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Brad Morgan 7pm

Sunday (8.28)

Tristan Marquardt 2pm

Thursday (9.1)

Big Nacho Karaoke 7pm

Friday (9.2)

Farm Rock 7pm

Saturday (9.3)

Surfin Safari 2:30pm
Farm Rock 7pm

Sunday (9.4)

Surfin Safari 2pm
Farm Rock 7pm

Monday (9.5)

Last Call Band 4pm

THE GARDENS

ON THE SHORES OF WEST LAKE OKOBOJI

Thursday (8.25)

Charlie Leissler 5pm

Friday (8.26)

Kaylyn Sahs 5pm
Joystick 9pm

Saturday (8.27)

Kaylyn Sahs 5pm
Joystick 9pm

Sunday (8.28)

Charlie Leissler 5pm

Monday (8.29)

Boji Bill 5pm

Tuesday (8.30)

Tim Horsman 5pm

Wednesday (8.31)

Christopher John 5pm

Thursday (9.1)

Charlie Leissler 5pm

Friday (9.2)

Jeremy DeWall 5pm
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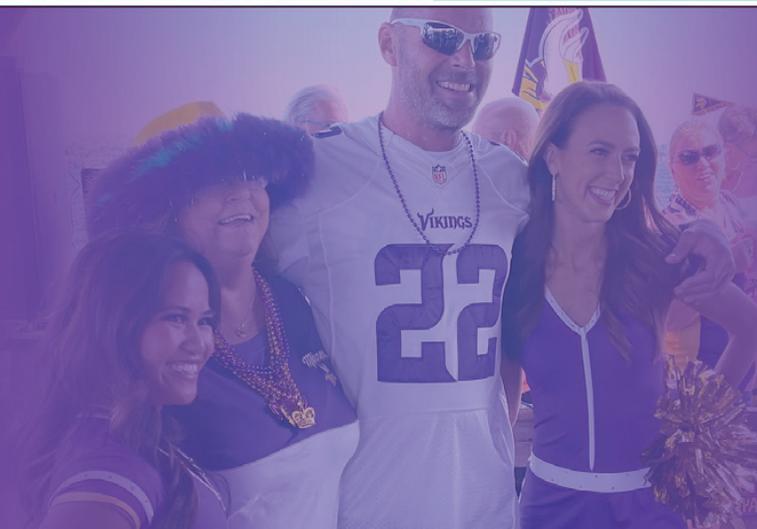
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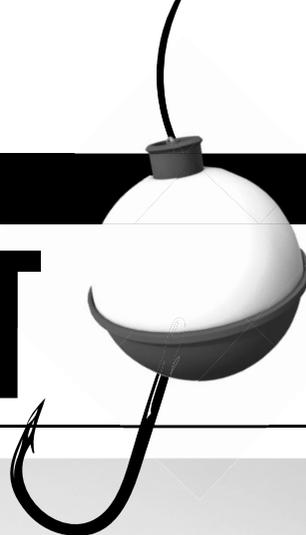
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NORTHWEST IOWA

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 August 18, the latest report available at the time of publication. For current conditions, call the Spirit Lake District Office at 712-336-1840. Most area lake temperatures are in the mid-70s. Forecasts call for continued temperatures in the 70s-80s. Bass and panfishing have been good on most lakes out along weed lines in 15-plus feet of water. Most fish have been caught out in deeper water as temperatures have increased.

EAST LAKE OKOBOJI — The water level is at crest. Fish are out deeper during warm water temperatures. Trolling has been working very well. Find crappie and yellow bass in 12-17 feet of water. Try fishing weed lines where there is new vegetation growth. Black Crappie — Good: Best bite is in 10-15 feet of water along weed lines. Bluegill — Good. Walleye — Fair: Try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps in the main basins. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. Yellow Bass — Good.

LOST ISLAND LAKE — Fishing/trolling is getting more difficult as aquatic vegetation reaches the surface in many places. There has been a decent-sized algae bloom lately. Black Crappie — Fair. Walleye — Slow: Try trolling crankbaits or with lindy rigs off weed lines. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. Yellow Perch — Fair.

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

SILVER LAKE — The late afternoon bite has been fair. Many anglers are targeting fish schools during the day. Vegetation growth and a large algae bloom are making fishing more difficult in many areas. Many large schools of young of the year bullhead are swimming around the lake. Walleye — Fair: Try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps.

