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LEARN ABOUT BIOIDENTICAL HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

March 14 • 6:30 - 7:30 PM
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Friday, March 1

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OKOBOJO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pre-Kindergarten & New Kindergarten Family **INFORMATION MEETING**

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 PM

Okobojo Elementary School • 705 N Ave, Milford

***Please enter through main doors on the east side of the building**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Come meet the teachers and learn more about Okobojo Schools!

All children who will be 4 years old on or before September 15, 2024, are eligible for Pre-K for the 2024-25 school year!

**Optional to bring your child to the meeting.*

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NEW FAMILY KINDERGARTEN

Come meet the teachers and learn more about Okobojo Schools!

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Join YIP in Making A Difference!

The Youth In Philanthropy (YIP) program by the Okoboji Foundation is seeking community donations to help achieve their \$75,000 goal. Fundraising efforts will continue until March 31st.

Abby Scott, a YIP student, shares, "Youth in Philanthropy is not only helping build a great foundation for the young adult I am becoming and aspire to be, but it is also the perfect opportunity to thank and give back to my wonderful community."



Addison Johnson, Sydney Rahe, and Abby Scott.

Throughout October to April, thirty students from local high schools engage in the YIP program, learning about the Okoboji Foundation's collaboration with area non-profits.

Sydney Rahe, another YIP participant, expresses, "YIP is my way of giving back to the community and supporting organizations in need."

Echoing this sentiment, second-year YIP student Addison Johnson emphasizes, "Community collaboration accelerates our progress towards common goals."

YIP welcomes public involvement in sponsoring their fundraising endeavors, with every dollar directly benefiting the community through YIP Grant Awards in March.

To sponsor a specific student, you can send a check to the Okoboji Foundation, noting the sponsored student in the memo line, at PO Box 593, Okoboji IA 51355. Online donations can be made at www.okobojifoundation.org/yip.

For further details about YIP, the Okoboji Foundation, or additional ways to contribute, please reach out to our staff at 712-332-7177 or via email at info@okobojifoundation.org.



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|  <p>Fareway Corn, Peas, or Green Beans select varieties, 14.5-15.25 oz.</p> <p style="font-size: 36px; font-weight: bold;">59¢</p> <p>LIMIT 6</p> |  <p>Fareway Coffee Pods select varieties, 80 ct</p> <p style="font-size: 36px; font-weight: bold;">\$1.99</p> <p>LIMIT 2</p> | |

Birthday Announcement

Cheri Eichman celebrated an 80th Birthday on February 20, 2024. Birthday wishes can be sent to 508 34th Street, Milford, Iowa 51351.

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Leap of Kindness Day Fast Approaching - Donations Deadline

Last call - we are nearing our deadline for our #LeapOfKindnessDay donations. Every four years we are blessed with an extra day to make a difference in our community. This #LeapOfKindnessDay the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber is challenging businesses, organizations, and individuals to help fill the need at our local schools within Dickinson County.

Whether it's snacks for classrooms, winter coats, or laundry detergent - the need is huge. Check out our Facebook Page for a link to a full list of needs that will benefit these area schools.

Challenge yourself and your business to gather items for our schools! Items needed include in-the-hole lunch account funds, clothing, snacks, toiletries, and so much more. Don't want to shop for items? Monetary donations are encouraged to ensure items are not duplicated and donations can go further.

Our office will be open for donation drop off Monday-Wednesday, 9:00am-4:00pm, leading up to Leap of Kindness Day on February 29th. Unable to drop off? Give us a call and we can organize a time to pick-up. We'd like to thank many local businesses and individuals for stepping up and making large donations already! Let's see what kind of difference we can make when we work together!

The deadline to get items to the IGLA Chamber is Wednesday, February 28th, so we can ensure to get supplies to designated locations! If you have any questions, please contact Morgan at morgan@okobojichamber.com or give us a call at 712-332-2107.

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Those members of the Okoboji School District Family recognized with a Board Salute will be honored with the following: A certificate of recognition formally presented at a Regular Board of Education meeting; a small token of the Board's esteem in recognition of the recipient's extra service to the District.



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PATHWAYS**

SUPER BALL GAME CHALLENGE WINNERS

Brandon Berning

Pete Redmond

Brenda Tesch

Kyle Ingwersen

Congratulations to our four winners of this year's Super Bowl Challenge. Brandon Berning (Milford) and Pete Redmond (Spirit Lake) each had 16 correct picks with Brandon winning the tiebreaker. Brenda Tesch (Spencer) and Kyle Ingwersen (Lake Park) each had 14 correct picks with Brenda winning the tiebreaker. We had another great turnout with 173 people playing this year. Thank you so much for playing, and please be sure to thank our sponsors who make it all possible: Blink Marketing, Boji Boat Brokers, Boji Doors, Brandt Gardens, Brian & Lonna Draayer (Re/Max), Carstens Financial Group, Fareway, Gingham Inn, Hy-Vee, J & J Transport, Milford Motor Company, Okoboji Barn, Overhead Door Sales & Service, Simply Beautiful Coatings, Spencer Imaging Center, Sunshine Foods, The Tobacco Shop and The Shed! Be sure to look for our March Madness promotion next month!

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April 10, 17 & 24 | 7-9pm | \$75/\$85

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This class is open to all ages (21+) and experience levels. We work from the ground up so that anyone at any ability level can learn how to dance. This class is not only for couples, but for singles too! For additional information visit lakesart.org/education.

CULINARY CLASSES

Wine Class
With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman
6:00pm | \$40/\$45
March 7: Women Winemakers
April 4: The Science of Wine

Tasting and Pairing Wine Dinner
March 21 | 6:00pm | \$90/\$100
Join us for a 5 course dinner prepared by Chef Susanne with wines of Zuccardi from Argentina. Our guest for the evening will be Jonathan Waldrop from Winesellers LTD. Jonathan has been in the food and Registration required by March 14.

