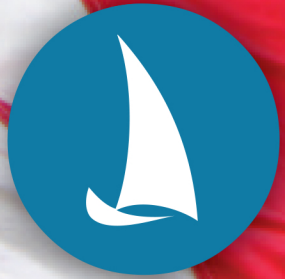


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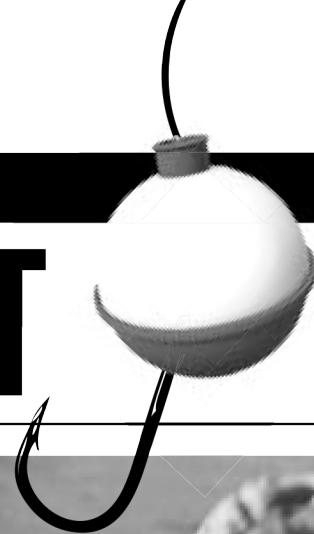
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This weekly fishing report is compiled from information gathered from local bait shops, angler creel surveys and county and state parks staff. The report below is from May 19, the latest report available at the time of publication. For current conditions, call the Spirit Lake District Office at 712-336-1840. Courtesy docks are in place. Area water temperatures have been rising quickly due to very warm weather. Most lakes are in the 60s and at crest or higher levels. Water clarity has been fairly good on most area lakes. Bass and panfish are moving to shallower water from the basins, making shore and dock fishing easier.

EAST LAKE

Okoboji Lake temperatures have been recorded in the upper 60s. The water level is 3 inches over crest. The walleye season is open. There has been a fairly good crappie bite recently. Anglers using electronics have been fairly successful finding schools of fish. Fish are moving shallower. Black Crappie — Good. Bluegill — Fair. Yellow Bass — Fair.

LAKE MINNEWASHTA

Bluegill and crappie fishing has been reported; some sorting may be needed. Black Crappie — Good. Bluegill — Good.

SILVER LAKE (DICKINSON)

Walleye — Fair.

SPIRIT LAKE

Water temperature have been reported in the mid-60s. The lake is 17 inches below crest, making launching boats more difficult. Courtesy docks are in place. The walleye season is open. Black Crappie — Fair: Use a tube jig and bobber. Bluegill — Fair. Yellow Perch — Fair.

WEST LAKE OKOBOJI

Water temperature has been reported in the lower 60s. The water level is 3 inches over crest. The walleye season is open. Black Crappie — Fair. Bluegill — Fair. Largemouth Bass — Fair. Smallmouth Bass — Fair.



