

LA Communications Community Issues 2nd Quarter 2023

Posted: April 14, 2023

3rd Annual We're on a Mission...Pave the Way 5K and Kids Fun Run

June 3, 2023

Starts and ends at the Calmar Lutheran Church in Calmar Iowa

Proceeds raised will be used for property improvements and the youth mission trip to Cuba.

Chase Adam and Caylie Adam are putting this on as part of their 4-H leadership project.

Posted: April 17, 2023

IOWA CITY, DES MOINES, OTTUMWA, CEDAR RAPIDS, and CHARITON, IA – Disability Rights Iowa will host an in-person panel presentation in Iowa City on Assistance Animals for Mental Health. In person satellite viewings of this panel conversation will take place in Des Moines, Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids and Chariton. The panel conversation consists of six individuals who collectively have legal expertise, mental health expertise, and lived experience. The panel will also be moderated by a legal expert. To register to attend any in-person viewing location, or for the online streaming of this event follow the URL linked in the next sentence. <https://disabilityrightsiowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/press-statement-nmhae-23-final.pdf>

Posted: April 20, 2023

Allamakee County Emergency Management and the City of Harpers Ferry are looking for volunteers tomorrow, Friday 21 April 2023, who would be able to assist in filling sandbags for local residents to have access to based on the new forecasted flood levels on the Mississippi River.

This will take place at the Harpers Ferry City Shop located next to the Ball Diamond and will start at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Friday. The intent is to fill at least 1000 sandbags, which will then be staged at the shed for use by those needing to protect their residences from the approaching flood waters.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Harpers Ferry at 563-586-2777 or the Allamakee County Emergency Management Agency at 563-568-4233.

Posted: May 1, 2023

Original members of four local bands will be reuniting on Friday evening of Mother's Day Weekend, May 12, for one night in downtown Waukon. This benefit event features a reunion of 11 mostly local musicians, two of whom played together 45 years ago in a number of area bands including Rising Sun, Horizon, Jackson Junction and Deep River.

Many of the returning musicians are from Waukon including brothers Bill Withers, Jim Withers, John Withers, along with Gary Hesla, Bob Bechtel, Dave Dougherty, Brad Prestemon, Todd Pickett and Joel Anderson. They will be joined by Keel Clemmens and Jamey Lideen, longtime band members over the years. Of the original 12 musicians, the late Pat Dougherty, will also be remembered during the event, with his brother Dave joining the band at times throughout the evening.

This reunited band is now known as "Bandmates, Brothers and Friends" or "BBF". The event will take place at Goodfella's in downtown Waukon from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, May 12. Everyone attending will enjoy songs from the 50's through the 90's, both country and rock, from classic bands and individual artists like Elvis, the Beatles and Alabama, to name a few.

"These three bands have played hundreds of venues over four decades, across the tri-state area; however, our base was always northeast Iowa. This will be the first time we have all been together at one event," states Bill Withers, event coordinator. "We wanted to return to our roots, donating our time and event proceeds. We chose the Veterans Memorial Hospital Health Care Foundation as our beneficiary as part of their recent conversion to county ownership. We hope everyone will save the date and look forward to an amazing night of memories and great music."

Free-will donations will be accepted at the door and on-line. All proceeds will benefit the Veterans Memorial Health Care Foundation.

Posted: May 3, 2023

The Eitzen Lion's will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, May 30th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at the Eitzen Community Center, 207 East Main St, Eitzen, Mn. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: EITZEN to schedule and appointment. Come give 5/20 through 5/31 for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel. The Eitzen Lion's would like to thank you for your support of this vital cause.

Posted: May 16, 2023

On Saturday August 5th in Caledonia:

There will be an ATV/UTV ride with registration at the Houston County Fairgrounds from 7-9 am and the ride will leave at 9:00 am sharp. \$20.00 per person to ride. Please watch for a separate FB event for the ride.

Starting at 5:00 pm at the Houston County Fairgrounds, there will be food with raffles and live auction. We are accepting donations, and these can be dropped off at Merchants Bank in Caledonia, or contact [Connie Schroeder](#) or [Kim Klug](#) for arrangements.

T-shirt's will be available for purchase in the next couple weeks.

Tim is a Firefighter on the Caledonia Fire Department and a husband and father of 2 who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon cancer that has spread to the lymph nodes in his spine and his lungs.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1404981553583573/?ref=newsfeed>

Connie Schroeder – *Event coordinator*

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FORT ATKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES
\$20,000 Grant Will Help the Library Work with Residents with Disabilities to fully access the library.

Fort Atkinson — Fort Atkinson Public Library has been selected as one of 240 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a \$20,000 grant that will help the library with capital improvements around its disabled access.

“We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity,” said Library Director Laura Thomas. “This grant will allow our library to get to know our residents with disabilities better. It will help us improve our services to ensure this population feels welcome and comfortable in our space.”

As part of the grant, Fort Atkinson Public Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about accessibility and use the grant funds to replace the rear entrance, install electric door openers [and replace the existing ramp].

Accessibility is vital to the use of library services, and with limited access means limited use. “It’s often difficult to use the rear entrance to the library and we want to improve that so that all of our patrons are able to access the library and its resources,” said Thomas.

If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, please contact Laura Thomas at 563-534-222, webmaster@fortatkinson.lib.ia.us or visit www.fortatkinson.lib.ia.us for more information.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

"Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)."

