

DICKINSON COUNTY NEWS ARCHIVES

Are you trying to find an article or a photo from a past issue of a Lakes Area newspaper? Take a look at the Dickinson County Newspaper Archives on our website! All of the Dickinson County newspapers are available online from 1870 through 2021. This includes Spirit Lake Beacon (1870-1999), Milford Mail (1886-1980), Lake Park News (1916-1987), Terril Record (1928-1956), Milford Mail and Terril Record (1929-1998), and Dickinson County News (1999-2021). You can browse by title, year, search word(s) or specific date(s).

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There are four easy steps to get started. Go to slpublib.com. Scroll down to Digital Resources at Your Fingertips. Click on the DCN icon (right column). Start searching! You may have to use a variety of search terms, years, newspaper titles, etc. to find what you are looking for.

If you click on the "More +" button below the list of newspaper titles, you can access even more information. All of the previously mentioned publications are there, plus a few others: Milford Mail Terril Record (1985-1997), Dickinson County Mail News (1975-1976), and Terril Tribune (1900-1903).

Almost one hundred years of Spirit Lake High School yearbooks are online from 1915-2013. Look up and see who you know from years past! We are missing some yearbooks here and there though. If you happen to have any of the ones that haven't yet been digitized, please contact us. We would love to borrow those yearbooks, digitize them, and then return them to you. This process will not damage the books. For a few years in the 1930's, students at SLHS published a bi-monthly newspaper of high school activities called What's What. That is also available to peruse on our website.

And finally, all of the documents are available from the building of the original Carnegie Library in Spirit Lake. It's fun to look at those papers and see, for example, that the proposal to wire the library building was \$135! So, do a little deep dive into some local history and see what you find!