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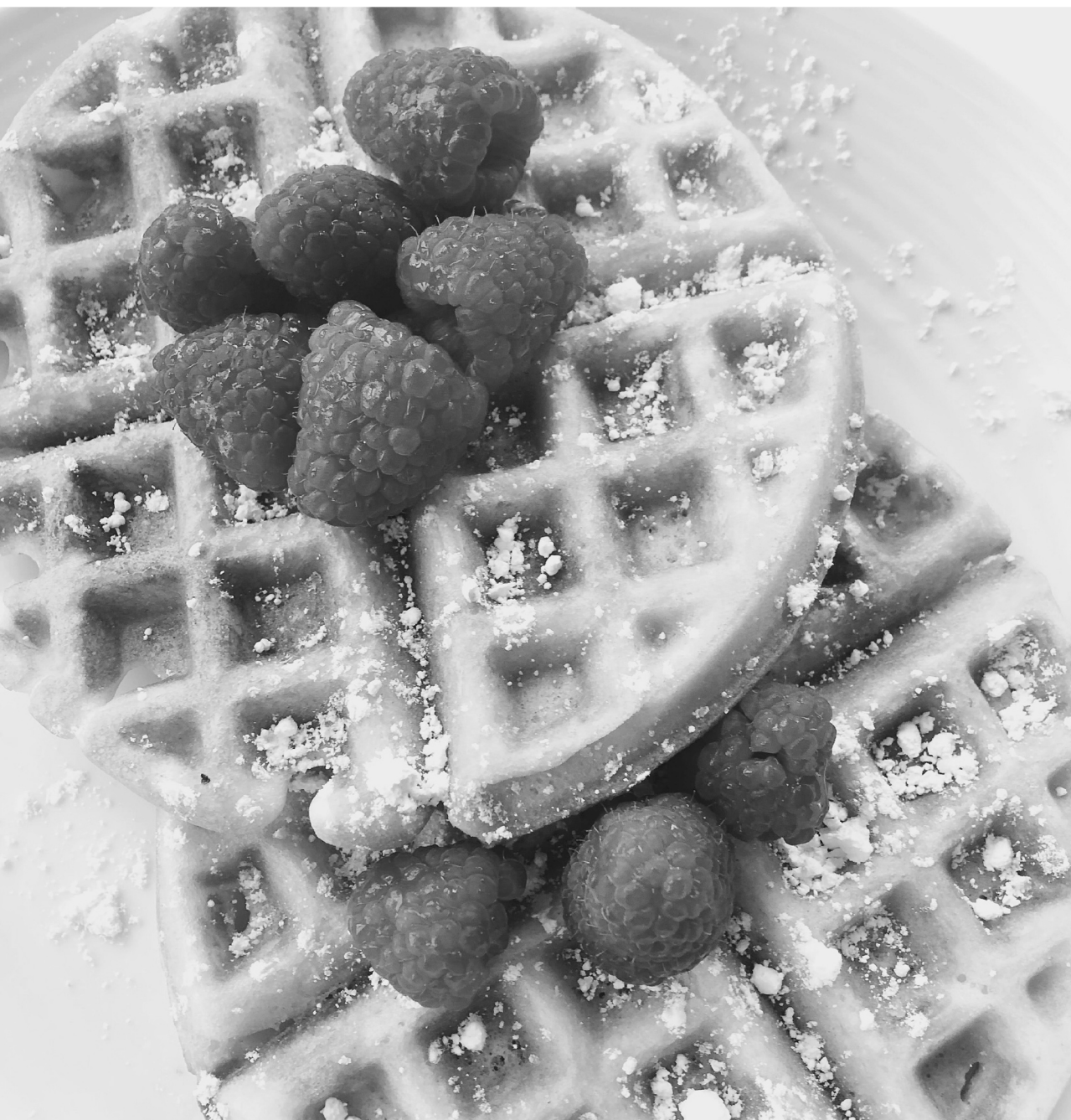
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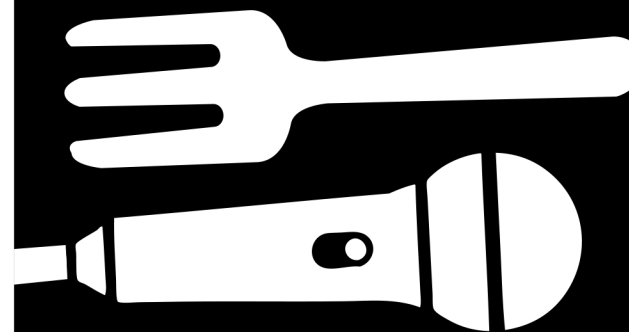
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Dad's Belgian Waffles will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 29 during the Okoboji Summer Theatre's fundraiser. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$10 for all-you-can-eat Belgian waffles and sausages. Children 5-and-under are \$5, and carryout is available. Along with the sausages, there will be a bevy of waffle toppings to choose from including butter, whipped cream and nine syrup options — regular and lite maple along with sugar-free maple, apricot, blueberry, boysenberry, pecan, blackberry and strawberry. Proceeds will go toward Okoboji Summer Theatre scholarships. In addition, there will be tours of students/guest actors' houses on the lot. Summer Theatre Discount Voucher booklets will also be available for \$140. The Okoboji Summer Theatre Association has been supporting summer theatre in the Lakes Area since 1953 by encouraging attendance, providing scholarships to Stephens College students.

