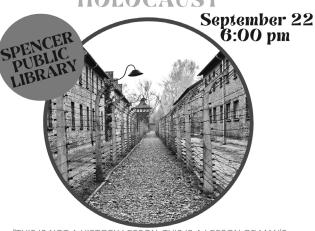
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BRAD WILKENING PRESENTS.... LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST



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NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB: A BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES Next Chapter Book meets every other Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We will be reading "What Do You Want On Your Pancakes? Short Stories For All" by Tim Fish. Call 580-7290 for a registration form. This group may meet in other places besides the library — call to find out where.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION — Monday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.

Join us as we discuss, "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante — beginning in the 1950s in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples, Ferrante's four-volume story spans almost 60 years, as its main characters, the fiery and unforgettable Lila and the bookish narrator, Elena, become women, wives, mothers and leaders, all the while maintaining a complex and at times conflicted friendship. Get a copy of the book at the library. Free to the public.

LINE DANCING CLASS — Saturday, Oct. 11, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join at Occasions as dance instructor, Erin Elliott owner of Midwest Movement: Line Dancing, teaches you how to Boot Scoot-N-Boogie.

AN AFTERNOON WITH EDGAR ALLAN POE — Monday, Oct. 27, 1-2:30 p.m. Join storyteller, Darrin Crow, as he brings to life the master of gothic horror, Edgar Allan Poe. Crow talks with audiences about Poe's life and shares Poe's best stories and poetry including "The Masque of the Red Death," "The Raven" and "The Tell Tale Heart." Free and open to the public.

OCCASIONS EVENTS

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17 Tai Chi — 10:30 a.m.

- Dig In: Travis Johnson, Clay County Attorney 11:45 p.m. Ponytail Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m.

 Bingo/500/Pinochle/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Coffee Klatch — 9 a.m.

- Movie: TBA 11:45 a.m. Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.
- SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

Biscuits & Gravy Fundraising Breakfast — 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

Mahjong/Bingo/Cards/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m.

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MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

Tuesday, Sept. 16: Chef's salad, cottage cheese, breadstick, fruit Wednesday, Sept. 17: No meal Thursday, Sept. 18: Liver and onions or beef patty, mashed potatoes

with gravy, roll, vegetable, fruits

Friday, Sept. 19: Pulled pork sandwich, potato wedges, vegetable, fruit

Monday, Sept. 21: Chef's choice Tuesday, Sept. 22: Maid-Rite, vegetable, fruit

EVERLY HAP HAPPY HOURS MENU

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

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

AUCTION CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ NOON - FALL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION. ONLINE ONLY AUCTION, BIDDING BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT NOON.. AN OPEN HOUSE TO VIEW THE ITEMS WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FROM 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. OPEN HOUSE IS LOCATED AT 3080 TAFT AVE, SANBORN, IA. VANDER WERFF AUCTIONS. 712-729-3264. WWW.VW72.COM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. - RETIREMENT METAL FABRICATION BUSINESS AUCTION. LOCATED AT 1809 HWY 4, ESTHERVILLE, IA. OWNER: C&G MANUFACTURING LLC. AUCTIONEERS: HOWELL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION, MARK 712-260-9690 OR LARRY 712-260-9693

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 @ 10:30 A.M. - ESTATE FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION. AUCTION TO BE HELD NEAR PAULLINA, IA. AUCTION IS BOTH LIVE AND& ONLINE. VANDER WERFF AUCTIONS. 712-729-3264. WWW.VW72.COM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 @ NOON - SHOP/STORAGE PROPERTY AUCTION. PROPERTY BEING AUCTIONED OFF IS LOCATED AT 2040 220TH ST, MILFORD, IA, 51351 (LOCATED 1 3/4 MILES WEST OF THE ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH CORNER - ADJACENT TO BLACKTOP A-34). ONLINE ONLY AUCTION, BIDDING BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT NOON. VANDER WERFF AUCTIONS. 712-729-3264. WWW.VW72.COM



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LAWN & GARDEN

Plant this fall for beautiful spring bouquets



A bouquet consisting of unique daffodil varieties found in one of Longfield Gardens' daffodil bulb collections. (Longfield-Gardens.com)



MELINDA Myers

This fall plant an array of spring flowering bulbs to brighten your garden and bouquets. There are plenty of daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and alliums that will delight with an assortment of flower colors and sizes that will bloom throughout the spring.