Luncheon With Instruction
With Chef Susanne Bicknese
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March 14: Boozy Food
April 11: Super Sauces
May 9: Forgotten Dayton-Hudson Salads

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Preschool Picassos | 3-5 yr

Wednesdays 10-11am
Members \$10 | Non-Members \$24

June 5: Sailboat Shapes
June 12: Geometric Birds
June 19: Reed Sculptures
June 26: Sun Prints
July 10: Clay Cupcakes
July 17: Chalk Pastel
July 24: Up Close Animal Painting
July 31: Shadow Plant Collage

Summer Cezannes | 1-3 gr

Mondays & Tuesdays | 10:00-11:30am
Members \$20 | Non-Members \$24

June 3 & 4: Lake & Sea Painting
June 10 & 11: Night Scene with Liquid Watercolor
June 17 & 18: Basket Reed Sculptures
June 24 & 25: Solar Printmaking & Collage
July 8 & 9: Animals in Clay
July 15 & 16: Warm & Cool Chalk Pastel
July 22 & 23: Landscape on Canvas
July 29 & 30: Collage & Plein Air

Summer Suerats | 4-6 gr

Thursdays & Fridays 10:00-11:30am
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June 6 & 7: Winslow Homer Seascape
June 13 & 14: Camping with Liquid Watercolor
June 20 & 21: Sculpting with Reeds
June 27 & 28: Nature & Sun Printmaking
July 11 & 12: Artistic Clay Cups
July 18 & 19: "Painting" with Pan Pastels
July 25 & 26: Spray Paint Canvas

Teen Art | 7-12 gr

Mondays & Tuesdays | 1:00-3:00pm
Members \$22* | Non-Members \$26*

June 3 & 4: Ocean Scenes
June 12 & 13: Techniques in Watercolor
June 19 & 20: Sculpting with Reeds
June 26 & 27: Cynotypes
***July 8 & 9: Pottery Wheel 101 *\$30/\$34**
July 15 & 16: Using Pan Pastels
July 22 & 23: Spray Paint Landscapes
July 29 & 30: Collage and Plein Air

4th of July Tie-Dye T-shirts

July 1 | ALL AGES | \$12/\$15 per Shirt
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Join us for a PLAC tie dye tradition! White t-shirts provided for youth to adult along with gloves and paints shirts for the messy tie dye process. Take the t-shirts home in a Ziploc bag with washing instructions! All ages, families, groups, or individuals welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Must register by June 24.

MEMBERS ONLY REGISTRATION 2/28-3/6

***Must call 712-332-7013.**

***Online registration available 3/7 to members and non-members.**

***Registration is based on what grade your child is going into in the 24-25 school year.**

***Participants must register by the Wednesday one week prior to the class, no exceptions.**

If you would like your child to attend but need financial assistance, please register your child by calling the box office at 712-332-7013. Financial assistance to all youth classes is available thanks to a generous donation from Gary and Pat Ray. Simply tell the box office you are registering utilizing the Gary and Pat Ray scholarship.

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Sun., March 3 - 10:00 AM - Farm Toy auction in Humboldt, IA. Auctioneers: Hundertmarks. 515-332-2704. www.hundertmarkauction.com.

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Upcoming weekly events in March at Occasions, Formerly the Spencer Area Activity Center, located at 104 East 4th street in Spencer.

Tuesday, February 27
 10:30 Chair Exercise
 11:45 Dinner Date
 1:00 Bingo
 1:00 500

Wednesday, February 28
 10:30 Tai Chi
 11:45 Dinner Date and Dig In & Discover
 1:00 Ponytail Canasta
 1:00 Pool or Snooker

Thursday, February 29
 10:30 Chair Exercise
 11:45 Dinner Date
 1:00 Bingo
 1:00 500/Pinochle

Friday March 1
 9:00 Coffee 'Klatch'
 11:45 Dinner Date
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Summer Camp at the Nature Center

It's that time of the year again to start thinking of summer! The Dickinson County Nature Center is ready for our summer camp registration that will open on Friday, March 1st, at 8:00am. Camps fill up very quickly; additionally, register for the grade your child is going into.

Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator, commented, "We encourage campers to explore, ask questions, and get dirty! After all, that's what being outside is all about! Summer camps at the Nature Center are a great way to get kids out of the four walls during the summer, encourage creativity, and get away from those screens!" She added that summer camps are one of the many learning and recreational opportunities that the Nature Center offers to the public.

Camps are offered for youth going into preschool up to 9th grade! The Nature Center also offers free monthly programs for youth and adults. Download our summer schedule by going to the Programs page at our website. To register or learn more about our camps, visit www.dickinsoncountynaturecenter.com and go to the Programs/Events tab, or call 712-336-6352. Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest news and updates about the Nature Center.

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Birthday Announcement

Raeburn Newell Louscher, of Spirit Lake, celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday, February 26, 2024. She was born February 26, 1924, in Spencer, South Dakota. Burton and Raeburn Newell moved to Spirit Lake in the early 1950s when Burton opened his dental practice. Burton passed away in 1992. Raeburn married John Louscher in 1995 and he passed away in 2009.

Birthday wishes may be sent in care of: Wel-Life at 1819 23rd Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Clark Museum Opening Soon

Attention: It will be spring before we know it. People say the visit to the Clark Museum made their day. The museum displays pictures of towns and advertisements from all 99 Iowa counties and histories of South Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota.

Many items from the old amusement park, past resorts and eating establishments are on display. Don't shorten your time, there is too much to see and Jerry likes to tell stories.

Clubs or organizations can make an appointment by calling 712-338-2147. The museum is located one mile west and a half mile south of Highway 71 and 86. The museum is a 501-c3 non-profit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.

To The Editor:

And the beat goes on for those of us along the route of the CO2 pipeline proposed by Summit Carbon Solutions. It's been around two years since most of us first heard about the project. Many aspects of the project are very concerning and we have received little to no information to allay our fears.

We continue to meet with local government officials with the hopes of getting sensible setback distances from the pipeline established. Homes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and the like will find themselves in danger if this is not done. Quite simply, if a rupture happens it will be impossible for these vulnerable populations to have a chance of survival without these setbacks in place.

