

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,

salesman, Warren, shrink, Montauk Man, Dominic, New York man, Jack, Russo, pot head

Please bring a list of all dates that conflict with rehearsals and shows between January 2 and March 9. Performances are scheduled for February 28, March 1, 7 & 8 at 7 pm and March 2 & 9 at 2 pm

WCCT welcomes veteran and new actors to audition for its productions. Tips for auditioning

Your audition begins the moment you walk in the door.

Be on time or even 15 minutes early to complete paperwork and to relax and focus while you wait.

Wear neat, clean clothing that is comfortable and allows movement. Your shoes that stay on your feet and are easy to move in quietly. Don’t come in costume.

It’s OK to be nervous.

Be sure you are going to be available for all rehearsals and performances. Let us know of any conflicts you may have with the rehearsal schedule.

Callbacks may be necessary to put together the right cast.

Unfortunately not everyone who auditions will be cast.

Please consider volunteering to help behind the scenes with the production in other ways.

AGENDA
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.



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 Julotte 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

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the birthday list - please let us know by emailing to stratford-courier@globalccs.net or call 838-2494 and leave message.



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

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



Merry Christmas

Getting help is the first step to getting better.

If someone you love has a problem with gambling, they likely feel powerless to control it. 1-800-BETS OFF can help.

It’s a free, confidential, 24/7 resource that can help you and your loved one find an experienced treatment professional.

Call 1-800-BETS OFF today to get help for them — and you.

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IF YOU’RE DRINKING AND DRIVING, YOU’RE ON THIN ICE.

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

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