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■ Area briefs

4th grade musical

The LMCS fourth grade students will present the musical "The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever," Thursday, April 28, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The public is encouraged

LM City-Wide Rummage Sales

Lake Mills City-Wide Rummage Sales will be held Friday and Saturday, May 6-7. Deadline is Noon, Friday, April 29. Cost is \$10. You may mail your rummage sale ad, along with payment, to the Lake Mills Graphic, PO Box 127, Lake Mills, Iowa 50450. You may also email your ad to graphic@ wctatel.net, however, payment must be received by Monday, May 2, or your ad will not be published.

Graduation special section

The LMHS graduation special section will be published May 18. If your business would like to place an ad in this section honoring our LMHS graduates, please contact the Lake Mills Graphic by Noon, Friday, May 6. You may email graphic@wctatel.net or call 641-592-

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Lake Mills Board of Education names Christopher Rogne district's next superintendent

The Lake Mills Community School District Board of Education has named Christopher Rogne as the district's next superintendent.

As principal of Crestwood Secondary School in the Howard-Winneshiek Community School District, Rogne has been responsible for the operations of two school buildings serving more than 600 students. He led efforts to move to a standards-based system of teaching and learning, and also established a Secondary Parent Advisory Committee to give families opportunities to share their input and feedback with school leaders.

Before that, Rogne served as a PreK-8 principal and activities director in the West Fork Schools. There, he worked with teachers to implement programs to raise student achievement, supported classroom assessment for student learning through professional learning communities, and implemented a program to promote positive behavior in the school. His diverse leadership experiences and collaborative leadership style were clear strengths noted during the interview process.

Rogne holds a master's degree from Drake University and a bachelor's degree from Wartburg College. He received his superintendent's certificate from the University of Northern Iowa in 2022.

The Board of Education worked with Grundmeyer Leader Services to conduct the superintendent search. The process included a



community-wide survey, asking district residents to provide their input on the qualities and characteristics they would like to see in the district's next leader. The board held interviews with the three finalists on Tuesday, April

Rogne will officially begin leading the Lake Mills Community School District, July 1, 2022. He and his family are excited to be part of the Lake Mills community and serve

Sherylee Gasper/LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

LMHS prom royalty candidates announced

LMHS will hold prom this Saturday, April 23. Prom royalty candiates are pictured above, front row (L-R): Erica Jordon, Kit Byars, Annabella Jensen and Kenna Vanek. Back row: Wyatt Helming, Reese Wilhelm, Brett Peterson, and Kadin Abele. This year's prom theme is "Night of a Thousand Lights." The Grand March begins at 7 p.m. with doors opening to the public at 6:30 p.m. Prom will be held from 8-10:30 p.m. with Post Prom activities held at the school from 11 p.m.-2 a.m.

Ukrainian couple present their view of Russian Invasion of their homeland

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Mark Harig, past president and current treasurer of the Albert Lea Masonic Lodge-Western Star Lodge #26—hosted a Ukrainian couple well-known in Albert Lea, Minn., as presenters of what is happening in the Ukraine right now (a country roughly the size of Texas). This took place Tuesday evening, April 5.

Dr. Leo Skorin, opthamologist in Albert Lea, and wife, Kathy, were eager to speak and help people understand their view of what is going on in the Russian war against the Ukraine, which began when Russia invaded their country, Feb. 24, 2022.

"Masonry is involved in charity for fellow man and we believe in education to help us grow to become better . . . not better than anyone else, but better than each of us were," explained Harig. "The Skorins are good friends of mine, and most of the people here tonight. They presented in 2019 about Kathy's father, who was in a POW camp, liberated by the U.S. Army who joined the U.S. Army at the end of WWII; when they then emmigrated to the USA. They are passionate about their heritage. I felt their perspective was very pertinent at this time. Many folks choose not to believe that prison camps ever happened, or that people have been starved into cannibalism, or that this current attack is real. Our history is not being taught in schools anymore. We thought it



KATHY & DR. LEO SKORIN

Spirit to deliver the Ukrainian people; stop the spilling of innocent blood; comfort them, provide food and shelter, and safe passage for those fleeing the country. And, she prayed for the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky and family, the Ukrainian authorities, and the Armed Forces and "for peace to return to the

The first part of the presentation was on ori-



This map of Ukraine shows the cities of Kyiv, Kharkiv and Ternopil, where the Skorins' families

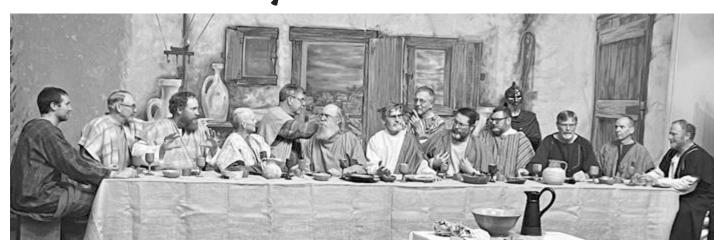
was a significant topic to learn about."

Harig began the evening by reciting a Bible verse and Kathy Skorin read a lengthy prayer that she had written for this occasion. Her petitions asked for God, Father, Son and Holy

entating the audience to the layout of Ukraine; what part of Ukraine they were from-Leo's family was from Kharkiv and Kyiv; (the

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Community celebrates Easter



Pilot Knob Lutheran Church, rural Forest City, held "The Last Supper," a living dramatization on Sunday, March 28. The cast is pictured above (L-R): Dave Reese (Nathaniel), Steve Abele (James the Lesser), Matt Keel (Andrew), Mike Brown (Judas), Greg Flugum (Peter), Joel Showalter (John), Pastor Bob Snitzer (Jesus), Don Elbert (Thomas), Jeff Edelen (Phillip), Billy Lawrence (James the Minor), Jack Smith (Matthew), Tony Gray (Thaddeus), Bill Keel (Simeon), and Devon Snitzer (Roman soldier). Also in the production were: Danny Lenz (narrator), Bobbi Elbert (costumes), Val Johanson (pianist), Bobby Snitzer, Lydia Gray, Donna Edelen, and Barb Snitzer (director).



The Girl Scouts hosted the hunt held at the school, stuffing over 4,000 eggs with Easter treats and handing out prizes to everyone who participated. Each age group gathered eggs in the high school, middle school and auxiliary gyms.

Due to the chilly weather, Good Shot Golf also held their Easter egg hunt indoors and several families took their photo with the Easter bunny.

■ Markets Prices reported as of Tuesday.

Five Star

Prices subject to change.

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\$ 5.88 \$ 7.72 Soybeans \$14.32 \$16.05

■ Inside

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1 Year Iowa/Minnesota

Opinion / Editorial

Highlights with Henry BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE HENRY STONE

Week 14 of session wasn't as full of legislative business as the recent weeks have been. However, on Tuesday, we put in place some long-overdue improvements to Iowa's can and bottle deposit system. The session is coming close to the end, but we are currently waiting for the Senate to either pass or amend the budget bills that the House sent

The extra free time that I had this week allowed me to put the finishing touches on my website. My website will make it easier to learn about me and to reach out to me. The website has been published and can be found HERE. Be sure to take a look and let me know what you think.

House Republicans Pass Improvements to the **Bottle Bill System**

The current bottle deposit and redemption system has become outdated. One primary issue is the lack of redemption centers and viable and convenient options for redeeming cans and bottles. Many of the parties on all sides of the issue are ignoring the law without any consequences. Significant work was done last year that makes changes to the system. That work continued this year and this week the House passed a bottle bill reform measure that makes the bottle deposit and redemption system one that works for today's

Senate File 2378 takes many positive steps toward improving the current system. It increases the handling fee for redemption centers and retailers to take empty containers to three cents per container. It also gives retailers the ability to opt-out of taking empty containers back if they meet one of he following criteria:

1) retailer has a food establishment license and has a certified food protection manager on site,

2) retailer has an agreement with a mobile redemption system, or

3) the retailer is within the radius of a redemption center based on the convenience standard for

House Republicans also worked to ensure several consumer protections were included in the bill. These include ensuring the convenience standard (the required radius for redemption centers based on a county's population) remains the law, encouraging additional redemption centers and retailers to take back empty containers by increasing the handling fee to three cents per container, and adding enforcement mechanisms to ensure the law is enforced. Senate File 2378 as amended, also enhances

enforcement by strengthening fines and enabling the DNR and attorney general to work together to ensure all stakeholders—retailers, distributors, redemption centers, and recyclers are following the law. Finally, the bill establishes a legislative review committee that will meet ahead of the 2026 legislative session to review how the law is working and report back to the legislature its findings and rec-

The current bottle deposit and redemption system have not been updated in over 40 years. These are positive changes for all Iowans that ensure consumers can conveniently redeem their empty

Governor Announces \$100 Million for "Destination Iowa"

The Governor recently announced a new campaign called "Destination Iowa" and allocated \$100 million toward the program's quality of life projects in Iowa's communities. The project's goal is to attract visitors and new residents to the state. Cities, counties, nonprofits, and other organizations can apply for Destination Iowa grants from four separate funds: Economically Significant Development, Outdoor Recreation, Tourism Attraction, and Creative Placemaking.