Landowners and supporters continue to lobby state government officials to enact legislation to put guardrails on the use of eminent domain. This is a strong sword that is only meant to be a last resort to allow for infrastructure projects for the good of all of society. It's not a tool in the toolbox of private companies so they can force their project on unwilling landowners. All Iowans must realize that their property may be the next target if eminent domain use for private projects is allowed.

The number of affected landowners recently grew exponentially when twelve POET ethanol plants agreed to sign up to be on Summit's pipeline. That doubles the number of facilities along the Summit route in Iowa and totally changes the footprint of the project. Sadly, many landowners and neighbors are unaware that they are on the route of the newly expanded project.

The Iowa Utilities Board is currently considering whether or not to grant Summit's permit to construct the project. It no longer seems appropriate for them to consider the application before them as it no longer encompasses Summit's full vision for the project. IUB proceedings should be paused and no permit granted until this is examined further.

Landowners have stayed committed to protecting their land from this project for so long because they understand that the web of issues that surround it will have a huge impact on the physical and legal landscape of Iowa for years to come - for better or worse. Please learn how close your community is to the proposed route and join with landowners, who above all, are fighting to maintain private property rights.

Meghan M. Sloma
Attorney & Real Estate Agent
4th generation Sioux County landowner
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Corridor to Host Business Succession Panel

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) will be hosting a Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, March 20, from noon to 1:00pm, at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. This event will include a panel discussion about resources available for business succession.

Business succession refers to the strategy of passing leadership or ownership of a business on to someone new. During this panel discussion, attendees will hear from individuals at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (Extension), Iowa's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and Buena Vista University (BVU) about resources for business owners and entrepreneurs in regard to succession planning.

Panelists include Duane Johnson, Program Manager with Iowa State University Extension; Dan Nieland, Small Business Education Specialist (Agriculture) at Iowa State University Extension; Kirsten Case Fuller, Regional Director of the North Central Iowa SBDC; and Gary Sterling, Director of the Lamberti Center for Rural Entrepreneurship and Instructor of Management at BVU.

"Business succession is an important topic, especially as entrepreneurs and business owners are looking to retire or sell their business, but still want to see it continue in their communities," said Corridor President & CEO Curt Strouth. "Bringing together this panel will help give resources and insight into the business succession planning process. Anyone looking to sell their business either in the next 12 months or the next 12 years should attend - it's never too soon to start planning for the longevity of your business."

The Corridor's Lunch & Learn events are free to attend for all Corridor investors, but RSVPs are required. RSVP for the event at www.lakescorridor.com/luncheon or by calling the office at 712-264-3474.

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Dear Motor Medics,

We have a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe and when it was just a year old, we got a new puppy. The first time we left it alone while we went inside a restaurant to eat, she decided to eat the Tahoe. She chewed the back of the rear seat and the corner off the plastic trim too. The vehicle is in great shape with 70,000 miles and we want to sell it, but with a large hole in the seat and the damage to the plastic side trim it's making the sale very difficult. We checked with the dealer, and they are telling us they can repair it at a cost of over \$3500.00 parts and labor and our insurance will not cover repairs. Can you suggest anything that we can do in the way of a repair to save some money?

Thanks, David in Watertown, SD.

Dear David,

New interior parts can be very expensive so many people leave their vehicles unrepaired. What's wrong with a seat and trim from another Tahoe of the same year that has no damage? Look into certified used parts. Ask your dealer if they can find these parts so you can get a repair that makes more financial sense. With the hundreds of reliable used parts sources in the country they should be able to find a match for a late model vehicle like yours and make the repair affordable. There is always a way. Take care, the Motor Medics.

Dear Motor Medics,

We have a 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe that has been having the check brake light come on periodically. The fluid tank slowly drains so we fill the brake fluid, and it works fine for a while then comes on again. We had a mechanic look at it and told us we would have to replace the HCU in the brake system and that the part alone is about \$1600.00. Is this a common problem and does this sound reasonable? Is there anything else we can do? I'm a little hesitant to spend so much on a repair on a 10-year-old vehicle, when the value is maybe a little more than twice the cost to repair the problem.

Kay in Nebraska.

Dear Kay,

The HCU is the Hydraulic Control Unit and it's the main component of the antilock brake system. The units don't tend to leak fluid but rather fail electrically so I would take a very close look at the lines going to the unit which are more common to fail. Shop around for brakes. A second opinion never hurts if you have any questions and by asking us, we assume that you do. When you have an older vehicle or any vehicle for that matter it is important to keep repairs economical but it's also important to be safe. Brakes are not an area to cut corners in but there are always ways to save money when repairing them.

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Hello parents, the Inclusion Carnival is coming soon and will take place on March 1, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:30pm, at the Okobojo Middle School. The Inclusion Carnival is a fun event for all families and a great way to fundraise for the Okobojo Special Olympics team. The Carnival will include games, coloring, face painting, prizes, a bake sale, and more. The prices are: free for ages 0-2, \$3/child (3-12), \$5/adult (13+), and all proceeds go to the Okobojo Special Olympics. Please note: This is a cash only event.

All are welcome for a fun night as we fundraise for our Special Olympic Athletes.

New Exhibit Arts on Grand

Arts On Grand is excited to announce the opening of our next exhibit "Iris." Evangeline King, (Faith Tyrell) the artist, who is a graduate of Northwestern in Orange City, Iowa, has spent 7 years illustrating logos, children's books, and largescale paintings for clients.



The Exhibit starts March 5 to April 25 with a reception on March 9, from 1:00-3:00. Arts on Grand is providing music and appetizers. The Gallery is always free to the public. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 4:00, Thursdays until 7:00, and Saturdays 10:00-3:00.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:
The Okobojo Womens Club is restarting regular meetings on March 1, at 1:00pm, at the Homestead Cooperative at 2351 27th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. The past two months, due to winter vacations, we have substituted luncheons for meetings. The luncheons were fun filled with chattering and fellowship.

