

LA Communications Issues Files

3rd Quarter 2023

July 1 thru Sept 30, 2023

POST 400 CANTON, MN LEGION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Who: Canton, MN American Legion Post 400

What: Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

When: Saturday, August 19th, 2023 7AM – 10 AM

Where: Fest Tent area at Canton Day Off

Why: We are raising money to help with the ongoing additions to the Canton American Legion Memorial Fund

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3RD ANNUAL CANTON FIREMAN'S UTV/ATV RIDE

Posted: July 27, 2023

Who: Canton Volunteer Fire Department

What: 3rd Annual Fireman's UTV/ATV Ride

When: August 20th, 2023

Where: Canton Day Off, Canton, MN

Why: Fundraiser for Canton Fire Department

10:00AM-11:00AM Register at the Fireman's Beer Garden by the Fest Tent

Ride from 11:00 to 4:00 through Southern Minnesota's Bluff Country

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Posted: August 1, 2023

Assumption Parish of Little Turkey will be celebrating their annual church dinner on Tuesday, August 15th. Mass at 3:00 pm. Meal will be served 4:00-8:00 pm. \$15 per meal – 3 piece chicken, real mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade dressing, corn, coleslaw, kolache, cookies (outdoor dining only, carry-out or drive-thru).

Music, Games, Bingo, Kolache Sales, Raffle, and Facebook Auction. For more information go to the parish facebook page: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Little Turkey, Iowa

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Kimberly Ball – *Chairwoman*

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Posted: August 1, 2023

“Find your Revolutionary War Ancestor”

Sponsored by the Hannah Lee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

When: Thursday, August 17th – Visit between 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Where: Decorah Public Library, Downstairs Public Room, 202 Winnebago St, Decorah, IA

Bring your tablet/laptop, family trees, family bibles, obits, etc.

DAR members will be available to help you get started.

Julie Vogel – *Hannah Lee Chapter Secretary*

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Posted: August 2, 2023

The Kickin it Forward Foundation is a non-profit foundation that raises money to support local families facing medical emergencies or illnesses. We will have our 5th Annual Adult and Youth Kickball Tournament, raffle, silent auction, and meal on August 26th at the Festina Parish Hall and Ball Diamond. Pack a cooler, grab your lawn chairs, and bring the family to this fun filled event. The kickball tournament will begin at 1pm, registration starts at noon. All are welcome to play. The adult kickball tournament will follow the kids tournament. There will be family fun as well as silent auction and raffle items. There will be a free will donation meal from 5-7pm. Auction winners will be announced at 6:30pm.

We hope to financially support over 25 families with the funds raised from this event. We have financially supported over 90 families since 2019 in their time of need. Any generosity to this foundation demonstrates support for the community while providing hope in the lives of families facing difficult times.

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Posted: August 4, 2023

What do a bull in a China shop, the Amazon rainforest, and a butterfly pupa all have in common?

Each will be featured in a series of children's stories shared with families at the Porter House Museum in Decorah on Saturday, August 19.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., children ages 5 and up, along with an adult caregiver, can participate in a special story time tour at the museum. In the dining room, Clovis Keeps His Cool, by Katelyn Aronson about a bull in his Granny Grace's China shop, will be read.

Upstairs in the "camp room," Zonia's Rainforest, by Juana Martinez-Neal will be shared featuring the vibrantly colored blue morpho butterfly. And in Bert Porter's "butterfly room," How To Be A Butterfly, by Laura Knowles will be read, with colorful illustrations

of butterflies in their stages of development.

Hands-on crafts and exploration of the rock wall and gardens will follow, and the event will finish up with lunch provided to all participants.

There is no cost to attend this special event, thanks to the generosity of co-sponsors, David and Candace Arp <https://www.porterhousemuseum.org/events> and to volunteers

Darlene Fossum-Martin, Carol

Gaustad, Carol Hagen and Janis Mineart.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The stories are geared towards children ages 5 to 10 years of age and children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

To register, go to porterhousemuseum.org and click on “Events” to complete registration. Porter House Museum is located at 401 West Broadway in Decorah.