Applications will start being accepted on May 9, 2022. Funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2026. Funding is being made available through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

A webinar will be held on Friday, April 15, at 10 a.m. to explain the program and answer questions from potential applicants. If you are unable to join the webinar live, the recording will be posted at the top of this page and under the Resources section of each fund page.

State Patrol Cracking Down on Drugged Driving

"If you feel different, you drive different" that's the message the Iowa State Patrol wants you to remember. Medication, alcohol, and illegal drugs can all impact how a person drives that's why the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau are working with state and local law enforcement officers to stop impaired driving.

April 20th is often referred to as a marijuana holiday so the State Patrol and others will be increasing enforcement to keep everyone safe. Beginning April 19th through April 22, the Iowa State Patrol and other law enforcement departments will have extra officers out to combat impaired driving. While some may think driving after using marijuana isn't a big deal, the statistics show otherwise. From 2009 to 2018 the number of drivers killed in crashes who tested positive for marijuana nearly doubled. In 2018, 46% of drivers killed in crashes who were tested, were found to have drugs in their system.

If you are impaired, in any way, plan on having a safe ride. The Department of Public Safety offers these tips to help keep everyone safe:

• If you have used an impairing substance such as marijuana, do not drive. Passengers should never ride with an impaired driver. If you think a driver may be impaired, do not get in the car.

tion. It is never okay to drive while impaired by any substance.

• Do you have a friend who is about to drive while impaired by drugs? Take the keys away and arrange to get them home safely. Don't worry about offending someone—they'll thank you later.

Iowa Senate Approves Veteran Appointees

This week, the Iowa Senate unanimously approved Matthew Peterson as Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home and Steven Lukan as Executive Director of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. According to the Governor's press releases announcing their appointments:

"Peterson's 20-year career and seven deployments in the Marine Corps infantry have placed him in a wide range of leadership positions spanning thirty countries and five continents. Since retiring from the military, he has directed a working ranch and currently serves as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization, as well as a high school teacher. Peterson holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Government from New Mexico State University. He also received a master's degree in Political Science from Liberty University and another in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. He is a fifthgeneration Iowan from Red Oak."

"Lukan is a former state representative, serving Iowa House District 32 from 2003-12. From 2008-12, he assisted in guiding the House Republican Caucus as assistant leader. During Lukan's time in the Iowa House, he also chaired the House Economic Development Appropriations Committee, championed the creation of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and enacted legislation to help disabled veterans through the establishment of the Veterans Trust Fund." Lukan also served as director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy before being appointed as Iowa VA executive director in 2017.

"Lukan served four years in the U.S. Navy earning four promotions and obtaining the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Navy Achievement Medal."

The View From Here

BY SENATOR DENNIS GUTH

Week 14 of the 2022 legislative session included time on the Senate floor celebrating the service of the many retiring senators in the Iowa Senate. Because of the redistricting, the number of senators retiring is higher than usual, with some retirees leaving after more than 20 years and some only after two years. It was good to hear both parties review fond memories of work we have done

The 2022 session has been a great success from passing historic tax relief to protecting girls' sports, but we have some items hung up between the Senate and the House. One of those issues would address the workforce shortage by seeking to reduce the number of people using unemployment. This bill would include a one-week waiting period before benefits are awarded. This waiting period helps combat fraud, is consistent with policies used by labor unions during strikes, and is the law in 40 other states. Last summer media reports noted an estimated \$87 billion in fraud occurred across the country in 2021 in the enhanced unemployment programs initiated during the pandemic. This idea has not received enough support in the House for it to be brought up for a vote.

Because of schools doing more education online during Covid, parents have learned more about how their child is being educated. They have seen suspect curriculum and want a clear and consistent path to engage with their school on the concerns they have. If those concerns cannot be addressed, then parents deserve to have choice in their children's education. The Senate passed a bill making 10,000 scholarships available to students. The balance of the state per pupil funding not included in the scholarship would be allocated to operation sharing functions commonly used in rural schools. The Senate passed these reforms, but it has not yet been acted on in the House.

The main item left to be accomplished this year is passing budget bills. The Iowa House has passed all of their budgets, but they spent \$72 million more than the Governor and the Senate set as a target. I want to make the tax cuts work long term and would like to see the House lower their budgets to something very close to the Governor's original targets. Resolution of this issue is what keeps us in session.

As reckless policies continue to flourish in Washington, D.C., Iowans and their families face constant uncertainty, especially when it comes to the grocery store and gas pump. Just this week it was reported inflation hit a record 8.5 percent, with everything from meat and fish to dairy and produce rising in price. These rising prices are hard for Iowa families and cause problems when it comes to the household budget, making planning and saving more and more difficult. While Iowa can't change how the federal government acts, we will do what we can to keep Iowa's spending in

In order to keep that spending in check, the Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 2006. This is a proposal for a constitutional amendment requiring a super majority to implement new taxes or increasing the income tax rate for Iowans. The requirement for a super majority would mean any bill to raise income tax rates on Iowans would likely require bipartisan support and show a compelling need for such an increase.

Constitutional amendments are required to pass two consecutive general assemblies. If passed by the House this year, this bill would need to pass with the same language again in the next general assembly in order to go to the people of Iowa for

Q&A: Inflation guzzles up gas and grocery budgets

With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

Q: What concerns are you most

hearing about from Iowans? A: Without a doubt, soaring inflation is uppermost in the minds of Iowans. Every time Iowans fill up their gas tanks and check out at the grocery store, family budgets are taking a big hit. Estimates show the average U.S. household will spend an extra \$5,200 this year compared to last year for the same basket of goods. Consumer prices are driving the conversation around kitchen tables across America and policymaking tables in Washington. Today's 40-year high inflation is a stark reminder of the Carter administration when inflation chewed through wages and savings. Back then, America faced an energy crisis, too. Cars lined up around the block to fuel up at the pump. U.S. households, small businesses and family farmers remember what happened when inflation went through the roof. The Federal Reserve started cranking up interest rates to tap the brakes on inflation. As we saw in the 1970s and early '80s, the Fed is in a delicate situation to tap down on inflation without tipping our economy into recession. In the 1970s, the combination of allowing inflation to go unchecked for too long followed by aggressive Fed interest rate hikes, eventually led to double digit home mortgage rates, a steep drop in the value of farmland and a recession. Sky-high interest rates caused borrowers and job creators to pull back and economic activity languished, leading to high unemployment amidst the energy crisis and high oil prices. Stagflation drove a stake through the heart of America's economy. Fast forward to 2022. The Biden administration last year insisted inflation was nothing to worry about and pushed ahead with a \$2 trillion spending spree that I opposed and no Republican supported. That was on top of \$4 trillion in pandemic relief Congress had already passed. The big spenders insisted inflation was merely "transitory" and blamed bottlenecks in the supply chain. Now that 40-year-high inflation has taken a foothold, I'm concerned failed Carter-era policies will come back from the dead to haunt us again. Liberals are already starting to whisper about government price controls and higher taxes that would steer us back to the "malaise" and stagnant economy of the Carter years. The Federal Reserve is signaling interest rate hikes in the coming months. It will have its work

it harder than ever for families to make ends meet.

