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■ Area briefs

COVID-19 update

As of 7 a.m., Tuesday morning, March 16, Iowa has tested 4,259,222 individuals. Of those tested, 3,871,955 tested negative and 371,182 tested positive. There have been 325,371 individuals who have recovered and 5,642 deaths have been recorded in the state. Numbers by surrounding counties: Winnebago—1,417 positive, 1,245 recovered, 31 deaths; Worth—940 positive, 753 recovered, eight deaths; Kossuth—2,125 positive, 1,881 recovered, 58 deaths; Hancock—1,484 positive, 1,330 recovered, 33 deaths; Cerro Gordo—5,412 positive, 4,847 recovered, and 85 deaths.

Living Last Supper

Join Pilot Knob Lutheran Church for a dramatization of the Last Supper with Jesus and his apostles. Transport yourself to the Upper Room to share in this historical event which will be held Palm Sunday, March 28, at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but there is limited seating. Social distancing guidelines are followed.

The church is located at 2391 330th St., rural Forest City.

■ Weather

THURSDAY			
Partly Cloudy	49°	27°	
FRIDAY			
Partly Cloudy	50°	32°	
SATURDAY			
Mostly Sunny/Windy	57°	43°	
SUNDAY			
Mostly Cloudy/Windy	61°	47°	
MONDAY			
Light Rain, 70%	56°	46°	

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

Date	Hi	Low	Prec.
March 9	64°	41°	—
March 10	68°	42°	.35"
March 11	48°	30°	.03"
March 12	48°	32°	—
March 13	55°	36°	—
March 14	46°	34°	—
March 15	34°	29°	3" S

■ Markets

Prices reported as of Tuesday. Prices subject to change.

Five Star	2020	2021
Corn	\$3.61	\$ 5.34
Soybeans	\$8.24	\$13.80

Gaviion	2020	2021
Corn	\$3.63	\$ 5.29
Soybeans	\$8.20	\$13.57

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Lake Mills Care Center welcomes new social worker, Kylie McGuire

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Kiley McGuire is the new social worker for the Lake Mills Care Center. She took over the position Feb. 19, but actually started at the Care Center, Jan. 20, 2021, learning the job.

McGuire grew up mostly in north Iowa, moving to Rochester, Minn. with her family, and graduated from Mayo High School. She went on to attend Bemidji State University and would receive her (BSW) Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Her experience working in a group home with elderly individuals who had 'unique and persistent mental health disorders', helped her determine that she would like working in a care center taking care of the elderly. She also had experience working with families in a child welfare setting.

"My job entails working with residents in the facility by working towards their psychosocial, mental and emotional needs along with providing, developing, and/or aiding in the access of services to meet those needs," said McGuire. "I work a lot with families of residents in accomplishing what the resident needs/wants and being a support to both the residents and their loved ones."

According to Care Center Director, Krystal Thoe, when the previous social worker, Chris Johnson, decided to retire after 43 years, they began looking for a replacement immediately. Losing, 'such a vital part of the care center community,' they didn't want to waste any time looking for a another good fit.

"I had decided it was imperative to our residents, families, and community to hire a candidate that could work alongside our social worker until her retirement. I knew this was the right choice, because it would guarantee a smooth transition upon retirement. We interviewed many candidates and had a lot of great applicants. When we interviewed Kiley, we knew she would be a



wonderful fit. Her desire to find a long term place of employment and make it a lifelong career, along with her qualifications, made her the perfect candidate. We are sad to see Chris Johnson go, but we are wishing her all the best and are excited to have Kiley on the team. The support we have gotten from the community and family members has been very much appreciated."

McGuire is married to Mitch, has a one-year-old son, Hank, and is expecting a second child in late May or early June. Her passions (besides work) include spending time with her family, boating on Clear Lake during the summer, going on walks in the evening, visiting family around the area and in southern Minnesota, and playing with their dog, Opal, a two-year-old lab.

"I am looking forward to getting to know the residents even better and forming professional relationships with them and my teammates here at the Lake Mills Care Center," commented McGuire.

Anderson Chiropractic open for business in Lake Mills

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Although Drew Anderson graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School, he spent a couple of his first formative years in Lake Mills, during kindergarten and first grade.

Anderson has multiple ties with Lake Mills and northern Iowa. Anderson's mother, Mary Schreiner-Anderson is a graduate of Lake Mills, and his grandparents live in town, as well. His father, Charles Anderson, is from Northwood, and he has an uncle in Clear Lake, Jeff Anderson, who is a chiropractor.

Because of his strong ties to Lake Mills, it is where he decided to get a start on his career, and opened his chiropractic office, Monday, March 15. His office is located on the east end of town—706 E. Main St., in the Hawkeye Auction building.

This young chiropractor attended the University of Northern Iowa for four years, graduating with a degree in Biology, then to Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, for three years, from 2016-2019, and interned in Kansas City, Kansas.

"My uncle, Jeff Anderson, got me interested in the profession. He's been a chiropractor for 30 years now," said Anderson. "I was big into sports when I was growing up and in high school, so I went to the chiropractor constantly. I always had that (being a chiropractor) in the back of my mind, as well as other health professions, and just decided that chiropractic was what I wanted to do. It's a lot more hands-on than some of the other professions."

Anderson said that it takes a doctorate in Chiropractic to practice, and then one needs to take four board exams to get their license. It is a long process and it costs a lot of money, including the schooling, so it gets quite expensive.

"Opening an office in Lake Mills, seemed like it was an opportunity to stay close to my support system and get started. My wife, Melissa, is a small town lover and we just really like the area."



The Andersons are currently living in Mason City, so Drew said he will be commuting, while actively looking for a place to live in or around town. Melissa, on the other hand, will remain working in Mason City as the associate property manager for the complex they are living in.

Outside interests are literally outside for the couple; anything that gets them out of the house, Drew said, especially taking their miniature dachshund for a walk; and including outside sports, exercising, and eating out.

"With COVID, we found we also like inside board games now, too," he said.

"It's exciting to begin my practice. I'm just looking forward to starting the career I chose to do, and to help the community of Lake Mills in any way I can. That's truly what I love to do, just helping people out. And I'm looking forward to meeting people around here, because everyone is so darn nice."

To find out more, call Drew at 641-592-2500 or email him at dr.drewdc@outlook.com.



Morgan Fritz being painted by Rose Frantzen.

Photo courtesy of ISU Museums

Morgan Fritz selected for "Faces of Iowa State" portrait project

Morgan Fritz, Lake Mills, was selected by Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen to sit for the "Faces of Iowa State" portrait project.

Six ISU students were nominated by their colleges as being exceptional students who have shown resiliency and positivity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Maquoketa artist, Rose Frantzen, returned to campus recently to paint each student's portrait. In a pandemic-tweaked version of Frantzen creating most of the portraits in public, University Museums live-streamed the portrait sittings. Fritz's recording can be seen at https://youtu.be/_wsFIF-hMlfs.

Fritz, a junior in political science from Lake Mills, is president of ISU Student Government this academic year. Her presidency follows two years of involvement, including serving as a legislative ambassador and as the Collegiate Panhellenic Council senator.

As president of the student body, Fritz's goals include improving affordability, campus climate and sustainability. Outside of her service with Student Government, Fritz is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, has served as a sophomore advisor for President Wintersteen's Leadership Class and has worked as a Cyclone Aide. She was named the 2019 Sorority and Fraternity Community Member of the Year and a 2020-2021 Legacy of Heroines Scholar.

