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John Griggs 5pm

Jeremy DeWall Band 9pm

Sunday (6.19)

Jeremy DeWall & Nate Reed 5pm

Monday (6.20)

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Millers Bay Yacht Party 2:30pm

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Barefoot Dock Hop 3pm

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PROPOSED MILFORD CAMPUS PROJECT HINGES ON AIRPORT PURCHASE

Seth Boyes
News Editor

An area nonprofit is hoping to purchase the Milford airport as part of a multi-faceted development project on about 225 acres in north Milford.

Organizers with Spirit of Okoboji presented plans to the public Wednesday evening in the Okoboji High School gymnasium and met with Milford City Council members Monday to discuss the potential sale. Tim Kinnetz, president of Spirit of Okoboji, said the project — dubbed the Milford Campus — hinges on securing the airport and runway, which overlap portions of the proposed development.

The Milford Campus would include not only housing, but several sports, health and recreation facilities, the bulk of which would be west of the Boji Junction area near the intersection of Highways 71 and 86.

The Milford City Council didn't take any official action on the proposed sale Monday night, but instead asked for a formal written offer from the nonprofit, detailing the offered price, timing of the project and other particulars. The city's planning and zoning commission as well as its airport commission would review the proposal and provide recommendations to the city council, which would then possibly take the matter up at a public hearing and eventually vote on the sale.

City officials noted that process will also create more transparency and allow for any potential counteroffers to be made.

Kinnetz said he hopes to have a decision on the airport yet this summer if possible, and he told the council time is of the essence to seek potential grant funding. Kinnetz cited a \$100 million Destination Iowa state grant after last week's presentation, which he said the Milford Campus could seek if the airport sale is solid. "As we see other developments popping up

all around the Lakes Area, Milford is falling behind, and the time is now to coordinate as stakeholders and as a community to create a master plan that has value and enhances our way of life," Kinnetz told last week's audience.

Kinnetz told the Milford City Council this week the Spirit of Okoboji plans to offer fair-market value for the airport property and work out details with neighbors — particularly those along Airport Drive — to create an agreeable master plan. Kinnetz said, if the overall development ultimately doesn't work out, the airport will remain as it is. But, if the current airport does cease operation, Kinnetz believes the Milford Campus project would qualify as an exception to a Department of Transportation requirement that the city repay state grant funds used to overlay the runway in recent years.

Kinnetz emphasized that the nonprofit sympathizes with airport officials, and he said the Okoboji Airport Foundation is looking into the area's air travel needs.

"This group that's being formed is going to hopefully come up with a solution or work in the direction where we're not just closing an airport, (but) providing another option for those airport enthusiasts," Kinnetz said.

SPORTS TOURISM

Organizers hope the Milford Campus development will allow the Lakes Area to participate in the sports tourism industry.

Eric Sullivan, a strategy and operations team member with Florida-based Sports Facilities Companies, joined the nonprofit for Wednesday's presentation. He said sports tourism is generally defined as events like league play, camps or clinics, which draw overnight guests from outside the immediate area — typically several hours away.

He said the development could also provide multi-generational programming, from Mommy and Me classes to Silver Sneakers courses for seniors and any number of youth activi-



The area west of GrapeTree Medical Staffing may become one of several areas of housing if the proposed Milford Campus development becomes a reality. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

ties in between.

"Kids that are engaged in play are more likely to have higher test-taking scores, graduation rates — and ultimately healthier kids, lead to healthy adults, lead to healthy communities," Sullivan said.

Preliminary drawings of the sports complex call for four basketball courts, which could also serve as volleyball courts or host various mat sports — anything from wrestling to jujitsu, Sullivan said. He said the space could also host trade shows or other nonathletic events.

In addition, plans for the development included a 20,000-square-foot indoor turf sport training area, which Sullivan said could be used by teams during inclement weather or even by area health care professionals to provide physical and occupational therapy for clients.

Kinnetz said after last week's presentation that he and the Spirit of Okoboji have been in discussions with the Bedell Family YMCA in Spirit Lake to be sure the Milford Campus project won't overlap and compete with the local YMCA. He said the nonprofit hopes the YMCA, and possibly the Spirit Lake and Okoboji School Districts, might help host matches during major tournament events.

ON THE CAMPUS

The headquarters of GrapeTree Medical Staffing, a major area employer which Kinnetz incorporated in 2000, stands in the midst of the proposed development area.

Kinnetz said portions of the sports complex will be arranged around the existing GrapeTree building — a conceptual map shows a building labeled as "expansion" just to the southwest of his company's corporate headquarters. The preliminary map also calls for a number of single-family and townhomes

to be built west of the GrapeTree building.

Kinnetz indicated the housing aspect was included in the development to help address a housing shortage for workers among Milford's major employers — he cited Lake Mark Products and Safco Manufacturing specifically.

"Being a major employer in the Iowa Great Lakes, we need employees," Kinnetz said. "What better place to have employees live than right next to the big corporate office of GrapeTree? Having the amenities and having the housing I think will draw additional talent that we need to sustain our businesses here."

