

# NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

## Golden Wedding Anniversary



### Mr. and Mrs. Alan Spohnheimer

Fifty years ago on December 21, 1974 Alan Spohnheimer and Gina Staples were married at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Jewell, Iowa.

As newlyweds they lived in Randall, and then owned a home in Ellsworth for more than 40 years before moving to Ames.

Cards may be sent to: Spohnheimers, 2617 Northwestern Ave., Ames, IA 50010

## Auditions for "Of Men and Cars" at WCCT

Auditions for "Of Men and Cars" will be held Sunday, December 29, and Monday, December 30, at 6 pm. Try-outs will be held at Webster City Community Theatre, 1001 Willson Avenue, led by director Loween Getter.

Auditions will include readings from the script. Scripts will be available for 3-day check out at Kendall Young Library December 18-27.

The play is a semi-autobiographical tale covering 26 years in the life of the playwright Jim Geoghan. The story is based on the idea, "If you want to have an intimate conversation with a man, put him in a car and it better be a Ford. Dependable. Gets you home." Both a comedy and drama, it is the story of Jim and his father, a WWII bomber pilot. Jim was amazed by his father when he was a child. Later, he wasn't as amazed and told him so. As an adult, Jim realized he wasn't so amazing himself. There is a happy ending.

There are major roles for two males to portray Jim and Dad. There are ensemble roles for at least two women and three men to play multiple roles:

Mom, Anna, New York woman, Dorothy, girl next door, college girl, Los Angeles woman, saleswoman

Frankie Two Fingers,

**Merry Christmas**



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**A G E N D A**  
Hamilton County Conservation Board  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 19, 2024  
9:30 am  
Conservation Headquarters Building  
Briggs Woods Park

- I. Call to order
- II. Agenda
- III. November, 2024
- Meeting minutes
- IV. Public Participation (5 minutes per person)
- V. Parks and Staff Reports
- A. Insta Pay option for campsites
- B. 2025 Camping and recreation rates and related fees
- VI. Golf Course Report
- A. Clubhouse report
- B. Superintendent Grounds report
- C. PTO for exempt employee
- D. Job descriptions
- E. 2025 Golf rates and related fees
- VII. Financial
- A. Claims and Payroll
- VIII. State Rec Trails
- A. Funding Agreement & Resolution
- IX. Request for Proposals for building renovations
- X. A) 2025 Board member appointments and by-laws
- B) Recognitions
- XI. Executive Director Report
- A. Executive Director Report
- B. Information and Communications
- C. Strategic Planning and staffing
- XII. Next meeting: date, time and place
- XIII. Adjourn

## Change of address policy

The Stratford Courier will be implementing a new change of address policy due to the large number of postage due bills we have been receiving from the United States Postal Service when people move and/or change their address and don't notify us. The US Post Office does not forward newspapers and we get charged for every newspaper they return to us.

So effective immediately if you move and/or change your address and don't notify us by a phone call at 515-838-2494 or email at: stratford-courier@globalccs.net and we have to pay for a postage due notice we will reduce your subscription by one month. We regret having to take this step but it is the only way that we can recoup the cost of these postage due notices.

**CHURCH NEWS**

United Methodist Churches  
Calvary United Methodist  
Pastor Justin Crocheck  
Sunday, December 22  
9:45 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday, December 24  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

South Marion United Methodist  
Pastor Justin Crocheck  
Sunday, December 22  
11:00 a.m. Worship

McGuire Bend United Brethren  
Sunday, December 22  
10:30 a.m. Worship

Pilot Mound United Methodist  
Pastor Philip Berger  
Sunday, December 22  
8:30 a.m. Worship

Boxholm United Methodist  
Pastor Philip Berger  
Sunday, December 22  
10:30 a.m. Worship

Lehigh United Methodist

Pastor Philip Berger  
Sunday, December 22  
10:30 a.m. Worship

Otho United Methodist  
Pastor Philip Berger  
Sunday, December 22  
8:30 a.m. Worship

Stratford First Baptist Church

Pastor Jim Mead  
Sunday, December 22  
10:30 a.m. Worship

Stratford Evangelical Lutheran

Pastor Alex Zenk  
Sunday, December 22  
8:45 a.m. Bible Study "Revelations"

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, December 24  
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25  
6 am Juliette Christmas Day breakfast follows

Our Savior's Lutheran - Stanhope

Sunday, December 22  
8:45 a.m. Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Worship/Fellowship

Stanhope Parish

Pastor Justin Crocheck  
Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Worship/  
Fellowship

8:45 a.m. Bible Study



**Thursday, December 19**

Carolyn Berglund, LaVonne Harris, Grant Hensley, Molly Westrum

**Friday, December 20**

Nancy Martin, Mary Leeds

**Saturday, December 21**

Cayson Carlson, Cindi Hoveland, Rod Jones, Cindy Schultz, Julia Hofmeyer, Lindsay Carter, \*Paul & Carol Huisman, \*Jeffrey & Tasha Pickering, \*Gina & Alan Spohnheimer

**Sunday, December 22**

Noel Westrum, Lynden Olson, Trevor Don Carlson, Stacey Moorman

**Monday, December 23**

Carmen Conklin, LeAnn Johnson, Doug Bergman, Kay Klaver, Julie Rodgers Ahrens, \*Leo & Verla Morgan

**Tuesday, December 24**

Patty Carlson, Ethan McFarland

**Wednesday, December 25**

Aubree Westrum, Ryan Young, McKenna Mitchell, Holly Fry

**Thursday, December 26**

Deb Westrum, Cori Robinson

**School Menus**

**Thursday, December 19**

**Breakfast:**  
Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Fruit

**Lunch:**  
Chili, Green Beans, Pineapple, Cinnamon Roll

**Friday, December 20**

**Breakfast:**  
Pancakes, Assorted Fruit

**Lunch:**  
Sausage Pizza, Mixed Fresh Veggies, Apple Sauce, Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Monday, December 23**

**No School**

**Tuesday, December 24**

**No School**

**Wednesday, December 25**

**No School**

**Thursday, December 26**

**No School**

**Friday, December 27**

**No School**

**Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**



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