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The Treasure Village Flea Market & Antique Show will run Saturday-Monday, May 28-30. Vendors will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Organizers said there are lots of shade trees and plenty of onsite parking in the large lot. The Memorial Day Flea Market will feature antiques, furniture, flags and lawn decor, as well as metal art, toys, hats, quilts, carvings, birdhouses and much more. An array of food options will also be on site, such as jerky, baked goods, kettle corn, barbeque, as well as a food truck with ribeye, hamburgers, taco boat, barbeque

pork, hot dogs, tenderloin, nachos, chicken strips and fries. Treasure Village staff was excited to announce mini donuts and pretzels would return this summer.

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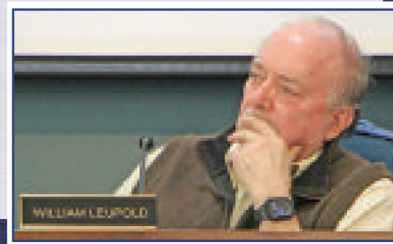
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I have two things that I have wanted to bring to your attention for some time now. First, now that we are on the backside of the biggest health concern of our generation, and wide spread inoculation is taking place; I wanted to thank you for your leadership throughout the Pandemic. From the zoom meetings to the virtual Department Head meetings, your leadership was exceptional. When we needed to laugh, you made us laugh. When we needed to reflect and appreciate, you talked about the "beauty of the birds at your bird feeder." When we needed to be optimistic, you reminded us "this too will pass." When we needed to be reminded of our importance as essential employees to the Citizens of Dickinson County, you reminded us of that also. All of the Board members should get credit for their perseverance and concern during the Pandemic; however, as the Board Chair you were exemplary. For that I thank you, and will never forget your Leadership!



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Seth Boyes
News Editor

A towering yellow crane lifted a stainless steel diner off the corner of Lake Street and Peoria Avenue in December of 2019, and yellow ribbon was cut on the same site Saturday to recognize the completion of the Tatanka Ska Trace trail head — the phrase meaning white buffalo in the Lakota Sioux language.

The shelter and rest area is one of the most visible additions along the Dickinson County Trail system.

Erin Reed, executive director of the trails board, said she had her eye on the property for close to 10 years as the county worked to secure former railroad property for the trails, and she was glad to see the Spirit Lake trail head come to fruition.

“We’re a lot further along than I ever dreamed at this point,” Reed told the gathered crowd Saturday morning.

Organizers previously said the trail head’s design was inspired by Native American beadwork and the prairie landscape. The facilities include restrooms, shaded picnic tables and benches, a charging station and other features helpful for trail enthusiasts.

Ivan Brown established Deja Blues Diner LLC in July of 2001 and bought the building in October of that year, according to state and county records. The building’s gleaming metal exterior and vintage-style became something of a local landmark, even after the diner closed and sat empty.

Local businessman Neil Slater purchased

the vacant building in July of 2015, according to county records. Slater previously said he purchased the property for the land, noting he owns several properties near the intersection. In the winter of 2019, the diner was hauled away in six 9-by-50-foot sections — each weighing approximately 70,000 pounds. The company which purchased the building owns several truck stops and planned to pair the classic diner with a location in Pennsylvania.

The local beautification group Imagine Iowa Great Lakes helped the Dickinson County Trails Board purchase the corner lot and construction process, according to Reed.

John Franken, president of the Imagine group, noted Saturday that the project overlapped with the COVID-19 pandemic, and materials were delayed while prices increased. He credited Reed with keeping things on track with a community fundraising campaign which garnered more than \$220,000, in addition to an \$80,000 contribution from the Okoboji Foundation.

“Without that, this couldn’t have happened,” Franken said, adding the organization was happy to help make the trail head a reality.

The Imagine group provided many of the plantings around the trail head structure. Benches and picnic tables were purchased by project sponsors — though Reed noted two benches and a table are still available. Students with Spirit Lake Schools provided decorative metal elements and bicycle racks for the project as part of their J-term project — students have helped create a number of steel sculpture installations around the community, such as the sailboat sculpture near the intersection of Highways 9 and 71.