This is a long standing Club for Okobojo since the first meeting on September 20, 1950. The Club would go on to serve the Lake's region with many community service projects. It continues strong today and continues to grow and be enhanced with every new member that joins. If you are interested in attending, please call Lyn Marksbury at 712-574-2165 to make a reservation. We encourage you to join us for fun, fellowship, and our wonderful speakers.

Our speaker on March 1 is Sue Boettcher, the ISU Extension Adult Program Coordinator. She is doing a program called, "Who Get's Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?"

Looking forward to seeing all of you at this meeting.
Lyn Marksbury,
President of the Okobojo Womens Club

Activities in March at Occasions

- Tons of activities in March at Occasions. Formerly the Spencer Area Activity Center, located at 104 East 4th street in Spencer.
- Socialize with Friends
- Trips on our Bus
- Play BINGO
- Activities Galore - Chair Exercises
- Tai Chi
- Relaxing Playing a Game of Pool or Snooker
- Interesting Dig In and Discover Speakers
- Coffee 'Klatch' on Friday mornings
- Keeping Score Playing Cards
- Stop in for the 3rd Sunday of the Month Breakfast
- Donate your POPCANS to help establish a Redemption Center
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The mission of Occasions is to provide social and educational opportunities that involve and enrich people's lives.



85th Birthday Announcement

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The Lenten Ecumenical Committee voted this past week to continue the program to worship together to continue unity among the local churches.

"It's important to remember that we are all Christians and we need each other through prayer and action to face the hardships that change all lives in one way or another. We need to thank God for the blessings He gives us and pray for strength to face challenges," said committee member Erin Lorch, of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The Lenten Ecumenical Service schedule begins on Friday, March 1, when St. Joseph in Milford hosts World Day of Prayer. The call to worship this year, from the women of Palestine, will be based on the theme "Love One Another."

The schedule continues with services on Friday, March 8, at Calvary Methodist, in Arnolds Park; March 15 at Harbor of Joy, in Milford; and concludes March 22 at Light of the Lakes in Arnolds Park.

The services are open to all women and men beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by coffee and refreshments. No baby-sitting service will be available.

"We are excited that the long standing tradition of ecumenical services in the lakes area will return for another year. It's amazing that a community event that started in 1978 is still strong today. Committee members find a special bond working with other churches in the community in the planning of the services. Those that attend often get reacquainted with community members they haven't seen for awhile," said Committee Member Susan Reiser of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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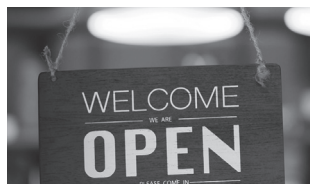
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Thursday meetings at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park have closed.

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Other features include Spencer Municipal Utilities Safety City, which will allow families to interact with local law enforcement, firefighters and EMT staff; Spencer Hospital's "glow germ" hand washing activity; the H.E.A.T. Tactical Vehicle and a Clay County Fair favorite, Tiny Town, sponsored by Community State Bank.

ISU Extension and Outreach Clay County returns with exciting activities including bunny hopping and yard games. The different 4-H clubs will be available to tell you about 4-H and answer any questions you may have about joining.

STEM activities provided by Iowa Lakes Community College offers an exciting and fun way for kids to have a chance to learn about science, technology, engineering and math; you'll also have a chance to explode a volcano. There will also be a KidZone, sponsored by Spencer Family YMCA, that will have a number of fun activities in their area including a bounce house.

The Family Fest planning committee would like to thank the sponsors who help make this event a success: City of Spencer, Community State Bank, Clay County Fair & Events Center, Positively Spencer Youth, Spencer Municipal Utilities, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, Farmers Savings Bank, Spencer Hospital, State Farm-Craig Neiderheister, Spencer Jaycees, Vander Haags, Spencer Kiwanis after 5, Spencer Rotary Club, and the Spencer Chamber of Commerce.

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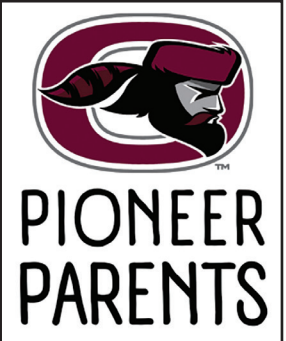
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An Ugly Win is a Good Win

I've said it for years in my coaching career that there is no such thing as a bad win and that it's better to win ugly than lose looking good, and on Saturday #6 Iowa State lived by those sayings with a 71-64 win over West Virginia. The Cyclones entered the game as an 18.5-point favorite versus the tied for last place Mountaineers, but this was a game that worried me all week as West Virginia has just gotten their roster back in full force following some players being granted eligibility in December and then others returning from injuries, and they had beaten teams like Kansas and Texas. Iowa State was coming off a hard-fought 73-65 loss at #2 Houston earlier in the week, and I felt like they were prime for a letdown after that physical loss in a game where they played the Cougars as tough as anyone has all year at Houston.

The Cyclone letdown was evident from the start as WVU raced out to a quick 11-2 lead behind some sloppy ISU turnovers and three-point jumpers. The Cyclones would quickly respond and take a 21-17 lead midway through the half behind six straight points by Keshon Gilbert. ISU would finish building on that lead and take a 40-30 lead into halftime. It looked like ISU would pull away early in the second half, but the Mountaineers would not go away and even take a brief 51-50 lead during a 1-8 shooting slump. Fortunately, the Cyclones would once again respond with a game-clinching 14-0 run to take a 64-51 lead with 3:27 remaining, and the Mountaineers would get no closer than the seven-point final margin of victory. Iowa State was not sharp on offense, but as they have done most of the season, they kept the pressure up on defense, forcing 23 WVU turnovers that led to 29 Cyclone points. Tamin Lipsey bounced back after a rough game at Houston to lead ISU with 14 points and 6 assists, Curtis Jones continued his push for the 6th Man of the Year in the Big 12 with 12 points and 4 rebounds. Iowa State also got huge minutes off the bench from Jackson Paveletzke, who scored 9 points in 16 key minutes of action.