Fort Atkinson Public Library is a rural library located in Fort Atkinson, Iowa. It was established in 1964 to serve Fort Atkinson and the surrounding area. It provides a variety of services to patrons of all ages and abilities. For more information, see our website at www.fortatkinson.lib.ia.us.

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Posted: May 16, 2023

RSVP of Northeast Iowa and the American Red Cross are holding their "Battle of the Badges" Blood Drive Friday, May 19th from 12 noon until 5 pm at Stone Ridge Community Church, 1111 Montgomery Street in Decorah. Respond to the call to give blood during this time of critical need and vote for your favorite public service department – EMS, Fire or Law Enforcement. In addition to receiving a \$10 e-gift card by email to a merchant of your choice, you'll also have a chance to win a 4-night trip for 2 to the 2023 MLB All-Star Game in Seattle! Includes flights, hotel & more! See rcblood.org/team. Donating blood is an act of kindness you can carry with you! For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter code DECORAH. Or, simply call Pete at 309-236-2382.

Posted: May 17, 2023

Join the Northeast Iowa Dairy & Agriculture Foundation for the 13th annual Breakfast on the Farm Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 8:30 am – Noon at Iowa's Dairy Center located south of Calmar. We'll be serving up a wholesome breakfast complete with Dad's Belgian Waffles, sausage and of course delicious dairy products including milk, cheese, yogurt and ice cream that's all been locally produced and processed. There will be plenty of activities to keep you busy on the farm including:

- Guided tram tours around the farm
- Hand milk a cow
- Petting zoo
- Cow inflatable
- Corn pools
- Educational exhibits
- And more!

Breakfast on the Farm will be held rain or shine. Donations are accepted the day of and parking is available on-site. Visit our Facebook event for more information. See you there!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3510100375899448>

See you at Toppling Goliath on Saturday, June 17th. Fun run starts from the taproom at 10 AM.

We've mapped out a 5k-ish course that starts and ends at Toppling Goliath and weaves throughout the countryside of Decorah. Run, walk, jog – whatever goes! All ages, all levels are welcome.

Cross the finish line and celebrate! All participants receive:

- A craft beverage at the finish line from Toppling Goliath!

- Choice of a collector's pint glass or seasonal swag item from the Brewery Running Series
- A chance to win sweet door prizes, like Brewery Running Series merchandise or beer to take home
- Access to event festivities, goodies, and giveaways
- And more!

Our mission is to **be active, have fun and give back** to our local community. A portion of all proceeds from our events support local nonprofits – over \$350k raised to date! This event will add to that tally. A portion of every registration goes directly to local organizations like The Spectrum Network. Their mission is helping individuals with cognitive disabilities, mental illness, and other barriers to independent living enter the workforce and the community and more. So not only do you get to enjoy some healthy activity and great, local beer – you are helping us support local organizations that do important work in our community.

Registration is limited to the size of the taproom and many of our events sell out. Sign up today!

Important details:

- This is an untimed, fun-run. All levels of walkers, runners and joggers are welcome.
- This is an open course, meaning roads will NOT be closed. You are responsible for obeying all traffic laws and regulations.
- We create each route to start and end at the brewery and to show off the surrounding neighborhood. The course will be marked with arrows to help you know where to go.
- You must bring a valid ID or driver's license. You do not need to be 21 to enjoy the event, but you must be 21 to enjoy the beer. Please drink responsibly. Registered, underage participants will receive a token for a FREE non-alcoholic beverage.
- Our events are rain or shine! If conditions become unsafe to run, we will still hang out and drink beer.
- There will not be a bag check; please plan accordingly and dress appropriately for the weather.
- Dogs and strollers are welcome on the course, with care and caution. Please remember – you are running at your own risk on city sidewalks / streets / trails, which might not be suitable for your 4-legged and /or pint size running buddies. You will also want to check with the brewery to make

sure you can abide by their dog / underage policies. Please make the best decision possible for your crew.

- Please drink responsibly. We always encourage carpooling and safe, designated drivers.

Keep an eye on your inbox – we will send you all final event details via email the week of this event and share anything else you might need to know to participate.

Questions? Check out our [FAQ](#) | Contact us at audrie@breweryrunningseries.com

Cheers to beers! We'll see you at Toppling Goliath!

Posted: June 16, 2023

The Allamakee County Veterans Affairs Office and the Allamakee County Veterans Museum are sponsoring a PTSD Awareness walk on Saturday, June 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. from the FREEDMOM ROCK in the Waukon City Park to the COUNTY COURTHOUSE front lawn.

Following the walk, programs, speakers, and video presentations will be provided by Veterans Administration PTSD Specialists at the Allamakee Veterans Museum at 105 Allamakee Street, across from the courthouse.

This event is part of VA's National Center for PTSD program celebrating JUNE as PTSD AWARENESS MONTH. Designated PTSD Awareness Day is June 27. Participants are encouraged to engage in 27 minutes of exercise.

The event is not limited to Veterans, but is designed to inform the public at large to raise awareness of effective PTSD treatments that are available. PTSD affects people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life. It takes a community to help all with PTSD to heal.

Those unable to participate in the walk are also invited to attend events at the courthouse and the Veterans Museum. Shuttle service will be available at the park to assist those who cannot participate in the walk.

Contact Allamakee Veterans Affairs Office at 563-568-6135 for info.