off."

Spirit Lake's defense forced a fourth down on the Lions' opening possession, but a successful fake punt pass went for a first down, giving Clear Lake new life. That momentum was short-lived, however, as the Indians' defense buckled down and returned possession to the offense.

Spirit Lake senior Jake Cornwall turned a short pass into a long gain and sophomore quarterback Cade Lundt bought time before plowing his way into the end zone for the game's first score.

A touchdown run by Cornwall and a two-point run by Will Graves gave Spirit Lake a 15-0 lead after one quarter of play.

The Indians' defense came up big once again to start the second quarter, as an interception by Will Graves gave the offense a short field before Lundt found Justyn Hamm for a 21-yard scoring strike to extend Spirit Lake's lead to 22-0.

From there, the two squads traded jabs before a long pass play by Clear Lake moved the ball deep into Indians territory near the end of the first half. The Lions had four tries from inside the 5-yard line, but Spirit Lake's defense held strong, keeping Clear Lake out of the end zone to head into the halftime locker room with a 22-0 lead.

"They called timeout a couple of times there. We just talked about how we've gotta win the line of scrimmage — create a new line of scrimmage and have great pad level," Bolluyt said. "They were running an unbalanced set with an extra offensive lineman. The first time, we didn't align great to it, but our guys played with great pad level and beat them off the ball. Credit to our kids playing really hard down there. That stop was huge."

Bolluyt said he felt the momentum that his team gained with that defensive stop carried over into the second half, as the offense capitalized with a touchdown pass from Lundt to Caden Hassel, giving the Indians a 29-0 lead with 8:43 remaining in the third quarter. An interception by Drew Alger gave the Indians the ball once again, and the offense capitalized with an 8-yard touchdown run by Will Ditsworth around the right end, making it a 36-0 Spirit Lake lead with 5:41 remaining in the third.

"Guys came out with great energy there after getting that stop," he said. "I thought it carried over. We got the ball on offense and went down and scored right away. Got the ball back and scored again. Defensively, we played well. Then, we're up 36-0 pretty early in the third quarter. It's a great place to be at that point in time."

With the clock running, Clear Lake went to the air. The Lions scored their first touchdown of the game on a long pass with 4:27 remaining in the third. A Spirit Lake fumble and another Clear Lake touchdown pass made it a 36-14 Spirit Lake lead with 6:50 remaining in the fourth.

After the score, the Lions came up with a successful onside kick. While Spirit Lake maintained a solid lead, momentum began to shift at that point.

However, Cornwall came



Spirit Lake's Owen Lalumendre (50) tackles a Clear Lake ball carrier for a loss. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

up with a clutch interception near midfield and returned the ball deep into Lions territory. A quarterback sneak by Lundt gave the Indians a 43-14 lead with five minutes remaining.

"That was a great play by Jake," Bolluyt said. "We had a lot of pressure. Tyler Voss forced a wobbly pass and Jake was in great position, intercepted and almost returned it. We were able to finish with a touchdown there. I really felt like that solidified things. We just had to finish."

The Lions got one final score in the final minute to make it a 43-21 Spirit Lake win.

Voss had a huge night for the Spirit Lake defense.

The senior finished with 11.5 tackles, seven tackles for loss, three sacks and several batted passes.

Hamm had 11 tackles. Graves had eight tackles and an interception. Joey Andres and Owen Lalumendre had six tackles each. Lalumendre had two tackles for loss and a sack.

Gabe Poolman had two tackles for loss and two sacks. Braden Theesfeld had two tackles for loss. Cornwall had a tackle for loss and an interception. Kaleb Lee and Evan Beck both had a tackle for loss.

Spirit Lake's offense totaled 303 yards.

Lundt completed 9 of 13 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 19 yards and two scores on seven carries.

Cornwall ran for 75 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries and caught two passes for 48 yards. Ditsworth ran for 33 yards and a touchdown on eight carries.

Alger had a 40-yard reception. Hamm had a 21-yard touchdown reception. Voss caught two passes for 22 yards. Hassel caught two passes for 20 yards and a score. Jake Wallin had a 10-yard catch.