SPIRIT LAKE — The lake level is about 2 inches below crest. Most species are deeper in 17-plus feet of water. Black Bullhead — Fair: Try fishing the northern grade of Spirit Lake. Black Crappie — Fair: Use a tube jig and bobber. Bluegill — Fair. Walleye — Fair: Use spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps; try to find weed lines. Yellow Perch — Good: Many perch can be caught but may need to be sorted.

WEST LAKE OKOBOJI — The water level is at crest. Most fish are out deeper in 15-plus feet of water. Rocky points and areas with new vegetation growth have seen the most success. Black Crappie — Good: Use crankbaits or shad raps. Bluegill — Good: Try small shad raps. Largemouth Bass — Fair. Smallmouth Bass — Fair: Try fishing off points with surface baits or jerk baits. Walleye — Fair: Try fishing off points by trolling crankbaits or with lindy rigs. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. Some fish have been caught while trolling for crappie.



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INITIAL GARDNER CABIN REPORT RECEIVED, RESTORATION PLANS TO COME

Seth Boyes
News Editor

An initial report on the condition of the historic Gardner Museum Cabin in Arnolds Park has come back, and organizers said further recommendations on preserving and improving the site are expected in the near future.

The Friends of the Abbie Gardner Cabin Historic Site announced earlier this year plans were in the works to coordinate with state officials to care for the cabin and surrounding property. Anita Bomgaars, president of the friends group, said the recent report from state officials focused on the property's original pioneer cabin and surrounding monuments, rather than the nearby museum building which houses a number of Gardner's artifacts and other items.

"The structure of the cabin per se is good," Anita Bomgaars, president of the friends group, said. "We were all pleased by that analysis, but the roof needs to be replaced, the underlayment of the roof needs to be replaced, the door has to be revised to become handicap accessible, the gutters have to be replaced and the chinking in the corner — which goes between the logs — all needs to be replaced."

The acre-sized lot was one of several sites on which tensions between natives and early settlers boiled over into violence during the winter of 1857 — an event now known as the Spirit Lake Massacre. The Sioux war chief Inkapaduta and his band had unsuccessfully petitioned settlers near Humboldt to bring a man named Henry Lott to justice for the 1854 killing of Sintomniduta — Inkapaduta's brother, half-brother or blood brother, depending on the account. The war chief and his group began to move in late 1856 and followed the path of the Little Sioux River, briefly clashed with settlers in Woodbury County before heading to the Lakes Area. There the band killed more than 30 settlers during a series of raids, taking four captives — one of them 14-year-old Abbie Gardner.

Gardner was eventually ransomed back to the state of Minnesota by native agents. She decided to purchase her family's former home more than 30 years later and convert it into a museum — one of the region's earliest tour-



ist attractions. Gardner died in 1921, and her family sold the property to the Iowa Conservation Commission 20 years later.

"The interest is there right now, and people are understanding much more of the story than they ever did before," Bomgaars said. "We have a vision for this whole story to be conveyed that never really was all put together before."

Bomgaars noted the log cabin is on the National Historic Registry, and the state must adhere to certain guidelines in order to keep it that way. She said officials are reaching out to several companies capable of doing historical repair work, and she expects more formal recommendations will be submitted in the coming weeks. She went on to say there's no specific timeframe as of yet, but she and the other group members hope the state can begin working on the cabin as soon as possible.

"We have concerns about snow-load on that roof," Bomgaars said. "We've been fortunate to have several nice winters, but that's always a concern in our area. You get a couple feet on top, and we're just not sure how that's going to handle that kind of a load."

In addition to the cabin restoration, plans call for the memorials on the property, such as the towering granite spire dedicated in 1895, to be cleaned.

"We had thought we'd try to do that with more of a local group, but it's sounding like it might be a little more specialized," Bomgaars said.

She noted the friends group is also in the process of purchasing a portion of land to the north which belonged to Gardner at one time.

"We don't have any specific purpose for it," Bomgaars said. "We're just holding it as a friends group to see how the whole site gets developed, and then we will decide what to do with that property."



