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Break the Cycle arrives in Arnolds Park

Annual ride raised \$400,000 to combat human trafficking

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Even passersby could sense the building excitement Friday afternoon as supporters of the Break the Cycle 200 Okoboji Ride watched for dozens of cyclists to take their final turn of the annual ride. The group pedaled about 200 miles from the Des Moines area that day, in an

effort to raise funds to combat human trafficking. This year's event also featured what was dubbed the Spirit Lake Out and Back, in which local riders travelled 125 miles to meet the Break the Cycle group in Pocahontas County — in the area of Laurens and Fonda — and complete the remainder of the 200-mile course with the Break the Cycle riders. This year's local add-on was meant to provide Lakes Area cyclists with another option to participate in the ride and further support the organization's cause. Break the Cycle began its annual ride 12 years ago and has raised more than \$1.5 million in that time, according to Brad McClure,

a Break the Cycle board member and trustee of its partner organization Hope for Justice. McClure credited fellow organizers Andy McCoy and Rocky Vest with getting the group's inaugural ride rolling all those years ago — McCoy's family owns property in the Lakes Area, and their home was the ride's original end point. However, as participation grew, the group needed a wider finish line per se, and McCoy said nearby Arnolds Park and the iconic state pier made for an ideal location. Break the Cycle joined forces with Hope for Justice about two years ago. McClure indicated the partnership has success-

fully pushed for the funding of specialized state investigators in Iowa, and the nonprofit also works to locate and help victims of human trafficking, while also backing legislation aimed at curbing the criminal enterprise. "This year alone, we've rescued 11 girls," McClure said. Statistics from Hope for Justice said an estimated 49.6 million people are victims of trafficking in some form or another, be it forced marriages, forced labor, sexual exploitation or domestic servitude. The human trafficking industry makes an estimated



Dozens of cyclists with the Break the Cycle 200 Okoboji Ride rolled down Lake Street Friday afternoon in Arnolds Park as they finished a 200-mile trek from the Des Moines area. The annual ride raises funds to combat human trafficking. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

■ Break the Cycle continued on 2A

F-16 flies over West Lake Okoboji as Air Force marks century of mid-air refueling



An F-16 fighter jet and its refueling craft flew over West Lake Okoboji on Tuesday as part of a nationwide recognition of the first mid-air refueling in 1923. (Photo by Dave Petrick)

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 News Editor

It was too fast for anyone without a camera ready. Those near West Lake Okoboji may have noticed an F-16 fighter jet and its refueling craft passed over Iowa's deepest natural lake during a commemorative flight on Tuesday, celebrating a century of mid-air refueling. Information from the U.S. Air Force said the first successful air fueling in history took place on June 27,

1923. The Air Force Air Mobility Command planned flyovers near major landmarks in all 50 states, and West Lake Okoboji was one of two planned in Iowa. The overall effort was expected to involve more than 150 aircraft. Information published by the Air Force last week said a KC-135 Stratotanker from the Iowa Air National Guard's 185th Air Refueling Wing was to participate in

■ Jets continued on 3A

INSURANCE ISSUES PROMPT SPIRIT LAKE SCHOOLS TO RESCIND POLICY ARMING STAFF



(From left) Spirit Lake School Board member Greta Gruys, School Board President Teresa Beck, District HR and Finance Director Ashley Weber and School Board Vice President Sonja Hamm looked over documents following a 4-0 vote Thursday night to remove language from the district's safety plan which referenced armed staff members. The vote came in response to a combination of insurance issues involving both the arming of school staff within the district and other property coverage issues. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

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 News Editor

The Spirit Lake School Board walked back decisions it made earlier this fall to allow select staff members to carry firearms on school grounds. The vote came after the district received a non-renewal notice from its insurance provider and was unable to secure a viable alternative for coverage under current

market conditions — many related to property coverage. The district had given final approval in late November to its safety plan, which allowed up to 10 non-teaching staff members to be armed on school grounds after being trained to respond during an active shooter situation.

■ Spirit Lake Schools Gun Policy continued on 3A

■ Jessica Vancura named interim SLES principal



School officials said it was a bit-sweet situation to learn Spirit Lake Elementary Principal Kasey Huebner had accepted a position outside the district, but there was something of an obvious solution to fill the position. Assistant Spirit Lake Elementary School Principal Jessica Vancura was named interim principal for the building Thursday. Spirit Lake Superintendent David Smith said Huebner, who will be taking up the superintendency of the Panorama Community School District, has done much for the Spirit Lake School District during his time at the elementary building, and he said Vancura was an ideal candidate for the position.

■ SLES Principal continued on 3A



County officials on Tuesday approved a \$11.3 million bid from Steffes Companies of Milford for construction work on the proposed 70-acre Sherwood Forest park project in Okoboji. The large-scale public park will be developed on the former golf course near what was once The Inn on the east side of West Lake Okoboji. (File photo)

Construction bid awarded for Sherwood Forest park project

OTHER BUSINESS
 The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors approved the temporary closure of a stretch of road in the 1100 block of 230th Street while gravel from the Westport Pit is being mined, crushed and transported. Dickinson County Engineer Cole Budach estimated between 25,000 and 75,000 tons of gravel may be crushed, which he estimated could take up to two months — he noted the closure will ideally be complete before farmers in that area typically begin harvest. He said landowners along the road closure may still be granted access and are asked to contact his office in order to coordinate with the gravel crushing operation.

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 News Editor

County officials voted on Tuesday to award a multimillion-dollar contract to Steffes Companies of Milford for the construction of a large-scale public park in Okoboji. The 70-acre park — which is to be called Sherwood Forest — will be constructed on what was once

the golf course of the former Inn on the shore of West Lake Okoboji. The iconic 121-year-old hotel was sold for \$5.7 million in 2017 and demolished before being divided into several residential lots — the last of which hit the market in the fall of 2018. The idea of a large-scale park on the golf

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Break the Cycle

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(Above) Riders, organizers and volunteers gathered near the iconic state pier in Arnolds Park following their ride from Des Moines.

(Center) The cyclists rode at a speed of about 20 mph during the ride. The riders arrived in Arnolds Park after making a brief stop near Terril.

(Left) Riders with the Break the Cycle 200 Okoboji Ride raised tens of thousands of dollars to oppose human trafficking efforts. Organizers said matching funds from an anonymous donor brought the 2023 ride's total to about \$400,000. (Photos by Seth Boyes)

\$150 billion each year — or \$5,000 each second — the nonprofit said, with women and girls representing about 54 percent of victims worldwide. About one out of every four victims are children, according to the group's numbers. McClure said Friday's riders received matching funds from an

anonymous donor, bringing this year's total fundraising for the Okoboji ride to around \$400,000. Organizers did confirm one of the day's rider was hospitalized following an accident along the route north of Laurens, but McClure said the injured rider was doing well as of Friday afternoon.

Aside from the injury of their fellow cyclist, organizers were very pleased with this year's ride, noting the day's weather and favorable breezes.

"We averaged just over 20 mph up here, which is fantastic," McClure said. "It's hard to do for 200 miles, so credit (goes) to all th-

ese guys that were riding today and all the time they put into training and getting ready for this event."

Those seeking to donate to Break the Cycle or participate in the 2024 ride, as either a rider or volunteer, are encouraged to visit the group's website at hopeforjustice.org/break-the-cycle.

Supervisors

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course was discussed early in the sale process, but that aspect was uncoupled from the overall development plans and put on hold in the summer of 2018.

The Sherwood Foundation — an organization chaired by philanthropist Susan A. Buffet — purchased the vacant golf course for \$1.75 million in January of 2019, according to county records. The nonprofit later sold the golf course parcels to the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County for \$1 in June of 2021. The foundation then gifted the land to the Dickinson County Conservation Board the following month.

County conservation officials had plans for Sherwood Park in hand by July of last year, and that December they applied for a \$3.5 million Destination Iowa grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority — those funds were awarded to the Sherwood Forest project in March of this year.

But design plans had to be modified a bit last year, after staff discovered remnant prairie — or prairie land which has never been disturbed — while inspecting the former golf course. Lee Sorenson, executive director of the Dickinson County Conservation Board, said there is only a fraction of a percent of remnant prairie left in Iowa. The area discovered in the proposed Sherwood Forest park is about 8 acres in size, and officials plan to preserve within the park to help educate visitors. Design plans call for other prairie areas to be planted in the park, and Sorenson said it could take about three years for the new prairie to establish itself.

He said final plans for the park also include natural play areas, open grassy spaces for picnics

and other outdoor activities, a promenade with native plant species, viewpoints overlooking scenic features and about two miles of trails as well as what organizers are calling a bike experience — an outdoor cycling area featuring three different levels of difficulty. Earlier plans included a parking area near Park View Drive toward the proposed park's northern side, but that lot was removed from the design after the neighboring public expressed concerns — the area will still serve as an access point for park maintenance staff, and current plans still show public parking

off Lakeshore Drive just west of Summer Circle Drive.

Bids for the project were advertised in April this year, and only one proposal was submitted by the May 11 deadline. Sorenson said consultants with the Destination Iowa program advised organizers that the bidding process was widespread, despite the lone bid received, and rebidding the project would likely yield the same result.

Steffes Companies submitted a bid of about \$11.3 million. Sorenson said the bid was about 13 percent over the project estimate but still within bud-

get. He also noted the county will not be financially responsible for construction costs — a point which was specified in an agreement approved by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday — and a third party is expected to establish a 25-year endowment to cover the park's operating costs.

The county board of supervisors unanimously approved resolutions adopting the park's plans, contract and construction bid during Tuesday's meeting.

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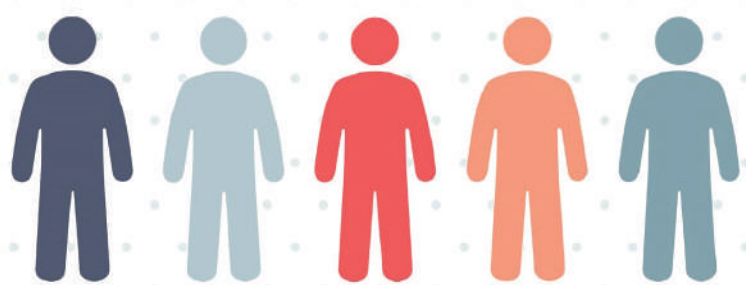
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THURSDAY NIGHT

A chance of showers, low around 64.



FRIDAY
High 82 | Low 61

A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

FRIDAY NIGHT

A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, low around 61.



SATURDAY
High 82 | Low 61

A chance of showers before 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.



SUNDAY
High 86 | Low 63

Sunny, with a high near 86.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Mostly clear, with a low around 63.



MONDAY
High 86 | Low 64

A chance of showers. Sunny, with a high near 86. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

MONDAY NIGHT

A chance of showers. Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

SLES Principal

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tion, noting many staff members were eager to see her promoted to the principal position.

Huebner said it will be hard for him and his family to leave the district after 12 years, but he's confident in Vancura's abilities.

"I trusted her with almost anything I needed from her, so I know the elementary will be in good hands," Huebner said.

Smith said the timing of Huebner's resignation didn't leave many days on the calendar to complete a full candidate search — he said staff estimated it could be August before such a search might be completed — and the school chose to offer the posi-

tion to Vancura.

"Jessica has built relationships with students, staff and families," Smith said in a statement. "She has excellent communication skills and has an incredible ability to stay calm when handling even the most difficult situations. Jessica has worked with Mr. Huebner since being hired, including very closely over the past two years in leadership roles in the elementary building. Through conversations with staff and administration, Jessica was the desired person to fill this position. On behalf of the district, I congratulate Jessica and am excited to work closely with her and her staff to fur-

ther expand and develop the high quality education already provided to our elementary students."

The incoming principal said she too is excited and honored to continue working with the elementary staff in her new role.

"Truly, this is about them, and I'm just excited to be a part of it and help lead them," Vancura said.

Vancura is a 2013 graduate of Spirit Lake Schools. She returned to her former campus after being hired in 2018 as an elementary special education teacher, according to the district. She was selected three years later for what the district called a teacher leader-

ship role as a behavioral interventionist. The 2022-2023 school year was the first in which Vancura served as assistant principal and director of special education.

Her new role as elementary principal was approved by the school board June 22 on a 4-0 vote.

"I definitely think it's going to be a learning year for me personally, figuring out the ropes," Vancura said. "There's going to be big shoes to fill with Kasey Huebner leaving. I looked up to him a lot, but I think the transition will go well. I'm going to keep learning and working and doing what's best for the staff."

Spirit Lakes Schools Gun Policy

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"We did all we could do to make this happen, and I believe we have the support of the majority of our community," Spirit Lake School Board President Teresa Beck said ahead of Thursday's vote. "I know we have it from teachers, parents, students. I'm sad that we can't do it. We all feel like it's the best thing to keep our kids safe, but I'm sorry we couldn't get it done. We did our best. We gave it our all, and so did our staff."

The district is insured through EMC Insurance, and the district's local agent, Bill Cochran-Bray with Central Insure, said he approached EMC in August of 2022 to request the company's position on the then-potential arming of school staff. EMC officials met with Spirit Lake's staff that October and agreed to consider the plan presented by the district, according to Cochran-Bray, but it was noted at that time the final decision would be made at EMC's corporate level. EMC guaranteed the school in November that no mid-term cancellation would occur, according to a statement from the district, but the company would potentially choose not to renew the district's coverage on July 1, in the event the district moved forward with its plan to arm staff. Cochran-Bray said the search for other insurance proposals began as early as January of 2023.

The district said EMC was informed on Feb. 15 this year that the authorized staff members had completed their training and the district's new safety plan had been implemented. The district said EMC made no changes to the school's insurance policy over the next 4.5 months, during which the authorized school staff were armed on campus.

Spirit Lake Schools received a non-renewal notice in mid-May from EMC, which indicated the district no longer met "underwriting guidelines." Cochran-Bray said Thursday there was no talk of a firearms guideline during an April 10, 2023, meeting between EMC and the Iowa Association of School Boards.

"Several requests have been made to explain or provide details regarding these guidelines but, to date, neither our agent nor the district have received any information," the district said in a June 22 statement.

The district sought proposals from 26 different insurance markets, according to Cochran-Bray. He said only two declined coverage due to Spirit Lake's decision to arm its staff. He told the board Thursday other markets had declined coverage for various reasons, such as not offering coverage in Iowa, the size of the school district and the increasing

cost of claims.

The district still had what Cochran-Bray called three viable options in early June, but by June 15 he received word two of the options were likely to decline — one due to difficulties with first-party property coverage and the other due to the district's size and location. Cochran-Bray said the district's third market option notified his company the following day they would not be providing proposals due to firearm exposure — though Cochran-Bray said the company acknowledged their coverage form did not exclude it.

"They indicated that recent publicity about the district and another northwest Iowa district concerned the program's board of directors, and they did not want to pursue a proposal," Cochran-Bray told the school board.

He went on to recommend that, without an alternate proposal for insurance, the district rescind its authorization to arm staff and seek reinstatement with EMC — noting the company's proposed changes to the 2023 term included a 15-30 percent increase in overall premiums.

A vote to remove the arming of staff from the district's safety plan and policies passed 4-0, with board member Jeremy Mow absent.

"Obviously, we have to do this to keep insurance," board member Luke Lundt said, noting the information presented that night. "But also what we need to do is — what are we going to do? What's our plan to keep kids safe? What are the costs of those plans and how fast can we get some-

thing put together now that we're going to change it? That's just one thing I'd say we need to have on our agenda moving forward."

The district initially began taking steps toward approving its policy to arm staff via a 4-0 vote in August of 2022.

That vote was brought back to the table the next month due to a procedural issue and was then passed unanimously. In mid-November, Spirit Lake Police Chief Shane Brevik issued a statement expressing concerns over the potential arming of school staff. Brevik had said earlier that August that he felt the concept had merit and he was looking forward to working with the district on the issue, but his November statement — which came less than two weeks before the school board was to consider final approval of its plan — said arming staff was "an unworkable solution."