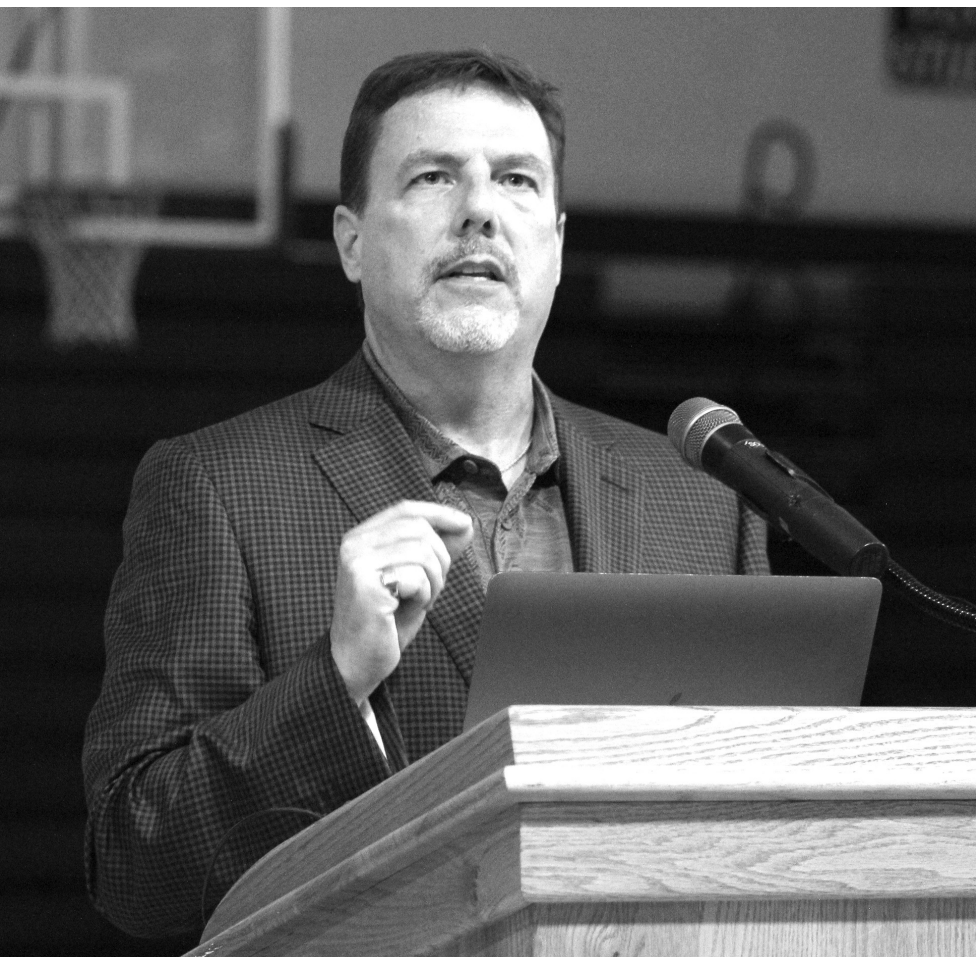
Kinnetz said the full build out would include 400 housing units, but they would be constructed over about 40 years.

"That gives us plenty of time to manage the growth and alleviate many fears that come from looking at a housing development like this that is so substantial," Kinnetz said.

He estimated the 400 proposed homes would generate approximately \$1 million in annual property taxes — an amount he said was approximate to about a third of Milford's current city budget.

Spirit of Okoboji has yet to calculate a total cost for the full development, but Kinnetz did refer to the Milford Campus as a multimillion-dollar project. He also committed Wednesday night to a \$10 million donation, should the airport property be secured and plans move forward. The grant would be in addition to the donation of farmland Kinnetz owns near the airport.

Anyone wishing to become involved in the Milford Campus project or provide community input is encouraged to do so online through milfordcampus.org. Similarly, those with input or interest in discussing solutions for local air travel are encouraged to visit okobojiairport-foundation.org.



(Left) Tim Kinnetz, president of the nonprofit Spirit of Okoboji and former CEO of GrapeTree Medical Staffing, outlined plans for a multi-faceted development in north Milford. Preliminary concepts call for major athletic facilities, a hotel and several hundred housing units to be built over the course of several decades. Kinnetz said the project will need to secure an agreement with the city of Milford to purchase the city's airport property, which intersects with southern portions of the proposed development. (Right) Eric Sullivan with Sports Facilities Companies explained to Wednesday's audience the potential benefits of the athletic fields and other amenities in the proposed Milford Campus. Sullivan said the campus could play into the sports tourism industry and attract overnight stays and other economic activity by hosting sporting competitions, clinics and other events. (Photos by Seth Boyes)



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June 17 — GOLF TOURNAMENT

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June 17 — LIVE MUSIC

All Day — Jeremy DeWall Band
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with Bruce Day
The Gardens

June 17 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. Sweet Trouble
The Ritz

June 17 — LIVE MUSIC

6-10 p.m. Casey Muessigmann
Oak Hill Outdoor

June 17 — OUTDOOR EVENT

6-9 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Barefoot Bar

June 17 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. Jessie Leigh
Okoboji Barn

June 17 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. The Fishheads
Barefoot Bar

June 17 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. Audio Circus
Captain's Getaway

June 18 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7:30 a.m. to Noon. Farmers Market
Dickinson County Fairgrounds

June 18 — GOLF TOURNAMENT

MS Charity Golf Fundraiser
Brooks Golf

June 18 — OUTDOOR EVENT

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

June 18 — OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

9-10 a.m. The Studio Yoga and Barre
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

9 a.m. to Noon. Kiefer and Scott
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

All Day — Jeremy DeWall band

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with John Griggs

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rock the Patio
with Terry Klein
Iowa Rock n' Roll Music Museum Patio