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Aug. 26 — OUTDOOR EVENT
5-7 p.m. Family Nature
Night-Fungi Walk
Dickinson County Nature Center

Aug. 26 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Kaylyn Sahs
9 p.m. — 1 a.m. Joystick
The Gardens

Aug. 26 — OUTDOOR EVENT
6-9 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 26 — LIVE MUSIC
6 p.m. Murphy's Law
The Ritz

Aug. 26 — OUTDOOR EVENT
7-10 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 26 — LIVE MUSIC
7-11 p.m. Brad Morgan
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 26 — LIVE MUSIC
8 p.m. Not Quite Brothers
Okoboji Store

Aug. 27 — OUTDOOR EVENT
7:30 a.m. to Noon. Farmers Market
Dickinson County Fairgrounds

Aug. 27 — GOLF TOURNAMENT
Fourth Annual Beth Huseman
Memorial "Beth Ball"
Emerald Hills Golf Course

Aug. 27 — OUTDOOR EVENT
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Farmers
Market in the Park
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

**Aug. 27 — OUTDOOR
ENTERTAINMENT**
9-10 a.m. The Studio Yoga and Barre
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
9 a.m. to Noon. Keifer and Scott
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Rock the Patio with
Christopher Jon
Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum Patio

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
1 p.m. Nuclear Bees
8 p.m. Not Quite Brothers
Okoboji Store

Aug. 27 — OUTDOOR EVENT
2-5 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 27 — LIVE EVENT
2-6 p.m. Grape Stomp
Round Lake Vineyards

Aug. 27 — OUTDOOR EVENT
2:30-5:30 p.m. Millers
Bay Yacht Party
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
2:30-6:30 p.m. Itty Bitty Boji Band
7-11 p.m. Brad Morgan
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 27 — OUTDOOR EVENT
3-6 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Kaylyn Sahs
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Joystick
The Gardens

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
6 p.m. Murphy's Law
The Ritz

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
6-8 p.m. Anna Surento
Little Swan Lake Winery

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
7:30 p.m. Church of Cash
and Casey Muessigmann
Preservation Plaza —
bring lawn chairs
Fireworks at show's end

Aug. 27 — LIVE MUSIC
9 p.m. Andy Brasher Band
Captain's Getaway

Aug. 28 — GOLF TOURNAMENT
Abben Cancer Center Classic
4-Person
Emerald Hills Golf Course

Aug. 28 — OUTDOOR EVENT
1-4 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 28 — LIVE MUSIC
1 p.m. Nuclear Bees
Okoboji Store

Aug. 28 — LIVE MUSIC
2-5 p.m. Dance with Bill and Jackie
Lakes Area Senior Center
Spirit Lake

Aug. 28 — LIVE MUSIC
2-6 p.m. Tristan Marquardt
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 28 — LIVE MUSIC
2-6 p.m. Boon and Lambert
Round Lake Vineyards

Aug. 28 — LIVE MUSIC
4 p.m. Murphy's Law
The Ritz

Aug. 28 — LIVE MUSIC
4-6 p.m. Rick Ayres and
Jazzed Up 6tet
Little Swan Lake Winery

Aug. 28 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Charlie Leissler
The Gardens

Aug. 29 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with Boji Bill
The Gardens

Aug. 30 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Tim Horsman
The Gardens

Aug. 30 — LIVE MUSIC
7:30 p.m. Hotel California:
A Salute to the Eagles
Pearson Lakes Art Center

Aug. 31 — LIVE MUSIC
6-8 p.m. Steve Lang Country Show
Spirit Lake VFW

Aug. 31 — OUTDOOR EVENT
7:30 a.m. to Noon. Farmers Market
Dickinson County Fairgrounds

Aug. 31 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Christopher Jon
The Gardens

Aug. 31 — LIVE MUSIC
7:30 p.m. Hotel California:
A Salute to the Eagles
Pearson Lakes Art Center

Sept. 1 — OUTDOOR EVENT
10:30-11:30 a.m. Kenue Coffee Hour
Dickinson County Nature Center

Sept. 1 — LIVE MUSIC
5:30-7:30 p.m. Lynn Mullins
Minerva's Patio Party
Arrowood Resort

Sept. 1 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Union County Strings
Little Swan Lake Winery

Sept. 1 — LIVE MUSIC
6-8 p.m. Rock the Roof
The Expressions
Roof Garden Ballroom

Sept. 1 — LIVE MUSIC
6-8 p.m. Rod Johnson
Round Lake Vineyards

Sept. 1 — LIVE MUSIC
9 p.m. Hotel Desperado
Captain's Getaway

Sept. 2 — GOLF TOURNAMENT
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Emerald Hills Golf Course