"Tyler Voss had a huge night for us," Bolluyt said. "He had seven tackles for loss and had a tipped ball earlier in the game. A lot of guys played well. Will Graves had a huge interception early in the game. Drew Alger had a big interception as well. Will Ditsworth came in and ran the ball well. Jake Cornwall obviously ran the ball well. I thought our guys up front played well. I thought Caden Hassel had a really good night. He had a big punt return and a couple of good catches. I thought our perimeter blocking with him and Drew Alger — they had their best night blocking on the edge. I thought that was



Spirit Lake's Caden Hassel (7) crosses the goal line for a touchdown in the Indians' playoff win over Clear Lake.

what gave us an opportunity with a lot of our big run plays. Defensively, up front, I thought we did a good job of stopping the run. Owen Lalumendre had a good game. We just kind of struggled when they started going bunch formation late and throwing short passes to the flat."

With the win, Spirit Lake improved to 10-0 on the season and advanced to the Class 2A quarterfinals slated for Friday, Nov. 4. The Indians will host fifth-ranked OABCIG (9-1) in a rematch. Spirit Lake won the first meeting 28-13 on Sept. 23.

The Indians' victory came with a loss, however, as star sophomore Bode Higgins was lost for the season with a fractured tibia suffered early in the game.

"Unfortunately, Bode won't play for the rest of the year. Feel horrible for him," Bolluyt said. "Great kid. Had a great year."

INDIANS VS. FALCONS

Friday's contest will be the second time No. 4 Spirit Lake and No. 5 OABCIG square off this season. In their first meeting, Spirit Lake jumped out to a 14-0 halftime lead before putting the Falcons away in the second half.

The Indians defense limited OABCIG's all-state quarterback Beckett DeJean to just two rushing yards on 13 carries. DeJean completed 13 of 30 passes for 185 yards, two touchdowns and threw three interceptions — a fourth interception was nullified by a pass interference call.

Since that loss in late September, the Falcons have won five straight — includ-



Spirit Lake's Tyler Voss (10) gets pressure on the Clear Lake quarterback.

ing playoff wins over Unity Christian and No. 7 Osage the last two weeks.

Bolluyt said both teams have grown and improved since that first meeting, but are still pretty similar in terms of style and scheme.

"We're pretty similar. Both teams have grown and improved throughout the season," he said. "They have one guy back (First Team All-State linebacker Griffin Diersen) who was out until about three or four weeks ago. He's back, so that's helped them. At this point in time, they have some other guys with injuries. It'll be a great game. Obviously, the DeJean kid is a phenomenal athlete. They have some really good receivers and they've been playing really well throughout the season."

Regardless of the sport, it's a common saying that it's tough to beat a team multiple times in a season, but Bolluyt doesn't see it that way.

"We don't have to beat them twice. We just have to beat them one more time," he said with a chuckle. "Both teams are going to look at that film and try to figure out what we could do differently, but both teams are who they are. I don't think you're gonna see drastic changes. They're not going to all of a sudden be like Southeast Valley or Clarion-Goldfield-Dows and go double-tight Power I back — that's just not who they are. Obviously, they're going to watch film and see what they can do to attack us, but we're doing the same thing. We're both familiar with each other. We've played each other a lot in the last three years. We have a lot of respect for each other's programs. I think it's gonna be a great game, a great battle, just like it was the first time."

The Indians' defensive focus will be on DeJean. Bolluyt also said he likes what

he's seen from his offense in recent weeks.

"This group just prepares really well. I know they'll play hard. They play hard every game," he said. "Can we get pressure on their quarterback? Can we limit their big explosive plays? If you watch their game against Osage — (DeJean) does it in about every game, he's a talented player — right before the half, he had a 76-yard scramble on a broken pass play. He had another 50-yarder for a touchdown. He had 171 yards rushing just on broken plays. He's a phenomenal athlete. We've got to make sure we tackle in space well and leverage him and do those things well. Offensively, I think you're gonna see our guys play really physical up front. I feel like we're just continuing to get better there. I like how we've been balanced and able to throw the ball and run the ball. It's gonna be a great matchup."