The victory pushed the Cyclones to 21-6 overall and 10-4 in the rugged Big 12, which is good for solo possession of second place. Hilton Magic is alive and well, as the Cyclones pushed their home record to an impressive 16-0. Hopefully the ugly win on Saturday will grab Iowa State's attention that there are no "gimmies" in the Big 12 and they respond with a better effort on Wednesday versus Oklahoma, a team who beat the Cyclones early in Big 12 play. As we creep into March, I'm sure any Cyclone fan would have taken a 21-6 record and second place in the Big 12 at the start of the season, especially when ISU returned from their ESPN Tournament in Orlando with a 1-2 record and fourth place finish. The ceiling for this Cyclone team is higher than any of the past few years because they have the offense to go with their stingy defense, and as they showed on Saturday, as long as they guard like they can, when that offense is off, they can still win games. I know this Cyclone fan will be happy with any win moving forward in March, even the ugly ones!

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Milford Memorial Library Youth News

Week of February 26, 2024

Milford Memorial Library has a new round of public programming during March. There will be two Minds in Motion (sensory play) at 10:30 am on Mondays, March 11 and 25. Building Bookworms (storytime) will also be at 10:30 am on Mondays, March 4 and 18. We have one more program called Afterschool Adventures (group fun) at 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 7. The craft will be a Peeps house made out of different items.

Throughout March, we have two extra programs for the kiddos. The first one is Read Across America BINGO (March 1-29), and the second one is the Spring Coloring Contest (March 11-25). Please take note that the contest is a short turnaround. Everything will be sent to the classrooms, as well as they can be found on MML's Youth webpage and at our library.



Milford Auxiliary Makes Donation to Okoboji Elementary

With education as one of their beacons, the Milford Auxiliary has taken a step towards nurturing young minds by donating \$200 to the Okoboji Elementary Library to support the book fair held the week of February 19, 2024. Milford Auxiliary members, Eyleen Anderson and Joann Gano, were on hand at the book fair to present a check to Mrs. Langer, school librarian. The Auxiliary is proud to foster a community where literacy thrives and young minds can have access to a variety of books.



Obituaries

Sherry Hartwig Easterlin, 77, of Hilton Head Island, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, February 16, 2024. She was born on December 27, 1946, to Edwin Carl Hartwig and Audrey Versluis in Lake Park, Iowa.



After graduating from Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA, she met her husband Ray Easterlin. They moved to Hilton Head Island in 1975 where they raised their two children. Sherry helped Ray run their development business, Heritage Properties. She also worked as a college guidance coordinator at Hilton Head Preparatory School, which was the highlight of her career, along with raising her children. Sherry was very involved in the Hilton Head community including the Women's Association of Hilton Head Island, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, National and Southern Associations for College Admissions Counseling and the Parent's Association of Hilton Head Preparatory School.

Sherry loved walking on the beach, riding her bike through Sea Pines, hosting parties, dog sitting and especially loved being a grandmother to her three granddaughters. Sherry is survived by her two children, Lindsey (Archer) Crose of Hilton Head Island and Travis (Katie) Easterlin of Savannah, GA; 3 granddaughters, Lucy Lawton Crose, Patchin Ash Crose and Mary Amelia Easterlin; brother, Ronny Hartwig of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and her former husband, Ray Easterlin. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Randy Lee Hartwig.

A private celebration of life will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bluffton Self Help, PO Box 2420, Bluffton, SC, 29910 or www.blufftonselfhelp.org. Islandfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Donna "Dodie" Grant, of Milford, formerly of Okoboji, Lake Panorama and Des Moines, died peacefully at Accura Healthcare of Milford on February 18, 2024. She was 93 years old.



Dodie was born June 26 of 1930, to Arthur and Alberta Ernich in Emmetsburg, IA. She had three older brothers - Harry, Arthur, and Herb, and one younger sister, Gaye. She attended Emmetsburg High School and went on to pursue higher education at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. After completing her studies, she went on to have a long career in elementary education with Des Moines Public Schools, and often spoke fondly about her time as an educator working with young children. She was united in marriage with Harold Grant in Des Moines in 1955 and together they were loving parents to one son, Douglas. Throughout her life, Dodie held a profound love for the Okoboji area, spending many of her post-retirement years there and amassing a grand collection of "Lake Okoboji" t-shirts. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan and could often be found cheering loudly at her television whenever the New England Patriots played. Dodie could best be described as "the fun aunt" and loved to socialize and story-tell any chance she got.

Dodie is survived by her nephew Tom (Sue) Ernich of Waterloo and Okoboji, IA; nephew Bob (Sue) Ernich of Ankeny, IA; nephew Jim (Kymberly) Ernich of College Grove, TN; nephew Mark (Kaye) Ryan of Houston, TX; grand-nephew Rich (Samantha) Ernich of Okoboji, IA; grand-niece Krystie (Nick) Powers of Waterloo, IA as well as many other nieces, nephews, and their families. Dodie was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, her husband, and her son. She will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home of Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakeluneralhome.com. A private family gathering will be held in remembrance of Dodie at a later date. All memorials can be directed to the Keep Okoboji Blue Foundation in honor of Dodie's love for the Iowa Great Lakes area.

Record Number of Bedell Barracuda Swimmers Qualify for State Swim Meet

The Iowa YMCA State Championship Swim Meet will be held on March 2 and 3 in Marshalltown, Iowa. The Bedell Barracuda Swim Team will be represented at the State Swim Meet by the biggest group of athletes in the history of the program! This year, there were 23 individual qualifiers and 18 individuals on relay teams who qualified. A list of qualifiers and their corresponding event(s) are listed below.