Sept. 2 — OUTDOOR EVENT
4-7:30 p.m. Dee's Bee
and Butterfly Festival
Dickinson County Nature Center

Sept. 2 — OUTDOOR EVENT
6-9 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Sept. 2 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Jeremy DeWall
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Birdchild
The Gardens

Sept. 2 — LIVE MUSIC
6-10 p.m. Jesse Wilson Band
Oak Hill Outdoor

Sept. 2 — OUTDOOR EVENT
7-10 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Sept. 2 — LIVE MUSIC
7-11 p.m. Farm Rock
Barefoot Bar

Sept. 2 — LIVE MUSIC
7:30 p.m. Seven Sons and
Fabulous Flippers
Roof Garden Ballroom

Sept. 2 — LIVE MUSIC
8 p.m. Scott Larsen Band
Okoboji Store

Sept. 2 — LIVE MUSIC
9 p.m. Skitzo Fonik
Captain's Getaway

Sept. 3 — OUTDOOR EVENT
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Farmers
Market in the Park
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
9 a.m. to Noon. She's With Us
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

Sept. 3 — OUTDOOR EVENT
7:30 a.m. to Noon. Farmers Market
Dickinson County Fairgrounds

Sept. 3 — GOLF TOURNAMENT
Todd Dykstra Memorial Tournament
Brooks Golf

Sept. 3 — OUTDOOR EVENT
2-5 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
1 p.m. Heath Allen
8 p.m. Scott Larsen Band
Okoboji Store

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
2-6 p.m. Rod and Pam
Round Lake Vineyards

Sept. 3 — OUTDOOR EVENT
2:30-5:30 p.m. Millers
Bay Yacht Party
Okoboji Boat Works

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
2:30-6:30 p.m. Surfin' Safari
7-11 p.m. Farm Rock
Barefoot Bar

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Boon & Lambert
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Birdchild
The Gardens

Sept. 3 — OUTDOOR EVENT
3-6 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Barefoot Bar

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
6-8 p.m. Terry Brooks Jazz
Little Swan Lake Winery

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
7:30 p.m. Arch Allies
Preservation Plaza —
bring lawn chairs
Fireworks as end of show

Sept. 3 — LIVE MUSIC
9 p.m. Skitzo Fonik
Captain's Getaway

Sept. 4 — SPECIAL EVENT
1:30 p.m. 2022 Iowa Rock 'n Roll
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Sami Bedell Center
For Performing Arts

6:30 p.m. 2022 Hall of Fame
Induction Concert
Roof Garden Ballroom

Sept. 4 — SPECIAL EVENT
Harvest Festival Grape Stomp
1-6 p.m. Charlie Leissler (inside)
Blame Not The Barde (outside)
Little Swan Lake Winery

Sept. 4 — OUTDOOR EVENT
2-5 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Barefoot Bar

Sept. 4 — LIVE MUSIC
1 p.m. Keifer & Scott Duo
8 p.m. The Firm
Okoboji Store

Sept. 4 — LIVE MUSIC
2-6 p.m. Michael Hope
Round Lake Vineyards

Sept. 4 — OUTDOOR EVENT
2:30-5:30 p.m. Millers
Bay Yacht Party
Okoboji Boat Works

Sept. 4 — LIVE MUSIC
5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with
Boon & Lambert
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Birdchild
The Gardens

Sept. 4 — LIVE MUSIC
7-11 p.m. Farm Rock
Barefoot Bar

Sept. 4 — LIVE MUSIC
9 p.m. Skitzo Fonik
Captain's Getaway

Sept. 5 — GOLF TOURNAMENT
Labor Day Fun Day Monday
Emerald Hills Golf Course

Sept. 5 — LIVE MUSIC
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Rock the Patio with Rockin'
Vance and Papa Rick
Iowa Rock 'n Roll Museum Patio

Sept. 5 — LIVE MUSIC
1 p.m. Keifer & Scott
Okoboji Store

Sept. 5 — LIVE MUSIC
4-8 p.m. Labor Day Dock Party
The Last Call Band
Barefoot Bar

Sept. 5 — LIVE MUSIC
7 p.m. Dick Bauman Big Band
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1PM IOWA ROCKS TALENT FINALS
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5PM INDUCTEE OPEN HOUSE
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7PM 25TH ANNIVERSARY INDUCTEE CELEBRATION
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

5:30PM MEMBERS MEETING & PARTY
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7:30PM THE FABULOUS FLIPPERS
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TICKETS PURCHASED AT ARNOLDSPARK.COM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

1:30PM INDUCTION CEREMONY
SAMI CENTER, SPIRIT LAKE
TICKETS AT IOWAROCKNROLL.COM/EVENTS

3:30PM AUTOGRAPH SESSION
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ROOF GARDEN BALLROOM
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Butterflies, bees and even a goat will be making their presence known at Dee's Bee and Butterfly Festival this year. The public is invited to check out the festival from 4-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at the Dickinson County Nature Center in Okoboji.