June 18 — OUTDOOR EVENT

2-5 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
The Barefoot Bar

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

2-6 p.m. Dave Anderson
Round Lake Vineyards

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

2:30 p.m. Pirates, Guitars and Beach Front Bars
7 p.m. The Fishheads
The Barefoot Bar

June 18 — OUTDOOR EVENT

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

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. Sweet Trouble
The Ritz

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Just Cause
Little Swan Lake Winery

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. Jessie Leigh
Okoboji Barn

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. The Fishheads
The Barefoot Bar

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

7:30 p.m. Jake Owen
Preservation Plaza

June 18 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. Audio Circus
Captain's Getaway

June 19 — OUTDOOR EVENT

1-4 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

June 19 — LIVE MUSIC

2 p.m. John Griggs
The Barefoot Bar

June 19 — LIVE MUSIC

2-6 p.m. Billy Lurken
Round Lake Vineyards

June 19 — LIVE MUSIC

4 p.m. Tripwire
The Ritz

June 19 — LIVE MUSIC

4-6 p.m. Dave and Ryan
Little Swan Lake Winery

June 19 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with
Jeremy DeWall and Nate Reck
The Gardens

June 20 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with Boji Bill
The Gardens

June 20 — LIVE MUSIC

7-9 p.m. Dick Bauman Big Band
Pomerantz Hall at
Pearson Lakes Art Center

June 21 — LIVE MUSIC

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

June 21 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. Jazzed Up Big Band of Okoboji
Roof Garden Ballroom

June 21 — LIVE MUSIC

7:30 p.m. Dave Rowley and Friends
Performing Arts Theatre
Pearson Lakes Art Center

June 22 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7:30 a.m. to Noon. Farmers Market
Dickinson County Fairgrounds

June 22 — OUTDOOR EVENT

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wild Wednesday:
Kayaking and Smores
Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

June 22- LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with Christopher Jon
The Gardens

June 22 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Itty Bitty Boji Band
Spirit Lake VFW

June 23 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with
Charlie Leissler
The Gardens

June 23 — LIVE MUSIC

5:30-7:30 p.m. Boon & Lambert
Minerva's Patio Party

June 23 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Chris Bertrand
Little Swan Lake Winery

June 23 — LIVE MUSIC

7:30-10 p.m. Parmalee
The Roof Garden Ballroom

June 23 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. Shirts and Skins
Captain's Getaway

June 24 — OUTDOOR EVENT

All Day — Crownline Rendezvous 2022
Parks Marina

June 24 — OUTDOOR EVENT

5-7 p.m. Family Nature
Night-Nibble Hike
Dickinson County Nature Center

June 24 — OUTDOOR EVENT

6-9 p.m. Classic Car Cruise
Okoboji Motor Company

June 24 — OUTDOOR EVENT

6-9 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

June 24 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7-10 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

June 24 — LIVE MUSIC

7-11 p.m. Gen XYZ
Barefoot Bar

June 24 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. The Whiskies
Captain's Getaway

June 24 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with
Matt and Laurel
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wrecked Becky
The Gardens

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE WITH BIG BANDS



Doris Welle
Staff Writer

In many parts of the United States, big bands are a lost art. Not here in the Iowa Great Lakes Region. The area is fortunate to have two big bands with big horn sections and very talented rhythm sections. Not only that, they each play every week.

On Monday nights from Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Dick Bauman Big Band performs from 7-9 p.m. in Pomerantz Hall at the Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji. Bauman was a music educator and Iowa Jazz Educators Hall of Fame inductee who passed away of cancer in 1999; just two years after the Bauman Big Band was formed.

The band is comprised of 18 or so musicians from throughout the area. Some are current music educators, some are retired music teachers and others are accomplished musicians with a day job too. The one thing they have in common is a love for playing music and the chance to improvise when their turns to rising independent musicians. Greg Forney, retired multiple award-winning band teacher at Okoboji

High School, is the leader of the band as well as a very good drummer. He has put together a dedicated group of players who respect each other's talents and share the joy of entertaining.

This past Monday night, the Bauman Band was joined by the six members of The Headliners. This is a group of men who come to the area to teach at the Reggie Schive Jazz Camp at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville. They live in such far away places as Scottsdale, Arizona; Kansas City, Missouri; Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska; Vermillion and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Pomerantz Hall was packed with many of the jazz camp students in attendance along with all of us "old folks" who love to listen and dance to a horn band.

According to Forney, the band will play every Monday with the exception of Independence Day.

They treated the audience to tune after tune of recognizable classics arranged by such notables as Stan Kenton and Randy Newman. The band started the evening off with "It Had To Be You" as well as a lively version of "Cheek to Cheek" and later serenaded us out with "Sweet Georgia Brown."



The talented musicians could play smooth and soulful or jazzy and upbeat; mixing up the selections to keep the audience on our toes either literally dancing or tapping to the music in their seats.

Tuesday evenings, the Jazzed Up Big Band of Okoboji takes to the stage in the Roof Garden at Arnolds Park. Directed by local businessman and musician Rick Ayres, Jazzed Up was founded nine years ago.

"We have really good musicians who travel long distances to play each Tuesday night," Ayres said.

They plan to entertain each week through the second or third Tuesday in August.

"Many of our band members are music teachers and they will have to get ready for their classes to begin," Ayres said.

Normally the band consists of 16 to 17 players. However, things were slightly different for opening night on June 14.

"We have many players who take vacation as soon as school is over, and jazz camp takes them away as well," Ayres said.