(Above) Cyclists headed west after Saturday’s ribbon cutting and pedaled toward the Montgomery area. (Below) Organizers cut a ceremonial ribbon at the trail head Saturday morning to recognize the completion of the project. (Photos by Seth Boyes)



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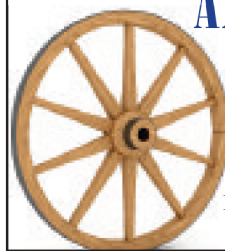
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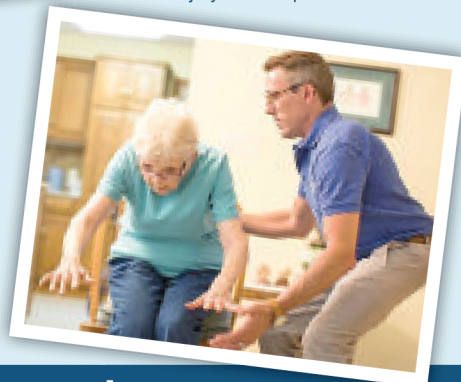


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May 27 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. Ryan Sather
The Ritz

May 27 — LIVE MUSIC

6-10 p.m. Rock ala Carte
Oak Hill Outdoor

May 27 — LIVE MUSIC

7-11 p.m. Jake McVey
The Barefoot Bar

May 27 — LIVE MUSIC

7:30-10 p.m. Rock the Roof
The Linda Ronstadt Experience-Tristan McIntosh

The Roof Garden

May 27 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Jim Stapley on Rooftop
9 p.m. GB Leighton
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May 28 — FLEA MARKET-ANTIQUÉ SHOW

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Vick's Corner, Highway 9 and 86
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dickinson County Fairgrounds
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Treasure Village, Highway 86

May 28 — OUTDOOR EVENT

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Farmers Market in the Park
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

May 28 — OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

9-10 a.m. The Studio Yoga and Barre
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May 28 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Jeremy DeWall
9 p.m. Farm Rock

The Gardens

May 28 — LIVE MUSIC

9 a.m.-Noon Ben Puttmann
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

May 28 — LIVE MUSIC

2-6 p.m. Kris Karr
Round Lake Vineyards

May 28 — OUTDOOR EVENT

2:30-5:30 p.m. Millers Bay Yacht Party
Okoboji Boat Works

May 28 — OUTDOOR EVENT

3-6 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
The Barefoot Bar

May 28 — LIVE MUSIC

2:30 p.m. Dueling Pianos
7 p.m. Toast3r
The Barefoot Bar

May 28 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. Vinyl Nights
The Ritz

May 28 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Boon and Lambert
Little Swan Lake Winery

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7-10 p.m. Toast3r
The Barefoot Bar

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2-6 p.m. Dueling Pianos
7-9 p.m. Toast3r
The Barefoot Bar

May 29 — OUTDOOR EVENT
2:30-5:30 p.m. Millers Bay Yacht Party
Okoboji Boat Works

May 29 — OUTDOOR EVENT
3-6 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

May 29 — LIVE MUSIC
4-6 p.m. Jeff Paul Trio
Little Swan Lake Winery

May 29 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Charlie Leissler
9 p.m. Farm Rock
The Gardens

May 29 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Jim Stapley on Rooftop
9 p.m. Skitzo Fonik
Captain's Getaway

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8 a.m.-6 p.m. Vick's Corner, Highway 9 and 86
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dickinson County Fairgrounds
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Treasure Village, Highway 86

May 30 — LIVE MUSIC
11:30 a.m. Rockin Vance & Papa Ric
Museum Patio
Iowa Rock n' Roll Music Museum

May 30 — LIVE MUSIC
2 p.m. John Griggs
The Barefoot Bar

May 30 — LIVE MUSIC
4 p.m. Tripwire
The Ritz

May 30 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with Boji Bill
The Gardens

May 30 — LIVE MUSIC
7-9 p.m. Dick Bauman Big Band
Pomerantz Hall
Pearson Lakes Art Center