A: Unlike the Biden admin-

istration, I've been a leading

Q: What's your proposal to help lower gas prices?

voice with a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers to champion U.S. energy independence. The volatility in oil prices underscores what I've said for years. Energy security is national security is economic security. The U.S. economy should not be held hostage to geopolitical affairs dominated by the Organization Exporting Petroleum Counties (OPEC) and autocration regimes, such as China, Russia, Iran and Venezuela. All told OPEC and 10 non-OPEC members who coordinate with OPEC control 90 percent of proven oil reserves. OPEC's stated mission is to "coordinate and unify petroleum policies of its Member Countries." That's the definition of anticompetitive conduct and collusion. I'm spearheading the effort in Congress to pass the No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels (NOPEC) Act My bill would empower the Department of Justice to sue oil producing cartel members for

antitrust violations. Once and

for all, it would create an effec-

tive tool to ensure U.S. compa-

nies are no longer beholden to

artificially inflated gas prices

that hold American consumers

hostage to higher prices at the

pump. Notably, President Biden

supported this measure during

the Clinton and Bush adminis-

trations. We must restore U.S. energy independence. That means we also need an all-of-the-above energy strategy. That includes drilling, fracking and mining to produce energy below the ground and capturing energy above ground with wind, solar and home-grown biofuels. Most recently, I'm pushing the Biden administration to unleash higher blend biofuels into the fuel supply. If the Biden administration would allow E-15 to be sold year-round, consumers would get relief at the pump during the busy summer driving season. Greenlighting higher biofuel blends would lower gas prices for Americans and displace foreign oil. The Home Front Energy Independence Act, which Sen. Ioni Ernst and I are leading. would make E-15 available all 12 months of the year, establish a biodiesel tax incentive, direct EPA to finalize its E-15 labeling rule and provide for biofuel infrastructure and compatibility with retailers. Higher ethanol blends means lower emissions and better air quality; lower gas prices and more money in consumer pockets; and better corn prices for Iowa farmers. Biofuels are good, good, good for the



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Earlier Days

From the files of the Lake Mills Graphic

100 years ago **April 19, 1922**

Fire and Gas Won't Mix Without Trouble—A. T. Haugo had an experience Saturday forenoon that should prove a lesson for those who are careless in smoking around gasoline. Mr. Haugo was at the Hawkeye filling station getting the tank in his Ford filled. While holding the filling tube in one hand he held a lighted cigar in the other. The gas fumes ignited from the cigar and spread flames all over the front of the car. Chemical fire extinguishers were used used and saved the Ford any great harm.

Every town the size of Lake Mills and larger should have an ordinance which prohibits the unsightly and unsanitary outhouse. With a good sanitary sewer system the city should prevail upon every citizen to connect up and do away with a back alley full of "backhouses." One visitor expressed himself: "I thought I was getting into a live town but when I saw your autos and buggies going hub deep in mud right on your principal business corner, and took a look at the ash piles, rubbish and backhouses in your alleys, it looked like a hobo town to me." These are not very pleasant matters to discuss but we may as well look the truth squarely in the face and then get busy and remedy

Mrs. N. N. Ingebritson returned home Tuesday morning from Minneapolis where she had been to see her husband who is a patient at the Fairview hospital. Mr. Engebretson is seriously ill with cancer of the stomach, and the doctors found his case too far advanced to be benefitted by a surgical operation. His son, Norence Engebritson has been with him at the hospital since Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Robinson and son, Donovan, are moving this week to Austin, where Donovan will take a course in mechanical engineering. Mrs. Robinson has served the ladies of the community for several years in the millinery and dressmaking business and has many friends among her former customers who wish them prosperity in their new home.

75 years ago **April 16, 1947**

Marlin Gunderson has purchased the John Buren grocery stock at Leland and will take charge May 8. Marlin has been living on their farm east of Leland with his mother. Mr. Buren has purchased the Irving Ambrosen residence, cabins and garage. Mr. Buren has not decided as to whether he will lease it or operate it himself. Mr. Ambrosen is also undecided as to his future plans.

S. R. Torgeson, M. O. Godtland, G.W. Stamp, and Evan Christianson motored to Des Moines Monday to transact business and to check on the progress that is being made by the state conservation commission in the further restoration and development of Rice Lake.

In observance of army week, a squadron of 40 B-29 bombers and fighters passed a mile east of Lake Mills Saturday, filling the air with humming of motors. Those who saw the aircraft termed it as a sight they would remember. It

Best Mix of Music, Sports, Weather,

News, Information, Contests & Fun



Easter Egg Hunt

Grand Prize winners at the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Farmers Merchants State Bank Saturday were Kevin Hanson and Benji Peterson. Over 200 turned out for the hunt which was held in Oakwod Park.

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.

was thought that the squadron was heading for the Twin Cities from Des Moines to end army week in a demonstration of United States air power. Originally it was planned to have a flight of bombers fly straight from Des Moines to the Twin Cities, passing over Lake Mills. The plan was changed at the last minute, due to protests of several furriers around Owatonna do harm to their animals.

50 years ago **April 19, 1972**

William Pappas, Mason City attorney representing three Worth County supervisors, filed a \$900,000 suit in Polk County District Court in Des Moines Thursday against Iowa Solicitor General Richard Haesemeyer charging him with libel. The supervisors, Arnold Buechele, Harvey Bartz and Boyd Harmon are asking a judgment for damages in the amount of \$300,000 each, or a total of \$900,000. They claim in the petition their reputations and good standing in their community and county were injured by statements Haesemeyer "caused to be published" in the Mason City Globe Gazette on April 6,1972, and in the Des Moines Register April 7, 1972. They claim in the petition the material in the newspapers attributed to Haesemeyer "is defamatory and constitutes libel per se" and they

claim the statements "were made with malice."

25 years ago **April 23, 1997**

Chad Bloedel and Mandy Miller were crowned king and queen following the Prom '97 Grand March, Saturday, April 19, in the LMCHS gym. Mandy is the daughter of Ron and Jean Miller, and Minneapolis who were afraid Joice, and Chad is the son of Karl that the sound of the motors might and Kathy Bloedel, rural Kiester. Both are seniors at LMCHS.

The skeletal remains of an adult female were discovered by members of a construction crew Saturday afternoon eight miles east of Lake Mills on the south side of Highway 105 on land owned by Lawrence Stene in Section 6 of Brookfield Township. The construction crew was in the process of removing trees from a drainage ditch when the nearly complete skeleton was discovered. The remains were turned over to Dr. Thomas Bennett, state medical examiner. As of this morning positive identification has not been made. A news release from Worth County Sheriff David Gentz noted that the remains are not those of Jody Huisentrult, the Mason City TV newswoman who disappeared in 1995. There is some speculation that the remains are those of a Plymouth woman, Alice Paschka, who was reported missing in 1986. Her car was found in the area at the time of her disappearance.



Angie Stensrud receives her award from Lake Mills seniors, Bella Jenser

Stensrud recognized for five years of service by IHSADA

Angie Stensrud, Lake Mills administrative assistant in the athletic and activities department, received her five years of service recognition certificate from the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association this spring.

"Angie serves the department in a number of ways and it is vital that you have someone supportive and helpful in this role. I depend on her for a number of things and we work

well together. She is detailed oriented and is always making sure I am on top of things. I am so thankful to have had such wonderful people in the office through my time as AD," Jim Boehmer, Lake Mills Athletic

Angie is a 1997 graduate of LMHS and is married to Andy Stensrud, also a Bulldog in the Class of '97.



Pictured above (L-R): Bennett Berger, medalist; Garrett Ham, runner-up medalist; and Austin Stene placed third at the GHV triangular.

GHV triangular golf meet results

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER course in just 36 strokes. LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

The LMHS boys' and girls' golf teams competed in their second meet of the 2022 season last Monday, April 11.

The boys team once again took first place overall at the meet with a collective score of 157, trouncing both Garner-Hayfield-Ventura (192) and West Hancock (249), while the girls team took third place with a collective score of 256.

The Bulldog boys dominated on the individual level as well, with the top three spots being secured by golfers from Lake Mills. Bennett Berger was the medalist at the Garner meet, after finishing the Claire Levine (68).

Garrett Ham was just behind, finishing as the runner-up medalist with a final stroke count of 37.

In third place was Austin Stene, who finished the course with a final count of 41. Also golfing for the boys' team were Denton Kingland (43), Kinser Hanson (44), and Kaleb Rogstad (50).

The top golfer for the Bulldog girls was Sophia Nelson, who finished the course in 63 strokes. Jadyn Hengesteg and Kenna Vanek both ended the meet with a final stroke count of 64, while Jolie Rice finished the course in 65 strokes.