University museums commissioned Frantzen to paint 19 portraits during the 2016 Iowa State Fair, where she worked amid visitors to the university's main exhibit in the Varied Industries Building. The next spring and following fall, during two campus residencies, she completed 20 more. Following a four-month exhibition in the Brunnier Art Museum, that early portrait set toured the

state during 2018.

Two more portraits were added last year, athletics director Jamie Pollard and Lynette Pohlman Museum fellowship holder and December 2020 graduate Sarah Bartlett. The set features alumni, faculty, students, staff and friends of the university.

The collection hangs near the main staircase on Parks Library's second floor.

"It's purposeful that the faces we have are exhibited in the library, because that's everyone's territory," Pohlman said. "The library is where we all meet."

She said the latest portraits will join the others later this spring.

University museums holds a formal portrait collection that got its start in the 1930s as part of Iowa State's 75th anniversary and for decades featured deans, vice presidents influential alumni and presidents -- mostly white men. Some of the colleges continue this tradition for their top leaders today, and the collection currently includes more than 200 portraits.

Portraits are more than a record, Pohlman wrote in a 2017 book commemorating the Faces of Iowa State. Portraits "illuminate the intelligence, importance, virtue, beauty, emotion and other qualities of the sitter through the eyes of an artist."

She said the Faces project epitomizes Iowa State's land-grant mission.

"They are the people of Iowa State—young, old, students, accomplished, less accomplished, our many faces," she said. "The intent is that this also will be a continuing tradition over a long period of time."

More than one million doses of COVID vaccine administered in Iowa

Iowa has administered its one-millionth dose of COVID-19 vaccine less than three months after the first Pfizer doses were given to health care workers in the state starting December 15, 2020.

"Today (March 12) is another important milestone in Iowa's strong recovery from the pandemic. This has been a monumental effort, and our state has proven that we have the right teams, providers and processes in place to safely and efficiently vaccinate Iowans in a timely manner," stated Governor Kim Reynolds.

I'm extremely proud of our progress and I look forward to further expanding eligibility to all Iowans as supply increases. In his address to the nation last evening, President Biden directed states to open vaccination to all adults by May 1. Here in Iowa, it's possible we could beat that deadline as long as vaccine supply increases as projected and remains stable."

"This would not have been possible without the incredible teamwork between state and local public health departments, coordination with our federal partners and strong relationships with pharmacies and other providers statewide," said Kelly Garcia, Director of the Department of Human Services and Department of Public Health interim director. "We're grateful to every individual and organiza-

tion that's been part of this response."

According to the CDC, Iowa has administered a total of 1,034,296 doses of vaccine as of March 12, 2021, and 28.7 percent of all eligible Iowans age 18 and up have received at least one dose, a rate that ranks 13th in the nation. The number of Iowans fully vaccinated now totals 359,687, which is 14.8 percent of the state's eligible population and ranks 19th nationally.

Other statistics include (these have been corrected due to a formatting error):

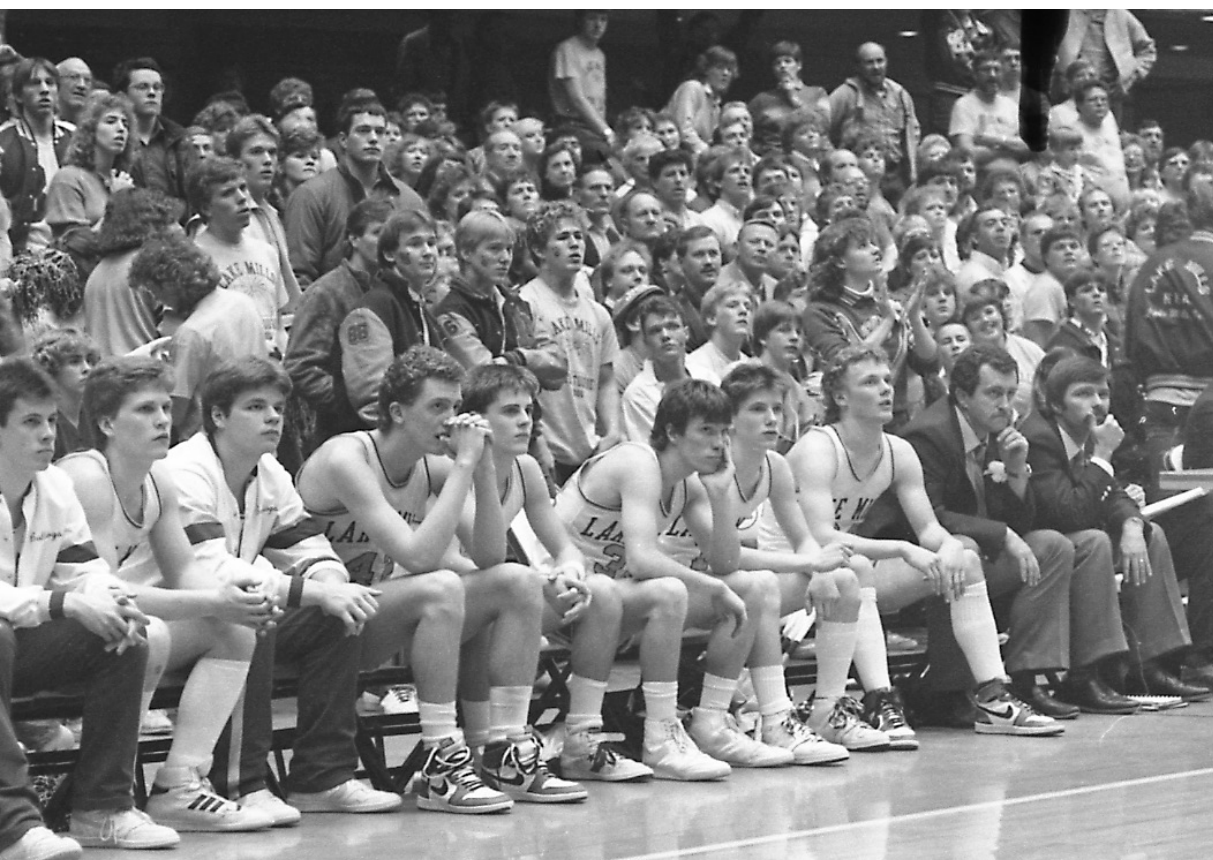
- 94.9 percent of Iowans age 65+ have had at least one dose of vaccine
- 27.1 percent of Iowans age 18-64 have had at least one dose of vaccine

Earlier this week, the 211 Iowa call center launched a new vaccine navigator service that schedules appointments for adults age 65 and older who've been unable to get vaccinated due to technology or other barriers. Since starting the service on Tuesday, March 9, 211 has scheduled 2,123 appointments for older Iowans at Hy-Vee pharmacies located near them.

For more information about vaccine eligibility and availability in Iowa, visit vaccinate.iowa.gov. Vaccine data is reported daily at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

Earlier Days

From the files of the *Lake Mills Graphic*



March 19, 1986/LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Bulldogs eliminated from state tourney

Disappointment is written on the faces of the LMCHS team, coaches, and fans as the game Monday night drew to a close in Des Moines. The Bulldogs were eliminated from the state tourney by Neola Tri-Center, 72-56. This picture was taken in the closing seconds as the starters were replaced. From left, they are Paul Brackey, Mick Twito, Ken Pike, Jeff Charlson, Joel Abrahamson, Jeff Skogen, Neal Kvale, Rich Hengesteg, Coach Horner, and Assistant Coach Wayne Van Veldhuizen.