2024 State Team: 15+ Girls Medley and Freestyle Relays: Emily Quanbeck, Ella Kasperbauer, Brooklyn Ferguson and Kaela Weston. 15+ Boys Medley and Freestyle Relays: Ray Kaiser, Ethan Weston, Oliver Miller and Caleb Duhn. 13-14 Girls Medley and Freestyle Relays: Madeline Ackerman, Jade Henson, Gemma Tamsiecia and Neveah Wahpepah. 13-14 Boys Medley and Freestyle Relays: Finn Donovan, Alex Wilken, Carson Profit and Eli Phillips. 11-12 Girls Medley and Freestyle Relays: Reese Phillips, Avery Krull, Josephine Haulard and Abi Mensing. 9-10 Girls Medley and Freestyle Relays: Gabriella Hurtig, Emerson Wittrock, Aubrey Paterson, Zayla Ruisenor (Medley) and Kenzee Stecker (Freestyle). 9-10 Boys Medley and Freestyle Relays: Brooks Tamsiecia, Maddox Krull, Jackson Mensing, Henry Meyer (Medley) and JR Sandy (Freestyle). 8 and Under Girls Medley and Freestyle Relays: Emma Cunningham, Lindy Wittrock, Nori Rohling, Hattie Mendenhall-Borus (Medley) and Hartley Heithold (Freestyle). 8 and Under Boys Medley and Freestyle Relays: Noah Mensing, Merritt Haulard, Buddy Wahpepah, Cooper Daggett (Medley) and Grandy Wilken (Freestyle).



Individual Qualifiers:

Emma Cunningham: 25 backstroke, 50 backstroke, 50 freestyle.
Finn Donovan: 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke.
Caleb Duhn: 100 backstroke, 100 fly, 200 IM.
Brooklyn Ferguson: 200 freestyle, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle.
Jade Henson: 200 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Ray Kaiser: 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, 50 backstroke.
Ella Kasperbauer: 200 breaststroke, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Avery Krull: 200 breaststroke, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Abi Mensing: 50 freestyle, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Jackson Mensing: 100 IM, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Oliver Miller: 200 freestyle, 100 fly, 500 freestyle.

Aubrey Paterson: 50 freestyle, 100 IM, 100 freestyle.
Eli Phillips: 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 500 freestyle.
Reese Phillips: 50 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 100 freestyle.
Carson Profit: 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke.
Emily Quanbeck: 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, 200 IM.
Brooks Tamsiecia: 50 freestyle, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Buddy Wahpepah: 25 freestyle, 50 freestyle.
Ethan Weston: 50 freestyle, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Kaela Weston: 100 breaststroke.
Alex Wilken: 200 breaststroke, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke.
Emerson Wittrock: 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 50 backstroke.
Lindy Wittrock: 25 freestyle, 25 breaststroke, 25 backstroke.

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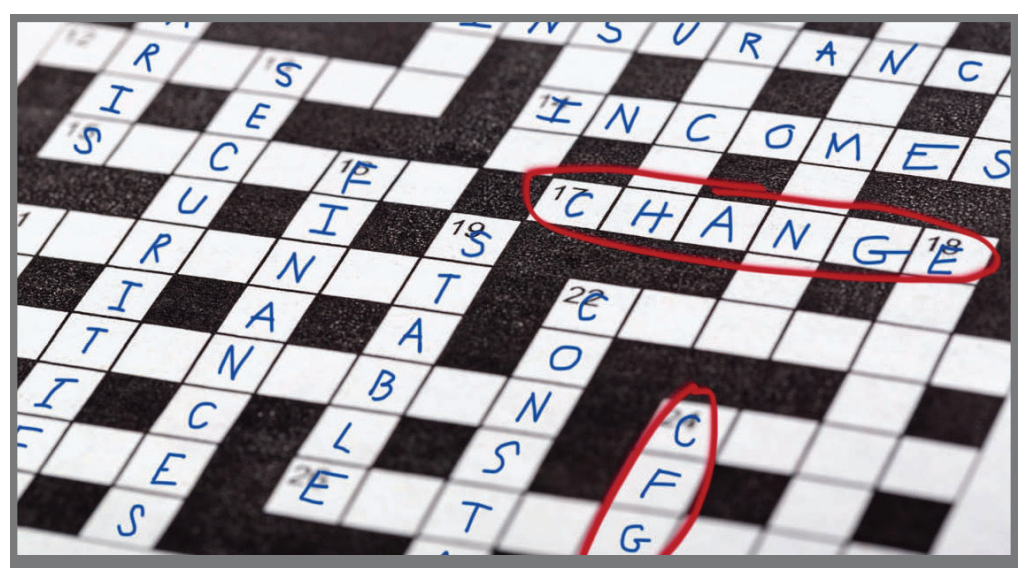
Lakes Area Activity Center

Activities at the Lakes Area Activity Center: Tuesday, February 27 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker 12:30 - Bridge Wednesday, February 28 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:30 - Table Tennis Thursday, February 29 10:00 - Strummers 11:00 - Tai Chi 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 Cribbage 5:00 - Zumba Class Friday, March 1 9:00 - Exercise Class 1:00 - Sewing Group 1:30 - Table Tennis Saturday, March 2 Facility Available For Rent Sunday, March 3 Facility Available For Rent Monday, March 4 9:00 - Exercise 10:00 - Class Coffee 1:30 - Table Tennis

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. Tai Chi is on Thursdays, at 11:00am, sign up and stay for dinner date! Sewing Group meets Fridays, at 1pm. The pool table room is open every weekday. The card room closes, from 12-12:30, for cleaning. Our next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, March 17, from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. Dance to live music the last Sunday of the month with Bill and Jackie! The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Activity Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

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Discovery House News
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Still loving an addict
This will seem familiar to some of you because it has been published before. Earlier this week, a gentleman came to the Spencer Campus Discovery House to offer his skills as a volunteer. While talking with him, he shared that there was an article once that really helped someone dear to him. It was a nice reminder that people do read these articles, and that maybe it helps. Even if just one more person reads this and finds comfort and understanding, all the weekly articles become worth it. This was the article that was mentioned. I hope it finds the one who needs it the most right now.