"The festival has been an annual event in Dickinson County for over 15 years," said community relations coordinator Jackie Jerge. "I can't wait to see the community celebrate with us."

Amy Kueper will be starting the eve-

ning at 4 p.m. with parachute games. These games involve teamwork and cooperation, just like bees as they go about pollinating flowers.

The evening will also feature a honey extraction demonstration at 5:30 p.m. with Marlene Borenson from Borenson Bees, and visitors can learn all about goats with Tammy Carr at 6:15 p.m.

Visitors can tag a monarch butterfly from 4-7 p.m. and release it to go on its migration to Mexico. The public can also make bee and butterfly-themed crafts, get their faces painted like a bee or but-

terfly with Rose Gold Studios, enjoy a bee-themed bouncy house and participate in wildfire activities. Plus attendees can grab some cotton candy, visit with Sweetie the Bee or have dinner at the Back Alley BBQ Truck.

The Iowa Historical Society's Mobile Museum will also be on site from 4-7 p.m. Friday and 10-4 p.m. Saturday next to the Maser Monarch Lodge, and visitors can take a walk through Iowa's history.

For more information on the Bee & Butterfly Festival, call 712-336-6352 or visit dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com.

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I apologize for the error in last week's column. For some reason the photos I referred to did not make it to print. Many of you emailed me or stopped me on the street regarding the pure white long-haired miniature dachshund **Sara**. I am including the photo this week so you can see her. Hopefully it makes it this time. Then I won't have to dig my phone out of my purse each time I run into someone new. She and Libby, her red long-haired companion, live in Clinton. She is quite rare. Even my puppy's vet had not ever seen a white one before I showed him the photo.

Congratulations to **The Force** on their monetary gift from the Okoboji Foundation. The \$3,000 will be used wisely by band director **Tyler Pedersen** and his band of award-winning and talented musicians as they compete and also as they perform at home football games. For those who want to see them in action, the home football games this year

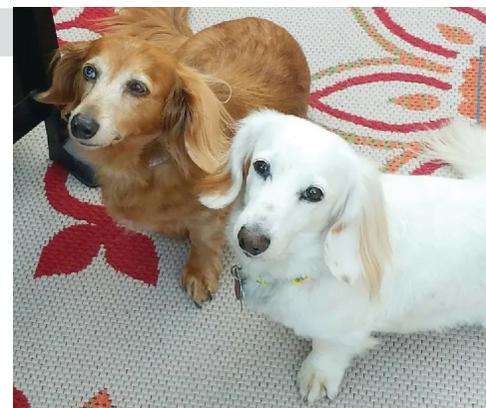
for Spirit Lake High School are Sept. 2, 9, 23 and 30. Good luck to The Force as they travel to this fall's marching band competitions!

I got an interesting email the other day from **Joyce Kaiser**. She told me she had made a brief stop in Milford the other day, and it brought back many happy memories for her. Sometime in the distant past, she lived in the Milford area and helped coordinate summer baseball, softball, swimming lessons and bike rides for youth with Jim Fitzpatrick. She mentioned recalling fondly working with Mayor Ralph Evans (Milford mayor 1978-79), City Clerk Gloria Lamb, and various city council members. Kaiser is retired and lives in Sioux City. She asked me to say hello to everyone back here in the Lakes Area.

Katie Deal is from Georgia. She was scheduled to come to the Iowa Great Lakes Region to perform her Patsy Cline tribute show at the Pearson Lakes Art Center this past Wednesday. However a family emergency caused her

to have to postpone the show. PLAC officials have not yet secured a date for the show but think it will take place sometime in September. Check the Pearson Lakes Art Center website for updates as we head into fall.