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 March 16, 1921

When Superintendent Berg came to the school building Saturday forenoon, he was surprised to see the panel in the door of his private office broken, and upon entering the office he found his fine leather hand bag missing, together with about \$15 in cash which had been deposited in the desk. The American Legion Rally was held at the school gymnasium Friday night. The boys remained until nearly midnight cleaning up after the party, so the thieves must have made their visit early Saturday morning . . . A \$50 reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who broke into the school house in Lake Mills on last Friday night, March 11, 1921.

Walter Kennedy has been very sick with tonsillitis and quincy, and was in a serious condition for a few days. At this time, we are glad to report that Walter is able to sit up and is improving.

Clint Merrick of Forest City is offering \$1,000 towards a hospital for the county seat. Lake Mills and Forest City both need hospitals. Transporting sick people a distance of twenty-five miles for hospital treatment never did appeal to us.

A number from Lake Mills drove to Joice Sunday afternoon to hear the Waldorf College Choir, which had been advertised to give a concert that afternoon. On account of the rain making the roads impassable, the choir members were unable to make the drive from Forest City to Joice Sunday afternoon. A large audience, however, was amply repaid for their coming out by hearing a sermon by Rev. Holm, president of the Iowa District, who happened to be at Joice that day.

75 years ago March 13, 1946

George Kloster, Davenport, has been hired as caretaker at the Rice Lake Golf Club for the coming season. Mr. and Mrs. Kloster will occupy the Rislow cottage at the lake. Mr. Kloster has been caretaker at

the Davenport country club the past seven years. He understands all phases of the work and will supervise the building of grass greens at the Rice Lake course this summer as materials are available.

Members of the Co-operative Services, Inc., filled the Mills Theater Monday when the company had its annual business meeting. O.K. Storre presided. At the close of the meeting, large groups congregated on the streets to discuss business which was transacted during the meeting. A spirited election took place in which there were ten candidates for three offices.

An air passenger service will be started at the Mason City airport March 15 by the Mid-Continent Airlines. A plane will stop at 11 in the morning and arrive in Minneapolis at 12:30. The south-bound plane will stop at 10 a.m. and arrive at St. Louis at 1 p.m. or Kansas City at 12:30 with the flight splitting at Des Moines. The fare will be between \$7 and \$8 to St. Louis, Kansas City, or Minneapolis.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, Lake Mills will be the scene of the county music festival, with some 400 students in attendance from Scarville, Forest City, Thompson, Buffalo Center, Northwood, and Lake Mills. Northwood has been invited to take part with the schools of this county. There will be 50 soloists, 30 groups of players and singers, and many other features. The groups that will probably appeal most to the public are the 12 choruses and four bands, as well as the two junior high school choruses. The programs will begin each evening at 7 p.m. and there will be an afternoon session on Monday, as well.

50 years ago March 17, 1971

Dennis Colby, 16, Lake Mills, remains in the intensive care unit of Naeve Hospital following a car-train crash Friday night at the south end of Scarville. Dennis was a passenger in a car driven by Edward Olson, Joice, when the auto hit the

49th car of a 57-car freight train at 11:10 Friday evening. Olson and another passenger in the car, James Barsness, were treated for minor cuts and bruises and released. According to word from the Colby family today, Dennis suffered a collapsed lung, broken ribs, pushed vertebra, internal injuries and scalp lacerations. He is showing improvement. Dennis was thrown from the car as it struck the train. The car was turned around and hit again in the back end. He was taken to Naeve by the Lake Mills Ambulance Service. Parents of the boys are the Royden Colbys, Orlando Olsons, and Norman Barsnesses. All three are LMCHS students. The force of the crash knocked the wheels out from under the box car when the car stuck. The car proceeded down the track 1,000 feet before derailling.

25 years ago March 13, 1996

The Lake Mills Board of Education received resignations from three staff members during their meeting held Monday, March 11. After discussion the Board accepted the resignations of Gwen Brown, district secretary, effective September 20, 1996; Randy Kasel, voc ag instructor; and Alvina Rusley, kindergarten aide, both effective at the end of the 1995-1996 school year. The Board also approved the contract to Marianne Overland as janitor, replacing Wes Parks who resigned earlier this year.

10 years ago March 16, 2011

At 1:26 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, the Worth County Sheriff's Office received a call of a one car rollover. Samantha Kingston, rural Joice, was headed north on Cardinal Ave., when she lost control of the vehicle about a half a mile north of Joice. Kingston's vehicle flipped into the ditch, landing on the passenger side. She had to be extricated from the vehicle and was transported to Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa, Mason City.



Photo courtesy of Lorinda Groe

Bacon signs with ISU

LMHS senior, Caleb Bacon, has signed a letter of intent to play football at Iowa State University this fall. He is pictured above with his parents, Angie and Doug Bacon.

Secretary Pate calls for statewide High School Voter Registration Day

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is encouraging Iowa high schools to conduct voter registration drives on Tuesday, March 30. The date coincides with the 50th anniversary of Iowa ratifying the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

Every school that registers at least 90 percent of its eligible students to vote receives the Carrie Chapman Catt Award, named after the Iowan who played a vital role in securing access to the ballot box for women across the nation with the passage of the 19th Amendment.

"It's crucial for young people to learn that registering to vote and participating in elections is the best way to make sure your voice is heard," Secretary Pate said. "My office is working with schools across the state to help them register eligible students. The Catt Award hopefully gives them a goal that the students can work together to achieve."

State law allows 17-year-olds to register to vote. There are almost 2,000 17-year-olds currently registered in Iowa. Partnering with

Inspire2Vote, Secretary Pate's Office helps schools organize and conduct voter registration drives. The deadline for schools to qualify for this year's Carrie Chapman Catt Award is this school year is April 16.

"School voter registration day is a great opportunity to connect with students and foster a culture of civic engagement among our next generation of voters," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo.

Schools interested in being considered for the Carrie Chapman Catt Award and receiving information and resources about how to conduct a voter registration should visit the Secretary of State's website or email Kendall.Antle@sos.iowa.gov. State law requires high schools to conduct two voter registration drives per school year.

Governor Reynolds plans to issue an official proclamation declaring Tuesday, March 30 as "Iowa High School Voter Registration Day."



Submitted photos

LMFD receives donations

Lake Mills Fire Dept. Chief Kirby Holtan, has been busy picking up donations from area businesses. FTSB, Norsemen, and MBT recently donated \$500 each to the fire department.

HOW TO APPROACH WORTH COUNTY ISSUES

- () Ignore Them
- () Whine About Them
- (X) Work to Solve Them

We need to decide what the balance should be between the allure of money and the quality of life in Worth County

Vote TOM DAKIN

Democrat for Supervisor District 2

Mask Up – Get Vaccinated – Vote on March 23

Legislative Forums

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday, March 26

The Mills' Theater

9 am

216 West Main Street, Lake Mills

Heritage Town Center

1 pm

201 2nd Avenue SW, Buffalo Center



Rep. Henry Stone



Sen. Dennis Guth

**Masks Suggested
Social Distancing Recommended**

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Worth Co. District 2 Supervisor

March 23, 2021

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Brian Nelson

for

DISTRICT 2 SUPERVISOR on March 23

Paid for by Brian Nelson*

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3/23/21

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Dave Says

Raise them to become great adults
Dear Dave,
Why do you seem to put so much emphasis on teaching young children about money? Isn't there time for that later when they're older?