The band began their inaugural evening as a 10-piece band; entertaining the audi-

ence appropriately with "This Could Be The Start of Something Big." They chose to use arrangements specifically created for the smaller 10-piece group. The songs were all recognizable; from Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll" to Count Basie's "All of Me."

Their smooth delivery of "Autumn Leaves" was as soothing as "Boogie Woogie Blues" was lively. "Mac the Knife" gave the trombone section the opportunity to display their talent. "When Your Smiling" had a super dancing beat with a great horn solo by Ken Hoyne from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

In addition to six musicians from Sioux Falls, opening night's band members came from Sioux City and Spirit Lake.

Next week, the band will be full again, and the location reverts to their normal stage in the Roof Garden Ballroom. Jazzed Up Big Band of Okoboji starts tooting their horns, strumming their strings, caressing those piano keys and beating their drums each Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Residents of the Lakes Area, as well as the hundreds of visitors who like the horn band sound, can enjoy it live twice a week. What more could a music lover ask for?

DELICIOUS WITH A VIEW

Doris Welle
Staff Writer

Where in the Iowa Great Lakes Region can you dine on delicious food with spectacular views? Maxwell's Beach Cafe of course.

A 36-year history of fine dining is a challenge which owners Steven and Leah Jensen have faithfully retained.

"When we bought the restaurant from Lewis (Casson) and Julie (Roth) five years ago, we promised them that we would do our best to keep that tradition going," Steven said.

Maxwell's has two menus and choices of seating. The patio overlooks the beautifully restored Berkley Bedell State Pier, Preservation Plaza and West Lake Okoboji. Indoor dining features cloth napkins and tableclothes as well as a soothing upscale atmosphere. The patio and dinner menu selections are available in both seating areas. Maxwell's is open daily for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 5-9:30 p.m.

The food is prepared by veteran head chef Tim Stephenson and his crew. The chef began working at Maxwell's in 2002 and became head chef in 2018. He is welcoming back former head chef Matthew Braune who held that position for 15 years.

"He wanted to come back for the month of July to help out, and we are looking forward to that," Steven said.

They prepare a wide variety of eating choices.

"Our tuna is flown in fresh from Hawaii. It is just 36 hours from swimming there to our preparing it here," Leah said. "They catch just for us; only what we need. If there is a storm over there and they can't go out to catch, then we can't offer tuna on the menu for a day or two until they can fish and ship again."

Aged prime rib is another popular selection.

"Our chefs trim all our meats," Steven



said. "We use fillets to make our beef Wellingtons."

Wine Wednesdays have become very popular at Maxwell's.

"Each Wednesday we offer a new higher-end wine from a different winery. Our customers get the opportunity to sample different wines at an affordable cost," Leah said. "We have many people holding standing reservations for the entire summer."

A new addition is Sushi Night.

"It is on Monday evenings and is becoming very popular," she said.

Their well-trained staff enhances the dining experience. The Jensens employ nearly 100 people, most of whom have worked there each summer.

"Our customers like seeing these kids grow up. They usually start here at age 14 and stay through high school and sometimes college," Leah said.

Steven said he and Leah enjoy seeing their young employees grow up as much as the customers do. The couple only had to add four new servers to their staff this year.

"We are trying not to raise our prices

with the trend this year," Steven said. "We want people to be able to come often — not just once for a special occasion."

Leah added, "When prices for liquor and food come down, so will we."

For those with limited mobility issues, Lake Street is open Monday through Wednesday and Thursday until noon. Customers can also pull around to the back of the nearby Maritime Museum's cul-de-sac and head down the ramp to Maxwell's. Construction work on Preservation Plaza's new outdoor stage had encroached on the parking area, but work is nearing completion.

Patio dining at Maxwell's also offers an excellent opportunity for those wanting to see and hear the concerts on Preservation Plaza. Steven said customers can also arrive by boat at the nearby pier.

"We put our hearts and souls into it here," he said. "We all work hard to relate to our customers because we really care so much about their visit with us."

Maxwell's Beach Cafe — 36 years in the business of good food and welcoming atmosphere. The Jensens are dedicated to keeping that tradition going strong.

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Steve Weisman
Outdoors Editor

Saturday's early morning showers were a concern for some as organizers prepared to host an outdoor open house from 10 a.m. to noon at The Narrows Preserve that day. However, by 9:30 a.m., the showers were gone, and visitors to the open house were greeted by overcast skies and mild temperatures, fit for informal walking tours of the recently purchased 50-acre tract of land. The property features 2,020 feet of East Lake Okoboji's last undeveloped shoreline.

After arriving at the Elinor Bedell State Park parking lot, folks headed to the shelter house to meet with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation staff and members of the Iowa Audubon Society to learn about the property. Then it was time to venture on either guided or unguided walks, which led from the Elinor Bedell State Park north and out into the recently mowed paths on The Narrows Preserve property.

With the waters of East Okoboji to the west and a wide expanse of grasslands and trees to the north and east, the only noise to be heard was the whisper of leaves through the trees, the sound of songbirds and the quiet conversation of visitors as they walked the rolling hills and valleys leading to the highest point. It was at this overlook that the expanse

VISITORS CELEBRATE OPENING OF NARROWS PRESERVE TO PUBLIC

of East Okoboji opened to a panoramic view. Then returning down the hill, another mowed path took visitors to the natural, undeveloped shoreline.

Among those touring was Vern Fish, who is an INHF board member, former Executive Director of the Black Hawk County Conservation board and a conservationist. He travels the north country on wilderness trips and canoeing expeditions.