We here in the Lakes Area talk about all the talented musicians who come here to perform, and next week is the show stopper of all time. The best Eagles tribute band in the United States, **Hotel California**, will be here at PLAC for two shows — Tuesday and Wednesday nights. **The Fabulous Flippers** and **7 Sons** are in the Roof Garden on Friday night. That one is a double whammy of a talent-filled show. Then Sunday night the **2022 Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame**, inductees perform their induction concert in the Roof Garden. The annual Arch Allies finale to the summer season on Preservation Plaza takes place Saturday night. Add to that, Iowa Hall of Fame 2011 band, **The Expressions**, play for Rock the Roof on Thursday night.



All these outstanding, multi-award winning musicians in one week. Amazing!

Have a great week ahead as we work our way into a very busy and fun-filled Labor Day weekend in the Iowa Great Lakes Region. Have fun and be safe!

If you have a reunion, family party or special event coming up before summer is over, 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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ON STAGE WITH 7 SONS & THE FABULOUS FLIPPERS — AN INTERVIEW

Tom Tourville
Okoboian Contributor

Arguably two of most popular bands to ever play at the legendary Roof Garden Ballroom are the Fabulous Flippers from Lawrence, Kansas, and Sioux City's own 7 Sons.

Imagine my surprise when Arnolds Park Amusement Park shared with us they were bringing to the new Roof Garden's stage, the legendary Fabulous Flippers and the 7 Sons on Friday, Sept. 2. This is just simply an amazing double bill that has never happened before. The Roof Garden has created a show that many music fans never thought they would ever see or hear — the return of the legendary Fabulous Flippers and the 7 Sons together on the same stage.

Arnolds Park Amusement Park said they would create a memorable summer for 2022 at the Roof Garden, and they weren't kidding. They'll have two of the most popular and successful groups from the decades of the '60s and '70s together in one show.

The 7 Sons played the original Roof Garden Ballroom seven times between 1966 and 1969, while the Fabulous Flippers performed at the Roof 25 times between 1965 and 1973. Combined, they played the Roof a total of 32 live shows. With these numbers, these two groups really brought teens to the ballroom.

I spoke with the Fabulous Flippers leader and original founder Danny Hein as well as the 7 Sons drummer Dr. Larry Dixon. They shared some very special thoughts about playing Okoboian. Let me share those conversations.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON COMING BACK TO PLAY THE ALL NEW ROOF GARDEN BALLROOM FOR THIS SPECIAL SHOW?

• **Dixon:** The 7 Sons were honored to play in the Roof Garden, the first month it opened in 2019. The cool design, the large stage and the acoustics of the Roof Garden are no less than amazing. We thought that our 2019 appearance would be our last gig. Being invited to perform again with the Flippers is so exciting. Both bands performed in the late '60s, playing in many of the same venues, including the Roof Garden.



• **Hein:** As one can imagine, we were excited to be back at Arnolds Park! There was something mystical about the Roof Garden. The huge crowds, the energy of the extraordinary fans, it was amazing. Being asked to play the new Roof Garden, it was like living a dream. What a thrill! I was thinking the Roof Garden Ballroom and the Fabulous Flippers go hand in hand with what was happening musically in the 1960s and '70s. Each time we played the Roof the crowds got larger and larger. I think we held the house record at the Roof Garden in 1969 with over 2600 kids attending the show. (Okoboian: Yes, they did hold the attendance record.)

Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL PLAYING WITH THE FABULOUS FLIPPERS/7 SONS?

• **Dixon:** For the 7 Sons, being invited to play once more on Labor Day weekend, that is an honor. But an added bonus would be that we get to perform with the Fabulous Flippers. How could we say no? It's something we are really looking forward to.

• **Hein:** The Flippers always admired the 7 Sons. They were so professional and drew large crowds. So many of our fans were theirs as well. We respected their musicianship with both of our bands on the same show, it will be very exciting.

Q: WHO'LL BE PERFORMING WITH THE 7 SONS/FLIPPERS FOR THIS SPECIAL SHOW?

• **Dixon:** The 7 Sons will include original members Rick Mellor, the founder of the band — keyboards — from California; Rick Knobe — bass — Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Dan Horswell — guitar — from Florida; Doug Dingel — guitar — from Terril; Ed



Wade — vocals — from Georgia; Dave Napier — saxophone — from Sioux City; and Dr. Larry Dixon — drums — from Spirit Lake. We'll also have some special guests to perform with us as well. Ken Hoyne and Gavin Wigg from Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Steve Samuelson from Spirit Lake; and Duane and Matt Wade from Georgia.