2022 SPIRIT LAKE CROSS COUNTRY

ALL-LAKES CONFERENCE:
 Katelyn Krieger, Brandon Hughes,
 Damon Vandenberg, Connor Kueper

STATE MEET QUALIFIERS:
 Katelyn Krieger, Brandon Hughes

CLASS 2A STATE MEET RESULTS:
 Katelyn Krieger (9th), Brandon Hughes (31st)

CLASS 2A ALL-STATE:
 Katelyn Krieger

Members of the 2022 Spirit Lake cross country team include: (front, from left) Indy Holscher, Ally Vierkant, Hudson Lewis, Carter Trautman, Riley Sorenson, Anna Hartzell, Abi Slater; (middle) Mackenzie Bennett, Charlotte Pritchard, Sam Odendahl, Brandon Hughes, Katelyn Krieger, Cassi Hackbarth, Lilly Holdorf; (back) Connor Kueper, Willa Wipperfurth, Damon Vandenberg, Ethan Jerge, Tommy Profit, Aiden Holdorf and Connor Bramblett. (Photo by Matt Heinrichs)



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8/26	Remsen St. Mary's	Lake Park	L 42-7
9/2	Northwood-Kensett	Northwood	W 49-0
9/9	Kingsley-Pierson	Kingsley	W 40-37
9/16	St. Edmond	Lake Park	W 63-34
9/23	Bishop Garrigan	Algona	W 38-14
9/30	GT/RA	Lake Park	W 42-40
10/7	West Bend-Mallard	West Bend	L 48-6
10/14	North Iowa	Lake Park	W 68-6
10/21	Newell-Fonda	Newell	L 55-26



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 Class 2A District Champions (Boys)
 Class 2A State Meet Runner-Up (Boys)

ALL-SIOUXLAND CONFERENCE (BOYS):
 Evan Osler, Trigg Heimdal, Drew Sandven, Akron Jostand

ALL-SIOUXLAND CONFERENCE (GIRLS):
 Maryn Frein, Lily Miller

CLASS 2A STATE MEET QUALIFIERS (BOYS):
 Evan Osler, Trigg Heimdal, Dylan Jones, Drew Sandven,
 Akron Jostand, Christian Hesse, Dakota Hesselstine

CLASS 2A STATE MEET QUALIFIERS (GIRLS):
 Maryn Frein

CLASS 2A STATE MEET RESULTS (BOYS):
 Evan Osler (3rd), Trigg Heimdal (12th), Dylan Jones (24th),
 Drew Sandven (37th), Akron Jostand (54th), Christian
 Hesse (63rd), Dakota Hesselstine (100th)

CLASS 2A STATE MEET RESULTS (GIRLS):
 Maryn Frein (13th)

CLASS 2A ALL-STATE:
 Evan Osler, Trigg Heimdal, Maryn Frein

Members of the 2022 Okoboji boys cross country team include: (front, from left) Finn Jack, Ray Kaiser, Marc Hoggard, Akron Jostand, Andrew Frerichs, Oliver Miller, Michael Gonnerman, Collin Orosco; (middle) Sam Hoggard, Connor Cunningham, Paul Conover, Lane Larson, Nico Barba, Kaden Zweibahmer, Dylan Jones; (back) Tristan Strantz, Hunter Hallengren, Evan Osler, Trigg Heimdal, Christian Hesse, Austin Kasch, Drew Sandven and Tyler Christensen. Not pictured: Dakota Hesselstine and Cole Becker. (Photo by Matt Heinrichs)

Members of the 2022 Okoboji girls cross country team include: (front, from left) Carly Carstens, Emma Graves, Addison Cunningham, Maryn Frein, Lydia Downing, Addison Frerichs, Addison Johnson, Hailey Gravert, Lauren Christoffels; (back) Grace Downing, Zoe Drost, Nora Danbom, Zoey Holmes, Grace Pausley, Makena Hesse, Addison Newton and Lily Miller. Not pictured: Hailey Schneider. (Photo by Matt Heinrichs)



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