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■ Area briefs

COVID-19 update

As of 7 a.m., Tuesday morning, April 13, Iowa has tested 4,597,901 individuals. Of those tested, 386,423 tested positive. There have been 337,963 individuals who have recovered and 5,857 deaths have been recorded in the state. Numbers by surrounding counties: Winnebago—1,455 positive, 1,296 recovered, 31 deaths; Worth—741 positive, 664 recovered, eight deaths; Kossuth—2,232 positive, 1,961 recovered, 61 deaths; Hancock—1,524 positive, 1,355 recovered, 34 deaths; Cerro Gordo—5,580 positive, 4,963 recovered, and 86 deaths.

City-wide rummage sales

City-wide rummage sales will be held Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. Place your ad in the Lake Mills Graphic for \$10. You may email your ad to graphic@wctatel.net, drop it off at our office located at 204 N. Mill St., between 8 a.m.-Noon, Monday thru Friday, or mail your ad, along with your payment, to PO Box 127, Lake Mills, Iowa 50450.

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■ Weather

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cloudy	49° 36°	55° 38°	53° 36°	56° 37°	53° 32°

Official temperatures and precipitation as recorded by the Lake Mills Power Plant are as follows:

Date	Hi	Low	Prec.
April 6	77°	55°	.02"
April 7	77°	55°	.01"
April 8	59°	48°	.34"
April 9	50°	45°	.12"
April 10	50°	45°	Trc.
April 11	54°	37°	—
April 12	54°	39°	—

■ Markets

Prices reported as of Tuesday. Prices subject to change.

Five Star	2020	2021
Corn	\$2.96	\$ 5.55
Soybeans	\$8.08	\$13.54

Gavilon	2020	2021
Corn	\$2.91	\$ 5.60
Soybeans	\$8.03	\$13.47

■ Inside

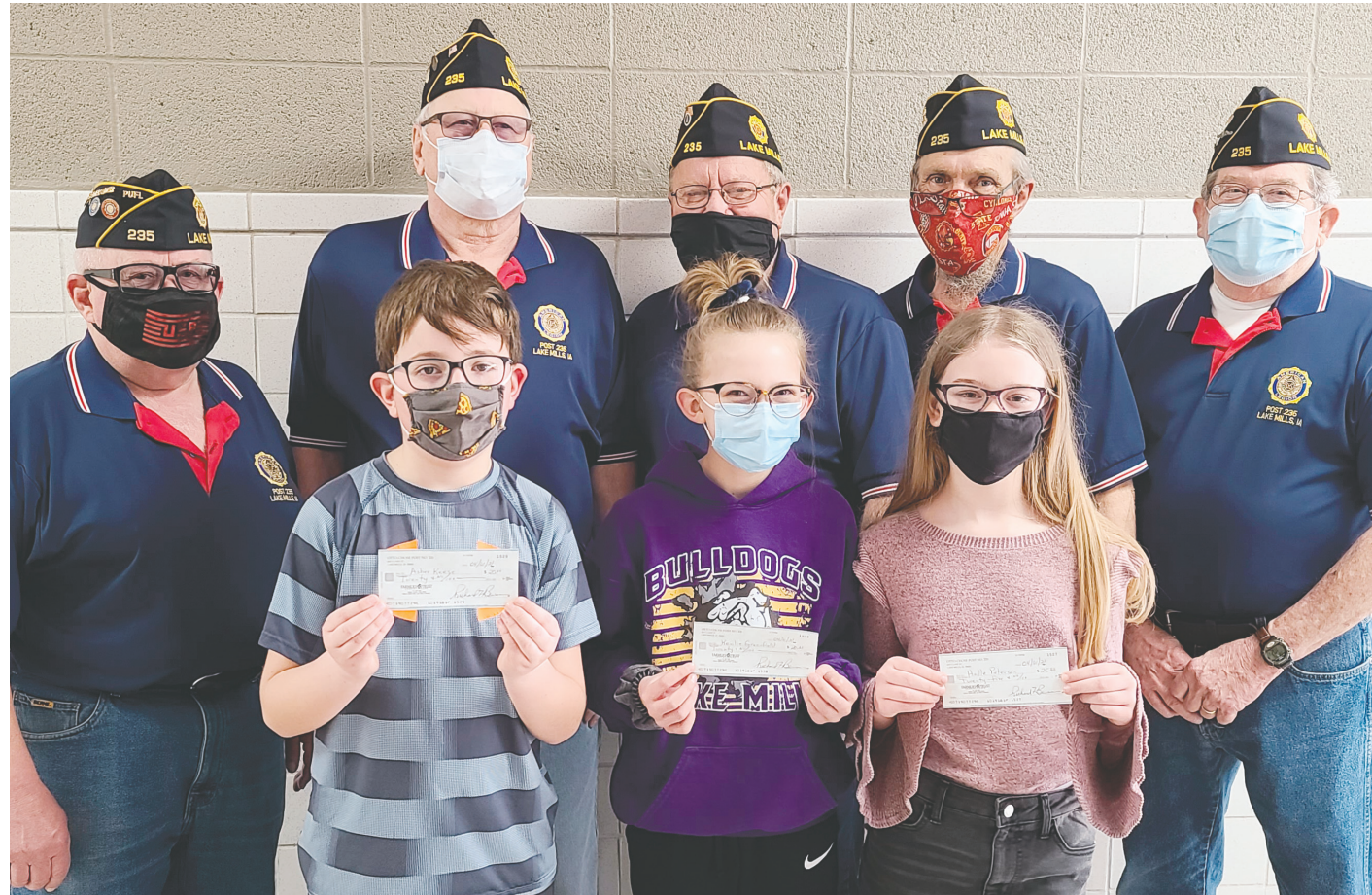
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LMHS prom royalty candidates announced

LMHS will hold prom this Saturday, April 17. The Grand March begins at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m. Masks are required. Prom royalty candidates are pictured above (L-R): DeAndre Anderson, Bianca Singelstad, Brayden Lindeman, Emma Hoffman, Jack Ramaker, Brianna Renneker, Elijah Wagner, and Yaneidi Albino Vazquez. Prom king and queen will be crowned following the Grand March.



Sherylee Gasper/LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

American Legion Post #235 recently presented prizes to the winners of the Flag Essay Contest. Pictured above, front row (L-R): Asher Reese (third place), Kenlie Greenfield (second place) and Halle Peterson (first place). Back row: Dave Anderson, Rick Oltman, Jerry Hoffman, Ray Harang, and Dick Bowman.



Submitted photo

Jim Boehmer (left) is pictured above receiving his plaque for Athletic Director of the Year.

Boehmer receives 2020 Athletic Director of the Year

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

"This award means that there are a lot of great coaches, staff members, community members, and most importantly, kids that make what we do here in Lake Mills special," said LMHS Athletic Director, Jim Boehmer. "I honestly believe that what we do is special, and our body of work was recognized."

Boehmer was referring to the award that he received Saturday, March 27. He was honored with the 2020 Iowa High School Athletic Director Association (IHSADA) of the year award, which was delayed due to COVID-19 last year.

His response was that LMHS hosts a lot of events, for example—wrestling and track meets, golf and other sports tournaments—because the Lake Mills community comes together to do the work and supports the school both in time given, and with excellent facilities.

"The Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association has seen the work we do, but the administration (Mr. Sherman, Mr. Kohagen and Mr. Scholbrock) have allowed me to be active statewide in that organization. I have filled lots of duties and roles in the IHSADA, culminating with the presidency in 2013-2014. They have also allowed me to run for the board of directors with the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU)," said Boehmer.

"This isn't easy," he continued, "because these duties are immense and time-consuming, but make no mistake about it, it has allowed us to build our brand as Lake Mills Commu-

nity School. At the state convention this weekend, I was in three different sessions where the speaker used Lake Mills as an example in their presentation. That's evidence that our brand has been seen statewide and is effective."

Boehmer is humble, and doesn't like taking full credit for his accomplishments. He is always sharing the credit with others including the coaching staff.

"We have a lot of scoreboard success along the way, but that is not our priority. It has been a byproduct of working hard and educating kids to become better adults," he said.

A lot of people feel that Boehmer is well-deserving of the award and have stated so; including LMHS staff. He loves his job, and it shows.

"Jim Boehmer is an excellent educator and a hard-working, dedicated athletic director who provides great opportunities for all of our students," said Jim Scholbrock, Lake Mills Community School Secondary Principal. "He is the first person in the building and the last one to leave during most of the school year. His passion for helping students and his organizational skills are second to no one. He believes that our athletics are an extension of the classroom and that our kids deserve the best that we can give them."

"It has been a privilege to work with him for over two decades and I admire his professionalism and dedication. Jim wants the very best for every Bulldog at Lake Mills and is so deserving of the award. I am proud to have him in our school and community and our kids benefit everyday," stated Scholbrock.

American Legion Flag Essay winners

The American Legion sponsors an annual Flag Essay contest for fifth grade students. The purpose of the American Legion of Iowa Essay contest is to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation of the United States Flag on the part of elementary level students. Other objectives include the ability to gain knowledge of flag etiquette and respect for the flag.

Participants must be citizens of, or lawful permanent residents of, the United States and a resident of Iowa. All contestants must be students enrolled in fifth grade in a public, parochial, military, private or state accredited home-school.

The essay is to reflect the student's perspective of what the U.S. flag represents to them, using facts from the U.S. Flag Code.

LMCS fifth grade winners of the essay contest were: Halle Peterson, first place; Kenlie Greenfield, second place; and Asher Reese, third place. Their winning essays follow.

What the Flag Means to Me by Halle Peterson

Have you ever wondered why we say the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the National Anthem before events? I've wondered that too. When I see the American flag, I think of my family, the pledge of allegiance, and the colors that represent it.

The design of the American flag is special. The 50 stars stand for the 50 states and the 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies. The colors on the flag are so pretty, the red means bravery and strength, blue means perseverance and justice, and white stands for purity and innocence. When I see these colors I think of America.

The flag also reminds me of my Papa Jim, my Grandpa Harlen, and my Uncle Holmer. They all fought in the Vietnam War that started on November 1, 1955 and ended on April 30, 1975. It was an important war and I'm lucky they're all safe.

We may not realize how important the Pledge of Allegiance is. Some questions I've asked myself before are, why do we put our hand on our heart, what do the words mean, and why do we do it every morning? We put our hands on our hearts because it shows respect. Some words that I

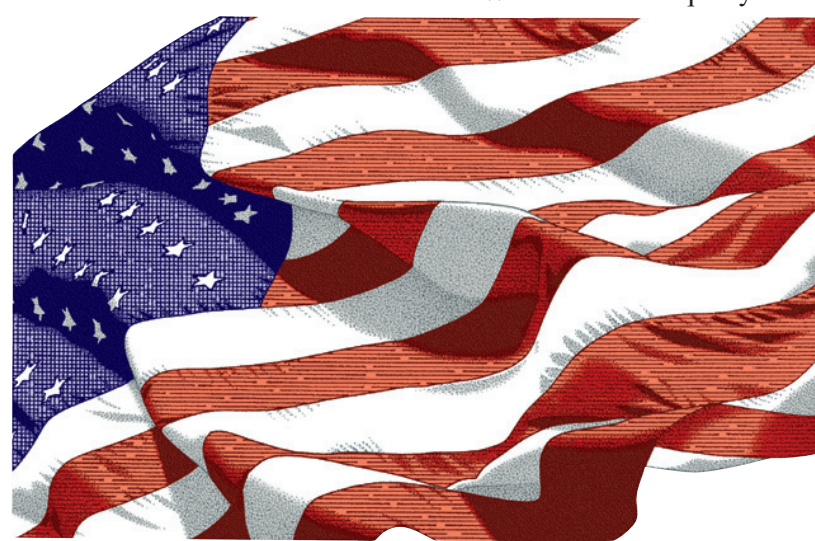
didn't know before, are indivisible and justice. Now I know indivisible means unable to be separated and justice means to be treated equally. We say the Pledge of Allegiance in the morning because it shows respect and it's important.