Also golfing for the girls team were Madison Levine (66) and

Track teams compete at St. Ansgar

the team."

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER events to see what works best for LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

The LMHS girls' track and field team took fifth place out of eight

teams at the Saints Coed Relays last Monday, April 11, after finishing the meet with a collective 63 points. "I was very pleased with the girls

performance," said Head Coach Skyler Ahrens. "We made the decision to move people around in relays, and different open events." Some highlights from the meet

included Scout Kohagen thowing a lifetime personal record in the discus with a distance of 99'01" to take second place at the meet, which also places her at #9 in Lake Mills all-

Ella Stene took second place in the 100m Hurdles with a time of

Josie Helgeson, Avery Eastvold, Katelyn Rogstand, and Ella Stene also took second place in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays with times of 54.63 in the 4x100 and 1:56.52 in

Avery Eastvold had the only first place finish of the meet for the Bulldogs in the High Jump event, with a jump of 5'02"

The Shuttle Hurdle Relay team consisting of Ellie Hanna, Alexis Anderson, Katelyn Rogstad, and Ella Stene took third in that event with a time of 1:18.69.

Coach Ahrens wrapped up their comments by saying they will continue to move team members around to different events to see what works best for the whole team.

"We will see who works well together, and see which individuals take advantage of opportunities and compete well, given those opportunities," said Ahrens. "The girls will continue to be placed in different

In their second meet of the 2022 season, the boys' track and field team took sixth place out of the 10 teams that competed at the Saints Coed Relays. The Bulldogs were missing some athletes for the meet, but still managed to improve their times and distances in several

Wyatt Helming threw a personal best in the Discus, with a distance of 128' 11" to secure third place.

AJ Ramaker also had his best jump of the season in the Long Jump event at the meet, leaping for a distance of 18'6.75" to take fourth place.

The team also had the season's best times in the 4x400m Relay, 4x400m Relay, and the 1600 Medley Relay. The Bulldogs finished the 4x400 with a time of 3:43.57 to take second place, while in the 4x100 the team took second place with a time of 46.94.

In the 1600 Medley Relay the Bulldogs took third place after finishing the event with a time of 4:06.16. Lake Mills also improved their time in the 800 Medley Relay, taking second place with a time of 1:41.43 and finishing the race with a crash at the finish line.

The Bulldogs' 4x110m Shuttle Hurdle Relay team finished the event with a time of 1:06.91 to secure fourth place.

Head Coach Dan Rice noted that this season has been challenging so far due to the weather, which has caused several meets to be cancelled already.

"We've already had three meets canceled, including our own, which we haven't hosted in six seasons, so it was nice to get everyone a lot of work on Monday," said Coach Rice.

Helming, Berger selected to All-State basketball teams

Two Lake Mills seniors were recently honored as All-State basketball players by the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association.

Wyatt Helming was selected to the first team, and Bennett Berger was chosen to the third team.

Helming averaged 18.5 points and 9.8 rebounds per game for the Bulldogs, who finished the season with an overall record of 25-2. Berger averaged 14.1 points, and handed out 6.5 assists per game.

The talented duo became the 11th and 12th boys basketball players from Lake Mills to earn All-State accolades, joining Eldean Matheson (1952), Loren Moon (1957), Dana Nelson (1977), Jeff Charlson (1986 and 1987), Andy Stensrud (1995, 1996, and 1997), Chris Throne (2010), Granger Kingland (2015 and 2016), Chett Helming (2020). Caleb Bacon (2021), and Dashawn Linnen (2021).



Larson Mfg. donates to LMFD

Larson Manufacturing recently presented a donation of \$1,000 to the Lake Mills Fire Dept. Pictured above: Firefighter John Budach receives the check from Brian Throne of Larson Manufacturing.



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The Lake Mills Fire Dept. recently received two \$500 donations—from Tank Foundations Inc. and Mary and Fran Unger. Chief Kirby Holtan is pictured above accepting the checks from the Ungers.

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Down Home Cooking

1 green pepper, chopped

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Hot sauce, to taste

tomatoes

3/4 c. raw rice

cheese melts.

1/2 c. sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1/8 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

4 slightly-beaten eggs

2-1/2 c. milk, scalded

1/4 c. brown sugar

1 Tbsp. Worcestershire

1 (16 oz.) can Italian plum

1 (16 oz.) can kidney beans

3/4 c. shredded Cheddar cheese

Brown meat and add garlic, salt,

pepper, onions, green pepper and

chili powder. Cook for 5 minutes.

Add Worcestershire sauce, hot

sauce, tomatoes, kidney beans and

rice. Pour into a greased 2 quart

casserole. Bake, uncovered for 45

minutes at 350 degrees. Sprinkle

olives and cheese over the top and

bake 15 minutes longer, or until

VELVETY CUSTARD PIE

1/4 c. sliced ripe olives

Bonnie Kay Baldwin

PARMESAN POTATO SOUP 4-1/2 c. water

2 Tbsp. chicken bouillon 3/4 c. chopped onion 10-15 potatoes, peeled and cubed 1/2 tsp. basil

1/2 tsp. seasoned salt

1/4 tsp. thyme

1/4 tsp. onion salt 1/4 tsp. garlic powder

1/4 tsp. pepper 1/4 tsp. celery seeds

Roux mixture: 1/4 lb. butter or margarine

1/2 c. flour 4-6 c. milk 1-1/2 to 2 c. shredded Parmesan

cheese 1 lb. bacon, fried and crumbled

Add chicken bouillon, onions, potatoes and seasonings to water; cook until vegetables are tender. In a separate saucepan, melt butter; stir in flour to make a smooth, thick roux. Add the roux to the soup, a little at a time, while the soup is boiling, stirring constantly, until the roux is dissolved. Turn down the heat to low and add the milk. Add enough milk to desired consistency. Add Parmesan cheese. Heat until cheese is melted

CALIFORNIA CASSEROLE

and milk is warm. Sprinkle with

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Var. B/G Golf, Rice Lake

Prom, HS Foyer

MS Musical Practice

Var. Girls Track, Home

MS Musical Practice

Var. B/G Golf @ Armstrong

Var. Girls Track @ Roland Story

4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym

5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym

Driver's Education Class, Auditorium

8th Gr. CPR Training, Wrestling Room

Var. Girls Track @ Belmond-Klemme

Grand March, Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Var. Boys Track @ North Butler Trap Team Event @ Osage

After Prom, All Gyms until 2 a.m.

Driver's Education Class, Auditorium

7th/8th Gr. Girls Track @ West Hancock

4th Gr. Musical Rehearsal, Auditorium

Driver's Education Class, Auditorium

Var. Girls Golf Tourn. @ Clear Lake

4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym

NO SCHOOL-PROF. DEV. DAY

7th/8th Gr. Boys Track @ Osage

4th Gr. Musical, Auditorium

Trap Team Event, Home

5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball HS Gym

Driver's Education Class, Auditorium

Var. Girls Track @ Forest City Var. Boys Track @ GHV

Var. Boys Track @ North Iowa

6th-12th Gr. Quodlibet Field Trip @ NIACC

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for 15 minutes, then turn oven back to 350 degrees for another 20

middle, comes out clean.

Combine all ingredients in

blender. Blend 1 minute; pour

into pie pan that has been sprayed

with cooking spray and coated

with flour. Bake at 400 degrees

minutes, or until knife inserted in

Club News

Afternoon Literary Club The Afternoon Literary Club will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Asbury UMC. The program will be by the Lake Mills Public Librarian. Sue Myli and Sue Bridges will serves as hostesses. Sue Myli will give the "Thought For the Day."



Family Eye **Care Center** welcomes Dr. Haley Mathews

Family Eye Care Center is excited to announce that Dr. Mathews will be joining their growing practices at Garner and Forest City this coming May. Dr. Mathews is looking forward to being back in the North Iowa area after being gone for 11

Dr. Haley Mathews grew up in Lake Mills. She attended the University of Iowa and Illinois College of Optometry. She graduated from ICO with clinical honors and was a member of the Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society.

Dr. Mathews recognizes that every individual is unique, and she works hard to provide her patients with the best outcomes to meet their needs. She has a special interest in ocular surface disease and specialty contact lenses. She is a member of the Iowa Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association.