May 31 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with
Tim Horsman
The Gardens

May 31 — LIVE MUSIC
7:30-10 p.m. BAT at the Pomerantz
Pearson Lakes Art Center

June 1 — OUTDOOR EVENT
7-8 p.m. Wild Wednesday-Macros and Micros
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June 1 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with Ryan Sather
The Gardens

June 1 — LIVE MUSIC
6-8 p.m. Terry Klein
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June 2 — OUTDOOR EVENT
10:30-11:30 a.m. Kenue Coffee Hour
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June 2 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with
Tristan Marquardt
The Gardens

June 2 — LIVE MUSIC
6-8 p.m. Mellow Dees
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Doris Welle | Staff Writer



Welcome back to summer in the Iowa Great Lakes Region. I hope everyone wintered well.

It promises to be a wonderful season here in the Okoboji area. The improvements on Preservation Plaza and Lake Street are coming along nicely and will be beautiful when finished. They worked hard all winter on those two projects.

Rock the Roof started its summer run Thursday night. Next Thursday Richie Lee and the Fabulous Fifties will be on stage. Richie always looks forward to coming up here from Des Moines to perform. His mother is a Spencer native, so he has the opportunity to see relatives and friends as well as entertain.

The Dick Bauman Big Band begins its season on Monday night in the Pomerantz Hall at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. This talented band of area musicians plays in the hall every Monday evening through Labor Day. Organized by Greg Forney of Spirit Lake, these men and women have fun playing together and the audience really enjoys their efforts.

According to Rick Ayres, the Jazzed Up Big Band will begin playing Tuesday nights in the Roof Garden on June 14. These musicians come from Sioux City, Vermillion and Sioux Falls in South Dakota, Minnesota, and various spots in Iowa to create evenings of awesome, lively jazz and soulful blues. Start time is 7 p.m.

The Okoboji Summer Theatre will be doing seven plays this summer. Executive Director Ruth Ann Burke told me they are doing four musicals and three comedies, one in a mystery style. The first show opens on June 28. The box office will open on June 24 but tickets may be ordered in advance on line. Advance ticket sales

are going extremely well. Their Boji Bantam Children's Theatre will do two shows for the young and young-at-heart this summer as well.

I ran into Deb Clark at a concert a couple of weeks ago. She is part of the Neisess family who created and has operated Treasure Village since 1973. With holiday flea markets, a large miniature golf course, ice cream shop and much more, they open this weekend for their 50th season. Congratulations to Garth and Bonnie Neisess and their entire family on your golden anniversary! According to Deb, there is one very major change this year. There will only be one play for children in the Treasure Village Playhouse. It will run for two weeks beginning in the last part of July. It will be their last children's play.

We all took our kids there, and our kids took their kids there for delightful children's plays for five decades. It is hard to believe that era is drawing to a close. Thanks to the Neisess family for all the great memories we families have. Treasure Village will continue to operate; just no children's theatre after the summer of 2022.

On a personal note, I want to say congratulations to my oldest grandchild, Quinn Masek. He is graduating from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this Sunday. This event adds special meaning to my Memorial Weekend 2022. I hope you all have a glorious holiday weekend as we all take time to remember our fallen military heroes and all those loved ones we have lost.

If you have a reunion, family party or special event coming up this summer, let me know. You can email the information to doris@dickinson-countynews.com or give me a call at 712-320-2850. Have a safe week!

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TWISTIN' THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE ROOF WITH JOEY DEE & THE STARLITERS

Tom Tourville

Okoboajian Contributor

It was 1961, and there was nothing bigger on that new music scene than the dance craze, the twist. The twist dance explosion was started by Hank Ballard & The Midnighters in 1959 for the R&B community. Later it was taken to incredible heights by Chubby Checker (Earnest Evans). But it was Passaic, New Jersey's Joseph DiNicola, who was better known in music as Joey Dee, who put the new dance into mainstream America with his infamous band, the Starlitters.