When I see the American Flag I think of my family, The Pledge of Allegiance, and the beautiful colors that represent it. When I say The Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem I show respect to the American Flag and everything that represents it. What does the flag mean to you?

What the American Flag Means to Me by Kenlie Greenfield

Boom! That's what all of the veterans heard when they were fighting for us and our country! The American flag is very important and means a lot to me. 9/11, bravery and strength, and freedom each remind me of the American flag.

My first topic is 9/11. I was not born when it happened, but it still reminds me of our country and our flag. We got attacked by terrorists in 2001. They hit both towers of the World Trade



Center with two planes. Everybody was scared when it happened, but the firefighters, policemen, and so many more amazing people decided to help out.

The next thing that the flag reminds me of is the bravery and strength the soldiers and veterans had. Our country has been in many wars. The brave men and women used all their strength and did everything they could to save us. They believed they could so they did! We should also remember the people that passed away during wars and other fighting and brutal times.

My final topic is freedom. Whenever I see the beautiful American flag, freedom is one thing I think of. We're so fortunate to have so much freedom in

our lives. We get to pick our own jobs and go to the church of our choice. We also get to speak out if we would like to give our opinions. We get to do many things in America that people in other countries don't have the opportunity to do. I am so thankful that we get to do things by our choice.

In conclusion, I love our American flag and I hope you do too! We should always treat our flag with respect. Thousands of amazing people fought for us, so let's think about them when we see our flag.

What the American Flag Means to Me by Asher Reese

You've seen the flag before. You probably just walked by it without caring and maybe looking at your phone. Here are some things it means to me, including respect, the history of the flag, and freedom.

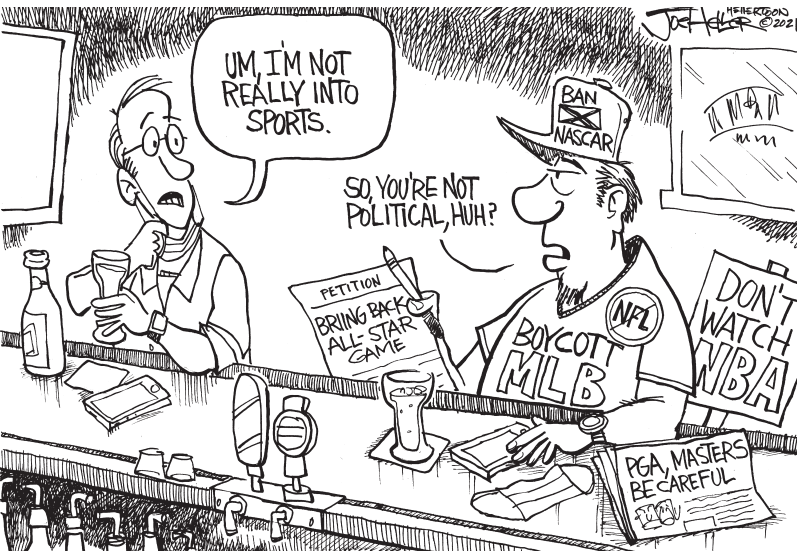
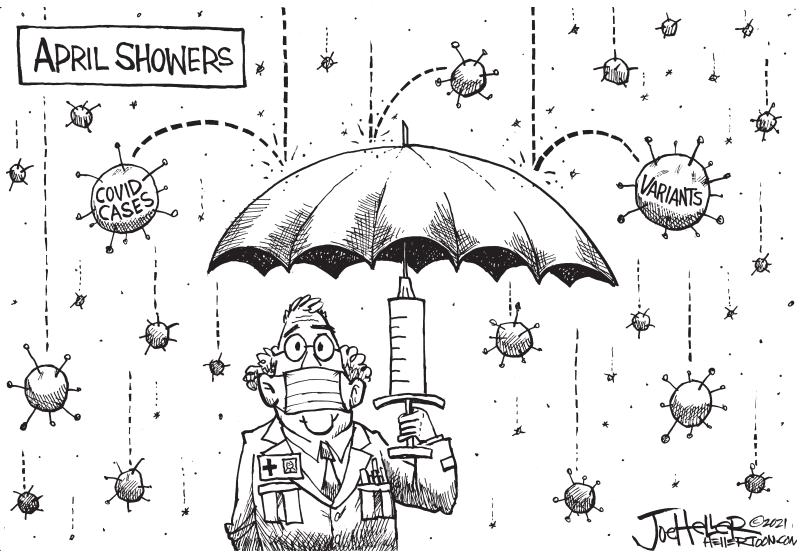
The flag reminds me of respect. Flag etiquette, and how to fold the flag, and how to treat it are some ways to show respect for the flag. One big thing is how we treat different races. Yes, it's been very rocky in the past, but we've been treating others pretty equally as of late, and we need to continue doing that.

The history of the flag is another thing the flag reminds me of. The colors on the flag (red, white, and blue) each mean something. Red means hardness and valor, white means purity and innocence, and blue means perseverance and justice. The flag has changed many times over the years (27). Betsy Ross is figured to have created the first of them. It reminds me of how our country and the flag all started, and that's very important to me.

The flag also means freedom. We are free, unlike many other countries, and we need to be thankful for it. We won our country against Great Britain in the Revolutionary War, and we have our freedom. There's a reason why the flag was still standing after the war, and that's because we won our freedom.

The flag is very, very important to our country. We are a free country, and we need to care for it. Next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the National Anthem, do it from your heart.

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City Council Reg. Mtg.	Third Monday, 7 p.m.	City Hall
School Board Reg. Mtg.	Second Monday, 5:30 p.m.	Lake Mills School
Library Board Mtg.	1st Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.	Library
Ambulance Board Mtg.	3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Ambulance Shed
American Legion	2nd Monday	Lower Level of Civic Center
American Legion Breakfast	2nd Sunday	Civic Center
Senior Citizens Mtg.	2nd Tuesday of the month	Civic Center
Lions Club	1st and 3rd Tuesday	Asbury Meth. Church
Fire Department Mtg.	1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Fire Hall
Literary Club	4th Wednesday	Hostesses
LM Garden Club	4th Monday, 7 p.m.	Hostesses
LM Area Historical Society	2nd Monday, 5 p.m.	1901 Victorian House
AA and Al-Anon	Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Sr. Cit. Ctr., Emmons
Congregate Meals	Monday-Friday	Civic Center
Drivers License	Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	FC Courthouse
	No Written Test after 3:30 p.m.	Treasurer's office
	Drive Test by Appointment	
Library Hours	Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.	
	Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lake Mills Library
Joice Library Hours	Tues. 9 a.m.-Noon, 1-6 p.m.	
	Wed.-Thurs., 1-6 p.m.	
	Fri. 2-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-Noon	Joice Library
Board Meeting	2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.	Joice Library
Fitness Center Hours	6 a.m.-7 p.m.	Fleetguard Fitness Ctr.
Winn. Food Bank Sign-up	Every Monday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Salem Resource Rm.

**Inside the Iowa House:
The Misinformation Playbook**

BY IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER
TODD PRICHARD

In today's hyper-partisan times, truth has become the victim. Call it what you want: spin, half-truth, selective omission, or just plain lies. The misinformation that dominates our political system today comes with a big cost to all of us.

Last month, Lorena Schulte and Officer Robert McFarland were murdered by two inmates while doing their job at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. It's a terrible tragedy that was preventable because the warning signs have been there for years. An uptick of prison violence. Prison overcrowding. Stagnant state funding. Hundreds of corrections positions left unfilled and even more of those positions cut over the last decade.

The safety of the frontline workers in our prisons is the responsibility of the Legislature and the Governor. As policy makers, it is our duty to ensure that those who go to work to keep us safe, return home to their families each night.

Our state failed Lorena and Robert.

Earlier this week, we offered four recommendations to improve safety in our corrections facilities: funding to fill and restore public safety positions, giving frontline workers a say in their own workplace, launching an independent investigation, and starting new safety training procedures.

Our constructive recommendations were met with the same misinformation Republican leaders peddled in the campaign, that Democrats don't care about public safety. I'm angry that these leaders can't move beyond the campaign and insist on using disinformation to deal with unsafe working conditions in our prison system that led to a terrible tragedy.

It's a lie and, at the end of the day, it prevents an honest discussion that is desperately needed

to protect the dedicated public servants who put their lives on the line every day.

Unfortunately, this pattern of misinformation from Republican leaders in Des Moines has become the playbook for every difficult policy decision we face today.

Look no further than the current pandemic. How many poor public health decisions have been made because some of our leaders refuse to trust science and the advice of public health officials? Low testing and slow contact tracing. Botched vaccine rollout. Ignoring mitigation efforts recommended by experts. Far too many of the decisions made by the Governor and Republican leaders during this pandemic have been driven by misinformation and politics.

The misinformation playbook was also used to change Iowa's voting laws. Leaders in Des Moines used the misinformation and conspiracy theories that led to the insurrection at the US Capitol in January as the basis for changes to election law that make it more difficult to vote in Iowa.

When session began in January, I challenged every elected official in Iowa—regardless of party—to call out the lies and conspiracy theories so pervasive in our political discourse today.

It not only undermines our democracy, but stifles the hard decisions that have to be made to prevent another tragedy from happening in places like Anamosa.

Before the session ends, I hope the Governor and Republican leaders turn the page on their misinformation playbook. We're ready to get to work.

Feel free to contact me with your ideas by email (todd.prichard@legis.iowa.gov), phone (515-281-3054), or through social media (Twitter: @RepPrichard; Facebook: [Todd.Prichard.Iowa](https://www.facebook.com/Todd.Prichard.Iowa)). I look forward to hearing from you.

The View From Here

The thirteenth week of the 2021 legislative session was spent primarily in floor debate passing bills. It may surprise many of you that the vast majority of our work is passed with bipartisan support.

One of the bills that passed without opposition is HF 744, which protects free speech at Iowa universities and K-12 schools. This bill protects the person who files a complaint about restrictions on protected speech. It also requires each district to establish policy protecting students and staff from discrimination based on speech. It would trigger a hearing with the Board of Educational Examiners if a school employee violates the First Amendment rights of a student. There have been repeated offenses reported over the last few years. I hope this will encourage the open discussion of diverse opinions without negative repercussions.

health services, simplifies the tax code, and provides more certainty for Iowa families and small businesses. While doing this, it provides real property tax relief and makes owning a home more attainable for new homeowners, and for seniors facing rising property assessments. I am proud of what this bill does and look forward to seeing the House move these critical reforms forward.



Dennis Guth
The View From Here

House Joint Resolution 5 met with considerably more debate and dissent. HJR 5 is titled the "Protect Life Amendment" and would amend our state constitution. This purpose of this amendment is "To defend the dignity of all human life, and to protect mothers and unborn children from efforts to expand abortion even to the day of birth, we the people of the State of Iowa declare that this Constitution shall not be construed to recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or to require the public funding of abortion." Once this language passes in two General Assemblies, it must be approved by the people of Iowa in a general election. Then any policy on abortion will be determined by elected representatives of the people instead of an unelected court.

