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# Fun for Funds

## Community rallies together at sponsored events to raise scholarship funds for Iowa Lakes' students

By Rebecca Boneschans

ALL CAMPUSES-Every few months, Iowa Lakes' Institutional Advancement/Foundation Office holds fundraisers for student scholarships. Each county holds a fundraiser for students attending Iowa Lakes that creates community involvement and allows different generations to interact for the same great cause - education.

A few of the annual fundraisers from each county include: golf outings located at North Kossuth Golf Course, Spencer Golf Course & Country Club and Hillcrest Golf & Country Club for Kossuth, Clay and Palo Alto counties; a luau held at the Barefoot Bar for Dickinson county; a poker run utilizing all campuses and a Car Cruise Scholarship, which was held at three of the five campuses.

The most recent one of these events was the Car Cruise Scholarship. This was brought into action from the gathering of event committee members and employees who wanted to do something for non-golfers and non-motorcyclists that everyone could participate in.

The Car Cruise was held on Sept. 26. This event was for anyone and everyone who wanted to show off their stellar automobiles, whether they were old, new, finished or not.

It began at the Spencer campus at 1:00 p.m. and boasted a scavenger hunt to be played throughout the day and free root beer floats. At this location, participants lined up their car, shined them up and got them ready for the road. Many participants had already signed up in advance; early tickets were \$20 and others signed up on the campus, costing \$25. Thirty entrees were made in advance and another 30 were signed up on location.

The show in Spencer lasted for roughly two hours then moved on to the Spirit Lake Campus, where event participants played Plinko and Fuzzy Dice Poker to raise funds for the scholarships. At 5:30 p.m., the cruise moved on to the Estherville campus where kids enjoyed a coloring contest, a silent auction offering locally donated items, such as a car kit, gas cards, and a meal. At the end of the event, everyone was invited to the Superior Highway 71 drive-in for a double feature, showing "Grease" and "Fast & Furious" (2009).

Not only was this a great way to raise funds for future and continuing students, this event brought people together from a variety of places. Wayne Lussman, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, learned about the event from a flyer that was passed out at another car show. He owns a 1956 Ford F100 and goes to as many car shows as possible.

Lussman bought and has worked on his vehicle since he was 18 years old and enjoys weekends away at car shows. When he heard about the Car Cruise Scholarship event, he decided it would be interesting to do, because it was something different than other car shows he's attended. "It's been a lot of fun," Lussman stated. "We decided that it was for a good cause and you're not just sitting in one spot. You're moving around and going some place and you end up at a drive-in, too."

The Car Cruise, along with the other events, will be held the same weekend each year. Trish Morfitt, Event Coordinator, stated, "We like to try and keep them pretty consistent, as far as on the weekend, that way people who are there can plan a year out and know that it's coming up again."

As far as the route for this event goes, it will change each year. This year's route was from Spencer to Spirit Lake to Estherville. The committee had considered utilizing all campuses but came to a crossroads. Morfitt stated, "One of the things we came up against was people saying 'My classic car won't make it that far.' And so we talked about alternating the route each year."

This was the first year for the Car Cruise and the committee plans to keep it going for the future. The number of participants turned out to be what was expected since it was the first year and advertising was minimal. "We did a lot of flyer and word-of-mouth advertising," said Morfitt. "The turnout was right about what we expected since it was the pilot of the event. And we did have a lot of comments of people saying that they knew more people who would come next year," she continued.

These events are fun and anyone can participate. The funds raised go towards scholarships for each county an Iowa Lakes campus is located in. The scholarships are available to any student who wishes to apply. "Everyone coming to Iowa Lakes has an opportunity to get those scholarships," Morfitt stated. "So, this (the events) is a great way of getting those funds."

Each scholarship given is based on what is raised through each event. It's also dependent upon how much is given out and how many recipients there are. "Some events raise enough money to do 15 \$1000 scholarships," said Morfitt. "Depending on the campus, each may split the funds into two deadlines, giving away funds to ten students the first semester and ten the second semester."

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Who knew that fun could help fund the education of Iowa Lakes' students? This event, and others, has sponsors who donate their services, time and money. This event was made possible by local area sponsors including: A&W Restaurant, Arnold Motor Supply, Bud's Service, Inc. and Don Pierson Ford all of Spencer, Iowa, AERO Race Wheels of Estherville, Iowa, Lakes Autosport & Lube Center of Spirit Lake, Iowa, MHR Inc, of Milford, Iowa, Mediacom Connections/Lakes TV, KICD 107.7 and Northwest Iowa Shopper.



# Tasty treats a flame

By Amanda Heenan, Tricia Hill, and Michaela Berg

EMMETSBURG-On Oct. 6, 2009, the Hotel and Restaurant Management Program hosted its Sixth Annual Hospitality Management Career Exploration Day for surrounding schools. Spirit Lake, Okoboji, Graettinger-Terril, Estherville, Emmetsburg and Armstrong-Ringsted participated in the fun event.

The students were given the opportunity to visit with hospitality career professionals to discuss career opportunities that are available. They were able to do hands-on activities, with the experts, such as working with sushi, pastries and flaming bananas. Emily Aanonson, senior at Estherville Lincoln-Central High School, said, "I want to go to school for cooking." Her favorite part of the day was participating in the flaming banana exercises.

Don Hensley, corporate executive chef of Martin Bros. of Cedar Falls, Iowa, made sushi, since his main dishes are Southwestern and Asian. He has been a chef for 20 years and



Iowa Lakes' student, Kali Rouse, shows off her talent in making a sushi roll.