Dee had the looks, the voice and the on-stage presence to be a real star. Now all he needed was "the song." That song was "Peppermint Twist."

Dee always had an amazing band around him. The main Starlitters featured David Brigati — drums and vocals; Larry Vernieri — vocals; Carlton Lattimore or Felix Cavaliere — keyboards; Sam Taylor or Gene Cornish — guitar; and Will Davis or Dino Danelli — drums. Some other musicians that played in the Starlitters included actor Joe Pesci — guitar; and a young Jimmy James — better known as Jimi Hendrix — on guitar.

Starlitters Gene Cornish, Dino Danelli and Felix Cavaliere would go on to form the Young Rascals. What an amazing cast of talent.

The recording years for Dee started in 1958 when he released the successful "Lorraine" for Little Records, a small East Coast label. Soon he was discovered by Scepter Records, a very successful New York based label. His next release came out in 1960 with "Shimmy Baby," another great East Coast hit.

The band was hired to work at New York's famed Peppermint Lounge. It was intended to be a one-week hiring. During the band's first week at the Peppermint, many New York celebrities came in to dance, be seen and enjoy the band. Some of those celebs included John Wayne, Judy Garland, Jackie Kennedy, Nat "King" Cole, Shirley MacLaine, Truman Capote and Tennessee Williams to name a few. The New York media columnists took notice, and the band was off and running. Let's just say, they were the hottest new sensation in New York City.

The Peppermint Lounge made the group's booking



indefinite, and they became the club's new house band. In 1962 Dee wrote a song titled "Peppermint Twist Part I/Peppermint Twist Part II," which saw the band signing with Roulette Records. The song was done in honor of the Peppermint Lounge where they performed. It was the song that created the new twist dance craze and propelled the song all across the United States. "Peppermint Twist" went to No. 1 on the Billboard charts. It sold well over 1 million records and was awarded gold status.

In the last half of 1961 and early 1962, Joey Dee and the Starlitters were the hottest band in the country. Their twist craze put the band on the big screen with the movie, "Hey Let's Twist" for Paramount Pictures. The movie featured Jo Ann Campbell and Teddy Randazzo along with Dee and the band. Most of the movie was shot at the legendary Peppermint Lounge.

The movie propelled Dee's "Shout" (No. 6 on the Billboard charts-selling 1 million) and the "Hey Let's Twist" LP to the top of the charts. Dee followed those releases with "Doin' The Twist At The Peppermint Lounge" and "All The World's Twistin'," both on Roulette Records. Movies were not over for Dee and

the band, as they would appear in another film, "Two Tickets to Paris" with Gary Crosby and Kay Medford.

In December of 1962 Joey and the Starlitters would record their last record together as a group. They produced "Help Me Pick Up The Pieces/Baby, You're Driving Me Crazy" on Roulette Records No. 4467. After this session, the Starlitters would break up and go on to create other such bands as the Young Rascals and Jimmy James & The Blue Flames. Dee would still record for Roulette with a new album called "Dance Dance Dance," with the Ronettes serving as his back-up vocalists.

Dee would go on to have a solid career issuing solo and LP recordings, all the way into the '90s. Joey was one of the biggest stars of the "oldies revival" period. I wish I had been in attendance in May of 1963 when Dee and the original Starlitters appeared at the Roof Garden Ballroom. It must have been an amazing evening of twistin' the night away.

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MEMORY LANE: THE SANATORIUM AT SPIRIT LAKE

R. Aubrey La Foy
Okobojian Contributor

The definition of a sanatorium is: “a health resort.” The word sanatorium was derived from the Latin verb “sanare” meaning “heal” rather than using the Latin noun “sanitas” which means “health.”

The Sanatorium at Spirit Lake was built on the southern shore of Big Spirit Lake in 1887. It was a branch of a famous German Clinic of Davenport that we believe provided the financing for the project. The building was 164 by 40, one story with a wing 64 by 12 two stories high with a shoreline of 396 feet on Mini-Wakan Beach.