Since Republicans began driving tax policy five years ago, we have passed tax cuts and limited the growth of government. This year we have passed legislation to phase out the state inheritance tax, established a specific time when further tax cuts are triggered, and this week, we passed legislation to provide property tax relief.

SF 587 will take the funding of mental health off of property taxes and place it in the state general fund. This will eventually provide over \$100 million in property tax relief and will provide \$60 million of state funding to mental health the first year. \$125 million will be provided in the second year and the bill also sets up sustainable and predictable growth in the future.

In exchange for this decrease in property tax the state will phase out the backfill we have been funding since 2013. The backfill was the state's effort to keep local government's budgets whole when we reduced corporate property taxes in 2013. The backfill will be phased out over 4 or 6 years, depending on a county's economic growth since 2013.

This bill increases state funding for mental

an issue of vital importance to me is prohibiting vaccine passports. A vaccine passport would limit access to travel, large entertainment events, public parks, and even shopping based on your immunization status. Once such a system is set up, it is very easy for government or big tech to begin to choose who gets access to different services based on personal history. That history can easily be expanded to track where you have been and with whom you have been in contact with. The consequences of not behaving in the "approved" manner could include exclusion from social media, exclusion from services like PayPal, an increase in your credit card's interest rate, and much more.

I was pleased to hear the governor speak against this invasive intrusion on our privacy this past week. I am working to get legislation passed that would prohibit vaccine passports and similar efforts to limit our freedoms.

Benjamin Franklin said "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Ronald Reagan expanded on that.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. The only way they can inherit the freedom we have known is if we fight for it, protect it, defend it, and then hand it to them with the well fought lessons of how they in their lifetime must do the same. And if you and I don't do this, then you and I may well spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it once was like in America when men were free. — 1961

One of my most enjoyable jobs is hosting visitors from my district. This week I had over forty students from Lake Mills visit the Capitol to learn about state government. While they were waiting to go through the Secretary of State's office in small groups, I volunteered to take six seniors to the top of the dome. It's a lot of steps and a little scary, but they made it and have a memory they won't soon forget.

The Tower

In tarot, the Tower card, when upright, represents sudden change, upheaval, chaos, revelation, or awakening. "Land of the free" is an incredibly ironic claim, when the standards for simply staying alive are so oppressively abundant for some, and the rest of society ardently advocates to uphold and validate those standards. No one is free in such a situation, where one is kept in fear for their life at every moment, and the other is a tool glorifying and perpetuating a broken and oppressive state. And that is a tragic and vicious cycle we seem to relive each and every day.



Marissa Gasper
Gasper's Gabble

Once again, our neighbors to the north have suffered a sudden and unjustifiable loss. To reduce these deaths to mere accidents, or justify them with an assassination of character, are rehearsed responses of a system designed to target people of color and the poor—a system that upholds racist policing practices and preaches intolerance.

The killer instinct of cops, the supposed mistakes or lapses in judgment, seem to be reserved for specific people, rather than in response to the level of danger in the situation. Mass shooters apprehended alive and taken into custody, black youth murdered for a sudden movement.

This double standard can be seen on the streets of the United States, as well as pop culture (the demonization of black artists such as Carbi B in "WAP" and Lil Nas X in "Montero").

Traumatizing an entire group of people via demonizing them and preaching the concept of a literal hell and eternal damnation (which Jesus never preached) is a control tactic that is employed against people of color from all stations in life, and for any ridiculous reason that can be conjured.

Why are tear gas, rubber bullets, and literal murder, acceptable responses to the innocuous "crimes" of looting, or having an air freshener on your rearview mirror, or reaching for your wallet, or a counterfeit check, but looting and protest are unacceptable responses to unjustified, state-sanctioned murder?

The actions should be no less reprehensible, but only when citizens (specifically people of color, the working poor, etc.) rise up against unjust authorities, is it condemned.

Oppression is violence. Revolt is self defense.

And the hyper focus on looting is also ironic for a country that places emphasis on preserving history, where artifacts stolen from other cultures sit alongside relics of a racist regime.

Don't like looting? Never go to a museum.

Bottom line: the repeated deaths of black youth in America is no accident or mistake. It is a core feature of a system that refuses to evolve beyond its racist roots.

Loving our neighbors means acknowledging and dismantling the systems that oppress them.

"As long as the general population is passive, apathetic, diverted to consumerism or hatred of the vulnerable, then the powerful can do as they please, and those who survive will be left to contemplate the outcome." ~ Noam Chomsky

Letters to the Editor

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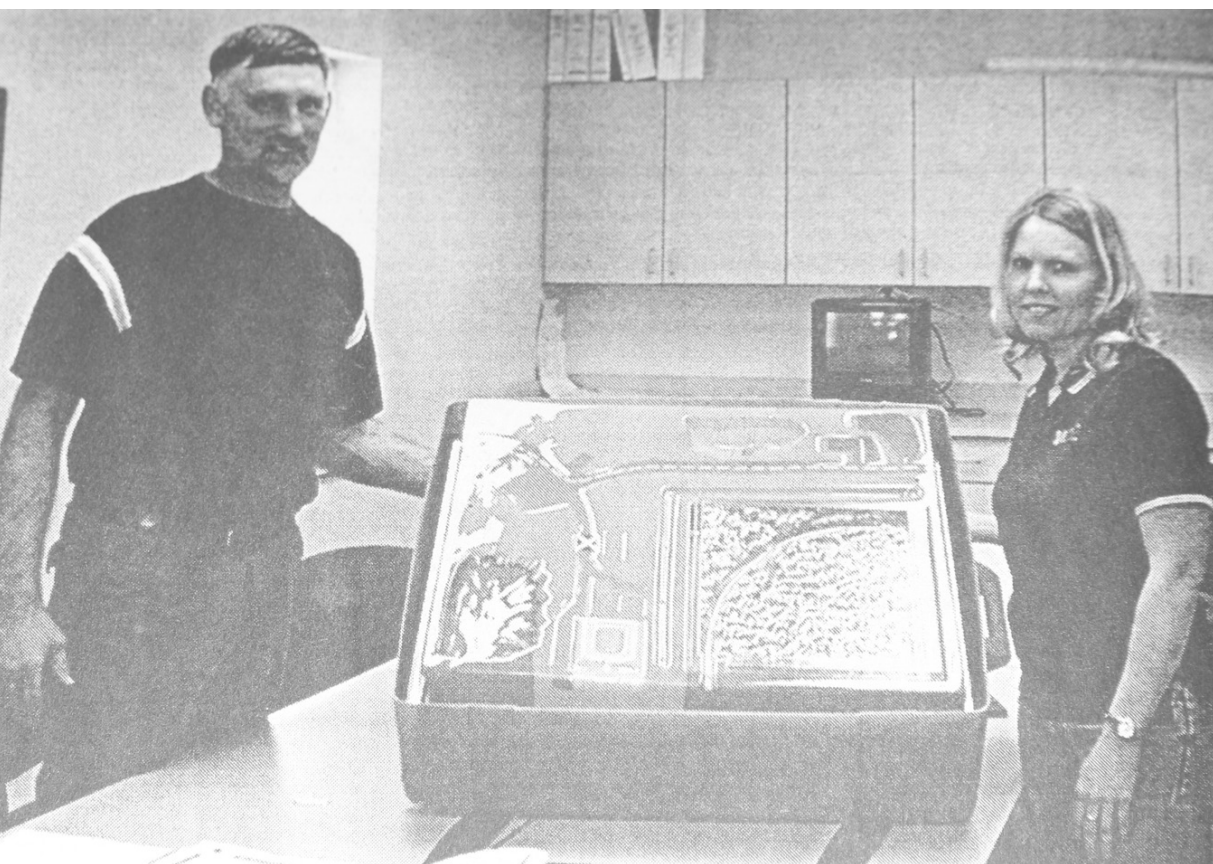
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Central Disposal donates Environmental Kits to LMCS

Steve Pederson, left, LMHS science/biology teacher and Jeri Moore, right, of Central Disposal, are pictured above with one of the kits to be used at the school. The company donated four kits and two resource guides to the Lake Mills Community High School and middle School for classroom use.

If you have pictures of the earlier days in Lake Mills you would like to share, send them to graphic@wctatel.net, or drop off at our office at 204 North Mill St. Please send original photos, scans or negatives only. No newspaper clippings please.

**100 years ago
April 13, 1921**

The Lake Mills Creamery has made application for making what is known as State Brand butter. Mr. Brenner, of the Extension Department of the Iowa State College, who was here Monday scoring cream in our local scoring contest was very much pleased to learn of this fact because it is a great help to the creameries who are putting out butter under this brand. "Iowa Brand" butter is just beginning to be noticed as the best and most uniform butter that is going into the New York market at the present time, and therefore bringing a much higher price above the regular market that it would if the State Brand was not used on it. This will mean several thousand dollars to the local creamery each year if they can qualify for it, and Mr. Brenner says that most of the cream received here is good enough to make butter of this quality.

Friends of Attorney L.A. Jensen of Forest City were agreed-upon surprised last week to learn that he had been appointed by Governor Kendall as a member of the State Parole Board. This is a position that carries with it a salary of \$3,000 a year and all expenses. The work requires one week out of every sixty days to be spent at the prison offices for preliminary interviews with the prisoners.

At the Broadway Theatre in Albert Lea, the famous comic opera—Beautiful Japanese costumes and quaint characters. The announcement that the monster production of the recent revival of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "The Mikado" had been secured for the Broadway Theatre is an interesting topic among local music lovers. It disproves the belief that to hear a really worthwhile musical production, one must go to a larger city.

**75 years ago
April 10, 1946**

F.E. Morley, state conservation officer, stocked 40 adult pike in Rice Lake last week. The fish were brought here from the state hatchery at Lansing, the largest weighing eight pounds. "Rice Lake is a perfect habitat for fish," stated Mr. Morley, "as it affords plenty of vegetation and plenty of feed." Mr. Morley makes this request: "Please do not fish for them this summer—give them an opportunity to propagate." The warden explains that each pike spawns thousands

of eggs once each season and eggs spawned this spring, when hatched, will make catchable-sized fish in the fall of next year.

Mrs. Porter Peterson recently received a letter from Astrid Lynge of Barstadvik, Norway, thanking her for a package of needles which arrived with other contributions from America. She stated that the Norwegian people really appreciated the gifts they received from this country. Mrs. Lynge said that conditions in Norway were much better now but had been rather difficult during the war. Her family was now able to resume building of a new home, which they had started before the war.

Americans, for the most part, have had their say about British brides trooping into this country. But now, with several weeks or months residence behind them, the newly planted brides are giving out with ideas about Americans. First comments came straight from stomachs: "The food is so wonderful I can't stop eating," was the way Mrs. Thomas G Hardy, former Londoner now living in Kansas City, Mo., expressed the common feeling. Unlimited amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables overwhelmed west coast wives. And everywhere women who hadn't seen bananas for over six years raved about banana splits. Not only have they found many more means of entertainment here, but more time to enjoy them. Mrs. Hilda D. Dykes, Phoenix, Ariz, once WREN, finds that the many modern conveniences make housekeeping so much simpler, give "lots of time for swimming, attending picture houses." Biggest thrill of all for some of the newcomers was shopping without clothing coupons. In England, they explained, 14 coupons have to last a whole summer. A pair of shoes takes seven points, a woolen dress, 11. Eighteen points, more than a summer's allowance, is required for a coat or suit.