In her free time, Dr. Mathews enjoys spending time with loved ones, traveling, and keeping up with the latest trends on Netflix.



ACT announces auditions for 'Willy Wonka'

Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) announces auditions will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26, for the musical "Willy Wonka" at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 N. Broadway, Albert Lea, Minn.

The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory, light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, along with some new songs, "Willy Wonka" is a scrumdidilyumptious musical that is guaranteed to delight your sweet tooth and take you on a fantasy ride into the land of pure imagination.

Directed by Gordy Handeland, nine performances are scheduled for June 16–26. There are many roles available for children and adults of various ages. Children should be at least eight years old to audition. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing, read from the script and learn a few dance steps. Auditions begin at 6 p.m. for children ages eight to 15 with auditions for 16 and older beginning at approximately 7 p.m. Rehearsals will be scheduled weeknights starting in May, with some weekend involvement closer to the performance dates.

Tickets and more information regarding auditions are at actonbroadway.com.

The Postscript

"A Very Bad Smell" Of course, we should have known something was wrong.

The nice thing about living in

our new condo is that we don't have the responsibilities of a stand-alone home. There is no yard to rake, no snow to shovel. There is someone at the front desk who will take in our mail and even water our plants. We were so pleased that we could leave for an extended trip to Mexico without these worries. But then, we got a notice from our electric company that indicated our electric bill was very low. In fact, it was almost nonexistent.

"Well, we're not using any electricity!" I said to my husband, Peter, as he read the notice. "The refrigerator would still

use some," Peter said. "There must be something wrong with the meter." I try not

to invite unnecessary worries. Sometimes this leads to problems. This time, it did. We were gone a total of 10 weeks. We don't know exactly

when the power went out to the refrigerator, but our best guess is that is happened shortly after we

We arrived home late at night. "Something smells funny," I told

"I don't smell anything."

I did. There was a very bad smell. That's when Peter opened the fridge.

"Oh, NO!"

A giant, noxious wave of smell rolled out of the refrigerator. It was strong enough to make me ill, strong enough to make my eyes water, strong enough to make me run out of the kitchen

We had frozen salmon and chicken and shrimp in that freezer. We had bags of corn and squash from the farmers' market, boxes of butter now covered in furry mold, bags of leaking liquid that had exploded from fermentation and poured from

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the freezer into the refrigerator. Sitting forlornly in the middle of this wasteland were several dozen ginger cookies that Peter had

spent baking. Peter

closed the refrigerator door.

think either of ton from my nose. us slept much that night.

Classon dreamed was being The chased by malevolent Postscript refrigerator filled with un-

All night, I

identified horrors. Everywhere I went, the refrigerator was waiting for me.

In the morning, my dreams

Carrie

Peter told the building engineer, Jacob, what had happened, and he gave us a trash barrel on wheels and several heavy-duty trash bags. I put cotton up my nose and a mask over my face, donned gloves, and set to work. We filled the bags, tied them tightly, and Peter brought them downstairs to poor Jacob, who

caught a whiff and wheeled the barrel out of the building as fast as he could run.

"He was like a halfback running to the end zone!" Peter said and I got my first good laugh

since leaving Mexico. Four hours later, after detergent and bleach and what felt like endless scrubbing, the fridge looked spotless. I took off my mask and removed the cot-

The stench was terrible.

We ran a fan all night. We bought some spray that smelled like lime and sprayed it everywhere. We kept the windows open. That evening, Peter put some beans in water to soak, and we went to bed—thankfully, at the far end of the apartment.

In the morning, Peter got up and started cooking beans and when I rounded the corner to the kitchen, finally, I smelled something that wasn't terrible.

"It smells like beans!" I told

I wasn't even sure I liked the smell of beans cooking. But this morning, they smelled terrific. In fact, I think beans are my new favorite smell.

Till next time. Carrie



Syttende Mai Banquet will feature Gary Froiland

The Sons of Norway will hold their annual Syttende Mai Banquet, Monday, May, 2, in Fellowship Hall at Salem Lutheran Church, Lake

Entertainment will be provided by Gary Froiland. Froiland has enjoyed performing music for over 40 years. He plays the five-string banjo, guitar, harmonica, and the musical saw, plus other instruments.

Every indoor program is accom-

panied by PowerPoint and a video projector, to add another dimension to the program. Music will include bluegrass, country, and gospel. Audience participation songs are also included in the program, plus a few Norwegian jokes, as Froiland is half Norwegian.

Tickets for the Syttende Mai Banquet are available at Singelstad Hardware, Lake Mills.

Card of Thanks

The Lake Mills Boys Basketball Program would like to thank the following businesses for their support to provide charter buses at state tournament time.

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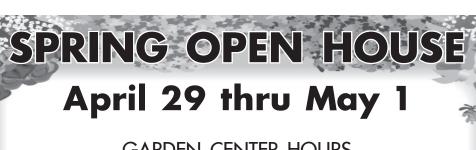
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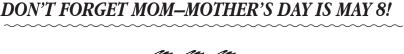
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Helene Ione Iverson November 15, 1922 -**April 9, 2022**

Helene Ione Iverson, 99, Lake Mills, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Lake Mills Care Center, Lake Mills. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, with Pastor Joel Guttormson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Private family inurnment will take place at Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Lake Mills. Memorials may be directed to Salem Lutheran Church, or to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, Mason City.

Helene Ione (Branstad) Iverson was born Nov. 15, 1922 to Helmer and Hazel (Peterson) Branstad on the family farm south of Leland. She was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Leland. She graduated as covaledictorian from Leland High School in 1939. She was a fouryear letterwinner in basketball and in her senior year received first team all-state honorable mention as a forward. She graduated from Waldorf College in 1941.

Helene began her teaching career at McCallsburg, teaching fifth grade for two years. Her contract stated she should spend half of the weekends in McCallsburg and to remain single. Helene obtained permission from the McCallsburg school board and was united in marriage to Forrest Iverson, Jan. 17, 1943 in Kansas City, before he was sent overseas during WWII. She also taught in Swea City, Leland, and for many years in Lake Mills, where they made their home. Helene taught school a total of 33 years and during her teaching years obtained her bachelor's degree from Mankato State College. Helene loved being an elementary school teacher and always appreciated when former students would greet her, with many telling her she was their favorite teacher.

Forrest and Helene raised four children. They enjoyed attending musical and sporting events while their children were in school. They also traveled extensively as a family, visiting many of the National Parks in the west and camping in a home-made tent trailer and even drove the entire Alaskan Highway on one trip. In 2005, Helene took her family to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for vacation. The group consisted of 30 family members from four generations. She enjoyed golfing, gardening, reading and being with family and friends. She was very proud of her two hole-in-ones.

The Iversons were licensed foster parents from 1980 to 1991, having both American and Vietnamese children. Helene has remained in contact with her Vietnamese children including Ming and Yin Triew, Da Haynh, Toung Pham, Sonny and Hoang Pham, and Trang Dang attending many graduations and weddings.

Helene was active in Salem Lutheran Church including teaching Bible school, Sunday school, and working with Luther League and adult Bible studies. She was honored to serve as Grand Marshall of the July Jubilee parade in 2006. For many years, Helene would visit with residents

at the Lake Mills Care Center and during her time at Mills Harbour, would visit there nearly every day.

Helene is survived by her daughter, Phyllis (Gale) Monson, Lake Mills; sons: Larry (Lucy) Iverson, Cedar Park, Texas; Loren (Denise) Iverson, Pueblo West, Colo.; and David (Molly) Iverson, Greene; nine grandchildren: Tami Bebber, Tony (Sue) Monson, Traci (D.J.) Shirkey, Daniel Iverson, Alissa Mary (Mark) Smith, Sara (Josh) Beyer, Jen Iverson, Leah Iverson and Hannah (Jay) Gorsh; 11 great-grandchildren: Alexandria Bebber, Addison Bebber, Kaylee Shirkey, Alex Smith, Tanner Smith, Ava Beyer, Sophia Beyer, Hayden Iverson, Owen Gorsh, Helene Gorsh and Iver Gorsh; sisters-in-law: Lorraine Branstad, Fern Branstad and Enolia Branstad; along with many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Forrest, in 1999; granddaughters: Laura Iverson, who died in infancy; and Lori Iverson; three brothers: Carl Branstad, Edward Branstad and Hubert Branstad; and a sister-inlaw, Rita Branstad.