To love an addict
To many of you, this may be information you already know. Maybe it will be the validation that you need to know that you aren't crazy or that you aren't alone. Now, I want to clarify that I am referring to addicts/alcoholics that are in active addiction, meaning that they are currently using drugs or alcohol. That does not mean that some of this cannot be true for a dry addict (not actively using), or even someone in recovery, but that is not my focus for this article.

Loving an addict, as a family member, friend, or spouse/significant other is... exhausting. By exhausting, I mean you experience a variety of emotions at various times including: rage, disappointment, betrayal, distrust, devastation, hopelessness, desperation, etc.

Often, by the time we realize that the person we love has a problem with addiction, we have already become the caretaker, enabler, secret keeper, and "co-dependent". Maybe that looks like searching the bars for them at night, calling their boss to tell them that they have the "flu", or hiding from the kids that mom/dad didn't come home last night.

Sometimes, loving an addict means being told that you are the problem, that "if only" you would have done "xyz" then they wouldn't have relapsed, or that you are crazy because that bottle/pipe/pill is *not* theirs and they have *not* used. And sometimes, no matter how badly your heart breaks, you have to let go and let them face their own consequences. If you are one of the people who has experienced a life of loving an addict, you know that what I just said feels like the most impossible suggestion ever. And many of us don't successfully let go. We beg, barter, negotiate, plead, threaten, cry, promise to never give up, and promise we're done forever.

The addict/alcoholic will lie, cheat, steal, beg, cry, promise to change, use/drink again, and lie again while looking you in the eye with the most convincing story ever. The cycle continues. But we don't have to keep going with that cycle. We have a choice, and we can step away while still loving the addict!

If you or someone you know is currently trying to get out of the cycle and aren't sure how, there are people who can help. I will have a list of resources available for anyone interested. You are not alone. Spirit Lake 712-336-5340, Spencer 712-580-5340, or call/text 712-363-2722.

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Spirit Lake Library News

Chess Club
by Jill Jennings

How are chess and ice cream connected at the Spirit Lake Public Library? Keep reading to find out!

On the second Tuesday of each month during the school year, the Spirit Lake Public Library hosts a chess program for players of all skill levels and ages. From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., students and their parents and/or grandparents can play and learn about the game of chess. From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., anyone can join in the fun during the "All Play" hour.

Chess mentor, Sam Smith, has a special reward for anyone willing to take him on in a game of speed chess. This is when each player gets ten minutes on a chess clock to make all their moves. Anyone who can earn a draw against Sam will get a free \$10 Dairy Queen gift card! Also, anyone who can manage to BEAT him, will get a \$15 Dairy Queen gift card! This offer is open to all chess players. So come have some fun at the library playing chess and take a shot at a sweet reward! The next Chess Club date is Tuesday, March 12th.

Upcoming activities at the SLPL:

- Monday, March 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- Monday, March 4, 5:15 p.m., Library Board Meeting
- Tuesday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, March 6, 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Quilters
- Thursday, March 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Block Party
- Thursday, March 7, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Mah-Jong
- Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Puzzle Exchange (come & go)

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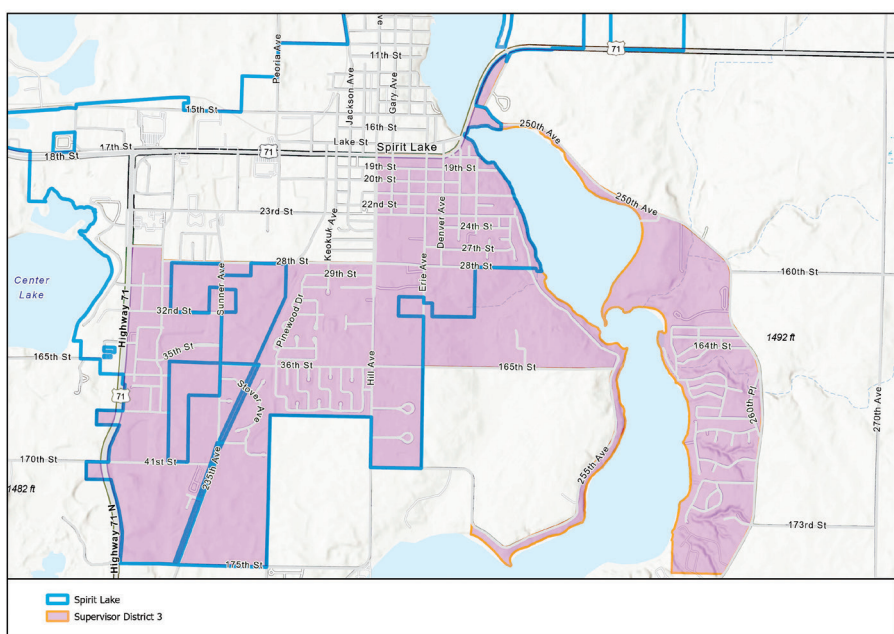
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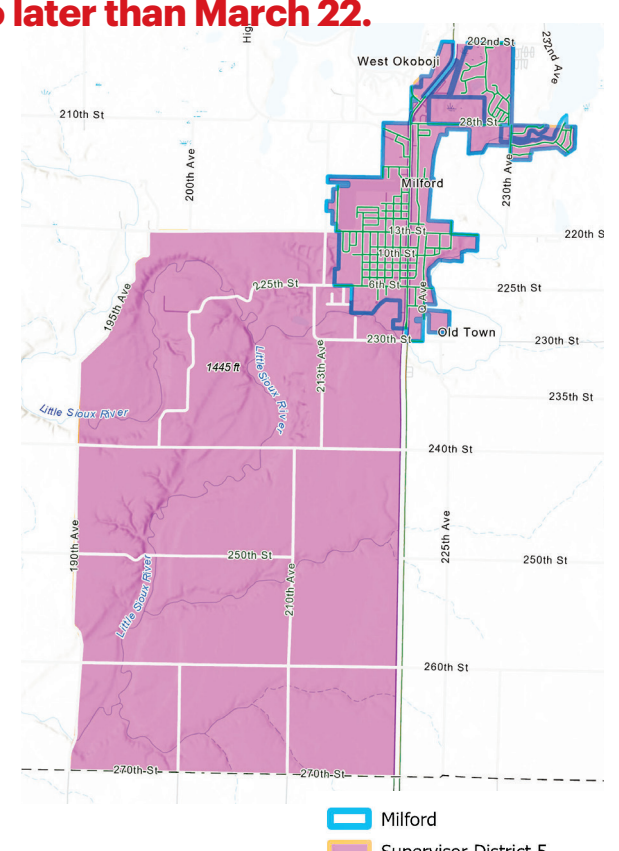
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Chicken and Noodle Dinner

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, in Milford, will host its annual homemade chicken and noodle dinner Sunday, March 3, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, or when we run out.