**50 years ago
April 14, 1971**

Four grass fire calls were answered in the past week by the Lake Mills Volunteer Fire Department. The one burned through two hundred acres just north and east of the Winnebago Church on Tuesday. Fire department officials and conservation commission officers urge residents to be extremely cautious when burning due to the dry conditions.

Lionel Andersen, owner of

the Holiday Grill, announced today that he has sold half interest in the restaurant business to Ron Nelson, Minneapolis, formerly of Lake Mills. Andersen stated that plans are now completed for a major expansion of the business with a building addition to be added on the south side. Nelson will join the business May 1.

**25 years ago
April 10, 1996**

Dan and Janice Ross, Clear Lake, will be in charge of the food service at Rice Lake Golf and Country Club this season. "Mulligan's at Rice Lake" will be the name of the business. The couple has many years of experience in food service with the most recent being in Prairie Du Sac, WI. Plans are to have the restaurant open more hours than in the past, including Sunday brunch and special parties. The business will open tomorrow, Thursday, for men's night.

**10 years ago
April 13, 2011**

Last Thursday, the Lake Mills Fire Department and Lake Mills Police Department were called to a vehicle and house fire at 102 N. 4th Ave. West. Upon arrival, the fire department was confronted by Larry Dick Smit, who refused to let firefighters onto the property, threatening physical injury to the firefighters. Lake Mills police arrived on scene and were also confronted by Smit, who refused to comply with orders to let firefighters onto the property. Smit was tasered and taken into custody. Smit is being held in the Winnebago County Jail on \$10,000 bond for two counts of arson, a class "C" felony, and interference with official acts.

Lake Mills Care Center continues to ease visitor restrictions

BY KRystal THOE,
BSM LNHA
LAKE MILLS CARE CENTER

BIG NEWS: Our visits are going to look a lot different and we need your continued support in making these successful. Visits can now be scheduled for more personal options. If your loved one has a roommate we will offer a scheduled visits in their room barring their roommate is able to leave the room to allow time for your visit, or we will find an alternative private location for you and your loved one to meet. These visits will be scheduled on the hour and will not have a time limit, we will provide specific details when you call to schedule your time.

These visits will be available to you and your loved one seven days a week. Call 641-640-8788 at the Nursing Facility to schedule your visits and 641-592-3050 at the Assisted Living.

You may wonder why we are still requesting that you schedule an appointment, I hope to provide you

with clarification that makes sense.

We are still required by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and the DIA (Department of Inspection and Appeals) to follow screening and infection control practices that mitigate the spread of COVID along with other infection agents. We know that the only way we can do that is by screening everyone entering the building and practicing proper use of PPE and infection control such as handwashing. We are just unable to screen all visitors coming and going without an appointment.

We appreciate your understanding and allowing us to partner with you for the success of visitation at the Lake Mills Care Center. Please note phone calls, facetime, zooms, and window visits are still available.

We have been enjoying many activities, coffee and cookies, church services, bingo, and so much more. It has been great to get back into the swing of things and we are thrilled to safely and cautiously open back up and get back to normal.



Submitted photo

Winnebago Co. Extension holds Seed Bomb workshop

The Winnebago County ISU Extension office held a Seed Bomb workshop for youth in Lake Mills last Wednesday, April 7, with County Youth Coordinator, Alexis Richter, and Winnebago County Master Gardener, Mary Walk. Youth who participated in this program were able to explore the world of gardening in a fun and innovative way. Those participating included: Kenlie Greenfield, Lana Throne, Emily Charlson, Gabby Brandenburg, and Joseph Charlson.

The program started out by participants picking out their own flower seed packets and learning a little bit about the flower they chose. We talked about the difference between a perennial and annual flower, what type of environment their flowers liked (sun or shade, warm or cool-

er weather), how to read a flower packet, and more.

After learning about their flowers, they got their hands dirty while making their seed bombs. Each participant made 10-14 seed bombs that they were able to take home with them to plant in their gardens; while also using a couple of seeds to plant in mini pots that they had decorated earlier.

If you are interested in other program opportunities offered by the Winnebago County Extension and Outreach Office, follow them on Facebook (@Winnebago County ISU Extension), visit their website www.extension.iastate.edu/winnebago, or give them a call at 641-584-2261 to be a part of their monthly newsletter list.

Spring tree giveaway scheduled

Each spring, the Winnebago County Conservation Board encourages people to plant trees and shrubs by offering free seedlings. Last year, the annual giveaway was canceled due to Covid. But, this year, the *Spring Tree Giveaway* is back and will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. As in the past, the seedlings will be handed out at the Thorpe Park office, located five miles west of Forest City, on 345th Street. *But, in adherence with COVID protocols, people this year are being asked to wear masks when they stop by to pick up their seedling.*

This year's varieties of trees and shrubs are attractive and beneficial to various wildlife species. The species that will be given away this year are Arrowwood, River Birch, Hackberry, and Serviceberry. These species are excellent for attracting songbirds, pollinators, and other wildlife, but also provide the same benefits of all trees and shrubs, such as cleaning our air, holding our soil in place, reducing rainwater runoff, and providing shade. Strategically placed around homes, trees and

shrubs can also help to reduce the use of air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter. And, of course, they are aesthetically pleasing, adding beauty to our yards and towns.

Only 25 seedlings of each species will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. As a result, quantities will be limited to one seedling/person. Later in the day, that limit may be waived if it appears that there may be trees left over. The WCCB will keep people posted on how many trees are still available throughout the day on their Facebook page and their Twitter feed. Links to information about each species can be found on the Events page on the Winnebago County Conservation Board website (www.winnebagoconservationboard.com), but information will also be available at the park, as will instructions about how to plant the seedlings.

For more information about the *Spring Tree Giveaway*, people can contact Winnebago County Naturalist Lisa Ralls at either 641-565-3390 or at lralls@winnebagoconservationboard.com.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 18-24

Crisis Intervention Service, is coordinating events throughout the area in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWRW), April 18-24, to raise awareness about crime victims' issues and rights and introduce the community to the important resources and services available.

The faces of crime victims are those of our family, friends, neighbors, and community members. According to the most recent National Crime Victimization Survey from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1.2 million people were victims of violent crime in 2019, a significant decrease from the year before. Now is the time to redouble our efforts so that victimization continues to decline and fewer and fewer people become victims of crime.

Crisis Intervention Service will commemorate the advancement of victims' rights and highlight issues surrounding victimization by being present at the YMCA, 916 W. I.

St., Forest City, Thursday April 22, from 4-6 p.m. Advocates will be there to hand out backpacks to children and families until 6 p.m. or all bags have been dispersed.

For additional information about this year's NCVWRW and how to assist victims in your community, please contact Crisis Intervention Service at 855-424-9133, visit Crisis Intervention Service's website at www.cishelps.org or the Office for Victims of Crime website at www.ovc.ojp.gov.

The mission of Crisis Intervention Service is to provide persons affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and homicide with professional, confidential, 24-hour services including safety and support and to prevent violence in our communities through education. Crisis Intervention Service promotes a society free from violence and oppression through social change, effective community partnerships and awareness.

Black Hills Energy puts customers first after widespread historic cold

Black Hills Energy continues to keep affordable energy for our customers a top priority in response to the dramatic increase in natural gas prices in February.

Black Hills Energy is working closely with the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) to determine the best path forward to manage the impact of increased natural gas costs for customers.* With approval from the IUB, beginning in April the natural gas costs incurred during the polar vortex period will appear as an additional line-item on customer bills. At the request of Black Hills Energy, the recovery of these natural gas costs will span for the next three years.

"The financial well-being of our customers is important to us and we recognize how these additional costs can impact a family budget," said Shirley Welte, vice president of Iowa operations. "We remain committed to supporting reasonable energy costs. Spreading the cost over the course of three years will result in a lessened impact to bills during the three-year period," said Welte.

Black Hills Energy stood ready to respond to dramatic increases in customer energy demand. Black Hills Energy team members con-

tinually monitored energy supply and adjusted as needed to support system integrity and meet extraordinary customer demand. Locally, technicians banded up to physically inspect and monitor key infrastructure to be ready to respond.

Customers worried about affording their bill are encouraged to log into their account through the Black Hills Energy website and enroll in Budget Billing, which is a free payment plan that averages the amount you pay each month. This budget option supports customers looking to avoid the seasonal increases in bills that result during extreme weather by averaging out usage during the past year. Customers can also seek out other assistance options by calling 211 to get access to emergency utility assistance services like Black Hills Cares or by visiting Assistance Programs on our website at blackhillsenergy.com

* The natural gas customers' fuel use is passed on to them at cost. Gas supply teams continuously prepare for abnormal demand and price changes to minimize the financial impact to our customers by implementing a portfolio of gas purchase options. The recent polar event caused the largest natural gas price increases in the last 20 years.

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**Devyn Nicholson
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Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Devyn Nicholson, bride-to-be of Mike Thorn, Saturday, April 17, from 9-11 a.m., at 5 Alarm Brewing Co., 211 W. Main St., Lake Mills. Devyn is registered at Amazon, Target, Pampered Chef, Honeyfund, and BluePrint. Check out www.thorn.wedding for more details.

15p

LMCS Menu

**April 19-23
Breakfast**
Monday—Chicken slider, apple, juice, milk.
Tuesday—Waffles, fruit, juice, milk.
Wednesday—Cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.
Thursday—Muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
Friday—Breakfast combo link, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch
Monday—Cheddarwurst on a bun, oven wedges, fruit, milk.
Tuesday—Mini waffles, sausage patty, string cheese, tri tater, fruit, milk.
Wednesday—BBQ chicken on a bun, baked beans, creamy coleslaw, fruit, milk.
Thursday—Softshell taco, tortilla chips & salsa, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Friday—Hamburger on a bun, oven fries, sidekick, fruit, milk.

Thank You
Thanks to all my family & friends for making my 100th birthday so special. The drive-by parade was great & all the cards, flowers, gifts & phone calls were appreciated.
Mavis Olson



Bonnie Kay Baldwin/LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Ribbon cutting held at Anderson Chiropractic

Family members of Andrew Anderson joined the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation and area residents for a ribbon cutting Monday morning at Anderson Chiropractic and Wellness, located at 706 E. Main St., Lake Mills.

Win a free year of college at NIACC

North Iowa Area Community College invites adults, ages 23 and up, to apply for an Extreme Makeover—a unique makeover that changes lives. For more than 15 years, NIACC has been providing adult students with this opportunity to return to college at no cost.

Extreme Makeover: College Edition is a contest where two lucky winners receive an entire year of free tuition, textbooks and more.

“This is an amazing way to makeover your life with a new education,” said Rachel McGuire, NIACC Director of Enrollment Services. Three other finalists will win half-price tuition to NIACC for the 2021-22 academic year.

Lydia Thompson, Forest City, one of last year’s winners said “when I first started it was extremely overwhelming with COVID and the technology needed to take those classes, but the instructors have been amazing and I’m so proud of myself for doing well. Being a parent you learn to manage your time and that was tough at first, but with the support of my family, I’ve made that work. Extreme Makeover is making my dream of being an elementary teacher

and ELL instructor come true.”