The district sought public input ahead of the approval of its overall safety plan in late November, which the district said favored the arming of staff 187-102, though school officials pointed out dozens of identical responses were

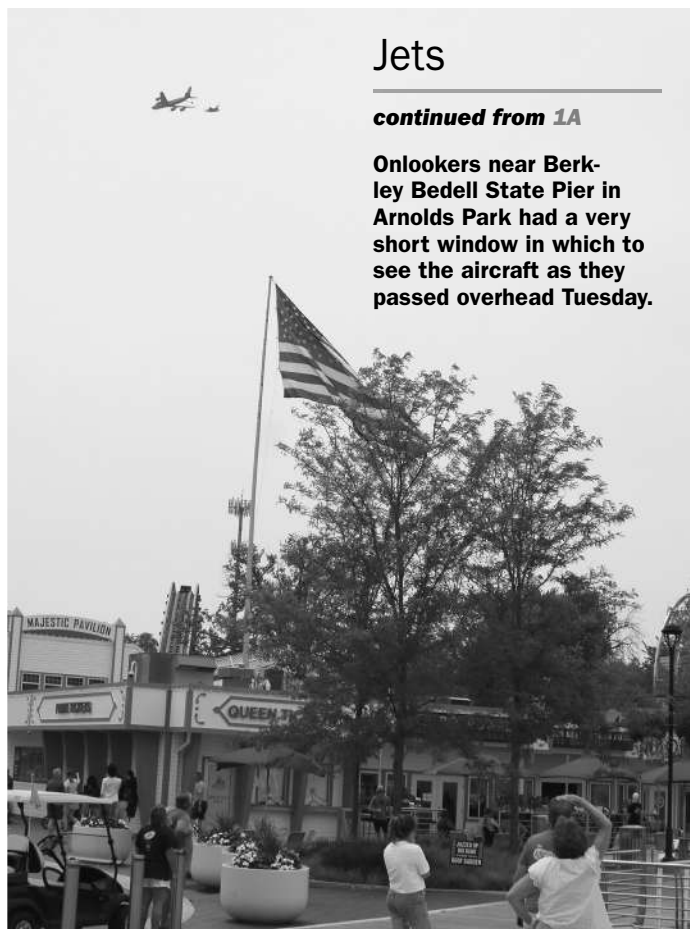
submitted in opposition to the plan through a nonprofit which aids activist groups. The board voted unanimously to finalize its safety plan on Nov. 28, but Thursday's resolution amended portions of the safety plan and district policies, saying "no individuals other than law enforcement, shall be authorized to carry a firearm on school grounds."

"The district's implemented solution was based on math, time and real statistical data, demonstrating the sooner an active shooter is addressed, the more innocent lives are saved," Spirit Lake Superintendent David Smith said in a statement following Thursday's vote. "In my opinion, we had a plan that was second to none. I continue to ask this: in the horrific event we have an active shooter in our district, what would you want — a highly-trained individual who is present, capable and willing to step in quickly between the bad guy and your child, or would you prefer to wait the minutes it will take for a dispatched responder to arrive? There is no data that school shootings are going away anytime soon."

Jets

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Onlookers near Berkeley Bedell State Pier in Arnolds Park had a very short window in which to see the aircraft as they passed overhead Tuesday.



the day's flyovers. The Stratotanker and three F-16s from South Dakota's 114th Fighter Winger crossed a number of locations in the Missouri River valley region. Lakes Area onlookers saw the jet and the Stratotanker zip north to south across West Lake Okoboji shortly after 1 p.m. Tuesday. A separate flyover had taken place at 9:50 a.m. the same day in Sioux City, and another was expected that afternoon near Jack Trice Stadium in Ames.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DUE PROCESS IN QUESTION AT THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

Much to the dismay of Summit Carbon Solutions, easements for over 1,000 parcels on its hazardous CO2 pipeline route remain unsigned. The clock is ticking, and time is running out. Construction is behind schedule, and the project is over budget. The company needs speedy approval to use eminent domain to take this property, and recent events signal the IUB is willing to oblige.

The procedural schedule, filed June 16, 2023, indicates the board intends to rubber-stamp Summit's application by favoring the pipeline company over Exhibit H Landowners — those with property targeted for eminent domain.

One unexpected turn is an earlier start date for the permit hearing — Aug. 22, 2023. This presents a problem in that it will not give the IUB time to become sufficiently knowledgeable about the Exhibit H parcels. Normally, engineers physically inspect each parcel and gather information onsite about the property. The process usually takes two-to-four hours. Examining over 1,000 parcels spread along the 689-mile route will be a time-consuming and overwhelming task for the IUB staff to complete.

Earlier, in an effort to hurry things along by reducing the number of unsigned parcels, the board proposed an unprecedented plan to get more easements signed. It offered to bring in mediators, paid by Summit, to help Exhibit H landowners "understand" the easement process. This was clearly unfair. How could a Summit-sponsored mediator negotiate for anything other than a signed easement? After pushback from landowners and intervening parties, the procedural schedule scaled back the plan for mediators. Instead, the IUB will send letters to survey landowner interest in mediation.

The new timetable moves the start of the hearing ahead by two months, from late October to mid-August of this year. The board asserts the change will better accommodate farmers during harvest. The



claim is dubious given that farmers are also busy with crops and livestock in the summer.

In reality, the earlier start date puts Exhibit H landowners behind the eight ball. Direct testimony is now due on July 24, months earlier than expected. It gives landowners far less time to prepare statements, assemble supporting documents and consult with their attorneys.

The procedural schedule states, "the board is flipping its normal approach to this type of hearing by having the Exhibit H landowners begin as a way to promote procedural efficiency." This is yet another show of favoritism toward Summit.

Procedural fairness dictates Summit Carbon Solutions testify first, because it has the burden of proof. Questions and comments from intervenors should follow, and the proceedings should end with testimony from Exhibit H landowners. However, when the procedural order puts Summit's statements ahead of landowner testimony, they must defend their land (and in most cases livelihood) without having heard Summit's full case in defense of the project.

Through its recent actions and rulings, the Iowa Utilities Board shows blatant partiality toward Summit Carbon Solutions over private property owners threatened with eminent domain. The board's "desire to promote procedural efficiency" favors Summit and strips away Exhibit H landowners' right to due process.

A recent Des Moines Register poll showed 80 percent of Iowans — across all demographics — oppose the use of eminent domain for profit. Concerned citizens will find recent developments at the Iowa Utilities Board troubling. There is an urgent need to submit objections to the IUB, contact legislators and call the governor to demand a fair hearing on Summit's hazardous CO2 pipeline permit. The clock is ticking, and time is running at the IUB.

— BONNIE EWOLDT, MILFORD RESIDENT & CRAWFORD COUNTY LANDOWNER

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GUEST COMMENTARY

LET'S TALK ABOUT FUD

FUD is a slang word that stands for fear, uncertainty and doubt. FUD is a disinformation strategy used to influence people towards having a negative perception of something. When FUD is used in a campaign, the professionals using the strategy will share negative and false information about a competitor. They will spread this information with the hopes that consumers will find other products or people more appealing.

FUD has been used for a long time, beginning in 1970s. Today, the use of FUD comes from a long-standing practice of casting unwarranted criticism on other people, products or circumstances to further one's own goals. Historically FUD has been used to hide facts and to incite reactions.

Why have I devoted my newsletter this week to talk about fear, uncertainty and doubt, or FUD? It is simple. FUD has become one of the best ways to promote, or rather demote, your political adversary. We hear it all the time regarding political candidates. We hear things like that person is a RINO (which means Republican in Name Only) but with no explanation as to why that person is a RINO.

During the current political caucus time, we will hear many such allegations. Candidate A threatened Social Security two times. They will say this with no other explanation. We may hear about Candidate B, who has no experience. Or we may even hear about Candidate C, who has become senile.



John Wills
State Rep.

Some candidates are exceedingly good at FUD while others may try to stay away from it and focus on a positive message for the future. Well, as we move through this caucus and political period, I want to just encourage people to look at the facts for each candidate. While I have endorsed a candidate, I still talk and visit with all candidates with whom I am able and make sure I know the facts regarding those candidates. This newsletter isn't about a candidate. It is about FUD, and I think it has gotten terribly bad recently. In fact, I think it is to a point where it is harmful to the political system that we celebrate and embrace here in these United States.

So be it. I don't have the power to have these candidates stop using this practice, but I do have the ability to urge you each to investigate each candidate thoroughly and to ensure you understand their stances. When you hear about Candidate A and how they threatened Social Security, then check it out and find out why or what the context of that issue. When you hear about Candidate B who has no experience, then find out if this is true and so on down the line.

I guess I am saying, don't take a postcard statement at face value and judge a person or candidacy based on a one or two sentence statement. In a way, I am, and we are all guilty of it to a certain extent. It's easy to have an emotional response to something that is inflammatory or visceral. We must be diligent in our process and make sure that we evaluate our candidates fairly and justly.

GUEST COMMENTARY

SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF IOWA FARMERS AND PRODUCERS

From droughts and derechos to record inflation and rising interest rates, crop insurance is a vital safety net for Iowa farmers and producers. When mother nature strikes, crop and livestock protections can be the difference between turning a profit or facing financial ruin. Born and raised in rural Iowa, I know that, when our producers are successful, our families, main streets and rural economy are successful — and crop and livestock insurance is an important tool to help Iowa farmers remain successful, productive and profitable during times of crisis.

In my conversations with producers on my Feenstra Agriculture Tour and my discussions with my 60-member Agriculture Advisory Board, I have repeatedly heard that a robust crop insurance program is the top priority for our agriculture community in this year's Farm Bill. These same producers are extremely concerned — as am I — that our young, beginning and veteran farmers face major hurdles to succeed in today's bleak economy. As land prices increase and inflation persists, it is exceedingly difficult for the next generation of producers to enter the farming community and make a good living.

Additionally, the data tells us that a significant amount of farmland will be changing hands over the next several years. According to recent estimates, 34 percent of all U.S. producers are over the age of 65, while only 8 percent are younger than the age of 35, which



Randy Feenstra
U.S. Rep.

means that approximately 40 percent of farmland is expected to transfer ownership over the next two decades. With China redoubling their efforts to buy up American farmland, it is crucial that we help our new and young producers succeed in the agriculture industry, equip them with the capital and crop insurance protections they need to thrive and keep farmland in the hands of Iowans.

That's why — serving on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee — I introduced my Crop Insurance for Future Farmers Act. This common-sense legislation extends vital crop and livestock insurance protections to new, beginning and veteran farmers to lower their insurance payments for their first 10 years in business. Current law only covers young and beginning producers' first five years in business. My bill will give them the breathing room and financial flexibility to plant their roots and carry on our proud agricultural traditions in Iowa during their most vulnerable years.

As an unwavering advocate for Iowa agriculture, I will always be a strong voice for our farmers and their families who put food on our tables and power our economy. I am confident that this investment in the next generation of producers will pay dividends for our economic vitality, grow our rural communities and keep Iowa farmland where it rightfully belongs — in the hands of Iowa farmers.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Q&A: FARMERS MARKETS



Q: ARE FARMERS MARKETS EXPANDING IN IOWA?

A: More and more entrepreneurs are embracing the roots of Iowa's agrarian heritage by producing and selling farm-fresh, wholesome products to their local community. For generations, Iowans have participated in the seasonal tradition of pulling over to the side of the road to buy freshly picked sweet corn from the back of a local grower's truck or check out home-grown, homemade goods at roadside food stands. Just as county fairs across the state celebrate the fruits of Iowans' labor from their gardens and barns with blue ribbon worthy entries, farmers markets showcase locally grown foods and goods for sale directly to the consumer that connect urban and rural neighbors across Iowa. Supply chain disruptions during the pandemic underscore the advantages of having locally grown and raised produce and meat.

The expansion of our state's vibrant network of farmers markets reflects strong support for farm-fresh foods grown close to home. The free marketplace and economics of supply and demand are at work as a growing number of communities across the state support weekly farmers markets with vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, cheese, meats, honey, flowers, baked goods and more. I encourage Iowans to visit their local farmers market and also be sure to check other areas of the state when you're in their neck of the woods. During my annual 99 county meetings, I often hear concerns about disconnect and division in America. Gathering with neighbors at a farmers market and bonding over home-grown berries, chin dripping tomatoes and freshly baked bread is a good way to find common ground and build community. Many venues schedule kid-friendly attractions and other events geared to adults, such as salsa contests and chili cook-offs. In national surveys, Iowa farmers markets have ranked among the cream of the crop, including the Freight House Farmers Market on the riverfront in Davenport as well as the downtown farmers market in Des Moines that features hundreds of vendors from half of Iowa's 99 counties. Farmers markets generate economic activity and commerce in the local community, putting money in the pockets of local growers and nutritious, farm-fresh food on the dinner table.

Find an alphabetical listing of farmers markets with dates, times and addresses at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at <https://data.iowaagriculture.gov/fmnp/>.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME WAYS CONGRESS SUPPORTS FARMERS MARKETS AND DIRECT TO CONSUMER SALES?

A: In 1992, Congress established the Farmers Market Nutrition Program to help provide fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables to people supported by the Women, Infants and Children program. Participants in the WIC program may use FMNP coupons to purchase eligible foods from farmers markets. In fiscal year 2021, more than 570 Iowa farmers were authorized to accept FMNP coupons, providing fresh produce to nearly 26,000 recipients in Iowa. The Farmers Market Promotion Program offers matching grants to help local producers expand direct producer-to-consumer markets. Most recently, a farmer-owned online marketplace in Henry County secured funding in fiscal year 2022 to help its livestock farmers use e-commerce to increase sales and connect with customers.

As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I advocate policies to boost the farm and food economy. More than two decades ago, I wrote legislation to create the Value-Added Producer Grant program to help foster market-development and income opportunities for local producers to get their products to market and boost economic vitality and job creation in local communities. Administered by the USDA, the program offers matching federal grants as seed money to help entrepreneurs sprout their business and get food from farm to fork, providing assistance for processing, marketing and improving food safety, for example. The 2018 farm bill included VAPG in the new Local Agriculture Market Program, keeping its mission to benefit small and mid-sized farming operations, beginning farmers and veterans to help develop value-added products, new markets and new customers. Producers in Iowa have received VAPG funds to help get their businesses off the ground, including a winery, creamery, produce delivery service and custom beef farm. Approximately \$31 million will be available in fiscal year 2023 for competitive grants that provide funds for planning and working capital. As work continues on the new farm bill, I'm backing responsible funding for the farm and family safety net to ensure our nation has an affordable, stable food supply that also protects the taxpayer and upholds fiscal integrity of vital farm and nutrition programs.



Chuck Grassley
U.S. Senator



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SIRENS

Jace Michael Muilenburg, age 22, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 9:51 p.m. Wednesday, June 21 on the charge of second-degree harassment. Bond was set at \$1,000. Online court documents show a criminal complaint was filed Friday, June 2, accusing Muilenburg of sending the victim a text message threatening bodily harm. The victim told law enforcement "this has been an ongoing issue with the defendant over a civil issue," according to the complaint. A no contact order was filed the same day, and Muilenburg was served a warrant on June 21.

Richard Ray Lopez, age 43, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 10:27 p.m. Thursday, June 22, on a previous court decision. He was scheduled for release Saturday, June 24, 2023.

Mitchell Thomas Gardner, age 22, of Nonph-an, Nebraska, was charged with public intoxication at approximately 1:30 a.m. Friday, June 23, in the area of the Bridges Bay Resort vacation cabins in Arnolds Park. A criminal complaint said Gardner was "knocking aggressively on the door and windows of a cabin that he was not staying at." The complaint went on to say the 22-year-old's blood alcohol concentration was found to be more than twice the legal limit to operate a vehicle in Iowa. Gardner was booked into the Dickinson County

Jail at 1:50 a.m. the same day.

Zander Jackson Mozena, age 18, of Spencer, was charged with interference with official acts at approximately 2:27 a.m. in the area of Broadway Street in Arnolds Park. A criminal complaint said Mozena and a group described as his friends "were lighting large fireworks in the street" before Mozena ran from police.