The meal will feature homemade chicken and noodles, real mashed potatoes, a salad bar and dessert bar. Those attending may eat in the parish center dining room or take a carryout with them. Delivery to in-town Milford will be available. Please call the office before Sunday, March 3, at 712-338-2274 to arrange your delivery.

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St. Albans Episcopal Church Holy Week and Easter

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- Maundy Thursday, 12:05pm, March 28: Pastor Martin Lucin residing
- Good Friday, 12:05pm, March 29: Stations of the Cross. Led by Lay Leaders
- Easter Sunday, 10:00am, March 31: Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Canon Meg Wagner

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Nonprofit Nights at West O Beer

West O Beer announces its third annual "On Us" fundraising event series, organizational partners, and returning sponsors in Okoboji Foundation and The Lakes News Shopper. Each month in 2024, On Us will raise money for and shine a spotlight on the following Lakes Area nonprofits and initiatives during the first half of the year:

- March 7 - Spirit Lake Music Boosters
- April 4 - No Boundaries' Boji Mileage Club
- May 2 - Prairie Lakes Area Delta Waterfowl
- June 6 - Youth in Philanthropy
- July 11 - Lakeside Lab

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the "Letters to the Editor" published in The Lakes News Shopper.

To the Editor:
In response to last week's letter from Mr. Lattrell:
You started out with "let me see if I have this right". You don't. I don't recall Donald Trump ever attacking the Jews. In fact he has been a big supporter of Israel.

Next: why shouldn't he call for defunding the FBI, DOJ and CIA? They have been weaponized against him from the time he took office (Russia, Russia, Russia). After two years of investigation it was proven a hoax. He did not collude with Russia. That was Hillary Clinton campaign money spent on Christopher Steele to create news. They are part of the swamp (govt. that continues to run things in Washington D. C., regardless who is in office). As for Putin endorsing Trump. If true, wouldn't that be the best way to get him defeated in November? I'm pretty sure Putin likes the party that is in the office now that has always been left wing (pro socialism).

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- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 pounds whole chicken wings
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup hot sauce
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey

In a small bowl, combine the salt, pepper and garlic powder. In a large bowl, toss the wings with the salt mixture to evenly coat. Preheat a gas grill to medium heat (about 350°F). Place the wings on the grill, crowding them together so that they are all touching (so they steam to stay moist). Grill, flipping the wings every 5 minutes, for a total of 20 minutes of cooking. In the meantime, heat the butter, hot sauce, vinegar, and honey in a saucepan over low heat and whisk to combine. In a clean large bowl, toss the wings with the sauce. Turn the heat up on the grill to medium-high. Use tongs to remove the wings from the sauce and put them back on the grill until the skins crisp, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Put the wings back in the bowl with the sauce, toss and serve.

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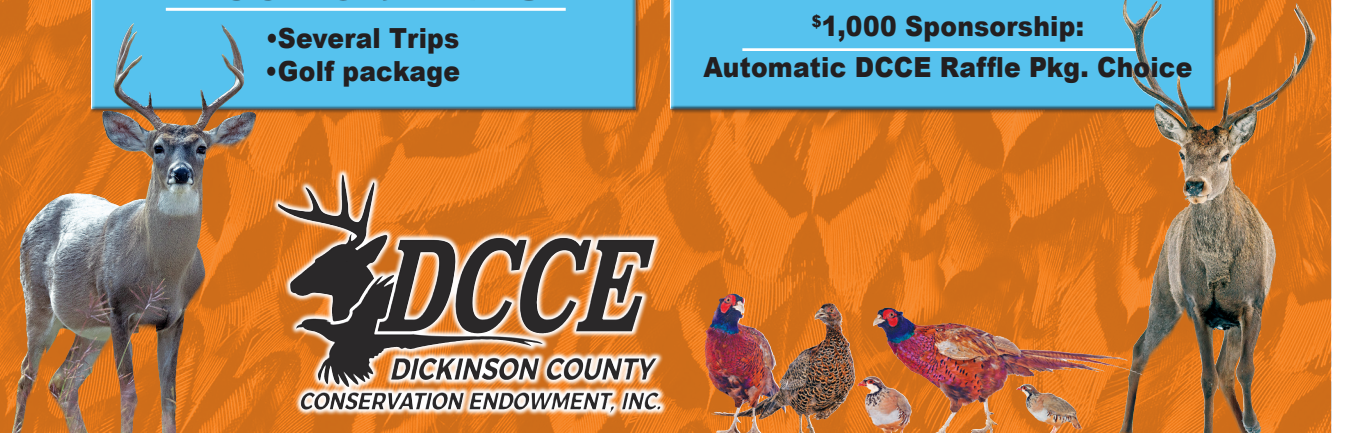
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On Tuesday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m., the Milford Memorial Library Book Club will be meeting for discussion of Stars Over Clear Lake by Loretta Ellsworth. Any interested individuals are welcome to attend. It is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings, and you can come and go as you please.

On Wednesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m., an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Milford Memorial Library will take place in the Milford Community Center. The agenda will be posted on MML's website and front bulletin board at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their thoughts in order to make MML a better library.

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