Cyndi

Dear Cyndi,
I firmly believe that one of the best ways you can make sure your kids are ready to face adulthood when the time comes is to teach them how to handle money at an early age. The reason? Learning about money, and how to manage it in a wise, mature fashion, is about a lot more than just dollars and cents.

There's a quote from author Andy Andrews I really love. He says, "The goal is not to raise great kids. It's to raise kids who become great adults." If you think about it, there's a subtle but powerful distinction here. Kids might behave well out of a sense of obedience or even fear, but that doesn't mean they'll do what's best for them once they're on their own. To raise kids who later become great adults, you have to begin instilling good character traits in them at an early age. Work equals money. When you teach kids to work, you're teaching them responsibility. Whether it's chores around the house or a job at the mall, work involves accountability and following through on tasks. Work shows kids they are in control of their actions, and that they will reap the rewards or consequences of those actions.

Teaching kids to save teaches them patience. Today's world is one of instant gratification, and saving money makes you slow down and think. It also shows kids they can't have every little thing they want the moment they want it.

When you teach kids to give, you're teaching them generosity. A willingness and desire to give doesn't always come natural to us when we're young. Parents should encourage and model the act of giving, because generosity is a wonderful character trait

and a powerful weapon in the fight against selfishness and greed.

Finally, teaching kids to spend responsibly is a great way to teach wisdom. All kids totally get the idea that spending money is fun. That's a no brainer. But when you get involved in teaching spending as something that should be thought through and done with care and reason, you're imparting the idea of using good judgment and thoughtfulness before taking action. I hope this helps, Cyndi.

—Dave

Camping rate increase at Dahle Park

The Winnebago County Conservation Board has voted to raise the camping rate at Dahle Park. This is the first change to the camping rate since 2004. All campsites at Dahle are numbered and include electrical outlets, and no more than one camping unit is allowed per campsite. Dahle Park is located four miles northwest of Lake Mills and also includes water, a pit toilet, a shelter house, and access to the Winnebago River.

Camping rates at the WCCB's other campground at Thorpe Park will remain the same. As at Dahle, all campsites are numbered and only one camping unit is allowed at each site. Thorpe Park is located

five miles west of Forest City and includes water, pit toilets, a shelter house, a rental cabin, a small fishing lake, and hiking trails.

Both campgrounds have self-registration and all sites are available on a first-come, first served basis. No sites are reservable. Payment can be made at the registration site, but people can also pay with a credit/debit card by calling the WCCB office at 641-565-3390 during office hours (M-F, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.). The office might not be staffed at all times, though, so that payment option might not always be available.

Winnebago County campgrounds will open for the season, Friday, April 30.

For more information about the WCCB's campgrounds, people can contact WCCB Director Robert Schwartz at 641-565-3390 or at rschwartz@winnebagoccb.com.

Thank You

Many thanks to all who sent cards, gifts, anniversary & birthday wishes for our 60th Anniversary and Ron's birthday. They are all appreciated & we are blessed to have so many good friends. Warm hugs.
Ron & Karen Knudtson

Down Home Cooking

by
Bonnie Kay Baldwin

CRUSTLESS HAM QUICHE

2 c. coarsely chopped ham
6 eggs
3/4 c. milk
1-1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1-1/2 c. fresh bread cubes
1/2 c. grated Swiss cheese
1/3 c. chopped onion

Beat together eggs, milk, mustard and baking powder. Add bread cubes and stir to combine. Fold in ham, cheese and onion. Pour into greased 9-inch pie plate and bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees, or until center is set.

QUICK GREEK SALAD FOR TWO

1 c. cucumbers, chopped
1/4 c. green peppers, coarsely chopped
1/4 c. Feta cheese
1/2 tsp. grated lemon peel
1 tomato, coarsely chopped
1/4 c. red onions, thinly sliced
2 Tbsp. Greek Vinaigrette Dressing

Combine all ingredients.

FRESH FRUIT SALAD WITH HONEY VANILLA YOGURT

2 c. plain yogurt
2 Tbsp. honey
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
Seeds, scraped from 1/2 vanilla bean, opt.
1/2 orange, juiced
1 banana, sliced
1/2 pt. fresh blueberries
1/2 pt. fresh raspberries
1 pt. fresh strawberries, hulled and cut in half
1 bunch seedless grapes, halved

Combine the yogurt, honey, vanilla extract and vanilla bean seeds in a bowl, and set aside. Combine the orange juice and banana slices in a separate bowl. Add the berries and grapes and gently mix the fruit mixture together. Spoon the fruit into

serving bowls and top with yogurt mixture.

BAKED LEMON PEPPER SALMON

1/2 c. chopped shallots
1/4 c. drained capers, (opt.)
1 Tbsp. dill weed
1 Tbsp. lemon pepper seasoning
2 Tbsp. butter
1-1/4 lb. skinless center cut salmon filet

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place large sheet of heavy duty foil on baking sheet, coat with vegetable oil spray. Place salmon on foil and sprinkle with lemon pepper. Mix shallots, capers, and dill together and spread mixture over salmon. Dot salmon with butter. Fold and seal foil over salmon. Place in oven and cook for about 30 minutes. Salmon should be just opaque in the center. Transfer to platter, pouring any juice from foil over salmon, and garnish with wedges of lemon and serve.

CONNIE'S CREAM CHEESE BARS

1 cake mix (white, yellow, or chocolate)
1-1/2 c. quick oatmeal
1/2 c. margarine
1 egg
1 c. chopped nuts, pecans or walnuts
1 can frosting, any flavor
1 (8 oz.) cream cheese
2 eggs

Combine dry cake mix and oats. Cut butter into mixture until crumbly. Add 1 egg and nuts, mix well. Reserve 2 cups for topping. Press remaining dry mixture into greased 9x13-inch pan. Mix cream cheese, frosting, and 2 eggs until smooth. Pour over crust and sprinkle 2 cups reserved dry ingredients over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes.

The Postscript

"Cheese Fondue"

It's our anniversary, and Peter and I will be celebrating, like everyone has this past year, the best we are able.

We have not yet won the vaccine lottery. I recently received a note from the health department that basically said, "Don't get your hopes up." Newspaper columnists are not, apparently, considered essential workers and, of course, I am not. Meanwhile, we continue to visit my sister-in-law, Lori, whose health remains precarious.

So our anniversary celebration this year will not be spent going to a restaurant or a hot spring or a hotel in town. Instead, we are having cheese fondue on the patio.

Facebook (which knows everything) knew it was our anniversary and made a video of Peter and me. Since we rarely take pictures at home, all the pictures were taken somewhere far away. It was surprising, being reminded of all the places we have been, all the occasions we have celebrated in the last six years.

My closet is filled with dresses and skirts that have not seen the light of day for a year. They look like artifacts from another era. I won't be wearing a dress today either. But we are having cheese fondue.