Gibson Jon Olson, age 19, of Sioux Rapids, was charged with public intoxication. A criminal complaint filed against Olson did not provide a time or location for the offense but said the teen was in a bar despite being under the legal age, and his blood alcohol concentration was more than twice the legal limit to operate a vehicle in Iowa.

Cole Louie Carnine, age 18, of Everly, was charged with trespassing at approximately 11 p.m. Friday, June 23, in the area of Arnolds Park Amusement Park. A criminal complaint said Carnine "violated a verbal trespass order given by the agent of Arnolds Park Amusement Park" and indicated an officer with the Arnolds Park Police Department had spoken to Carnine the previous weekend "for the same violation."

Brenda Lee Berger, age 57, of Spirit Lake, was charged with fourth-degree theft and two counts of

fifth-degree theft, according to criminal complaints filed Saturday, June 24. The complaints accuse Berger of committing theft at the Spirit Lake Walmart three separate times — once during the month of April, another during the month of May and the third in early June. The complaints said Berger failed to scan and pay for several items during each instance. The total value of the items taken during all three offenses was estimated at about \$650.

Arnoldo Garcia Jr., age 27, of Estherville, was charged with operating while intoxicated — first offense — no valid drivers license, speeding, operating a non-registered vehicle, failure to provide proof of financial liability and violation of windshield/window requirements at approximately 11:57 p.m. Monday, June 26, near the intersection of 252nd Avenue and Highway 71 North in Spirit Lake. He was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 12:19 a.m. Tuesday, June 27.

Cade Eugene Steelman, age 21, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 9:02 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, on a previous court decision. He is scheduled for release Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY RETURNS IN JULY

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the June Food Bank, 441 individuals (161 families) received 5,933 pounds of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute nearly 2 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa. Questions may be directed to Good News Estherville Church at 712-362-4984.

TREASURE VILLAGE TO HOST FLEA MARKET AND ANTIQUE SHOW AHEAD OF JULY 4

The Treasure Village Flea Market and Antique Show will run Saturday, July 1, to Monday, July 3. Vendors will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This July Flea Market features antiques, furniture, flags, lawn decor, metal art, beautiful quilts, tools, hats, chain saws, candles, soaps and so much more. The weekend will feature a number of home-based businesses as well as food choices and Treasure Village's 27-hole mini golf course will be open. For more info, go to www.treasurevillage.org, Facebook, Instagram or call 712-337-3730.

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OBITUARIES



ORVILLE BELKEN
JAN. 27, 1935 – JUNE 24, 2023

A funeral service for Orville Belken, age 88, of Milford was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church in Milford. Burial was in the Milford Cemetery. Visitation took place prior to the service.

Orville passed away on June 24, 2023, at Lakes Regional Hospital in Spirit Lake.

Orville Dean Belken was born on Jan. 27, 1935, to Glenn and Lillie Belken in Spirit Lake. They lived east of Spirit Lake until 1946, when they moved to a farm in Ocheyedan. Orville graduated from Ocheyedan High School. He then attended Worthington Jr. College.

On March 19, 1955, he married Bonnie Block. They moved to Paton, where Bonnie held a teaching job and Orville worked on a farm. In June of 1955, they moved to Sibley, where Orville worked for Sibley Glass Company for two years. He was then transferred to be a salesperson for Spencer/Sibley Glass Company. In April of 1965, he purchased Northwest Improvement Company and changed the name to Northwest Glass Company. He had a total of 53 years in the glass business and loved every one.

Orville is survived by his wife Bonnie; son Kevin; daughter Deb (Terry) Nissen; grandchildren, Candace (Travis) McGuire, Alicia Nissen, Stacey (Daryl) Boswell; great-grandchildren: Kadence and Cooper Boswell; Ella and Jada McGuire; many friends as well as extended family.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents, half-brother Chet and son-in-law Terry Nissen.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



CELESTE FRANCES CHALFONTE
NOV. 3, 1946 – JAN. 26, 2023

Local artist, jeweler and landscaper, Celeste Frances Chalfonte (Frances Elaine Thompson), age 76, of Lake Park passed away Jan. 26, 2023, in Spirit Lake surrounded by family. Fran was born on Nov. 3, 1946, in Round Lake, Minnesota, to her late parents, Frank Joseph and Lorraine Emma Louise (Reiners) Thompson.

She graduated from Round Lake High School in 1964. Fran studied design, jewelry making and metal smithing as an apprentice for Lowell Lundeen in Minneapolis. Fran opened a jewelry studio in Minneapolis, and one of her first customers was the Walker Art Center. Fran crafted her jewelry and art for more than 45 years - including pieces for Prince.

In addition to being a jeweler, Fran was a talented artist, landscaper and graphic designer. She designed private garden spaces in the Iowa Great Lakes Region and worked as a graphic designer at Sather's in Round Lake, Minnesota. Nature was a true love of Fran's - she loved gardening, flowers and being outdoors, basking in hot sunshine. Fran was an avid cook and hostess. She loved working with her hands and created unique style and beauty all around her - from the way she dressed to the way she lived, cooked and designed, she was truly one-of-a-kind. She lived her life to the fullest and was a true hippie at heart.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, partner Dale Peters and brother-in-law Gary Grubb. She is survived by her sister Eleanor Grubb of Powder Springs, Georgia, and brother David Thompson of Round Lake, Minnesota; Dale's daughter and granddaugh-

ter, Ashley and Makenzie Friction; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A party and fireworks for family and friends of Fran will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, June 30 at the home of Fran's brother David Thompson in Lake Park. Robinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.



DAVID ERIC KINDWALL
APRIL 14, 1971 – MAY, 2023

David Eric Kindwall, age 52, of Knoxville, Tennessee, passed away Memorial Day Weekend, 2023 due to undetermined causes. A private family burial will be held at Lakeview Garden Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

David was born April 14, 1971, in Skokie Valley, Illinois, to parents, Ronald and Janet (Cook) Kindwall. He was also welcomed to his Arlington Heights, Illinois, home by siblings Jim, Nancy, Susan and Amy. David was an adorable, chubby-cheeked, red-headed little boy who was loved dearly by his family. He was baptized at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wheeling, Illinois. The Kindwalls moved to Iowa, where David excelled in school in Spencer, eventually receiving the distinction of State of Iowa Scholar and becoming Senior Class President of the Estherville High School Class of '89.

David was a happy, neat and organized child. He always seemed to have a book in his hand and loved reading World Book Encyclopedias. In high school, he was involved in drama, speech, choir, mock trial and tennis. He attended Northwestern College in Orange City and eventually graduated from Drake University in Des Moines.

David married Lee McCollough on Aug. 6, 2005, at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. They lived in Greenville, South Carolina, and Knoxville, Tennessee. To this union two wonderful sons were born - Carson in 2006 and Owen in 2012. He loved being a father and was so proud of his sons. David was a Boy Scout leader and enjoyed cheering the boys on in sports and music activities.

David worked in the mortgage loan industry and enjoyed helping people to get financing allowing them to purchase homes.

David was a good man with a huge heart. He loved his family, was compassionate to others and had a knack for humor. He was artistic, had an eye for photography and was a life-long learner and reader. David always wanted to do the next right thing and trusted in God to help him one day at a time.

David is survived by his sons Carson (16), Owen (10), and their mother Lee Kindwall of Knoxville, Tennessee; his mother Janet Kindwall of Spirit Lake; siblings Jim Kindwall (Lisa) of Beaufort, South Carolina; Nancy Johnson (Norv) of Milford, Susan Muyskens (Dennis) of Mason City, and Amy Kueper (Douglas) of Spirit Lake; many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, friends and his supportive AA community.

David was preceded in death by his father Ronald Kindwall, infant brother, Ronald Kindwall Jr., grandparents Wesley and Myra Kindwall and Elwood and Lucille Cook and his great-niece Kallie Limbaugh.

In lieu of flowers and memorials, the family requests that donations be made toward an education fund for David's sons, Carson and Owen. A gofundme account, <https://gofund.me/3ee267d1>, has been set up for this purpose. Condolences may be sent to the family or to Turner Jenness Funeral Home, 1302 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CAMPUS NEWS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO AUGUSTANA DEAN'S LIST

Augustana University recently announced the students who have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year. Among the honorees were Courtney Marie Cohrs of Spirit Lake and Mikia Rose Kriener of Okoboji. The dean's list recognized 845 full-time students.

ROBERTS NAMED TO SPRING DEAN'S LIST AT SIMPSON

Noel Roberts of Spirit Lake was named to the spring 2023 dean's list at Simpson College. Roberts qualified for the academic honor by earning a GPA between 3.70 and 3.99 during the semester.

AREA STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM NCC

More than 200 students graduated from Northwest Iowa Community College on Friday, May 12 during commencement ceremonies held in the Northwest Iowa Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center on NCC's campus. Among the graduates were Lake Park's Massina T. Mandelkow, who earned a degree in radiologic technology, Milford's Kacey J. Ackerman, who earned an associate degree in nursing, Milford's Cody M. Wintz, who earned a degree in heavy equipment operation and maintenance and Spirit Lake's Taylor E. Burns, who earned a diploma in practical nursing.

UI STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES AFTER SEMESTER

This spring, more than 6,500 University of Iowa students will earn degrees. Among them are: Dickens — Lauren Flaharty, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Lake Park — Cheyenne Nelson, Bachelor of Science in psychology, Milford — Allison Wellendorf, Bachelor of Science in health promotion; Hannah Johnson, Bachelor of Arts in social justice, Okoboji — Nicholas Goodenow, Juris Doctor in law, Spirit Lake — Brooklyn Hoffman, Bachelor of Science in human physiology; Kelsey Kannenberg, Bachelor of Science in human physiology; Madeleine Ruzicka, Bachelor of Science in neuroscience; Zachary Skopec, Doctor of Medicine.

STUDENTS NAMED TO MOUNT MERCY DEAN'S LIST

Annie Lux and Tracey Will, both of Spirit Lake, were recently named to Mount Mercy University's spring 2023 dean's list. Will also graduated from Mount Mercy this month.

U OF I PRESIDENT'S LIST HONOREES ANNOUNCED

More than 1,100 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the president's list for the 2023 spring semester. Among them were Cheyenne Nelson of Lake Park, Benjamin Fisher of Spirit Lake, David Wagner of Spirit Lake, Kayla Kolbasch of Milford and McKenzie Heikens of Lake Park. President's list status was earned by only 93 first-year undergraduates during the 2023 spring semester at Iowa; only 249 second-year students; only 294 third-year students; and only 539 fourth-year students.

AREA STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM BVU

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 300 students who graduated in spring 2023. Kiaya Pernick of Milford graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and criminology and criminal justice. Allen Grothen of Spirit Lake graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in criminology and criminal justice. Andrea Keeling of Spirit Lake graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in organizational leadership. Sierra Sullivan of Lake Park graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in human services and psychology. Sydney Salton of Dickens graduated with a Master of Science in Education in counseling.

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Hiemstra among Leadership Playbook Administrator of the Year nominees



Greg Hiemstra, the middle school/high school principal of Harris-Lake Park Schools, has been announced as one of the nominees for The Leadership Playbook 2022-2023 Administrator of the Year. The award seeks to honor individuals in leadership positions who strive to develop other leaders, make people and situations better and provide a

positive example for those they influence. The program was developed by Jamy Bechler, a former college basketball coach and high school athletic director. Bechler is now a professional speaker, team performance consultant and host of the "Success is a Choice" podcast. He is also the author of five books, including "The Bus Trip"

and "The Captain." "We're thrilled to recognize Greg Hiemstra as an example of not just an administrator, but as a leader," Bechler said. "Though dotting I's and crossing T's are important, it's always exciting to see someone with a larger purpose than just administering and managing. The best leaders seek to make the people around

them better and build a stronger, healthier culture." Deserving administrators from across the United States were nominated by their peers, coaches, teachers, community members, student-athletes and in some cases, even individuals from other schools. Award winners were announced via Twitter on June 18, 2023.

PARTNERSHIP SETS OPENING DAY FOR BOJI BAY SWIMMING POOLS

As summer temperatures continue to rise, Boji Bay swimming pools in Milford are about to open their gates again to the public on July 1. This year, the Milford Commercial Club and the Kinnetz Family Foundation are joining forces to ensure the continued operation and funding of the pools and hot tub. This collaboration stems from what organizers called a shared understanding of the crucial role which public swimming facilities play in fostering a vibrant and healthy community. "Despite the revenue from admission fees not covering all operational costs, we believe in the long-term benefits these facilities offer to the community," said Milford Commercial Club President Lauren Rosaker. "... We want to thank the Kinnetz Family Foundation for their \$80,000 donation, it is greatly appreciated." As part of this commitment, the facilities have also benefited from some substantial upgrades over recent months. New pumps, heaters and chemical feeders have been installed to enhance the overall experience for visitors and ensure safe, clean and enjoyable swimming conditions. The Boji Bay Swimming Pools will be open to the public from 1-7 p.m. every day. A daily pass costs \$5, a season pass is available for \$60 and a family season pass for \$80. Swimming lessons will also be available.

COUNTY TO COLLECT \$10 FEE FROM NON-RESIDENTS FOR LICENSE, ID CARD

The Dickinson County Driver's License Station will begin charging a \$10 convenience fee for issuance of a driver's license or identification card to anyone who is not a resident of Dickinson County, unless the resident pays property taxes here. This will go into effect on July 1, 2023, per an Iowa Code change. On May 4, 2023, the governor signed House File 718 into law to reduce property taxes. This bill allows counties that issue driver's licenses to charge a \$10 convenience fee in addition to the other fees for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license or non-operator's identification card to a person who is not a resident of the county unless that person pays property taxes to the county. Proof of payment, such as a receipt or another form of proof determined by the county, is required. "Because county driver's license stations are subsidized by property taxes, the \$10 convenience fee for driver's licenses and identification cards was put into the bill to help counties better cashflow when out-of-county residents use their services," Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley said. "These county services are supported by county property taxes." The Dickinson County Drivers License Station is open by appointment only. Appointments may be made by calling 712-336-6333

and dialing extension 3. "We're glad to help both our county residents and those coming from outside the county with their driver's license and identification card needs," Rowley said. She also reminded anyone planning to travel by air in the near future that the REAL ID deadline is now May 7, 2023. "When the REAL ID enforcement date goes into effect, all U.S. travelers must have a REAL ID or a U.S. Passport to board domestic flights and access certain federal buildings," Rowley said. "Our office can help you with this as well. We also take U.S. Passport photos."

RDI NAMED TO CHANNEL FUTURES MSP 501 LIST

RDI of Milford recently announced its secured the No. 31 position on the prestigious Channel Futures MSP 501 list for 2023. The Channel Futures MSP 501 is an annual global ranking which identifies the most distinguished managed service providers around the world. RDI is a managed service provider, offering a comprehensive suite of solutions designed to optimize business operations, enhance productivity and mitigate risks. The company's services encompass a wide range of areas, including cloud computing, cybersecurity, data management, network infrastructure and IT support. RDI's ranking on the Channel Futures MSP 501 list was the highest among any of the Iowa companies listed this year.

WALMART DONATES TO YMCA OF THE OKOBOJIS



Spirit Lake Walmart manager Jordan Butler and staff recently presented a check for \$2,000 to the YMCA of the Okobojis. This gift, made possible by a Walmart Giving grant, will help the Y provide healthy snacks to kids in the Y-Kids program during the school year. (Photo submitted)

IGL Chamber: Big bangs cost big bucks



A beautiful display of fireworks by J&M Displays will light up the sky over West Lake Okoboji for all to enjoy at 10:07 p.m. Thursday, July 4. For more than 45 years, the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chambers and their donors have helped provide the display over the lake every Fourth of July. The chamber is asking for the public's help to spark joy and keep the yearly tradition alive. Donations may be made online at www.okobojichamber.com or mailed to: IGLCC Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 9, Arnolds Park, IA 51331. For more information, contact the IGL Chamber at 712-332-2107.