There was also a restaurant to serve dinners and lunches, excursions on land and water, concerts, balls plus theatrical productions were frequently given. A water slide was also built into the lake and it had a bathhouse. Hot, cold, plunge, shower and all kinds of medicated baths were provided. The Sanatorium provided mineral water from the most renowned springs in the country. Experienced physicians would treat various ills of the flesh, making diseases of women a specialty.

Spirit Lake Beacon, 1887 — “Dr. Juenicke who was one of the managers of the Davenport institution will be the manager of the Sanatorium and a Mr. T. B. Olsbausen will also be connected with the institution.”

Spirit Lake Beacon—July 15, 1887 — “The Sanatorium, is now complete and in full running order. This in course of time is destined to become a very popular health resort as it is under very skillful management. Those who have become weak and debilitated from excessive overwork in the cities will have the advantage of treatment by experienced physicians, who will be permanently located at the Sanatorium during the entire season.”

Spirit Lake Beacon, Aug. 5, 1887 — “Injunction proceedings against the Sanatorium on Spirit Lake were instituted yesterday by County Attorney Rice upon complaint of Rev. J. H. Carpenter. A search warrant issued by Judge Hunt discovered about 3,000 bottles of beer, besides much other liquor, which is now held by Marshal Wright. At 2 o’clock this



afternoon the prayer for temporary injunction will be heard by Judge Thomas, at Arnolds Park. Sometime next week Justice Hunt will sit in judgement upon the seizure.”

Spirit Lake Beacon, Sept. 2, 1887 — “The case was heard and the defendants were fined \$110.55 for selling intoxicants and advised not to sell intoxicants for one year.”

The newspaper thought they got off very cheaply; the tourist season was over at this point and from then on “local” residents operated the Sanatorium, and research indicated they had no problems with the law. Does anybody but me see a bit of a problem with this situation? The Sanatorium was owned by townsmen: P. E. Narey, Harry Miller, A. B. Funk and George H. Funk. L. H. Main operated the Sanatorium in 1896 and stated “cable baths” were popular. (Research indicated they were referring to showers not bathtub bathing.)

Spirit Lake Beacon, Aug. 12, 1887 — “Speaking of the Sanatorium injunction, the Davenport Gazette says: During the state regatta week in July the demand for these medicines was so great that the Sanatorium ran short of beer and there was a telegram sent to the brewer who furnished it for a carload of bottled beer which arrived in due time. The Sanatorium was doing a more prof-

itable business than any of the locals. The presiding physician at the institute is Dr. A. Juenicke, while T. B. Olsbausen also of this city, cared for the culinary and sumptuary provisions of the establishment.”

An Aug. 11, 1887, article in the Milford Mail — the very summer when the Sanatorium opened — wrote, “That new health promoting (?) Institution at Spirit Lake, known as the Sanatorium has been called to a halt. It was not the lack of attention, or that bad medicine was doled out to the patients to whom the board of health took exceptions, but it was the enormous doses — 3,000 bottles of beer and other savory beverages confiscated at one haul last week.”

Aug. 18, 1887 — “The breaking of 4,032 bottles of beer, captured from the Sanatorium last week, took place across the East Okoboji Bridge Monday. Fish Commissioner Carlton should object in the large doses dealt to his pets and enforce the law against cruelty to animals.” Milford Mail (Writer’s comment: There seems to be a different count for the number of beer bottles seized a difference of about 1,000 bottles of beer?)

Spirit Lake Beacon, July 25, 1895 — “Dr. Rea arranged to visit Spirit Lake. He was a celebrated ear, nose, throat, cataract, chronic and nervous disease specialist. He was from

the famous Southern Medical and Surgical Institute of Louisville, Kentucky. He stayed at the Orleans Hotel but had an office at the Sanatorium.”