Danielle Vance, Charles City, also won a year of free tuition, fees, and textbooks. The three other finalists—Mitchell Knudsvig, Heidi Thoe and Christina Trosper each received half price tuition to NIACC for the 2020-2021 academic year.

To enter this year’s contest, simply fill out the online form and tell us why you need or deserve an educational makeover. If you’re at least 23 years old and haven’t taken a NIACC credit class in the past three years, you’re eligible to apply for Extreme Makeover: College Edition.

For contest rules and to enter the Extreme Makeover: College Edition, call 1-888-GO NIACC or visit the website for details: www.niacc.edu/admissions/extreme-makeover.

Entries must be received by noon, Friday, April 23.



Sherylee Gasper/LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Family Circle open for the season

LM Parks and Rec Director Amy Vrieze recently stated, “We want the community to know that the Family Circle is now open. It was finished in late fall of 2020, and we took in a number of items that would have been damaged throughout the winter. The Family Circle is a multi-generational place, where parents/grandparents can bring their kids to have fun, while they walk around the track or sit on the swing. The kids can also bring their bikes and ride, while learning about the road and getting road worthy. We are proud of this project and super pleased how it turned out. Lots of people worked on this. It is a great project.” The Family Circle is located at the Leonard Fjelstad Memorial Sports Complex, on the east side of town, off Milton Avenue.

The Postscript



Carrie Classon
The Postscript

tree, hoping it would now become a huge, towering pine, I felt a small pang, because I would never know. That is the hardest thing about moving. I will never know what I will miss, not living here. But I was never going to know. This tree may outlive me by hundreds of years, or it may perish by the end of the

summer. I will never know this, nor will I know what any path I have not taken might hold. Instead, I imagine, because that is all I can do to keep myself upright. I imagine spending my mother’s next birthday with her and I imagine going to the theater with my oldest friend and I imagine seeing my nephew graduate. And, in the back of my mind, I imagine this tree standing tall for hundreds of years after I am dead, on stable footing because of me. Till next time, Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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16	4:15 p.m.	Prom Set-Up, HS Gym Var. B/G Golf, Home
	5 p.m.	Var. Girls Track @ Northwood-Kensett
	8 a.m.	4th Gr. Youth Volleyball Northern Lights Tourn., All Gyms
17	5 p.m.	Doors Open for Prom Grand March
	6 p.m.	Prom Grand March
19	7 a.m.	Driver's Education Class, Auditorium
	4:15 p.m.	Var. B/G Golf, Home
	4:30 p.m.	7th/8th Gr. B/G Track @ St. Ansgar
	5 p.m.	4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
	6:15 p.m.	5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
20	7 a.m.	Driver's Education Class, Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Var. Girls Track @ GHV 7th/8th Gr. Boys Track @ Waldorf Var. Boys Track @ Belmond-Klemme
	5 p.m.	4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
	6:15 p.m.	5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
21	7 a.m.	Driver's Education Class, Auditorium
	2:15 p.m.	6th-11th Gr. Volleyball Team Meeting, Auditorium
	7 p.m.	Academic Honors Program, Auditorium
22	4:30 p.m.	Var. Girls Track @ Roland Story 7th/8th Gr. Boys Track @ West Hancock
	5 p.m.	Var. Boys Track at North Iowa 4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
	6:15 p.m.	5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
23	4:15 p.m.	Var. B/G Golf @ GHV
	4:30 p.m.	Var. Girls Track @ Belmond-Klemme Var. Boys Track @ North Butler
24	8:30 a.m.	HS Band Street Show Staging

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by Bonnie Kay Baldwin

SWEET PEPPERS OVER RICE
2 oz. Worcestershire sauce
3 (12 oz.) cans beer or ale
1 Tbsp. salt
1-1/2 tsp. black pepper
6 oz. BBQ sauce
Put brisket and next six ingredients in a Dutch oven. Cover and bake at 220 degrees for 8-9 hours. Carefully remove meat so it doesn't fall apart. Coat with BBQ sauce and place on a hot charcoal grill. Grill each side three times, allowing 2-3 minutes on each side, liberally basting with BBQ sauce.

SOUR CREAM ORANGE CAKE
3/4 c. butter
1-1/2 c. sugar
2 whole eggs, beaten
1 c. sour cream
3/4 c. raisins
2 c. flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. vanilla
3/4 c. chopped nuts
1-1/2 tsp. orange zest
1c. Icing:
1/2 c. orange juice
1/2 c. powdered sugar
Cream butter, add sugar, and beat until fluffy. Add beaten eggs, then sour cream. Remove enough flour to coat raisins and nuts. Sift remaining flour with soda and salt. Stir into creamed mixture. Add the orange rind and flour, raisins and nuts. Turn into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 45-50 minutes. Use pick to test for doneness. Should come out clean. Remove from oven. Let stand 10 minutes. Slowly pour icing over cake. Let stand for 15 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on rack.

BRAISED VIDALIA ONIONS
1 doz. vidalia onions
1 c. butter
1-1/8 c. chicken broth
3/4 c. honey
Salt, white pepper and mace to taste
1 pt. heavy cream
Slice onions in half, and then into 1/4 inch slices. In a large saute pan, melt butter over medium heat. Add honey and stir to dissolve. Add the onions, chicken broth, and seasonings and reduce heat to low. Cover and braise until tender, about 8-10 minutes. Uncover and cook on high until all the liquid evaporates. Add cream and cook, stirring until most of the cream has been absorbed. Serves 12.

TEXAS BEEF BRISKET
1 fresh beef brisket, 2-1/2 lbs. (not corned beef)
1-1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1 med. coarsely cut onion

USDA grant program should provide needed support to local meat processors

BY JOHNATHAN HLADIK, POLICY DIRECTOR
CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Many of us have changed the way we purchase and prepare our food over the past 12 months. Families now spend more time cooking at home. We are learning that local meat provides a better and more affordable alternative to the big box store.

This surge in demand has created a good problem for our local meat lockers. But many simply do not have the space or equipment to keep up. Unfortunately, this has left the family farms in our growing direct sales industry without a crucial partner.

While some Legislatures have begun tackling this issue on the state level, the Center is urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to begin implementing a much-needed grant program authorized under a stimulus package ap-

proved by Congress in December. The Center is asking USDA to open applications as soon as possible, and to ensure processors designated as "smaller" and "very small" receive preference.

The Center is also asking USDA leadership to prioritize supporting small meat processors looking to improve and expand their infrastructure. This is vital in addressing bottlenecks in local processing and encouraging the growth of rural economies. Funding should also be made available to entrepreneurs seeking to open a new small facility.

The Center supports USDA implementing grants of up to \$500,000 to cover the costs of such expansion efforts.

Support for small meat processors can offer much-needed benefits to rural communities. This overdue investment will provide immediate relief today while creating new economic opportunities for the future.

Q&A: Falsehoods undermine voter confidence

With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

Q: What's wrong with For the People Act?

A: The House of Representatives passed an 800-page bill along a party-line vote under pretext of preventing election irregularities after we were told this was the most secure and fair election in history. Unfortunately, H.R. 1, For the People Act, is a purely partisan exercise. What's worse, it would make elections less secure and further undermine faith in our electoral process. That's bad for America.

The cornerstone of America's democratic republic is upholding the sanctity of the ballot box. As we approach 245 years of self-rule and the birth of our nation, let's remember what makes Independence Day worth celebrating. The legacy of our individual liberty and economic freedom rests on the idea that government is derived "of the people, by the people, for the people."

The public trust is safeguarded by the ballot box. On July 4, 1776, the nation's founders listed 27 grievances against the British monarchy, specifically, against King George III for among other complaints, cutting off trade, imposing taxes, curbing representation and preventing fair trials. Exercising the right to vote is one of the most fundamental civic freedoms in our free society. Throughout history, suffrage and civil rights movements have enfranchised voters through constitutional amendments and voting laws to ensure the ballot box reflects the different views of all Americans. However, what the Democratic Majority in the House of Representatives is trying to do with passage of H.R. 1 - For the People Act - boils down to politicizing voting systems, which should be nonpartisan.

After two successive presidential elections where the losing side questioned the legitimacy of the election, restoring faith in our electoral process is essential to restoring trust in representative government.

It's more important than ever to restore faith in our elections. Don't forget, the 2020 elections had historic turnout with more than 158 million ballots cast. That shows our participatory democracy and civic engagement are thriving. However, if enacted, H.R. 1 would drastically change the American electoral system. Instead of campaigns funded by voluntary donations from individuals, most funding for those nasty political ads would come from the government using the American people's money. The U.S. Constitution gives states primary authority to regulate and run elections, including management of voter registration, absentee, advance and in-person voting. The so-called For the People Act prescribes political remedies for partisan outcomes. It would mandate the Federal Election Commission be controlled by a partisan majority instead of the current requirement for a 50-50 split; dictate scores of duplicative unfunded mandates to state and local governments; and omit critical reforms most Americans agree are needed, such as common sense voter identification requirements standard in most democracies. In a nutshell, the proposed changes would make elections less secure, ban states from cleaning up outdated voter registration files that include ineligible voters who have moved out of state, and set unre-

asonable deadlines to implement unfunded mandates. The ballot box holds office holders accountable to the voters. The so-called For the People Act turns this covenant on its head and would make the ballot box beholden to office holders. That's why some are saying this should be called For the Politician's Act.

Q: Why is misinformation about state voting reforms dangerous to representative government?

A: It's duplicitous for political leaders, including President Biden, to keep repeating falsehoods about voting reform laws. It's remarkably incongruent with the president's call for healing and unity in his Inaugural Address. Racially-charged hyperbole and mistruths breed more divisions in an already polarized society. Now we have major corporations and Major League Baseball taking the partisan bait and kowtowing to a reckless cancel culture. Spreading false information about voting reform laws enacted by state legislatures erodes credibility in one of the most sacred civic trusts of citizenship: the ballot box. Facts matter. For example, the recently enacted Georgia voting reform laws expand early voting, including requiring two Saturdays with optional Sundays, and it does not prohibit voters from being able to get a drink of water while waiting in line as partisans have falsely claimed. In fact, it requires more voting infrastructure in places that had long lines in the past. Evidence-free allegations of widespread voter suppression are as damaging as ones about widespread fraud. American elections are free and fair. False claims to the contrary denigrate American democracy and allow for adversaries like Russia and China to make a false equivalence with their own repressive regimes.

Over the Easter break, I held two dozen Q&A's where I was able to talk with Iowans in their places of work, schools, hospitals and local communities. Holding county meetings holds me accountable to my constituents and keeps me informed on what's on their minds so I can bring their ideas to the policy tables. Many people shared concerns that H.R. 1 would federalize our electoral process and allow the federal government to dictate how Iowa and other states run their elections.

The American people elect representatives to advocate and make policy for the public good on their behalf. That's how our system of representative government works. Americans want accountable elections they can count on to ensure their vote counts. After every election, routine checks find voters who voted twice or other improper votes, but the secret ballot makes it impossible to know how those votes were cast and difficult to prove fraud so such cases are rarely prosecuted. Widespread fraud like in the heyday of machine politics is not common, but as we saw in Iowa's second congressional district, even a few votes can make the difference. It makes no sense to remove even the most basic safeguards to prevent fraudulent votes being cast. Voters want zero fraud, they don't want their votes zeroed out by fraud. Distortions and falsehoods about voting reform laws are further alienating voters and undermining the public trust. For the sake of our republic, it needs to stop.