LIBRARY NEWS

LAKES AREA LIBRARIES

The Lakes Libraries have only two programs left during this year's Summer Reading Program. Our last presenter is the talented cartoonist Tim Read, with his show called Silly Library Monsters. There will be two programs at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 12 at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. He will talk about his cartooning process, as well as teach the kiddos how to create various cartoon creatures. Our last program will be the program's End Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16 at Bouncelandia in Milford. Youth need an approved admission ticket and completed consent form before they can enter the park. There is still time, so keep reading and completing your activities. Lastly, thank you to all of the wonderful local donators and families for supporting the 2023 Youth Summer Reading Program.

MILFORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Milford Memorial Library will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 5. Have a fun and safe Fourth of July holiday. Students in grades 4-12 are invited to join MML and the Milford Scouts from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 11, as we complete activities based off of the popular "I Survived" book series by Lauren Tarshis. This is a free program, and registration is not required but is encouraged. Register by calling 712-338-4643 or emailing milfordlibrary51351@gmail.com. Join MML for our Adult Craft Series as we make a rope basket on 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19 at Milford Memorial Library. The cost for this craft is \$5 and registration is required. You can register by contacting the Milford Memorial Library or online by going to milfordlibrary.weebly.com/adult-program-registration.html. Volunteers are needed for the Friends of the Milford Library Book Sale set up. Beginning at 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 20, help with bringing book boxes up from the basement and enjoying a pot luck afterward. Once everything is in place, volunteers can shop the book sale before opening. The Friends group is also in need of volunteers to work the book sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Some extra help will be needed after the book sale on Saturday to clean up. For more information or to confirm your participation, please contact Milford Memorial Library at 712-338-4643 or info@milford.lib.ia.us. An open meeting of the Milford Memorial Library Board of Trustees will take place at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

YOUTH CORNER

It is crazy to believe that we are already in July, and our summer programs are coming to an end soon. Check out what we have left at the Milford Memorial Library. First, we have Building Bookworms at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 6. We are so excited to have Miss Holly from the Pearson Lakes Art Center take kiddos through the process of making painted paper bugs. Then Miss Becca will be in charge for the last two programs. The first will be Minds in Motion (sensory play) at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 10, and Building Bookworms: My, Myself, and I at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13. The interactive craft for this storytime involve making an express-yourself poster. Lastly, our End Celebration for those who have completed the reading-activity portion will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, at Bouncelandia in Milford. The deadline is Friday, July 14. All other prizes (without Bouncelandia) can be earned until Friday, Aug. 4.

SPIRIT LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Remember to turn in your Summer Reading Program log each week for a prize. From the stack of each week's logs, we will draw names for bigger prizes. All children up to eighth grade are eligible to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Also, remember the Bouncelandia Finale. You must turn in at least four of the six logs by noon on Tuesday, July 11 to earn a ticket to that event. A parent or guardian will need to fill out a waiver as well. The Bouncelandia Finale is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16. Bouncelandia is located on the north side of Milford.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Summer Reading Program week six, new reading log — July 3
- Mah-Jongg — 1 p.m. July 3
- Closed — July 4
- Story time — 10 a.m., July 5
- Quilters — 12:30 p.m., July 5
- iCreate Cardboard (come and go) — 10 a.m. to noon, July 6
- Mah-Jongg — 1 p.m., July 6

Enhanced registration offered ahead of 32 U of O Oktoberfest



The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing to welcome bikers, beer-connoisseurs, and families to the 32nd Annual University of Okoboji Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 30. New to this year's festivities is an enhanced registration option, which includes a custom U of O Oktoberfest bike jersey.

The enhanced registration deadline is July 19, and participants are encouraged to register soon to get one of the special jerseys. Enhanced registration is \$75 and requires preregistration. Jerseys

are available in men's and women's cuts and feature an Oktoberfest theme highlighting cycling and the Iowa Great Lakes. In addition to the custom jersey, cyclists receive beverages tickets and a day filled with free activities, such as the stein holding and keg toss contests as well as inflatables for the youngsters.

Registration for the bike ride, vendor shows, bean bag tournament and Kiwanis duck derby are open now. Visit ufooktoberfest.com to learn more and get registered.

U of O Corvette Club donates proceeds to Okoboji Foundation



Members of the University of Okoboji Corvette Club recently presented a check for \$3,000 to the Okoboji Foundation to assist in annual grant funding opportunities. The donation was a result of proceeds from the annual Autocross and Vettes in the Park events.

"We enjoy bringing different clubs together," club treasurer Rose Spangler said. "We meet up at these events, share our car experiences and make lifelong friendships. More than that though, we raise funds for an organization that we know will pool our money with other donors to make a bigger impact than we can make alone."

Since 1997, the U of O Cor-

vette Club has donated over \$40,000 to the Okoboji Foundation for the benefit of vital capital projects in the Lakes Area.

"The annual donation from the Corvette Club is a great example of how donations of different sizes can make a difference," said Foundation President Mindy Gress. "Over the years, the donation amount from the club has varied, yet their consistency to the foundation's mission has made it so they have been a partner of impact in over \$5 million of area projects."

The U of O Corvette Club receives contributions through annual membership fees, event registration fees and area business sponsors.

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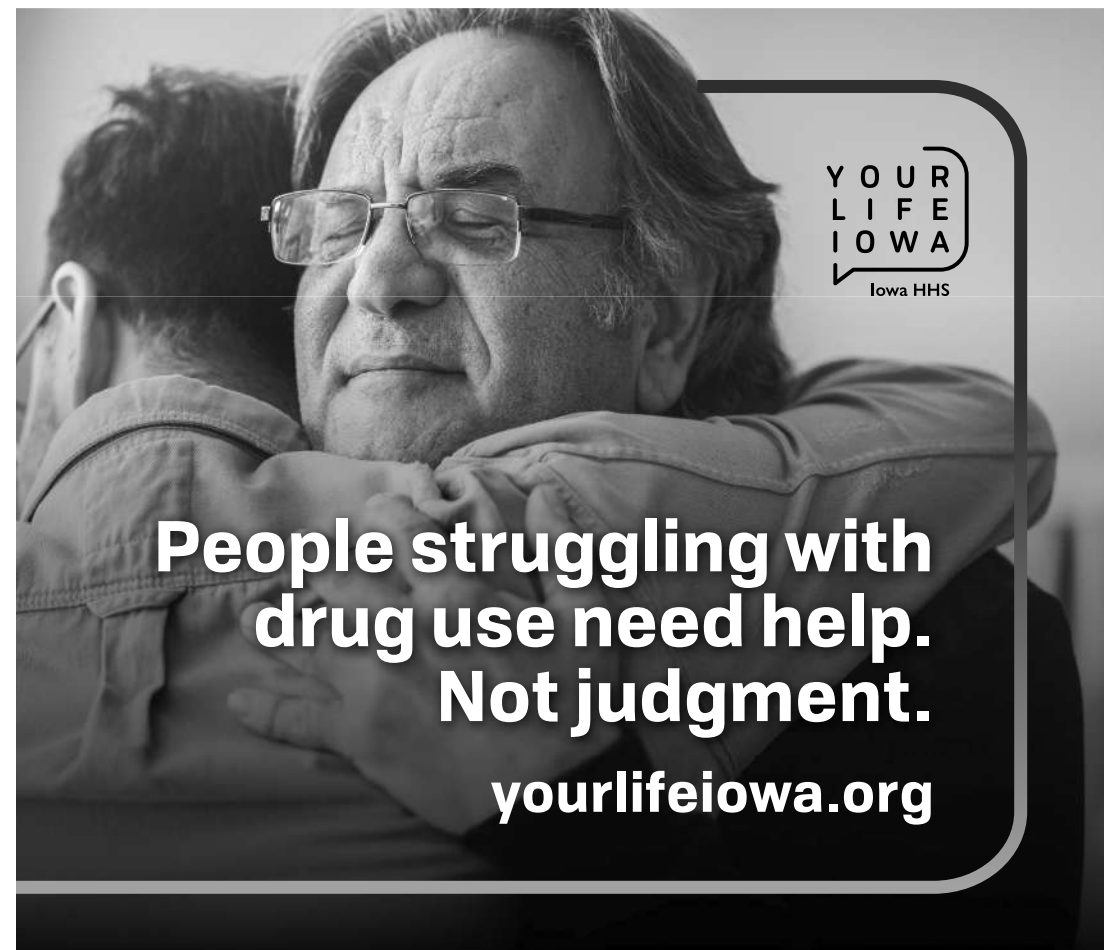


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WEEKEND WHEELS KEEP ON TURNING

The rubber met the road Friday and Saturday in the Lake Area, as cyclists, classic car enthusiasts and even members of the United Sidecar Association gathered to hold their respective events.

ON THE SIDE

The United Sidecar Association held its 2023 national rally in the Lakes Area June 22-25. Many a motorcycle rumbled into Gull Point State Park for the weekend rally. The non-profit sidecar association was founded in the Chicago area in 1976, according to the organization's website. Its membership has since expanded to much of North America. Members participate in not only rallies and tours but also camping events. The next event on the association's official schedule is a September rally in North Vernon, Indiana. (Photos by Dave Petrick)



RAIN OR SHINE, THEY RIDE

Early morning rains weren't enough to call off Saturday's University of Okoboji Campus Classic bicycle ride. U of O Director of Student Affairs Herman Richter called the annual ride the first leg in the Okoboji area's version of the Triple Crown — the other two legs being the Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce's Bike Ride Around Spirit Lake on July 8 and the University of Okoboji's Oktoberfest ride on Sept. 30. Several dozen hearty souls turned out Saturday at Milford's Florence Park to partake in the official start of Saturday's Campus Classic — the event typically draws hundreds if not thousands of riders. The U of O's yearly ride is meant to highlight the beauty of the Okoboji area along and near the county bicycle trail network. Organizers stress the event is a ride rather than a race, and riders are encouraged to "go get lost in Okoboji." (Photos by Seth Boyes)



OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Hill Avenue in Spirit Lake was lined with the familiar forms of days past during the annual Class Car Cruise-In on Saturday afternoon. Onlookers strolled along as they took a peek under the hood of some of their favorite models. Car owners also participated in a cruise through the Lakes Area Friday evening. The night's long loop left from Okoboji Motor Company in Spirit Lake around 6 p.m. and headed toward Orleans before turning south and passing through Spirit Lake via Hill Avenue. The cruisers made their way through Arnolds Park and Okoboji before turning back toward their starting point. Several local organizations provided food options for Saturday's meandering crowd as they perused the colorful classic cars. (Photos by Seth Boyes)





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Spirit Lake sophomore Destyn Robinson celebrates during her team's upset win over Storm Lake. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

Spirit Lake softball upsets 15th-ranked Tornadoes

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Storm Lake's softball team boasted an 18-2 record and a top-15 ranking in Class 4A heading into Wednesday evening's matchup with unranked Spirit Lake. All of those accolades meant diddly to the Indians, however, as they sent the Tornadoes out of town with a 10-2 loss.

"It was our best game we've played all season," Spirit Lake coach Jason Schneider said. "Morgan Fine pitched an outstanding game. She mixed up her pitches well and located them perfectly. Our defense made the routine plays and some outstanding plays as well. Emma Whiting had one of the best double plays I've seen and Avery Beisell robbed a home run over the centerfield fence.

Offensively, we hit really well, which was led by Emma Whiting with three hits and Destyn Robinson bombed another home run, which really got us going."

Spirit Lake took an early lead with a pair of runs in the first frame. Whiting reached base with a leadoff single up the middle and scored on a one-out dinger by Robinson.

The Indians tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the third. Whiting smacked a single to center field and Taylor Schneider reached on an error. Addison Boon drew a two-out walk to load the bags before Whiting and Schneider scored on a passed ball to put Spirit Lake up 4-0.

The hosts put up four runs in the fourth. One-out singles by Avery Beisell and Brenna Bengé put two aboard for Whiting who blasted a double to center field, scoring Bengé and Beisell. A single by Schneider scored Whiting and a two-out single by Taylor Tungland scored Schneider to

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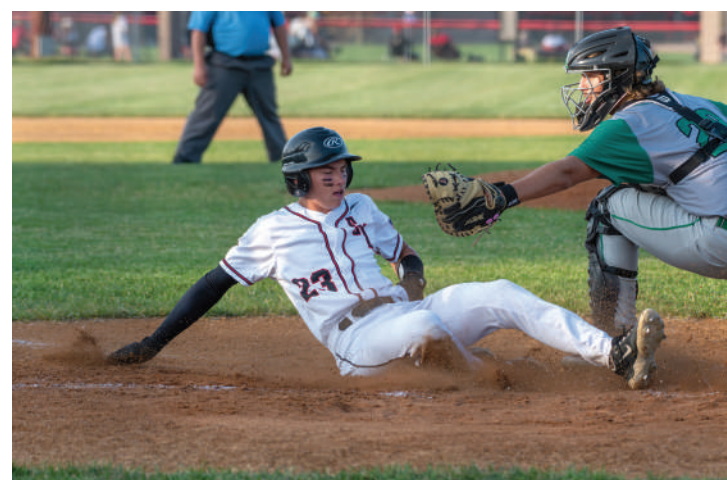


Eighth-grader Avery Beisell robs a Storm Lake home run.

Spirit Lake baseball tops Tornadoes in extra innings



Spirit Lake ace Jake Cornwall struck out nine in his team's home win over rival Storm Lake. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)



Spirit Lake's JD Schneider slides safely into home for a run.

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

In a pitcher's duel between two of the Lakes Conference's best, Spirit Lake outlasted Storm Lake, topping the Tornadoes in 10 innings Wednesday, June 21. The Indians — led by ace Jake Cornwall — defeated Storm Lake and the Tornadoes' star pitcher Jake Eddie 5-4 in Spirit Lake.

Tied 4-4 heading to the bottom of the 10th inning, Spirit Lake senior Jack Wajda came through with a clutch hit to score Jack Barthman for the winning run.

"Such a great team effort by our guys," Spirit Lake coach Ross

Ackerman said. "My initial reaction is just a reflection on how good the pitching was on both sides. Jake Cornwall and Jake Eddie are such great competitors and really battled. It was fun as a coach to see them go back and forth. We were really resilient in extra innings and were able to give Jack Wajda a chance to win the game, which is all you can ask for. Jack wanted the moment and won the game for us."

After a scoreless opening inning, the Indians pushed a pair across in the second to take an

■ Spirit Lake Baseball
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Wolves suffer home loss to Tigers



Harris-Lake Park's Caden Van't Hul slides safely into third base during his team's home game with Trinity Christian. (Photo by Matt Heinrichs)

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Harris-Lake Park's baseball team dropped a hard-fought contest to Trinity Christian on Monday, June 26. The Tigers topped the Wolves 4-2 in Lake Park.

"We lost a good ball game tonight to a hungry team," Harris-Lake Park coach Jared Rahe said.

"Only having four hits is going to

make it tough to win most ball games. (Starting pitcher) Javen (Baumgarn) threw well enough to

■ Harris-Lake Park Baseball
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Tigers topple H-LP softball squad



Harris-Lake Park's Maddy Gilmore tracks down a ball in the infield during her team's home loss to Trinity Christian. (Photo by Matt Heinrichs)

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Harris-Lake Park's softball team suffered a loss to Trinity Christian on Monday, June 26. The

Tigers topped the Wolves 12-5 in Lake Park.

After one scoreless, Trinity Christian went on a tear. The Tigers scored three in the second, two in the third, three in

the fourth, three in the fifth and three more in the sixth. Harris-Lake Park scored a run in the

■ Harris-Lake Park Softball
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Spirit Lake Softball

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Spirit Lake's Faith DeWild looks to throw to first for an out.



Spirit Lake's Emma Whiting slides safely into home to score a run. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

make it an 8-0 Indians lead.

Storm Lake cut the deficit to six with a pair of runs in the top of the fifth, but Spirit Lake put the finishing touch on the game with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Whiting reached on an error and Schneider singled to put two aboard.

A one-out double by Tungland scored Whiting and an error

allowed Schneider to score, making it a 10-2 final.

Fine got the win. The junior allowed two earned runs on four hits and no walks while striking out two in seven innings of work.