Include animal resistant double, bicolor and split cup daffodils that provide unique beauty and impact in floral arrangements. Create a simple bouquet with just a few stems of daffodils or an elegant arrangement of single and double flowered varieties.

Harvest daffodils when the buds show color and are perpendicular to the stem like a goose's neck. Don't worry about the sap daffodils exude, shortening the life of the other cut flowers in the arrangement. Properly conditioning the daffodils will eliminate the risk to your other spring favorites

Consider wearing gloves as some people report itching or rashes when handling these plants. Use your hands to harvest daffodils for the longest stems possible and to reduce sap released from the stem. Reach into the base of the flower stem, thumb pointed down and pull up. Cut the stems of freshly picked daffodils to the desired length for conditioning. Place them in a clean container of cool water and floral preservative. Leave them in the water for three to six hours when the sap stops flowing. Do not recut the stems before adding them to mixed flower arrangements.

Tulips have long been a favorite of gardeners and floral arrangers. Grow some taller varieties like Finola, Foxtrot, Silver Parrot Tulips and Negrita Double (longfield-gardens.com).

Gardeners growing tulips strictly for cutting will plant the bulbs in trenches and treat them as annuals. The first-year bloom is al-

ways the biggest, but you can enjoy them cut and try for a second and third year of flowers. Just cut the stems short and leave at least two to three leaves on the plant to create and store energy for next

Harvest tulips when the buds are just starting to show color for the longest vase life. Wait for double and parrot type tulip buds to be fully colored but not yet open. Remove the whole plant, bulb and all, if you do not plan on saving the plants for the following year. Store the tulips upright with the bulbs attached. Cut and rehydrate the stems in water just before arranging.

Wrap the stems in brown paper if they are cut in the garden or when you rehydrate the stems and set them in several inches of cool water for 12 to 18 hours. Keep in mind, tulips continue to grow after cut so plan for this when creating your arrangements. Harvest hyacinths for cutting as you did with tulips. Pull the

whole plant, bulb and all, out of the ground if you are growing them as annuals for cutting. Otherwise, cut only the stem and leave all the leaves behind if you want the bulbs to bloom again next year. Include a variety of alliums in your planting plans this fall. Al-

liums' long and sturdy stems make them easy to harvest and arrange. Purple Sensation, Mount Everest, drumstick allium and Allium atropurpureum make excellent additions for floral bouquets. Cutting and arranging flowers is a wonderful way to bring the

beauty of your garden indoors. The more you do it, the easier it gets, and you'll soon be sharing your flowers with friends, neighbors, family, coworkers and everyone who stops by to admire your gardens.

 Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the "Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

HOME COUNTRY



I have to tell the Ballad of Hoser, to remain true to my readers. It began at the beginning of summer, when I went out the back door to check on my tree seeds and see if any miracles had occurred. Not on the growing of trees department, but as I stood next to the garden cart with tools and rolls of new hose on it, a bumblebee flashed past my face and then vanished into his or her duty of collecting and distributing pollen. But where had he come from?

I have a serious respect for bumblebees, because they can temporarily cripple you with a single sting, I knew from experience.

So when it cooled off that evening, here came the bumblebee back and as I watched, he landed on the tool cart and solemnly walked

into the faucet end of the new garden hose. And as he entered, some of his day's pollen fell off. I'd never known anything to live in a hose, but we wished him well. His name, of course, was Hoser.

Then one day we found his body lying next to his home entrance, so we wished he'd lasted longer so we could brag on him, but that's how life goes.

Then a couple of days ago, I was out there again and a bumblebee flew past my face and later returned to the hose.

Meet Hoser II. Haven't used the hose yet for its intended purpose, but there's always time for that later on. Like winter. Or maybe next spring. Go Hoser II!

• If pollinating plants and supporting our pollinators appeals to you, but you'd feel cramped living in a hose, you might try https://xerces.org/. (unBF)