Mary Alice Paulson Bartness November 2, 1930 – April 5, 2021

Mary Alice (Paulson) Bartness, 90, Northwood, passed away peacefully at the Lutheran Retirement Home, Northwood, Monday, April 5, 2021. A funeral service for Mary was held Thursday, April 8, at Emmons Lutheran Church, Emmons, Minn., with Kermit Singelstad presiding. Burial was held in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mary was born Nov. 2, 1930 to Christ and Gida Paulson, rural Lake Mills. She was baptized and confirmed at Lime Creek Lutheran Church, rural Emmons, Minn. Mary graduated from Emmons High School in 1948.

Mary married her high school sweetheart, Duane Bartness, April 2, 1950 at Lime Creek Lutheran Church.

Mary raised two boys and while taking care of her family, Mary worked as a nurses aid at Lake Mills Care Center and St. John's Lutheran Home, Albert Lea, Minn., for many years.

Mary was an active member of the Emmons Lutheran Church participating in church council, Ladies Aid, president of the Women of the Church, superintendent of Sunday School and several other church committees.

In her spare time, she loved baking brownies for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She loved to golf, especially at Arrowhead Golf Course. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and attend as many of their activities as she could. Mary and Duane lived in Arizona for a period of time, but Emmons, Minn., was always their home.

Mary is survived by her husband of 71 years, Duane; children: Lynn (Cyndy) Bartness and Bruce (Brenda) Bartness; grandchildren: Heath (Dainna) Bartness and Brooke (Adam) Beise; great-grandchildren: Lydia, Harrison, Henry, and Molly; brother, Carl (Barbara) Paulson; sisters: Donna Hagen and Margaret (Richard) Reeves; and many other loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Mary is preceded in death by her first sister, Margaret; brother, Robert and his wife, Ida Paulson; and brothers-in-law, Lyle Bartness and Marlin Hagen.



Naven Judine Knutson August 6, 1931 – April 8, 2021

Naven Judine Knutson, 89, Clarksville, Tenn., formerly of the Leland/Lake Mills area, passed away Thursday, April 8, at the Vanderbilt Medical Care Center, Nashville, Tenn. According to Naven's wishes there will be a "Celebration of Life" in Northwood, the end of April. The exact time and date will be posted at a later date on NaveFuneralHomes.com.

Naven Judine Knutson was born Aug. 6, 1931, in Mason City, the son of Eddie and Myrtle (Brudvig) Knutson. Naven graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1949, and graduated from San Francisco State University, in San Francisco, Calif.

He was united on Sept. 2, 1956 in marriage to Doris Elaine Johnson (deceased), in Blooming Prairie, Minn. They lived in California from 1956-1975 and in Alaska from 1975-1992; settling in Clarksville, Tenn. in 1992.

Naven was a noted athlete in high school; served his country during the Korean War; was a recognized expert in his field of accounting; a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and a friend to everyone he met.

Left to cherish his memory are his two sons: Naven John Knutson and his wife, Janey, Arab, Ala.; and Paul Edward Knutson and his wife, Trudy, Frankfort, Ky.; four grandchildren: Elaine Knutson Wanstreet and her husband, Gavin, West Lafayette, Ind.; Mary Knutson Lawlor and her husband, Lucas, and daughters, Lydia, Cora, and Emma, Huntsville, Ala.; Anna Knutson and her son, Matthias, Arab, Ala.; Naven E. Knutson, his wife, Carmen, and son, Naven L., Frankfort, Ky.; his brother, David Knutson and wife, Ethel, Cedar Rapids; and sister, Elinor Dalchow, and husband, LeRoy, Milaca, Minn.

Naven was preceded by his sister, Marilyn Thomas; and brother, Robert Knutson.

IDPH announces upcoming vaccine information sessions

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) along with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and University of Iowa announce their collaboration to host information sessions about the COVID-19 vaccine later this month. The sessions will provide a virtual forum for Iowans to learn about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and have an opportunity to ask questions of medical experts.

"In a little over one year, we've gone from having our first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state, to now having three vaccines, which are excellent tools to help stop the spread of the virus. We are grateful to our partners who are helping amplify the importance of vaccine education," said Dr. Caitlin Pedati, IDPH Medical Director and State Epidemiologist.

Dr. Pedati will participate in each of the sessions and be joined by Dr. Pat Winokur, MD, Executive Dean, Carver College of Medicine; Co-Director, Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS); Professor of Internal Medicine-Infectious Disease, April 17 and 19, and by Dr. Alejandro Comellas, MD, Director, Clinical Research Support, ICTS; Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine-Pulmonary, Critical Care and Occupational Medicine, April 24.

The April 24 session is targeted to Spanish speaking Iowans and will include an interpreter. Each one-hour session will feature an

overview from medical experts, followed by a moderated question and answer segment to encourage a dialogue.

"Putting an end to this pandemic is a team effort that will require the majority of the public to get vaccinated," says Dr. Winokur, "We recognize some Iowans may be hesitant to get the vaccine because there is a lot of conflicting information circulating that can be confusing and overwhelming. To combat this, we are pleased to partner with IDPH and ISU to answer Iowans' questions and make sure they have the facts they need to feel comfortable getting a COVID-19 vaccine."

Sessions are scheduled for April 17, 19 and 24. There is no fee or registration required and the sessions are open to all. Participants can join a session by visiting <https://www.iowacovidinfo.org/>, where they will link to the WebEx online meeting platform.

"This partnership really gets to the heart of our ISU Extension and Outreach mission—delivering research-based education and information to help Iowans make their own decisions. Being able to provide Iowans in all 99 counties with direct access to this level of expertise is an extraordinary opportunity. We're proud to play a part," shared Vice President for Extension and Outreach John Lawrence.

Full details and links to each session can be found at <https://www.iowacovidinfo.org/>



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LMHS spring sports season commences



Men's senior best shot

Men's senior three-man best shot started the 2021 season April 7.

The team of Wayne VanVeldhuizen, Dave Kading, and Steve Iverson won with a 65. Second was the team of Gus Courrier, Terry Rodberg, and Dean Mathiason with a 66.

Senior four-man best shot is open to male members of Rice Lake Golf and Country Club who are 55 or older and is played Wednesday mornings throughout the season.

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. ESPR011048
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE RODBERG, Deceased. To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DARLENE RODBERG, deceased, who died on or about March 11, 2021.

You are hereby notified that on March 22, 2021, the last will and testament of DARLENE RODBERG, deceased, bearing date of July 5, 1995, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Harlan Rodberg was appointed Executor of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the latter to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated March 22, 2021.
Harlan Rodberg
Executor of Estate
615 S Golf Course Rd
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Timothy A. Casperson
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. ESPR011045
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ANN PEDERSON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of PHYLLIS ANN PEDERSON, deceased, who died on or about February 25, 2021.

You are hereby notified that on March 11, 2021, the last will and testament of PHYLLIS ANN PEDERSON, deceased, bearing date of October 21, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Steven Pederson and Philip Samuel Pederson were appointed Executors of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the latter to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the Estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated March 29, 2021.
Steven Pederson
Executor of Estate
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Lake Mills, IA 50450
Philip Samuel Pederson
Executor of Estate
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-Golf-

West Fork

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The 2021 LMHS golf season kicked off with a win for the Bulldog boys golf team, as they took first place at the West Fork meet Monday, April 5. The Bulldogs finished the meet with a combined stroke count of 176, handily defeating both West Fork (200), and Central Springs (206).

Garrett Ham was one of the top performers for Lake Mills and was a medalist at the meet (determined by handicap holes), with a final stroke count of 42. Bennett Berger also finished the meet with a stroke count of 42, and was the runner-up medalist. Casey Hanson and Peyton Severson each finished with a count of 46, while Denton Kingland and Kinser Hanson finished with stroke counts of 52 and 67, respectively.

The opening competition at Ridge Stone Golf Club in West Fork for the LMHS girls' golf team ended in a first place victory for the Bulldogs. Lake Mills finished the course with a combined stroke count of 228, defeating both Central Springs (240) and West Fork (245).

Makenna Hanson was the top performer for the Bulldogs, finishing nine holes with a stroke count of 49, securing her place as a medalist at the competition. Junior Jadyn Hengesteg tied for runner-up, with a count of 55. Lindsey Hershey was just behind Hegesteg, finishing the course with 56 strokes to take 4th place. Also golfing for Lake Mills were Kenna Vanek (68), Madison Levine (75), and Chaelin Barbour (82).

Eagle Grove

The LMHS boys golf team won their second meet of the 2021 season Friday, April 9, at Eagle Grove, defeating Bishop-Garrigan and Eagle Grove to improve their overall season record to 4-0. The Bulldogs finished the meet with a combined stroke count of 159, easily coming

out ahead of Bishop-Garrigan (172) and Eagle Grove (211).

Bennett Berger was the medalist at the meet, finishing the competition with a count of 36. Garrett Ham was close behind with a count of 38 to secure the runner-up medalist spot. Casey Hanson finished with a stroke count of 39, while Peyton Severson and Denton Kingland each finished the course with a final count of 46 each. Kinser Hanson finished the meet with 50 strokes.

-Track-

West Hancock

The 2021 track and field season got off to a strong start for the LMHS girls track team as they competed in their first meet of the season at West Hancock. Head Coach Skyler Ahrens commented that it was a very good day overall for the team.

"I saw a lot of things that I liked, and definitely a few things that we will improve on," said Coach Ahrens. "We will definitely fix the little things and grow going forward."

The girls team had several competitors win their respective competitions. Taylor Ingledue took first place in the 100m dash with a time of 14.47, Kyla Johanson won the 800m run after finishing with a time of 2:53.63, and Ella Stene took first in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.62.

In the throwing group, Kylie Greenfield had a personal best throw of 32' 9.5" in shot put, securing second place at the meet, and placing her in the all-time Top 10 for Lake Mills.

Other notable finishes included the 4x200 group, which took second place with a time of 1:59.63. Also taking second place was the 4x400 group with a time of 4:49.33, and the 4x100 group with a time of 55.43. The girls team also had third place finishes in the Sprint Medley (2:07.74), the 4x800 (13:10.95), and the Shuttle (1:20.34). Scout Kohagen took third place in the

Discus with a throw of 71, and Taylor Ingledue finished the 200m in 30.92 to take third place.

The team's performance at the meet was enough to secure them a third place finish overall.

Individual Results/West Hancock			
Shot Put	Kylie G	32'9.5"	2nd
	Kit B	29'8"	
Discus	Scout K	71'	3rd
	Kit B	63'5"	
Long Jump	Bailey A	11'8"	
S Medley	Natalie B, Josie H, Haley D, Kyla J	2:07.74	3rd
4x800	Kit B, Sara N, Nora P, Alison R	13.10.95	3rd
Shuttle	Finley R, Alexis A, Karl H, Ella S	1:20.34	3rd
100m	Ingledue	14.47	1st
	VanCannon	17.14	
D Medley	Emily S, Alaina B, Dottie B, Sydnee L	DQ	
400m	Nora P	1:14.32	
	Kit B	1:15.49	
4x200	Natalie B, Josie H, Haley D, Taylor I	1:59.63	2nd
100h	Ella S	17.62	1st
	Ellie H	22.63	
800m	Kyla J	2:53.63	1st
	Sara N	3:26.45	
200M	Taylor I	30.92	3rd
	Alaina B	33.51	
400h	Finley R	1:24.94	
	Ellie H	1:25.91	
1500m	Hailey H	8:15.10	
	Becca H	8:06.01	
4x100	Jose H, Ella S, Haley D, Taylor I	55.43	2nd
4x400	Josie H, Haley D, Kyla J, Ella S	4:49.33	2nd

The 2021 season got off to a strong start for the LMHS boys track and field team, as they took first place overall at the meet in Britt, Monday, April 5, triumphing over five other teams competing that day.