"We are so thankful that this 50-acre parcel of land was saved and will now forever be protected in its natural state," Fish said.

The INHF will own, restore and steward the property's shoreline, prairie and oak savanna.

INHF President Joe McGovern made also noted the importance of the project.

"We simply had to act," he said. "This land serves a critical function to the lake's ecosystem. Opportunities like this only come around once in a lifetime. That's the beauty of this project. Once protected, it will remain so forever."

NEXT STEPS

The Narrows Preserve is officially open to the public. The land will be primarily managed to maintain wildlife habitat, protect water quality and allow low-impact public use. Restoration work will involve seeding a diverse mix of prairie grasses and forbs into the grassland, removing interior fences as well as invasive vegetation and unwanted trees to create much-needed habitat for grassland birds.

Funding from the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission will assist with extensive shoreline and riparian habitat restoration the next few years.

HOW IT ALL CAME ABOUT: RAISING \$8.2 MILLION

Back in the fall of 2020, the INHF learned of the potential sale of 50 acres directly north of Bedell State Park on the shores of East Okoboji. At that time, several area lake protective associations and dedicated individuals stepped up and pledged the money to help the INHF secure the option toward the \$8.2 million purchase price. The money had to be raised by Labor Day of 2021.

By the end of June, Abby Hade Terpstra, director of philanthropy with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, noted pledges were steady, and the INHF had raised \$1 million in hard pledges and close to \$4 million in soft pledges. Still, the \$8.2 million needed was several million dollars away at that point.

Over the next several weeks, pledges came in and the amount grew, but the various players didn't begin to feel a serious sense of urgency until the fundraising deadline was about a month out. Then came the last couple of weeks and a sprint to meet the \$8.2 million purchase price.

On Aug. 24, Terpstra issued a release informing the public the amount needed was down to \$1 million and that approximately 86% of the total had been pledged. Just two



(Right) Overhead map shows just how much The Narrows Preserve provides wildlife corridor between East Okoboji and Spring Run.

(Left) Several groups meandered their way through The Narrows Preserve with Audubon Society personnel, listening and looking for a wide variety of birds which inhabit the wildlife area.

days later, the amount needed had dropped to just less than \$500,000.

By Friday, Sept. 3, the amount was down to \$100,000.

Terpstra authored an email at 8:59 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6.

"It's done! It's done!" the email read. "The Lakes community stepped up and protected the shoreline at East Lake. What a privilege to be a catalyst for a project that will impact life at the Lakes for years to come. Thank you for all you've done to propel this campaign to victory and save 2,020 feet of natural shoreline."

STOP ON BY

The Narrows Preserve is now available for the public's enjoyment — both local residents and visitors alike. During the open house, many people shared their thoughts on how great it will be to now extend their walks to The Narrows Preserve. However, there are some limitations. The preserve is an area where no motorized vehicles/bike riding is allowed. No hunting, trapping, camping or setting off of fireworks will be permitted on the property either.

But now the public can come and otherwise experience many of the natural features which make the Iowa Great Lakes an iconic — and, in the preserve's case, permanent — northwest Iowa destination. The preserve is open to the public from 4 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. every day.

THE INCREDIBLE BEAST WAS ON THE WAY

Tom Tourville
Okoboijan Contributor

If it was 1969 when you walked into Okoboiji's Red Rooster Cafe for breakfast and saw a poster hanging up for Beast that was playing at the Roof Garden Ballroom and you were over 40, you most likely said, "What?" If you were still in high school, you for sure said, "I'm not going to miss this one!" The Incredible Beast was on the way.