• **Hein:** There will be myself, Doug Crotty and Kenny Hoyne from the Fabulous Flippers. Jerry Selix from the Pulsating Pilgrims and Butch Zierth from St. Paul, Minnesota, who has toured with Transit Authority. Invites are out to some other top players. Also attending with us is our promoter and booking agent, John Brown of Mid Continent Productions.

Q: GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ROOF GARDEN'S DARLOWE OLESON

• **Dixon:** I remember Darlowe being a very accommodating, kind and respectful man as owner and manager of the Roof Garden Ballroom. It was fun to play for him.

• **Hein:** Darlowe was one of the best ballroom operators/promoters and our personal friend. He was very good at what he did, and his band lineups and unique style of promotion really set the standard for all ballrooms nationally. Since most of the Flippers attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence, in order to make classes on time, many times Darlowe would fly us back to Lawrence in his private plane so we could get to school after a show.

Q: WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON PLAYING FOR THIS SHOW?

• **Dixon:** The 7 Sons were a soul/Motown musical group. We will be playing songs from our old set list with such songs as "I Feel Good" by James Brown, "Knock on Wood" by

Eddie Floyd, "My Girl" and "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," by the Temptations and "Heat Wave" by Martha and the Vandellas

• **Hein:** It will be a mix from our original '60s set list with such songs as "Hold On I'm Coming," "Shout" which we released as a single, "Summertime" "I Feel Good," and of course, "Harlem Shuffle." Plus we've got a special closer planned.

LASTLY, ANY SPECIAL STORIES YOU WANT TO SHARE ABOUT PLAYING THE ROOF GARDEN?

• **Dixon:** I remember when we played there in the late '60s, there was a long narrow staircase going up the east side of the building on the outside of the Roof Garden. We had to haul all of our equipment up that staircase. It was often hot. After setting up the equipment, doing a sound check and then changing clothes, we felt blessed if a cool breeze would come through the screened windows around three sides of the ballroom. I was amazed at the crowd that would pack the ballroom. Possibly there were more people than would be allowed today in a facility like that. I especially remember all the amazing muscle cars and street rods parked in front of the ballroom and those driving along the lake side of the ballroom. Young people were everywhere outside, having fun. The Roof Garden Ballroom on West Okoboian was one special gig to play!

• **Hein:** Many of the Flippers have stories about their times at the Roof Garden Ballroom — always fun parties on the bus, the beautiful girls of Iowa and the fun we had at Lake Okoboian. As you can imagine, we were teenagers with records out, making lots of money, prestigious clothes, live stage shows. It was such fun being a kid and playing at Okoboian.

I think you can see by reading all of the above, anyone with a ticket to this show will have one of the most amazing music memories of their lifetime — the Fabulous Flippers and the 7 Sons together for the first and last time.

This was the show I never thought I'd see, and we're going to get the chance to experience it live.

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R. Aubrey La Foy

Okoboian Contributor

The other day Connie had to go into Hy-Vee to obtain a few groceries. We were parked near the entrance to Starbucks. I sat in the van and waited. I was amazed at how many people used that entrance and later came out carrying Starbucks cups.

Several weeks prior to that day when I was in Hy-Vee, I looked at the Starbucks menu. I was amazed and confused, viewing all the different ways to get coffee. I am so old that I recall ordering coffee, black, for 5 cents with refills. Starbucks prices are a bit more than that and no refills.

When did you begin to drink coffee? In days gone by, it was almost a rite into adulthood when your folks told you that you could now drink coffee. Our elders on the other hand drank lots of black coffee. The coffee pot was always on the stove just waiting for anybody who might “drop in.”

For many years my grandfather Ed La Foy grew a mustache. He had a special coffee cup that had a bridge across one side of the cup’s opening that kept the mustache from getting wet and allowed the coffee through a sip opening. He and my Uncle Jack batched together after the death of my grandmother, and my sister Jean cleaned for them. One day when cleaning, she observed the coffee pot was sort of caked with coffee so she scrubbed and cleaned it out. Grandpa was not too pleased, as that cake of coffee made the coffee strong. He told Jean to never clean the coffee pot again.

In November of 1942 coffee was rationed in the USA. Cards were issued to all persons over 15 years old. Some people hoarded coffee and got lots of coffee by begging, borrowing or stealing coffee ration cards. The ration of coffee was removed in July of 1943, and many hoarders were stuck with stale coffee.