Spirit Lake scored 10 runs on 12 hits and two walks. Whiting was 3-4 with a double, two RBI and four runs scored. Schneider, Tungland and Beisell had two hits each. Schneider had an RBI and

three runs scored. Tungland had a double and two RBI. Beisell scored a run.

Robinson, Faith DeWild and Bengé each had one hit. Robinson had a home run, two RBI and a run scored. Bengé scored a run. Boon had an RBI.

DeWild stole two bases and Kinley Dodds stole one for the Indians, who improved to 11-6 overall on the season.

Harris-Lake Park Softball

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Harris-Lake Park's Sydney Rahe eyes first base after tagging a Trinity Christian runner out at second.

win tonight, but we needed more support offensively.

He added, "I give Trinity a lot of credit. They were ready to go and had more energy than us tonight. DJ Ingham played a great first base for us tonight and had a huge two-out, two-RBI single to keep us in it. That was great to see for him!"

After one scoreless inning, Trinity Christian struck first with

a run in the top half of the second. The Wolves took a lead on Ingham's two-run single in the bottom of the second, but the Tigers answered with three runs in the top of the third and held the Wolves scoreless the rest of the way to seal the win.

Baumgartner took the loss. The junior allowed four runs (three earned) on six hits and a walk while striking out eight in six

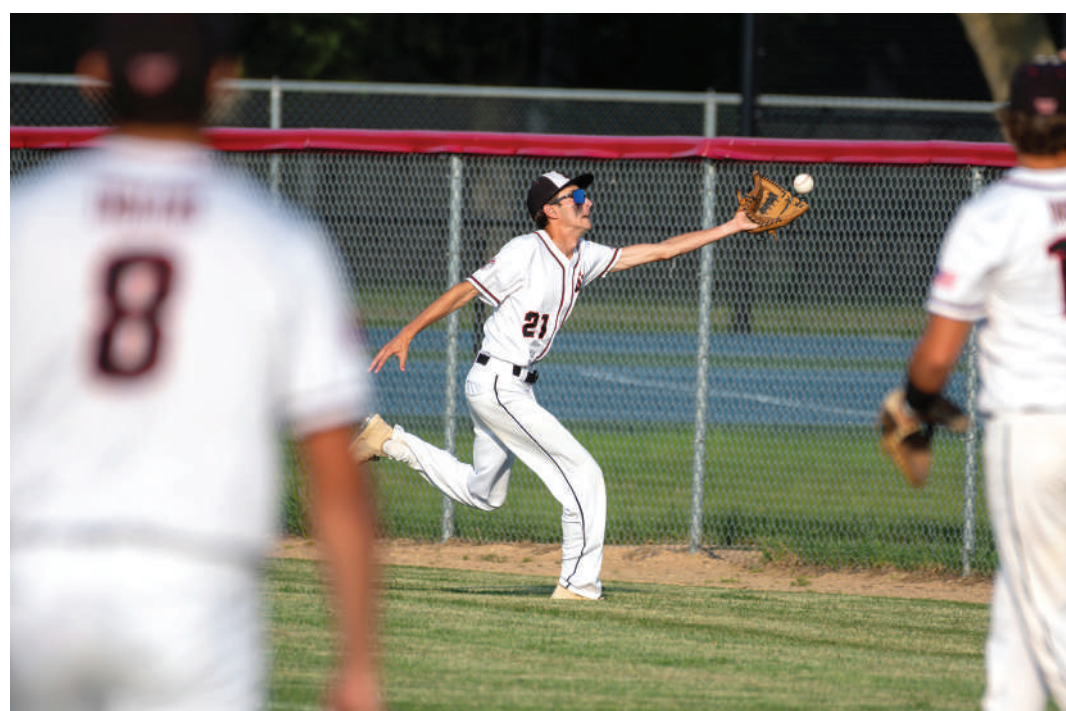
innings. Seth Goodell pitched an inning of relief.

The Wolves scored two runs on four hits and two walks.

Bowden Barnhart, Baumgartner, Hibma and Ingham each had one hit. Ingham had two RBI. Caden Van't Hul and Gabe Nicks both scored a run. Barnhart and Van't Hul both stole a base and the Wolves, who fell to 7-14 overall on the season.

Spirit Lake Baseball

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Spirit Lake's Damon Vandenberg attempts to track down a fly ball. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)



Spirit Lake's Aidan Gigstad prepares to scoop up a ground ball.

early 2-0 lead. The Tornados knotted the score with a pair of runs in the fifth and took a lead with two more in the sixth. Spirit Lake responded in the bottom of the sixth, scoring a pair of runs to tie the contest at 4-4. The two squads played three scoreless innings before Wajda's game-winner.

Cornwall got the win. He allowed four runs (two earned) on

six hits and five walks while striking out nine in 7.1 innings. JD Schneider closed it out, pitching 2.2 scoreless innings. He allowed one hit, no walks and struck out two Storm Lake batters.

Spirit Lake scored five runs on nine hits and a walk.

Cornwall, Wajda and Aidan Gigstad had two hits each. Cornwall had a double. Wajda had an RBI, stolen base and

scored two runs. Gigstad had an RBI.

Spencer Robinson, Braden Theesfeld and Tyson Robinson each had one hit. Theesfeld had an RBI and scored a run. Tyson Robinson had an RBI. Barthman had an RBI and scored a run. Schneider and Terry Sexton both scored a run for the Indians, who improved to 10-7 overall on the season.

Harris-Lake Park Baseball

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Harris-Lake Park's Gabe Nicks rounds third base and heads for home. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)



Harris-Lake Park shortstop Caleb Hemphill prepares to field a ground ball.

third, one in the fifth and another in the seventh.

Brooke Nicks took the loss for Harris-Lake Park. The junior allowed six runs (five earned) on two hits and six walks while fanning five in three innings. Payton Reimers pitched four innings. The junior allowed six

runs (four earned) on eight hits and a walk while striking out two Tiger batters.

Harris-Lake Park scored five runs on nine hits and a walk.

Reimers and Lilli Gunderson had three hits each. Reimers had three doubles and four RBI. Gunderson had an RBI and scored

two runs.

Addison Hibma was 2-3 with a double and two runs scored. Kendal Niemeier was 1-2 at the plate. Hibma stole two bases. Niemeier, Maddy Gilmore and Gunderson each stole one base for the Wolves, who fell to 3-17 overall on the season.

SPIRIT LAKE BASEBALL FALLS TO NO. 4 MIDGETS

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Jake Cornwall

Jack Wajda

Spirit Lake's baseball team dropped a Lakes Conference home game to rival Estherville Lincoln Central on Monday, June 26. The fourth-ranked (2A) Midgets defeated the Indians 2-0 in Spirit Lake.

"Another outstandingly tough conference game where both teams had their ace on the mound," Spirit Lake coach Ross Ackerman said. "Jake (Cornwall) was coming off of short rest and gave us everything he had to offer. Neither team's bats could really do anything to score runs. What makes games like these so tough is that the team that wins usually is the team that makes the least amount of mistakes. We gave them two unearned runs and that was the difference. Still, it's fun to watch both pitchers work at an extremely competitive level. Also, a great night of baseball to honor our six seniors. Jack Wajda, Braden Theesfeld, Damon Vandenberg, Aidan Quail, Spencer Robinson and Jake Cornwall have meant so much to the progression of our program and the work they put into it means so much. We appreciate them for all of their hard work!"

Cornwall took the loss on the mound. The senior allowed two unearned runs on just two hits and three walks while striking out 14 in seven innings.

Spirit Lake totaled three hits in the game.

Aidan Gigstad, Tyson Robinson and JD Schneider each had one hit for the Indians, who fell to 11-9 overall and 4-3 in conference play.

OKOBOJI BASEBALL BEATS BOYDEN-HULL/ROCK VALLEY

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Landon Duvall

Brennan Baschke

Okoboji's baseball team earned a Siouxland Conference home win over Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley on Monday, June 26. The Pioneers defeated the Nighthawks 6-3 in Milford.

"The game against BH/RV was a really good baseball game," Okoboji coach Andy Wolf said. "They came out and scored one run in the top of the first, but we answered with three in the bottom of the first with four hits included and an RBI double by Brennan Baschke. We had four kids with two-hit games. Landon Duvall started on the mound and got the win. Akron Jostand and Tyler Netsch pitched one inning each in relief to secure the win."

Landon Duvall got the win. The sophomore allowed three unearned runs on four hits, two walks and a hit batter while striking out eight in five innings. Netsch and Jostand walked one and struck out two. Jostand allowed three hits.

Okoboji scored six runs on nine hits and four walks.

Netsch, Logan Duvall, Baschke and Landon Duvall had two hits each. Netsch was 2-4 with a double and a run scored. Logan Duvall was 2-3 with an RBI. Baschke was 2-3 with a double and an RBI. Landon Duvall was 2-3 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored.

Roy Blankers was 1-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Jostand stole a base and scored a run. Blankers, Landon Duvall and Asa Jacobsen each stole a base for the Pioneers, who improved to 13-11 overall and 8-7 in conference play.

OKOBOJI SOFTBALL BATTLES SIOUX CENTRAL IN HOME TOURNEY

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Amy Martin

Maggie Bergeson

Wet weather threw a wrench into Okoboji's plans for a weekend softball tournament, but the Pioneers were able to get one game in against Sioux Central on Saturday, June 24. The 12th-ranked (2A) Rebels defeated the Pioneers 11-0 in Milford.

"Mental and physical mistakes were a big issue for us," Okoboji coach Kate Perrin said. "We came out slow and let that snowball. Offensively, we didn't have any threats to put pressure on their defense with."

Kristina Kraninger took the loss for Okoboji. The sophomore allowed five runs (two earned) on two hits and a walk in a brief appearance. Maggie Bergeson pitched 3.2 innings, allowing four earned runs on nine hits while striking out two. Kaitlyn Kraninger pitched an inning. The eighth-grader allowed two runs (one earned) on two hits and a hit batter.

Okoboji collected eight hits against the Rebels.

Bergeson and Amy Martin had two hits each. Mattie Hagedorn, Alyana Hesse, Emma Wittrock and Brynn Ness had one hit each for the Pioneers, who fell to 5-14 overall on the season.

OKOBOJI BASEBALL FALLS TO NO. 4 ESTHERVILLE LINCOLN CENTRAL

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Caden Chapman

Tyler Netsch

Okoboji's baseball team battled but ultimately lost a nonconference clash with fourth-ranked (2A) Estherville Lincoln Central on Thursday, June 22. The Midgets defeated the Pioneers 5-1 in Estherville.

"Tyler Netsch had a great start on the mound pitching," Okoboji coach Andy Wolf said. "Estherville is a well-coached team that doesn't give up many easy runs. We had multiple runners on in scoring position and just couldn't get that big hit like we did against Sheldon. Caden Chapman had a good game going 2-3 with a double and pitching two innings of scoreless baseball."

The Midgets slowly built a lead, scoring one run in each of the first three innings before putting up a two-spot in the fourth to lead 5-0. Okoboji's lone run came in the top of the fifth.

Netsch took the loss on the mound. The sophomore allowed five unearned runs on four hits, a walk and three hit batters in four innings. Chapman allowed one hit, two walks and hit two batters while striking out two in two innings.

Okoboji scored one run on four hits and four walks.

Chapman had two hits. Netsch and Landon Duvall had one hit each. Walt Blankers stole a base and scored a run. Chapman and Duvall both stole a base for the Pioneers, who fell to 11-11 overall on the season.

Spirit Lake softball drops home game to No. 5 Midgets



Spirit Lake's Avery Beisell steals a base after collecting the Indians' only hit in a home loss to rival ELC. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

thought Lauren Borthwick battled hard on the mound, but we had some lapses on defense that really hurt, especially when you play a quality team like ELC."

Spirit Lake's softball team suffered a lopsided home loss to Lakes Conference rival Estherville Lincoln Central on Monday, June 26.

The fifth-ranked (3A) Midgets defeated the Indians 14-0 in Spirit Lake.

"Tonight, our girls just didn't play up to our ability," Spirit Lake coach Jason Schneider said. "I

Borthwick took the loss for Spirit Lake. The junior allowed 14 runs (eight earned) on 11 hits and 10 walks while striking out five in seven innings.

Avery Beisell had the Indians' lone hit. She also stole a base for the Indians, who fell to 11-7 overall and 3-4 in conference play.



Spirit Lake's Emma Whiting attempts to snag a throw to second.



Lauren Borthwick prepares to fire to first base after fielding a bunt.



Spirit Lake catcher Brenna Bengé gets a laugh from teammate Destyn Robinson after snagging a pop fly in foul territory.

Harris-Lake Park baseball battles Braves



Harris-Lake Park's Lucas Ahrenstorff prepares to fire a pitch in his team's home loss to Cherokee. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Harris-Lake Park's baseball team fought back from an early deficit, but couldn't overcome an eight-run third inning in a non-conference home loss to Cherokee on Thursday, June 22. The Braves bested the Wolves 14-11 in Lake Park.

"Lucas Ahrenstorff struggled finding the zone early in the game, so we had to go with freshman Seth Goodell who came in and did an outstanding job keeping us in the game," Harris-Lake Park coach Jared Rahe said. "After getting down 8-0 in the third inning, we showed a lot guts and scored four in the bottom half of the inning. Earlier this season we may have laid down and taken the beating, but we have grown a lot over the short season. Javen Baumgarn and Caleb Hemphill hit the ball hard for us tonight and really gave us a lift with some timely hits. I have to give Cherokee credit. They answered every time they needed to. I am really proud of the way we competed even though the game didn't end the way we wanted it."

After two scoreless innings, Cherokee scored eight in the top of the third. The Wolves answered with four in the bottom

half of the frame and made it a two-run game with a two-spot in the fifth. However, Cherokee pushed five across in the sixth and tacked on another in the seventh while limiting the Wolves to five runs the rest of the way.

Ahrenstorff took the loss. The junior allowed four runs (three earned) on two hits and five walks while striking out three in two innings.

Goodell pitched four innings, allowing nine runs (five earned) on seven hits, two walks and a hit batter while striking out three. Bowden Barnhart pitched an inning, allowing an earned run on a hit and a walk while striking out two batters.

Harris-Lake Park scored 11 runs on seven hits and nine walks.

Hemphill and Baumgarn had two hits each. Hemphill was 2-5 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Baumgarn was 2-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Ahrenstorff, Barnhart and Gabe Nicks each had one hit. Ahrenstorff was 1-4 with two runs scored. Barnhart was 1-4 with an RBI, a steal and a run scored. Nicks was 1-4 with two RBI.

Wyatt Wittrock scored two runs. Caden Van't Hul, Carter Hibma and Duane Ingham scored one run each for the Wolves, who fell to 7-13 overall on the season.



Harris-Lake Park's Seth Goodell rifles a pitch against Cherokee.



H-LP's Caden Van't Hul attempts to tag a Cherokee base runner.



Harris-Lake Park's Caleb Hemphill fields a throw to second base.

BOJI GIRLS FALL TO NIGHTHAWKS

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Okoboji's softball team suffered a Siouxland Conference home loss to Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley on Monday, June 26. The Nighthawks defeated the Pioneers 7-0 in Milford.

"We started out much better against BH/RV last night," Okoboji coach Kate Perrin said. "We had an inning that got away from us, committing a couple of fielding errors on routine plays along with being timid in pursuing balls. Offensively, we had a few runners left on base that we struggled to generate hits to score them. BH/RV played a solid defensive game."

Additional statistics were not made available in time for print. With the loss, Okoboji fell to 5-15 overall and 4-10 in conference play.

BOJI SOFTBALL LOSES TO WARRIORS

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Maggie Bergeson



Alyana Hesse

Okoboji's softball team dropped a Siouxland Conference home game to Sioux Center on June 22. The Warriors defeated the Pioneers 15-0 in Milford.

"We came out on our heels last night," Okoboji coach Kate Perrin said. "It's tough to start the game off by giving up a solo home run to the first batter. That really takes the air out of kids. Sioux Center has a good pitcher and we struggled to gain back any runs throughout the game. It's a tough mental game when you give up that many runs defensively."