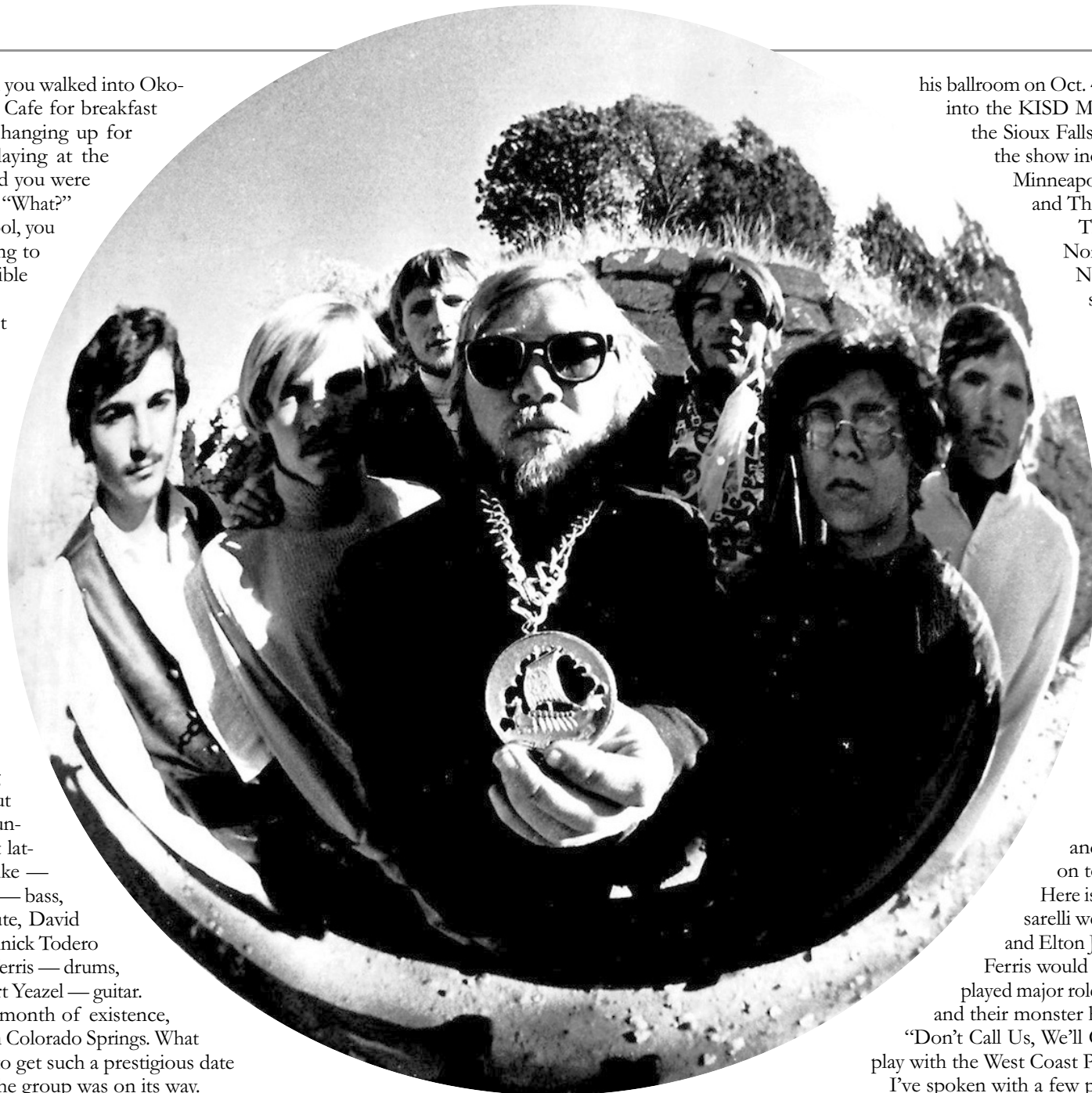
Beast was one of the best rock groups to come out of the Rocky Mountain states of any band from time period of the late '60s and early '70s. This seven-piece powerhouse was a group that if you experienced them live, you would not soon forget. They were known as the "King of the Rocky Mountain Empire."

Beast was created in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1968. When one looks at where the members of Beast would go on to, you quickly realize it was one of the most amazing collections of musicians put together in the Rocky Mountain states — more on that later. They included Gerry Fike — keyboards, Kenny Passarelli — bass, Mike Kerns — sax and flute, David Raines — lead vocals, Dominick Todero — horns and vocals, Larry Ferris — drums, and the multi-talented Robert Yeazel — guitar.

In 1968, the band's first month of existence, they opened for The Who in Colorado Springs. What an opportunity for a band to get such a prestigious date to play with The Who — the group was on its way.

Because the band's home base was Colorado, most of their dates were in that state. They were signed by the James Reardon & Associates Booking Agency from Hays, Kansas. Because of this affiliation, they played many dates in Kansas and made their way into Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Darlowe Oleson, who owned the Roof Garden Ballroom at Lake Okoboiji, had Beast play



his ballroom on Oct. 4, 1969. He also booked Beast into the KISD Midwest Pop Music Festival at the Sioux Falls Arena. In addition to Beast, the show included the Roarin' Red Dogs, Minneapolis's Mystics, Chateaux, Crow and Three Dog Night..

The band recorded two LPs at Norman Petty's Studio in Clovis, New Mexico. This was the same studio where Buddy Holly and the Fireballs recorded most of their records. Petty produced both LPs for the band. The first LP was self-titled "Beast" and released on Cotillion Records. Their second LP was also self-titled "Beast" but was known to their fans as the "Higher & Higher" LP based on the classic Jackie Wilson song that the band always played at its shows. The sound was a mix of rock, soul, R&B and psychedelic. While they used horns for their shows, they were not a classic horn band like the Fabulous Flippers. But they always had a powerful sound.

The band broke up in 1970, and their members would go on to join many amazing groups. Here is where they went: Kenny Passarelli went on to play with Joe Walsh and Elton John. Robert Yeazel and Larry Ferris would join Sugarloaf and they both played major roles in the success of that group and their monster hits, "Green Eyed Lady" and "Don't Call Us, We'll Call You." Yeazel would also play with the West Coast Pop Art Experimental Band.

I've spoken with a few people who were at the Beast show when they came to Okoboiji in 1969, and they said they can't remember a more powerful band, not loud, just powerful. I hope you were one of the lucky ones to have experienced the Beast in person.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK
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West Okoboji Road — Arnolds Park
Pastor: Chris St. Clair
• Saturday Worship: 6 p.m.
• Sunday Lakeshore Worship — 7:30 a.m. at Clair Wilson Park between East and West Lake Okoboji
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1531 Edgewood Drive — Milford
(Highway 86, turn at Crescent Beach sign)
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Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends
Omelet Brunch served first Sunday of each month starting first Sunday in June from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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712-337-3325
Email: camp@campokoboji.org www.campokoboji.org

■ CROSSWINDS CHURCH (EFCA)

2805 Erie Ace. Spirit Lake
(one block east of Spirit Lake Schools)
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712-336-3537
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■ FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

805 Okoboji Ave., Highway 71 South — Milford
Pastor: Jennifer Hesebeck
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712-338-4642
www.faithcommunitymilford.com Email: fcc@milfordcomm.net All are welcome!