The sun is out, but it is still March, so we'll dress warm. Peter will heat up the cheese in a little electric pot. And for dessert, we'll have pumpkin cake with his mother's burnt butter frosting. I think it will be a memorable anniversary—and memories are tricky things, in my experience.

Sometimes I feel as if I've forgotten nearly everything I've ever done. I am so caught up in the present moment and the present day. Even 10 years ago seems like another lifetime. In many ways, it is.

I realize I am becoming more and more like my grandmother.

One evening, toward the end of her life, I watched her listen to a long-winded story her brother told about the perfect baked potato. My Great-Uncle John was looking at the potato he had just



Carrie Classon
The Postscript

been served and reminiscing about what a good potato should look like, how they used to make them in a Chicago restaurant, decades ago.

I could see my grandmother's growing impatience with this story about long-ago potatoes, and finally she burst out, "John! That potato is 50 years old!"

My grandmother lived a long time, and I believe she enjoyed most of it, in large part because she didn't spend much time on old potatoes.

Life changes and people move on, and that's not a bad thing. Living in the past doesn't make the best use of my brain or my limited time on earth. In general, I'm satisfied with the few scattered and fragmented memories I've hung onto.

But this past year will be one I will remember.

There will be all the years that happened before, and there will be this year. We will remember this anniversary for being the one we didn't go out (at least, not farther than the patio). It's been the year of small celebrations. It's been the year of cheese fondue.

Sometime later this year, I will wear a fancy dress somewhere. I will put on shoes with heels, and I'm sure it will feel odd, having lived in the equivalent of pajamas all year. We'll go out, and we'll see people and eat in a restaurant. We have all that to look forward to.

But today we are having cheese fondue.

And I'll remember this anniversary better than most because it was different. And because we celebrated the best we were able.

Till next time,

Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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	6:15 p.m.	5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
22		NO SCHOOL—COUNTED DAY FOR CONFERENCES
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	6:15 p.m.	5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
23		NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK
	5 p.m.	4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
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Waiting on a wedding

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN
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This young couple, met in their freshman year of college at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis. As chance would have it, they even lived in the same dorm.

Besides these similarities, they also shared a college class, called Cultural Anthropology. They talked occasionally, but Nicole remembers saying “hi” to him every day in class.

Nicole also remembers their first kiss at a winter party, 2011. It wasn’t too long before she made a move to invite Tyler to her sorority formal, and they began officially dating March 21, 2011.

“Tyler was kind, quiet, and smart,” said Nicole, “and that is what drew me to him.” The soft-spoken young woman, graduated from Lawrence University in 2014, and moved to Minneapolis, Minn. to attend grad school in psychology, while Tyler moved to Scotland for a month. But, when they moved in together, it was 2015.

After grad school, they moved between Wisconsin and Iowa until settling in Iowa from 2017 to mid-year, 2020.

Tyler proposed to Nicole, July 4, 2019. They spent the day together

er hanging out at a brewery with friends and having a nice dinner.

“I suspected he would propose, but he didn’t until later that night at home. It was a simple and sweet proposal,” shared Nicole.

Growing up in Cottage Grove, Wis., a suburb of Madison, Nicole graduated from Monona Grove

High School in 2010, and Lawrence University with a double major in Psychology and Gender studies. Her graduate study was completed in 2016 at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, with a Master’s in Educational Psychology.

Tyler also graduated from Lawrence University in 2014, but with a double major in History and The Classics.

“My mom,

Debbie, and I lived in Cottage Grove about 15 years. I have no siblings, but I’m close with my maternal grandparents, aunts, uncle and four cousins who all live in Wisconsin. My mom now lives in Madison with her husband, Tim. They were married in 2016 and met while we were neighbors in our apartment in Cottage Grove.

“Wedding dress shopping was a ton of fun. At the time I was living in Ames, so I came up to the Twin Cities one weekend in August 2019. I met my mom and

my friend, Jackie, and we went to David’s Bridal store in Roseville, Minn. My consultant, Claire, was fantastic and made the day stress-

year, with her friend from college and sorority sister, Lucy Bouman. Bouman has a photography business in Tucson, Ariz., Nicole said,



The couple had their engagement photos take in the Twin Cities.

free. I tried on, maybe eight dresses, and had no problem knowing which dress was mine,” shared Nicole. “That evening my mom and I went to a Backstreet Boys concert. It was a great way to celebrate.”

The excited couple took engagement photos in September that

but loves travelling all over to photograph proposals, weddings, and other special occasions.

They had pictures taken in and around Minneapolis with friends and had a grand time.

“Our original plan was to get married, March 21, 2020, in Madi-

son (Wis.). Our venue was the Goodman Community Center, who was also going to cater. Everything was set and ready to go. A week beforehand, our venue called to say that they had to shut down the center due to COVID-19. We were devastated, but knew it was the right call to postpone the wedding to keep everyone safe. We spoke with all of our vendors and agreed to move the wedding to exactly one year later, thinking COVID would be gone within a year. We were obviously wrong,” relayed Nicole.

“In November of 2020, Tyler and I decided once again to change our wedding plans. Our vendors again agreed to postpone everything until 2022. We didn’t want to ask for our money back, because we wanted to support the small businesses. Now, our plan is a small ceremony in at a vacation rental home in North Oaks, Minn., March 21, our 10-year anniversary (of dating), and a big vow renewal/one-year anniversary party next year (2022), at the Goodman Community Center in Madison, Wis. We still get to have the wedding we planned and celebrate with all of our friends and family—just two years after the original date. The wedding this year will be much smaller (total of 15 people) in order to follow COVID precautions.”

Nicole’s maid of honor is Haley Frieler, whose friendship began at age six, while riding the school bus together. Tyler’s best man is Michael Van De Graaff, whom Tyler also met in college his freshman year, just like Nicole.

“My friends and bridesmaids are helping out so much, to do my hair and makeup and even become a back-up officiant. We are trying to cut down on as many people being there as possible. There are so many people we wish could join us, but COVID is still a prevalent threat.”

Tyler and Nicole’s friends planned and executed unique and interestingly meaningful parties to celebrate their upcoming marriage . . . in other words, their bachelor/bachelorette events.

“Our bachelor/bachelorette parties were a ton of fun, and our wedding party did an amazing job. My friend, Amelia, got engaged around the same time I did, so some of our sorority sisters threw us a joint bachelorette day. It was a blast, filled with delicious food, Disney T-shirts and movies. A few months later, my bridal party threw a bachelorette weekend in Madison. We rented a hotel room and went to a tattoo parlor and did a scavenger hunt at a few bars.”

“For my bachelor party (Feb. 2020), we went to an escape room, then axe throwing, followed by eating out at a restaurant afterward,” added Tyler.

The silk flowers to be used for the wedding, Nicole said, were crafted by her grandmother in Idaho. The bouquets and boutonnieres have a unique hoop shape, accenting them. The ceremony will be simple and relaxed, so there will be no special music, and the couple plan to have pizza for the wedding dinner, and plan an extra-special dinner for their vow renewal next year.

A special family tradition which will be handed down for Nicole, is to have a piece of her baby blanket pinned to the inside of her wedding dress, to fulfill the “something old” part of the well-known English Rhyme.



Friends and bridal party with Nicole at her bachelorette party.