"We somewhat surprised ourselves with the season opener at Britt," commented Head Coach Dan Rice. "We have some of our best athletes out and were still able to get the team championship. We were just excited to be participating after two years off."

Several Bulldogs took the top spot in their individual events. Caleb Bacon took first in the 100m dash with a time of 12.33, while Caleb Albert and Aidan Johanson took first and second place in the 800m run, respectively. Also running in the 3200m, Justin Rygh and Tyler Christian were able to secure

second and third place after finishing the event with times of 13:03.09 and 14:05.29.

In the field events, AJ Ramaker took first place in the Long Jump, with a total jump distance of 17'7". Seth Hermanson secured first place in the shot put event with a throw of 41'11". Brayden Lindeman threw for a distance of 105'10" in the discus event to take first place, while Wyatt Helming took third in the event with a throw of 97'3".

Coach Rice noted that it was a "close meet right to the end" and that the team had to win the last two races in order to secure first place overall at the meet.

Individual Results/West Hancock			
Shot Put	Lindeman	35'6.5"	
	Hermanson	41'11"	1st
Discus	Lindeman	105'10"	1st
	W. Helming	97'3"	3rd
Long Jump	Ramaker	17'7"	2nd
	Johanson	16'3.5"	
S. Medley	Eastvold	12.22	
	L. Bacon	10.93	
	Thorson	25.54	
	Maher	1:03.55	
	Time:	1:51.78	
3200m	Christian	14:05.29	
	Rygh	13:03.09	
4x800	Thorson	2:15.71	
	Johanson	2:19.25	
	Hugo	2:20.11	
	Albert	2:13.71	
	Time	9:09.04	1st
100m	C. Bacon	12.33	1st
D Medley	Maher	26.84	
	Stellpflug	24.63	
	L. Helming	50.92	
	Womack	2:24.04	
	Time	4:14.68	3rd
400m	Schmidt	1:06.33	
4x200	Eastvold	23.84	
	Ramaker	25.5	
	L. Bacon	24.48	
	C. Bacon	23.99	
	Time	1:42.36	2nd
800m	Johanson	2:23.90	2nd
	Albert	2:18.08	1st
200m	L. Helming	26.82	
	Hugo	26.79	
400LH	Stellpflug	1:09.85	
1600m	Rygh	5:49.93	
	Womack	5:27.23	
4x100WT	Kaufman	13.4	
	W. Helming	13.07	
	Lindeman	14.32	
	Hermanson	12.61	1st
4x100	Eastvold	13.12	
	Ramaker	11.47	
	L. Bacon	11.79	
	C. Bacon	11.48	
	Time	47.81	1st
4x400	Thorson	54.8	
	Albert	55.91	
	L. Bacon	36.45	
	C. Bacon	56.52	
	Time:	3:44.15	1st

Eagle Grove

Injuries took their toll on the LMHS boys track and field team before the second meet of the season at Eagle Grove, April 6, and as Head Coach Dan Rice noted, those injuries were really reflected in the final results. Though the team had some success in the field events, Coach Rice noted that it is always difficult to run meets back to back, especially early on in the season.

Seth Hermanson had a personal best throw of 43'8" in shot put, taking second place in the event. AJ Ramaker also secured a second place finish in the long jump, with a total distance of 19'1". However, it was only in these two events that the Bulldogs were able to secure a top five finish.

The Bulldogs placed 11th overall out of 16 teams competing at the meet. Despite the lackluster performance at Eagle Grove, Coach Rice was optimistic about the coming week of competition.

"We should be getting several of the boys back in action for this week," finished Coach Rice. "Hopefully, we will be at close to full strength for the home meet on Thursday."

Individual Results/Eagle Grove			
Shot Put	W. Helming	37'8.5"	3rd
	Hermanson	43'8"	2nd
Discus	W. Helming	107'7"	

Long Jump	Lindeman	105'6"	
	Thorson	16'5"	
	Ramaker	19'1"	2nd
	Eastvold	12.42	
	L. Bacon	11.43	
	L. Helming	24.96	
	Albert	56.54	
	Time	1:45.94	
4x800	Hugo	2:16.73	
	Womack	2:26.27	
	Rygh	2:36.66	
	Christian	2:28.90	
	Time	9:49.66	3rd
Shuttle	ramaker	16.44	
	Thorson	18.8	
	L. Bacon	17.9	
	C. Bacon	15.99	
	Time	1:09.26	3rd
100m	Maher	12.92	
	Linnen	12.29	
D Medley	Kaufman	27.57	
	L. Helming	28.17	
	Stellpflug	1:00.04	
	Schmidt	1:26.68	
	Time	4:44.46	
4x200	Eastvold	25.3	
	Ramaker	25.55	
	L. Bacon	24.15	
	C. Bacon	24.05	
	Time	1:41.16	
800m	Rygh	2:39.43	
	Womack	2:27.82	
	Maher	26.37	
	Hugo	28.51	
400LH	Thorson	1:03.81	
1600m	Christian	5:49.61	
4x100	Eastvold	12.62	
	Ramaker	11.54	
	L. Bacon	11.28	
	Thorson	12.14	
	Tim	48.19	
4x400	Hugo	57.3	
	L. Helming	56.16	
	Stellpflug	1:00.62	
	Maher	1:06.03	
	Time	4:03.22	

Linnen, Bacon selected to All-State basketball team

Lake Mills seniors, Dashawn Linnen and Caleb Bacon, were recently honored as All-State basketball selections by the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association.

Linnen was selected first team All-State in class 1A, while Bacon was named to the third team. This is the first time that two Bulldog basketball players have been selected All-State in the same season.

Linnen finished his Bulldog career with 1,399 career points, which ranks second in program history behind 2016 graduate Granger Kingland. Bacon is the Bulldogs' all-time leading rebounder, having surpassed 1997 graduate Andy Stensrud's mark earlier this season.

Lake Mills finished the 2020-2021 season with a 25-1 record and qualified for the state tournament for the second straight year. The Bulldogs also won the Top of Iowa West Conference championship and set a school record for wins in a season.

"Dashawn and Caleb are the two most accomplished players in program history," said head coach Kyle Menke. "Their talent, hard work, and leadership have helped raise the standard of excellence for Lake Mills basketball. I am extremely proud of both of them for earning All-State honors to complete their outstanding basketball careers. It has been a joy to coach them."

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JUNIORS

4.0: Wyatt Helming, Madison Levine, Leah Moen, Samantha Szymanowski

3.50-3.99: Kadin Abele, Jenilly Albino Vazquez, Caelin Barbour, Bennett Berger, Hayden Brua, Kate Edgerton, Sarah Heggstad, Jadyn Hengesteg, Annabella Jensen, Aidan Johanson, Erica Jordon, Megan Knudtson, Cameron Stellpflug, Kenna Vanek, Reese Wilhelm

3.00-3.49: Brooke Bergo, Kit Byars, Haley Droessler, Tayler Halbakken, Dylan Herr, David Hugo, Brett Peterson, Anthony Ramaker, Kristina VanCannon, Danielle White

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Natalie Brandenburg, Emily Bray, Carys Christianson, Brooke Forland, Mia Forster, Denton Kingland, Sydnee Lindeman, Sara Nelson, Ella Stene

3.50-3.99: Chaelinn Barbour, Chet Casperson, Ellie Hanna, Brady Hanson, Josie Helgeson, Kadence Henderson, Thea Hoffman, Caden Mattern, Nora Pederson, Finley Rogstad, Alexander Solomonson, Emily Thoma

3.00-3.49: Kinser Hanson, Lucas Humphrey, Kelsey Kirschbaum, Weston Menuey, Dylan Shuck, Geraldo Vazquez Perez, Andrew Wallin

FRESHMEN

4.0: Logan Bacon, Garrett Ham, Kyla Johanson, Scout Kohagen, Asa Stellpflug, Laurian VanCannon, Taylor Vanek

3.50-3.99: Alexis Anderson, Alaina Bidne, Dalton Bidne, Dottie Byars, Katherine DeVries, Bryce Eden, Chace Gaetzke, Lance Helming, Hailey Herr, Elijah Menke, Ava Moen, Sophia Nelson, Madeline Paxon, Brynne Rognes, Olivia Walton, Kara Wilhelm, Joseph Young

3.00-3.49: Sydney Hagen, Kyle Honsey, Broodie Lawson, Alex Mannes, Isabelle Schoonover, Emily Severson, Morgan Tyson

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4.00-Makenzie Budach, Case Casperson, Joseph Charlson, Lucas Helgeland, Josephine Islas, Cora Sauer, Tori Sterrenberg, Kaylie Sylvara, Lillian Young

3.50-3.99: Natalie Barker, Regan Eastvold, Drake Grove, Marli Gunderson, Laylah Ingledue, Laney Kohagen, Ryker Kohagen, Kendall Leonhardi, Gavin Paton, Kaylene Peterson, Calvin Rognes, Gabrielis Santiago Rodriguez, Asher Stensrud, Hadlee Thompson, Nevaeh Vera, Hayden Wempen

3.00-3.49: Korbin Abele, Maddox Funk, Jacklyn Gallardo, Natalie Gomez, Logan Herr, Delaney Imler, Addy Kohagen, Gabriela Lawson, Anthony Poley, Vada Roberts, Brooke Schulz, Lane Sprecher, David Wesenberg

WINN. CO. SUPERVISOR MINUTES

March 30, 2021

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors met in session at 9:00 A.M. March 30, 2021 adjourned from March 23, 2021.

Present: Supervisors Smith, Jensvold and Durby by phone

Absent:

The meeting is held today via You Tube and a conference call. This is due to COVID-19 and heightened public health risks.

On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to approve the minutes for the March 23, 2021 Board Meeting and amend the agenda for March 30, 2021 to include reversing a transfer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Julie Sorenson, Public Health gave a COVID-19 immunization update. The website for information for Winnebago County is www.winnebago-county.iowa.gov.

On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve signing the contract for the Re-roof Project. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to open the Public Hearing for the FY 2021-2022 Budget. All voted aye. Motion carried. Present at the meeting were Supervisors Jensvold and Smith, Supervisor Durby by phone, Karla Weiss, Auditor. There was no public comment. On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Durby the Supervisors moved to close the Public Hearing. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Durby the Supervisors moved to approve the following budget resolutions. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY BUDGET RESOLUTION RESOLUTION 03-30-2021-01-01

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on March 30, 2021 on the proposed Winnebago County Budget for the 2021-2022 F.Y. and the Intent to Levy General Basic and Rural Basic Property Tax Rates Which Exceed Statutory Maximums and

THEREFORE, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors has approved final adoption of the County Budget for 2021-2022 F.Y. as follows: Public Safety & Legal Services, \$2,900,858; Physical Health & Social Services, \$1,708,102; Mental Health, Intellectual Disability & Developmental Disabilities, \$517,737; County Environment & Education, \$1,097,793; Roads & Transportation, \$4,298,770; Government Services to Residents, \$767,068; Administration, \$1,465,620; Non Program, \$19,000; Capital Projects, \$2,699,651; Debt Service, \$1,647,104; Transfers, \$3,088,883.