Maggie Bergeson took the loss for Okoboji. The senior allowed 15 runs (10 earned) on 12 hits and two walks while striking out three in three innings.

The Pioneers put two runners aboard on the night. Mattie Hagedorn reached on an error and Alyana Hesse drew a walk.

With the loss, Okoboji fell to 5-12 overall on the season.

BOJI BASEBALL BATTERS ORABS

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Landon Duvall



Brennan Baschke

Okoboji's baseball team battered Sheldon for a Siouxland Conference road victory on June 21. The Pioneers pounded the Orabs 14-0 in Sheldon.

"We played a pretty solid game against Sheldon," Okoboji coach Andy Wolf said. "The game was close through four innings. We were able to score four in the top of the fifth with some big two-out hits and continued to put up runs in the sixth and seventh innings. It was probably our best hitting game of the year with four players with multiple hit games. Landon Duvall had three hits in the game and pitched six scoreless innings."

Landon Duvall got the win on the mound. The sophomore allowed two hits, two walks and hit one batter while striking out nine in six innings. He was also 3-4 at the plate with three runs scored.

Tyler Netsch pitched one scoreless inning, allowing a hit and a walk while striking out two.

Okoboji scored 14 runs on 13 hits and six walks.

Brady Muzney, Akron Jostand, Caden Chapman and Brennan Baschke had two hits each. Muzney and Chapman both scored a run. Jostand had three RBI and scored a run. Baschke had a double, two RBI and scored three runs.

Netsch was 1-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Nick Stein was 1-1 with an RBI and a run scored. Roy Blankers had an RBI and scored a run. Talen Leiss had an RBI and Asa Jacobsen scored a run. Landon Duvall stole two bases. Netsch and Blankers stole one base each for the Pioneers, who improved to 11-10 overall on the season.

OKOBOJI SOFTBALL DEFEATS THE ORABS IN SHELDON

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Kristina Kraninger



Maggie Bergeson

Okoboji's softball team earned a Siouxland Conference road win over Sheldon on June 21. The Pioneers defeated the Orabs 6-2 in Sheldon.

"We stayed very solid defensively throughout the game," Okoboji coach Kate Perrin said. "Mattie Hagedorn and Brynn Ness both made tough over-the-shoulder catches on a few deep balls and Adison Frerichs made a nice diving catch. Hagedorn's catch was with the bases loaded and allowed them to only score one on the tag up, while Ness's catch resulted in a double play with a runner leaving too early on the tag up. Kristina Kraninger and Maggie Bergeson both pitched well for us as well last night with only one walked batter between the two of them. We were able to get the bases loaded with no outs in the fourth inning and Adison Frerichs came up with a nice hit resulting in a double with two runs scored. Mattie Hagedorn then was able to lay down a sacrifice bunt that allowed Adison to score. I was very happy with the way the girls came out and played. It was a nice win for the girls."

Kraninger got the win for Okoboji. The sophomore allowed two runs (one earned) on five hits while striking out three in four innings. Bergeson pitched three scoreless innings. The senior allowed a hit and a walk while striking out two Sheldon batters.

Okoboji scored six runs on eight hits and seven walks.

Bergeson and Emma Wittrock had two hits each. Bergeson scored a run.

Mattie Hagedorn, Alyana Hesse, Brynn Ness and Adison Frerichs each had a hit. Hagedorn, Ness and Frerichs each scored a run. Frerichs had a double and two RBI.

Mattie Hagedorn stole a base. Isabelle Gehrke and Megan Sullivan both scored a run for the Pioneers, who improved to 5-11 overall on the season.

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HEMPHILL'S HOMERS HELP WOLVES BASEBALL TO WIN

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Behind a stellar pitching and hitting effort by Caleb Hemphill, Harris-Lake Park's baseball team earned a War Eagle Conference road win over Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn on Wednesday, June 21. The Wolves topped the Hawks 5-1 in Hartley.

"It was great to get our second win in a row tonight," Harris-Lake Park coach Jared Rahe said. "We played very well defensively behind a tremendous pitching performance by Caleb Hemphill. We had some opportunities in the first two innings to get a lead, but we left the bases loaded in each inning. Caleb was the story of the night for us as well as our defense. He had two home runs that really gave us the offensive boost we needed after struggling in RBI situations early. Really happy for our guys to get back-to-back wins early this week."

Hemphill was brilliant on the night. The junior allowed an unearned run on three hits and two walks while striking out seven in seven innings. He was 2-4 at the plate with two home runs, three RBI and two runs scored.

Harris-Lake Park scored five runs on four hits and seven walks. Javen Baumgarn was 1-4 with a run scored. Duane Ingham was 1-2. Lucas Ahrenstorff and Wyatt Wittrock both scored a run. Baumgarn stole two bases for the Wolves, who improved to 7-12 overall on the season.



Caleb Hemphill

Javen Baumgarn

HARTLEY-MELVIN-SANBORN SCORE 4 TO TOP WOLVES SOFTBALL

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Harris-Lake Park's softball team took a 3-0 lead into the final inning of a War Eagle Conference battle with Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn on Wednesday, June 21.

The Wolves couldn't close out the victory, however, as the Hawks rallied to score four in the final frame to win in walkoff fashion.

"Tough loss tonight," Harris-Lake Park coach Randy Nicks said. "We just couldn't get the last out in the last inning. HMS got the hits when needed in the last inning, so credit to them for not giving up. It was pretty much a pitcher's duel. A lot of strikeouts on both sides. Brooke Nicks faced 29 batters, struck out 12 of them and only gave up three hits. It's a summer we couldn't get the win for her. Offensively, we struggled."

Nicks took the loss. The junior allowed four earned runs on three hits, two walks and four hit batters while striking out a dozen in seven innings of work.

Harris-Lake Park scored three runs on three hits and three walks. Sydney Rahe was 2-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Nicks was 1-3 with an RBI. Kendal Niemeier had an RBI. Rylee Renken and Peyton Reverts each scored a run.

Rahe and Addison Hibma had two steals each. Nicks, Renken and Reverts each stole one base for the Wolves, who fell to 3-15 overall on the season.



Brooke Nicks

Sydney Rahe

SPIRIT LAKE SOFTBALL ROCKS RIVER VALLEY IN ROAD WIN

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

A 12-run sixth inning was the grand finale to a fireworks display by Spirit Lake's softball team in a nonconference road win over River Valley on Tuesday, June 20.

The Indians whooped the Wolverines 19-4 in Correctionville, though it wasn't a clear victory right out of the gates.

"It was an up-and-down game for us on Tuesday night," Spirit Lake coach Jason Schneider said. "I was really proud of how the girls didn't get down on themselves when things didn't go right. Lauren Borthwick pitched an excellent game and got us out of some big jams when the defense had a few errors. Offensively, our whole lineup had great at-bats and it showed with 12 hits and 11 walks."

The Indians took an early lead after plating four runs in the opening frame.

Taylor Schneider drew a one-out walk, advanced to second on a single by Destyn Robinson and scored on a ground out by Addison Boon. Robinson later scored on a passed ball. Morgan Fine, Borthwick and Faith DeWild drew two-out walks to load the bags. Fine eventually scored on a passed ball before the Wolverines collected the third out of the inning.

River Valley cut the deficit in half with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third and erased the deficit entirely with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Spirit Lake regained the lead with three runs in the top half of the fifth.

A one-out single by DeWild and a pair of walks to Borthwick and Brenna Bengé loaded the bags. DeWild, Bengé and Avery Beisell each scored on passed balls to give the Indians a 7-4 lead heading to the sixth inning.

There, Robinson drew a leadoff walk and Boon crushed a double to center field to put runners on the corners for Fine, who smacked a single to left to score Robinson. Borthwick hit a hard ground ball, reached on an error and scored Boon. A double by DeWild scored Fine. Bengé reached on an error and scored Kinley Dodds. Beisell doubled to score DeWild. Bengé scored on a passed ball. Whiting singled to score Beisell, pushing the Indians' lead to 14-4.

A single by Schneider put two on for Robinson, who singled to score Whiting. A single by Boon loaded the bags for Fine, who doubled to score Boon, Schneider and Robinson. DeWild reached on a two-out error that scored Fine for the final run of the contest.

Borthwick got the win for Spirit Lake. The junior allowed four unearned runs on five hits and four walks while striking out eight in six innings.

Spirit Lake scored 19 runs on 13 hits and 11 walks.

Robinson, Boon, Fine, DeWild and Beisell each had two hits. Robinson had an RBI and scored three runs. Boon had a double, an RBI and scored two runs. Fine had a double, four RBI and scored three runs. DeWild had a double, two RBI and scored two runs. Beisell had a double, an RBI and scored two runs.

Whiting, Schneider and Bengé each had one hit. Whiting had an RBI and a run scored. Schneider scored two runs. Bengé had an RBI and scored two runs.

Whiting, Beisell and Dodds each stole a base for the Indians, who improved to 10-6 overall on the season.



Lauren Borthwick

Morgan Fine

Wolves fall to Braves in Lake Park



Harris-Lake Park's Rylee Renken was 3-3 with an RBI and a run scored in her team's home loss to Cherokee. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Harris-Lake Park's softball team dropped a nonconference home game to Cherokee on Thursday, June 22. The Braves bested the Wolves 10-5 in Lake Park.

Cherokee scored two runs in the first and tacked on another in the second to lead 3-0. Harris-Lake Park tied the score with a three-spot in the third and took a lead with a run in the fourth. Cherokee tied it at 4-4 with a run in the fifth and Harris-Lake Park regained the lead with a run in the bottom of the frame.

However, a six-run sixth inning put the Braves on top for good.

Sydney Rahe took the loss for Harris-Lake Park. The eighth-

grader allowed 10 runs (three earned) on six hits and three walks while striking out three in 5.1 innings. Payton Reimers pitched 1.2 innings, walking one and striking out one.

Harris-Lake Park scored five runs on 11 hits and a walk.

Rylee Renken was 3-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Reimers, Kendal Niemeier and Addison Hibma had two hits each. Reimers scored a run. Niemeier had an RBI and scored a run.

Brooke Nicks was 1-2 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Maddy Gilmore was 1-4 at the plate.

Rahe, Reimers, Niemeier and Renken each stole a base for the Wolves, who fell to 3-16 overall on the season.



Harris-Lake Park's Sydney Rahe fires a pitch against Cherokee.



Harris-Lake Park's Addison Hibma fields a ball in center field.



Harris-Lake Park's Payton Reimers slides safely into second for a steal.

Chase Parsons coming to the Okobojo Blue Water Festival



Chase Parsons with the first place trophy for winning the Lake Francis Case Missouri River tournament in April 2021. (Photo submitted)

Steve Weisman
Outdoors Editor

The final piece of the puzzle for the Okobojo Blue Water Festival has been finalized with professional walleye tournament angler, Chase Parsons agreeing to host the 10 a.m. fishing seminar on Saturday, Aug. 12.

OBWF co-chair Greg Drees shared his excitement about the addition of Parsons to the speaker lineup.

“Chase is a nationally renowned professional walleye fisherman, who has worked with Dan Spengler at Pure Fishing designing some of the top walleye lures currently being used,” Drees said. “I know he will share a variety of techniques that will help anglers catch more walleyes wherever they fish.”

CHASE PARSONS: A LITTLE BACKGROUND

As a professional walleye tournament angler, Parsons has made an impressive imprint on the fishing industry throughout his 19-year career. He has been involved with many national tele-

vision and commercial spots for several powerful fishing companies. He works extensively with sponsors in many aspects of the fishing industry, including product development and seminar/video promotions.

“I am super excited for Chase Parsons to speak fishing at this year’s Okobojo Blue Water Festival,” said Dan Spengler, senior project manager developing fishing lures at Pure Fishing. “Not only is Chase a top-level professional fisherman, but he is also a tremendous educator. Chase’s on the water experience has also been significant in the design of new Berkley lures, some currently in the design process as we speak.”

As a tournament angler, Parsons has consistently been a top finisher, including qualifying for the NWT Championships for seven consecutive years, along with the PWT, AIM and FLW championships. He is the youngest pro ever invited to the PWT Super Pro Series and was the PWT Rookie of the Year in 2005.

Parsons, who hails from Denmark, Wisconsin, is also an owner and one of the co-hosts of “The

Next Bite” television show, which airs on the Discovery Channel, CBS Sports Network, WFN, Amazon Prime, Waypoint TV and YouTube. He has also appeared on the In-Fisherman, FLW Walleye Tour, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Parsons plans to cover a variety of different techniques to help everyone catch more walleyes, including diving into details on the explosion of forward-facing sonar technology. One of his favorite fishing tips is “Believe in your electronics. If they’re telling you there aren’t any fish, it’s time to move on.”

He’ll cover specific baits to use for each technique, but more importantly, how to use them during different periods of the year. This will be a quick-hitting, multiple presentation seminar with ample time for some question and answer.

“I am excited to be on the shores of West Okobojo,” Parsons said. “I know how important clean water is here in the Iowa Great Lakes. Part of my message is about clean water. Keeping our

waters clean for future generations will be a part of my seminar.”

The sponsor of the fishing seminar will once again be the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club.

“The IGLFC is proud to bring Chase Parsons to the OBWF,” IGLFC president Terry Thomsen said. “He brings great enthusiasm and a love for fishing. We are looking for a great crowd and the chance to have Chase at our booth later in the day to visit with club members and the general public.”

Although things can change, the preliminary schedule for 2023 looks like this:

- 8 a.m.**
• Chalkstock
- 8:30 a.m.**
• Storytime with Milford Library
- 10 a.m.**
• Fishing seminar
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
• Exhibitor’s row
• Kid’s and family activities
- 2 p.m.**
• Keynote speaker
- 6:30 p.m.**
• Concert

Targeting explosive largemouths

Bob Jensen
Fishing the Midwest

It’s been several years since I started using artificial frogs for largemouth bass. Before that, my friends and I had used live frogs as catfish bait and I never liked it that much. I didn’t enjoy putting a live frog on a hook and offering it to a hungry catfish. At some point, no matter how effective the frogs were for catfish, I decided “no more.” I’ll find another way to catch ‘em.

One day while fishing with bass expert Mike Frisch, he suggested that we throw frogs around for largemouth bass. After he explained that these were fake frogs, I agreed to participate. I’m glad I did. And while I still won’t use live frogs for fishing, I’ll gladly cast plastic frogs into bassy looking places.

Using artificial frogs for largemouth bass is very visual. You’ll see every strike: Sometimes the bass will lightly slurp the frog off the surface, other times they’ll smash it.

Often a wake in the water will reveal the approach of a hungry bass. Other times you’ll see the lily-pads or reeds moving as the bass approaches. It’s one of the



A fake frog and a heavy duty rod, reel, and line will take largemouth bass from the heaviest cover. (Photo by Bob Jensen)

most exciting ways to catch largemouth bass.

This is mostly a shallow water pattern. Approach the area to be fished quietly. If you make too much noise, you’ll often see the water boil as the bass spook out of the area. Moving into the shallows with the outboard running will spook them as will dropping equipment on the floor of the boat.

Quick motions can spook fish. Some shallow water experts suggest wearing clothing colors that blend in with the sky. The sky is the background to what the fish see, and light colored clothing

blends in with the sky better than dark clothing.

Now that you’re in the area to be fished, you need a bait. You want something that will come through the heavy cover without getting hung up. A KVD Poppin’ Perch, Sexy Frog, or a Hack Attack Pad Perch will do that. They all have a different action in the water, and sometimes a particular action will be more appealing to the bass.

For instance, the Poppin’ Perch creates more noise than the Frog. Everyone in the boat should be throwing something different until the fish reveal their pref-

erence.

Fish quickly and cover water. Cast to the edges of the vegetation, and also cast beyond the heaviest clumps and retrieve your bait so it goes right through the middle of those heavy clumps. Try a straight retrieve, but also experiment with a stop and go retrieve. A strike will often occur as the bait starts moving after a pause.

One of the keys is to try not to get too excited when a fish hits, and this can be hard to do. When you see the strike, drop the tip of your rod to the fish, then set the hook hard.