Avis A. Montgomery August 4, 1950 -**April 7, 2022** Avis A. Montgomery, 71, Lake

Mills, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Unit, Mason City. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at the Truman Helgeson Civic Kathy's family was from the west-Center, Lake Mills, with lunch to ern part of Ukraine—a city called follow. There will be no visitation. Ternopil. Major Erickson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Avis Ann Montgomery, the daughter of Frank and Leola (Kollmann) Young, was born Aug. 4, 1950, in Charles City. She graduated from Hampton High School in 1968 and Wartburg College in 1972 with a teaching degree.

After graduation, Avis moved to Lake Mills. She worked at Fleetguard in Lake Mills for 38

On July 20, 1991, she was married to Vaughn Severson. Vaughn passed away in 1996.

On May 28, 1998, she was married to James "Jim" Montgomery at his farm in rural Manly. They made their home in Lake Mills.

Avis enjoyed crocheting and crossword puzzles.

Avis is survived by her husband, Jim, Lake Mills; seven stepchildren: Heather (Isaac) Pedelty, Albuquerque, N.M.; (Kendra) Severson, Houston, Texas; Peter (Kristy) Lake Montgomery, Mills; Christopher Montgomery, Paragould, Ark.; Jay (Angela) Montgomery, Monticello, Minn.; Heidi Brown, Pomeroy; and Jon (Tatiana) Montgomery, Mason City; many step-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; her sister, Beverly Mannes, Lake Mills; two sisters-in-law: JoAnn Young, Hansell; and Beverly Young, Waverly; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Vaughn Severson; her sister, Ellen Young; two brothers, Roger and Richard Young; a brother-in-law, Robert Mannes; and a niece, Anna

Pastor's Corner

JOEL GUTTORMSON, PASTOR

Salem Lutheran Church

Our Midweek Lenten Worship at Salem his year has been a bit different than years past. We gathered around a cross that held stones and shells from walks along the beach up the North Shore. Votive candles were lit and glimmered from the cross in the darkness of the chapel as we gathered in silence and the hush of otherwise busy schedules and the cares of this world.

We sang songs, read scriptures, heard poems, had conversation, and prayed, as we contemplated turning towards God's abundance. There is an abundance of activities and responsibilities that can quickly fill up our time, minds, and emotions. The six weeks of Lenten services were an opportunity to focus on a different kind of abundance. God's abundance of faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love.

The cares of this world can sometimes distract us from God's abundance. We may think we lack the resources, the time, the energy, the ability to see this abundance. Too often we find the things that consume our resources, time and energy leading us to experience scarcity. But what if you were able to find a quiet place to take a deep breath. Walk along a beach and pick up pretty rocks and shells and sea glass. Or gather with those who are intentionally slowing down to read scripture and poetry, sing and pray about God's abun-

In our third week of Lent our focus was on God's abundant mercy and the scripture lesson was Luke 13:6-9, The Parable of

UKRAINE

capital of Ukraine), and why Rus-

sia wants to possess their country.

The Skorins, a first-born gen-

eration American couple, spent time

describing the history between Rus-

sia and Ukraine, and why the Ukrai-

nian people do not want to be com-

There was commentary about

the forced famine that took place in

1932-1933, where 10 million Ukrai-

nians were forcibly starved because

they didn't want to collectivize their

farms and have communism forced

that, unfortunately, the Ukraine

lives in a bad neighborhood. The

bad neighbors are the Russians. We

each grew up as children, listening

to these same stories. The Russians

have been trying to kill the Ukraini-

ans for centuries. My parents have

lived through it; my grandparents

have lived through it. For us, this is

It was only until after 1991, when

Ukraine became independent, that

they were allowed to travel there.

Leo's relatives found out he was

an opthamologist, so he was asked

to bring over some medical equip-

ment, instruments, and donations

from drug companies, as well as, to

oversee a number of surgeries, since

the Ukraine was so many years be-

hind the U.S., in education, technol-

ed to go to Ukraine, was to meet my

family," shared Kathy. "The second

reason, was to go over and help the

village school that my father attend-

one right before 2000, and one in

about Ukrainians, according to

Kathy, are that they are very reli-

gous, and that they are big on litera-

ture and the arts.

The Skorins took two other trips:

Two of the most important things

commented

about

ed, and to help out the church."

"The number one reason, I want-

ogy and medical care.

nothing new," said Leo.

"My aunt always used to say

munists like the Russians.

the Barren Fig Tree. Jesus told this parable in response to questions about the recent killings of some Galileans who Pilate's officers had killed as they were worshiping in the temple. Then there were those 18 do died when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they deserving of death, or were they worse sinners, greater offenders? Events such as these can cause us to wonder if God is truly merciful.

So, what about this barren fig tree that longer bears fruit? Should it be cut down? "No!," says the gardener, "Let me tend to it, nourish and care for it and see if it will bear fruit." The parable reminds us to be patient and trust God's will and God's plans for us and all of creation. That's what the abundant mercy and compassion can do as we see in Jesus; one who was always healing, feeding, forgiving, and inviting others to love and serve, out of the promise of God's compassionate abundance.

Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;

Though we die in all of history, still you rise with every morn, Still you rise with every morn. We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and

Every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, Wears the body of our Lord. God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death, Hold us close through each tomorrow,

Love as near as every breath. (Marty Haugen, b.1950)

Ukraine's coat of arms . . . which is

a gold trident on a deep blue back-

ground. Wikipedia says that the

"coat of arms was adopted in Feb-

ruary of 1992, and is an emblem

of the Royal State of Volodymyr

the Great-the first Grand Prince

of Kyiv." But she added that it also

has a religious significance relating

to the Trinity—the Father, Son and

Ukraine's flag which has two wide

horizontal stripes; on top, a bright

blue that represents the beautiful

blue skies of the Ukraine, and on

the bottom, a yellow-gold stripe

that signifies the color of the wheat

Leo and Kathy took turns narrat-

ing. Kathy responded, "We have

traveled the Ukraine extensively, so

keep in mind, we have walked these

sidewalks and have been in these

buildings," she said, as the couple

showed slides from previous trips.

And then the destruction this war

streets, neighborhoods and build-

ings, it brings back a lot of memories

rior Race, so how can they come

second to Ukraine?" said Leo. "It

was the same for Hitler. WE can't

exist, because they had to have been

Black Sea port—is because it's a

warm water port, which Russia does

not have. He needs to get battle-

ships in there. Reasons? There are a

lot of oil reserves in the Black Sea.

Also, the Ukraine is known as the

breadbasket of Europe. It's got rich

farmland, which feeds so many peo-

ple," said Leo. "If Russia and Putin

wind up eradicating and winning the

war in Ukraine, there is going to be

nothing to stop him from barreling

into eastern central and western Eu-

rope . . . who knows what can also

happen in the United States," stated

"The reason Putin wants the

and emotions," Kathy remarked.

"When we see the bombed out

"Russia sees itself as the Supe-

As the slide show continued,

throughout the countryside.

Also important, Kathy said, is

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Sunday-9:30 a.m. Worship; 10:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday–9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m.

Sunday-10 a.m. Worship.

10:25 a.m. Worship (Bethel Singers)

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Tuesday-9:30 a.m. Zoar Circle at

a.m.

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Wednesday-10

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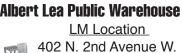
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In addition, WCTA will pay out patronage

Now that spring is officially

here (even though it's taken a while

to feel like it), the Winnebago

County Conservation Board wants

you to get outside and enjoy it. To

help you do that, they are hosting

a Spring Bird Walk on Saturday,

May 14. The walk will begin at

the Pilot Knob State Park shelter

house, starting at 9 a.m. It will last

about an hour. Pilot Knob is locat-

birds in Iowa, since many of our

nesting birds are returning from

their southern wintering grounds

and others are flying through on

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meet at the shelter house at 9 a.m.,

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a pair of binoculars, if they have

them. (Some binoculars will be

available that day for those who

the walk may have to be post-

poned or canceled and that an-

nouncement will run on KIOW

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tify the birds they observe. There

Lake Mills Motor Sports— Serving the area since 1999

BY KAYLEE SCHUERMANN WINNWORTH BETCO

Lake Mills Motor Sports, Inc. has been serving Lake Mills with recreational vehicles since 1999. The business sells products like razors, side-by-sides, snowmobiles and ATVs, as well people can contact Lisa Ralls at as Cub Cadet and Gravely lawn mowers. The business also offers a complete service shop for Polaris products.