Total County Budget Expenditures are \$20,210,313.

The vote on the final adoption of the budget was as follows:

Voting Aye: Jensvold, Smith & Durby

Voting Nay:

Approved by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors this 30th day of March 2021.

Susan Smith, Vice Chair (signed) for Terry Durby

Attest: Karla Weiss, Auditor (signed)

COUNTY BUDGET RESOLUTION RESOLUTION 03-30-2021-01-02

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 30th day of March, 2021 the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa met in session for the purpose of a hearing upon the budget estimate as filed with this Board along with the intent to levy general basic and rural basic property tax rates which exceed statutory maximums. Thereupon, the Board investigated and found that the notice of the time and place of hearing had, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published on the 17th day of March 2021 in the Buffalo Center Tribune and Lake Mills Graphic, official newspapers published in said County, and that the affidavits of Publication thereof were on file with the County Auditor. The Public Hearing on the budget was held on March 30, 2021. Thereafter on March 30, 2021 the estimate was taken up and considered. The Auditor and Board of Supervisors reviewed the budget. There were zero objections to the proposed budget.

THEREAFTER, and after hearing all taxpayers desiring to be heard, the Board took up the estimate for final consideration and after being fully advised, the Board determined that said estimate be completed so that when completed it should be in words and figures as follows:

County levy against city property of 7.55140/41000 valuation

County levy against rural property 13.27246/\$1000 valuation

Total County Budget tax asking is \$7,265,448 F.Y. July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

The vote on final adoption of the budget was as follows:

Voting Aye: Durby, Smith & Jensvold

Voting Nay:

Approved by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors this 30th day of March 2021.

Susan Smith, Vice Chair (signed) for Terry Durby

Attest: Karla Weiss, Auditor (signed)

COUNTY BUDGET RESOLUTION RESOLUTION 03-30-2021-01-03

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereinafter referred to as "the Board," believes the Project No. L-CO95(F18N1)-73-95, hereinafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Winnebago, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as precast concrete box culvert materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought

appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notification, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Winnebago County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Porters Pipe & Precast in the amount of \$4,249,000 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolution in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any parts of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Scott Meinders, the County Engineer for Winnebago County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the above awarded construction project.

Passed and approved this 30th day of March, 2021.

RECOMMENDED:

Scott Meinders, County Engineer (signed)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IOWA

Susan Smith, Vice Chair (signed) for Terry Durby

ATTEST: Karla Weiss, Auditor (signed)

On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Durby the Supervisors moved to approve the Utility Permit for Prairie Energy cooperative to install overhead electric in Sections 33 and 34 of Grant Township. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Smith and seconded

by Durby the Supervisors moved to approve the Utility permit for Alliant Energy to install overhead and underground electric service. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the use of the Courthouse grounds by Brick Street Theatre. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kris Oswald, Drainage Clerk discussed drainage district matters including DD 6 Lat 1. A preliminary report was given by Jacobson-Westergard for a project John Oftedahl will be doing. An informational hearing will be set for landowners in the district.

On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the Pay Estimate #8 for DD 11 Main Tile project for \$53,925.12. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the Pay Estimate #9 for DD 11 Main Tile project for \$168,890.80. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The discussion was tabled on health insurance reimbursement for Sandy Mireles until next week.

The discussion regarding the cell phone policy was tabled until next week.

On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to approve the payroll claims. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to approve the following Auditor's transfer: #3827 from Secondary Roads to Health Benefits in the amount of \$134.82. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The following Manure Management plans were received by the Auditor's office: #70016 F160 Christensen Farms Midwest LLC, #69845 Grant 8, #71166 Eden 27, #61118 F119, #68923 Holland Pork LLC Site 2, #63740 Holland Pork LLC Site 1, and Eagle Pork 15, Winnebago County, Iowa.

There was a FEMA flood plain meeting. See www.iowafloodmaps.org and FEMA flood map changes viewer at <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e7a7dc3ebd77ad39bb8e485bb64ce44>

The session was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. April 6, 2021.

Susan Smith, Vice Chairperson

Attest: Karla Weiss, Auditor

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SATURDAY, MAY 15, 9:30 A.M.— Hazel Skatter Estate, Lake Mills. Complete household, riding lawnmower, tools, plus 2 threshing machines, old tractor parts, etc.
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LMHS Senior Expo covered wide variety of topics



Riley Henderson talked about his interest in comic books at his presentation.



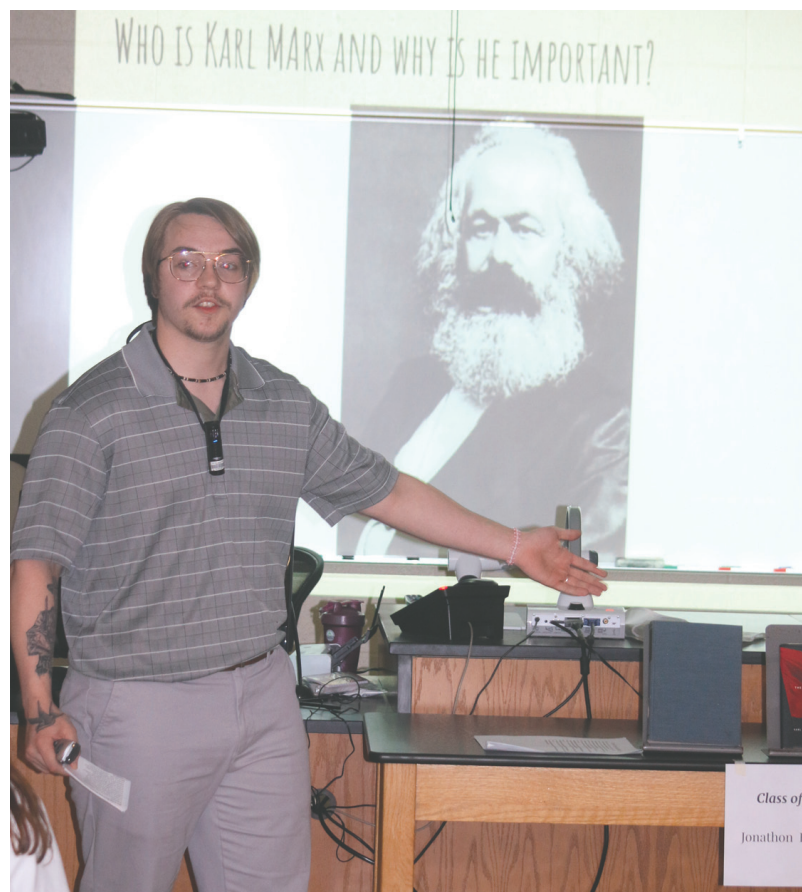
Brianna Renneker's family owns Renneker Honey and her presentation was about the history of their beekeeping business



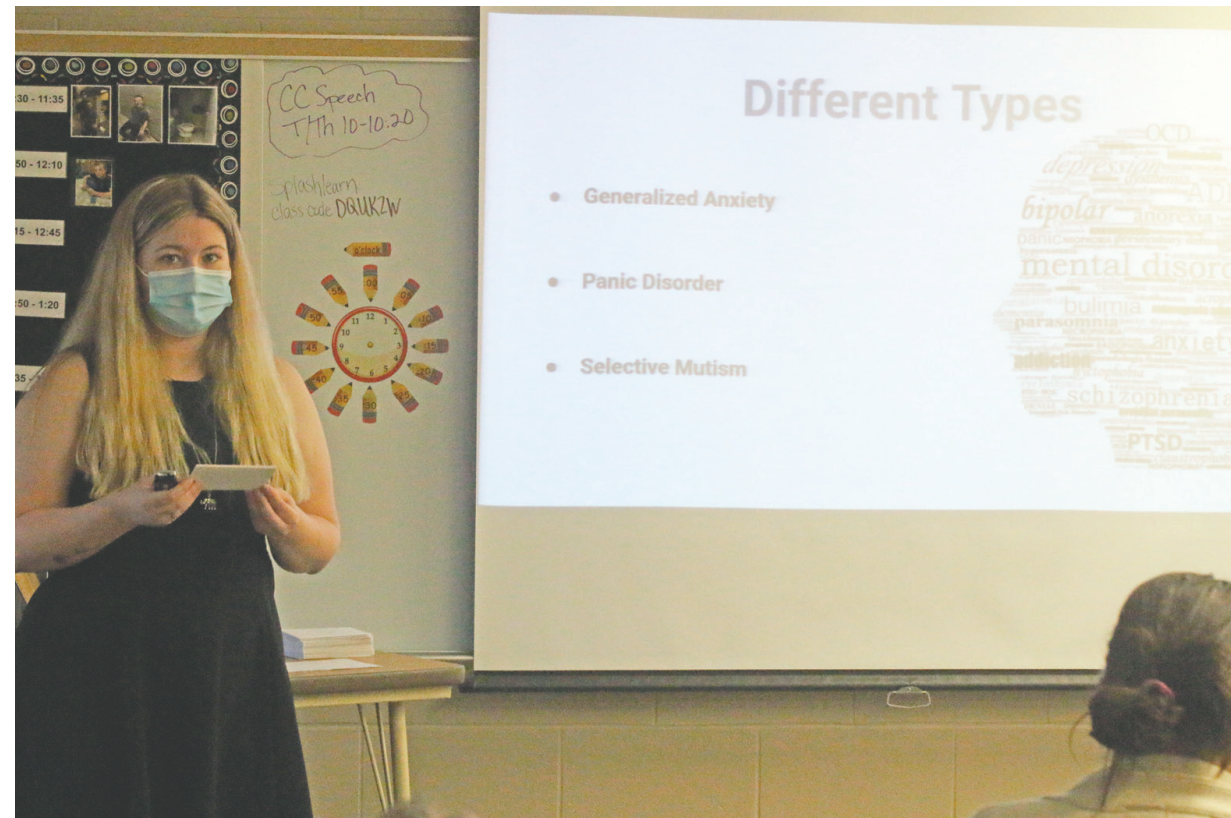
Information about alternative medicine, such as reiki, crystals, essential oils, and cannibas, was presented by Alexia Dean.



Transgender issues were discussed at the Senior Expo presented by Lincoln Lauen, who is pictured above with the Trans Pride flag.



Socialism, communism and capitalism were discussed at Jonathon Roethler's Senior Expo.



Youth anxiety disorders was the topic that Michelle Jones chose for her Senior Expo.



Andrew Womack works at CR Holland and presented his Senior Expo on the importance and benefits of cranes.



Bianca Singelstad presented her experience being part of a host family to a student from Argentina.



Amadeo Roa shared his family's experience of moving from Texas to small town Iowa.



Caleb Bacon presented his Senior Expo on golf course maintenance.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

Friday & Saturday, May 7-8

Lake Mills, Joice, Scarville, Leland, Emmons sales welcome

It's time to clean out your closets and garages! The City-Wide Garage Sale is just around the corner!

If you would like to participate, bring your garage sale ad to the Lake Mills Graphic by **NOON, FRIDAY, APRIL 30.**

Your ad, along with a map showing the location of all the garage sales in Lake Mills, will appear in the Graphic, Wednesday, May 5.

Your ad will be placed in a display box to draw more attention.



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