This is heavy cover fishing, so you need equipment designed for heavy cover. Fifty-pound test line is a good starting point. There are rods made just for froggin’, but I like a Lew’s Flippin’ rod due to its versatility. It does a good job with frogs, but also is outstanding for pitching jigs and casting spinnerbaits.

If this visual action sounds like something that you would enjoy, it’s going on now and will throughout the rest of the summer and into the fall. Get some artificial frogs, leave the real ones alone, and find out how much fun and productive this shallow water bass action can be.

OUTDOORS BRIEFS



WEATHER MODEL FORECASTS BUMP IN PHEASANT POPULATION

Favorable winter and spring weather across much of Iowa is expected to benefit pheasant hunters this fall.

Todd Bogenschutz, upland wildlife research biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, said each summer, the DNR uses a model based on winter and spring weather conditions, previous weather data and more than 50 years of pheasant roadside population surveys to predict pheasant population trends for the fall.

“Given the statewide information, our weather model is predicting pheasant populations will likely be higher for the fall 2023 hunting season,” Bogenschutz said. “There will likely be regional differences given the tougher winter in northern regions and more favorable conditions in central and southern Iowa.”

Statewide, snowfall from December through March averaged 1 inch above average, but the northern third of Iowa, and the central region, saw significantly more snowfall, likely reducing hen survival in the northwest and northcentral regions where total winter snowfall exceeded 3 feet.

Conversely, the southern third of Iowa saw very little snowfall all winter, about one foot, and hen survival should be excellent in these regions. Southern Iowa’s mild winter will likely lead to higher quail numbers, too.

“Even with the regional fluctuation, the best pheasant densities will likely still be in northern and western regions of the state,” he said.

Every model comes with a caveat and the spring nesting forecast is no different. This prediction is based on weather data and it can be wrong, Bogenschutz said. “The August roadside survey is the best gauge of what upland populations will be this fall.”

The August roadside survey is conducted each year between Aug. 1-15, over the same 218, 30-mile routes. Survey results will be posted online at www.iowadnr.gov/pheasantsurvey around Sept. 15.

SWIMMERS ITCH SHOWING UP, AND IT’S RIGHT ON SCHEDULE

Swimmer’s itch is starting to make its presence known in many of Iowa’s natural lakes in north-central and northwest Iowa.

The condition is caused by parasitic flatworms. The flatworm eggs are transferred to water by bird droppings. The eggs hatch and infect snails, from which the free swimming form of the flatworm larvae emerges. In the absence of a suitable host, such as a bird, the parasite will attempt to penetrate the skin of humans, after which it quickly dies, causing an allergic reaction below the skin resulting in welts and itching.

There are few simple steps swimmers can take.

First, if possible, avoid swimming in areas containing aquatic plants because marshy areas often contain snails, which are the parasite’s intermediate host. Swimmers can also reduce the amount of time in the water, avoid beaches that are being pounded by waves and dry off quickly when getting out of the lake.

The welts and itching caused by the parasitic little pest can last for several days to about a week and usually don’t require a visit to the doctor. An antihistamine along with calamine lotion can be used to treat the affected areas.

For more information on swimmer’s itch visit the following websites: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/swimmersitch/> or <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/swimmers-itch/DS00902>.

MAJOR RESTORATION EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BLACK HAWK LAKE NEARING COMPLETION

A second and final season of dredging on Black Hawk Lake, located in Sac County, is scheduled to end the week of June 18. An additional two to three weeks of site clean-up and contractor demobilization will follow the dredging work.

The Ice House Point portion of Black Hawk State Park, which includes the public boat ramp on the south shore, will be closed for a minimum of three days during the week of June 25. The contractor will demobilize the dredge and in-lake pipe during this time and remove all remaining equipment used for the project after the Fourth of July holiday.

Boaters and other lake users should use caution while navigating Black Hawk Lake during completion of the dredging effort. The dredge barge and pipeline will be clearly marked with buoys and lights. Maintain a minimum of 200 feet distance from all equipment and pipelines. Do not attempt to cross the dredge pipeline, even if it is submerged.

The dredging work completed at Black Hawk Lake will improve overall water quality, fish habitat and recreational opportunities. An area approximately 174 acres in the eastern main basin of the lake was deepened to 9 feet, removing about 750,000 cubic yards of material from the lake. Dredging will help manage aquatic vegetation in the main basin of the lake, reduce resuspension of sediments due to wind and wave action, and remove high-phosphorus sediments.



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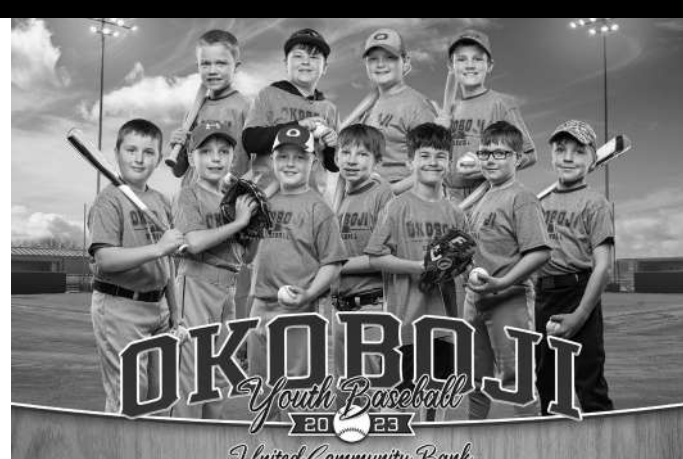
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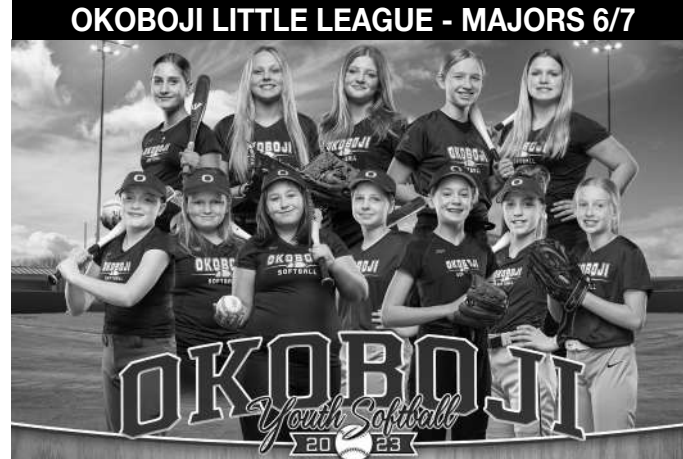


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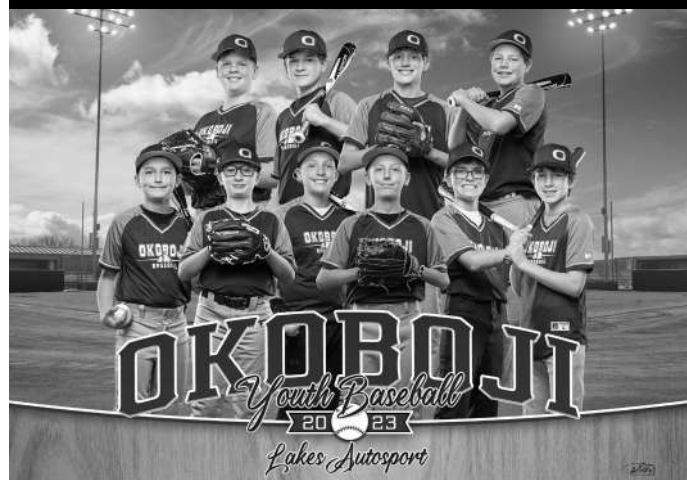
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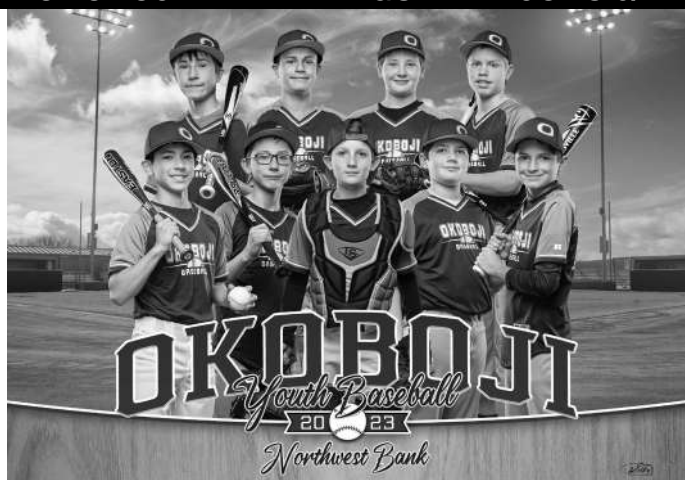
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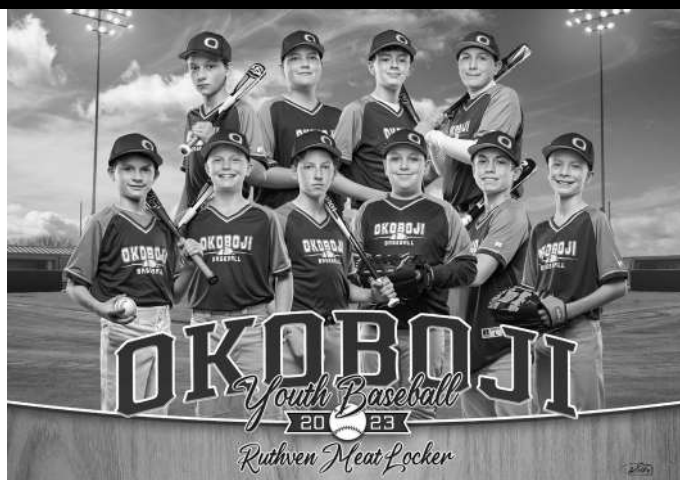
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Coaches: Lezlie Pohlman



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Third Row: Aden Avery, Tucker Cody
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Front Row: Amelia Scott, Kinley Bosma, Wren Thiessen
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Coaches: Kari Voit, Leah Tigges and Sara Prevot

LAKE PARK LITTLE LEAGUE - 4/5 BASEBALL



COHRS CONSTRUCTION 4/5 Baseball

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Coaches: Crystal Gilmore, Amy Bosma, Heather Hamann

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LAKE PARK LITTLE LEAGUE - 6/7 Baseball & Softball



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6/7 Baseball

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Coaches Chris & Jodie Subbert



TEAM B T-BALL

Sigrid Ahumada, Aubrey June Dyhrkopp, Adeline Olesen, Ryker Mortenson, Aiden Donlan, Wyatt Olson, Elliott Sorbo
Coaches Megan Dyhrkopp & Paulina Chavez

G-T/R-A LITTLE LEAGUE - T-BALL



TEAM C T-BALL

Ellie Heinrichs, Gwendolynn Graettinger, Izzy Suwalski, Brinley Armstrong, Brensen Seno, Dominic Kern, Max Helmich
Coaches Heidi Heinrichs & Janet Seno



TEAM D T-BALL

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Coaches- Miguel Hegland, Helpers Donald Chapin & Dick Brewer

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1ST GRADE GIRLS

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Coaches- Leslie Hanson & Megan Dyhrkopp

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2ND GRADE GIRLS

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3RD & 4TH GRADE GIRLS

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Coaches- Mike Hough & Patrick Fairchild

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5TH & 6TH GRADE GIRLS

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Coach- Brandon Murray

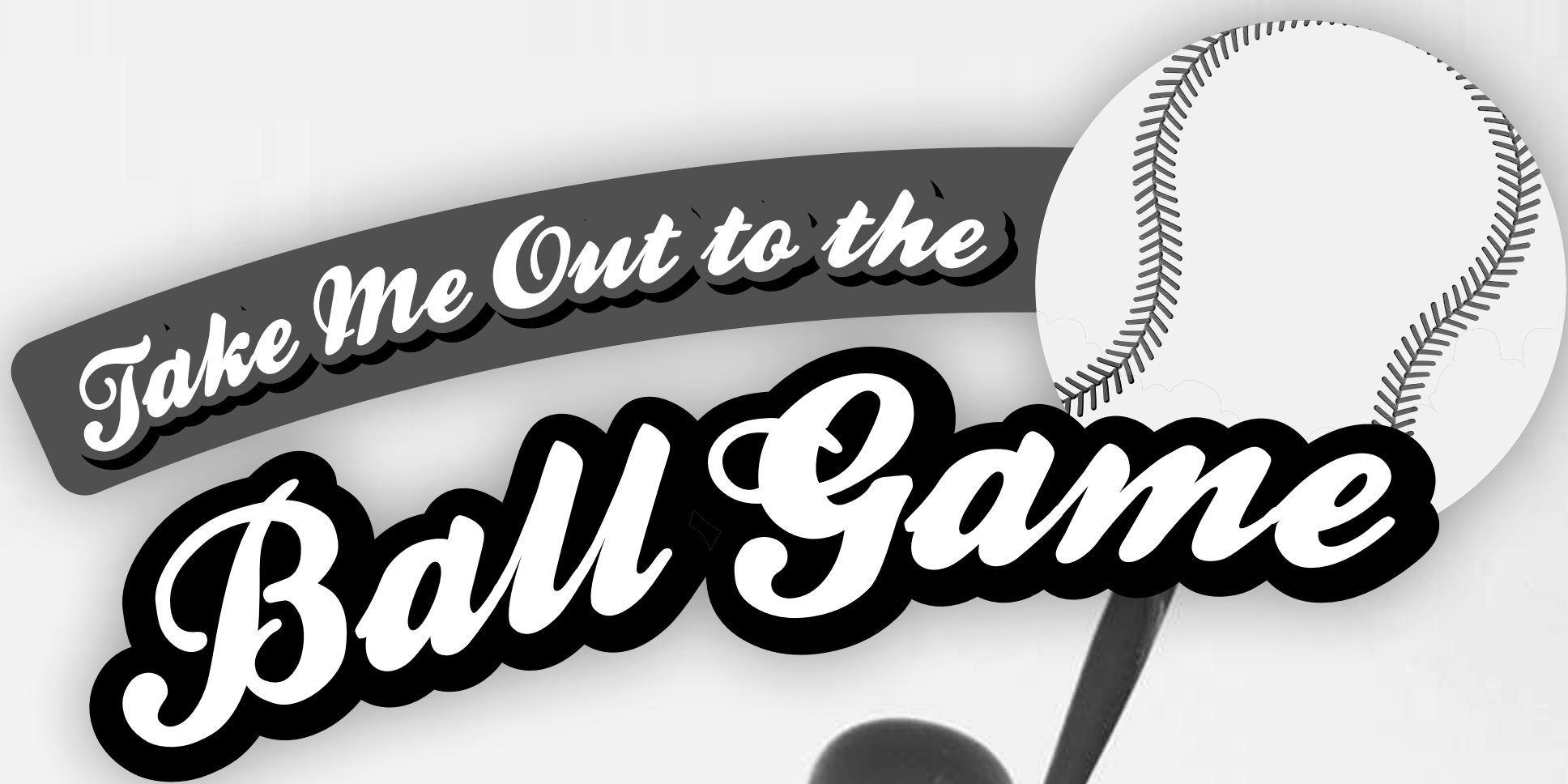
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Aiden Sorbo, Blake Behrends, Braxton McGrauth, Carter Utesch, Charlie Greenwald, Chase Moen, Cole Hough, Elijah Chapin, Grayson Williamson, Henry Mattingly, Lake Subbert, Maddax Matthews, Micah Murray, Nathan Utesch, Treyton Hotchkiss, Wesley Torreson, Lucas Donlan
Coaches- Terry Behrends & Chris Subbert

5TH & 6TH GRADE BOYS

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The other day, I stopped at the convenience store where I stop for a soda nearly every day and, when I saw the manager, I asked her how things were going at the store. When she told me “Okay,” I said that I’d be happy to come in sometime for half a day to help out, catching myself by saying, “I’m not sure if that would help or not.” She smiled and replied, “It would be fun, though!”