John Reynolds – *Museum Manager*

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Posted: August 10, 2023

Come join in on the fun! This year RSVP volunteers will be writing to about 360 3rd graders at St. Pat’s, Waukon, and New Albin in Allamakee County, Crestwood and Notre Dame in Howard County, and St. Ben’s and Decorah in Winneshiek County. If you are 55 or better and interested in writing 3-4 letters to a local 3rd-grade student, please contact RSVP at 563-277-5181, rsvp@decorahlibrary.org, or fill out an online application at <https://www.decorahlibrary.org/rsvp> Northeast Iowa RSVP Volunteers make a difference every day!

Deana Hageman – *Director*

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Posted: August 14, 2023

Media Advisory

What: Rep. Ashley Hinson visit to Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital

When: 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 16

Where: Gundersen Palmer Lutheran, 112 Jefferson St., West Union

Also: Rep. Hinson will be visiting the hospital to discuss maternity services at Palmer and in the region. After brief introductions, the tour will take place, followed by the discussion. Rep. Hinson will be available for media questions at 11:50.

Ryan Henry – *Communication Specialist*

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Posted: August 17, 2023

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Decorah will host its annual “Welcome Friends and Neighbors Community Picnic” on Sunday, September 10 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The picnic is free and open to all, and includes a bountiful potluck, sloppy joes, hot dogs, and beverages provided by Good Shepherd members; live music; games for kids; and the chance to meet new people and enjoy good conversation. Good Shepherd’s new courtyard with pergola and solar canopy will provide shelter from sun or showers. Come and see the results of our Carbon Neutral Initiative! In the event of a heavy rain, the picnic will be indoors in the church’s Fellowship Hall. The church facilities are ADA accessible.

Posted: August 24, 2023

Saturday, September 16

10-6 at the historic Elk’s Lodge, 105 River Street, Decorah, IA 52101

Free admission

Welcoming 9+ vendors from the tri-state area with vintage clothing, accessories, and small housewares.

Hosted by Honeyhead Vintage of Decorah

Instagram: @driftlessvintagemarket

Erin Ryan – *Organizer*

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Posted: August 28, 2023

WE ARE HAVING A CELEBRATION TO BRING BACK THE EVENTS ON THE TOWN OF CASTALIA. GOLF CART/UTV/LAWN MOWER PARADE. FOOD TRUCKS. LIVE MUSIC. CAR/TRACTOR SHOW N SHINE. AND A HUGE FIREWORKS SHOW AT DUSK. ALL EVENTS AT THE CASTALIA PARK

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Posted: August 29, 2023

DECORAH PRIDE FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR SEPT. 14-16

This year's Decorah Pride Festival events will take place in Decorah starting Thursday, Sept. 14 through Saturday, Sept 16. Pride is a celebration of people of diverse sexual and gender identities and expressions. Decorah Pride is open to all in the greater Driftless area who are part of or supporters of the LGBTQIA2S+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer-identifying, intersex, asexual, and two-spirit) community. Find more information and registrations at www.decorahpride.org.

Event Schedule

Trivia at Impact Coffee: Thursday, Sept. 14 | 7:30 p.m. | Impact Coffee

Bring a lawn chair and begin Decorah Pride weekend with C&C Lawn Chair Trivia outside at Impact Coffee.

ArtHaus Drag Show at T-Bocks Upstairs: Friday, Sept. 15 | 7-10 p.m. | T-Bocks Upstairs

Welcome fabulous drag performers to the stage at T-Bocks Upstairs. Tickets are available in advance online.

Rainbow Run: Saturday, Sept 16 | 8 a.m. | Starts at Heivly St. Ball Diamond

Get doused with color during this 5K Color Fun Run sponsored by ArtHaus. Participants' t-shirt design gets revealed with each color splash. Advanced registration online is preferred.

Pride Yoga: Saturday, Sept 16 | 10 a.m. | Driftless Yoga Studio (3rd floor of Impact).

Yoga is a holistic practice that nurtures self-compassion, seeks to heal divisions, and champions liberation. LGBTQIA2S+ folks and allies are invited to join in a movement practice together that will leave all feeling seen, heard, and renewed.

Decorah Pride Parade: Saturday, Sept. 16 | 3 p.m. | Water Street

The parade kicks off traveling down Water Street! Join the parade or cheer from the sidewalks to celebrate diversity, march for equality, and work in solidarity with LGBTQIA2S+ people. Advanced registration for floats and groups is required online.