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Associate Pastor: Brian Jack
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Saturday Night Worship – 5:30 p.m.

■ GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

801 Hill Ave. – Spirit Lake
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gracelutheranspiritlake.org
Email: gracelc05@yahoo.com
712-336-2446

■ IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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• Sunday Worship — 9 a.m.
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■ OKOBOJI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

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9:30 am Outdoor Worship
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Every Sunday Memorial Day-Labor Day
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1812 Gary Ave. — Spirit Lake
Pastor: Vicki Fisher
SUNDAY WORSHIP:
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Email: office@spiritlakeumc.org
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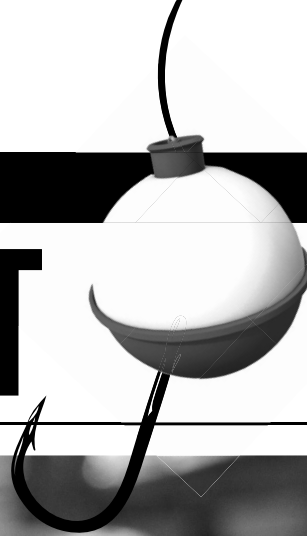
23rd and Zenith Avenue — Spirit Lake
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Pastor: Tom Early — Rector
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■ ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1305 Okoboji Ave – Milford
Pastor: Brian Hughes
Mass times:
Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 7, 9 and 11 a.m.
712-338-2274
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NORTHWEST IOWA

FISHING REPORT



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 June 9, the latest report available at the time of publication. For current conditions, call the Spirit Lake District Office at 712-336-1840. This week's temperatures should start to raise water temperatures. Most area lake temperatures are in the upper 60s to 70s. Water clarity is fairly good on most area lakes. Bass and panfish are moving to shallower water from the basins, making shore and dock fishing easier.

EAST OKOBOJI LAKE

The lake water level is about 6 inches over crest. There has been a fairly good crappie and bluegill bite recently. Fish are moving shallower, making for great shoreline fishing. Trolling has been working very well. Find crappie and yellow bass in 10-16 feet of water. Black Crappie — Good. Bluegill — Good. Walleye — Fair: try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps. Yellow Bass — Good.

LOST ISLAND LAKE

Many anglers have been successful; some sorting may be needed depending on which species are being targeted. Black Crappie — Good. Walleye — Fair. Yellow Perch — Fair.

MINNEWASHTA LAKE

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

SILVER LAKE (DICKINSON)

The late afternoon bite has been good. Many anglers are targeting fish schools during the day. Walleye — Fair: try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps.

SPIRIT LAKE

The lake is about 12 inches below crest, making launching boats more difficult. Courtesy docks are in place. The walleye season is open. Black Bullhead — Good: try fishing the northern grade of Spirit Lake. Black Crappie — Fair: use a tube jig and bobber. Bluegill — Fair. Walleye — Fair: try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps. Yellow Perch — Fair.

WEST OKOBOJI LAKE

The water level is about 6 inches over crest. The panfish bite has been good around docks and hoists. Many species of fish are starting to move in shallower. The walleye season is open. Black Crappie — Fair. Bluegill — Fair. Largemouth Bass — Fair. Smallmouth Bass — Fair.



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FISHING

R. Aubrey La Foy
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The following information was mainly acquired by research via the Spirit Lake Public Library. I examined the newspapers from 1872 by searching for the term “fishing.” The search returned articles from the Spirit Lake Beacon, Milford Mail, Terril Record, Lake Park News and Storm Lake Pilot from 1872 through 1880. The newspapers held information I thought noteworthy as well as other news that seemed interesting.

Aug. 21, 1872 — The Pilot says that the champion fisherman of Storm Lake caught “seven fine pickerel, ranging in weight all the way from four to eight pounds, in two hours.”

June 22, 1876 — “A small fishing party passed through the city by the late train Wednesday night, on their way from Omaha to Spirit Lake, Dickinson County, to spend a few weeks in that delightful locality.” — Sioux City Journal-Spirit Lake Beacon

June 7, 1877 — “The fishing parties from Charles City and Iowa Falls have returned home after having ‘dead loads’ of sport.” — Spirit Lake Beacon

April 18, 1878 — “The patient angler hasn’t struck very rich reward at the bridge lately. Indeed at that quarter fishing has been rather scaly business.” — Spirit Lake Beacon

May 10, 1878 — “O’Brien Pioneer: Gib Chrysler, Will Slack, Mack Green, Gene Healey, Bill Willet, Dan Gorrel and our Jr. (Bert Willis) are on a grand fishing and hunting excursion to those beautiful lakes in Dickinson County. The boys came, saw and conquered: behaved well, fished a little and returned home in good order. They will be heartily welcome in town and at these headquarters whenever they choose to put in an appearance.” — Spirit Lake Beacon

May 16, 1878 — “Thousands of pounds of fish have been caught in the Dickinson County lakes this spring. The fishing has been better this spring than ever known before.” — Clay County News-Spirit Lake Beacon

Sept. 4, 1879 — A Visitor’s Notes — W.W. Junkin of the Fairmont Ledger was casting



his eagle eye about the lake country a couple of weeks ago, and as a result the following remarks appear in the last issue of his paper.