“The ceremony is pretty standard, I think. We wanted something unique for a unity ceremony, so we decided to do a wine memory box,” said Nicole. “We will place a bottle of wine and letters that we have written to each other, and open it a year later, during our vow renewal ceremony. Even though our plans changed multiple times, we are excited to be married and now we get to celebrate twice . . . and I get to wear my wedding dress twice,” commented Nicole.

Tyler’s friend and fellow Lake Mills alum, Nick Rice, is going to be the officiant (which was always the plan).

“Our wedding party has been fantastic through everything and are amazing people. We feel so loved,” Nicole remarked. “We will be missing Tyler’s dad and other loved ones who have passed and we’ll be thinking about them that day.”

Nicole works as a licensed mental health therapist at a place called, Acacia Counseling and Wellness, and Tyler, who recently changed jobs, works at Urban Growler brewery and restaurant, as a brewer. They will continue on from that day forward, as a newly married couple, living in their apartment in Minneapolis.

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Throw a safe bachelor or bachelorette party

The consensus from public health professionals around the world is to maintain continued social distancing to help prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus. Various events have been modified due to the pandemic, and weddings and bachelor/bachelorette parties have proven no exception.

Couples may need to make certain changes to traditional gatherings like bachelor and bachelorette parties to stay safe. Wedding parties average four to five close friends or family members on each side, according to Martha Stewart weddings. Gatherings of five will likely comply with the limitations set for gatherings for indoor and outdoor venues. However, it's essential to check local regulations before planning festivities. Even if gathering with your wedding party is doable, you may have to think outside the box when it comes to how to enjoy these last hoorahs before the wedding.

Host it outdoors

The likelihood of spreading respiratory viruses like COVID-19 is greatly reduced in outdoor settings where respiratory droplets are more likely to be dispersed rather than concentrated. Restaurants and bars still offer outdoor seating options in many areas, and an intimate gathering for food and drinks outside can be a low-key way to spend an evening.

Try an "extreme" activity

Weekend travel has become a standard option for many bachelor and bachelorette parties. But travel restrictions or personal health preferences may mean it's not prudent to take a trip to Las Vegas or Cancún. Booking activities that are a little edgy can add some adventure to the festivities if travel is a non-starter. Some amusement parks are still open, so an evening of riding zero-gravity coasters or free-fall bungee jumps could satisfy everyone's adventurous side. Race tracks offer tourist options where novices can take high-speed spins around the course. When traveling in small groups, these activities can be possible.



Tyler Gasper and a few of his friends went to Puzzleworks (an escape room experience) in the Twin Cities for his bachelor party (L-R): Michael Van De Graaff, Colton Peterson, Logan Meyer, Tyler Gasper, Nick Rice and Bryan McManus.

Virtual karaoke

In-person karaoke nights may be unavailable, but there's a bevy of online sing-a-long apps that enable participants to sing with backing tracks either for solo performances or with others—even people around the world. Each member of the bachelorette or bachelor party can download the same app and then sing together. Laugh along to renditions of classic tunes or modern favorites.

Celebrate at home

It may not seem as glamorous as a night out, but home cocktail parties can be customized. Hire a mixologist to whip up special drinks for the occasion. Caterers may be available to cook personalized meals in your home, providing lessons along the way.

Bachelor and bachelorette parties may have to change as the world continues to confront the pandemic. With a few tweaks, these events can still be enjoyable and memorable.

Useful ways to incorporate social media in wedding planning

Since its inception decades ago, social media has changed the world. As the popularity of social media exploded in the early part of the 21st century, various platforms emerged and ultimately affected movements pertaining to everything from politics to social justice to charitable efforts.

Social media also has emerged as a great tool for couples on the cusp of getting married. The following are some useful ways that couples can employ social media into their wedding planning.

- Create your own hashtag. A couple-specific hashtag can be a great and simple way to share information on Twitter, which remains one of the most popular social media platforms across the globe. Your own hashtag can alert friends and

family who are on Twitter whenever you post new information and photos.

- Share a photo album online. Photographers serve as something akin to unofficial documentarians on couples' wedding days. Many photographers are there from the moment the bride begins to get ready until the last person leaves the dance floor at the end of the night. Many couples love leafing through their wedding albums for the rest of their lives together, but guests also may enjoy reliving the night. The photo sharing social media platform Instagram is a great way for couples and their guests to relive the special moment a couple ties the knot and all the ensuing fun at the reception. Create a wedding-specific Instagram page and post all the pho-

tos you want to share.

- Include guests who could not attend the festivities. No matter how hard couples may try to pick a date that's convenient for all of their guests, some invitees will inevitably decline the invitation. That's especially true while the world continues to confront the COVID-19 pandemic. Elderly guests or loved ones with underlying medical conditions that make them more vulnerable to getting seriously ill from COVID-19 may be forced to reluctantly decline their invitations. But couples can utilize social media platforms like Facebook Live to include loved ones who couldn't make it in real time.

- Encourage others to pitch in

with the planning. Planning a wedding should be fun, and what better way to add to the fun factor than encouraging loved ones to share their ideas via a social media platform like Pinterest? Couples can create a Pinterest board and ask interested friends and family members to share ideas on everything from attire to decor to floral arrangements. This can be an especially effective way to involve bridesmaids and groomsmen if social distancing guidelines and travel restrictions related to the pandemic are still in place when planning your wedding. Social media has changed the world, and it also has changed how couples plan their weddings.

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Precautions that can keep wedding guests safe during the pandemic

(Editor's Note: Please consult your local laws and regulations before publishing this story to confirm its content aligns with mandates currently in place in your city.)

Happy couples planning to tie the knot in 2020 confronted a challenge they likely never saw coming. While many couples fear inclement weather on their wedding days, 2020's prospective brides and grooms had to contend with something far more fearful than rain clouds.

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus that began in the winter of 2019-20 and was ultimately declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization put many couples' wedding plans in peril. In an effort to stop the spread of the virus and protect those most vulnerable to it, governments across the globe placed restrictions on social gatherings, including weddings. Those restrictions prompted some couples to postpone their nuptials until 2021, while others tied the knot at considerably smaller ceremonies than they initially planned for.

Couples planning to tie the knot in the months ahead can still do so, but the WHO recommends they take certain precautions as they organize their ceremonies and receptions.

- Confirm local regulations.

Virtual vendors an option for unique weddings

Normal took on an entirely new connotation in 2020. As the world reacted to the COVID-19 pandemic, people across the globe had to adjust how they live their lives. The way people work, attend school and eat their meals changed seemingly overnight, as did the way couples tie the knot.

Engaged couples planning to get married in 2020 and 2021 faced and continue to face unique challenges. In 2020 roughly 450,000 weddings were scheduled to take place between March and May in the United States. Social distancing guidelines and fluctuating virus rates led many couples to get married in small ceremonies with only a handful of people on hand to witness them say "I do" in person. Virtual ceremonies shared through conferencing apps like Zoom soon became the new "normal," but planning such events can be just as difficult as planning more traditional affairs. Thankfully, couples can work with an assortment of virtual vendors as they confront the challenges of planning weddings during the pandemic.

The online resource SimplyEloped was initially created to provide couples with an alternative to traditional weddings and all the stress and difficulty that comes with planning such affairs. The service offers advice on everything to planning small ceremonies featuring 20 guests or less to coordinating photography, videography and floral arrangements.

Similarly, the online resource Wedfully assists couples with the planning of virtual weddings, helping to coordinate guests on as many as 1,000 devices.