A second store located in Algona, titled Lake Mills Motor Sports II, provides the community strictly with Polaris vehicles.

The Lake Mills location is owned by Earl Cavett, Mike Hauan and his son, Matt Hauan, who also runs the

Mike believes the business' work culture is "probably why it is so successful." He explained that the team is family-oriented and has a "great camaraderie" where the employees help each other.

"Treat people the way you want to be treated," said Mike. "There isn't anything in that place that Matt or myself would expect someone to do if we wouldn't do it ourselves."

The store operates under Matt with just one sale and parts manager and three technicians.

According to Mike, "good technicians are hard to find, so they take care of them and appreciate them."

The store started with Cavett's business, ECC Welding. When the business and industry grew too large to handle on his own, he became partners with Mike, and the pair merged into Lake Mills Motor Sports, Inc.

During the merge, Mike and

Cavett built their current location on the outskirts of town The building has grown and developed through the years to keep up with Polaris' guidelines. including updating the showroom and switching everything to run through electronics.

Due to the size of Lake Mills. the business relies on farmers and repeat customers and manages to pull customers from within a 50-mile radius, including from Clear Lake and Albert

The most rewarding part of owning the business for Mike is seeing how much it has grown.

"It's just grown and kind of blossomed into its own being through customers, the repeat, the expansion and the people that are happy to come in through the door," Mike said.

Spring Wildflower Walk scheduled, May 12

It feels great to get outdoors after a long winter, and the Winnebago County Conservation Board wants to help you enjoy it. They will be sponsoring a Spring Wildflower Walk at Pilot Knob State Park on Thursday evening, May 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The leisurely walk will start at the main shelterhouse and will last about 45-60 minutes.

During the Winnebago County Naturalist Lisa Ralls will identify many of the spring wildflowers blooming along the trail and will tell interesting facts about each one. A variety of flowers bloom in the spring, and it's difficult to determine which flowers will be blooming on any given day. But some possible candidates include trilliums, bellworts, trout lilies, hepaticas, wild ginger, and columbines, among others.



The walk will be free and open to the public and there is no need to register ahead of time. People may want to bring along camera to document some of the flowers they'll see.

In case of inclement weather, the walk will have to be postponed or canceled and that announcement will run on KIOW

Radio (FM 107.3), as well as on the WCCB website (www. winnebagoccb.com) and on the WCCB Facebook page and WCCB Twitter feed.

For questions about the Spring Wildflower Walk, people can contact Lisa Ralls at 641-565-3390 or at lralls@winnebagoccb.com.

CITY OF JOICE - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED URBAN

RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT Notice is Hereby Given: That at 6:00 o'clock p.m., at the Joice City Hall, 102 N. State Street, Joice, Iowa, on May 9, 2022. the City Council of the City of Joice, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the question of amending the urban renewal plan (the "Plan") for the Joice Urban Renewal Area (the 'Urban Renewal Area") to authorize the undertaking of a new urban renewal project in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of using tax increment financing to pay the costs of constructing street improvements. A copy of the amendment is on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

At said hearing any interested person may file written objections or comments and may be heard orally with respect to the subject matters of the

Mardene Lien, City Clerk Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,040,000

(GENERAL OBLIGATION) The City Council of the City of Joice, Iowa, will meet on May 9, 2022, at the Joice City Hall, 102 N. State Street, Joice, Iowa, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to enter into a General Obligation Street Improvement Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount

not to exceed \$1,040,000 for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of constructing street improvements.

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa and will constitute a general obligation of the City.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the City may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the City Council of the City of Joice, Iowa. Mardene Lien, City Clerk

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Courthouse News

LAND TRANSFERS

Homer Russ, Yvonne Russ, Robert Russ, Daniel Lundquist cotrustee and Susan Draxler co-trustee, to Summit Farmland IV LLP, a tract of land in section 7, Buffalo Township.

Homer Russ Estate, Homer Russ and Carolyn Russ to Carolyn Russ, Susan Draxler, Jennifer Wanke and Amy Gruen, a tract of land in section 6 and 7, Buffalo Township.

Lynette Russ Estate, Char Lusher executor to Summit Farland IV LLP, all interest in a tract of land in section 7, Buffalo Township.

Carolyn Russ, Susan Draxler, David Draxler, Jennifer Wanke, Russell Wanke, Amy Gruen and Glenn Holton to Summit Farmland IV LLP, all interest in a tract of land in section 7, Buffalo Township.

Albert Russ, Hollyce Swan, and Burt Caruthers to Summit Farmland IV LLP, a tract of land in section 7, Buffalo Township.

Steffensen, Dawn Deloris attorney-in-fact Meinders Barbara Davids, lots 16, 17 and 18, block 6, Buffalo Center.

Heidi Obermeyer to Ramona Eggum, lot 11, Lake Mills, section 11, Center Township.

Howard Laugen and Lila Laugen

The Winnebago County Board of

Present: Supervisors Durby, Smith,

The meeting is held today via You

On a motion by Durby and seconded

by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to

approve the minutes for the March 29,

2022 Board Meeting and approve the

Agenda for April 5, 2022. All voted aye.

On a motion by Durby and seconded

Scott Meinders, Engineer and

by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to

approve the Recorders Quarterly re-

Ethan Schutter, Maintenance Super-

intendent discussed Secondary Road

matters including end to end blading

and purchasing some crushed concrete.

by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to

approve the Utility Permit for WCTA

to bury fiber optic in the vicinity of

500th and 510th St, between 110th Ave

and 140th Ave. All voted aye. Motion

On a motion by Jensvold and sec-

onded by Durby the Supervisors moved

to approve the Utility Permit for

WCTA to bury fiber optic on 440th St.

cussed Drainage District issues in-

cluding DD 27-25 Lat 4. The city will

remove a tree to alleviate tree root

Robert Hanson and his Attorney

Ted Hovda discussed DD 5 Lat 19.

Hovda explained Hanson believed he

is being billed fraudulently. Hansen

believes there should never been a pe-

tition so he should not be responsible

for any payment. Brian Yung, Drain-

age Attorney explained there were services completed for the district and an

invoice therefore the people in the dis-

trict must pay it. The Board of Supervi-

sors acting as Trustees for the district

will not be changing their position on

pany discussed the FY 21 audit report.

onded by Durby the Supervisors moved

to approve the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 04-05-2022-12-01

RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Thyer, Gardiner + Com-

On a motion by Jensvold and sec-

Kris Oswald, Drainage Clerk dis-

All voted aye. Motion carried.

damage to the tile.

what occurred.

On a motion by Smith and seconded

port. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tube and a conference call.

Supervisors met in session at 9:00 A.M.

April 5, 2022 adjourned from March 29,

and Jensvold Absent:

Motion carried.

carried.

April 5, 2022

to Howard Laugen RevTr, and Lila Laugen Rev Tr, a tract of land in section 31, Norway Township and section 1, Newton Township.

Alan Larson and Lynne Larson to Alan Larson RevTr and Lynne Larson RevTr, a tract of land in section 31, Linden Township.

Thomas Sheimo FamTr, Nancy Sheimo FamTr, Thomas Sheimo co-trustee and Nancy Sheimo cotrustee to Thomas Sheimo and Nancy Sheimo, lots 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, rural Mabens Subdivision, Forest City, section 19, Mt. Valley Township, and a tract of land in section 19, Mt. Valley Township.

Thomas Sheimo and Nancy Sheimo to Trisca Mayberry, Thomas Sheimo Life Estate and Nancy Sheimo Life Estate, a tract of land in section 19, Mt. Valley Township, and lots 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Mt. Valley Township.

Emmanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation to City of Scarville, a tract of land in section 18, Norway Township.

Alyssa Hanna, aka Alyssa Hugo, and Andrew Hanna to Robert Hoffmann and Gwen Hoffmann, lot 2, Lake Mills, section 2, Center

Ramona Eggum and Beth

Winn. Co. Supervisors Minutes

candy, blankets, mugs, tee-shirts and

items of similar nature are a public

Ayes: Durby, Jensvold and Smith.