ELC student, Evetta Hughes, shows off her good work in the Cake Decorating Class.

this was his first year presenting for the Hospitality Management Career Exploration Day. His main reason for pursuing a career in cooking was because, "Girls like guys that can cook," said Hensley.

Jennifer Flores is the corporate executive chef of Rosium Elite Sales and Marketing Company representing RICH'S of Des Moines, Iowa. She pleased the crowd with her fun frosting techniques on baked goods, which later on were happily sampled by students and faculty. Flores has 23 years of experience in the culinary field. She holds the titles of Banquet Chef, Sous Chef (Assistant Chef), Executive Chef, Pastry

Chef and Restaurant Manager. She got her degree in culinary arts that took her around the world to enjoy wonderful cruises, culture and people. Flores has been working with RICH'S Company for eight years. As a corporate executive chef, her responsibilities are creating new recipes, recipe ideas with company products by demonstrations and training seminars. While she demonstrated, she said, "Practice goes a long way."

Bryan Easter, who heated up the show room with flaming bananas, is the executive meeting manager for Sheraton West Des Moines, West Des Moines, Iowa. Easter is an Iowa Lakes Alumni of the class of 2001. This is his sixth year participating in the Hospitality Management Career Exploration Day. He worked at the Inn in Okoboji until 2006 and was in charge of the staff and other services. Easter was a part-time bartender while helping the Inn chef and eventually just took things into his own hands. The flaming bananas were such a great hit the first year, so he continues to demonstrate how to make them every year. "I really look forward to this every year," stated Easter.

# Graphic Design Club animates Las Vegas

By Kat Herman and Brooke Sabin

ESTHERVILLE- From Oct. 1-3, 2009, Debbie Wilson, the Graphic Design instructor, took her six Graphic Design Club members to Las Vegas. While there they attended the Photoshop World Conference and Expo.

Being an educational group, the registration fee for the Graphic Design Club was \$149. Full price for everyone else was \$649. "The airfare was reasonable," stated Wilson, "and we stayed at the Excalibar Resort."

There was no difficulty getting approval from Iowa Lakes' Dean Darin Moeller. He said as long as the club members paid their expenses, there wouldn't be a problem.

The students had to sign a code of conduct sheet which is required for any overnight school functioned trip.

At the Photoshop World Conference and Expo, the students attended classes that ranged from repairing damaged photos, 3-D animation, photography, image compositing and much more.

The students had some free time as well. In their spare time they saw the water fountains at the Bellagio, The Biggest Tattoo Show on Earth and various attractions in the area around the Excalibar Resort.

"Everything went quite smoothly, and the students behaved themselves beautifully," Wilson said, "This might even turn into a biannual opportunity."

As a result of this trip, the students will be busy with fundraising the rest of the year in order to build up the club's account. "A fundraiser that they will be doing is cutting vinyl lettering," stated Wilson.

Over 3000 people attended the Photoshop World Conference and Expo. For images of the conference visit [www.photoshopworld.com](http://www.photoshopworld.com).

# Eustice named new head wrestling coach

By Rachel Opperman and Halee Lokken

ESTHERVILLE-Iowa Lakes is starting the year off with a new wrestling coach, Ty Eustice.

Eustice grew up with a dad who was a wrestling coach. "Coaching is just something that comes naturally," Eustice said. "It's not something that I really had to think about. Since this is only the second year of wrestling (at Iowa Lakes), it's still a brand new program."

Practice started Wednesday, Sept. 2, and so far the guys are both respectful and ready to

work hard. "It's a physical and a mental sport having to figure out what to do next," said Eustice.

The schedule for the wrestlers is exciting this year. Nov. 7 the duals begin and then on Nov. 20 the wrestling team is scheduled at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. It's something everyone is excited about, since the University of Iowa is the same school that Eustice graduated from.

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While Eustice was a Hawkeye wrestler, he was a 4-year NCAA Division one qualifier, a two-time all American wrestler and a 100-match winner, all while being a two-time team captain from 2001-2006. After graduating he became a graduate assistant coach at Minnesota State University in Mankato, where they won the state team title in 2008 at the National Duals.

# Volleyball - inconsistent but better offensively

By Bryce Huddleston

For the Iowa Lakes Volleyball team, this season could, so far, be described by one word: inconsistent. It's been a lot of back and forth between putting a complete game together and getting the win, and having one too many errors in a game, and losing a close one.

But even with the season being unstable at times when it comes to winning, there has been one constant. "Offensively, we're better than we were last year," Iowa Lakes head coach Scott Tschetter said. "The offense is working the way we want. Team hitting efficiency is over .300, which is great for any team." So putting points on the board is working out well for Iowa Lakes.

Danika Stindtman is leading the team in hitting percentages with .968 and has 492 kills. Breanna Gourley leads the team with 646 assists and Mariah Simonson has 29 service aces to lead the team.

So it's not the offence that has been the issue for the Lakers. The defense has had its struggles and has caused close, very winnable games to be lost. Too many errors have given the opposite team too many opportunities to put the game out of reach for the Lakers.

"It's been a learning process," coach Tschetter said. "The biggest difference from last year to this year has been the defense."

Rachael Nelson is the team leader in blocks with 45. Yawen Xiao has a total of 209 digs to lead the way for the Lakers.

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The Lakers played well the last half of September, and look to keep that going as they head into the final couple weeks of the season. Coach Tschetter says he's looking for a lot of leadership from his sophomore players to make sure this team ends the season on a high note.

*Happy Halloween!*