“Aug. 19, 1880 we turned our face toward Spirit Lake, a distance 20 miles from Spencer. We went in the hack, the expense being \$1 to the town of Spirit Lake. We stopped one day with Mr. Arnold at West Okoboji Lake, one of the pleasantest places visited by us. Here we rode the lake and fished, but not with very great success, as our bait was not the enticing kind. A party in a boat about 100 yards from us caught 78 bass and pike in the forenoon, while we caught but six; they fished with minnows while we had to use pieces of fish.

West Okoboji is 2-3 miles wide and nearly 6 long. It is very deep, much deeper than Spirit Lake, and is nearly surrounded with timber. It is a beautiful body of water and has considerable romantic scenery about it. Mr. Arnold has locations we never saw, and the expenditure of a little labor and money would greatly enhance its loveliness. East Okoboji is long and narrow, connecting West Okoboji and Spirit Lake and various smaller lakes. Dickinson County is smaller than Jefferson being 17 by 24 in extent. About 40,000 acres of this is covered with water, reducing the land sur-

face very much. By proper energy in attracting travelers and tourists, these bodies of water can be made more productive than an equal amount of land.

The fishing in these lakes is simply marvelous and very large revenue is derived from them. We were informed that over \$4,000 was realized from the fish caught in the lakes last winter, besides supplying the neighborhood. They are a great place of resort for hunters who find an abundance of game and fish. All kinds of water fowl are plenty; ducks and smaller birds breeding in the lakes and sloughs. At this season geese and other game have commenced to make their appearance and in a few weeks the hunter’s paradise will begin.

Fish abound in the lakes — rock bass being more numerous in West Okoboji, while wall-eyed pike and pickerel are without number in Spirit Lake. A census of the fish in these lakes would make the population of Iowa appear insignificant in number. To give a faint idea of the quantity, we will state that in six hours fishing on the 20th, three boatloads of people caught 237 game fish — pike and pickerel — in Spirit Lake, besides a large number of perch. The sight of a perch on the hook is disgusting to a fisherman in Spirit Lake and

an ejaculation of “Pshaw!” and a jerk at the pole generally lands it in the water.

At the upper end of the lake about 8 miles from the town of Spirit Lake, O. Crandall has built a hunter’s lodge. He furnishes meals, lodging, boats, bait, etc. at reasonable prices, and is crowded with visitors, about 40 being there at the time we were. He had to turn eight persons away. He is building additions and will have ample accommodations in a few weeks. If anyone is disposed to grumble at \$1 to \$1.25 per day for these privileges, he has no business at Crandall’s or any other fishing or hunting grounds. The fishing in the lakes of Dickinson County will not end in many years, because the smaller lakes and sloughs are such splendid hatching grounds. When the fish of Clear Lake are almost exhausted — because spawning places are few — fishing in Spirit Lake and Okoboji lakes will be magnificent, and with the game abundance, will prove an almost inexhaustible source of revenue to the county.” (reprinted in Spirit Lake Beacon)

Fishing in those days was mainly from shore or rowboats. Boys or young men were sometimes hired to do the rowing and the fishermen’s results were amazing in most cases.



CAMPUS HOTLINE

Doris Welle | Staff Writer

send out heart-felt congratulations to **Aubrey LaFoy** who celebrated his 97th birthday on June 16. Aubrey always amazes me with his big smile and lust for life. He has written Memory Lane columns for our papers for decades. Those columns have taught us all amazing history lessons in a fun and very interesting manner. Thanks Aubrey for the History 101s each week, and I hope you celebrated in style!

Speaking of history, a special event is taking place in Lake Park Saturday. At 11:30 a.m. **Steve Early** will be speaking in the Lake Park Community Center. He will be talking about the railroad with which he was the last engineer to serve before it was shut down. The railroad was built in 1882, and the town grew up from there. Did you know the name of the town was originally Austin? The old depot building has been restored in Lake Park, and tours will be available during this railroad celebration. Lunch by freewill offering and door prizes are also included in the festivities. Sounds like fun.

Also, for you visitors and history buffs, the **Gardner Cabin State Historical Site** in Arnolds Park is open for the entire summer. Hours are from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday as well as on Sunday. The museum is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Dickinson County Conservation Board staffs the site for the Iowa Historical Society. It is on the registry of National Historic Sites.

I had the opportunity to visit with **Ryan Middleton** the other night. Ryan made a guest appearance with the Dick Bauman Big Band, and it was good to hear him on the sax again. He was the instrumental music teacher at Okoboji High School until two years

ago, when he decided to continue his education and moved to Colorado. He has now earned his masters degree and will be teaching instrumental music in Iowa City this fall. Welcome back to Iowa Ryan!

Connie Valens and I are looking forward to a visit from our friend **Sting Ray Anthony** the last week in June. Ray lives in Branson, Missouri, and travels throughout the United States doing rock and roll. He is the Ritchie Valens part of the trio known as the Winter Dance Party. He will be doing a his Jukebox Rock show at the Pearson Lakes Art Center on June 29. Not only is he highly entertaining, he is such a fun, nice person off stage. It has been over a year since we have seen him, so we are looking forward to catching up.

Soon a couple thousand or more bicycle enthusiasts will converge on the Lakes Area for the annual University of Okoboji Bike Ride. The last weekend in June has been set aside for this event for decades. Riders have the option of the 25-, 50- or 100-mile route that Saturday. I have always admired **Dale Klinkenberg** from George. He does the bike ride every year and usually RAGBRAI too. He does this all with one artificial leg. Kudos to Dale and everyone else for inspiring us all.

Drivers, be sure to exercise extra caution that weekend as the streets and byways will be filled with cyclists.

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

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