Couples tying the knot during the pandemic may need to confront some unique challenges en route to saying "I do." Relying on the services of virtual vendors can help such couples overcome these challenges and create memories that will last a lifetime.

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Music is an important component of weddings

Few things set the mood of a wedding more effectively than music. Beautiful songs often are incorporated into wedding ceremonies, and romantic or upbeat songs intermingle to create a festive mix at receptions.

Playlists curated specifically for weddings can be found online to help couples narrow down their options. Wedding planning experts and modern couples agree that wedding playlists should be have a 60/40 split of classics and new wedding songs.

Music is a personal choice, but couples may benefit by considering who will be in attendance at their weddings. In so doing, couples can ensure the music played at their weddings reaches as many people as possible there:

- Wedding processional song: The wedding processional is the moment the wedding party walks down the aisle. Music may be a traditional hymn, classical music or a favorite contemporary song.

- Bridal processional song: In many traditional wedding ceremonies, the bride walks down the aisle separately, with her father or both parents. She customarily will have a different song from the rest of the wedding party. While "Bridal Chorus/Wedding March" is a traditional choice, some brides may prefer a different tune.

- Wedding recessional song: Again, depending on the ceremony location and choices, the recessional may be a classical piece or a hymn. Some couples choose an upbeat song for their first official promenade as a married couple.

- Wedding party entrance song: Couples can ask their music vendor to put together the majority of the songs for their reception, but they may want to choose their own wedding party entrance. This song typically is a fast-paced, upbeat song that gets the crowd pumping and ready for a fun night.

- First dance: The first dance song is another personal choice for the couple. Slow songs traditionally are chosen, but couples who want something a little different have increasingly selected faster songs and paired them with rehearsed choreography.

- Other songs: Couples also will select songs to complement dances with their parents, cake cutting, garter toss, and any other special traditions or moments. They also can make requests to include songs of different eras to appeal to guests of all ages.

Music is an important component of wedding celebrations and deserves some extra consideration to ensure everyone has a great time while cutting a rug.

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Features to look for in an outdoor wedding venue

Couples will remember their wedding day for the rest of their lives. The day a couple says "I do" is often the culmination of months of planning, and much of those efforts are dedicated to creating a special ceremony that will create cherished memories.

The choice of venue is a significant decision, and today's couples have more options regarding where to tie the knot than ever before. Many couples on the cusp of getting hitched are looking to do so in the great outdoors.

Nature took center stage at weddings in 2020, as many couples moved their ceremonies outdoors to adhere to government guidelines issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Couples considering outdoor venues for their weddings can look for certain features that can make the big day as special as it is safe.

- Backdrop: An awe-inspiring backdrop, whether it's the natural beauty of a mountaintop or a beach with the sound of ocean waves crashing into the shoreline, can make for great photos and a ceremony couples and their guests will never forget.

- Plan B: Couples may work hard to ensure everything goes off without a hitch, but ultimately the elements are in control during outdoor wedding ceremonies. So couples hoping to host an outdoor ceremony may want to look for sites that have a readily accessible indoor option just in case Mother Nature is not cooperating. Many reception venues are capable of hosting indoor and outdoor ceremonies as

well as dinners, so this might be the best option for couples who want to have outdoor weddings during times of the year when weather is typically inclement or unpredictable, such as winter, early spring or late fall.

- Lighting: What's awe-inspiring in person may be hard to capture on film. Couples may want to bring their wedding photographers along as they search for outdoor ceremony sites. Professional photographers can help couples determine which sites will make for great photos and which ones might make it hard to capture the beauty of the site's surroundings.

- Accessibility: Couples will want to make sure all of their guests can be there to witness the ceremony. Before choosing an outdoor ceremony site, consider those guests who may have mobility issues, such as grandparents. A midday hike up a mountain might be doable for most guests, but it may exclude others from witnessing the ceremony. Try to find an outdoor ceremony site that's readily accessible to everyone. In addition, keep in mind that the more accessible a site is the easier it is to get away and get indoors if the weather takes a sudden, unexpected turn for the worse.

Outdoor weddings are wildly popular. Couples who find outdoor ceremony sites with certain features may rest easier knowing they and their guests are safe and sound no matter what Mother Nature has in store come the big day.

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How to host a socially distant wedding

It's likely that few people heard of "social distancing" prior to 2020. That changed as the novel coronavirus COVID-19 spread rapidly across the globe and the world found itself in the midst of a deadly pandemic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines social distancing as keeping a safe distance of at least six feet between yourself and other people who are not from your household. Public health officials continue to champion social distancing while acknowledging the fatigue that many people have experienced as the pandemic stretched on for months. Though much of the world hit the proverbial pause button, life went on during the pandemic. Perhaps nowhere was that more evident than at the altar, where many couples still tied the knot, albeit in scaled back ceremonies that adhered to social distancing guidelines in their communities.

Engaged couples who have yet to tie the knot no doubt recognize that planning a socially distant wedding will not be the same as organizing more traditional ceremonies and receptions. While planning a socially distant wedding presents some unique challenges, couples can take certain steps to ensure their big day is memorable and safe.

- Spread the socially distant word. Let guests know what they're in for should they decide to take part in the festivities. Many people have strictly followed social distancing guidelines, while others have been reluctant to do so. Couples intent on keeping themselves and their guests safe from COVID-19 should em-

phasize that their weddings will be socially distant affairs so there's no confusion come the big day.

- Stream the wedding online. Stream the wedding online for those guests who won't be in attendance. By the end of 2020, millions of people had already "attended" weddings via platforms like Zoom, so loved ones may be experienced virtual guests by the time couples walk down the aisle in 2021. Couples who may need some help planning virtual affairs can visit the virtual wedding coordinators at Wedfully.com, who recently partnered with Zoom to help couples bring their ceremonies online.

- Pare down the in-person guest list. Couples who planned large weddings prior to the pandemic can still invite all of their loved ones to witness the festivities online, but pare down the in-person guest list to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Limit in-person guests to immediate family and those people who are part of your social distancing bubble.

- Plan a party for down the road. Couples can still celebrate their nuptials with family and friends down the road. Plan a post-pandemic reception and let guests know you will fill them in on the details once social distancing restrictions have been lifted.

Socially distant weddings may require couples to take some unusual steps as they try to tie the knot while keeping themselves and their loved ones safe.

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Donald F. Wirt
March 24, 1928 –
March 11, 2021

Donald F. Wirt, 92, formerly of Lake Mills, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society Care Center, Albert Lea, Minn. A private graveside service for family members will be held Wednesday, March 24. Don served for several years on the Salem Cemetery Board. Memorial donations may be

made to the Salem Cemetery Fund in Don's honor.

Don was born in Lake Benton, Minn., March 24, 1928, the son of Ross and Helen (Watson) Wirt. He grew up in Tyler, Minn., and graduated from Tyler High School in 1946.

Don served in the United States Army, stationed in Japan from 1946-1948.

He married his high school sweetheart Irma Johanna Marie Bruchmann, March 6, 1949. Irma preceded him in death Dec. 3, 1991.

Don worked as an electrician and lineman, bringing electricity to the rural areas of western Minnesota and South Dakota before taking a job as light plant superintendent in Coggan. The Wirt family relocated from Coggon to Lake Mills, in 1966, where Don proudly served as the city Utilities Director until his retirement in 1990.