Reading his advertisement leads one to believe he could cure about every illness. One apparatus he had was called an improved “Baltimore Chloride of Silver Dry Cell Galvano Therapeutic Batteries” and an electrical apparatus for examining the throat, nose and rectum. It was a small incandescent electric light and was a wonderful discovery of the age and the only one in the state. The ad stated, “The Dr. Rea has under treatment more than 6,000 patients.” It also stated a list of all the diseases he could cure, from diseases of the eye to lost manhood and even a headache. Wow! I was impressed. Dr. Rea was at the Sanatorium one summer in 1895, but returned to the area’s Crandall House in 1896 and in 1897 visited communities from Emmetsburg to Cherokee. He also grew a beard, as his ads always had his photo.

In 1895, the Abells leased the building for the summer and operated a super bathing resort. The building was used for a bathhouse and operated by Frank and Etta Sperbeck Weed of Orleans (Et Sperbeck Weed was my great aunt, being the younger sister of my grandmother Georgia Sperbeck Holcomb). I don’t know if they did that every summer, but I found an ad in the Spirit Lake Beacon in 1900 that they were still serving the public with “bathing suits, toboggan privileges, lunches, ice cream, temperance drinks and cigars.” The building must have been replaced as it was blown down in 1898.

Spirit Lake Beacon, May 6, 1898 — “The Sanatorium property on Spirit Lake is for rent. A good point to do a good restaurant and bathing business in the resort season. The right person will find this a good opening. Inquire of H. A. Miller, Jr.”

Spirit Lake Beacon, Aug. 26, 1898 — “The west wing of what is known as the Sanatorium building was totally destroyed and the rest of the building was knocked off its feet. Loss covered by insurance.”

This was a trying time for Spirit Lake as it was “drying up,” and the Orleans Hotel closed in 1898.

HUNTER GIVES TO OKOBOJI PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Scott Hunter, licensed real estate agent with Sexton Real Estate, recently made a donation of \$2,500 to the Okoboji Protective Association. The donation stems from a portion of his proceeds from the recent sale of his lakefront listing on West Lake Okoboji.

The OPA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the ecological health of West Okoboji Lake and the entire Great Lakes watershed since 1905. "Scott's generous donation will help the OPA continue to support clean water monitoring, invasive species monitoring and begin an anti-litter campaign and expand the Century Cottage project," said OPA President Kate Mendenhall. "We greatly appreciate Scott's com-

mitment to water quality and protecting the Iowa Great Lakes."

Moving forward in 2022, Scott has pledged to donate 10 percent of his commission from the sale or purchase of any West Lake Okoboji property to the OPA. He hopes that this check to the OPA is the first of many. The public can contact Hunter at 515-745-4560 to learn more about how buying or selling lakefront property can directly benefit the OPA and the local watershed. More information on the OPA can be found at www.okoboji-protectiveassociation.org.

Kate Mendenhall, OPA president, received a donation from Scott Hunter, Okoboji realtor with Sexton Real Estate. (Photo submitted)



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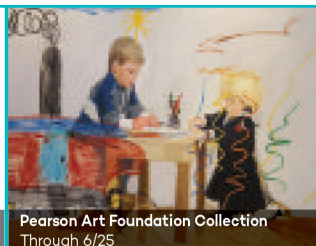
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IGLA CHAMBER RECEIVES EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mid-America Chamber Executives recently announced the recipients of the 2022 Annual Conference Awards at their spring conference in May. MACE is comprised of chamber professionals in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce received the Community Event of the Year Award for the six-state region. The award honored the IGLA Chamber for their annual University of Okoboji Winter Games. The 42nd Annual Winter Games featured events of all types for the entire family, supporting business and providing a major boost to the economy of the Iowa Great Lakes

Region. Attracting tens of thousands of people, several hundred events and as many volunteers, the games continue to grow every year.

This award is presented for excellence in chamber-led events. The events are judged on criteria such as value to the community and chamber, resonance within their community and measurable results and innovation.

“It was a surprise and an honor to get the news that the IGLA Chamber of Commerce won such a prestigious award for the University of Okoboji Winter Games event,” said Blain Andera, president and CEO of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber. “This event couldn’t happen without the dedicated chamber team, chamber board and volunteers, sponsors and the business and community support.”



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