Party in the Park: Saturday, Sept. 16 | 3:30 p.m. | Heivly St. green space, next to the softball diamond

This community event engages and connects folks of all ages. Visit with community partners, enjoy music, and grab some food with one of our local vendors. There will also be bouncy houses, balloon animal making, face painting, along with other lawn games.

Pride Dance Party – Saturday, Sept. 16 | 8 p.m. | Pulpit Rock Brewing

Grab one of the specially brewed beers or other beverages and join the DJ for an evening of unforgettable tunes and unmatched fun. Dance party-goers must be 18+ years old.

About Decorah Pride

Decorah Pride is an organization that creates spaces and opportunities for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and two-spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) communities in the Driftless area to connect and collaborate on increasing LGBTQIA+ visibility, celebrating diversity, and unleashing creativity.

Ellis Arnold and Andrew Ellingsen are co-chairs for the 2023 Decorah Pride Planning Committee, alongside Andrea Becker, Namoli Brennet, Marcella Meza, Holly Moore, and Gavy Smith. Decorah Pride is grateful for its Festival Sponsors and welcomes all to upcoming events this fall.

For more information and to register for the Pride Parade and events, visit www.decorahpride.org.

Ellis Arnold – *Decorah Pride, Co-Chair*

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Posted: August 30, 2023

The Waukon Fire Department HERO RUN will be Saturday, September 9, 2023. Open registration from 4:00-5:00 p.m. with the HERO RUN beginning at 5:00 p.m. HERO RUN entry fee is \$30.00 for each individual adult participant, \$25.00 for each adult team participant and \$20.00 for each 12 years old & under participant. The entry fee includes a Waukon Fire Department HERO RUN shirt and swag bag. Teams are defined as 3 or more adults in the group. Registrations received by August 21, 2023 will guarantee your shirt being available on the event day. Registrations completed after that time will receive a shirt at check in, if supplies are available. No shirt order will be placed after the day of the event.

You may also use this form to register for the LITTLE MINIONS RACE, open to participants 10 years old and under the very same day! Minion open registration from 4:00-4:30 p.m. with race beginning at 4:30 p.m. LITTLE MINION RACE entry fee is

\$20.00 including a Waukon Fire Department HERO RUN shirt or \$10.00 without a Waukon Fire Department HERO RUN shirt. Registrations received by August 21, 2023 will be guaranteed their shirt for the day of the race. Registrations completed after that time will receive a shirt at check in, if supplies are available. Youth sizes will only be available for pre event registrations and will NOT be available the day of the event. No shirt order will be placed after the day of the event.

Refreshments will be provided after the 5K event for all registered participants.

Email your questions to: waukonherorun@gmail.com or contact Cheryl at 515.681.5160 with any registration/payment related questions.

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Posted: September 5, 2023

Winneshiek County 4-H is hosting a National 4-H week carnival on Sunday, October 1 from 1PM-4PM at Lake Meyer County Park in Fort Atkinson. Community members interested in learning more about 4-H are encouraged to attend! This open-house style event will include crafts, games, and snacks and there is no cost to attend. Bring a friend and join the fun!

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Posted: September 11, 2023

South Winneshiek FFA Wins 2023 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle CDE

The 2023 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in Manchester on Friday, September 8, 2023. Thirty teams and individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of dairy cattle selection and management.

The South Winneshiek FFA Chapter located in Calmar was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Cattle Team. Team

members included: Mitchell Vagts, Kelsey Timp, Katrina Hageman, and Hanna Vagts. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Melissa Hageman. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the Decorah FFA Chapter located in Decorah. Team members included: Brody Courtney, Kiele Eberling, Anders Lovstuen, and Creed Monroe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Joni Bruvold. Kelsey Timp from Calmar was the Champion Individual. Anders Lovstuen from Decorah was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation and the Youth Dairy Classic Exhibitors. Jim Hammerand, Austin Knapp and Kurt Wolf were the official judges for the placing classes. Kaleb Kruse selected the cattle for judging classes and acted as reasons taker.

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Posted: September 22, 2023

Lime Springs United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Harvest Auction – this Monday Sept 25, 2023 at 7 pm in Church Basement. This is the 94th Annual Auction – featuring Pies, Baked goods, fresh produce and craft items

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