

FRIENDS & FAMILY

CAR CLUB COMPETES OVER 3-DAY WEEKEND



The members of The Black Knights Car Club did not take the Labor Day weekend off to barbecue brats or burgers. Instead, they were competing in the Storm Lake Car Show. They brought home four trophies. Members include Robert McQuirk, Jim Willmore, Denny Houseman and (seated) Eric Anderson. (Photo submitted)

HOME COUNTRY



SLIM RANGLES

Janice Thomas came in the Mule Barn for breakfast the other day, and sat at the counter for the first time. She usually gets one of the tables, or a booth against the wall. We were kinda flattered that she'd come sit with us, but wondered why. After all, this high school art teacher never has been one to sit down and solve the world's problems, the way we do.

She didn't keep us waiting long, though. "Boys," she said, "I have a deer pointer."

She let the silence pounce heavily on our sweet rolls while we pondered this.

"A what?" Doc said.

"A deer pointer. You want deer, you just let ol' Woof out and you'll find 'em."

"Woof, eh?"

"Yes. He's that new dog I got after that Lab of mine died. I've had Woof for about six months now. He's half bird dog and half heeler and he points deer."

We looked at each other and grinned. When it comes to telling

stories at this particular lunch counter, the first liar doesn't stand a chance.

"Points 'em you say?"

"Locks right up. Steady to wing and shot."

"This I have to see," Dud said.

So after coffee, we all went out to Janice's place while she turned this little dog out into the wood lot. He ran here and there and then froze into a perfect field-trial point. We walked up quietly and sure enough, there was a doe standing about 40 yards away. We'd never seen anything like it.

"When I got him," Janice explained, "he thought he'd herd deer, with that sheep dog blood he has in him. Well, the first time he tried that, some doe just kicked the puddin' out of him. His tail didn't work right for a week.

"So now he's switched over to the other half of his heritage and points 'em. He's found that works out a lot better for him."

She grinned. "And no ... you can't borrow him this fall."

• (BF) If you can spare some time, and need some love, go to your local animal shelter and tell them to find something for you to do. You'll always be glad you did (UNBF).

ODD NEWS

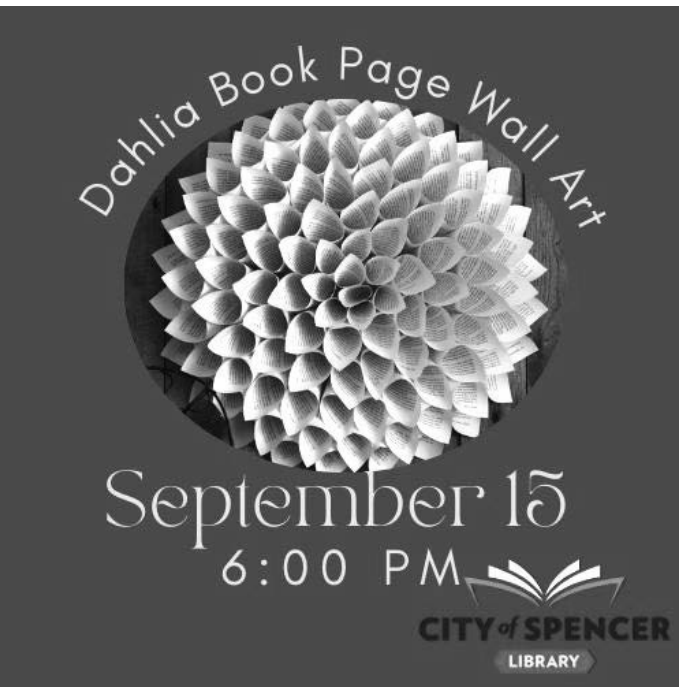
THOUSANDS OF REDHEADS CELEBRATE THEIR STRANDS AT A FESTIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS

TILBURG, Netherlands (AP) — The southern Dutch city of Tilburg is seeing more color than usual this weekend, as thousands of redheads from all over the world gather in the Netherlands for a once-a-year festival to celebrate their flaming locks. The 2025 edition of the Red-head Days festival includes music, food trucks and workshops tailored to particular needs of redheads, from makeup explainers to skin cancer prevention. Organizers expect the three-day event to draw several thousand attendees from some 80 countries. Elounda Bakker, a Dutch festival veteran of 15 years, played cards with a group of redheaded friends from across the world who meet together every year at the festival. "I came out of curiosity mostly, just to see what it would be like not to stand out in the crowd," said Bakker, 29. "It was really an interesting first experience and I just keep coming because I met some really nice friends here." Magician Daniel Hank traveled six hours from Germany to join the festivities, now proud to flaunt the hair that made him the target of bullying when younger. "I think it's really easy to recognize me because there are not that many people with a red beard, there are not many guys with long red hair," he said.

'LEGEND DAIRY' MAN CARRIES ICE CREAM AND DRY ICE UP COLORADO PEAK AS TREAT FOR OTHER HIKERS

DENVER (AP) — Hikers who climbed a Colorado mountain got more than just a sweeping view at the top. A man in an ice cream cone costume unexpectedly was handing out frozen treats. No one seemed to know the man who carried ice cream sandwiches and bars and dry ice in a 60-pound pack up Huron Peak over the Labor Day weekend. But word of him spread quickly to hikers still making their way up the more than 14,000-foot mountain that's one of Colorado's tallest. Blaine and Katie Griffin were about three-quarters of the way up Huron Peak when other hikers told them about the man. They worried he would run out of ice cream by the time they got there. "Eventually we got up to the top of the mountain and, tired, hot, thirsty and didn't know it, but ice cream was just kind of what we wanted," Blaine Griffin said. He and his wife enjoyed their ice cream sandwiches, which still were surprisingly very cold, with some leftover pizza they carried with them. Christopher Whitestone said his two children, Olivia, 11, and Owen, 8, went straight to the ice cream man as soon as they reached the top of the mountain, considered a relatively moderate climb among Colorado's more than 50 peaks over 14,000 feet.

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Get ready to craft. Participants will be using book pages to create a beautiful paper flower art piece to hang on your wall. Registration required — go to spencerlibrary.com calendar for registration.

Wilkening presents Lessons of the Holocaust — Monday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m.
Through historical narratives and experiences from survivors, Wilkening will examine the Holocaust's enduring effects and emphasize its continued relevance today. This is not a history lesson. This is a lesson of man's inhumanity toward his fellow man, while the world stood by and allowed it to happen.

OCCASIONS EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9
• Coffee with the Editor — 7 a.m.
• Hy-Vee Bakery Bread — 9 a.m.
• Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m.
• Bingo/500/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10
• Tai Chi — 10:30 a.m.
• Dig In: Lunch & Ride to CCF — 11:45 p.m.
• Ponytail Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11
• Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m.
• Bingo/500/Pinocle/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12
• Coffee Klatch — 9 a.m.
• Movie: TBA - 11:45 a.m.
• Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15
• Mahjong/Bingo/Cards/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16
• Coffee with the Editor — 7 a.m.
• Hy-Vee Bakery Bread — 9 a.m.
• Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m.
• Bingo/500/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

EVERLY HAP HAPPY HOURS MENU

Hap Ketelsen Community Center — Serving from 5-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10
Tater tot casserole/scalloped potatoes and ham, dinner roll, side salad, dessert

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17
Celebration for Hunger Struck: Prime rib with aus jus, baked potato, dinner roll, side salad, dessert

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24
Celebration for Adam's 46th birthday: Smoked pork chop in mushroom gravy, potatoes/egg noodles, vegetable, dinner roll, birthday cake

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

Tuesday, Sept. 9: Scalloped potatoes with ham, bread, fruit
Wednesday, Sept. 10: No meal
Thursday, Sept. 4: Baked cod, bun, vegetable, fruits
Friday, Sept. 5: Goulash, breadstick, vegetable, fruit
Monday, Sept. 8: Stuffed pepper casserole, roll, lettuce or spinach salad, fruit
Tuesday, Sept. 9: Chef's Salad, cottage cheese, breadstick, fruit

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