Passed and approved this 5th day of

Chairman Susan Smith (signed)

Board of Supervisors

Absent/Not Voting: None

ATTEST: Karla Weiss (signed)

Nays: None

Elections

VanRoekel to Brook Christianson, lot 11, Lake Mills, section 11, Center Township.

Holly Adams and John Adams to Kim Haugen, an undivided 1/3 interest in a parcel of land in section 24, Newton Township.

Donna Haugen to Kim Haugen, n undivided 1/3 interst in a parcel of land in section 24, Newton Township.

LMPD report

The Lake Mills Police Dept. responded to 39 calls from April 11-17. Civil Paper Open/Misdial/Info Non Fire Alarm Ambulance Code 3 Emer

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public serivce of the precinct election officials and election staff is in the public interest; now. THEREFORE, we find that recognition of public service on behalf of the

PURPOSE FOR PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIALS WHEREAS, precinct election officials and election staff have substan-

ISACA, Dues. \$225.00 IT Savvy LLC, Services \$940.00 precinct election officials in the form of expenditures for food, beverages, and Reimbursement.....\$40.00 Keltek Inc, Services \$1,826.70 tokens of service such as election pins,

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Kimball Midwest, Parts. \$523.56 Motion was made by Supervisor Krystal Wempen, Mileage \$723.76 Lake Mills Graphic Inc. Jensvold and seconded by Supervisor Durby to adopt the foregoing resolution. Vote taken thereon resulted as Lake Mills Public Library,

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Willemina Skellenger, Mileage . \$89.38

The following Manure Management plans were received by the Auditor's office: F119 #61118; Holland Pork Site #68923; and Christensen Farms Site F160 #70016 in Winnebago County, The board discussed ARPA monies

la Weiss, Auditor will contact NIACOG to see if they can be of assistance. The session was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. April 12, 2022. Susan Smith, Chairperson

Karla Weiss, Auditor Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Iowa crop progress and condition report

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig recently commented on the Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. The report is released weekly April through November.

"Iowa saw a mix of winter and spring weather last week. While severe storms swept through parts of the state leaving behind isolated damage, rain and Easter snowfall provided additional subsoil moisture," said Secretary Naig. "Soil temperatures are still hovering in the upper 30s and low 40s, but outlooks point to warmer temperatures for the week ahead."

The weekly report is also available on the USDA's website at nass.usda.gov.

Crop Report

Snow, high winds, and continued cold conditions limited Iowa farmers to 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending April 17, 2022, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers have been applying anhydrous and fertilizer, spreading manure, tilling fields, and planting oats where possible while preparing to plant row crops.

Topsoil moisture condition rated seven percent very short, 22 percent short, 66 percent adequate and five percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 11 percent very short, 33 percent short, 54 percent adequate and two percent surplus.

Twenty-nine percent of the expected oat crop has been planted, eight days behind last year and three days behind the fiveyear average. Oats are beginning by sunrise as a potent weathto emerge across the State.

Pastures were still mostly dormant although there were reports of some starting to turn green. Livestock conditions were generally good, with many new calves arriving.

Weather Summary

Severe weather returned early last week with eight tornadoes reported across northern Iowa, the strongest having winds of up to 135 mph. While rainfall accompanied the disturbance that produced these strong thunderstorms, much of eastern and northwestern Iowa observed drier than normal conditions.

Overall temperatures were also warmer than the previous reporting period, though up to eight degrees below normal in the northwest; the statewide average temperature was 42.1 degrees, 6.2 degrees below normal.

Very windy conditions continued through Sunday (10th) afternoon as a low pressure center pushed across northern Iowa. Winds shifted from the southeast to a westerly direction as daytime temperatures rose into the upper 60s and low 70s at many stations; upper 70s were observed in south-central Iowa.

Overnight temperatures into Monday (11th) ranged from the upper 20s northwest to low 40s southeast under cloudless skies. Pleasant conditions persisted through the afternoon hours with above-average daytime highs in the low to mid 60s.

Skies remained clear early into Tuesday (12th) morning, though cloudy conditions began to develop in western Iowa

er system approached Iowa. Southeasterly winds in the 20 to 30 mph range pumped in warm, moist air ahead of a strong cold front; a warm front moving north across southeastern Iowa pushed temperatures into the 80s within the warm sector of the strong low pressure system. The mix of unseasonably warm air, atmospheric instability and wind shear over northern Iowa fired supercell thunderstorms late in the afternoon. Several of these storms produced tornadoes with a stronger EF-2 that moved through Gilmore City

As the cold front swept across Iowa during the late afternoon and evening hours, a second round of severe weather impacted western Iowa with many reports of large hail and strong straight-line winds. The line lost energy overnight as it pushed east, though moderate rain was

(Humboldt County), producing

damage to multiple farms.

Rain totals reported at 7 a.m. on Wednesday (13th) were highest in north-central Iowa, with nine stations measuring over an inch; much of the western half of Iowa reported totals between 0.25 to 0.75 inch. Light showers lingered through the day as temperatures lingered in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

Gusty westerly winds built in overnight into Thursday (14th) with wind speeds increasing into the 30-40 mph range through the day; Estherville Municipal Airport (Emmet County) observed a wind gust of 61 mph.

Afternoon highs were in the upper 30s north to low 50s south,

where skies were clear.

Partly cloudy skies developed into early Friday (15th) morning as winds eased and shifted to the northwest with mid to upper 40s were observed in the afternoon.

Clouds moved out lending to mostly sunny conditions over Iowa on Saturday (16th) with chilly morning temperatures; the statewide average low was 25 degrees, 12 degrees below normal. Temperatures rose into the upper 40s and low 50s in southern Iowa while readings were up to 10 degrees cooler in the north.

An approaching disturbance brought thick stratus clouds into western Iowa into Sunday (17th) morning with winds turning to an easterly direction. Low temperatures varied from the low 20s in eastern Iowa to mid 30s in the west under clouds.

Weekly precipitation totals ranged from no accumulation at several northwest Iowa stations to 4.50 inches at St. Ansgar (Mitchell County). The statewide weekly average precipitation was 0.41 inch while the normal is 0.79 inch.

Little Sioux (Harrison County) reported the week's high temperature of 90 degrees on the 12th, on average 29 degrees above average. Primghar (O'Brien County) and Sioux City (Woodbury County) reported the week's low temperature of 16 degrees on the 16th, on average 20 degrees below normal.

Four-inch soil temperatures were in the upper 30s northeast to mid 40s southwest as of



Iowa weekly gas price update

Average gasoline prices in Iowa have fallen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.78/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,036 stations in Iowa. Prices in Iowa are 10.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.03/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Iowa was priced at \$3.29/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.44/g, a difference of \$1.15/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.29/g while the highest was

\$4.44/g, a difference of \$1.15/g. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.06/g today. The national average is down 21.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.21/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Iowa and the national average going back 10 years:

April 18, 2021: \$2.75/g (U.S.

April 18, 2020: \$1.50/g (U.S. Average: \$1.78/g)

Average: \$2.85/g)

April 18, 2019: \$2.76/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g) April 18, 2018: \$2.63/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.74/g) April 18, 2017: \$2.36/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.41/g)

April 18, 2016: \$2.11/g (U.S. Average: \$2.11/g) April 18, 2015: \$2.43/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.44/g) April 18, 2014: \$3.61/g (U.S.

Average: \$3.66/g) April 18, 2013: \$3.43/g (U.S. Average: \$3.51/g)

April 18, 2012: \$3.73/g (U.S. Average: \$3.90/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Quad Cities—\$3.89/g, down 3.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.93/g.

Des Moines—\$3.68/g, down 8.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.77/g.

Omaha, Neb.—\$3.81/g, up 2.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.79/g.

"We've now seen the national average price of gasoline decline every week for the last month, a feat we most likely would not have expected ahead of summer and given the continued turns in Russia's war on Ukraine. However, the downturn

could slow or could even reverse in the days ahead if the rally in oil prices continues," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "A barrel of crude is now \$14 higher than it was last week, as the European Union weighs placing harsher sanctions on Russia. This could further tilt the delicate balance of supply and demand in the wrong way, potentially sending oil prices up significantly if implemented. The path forward at the pump remains murky, however, with many possible outcomes, so motorists should be prepared for a bumpy ride."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on a small fraction of U.S. gasoline stations. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://prices.GasBuddy.



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