When was the last time you offered to help a neighbor or called your church to promise time and money to make something work that would add to the enthusiasm or enjoyment of

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others? A couple of weeks ago in this same convenience store, I ran into one of our elementary school principals and told her that I missed the student that I mentored during the last school year.

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CITY OF MILFORD - PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MILFORD PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is given that the Council of the City of Milford Iowa, has reviewed the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission and determined it is necessary to update its Zoning Ordinances.

The proposed changes include providing definitions for "habitation" and "Business/Commercial Condominiums" and providing that business condominiums will be in the arterial commercial district as a special exception use.

The proposed changes are more particularly described in the documents on file at the City Office and will be discussed and reviewed for possible modifications and changes prior to adoption.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the foregoing matters all as setout above on the 10th day of July, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Milford City Hall, 806 N Ave Suite 1, Milford, Iowa.

CITY OF MILFORD, IOWA
/s/ LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator #503

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CITY OF W. OKOBOJI-PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of West Okoboji, Iowa ("City") proposes to amend Chapter 92 - its Water Rates Code Ordinance by amending the language concerning 92.02(1) Rates for Service in its Water Rates Ordinance (and any other applicable code section), to include an increase in the water rate by 10%, and any other end user fees to correspond to MMU's rate increase, under all terms and conditions specified by the City of West Okoboji, Iowa and the West Okoboji City Council.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the 10th day of July, 2023, at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m. in the City Hall, in West Okoboji, Iowa. The terms and conditions of this addition/amendment are specified in a proposed written ordinance available for public inspection, and will be discussed/revise/d changed and determined by the City and its Council at said meeting, and may be modified at the public hearing. Following said hearing, the City Council will take action.

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI, IOWA
/s/ Craig Miner, Mayor. #505

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PROBATE NOTICE - GERTRUDE M. HOPTON

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DICKINSON COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR015067

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE M. HOPTON, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of GERTRUDE M. HOPTON, Deceased, who died on or about May 25, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on June 7, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of GERTRUDE M. HOPTON, deceased, bearing date of October 29, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Mary E. Crane was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated June 10, 2023.
Executor of Estate Mary E. Crane 6301 Warner Ave., Space 827 Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Attorney for Executor Christopher A. Bjornstad, ICIS#: 0009024 Cornwall, Avery, Bjornstad and Scott 407 Grand Avenue PO Box 999 Spencer, IA 51301

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CENTRAL WATER SYSTEMS - JUNE 12, 2023 MEETING

Central Water System Regular Board Meeting

Attest June 12, 2023

Acting Chairman Vos called the board meeting to order. Members present were Vos, and Eckard. Frerk and Mike Payzant was also present.

Motion was made by Vos to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Seconded by Eckard, and the motion passed.

With the passing of Mr. Hinshaw, Vos was nominated to be the Chairman of the Board. Frerk mentioned to the Board about the broken 18" fitting that cracked in the plant which was the cause of the water plant being offline for a couple of days while getting it fixed and showed them the condition of the rest of the piping. After discussion the board asked Frerk to get a quote on replacing the 18" sch 80 piping by the strainers with stainless steel.

Ferk informed the Board that the DNR is allowing Central Water to do a 12 week trial of turning off the sulfuric acid feed and see if the plant can operate without the addition of sulfuric acid.

Ferk showed the Board a quote for replacing the piping heading out of the plant that was damaged by the sulfuric acid and add a mixer in the pipe in the basement. After discussion, Vos made a motion to have Rubin Construction get the parts ordered and install this fall hoping the piping holds together till then, seconded by Eckard. Motion Passed.

The Board decided to write a letter to alert the Cities to add some verbiage from the original joint agreement to the Newer 28E agreement about improvement costs. Frerk to give the letter to the cities.

After discussion a Motion was made by Eckard to give Aaron Van Whye \$1300 salary increase for passing his grade 4 test and taking on some more responsibilities of the water plant and a 7% raise for all 3 employees. Seconded by Vos and motion passed.

General water plant business was discussed with no actions taken.
Motion was made by Vos to pay the claims. Seconded by Eckard and the motion passed. A list of claims is attached.
There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.
/s/ Michael R Frerk, Supt. Attest: Gary Vos, Chairman

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Federal Withholding, Social Security, IPERS, Wages, Alliant Energy, Blue Hills Energy, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Card Service Center, CenturyLink, Hawkins Inc., I M W C A, USA Bluebook, State Hygienic Lab., Telplex, Estate of Jake Hinshaw, Ficks Ace Hardware, Haspels Electric, Pall Corporation, Bomgaars, Total Claims.

HARRIS-LAKE PARK SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND JUNE 2023

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CITY OF W. OKOBOJI-PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is given that the City Council of the City of West Okoboji, Iowa will consider the following regarding an amendment/ change to its Ordinances.

The proposed change is to amend Chapter 122 of the City Code, including but not limited to 122.10 and other relevant sections regarding Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants. The proposed amendment is to change the time restriction from Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to Monday through Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. This proposed change will be more particularly described in document(s) at the City Offices and will also be discussed and reviewed for possible modifications, changes and/or additions at the meeting. The amended date/time could be changed further or differently at such meeting prior to adoption.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the above proposed amendment as setout above on the 10th day of July, 2023, at the hour of 6:35 p.m. in the West Okoboji City Hall, 501 Terrace Park Blvd. West Okoboji, Iowa. CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI, IOWA /s/ Craig Miner, Mayor. #504

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PETITION FOR MONEY JUDGEMENT - GF LAND V. LAPLANT

Original Notice and Petition for a Money Judgment

In the Iowa District Court for Dickinson County

Small Claim No. SCCV032048
Date E-Filed: March 28, 2023, 7:09 am, Dickinson County

Plaintiff(s)
G F Land Partnership dba Right Size Storage 3000-18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360 VS.

Defendant(s)
Tyler LaPlant 324 S. Main Street, Apt E, Tulsa, OK 74103

To Defendant(s):
1. You are notified that Plaintiff(s) demands from you the amount of \$472.09 failure to make regularly scheduled storage unit rent payments, late fees, cost to clean out unit and disposal fees, plus the cost to obtain this amount.

2. Judgment may be entered against you unless you file an Appearance and Answer within 20 days of the service of the Original Notice upon you. Judgment may include the amount requested plus interest and court costs.

3. You must electronically file the Ap-

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6. You must also notify the clerk's office of any address change.
/s/G F Land Partnership by Diane Kroese G F Land Partnership dba Right Size Storage 3000 - 18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360 712-336-8400 rentals@rocmanagement.com
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PETITION FOR MONEY JUDGEMENT - GF LAND V. BRADSHAW

Original Notice and Petition for a Money Judgment

In the Iowa District Court for Dickinson County

Small Claim No. SCCV031983
Date E-Filed: February 20, 2023, 8:59 a.m., Dickinson County

Plaintiff(s)
G F Land Partnership dba Right Size Storage 3000-18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360 VS.

Defendant(s)
Anthony Bradshaw 4032 Woodrow Avenue, Burton, MI 48509

To Defendant(s):
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CITY OF MILFORD - EMPLOYEE WAGES 2022-2023

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ARNOLDS PARK CITY COUNCIL - JUNE 14, 2023 MEETING

ARNOLDS PARK, IA REGULAR SESSION JUNE 14, 2023 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL PRESENT: Adams, Jensen, Richter. Mayor Hussong presided.

ASSOCIATES, INC. Introduced by: Jensen. Seconded by: Adams. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Jensen, Adams, Richter. Nays: None.

tensen. Mayor Hussong declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. JUNE PRE-PAID CLAIMS A & M LAUNDRY INC., Laundry - City Shed.

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Boji softball drops home game to Generals



Okoboji catcher Amy Martin awaits a pitch in her team's home loss to Sibley-Ocheyedan. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Okoboji's softball team suffered a Siouxland Conference home loss to Sibley-Ocheyedan on Friday, June 23. The Generals defeated the Pioneers 9-3 in Milford.

"We dug ourselves into a hole early and couldn't get ourselves out of it," Okoboji coach Kate Perrin said. "We struggled to get anything going offensively and couldn't capitalize much when we did get runners on."

Sibley-Ocheyedan scored three in the first, one in the third, five in the fifth, two in the sixth and two in the seventh. Okoboji scored one run in the second, fifth and sixth innings.

Kristina Kraninger took the loss for Okoboji. The sophomore allowed four runs (three earned) on six hits and a walk while striking out one in three innings. Maggie Bergeson pitched four innings of relief. The senior allowed five runs (three earned) on seven hits and a walk while striking out three Sibley-Ocheyedan batters.

The Pioneers scored three runs on five hits and three walks.

Bergeson was 2-3 with two doubles and two RBI. Mattie Hagedorn, Grace Hagedorn and Brynn Ness each had one hit. Grace Hagedorn stole two bases and scored two runs. Emma Graves scored a run for the Pioneers, who fell to 5-13 overall on the season.



Okoboji's Emma Wittrock snags a throw at first base for an out.

Spirit Lake baseball goes 1-1 in Waterloo

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor



Braden Theesfeld



Damon VandenBerg

Spirit Lake's baseball team went 1-1 at the Swing for the Fences Tournament held Friday, June 23 at Riverfront Stadium in Waterloo. The Indians earned an 11-10 win over Janesville but dropped a 5-1 contest to Roland-Story.

Spirit Lake opened against Roland-Story and held an early lead with a run in the bottom half of the opening frame. The Norsemen stormed back, scoring two in the third and three in the sixth while holding the Indians scoreless the rest of the way.

"They did a really good job of challenging our bunt defense and we couldn't capitalize on the outs that they were giving us," coach Ross Ackerman said. "They beat us with small ball and props to them for doing it effectively. A really good opportunity to learn more about the ins and outs of baseball and get better for us."

Jack Wajda took the loss on the mound. The senior allowed five runs (three earned) on six hits and two walks while striking out five in five innings. Jack Barthman pitched one scoreless inning, allowing one hit and one walk. Spirit Lake scored a run on five hits and three walks.

Braden Theesfeld was 2-3 at the plate. Jake Cornwall, Wajda and JD Schneider each had one hit. Wajda stole a base and scored a run. Schneider had an RBI.

The Indians bounced back with a walkoff win over Janesville.

After one scoreless inning, the two squads went back and forth. Janesville scored two in the second and Spirit Lake answered with three in the second and three more in the third. The Wildcats scored a run in

the fourth and two more in the fifth to cut the Indians' lead to 6-5. Spirit Lake scored a run in the fifth before Janesville scored to

in the sixth to tie it at 7-7. The Indians plated a run in the sixth to take a one-run lead, but the Wildcats responded with three in the seventh to lead 10-8 heading into the bottom half of the final frame.

There, Spirit Lake scored three runs to seal the victory.

"A really entertaining baseball game where we got to see a different opponent," Ackerman said. "They challenged our hitters with some tough pitching for a weekend tournament and our guys really jumped on them. I think our bats can carry us to some wins this year and they definitely did for this game. Fun to end the tournament on a win."

Damon VandenBerg got the win on the mound. He allowed four runs (one earned) on five hits and three walks in five innings. Schneider pitched two innings, allowing six runs (four earned) on four hits, two walks and two hit batters while striking out two.

Spirit Lake scored 11 runs on 11 hits and nine walks.

Theesfeld was 3-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Wajda and Schneider had two hits apiece. Wajda had an RBI and scored three runs. Schneider had three RBI. Spencer and Tyson Robinson were both 1-4. Tyson had three RBI and scored a run. Cornwall had an RBI. Terry Sexton scored two runs. Jack Barthman scored a run. Wajda had two steals. Aidan Gigstad, Barthman and Schneider each stole one base for the Indians, who improved to 11-8 overall on the season.



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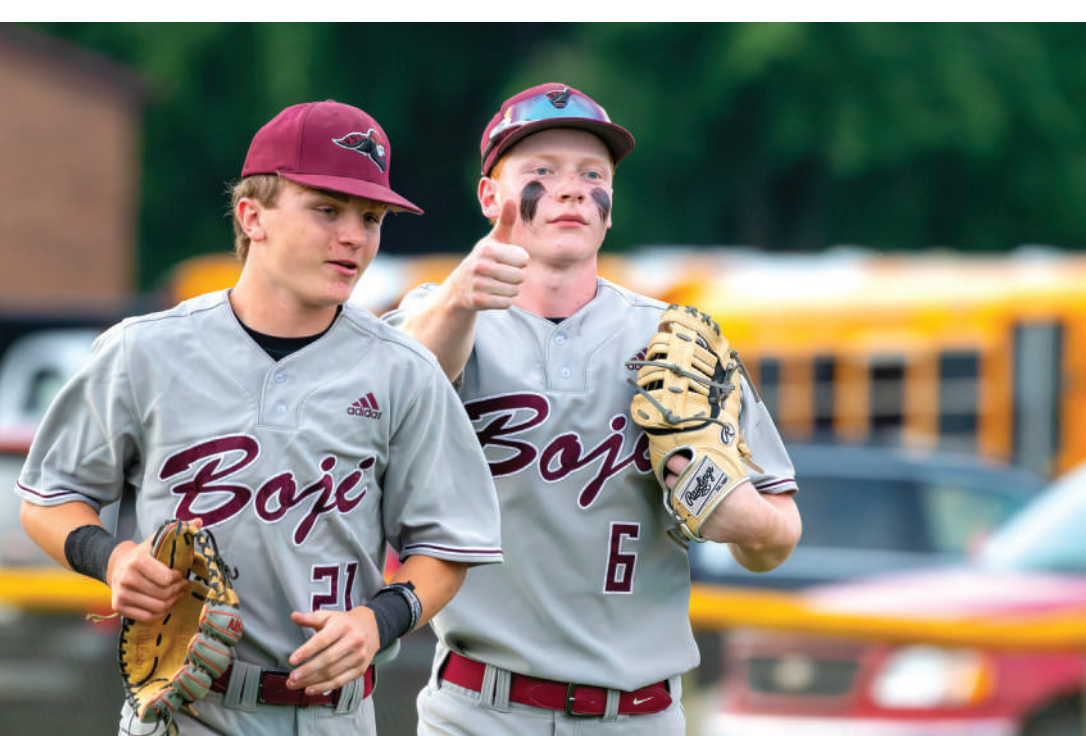
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Seven-run fifth powers Pioneers past Generals



Okoboji's Caden Chapman launched a two-run home run to highlight a seven-run fifth inning in his team's home win over Sibley-Ocheyedan. (Photos by Matt Heinrichs)



Okoboji's Roy Blankers gives a thumbs-up to the Pioneers dugout.



Okoboji's Landon Duvall attempts to tag a Sibley-Ocheyedan base runner.

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

Okoboji and Sibley-Ocheyedan were deadlocked at 1-1 near the midway point of Friday's Siouxland Conference baseball battle in Milford. In the top half of the fifth inning, the Pioneers pounded out seven runs — highlighted by a two-run dinger by Caden Chapman — to take a commanding lead in a 9-2 win over the Generals.

"Our game with Sibley-Ocheyedan was a lot tighter than the 9-2 score shows," Okoboji coach Andy Wolf said. "In that fifth inning, we had four hits —

including a two-run home run by Caden Chapman — a couple of walks and two sacrifice fly balls. Roy Blankers had a big night with three hits. Brady Muzney pitched a good game. Akron Jostand came in to close the game, pitching one inning."

Muzney got the win for Okoboji. The junior allowed an earned run on seven hits and no walks while striking out two in six innings. Jostand allowed one earned run on two hits and no walks while striking out one in one inning.

Okoboji scored nine runs on six nine hits and three walks.

Blankers was 3-3 with two doubles and two RBI. Tyler Netsch, Ryan Pyle, Jostand, Chapman, Logan Duvall and Landon Duvall each had one hit. Netsch scored three runs. Jostand scored a run. Chapman had a home run, two RBI and a run scored. Logan Duvall had two RBI. Landon Duvall had one RBI and scored a run.

Muzney and Brenna Baschke both had an RBI. Walt Blankers, Nick Stein and Asa Jacobsen each scored a run. Netsch, Jostand and Roy Blankers each stole a base for the Pioneers, who improved to 12-11 overall on the season.

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