Where did coffee originate? According to one story, the effect of coffee beans on the behavior of his sheep was observed by a sheep herder named Kaldi. He noticed that the sheep



became hyperactive after eating the red “cherries” from a certain plant when they changed pastures. He tried a few and was soon as overactive as his flock. The story also relates that a monk happened by and scolded him for “partaking of the devil’s fruit.” However the monks soon discovered that this fruit from the shiny green plant could help them stay awake for their prayers.

Coffee was believed by some Christians to be the devil’s drink. Pope Vincent III heard this and decided to taste it before he banished it. He enjoyed it so much he baptized it saying “coffee is so delicious it would be a pity to let the infidels have exclusive use of it.” Coffee houses were opened in Italy in 1645, Paris in 1672 and, in 1668, coffee replaced beer as New York’s favorite breakfast drink. The Boston Tea Party occurred in 1773 — it became a patriotic duty in America to drink coffee instead of tea. In 1900, Hills Brothers began packing roast coffee in vacuum tins, and by 1940 the USA imported 70% of the world’s coffee crop. To bring you up to date, Starbucks opened its first store in Seattle’s Pike Place public market in 1971 and,

Mr. Cappuccino opened in 1979.

Many years ago, coffee beans came in a bag and one had to grind the beans. One of my favorites was found in the A & P grocery stores. Their brand was called “8 o’clock.” It was always a pleasant experience to walk near their coffee grinders and smell the delicious odor of fresh ground coffee beans.

I really got into drinking coffee while in the military. Many times we were served meals and had to use our mess kits and canteen cup. There was nothing like a great cup of coffee in Kansas in January or on a troop ship. Many times when we were on convoys in India and China, we would stop in the morning for a coffee break.

The military provided instant Maxwell House coffee in the K-ration box. We carried several gallon cans filled with sand in our trucks. Into this sand we poured gasoline, which we set on fire and placed our canteen cup over the flame. We soon had hot water and into this we poured the instant coffee, and presto we had hot coffee. For breakfast and dinner the cooks boiled huge pans of water and poured in ground up coffee and ladled it out into our waiting canteen cups.

When we first started to teach school in the 1950s, few schools had a coffee room. If you wanted to smoke a cigarette you went to the boiler room. It wasn’t until new school buildings were being built that a “coffee lounge” for the teachers was developed. Coffee was brewed in the morning and was really great up until noon, but after that it got pretty thick. Some teachers smoked, and the room could get pretty smelly. I didn’t smoke, so I seldom went to the teacher’s lounge.

“Let’s Have Another Cup of Coffee” with Glenn Miller, “One More Cup of Coffee” with Bob Dylan, “Coffee Song” with Frank Sinatra or “Coffee & Kisses” with Duke Ellington Orchestra are just a few of the songs and music to celebrate an American tradition. See you at Coffee Time! How about the Ink Spots’ 1940 hit “The Java Jive?”

“I love coffee, I Love tea — I love the java jive and it loves me, Coffee and tea and the jivin’ and me, A cup, a cup a cup, a cup, I love java, sweet and hot.”

Connie loves a good cup of coffee, so we have a Keurig coffee pod. Place water in a reservoir and a little self-packaged coffee cup, pull down the lid, place your cup on the platform and it will make great coffee. I do not drink coffee, so I don’t place the little container with coffee in it but get hot water into a cup with a bag of tea for a great cup of hot tea. Today there are many kinds and brands of coffee, sort of like Starbucks. Tea or coffee each morning is a great way to start the day and maybe midmorning for coffee break and conversation. That is the American way! The problems of the world are solved if only the politicians would listen. I seldom drink coffee today but prefer tea.



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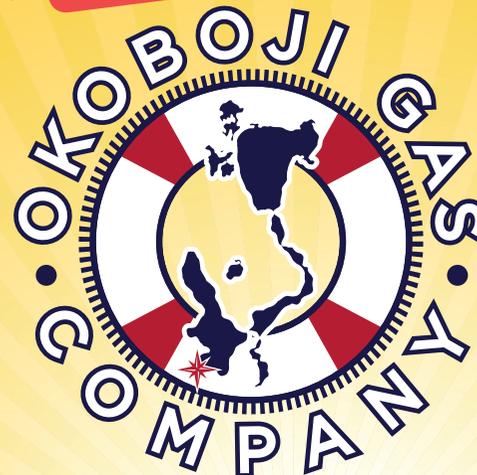
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