Don is survived by his children: Charles, Des Moines; Richard and his wife, Kathy, Lake Mills; John, Welch, Minn.; James and his wife, Kathleen, Spring Green, Wis.; Robert and his wife, Deb, New Prague, Minn.; and Christine Pratt and her husband, John, Kenosha, Wis.; 14 grandchildren: Sara, Charles, Kathie, Tony, Jena, Jara, Max, Tim, Tamara, Ben, Randie, Joe, Dan, Cara; 19 great-grandchildren: Isaac, Parker, Landon, Logan, Danika, Claire, Paige, Kaia, Silje, Penelope, Joey, Mason, Connor, Alex, Ellie, Kirby, Aaliyah, Rowen, and Hazel; brother, Richard (Mary); sister, Marjorie (John) Bryan; sisters-in-law: Elfriede Petersen, Elisabeth Seibert, Joy Gannon, and Donna Wirt; many nephews and nieces, including a very special niece and loving caregiver, Willie Skellenger and her husband, Alan.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Irma; his sister, Nathelle Petersen; brothers: Curtis and Daryl; brothers-in-law: Fred Bruchmann, Larry Petersen, Richard Bryan, Don Petersen, Larry Miller, James Spoerl, Mike Gannon; and sisters-in-law: Colleen Wirt, Lilian Wirt, and Wilma Bruchmann.

Updated nursing home visitation guidance

As Iowa anticipates one million doses administered of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), have issued updated guidance for nursing homes to safely expand visitation options during the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency (PHE).

Nationwide, more than three million doses of vaccines have been administered within nursing homes to staff and residents. To date in Iowa, through the Long Term Care Pharmacy Partnership Program, a total of 139,142 doses have been administered; 75,125 first doses and 64,017 second doses. Resident doses account for 78,204 of the total and 60,963 are staff.

According to the updated guidance, facilities should allow responsible indoor visitation at all times and for all residents, regardless of vaccination status of the resident, or visitor, unless certain scenarios arise that would limit visitation for:

Unvaccinated residents, if the COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10 percent and less than 70 percent of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated;

Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission-based precautions; or

Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

"Spending time with loved ones and seeing them in person is critical to overall well-being. This past year has been incredibly challenging and hard on older Iowans and their loved ones. This is great news and one more step closer to normal," said Kelly Garcia, Director of the Department of Human Services and Department of Public Health interim director.

The updated guidance also emphasizes that "compassionate care" visits should be allowed at all times, regardless of a resident's vaccination status, the county's COVID-19 positivity rate, or an outbreak. Compassionate care visits include visits for a resident whose health has sharply declined or is experiencing a significant change in circumstances.

CMS continues to recommend facilities, residents, and families adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection

control, including maintaining physical distancing and conducting visits outdoors whenever possible. This continues to be the safest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, particularly if either party has not been fully vaccinated.

An updated guidance document from the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Department of Inspections and Appeals is forthcoming.

Shoe drive during Lent

The youth group from the Archangels Catholic Cluster is conducting a shoe drive during the season of Lent. Their goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of new and gently used shoes for distribution to Third World countries.

Shoes may be dropped off at the Catholic churches in Britt, Buffalo Center, Duncan, Forest City, Garner, and Lake Mills at weekend Masses, or on Wednesday nights at Faith Formation sites. There are also collection boxes at The Flower Cart in Britt, Pritchard's in Garner, Weaver's Leather in Buffalo Center, Lake Mills Physical Therapy in Lake Mills, and Forester Salon, Forest City Ford, and the YMCA in Forest City.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS - PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
County Name: WINNEBAGO COUNTY County Number: 95

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/30/2021 Meeting Time: 09:15 AM Meeting Location: Winnebago County Courthouse Supervisor's Office
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request.
County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals
Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".
County Website (if available) County Telephone Number (641) 585-3412
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	Budget 2021/2022	Re-Est 2020/2021	Actual 2019/2020	AVG Annual % CHG	
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Taxes Levied on Property	1	7,265,448	7,149,621	6,311,646	7.29
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	0	0	0	
Net Current Property Taxes	4	7,265,448	7,149,621	6,311,646	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	720	145	53	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	8,020	12,275	12,565	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	3,735,143	3,636,001	3,675,723	0.81
Intergovernmental	8	4,516,546	4,167,286	4,455,929	
Licenses & Permits	9	18,200	18,200	26,992	
Charges for Service	10	1,164,280	1,214,739	1,332,866	
Use of Money & Property	11	353,180	396,415	259,508	
Miscellaneous	12	815,411	153,850	191,524	
Subtotal Revenues	13	17,876,948	16,748,532	16,266,806	
Other Financing Sources:					
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	750,000	0	
Operating Transfers In	15	3,088,883	2,255,502	3,212,041	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	20,000	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	20,985,831	19,754,034	19,478,847	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,900,585	2,595,559	2,330,108	11.57
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,708,102	1,725,760	1,245,998	17.08
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	517,737	437,580	544,299	-2.47
County Environment and Education	21	1,097,793	1,068,953	828,245	15.13
Roads & Transportation	22	4,298,770	4,043,199	3,776,011	6.70
Government Services to Residents	23	767,068	720,656	623,519	10.92
Administration	24	1,465,620	1,460,426	1,291,636	6.52
Nonprogram Current	25	19,000	18,000	0	
Debt Service	26	1,647,104	2,465,504	2,463,292	-18.23
Capital Projects	27	2,699,651	2,733,318	1,595,192	30.09
Subtotal Expenditures	28	17,121,430	17,268,955	14,698,300	
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,088,883	2,255,502	3,212,041	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	20,210,313	19,524,457	17,910,341	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses					
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	32	775,518	229,577	1,568,506	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	33	8,888,567	8,658,990	7,090,484	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	34	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	35	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Committed	36	470,072	0	6,303,337	
Fund Balance - Assigned	37	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	38	8,348,384	0	742,674	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	39	845,629	8,888,567	1,612,979	
	40	9,664,085	8,888,567	8,658,990	

Proposed property taxation by type:	Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation:
Countywide Levies*:	4,828,159
Rural Only Levies*:	2,437,289
Special District Levies*:	0
TIF Tax Revenues:	3,149,940
Utility Replacement Excise Tax:	109,983

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO LEVY GENERAL BASIC PROPERTY TAX RATES WHICH EXCEED STATUTORY MAXIMUMS The accompanying budget summary requires a general basic property tax rate that exceeds the maximum rate as established by the general assembly. Comparison of the proposed general basic rate with the statutory maximum 3.50000 general basic tax rate and the dollar amount of the difference between the proposed rate and the maximum rate:	4.40033
Proposed General Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	3.50000
Maximum General Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	573,863
General Basic Tax Dollars to be Generated in Excess of Maximum:	

Major reasons for the difference between the proposed general basic tax rate and the maximum basic tax rate:
Iowa Code Section 331.426 1e. Unusual need for additional monies to permit continuance of a program which provided substantial benefit to county residents. g. A reduced or unusually low growth rate in the property tax base of the county. The additional levy of .90033 for \$573,863 includes money for a roof for the courthouse, operations at public health, staffing at the jail, and an additional deputy.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO LEVY RURAL BASIC PROPERTY TAX RATES WHICH EXCEED STATUTORY MAXIMUMS The accompanying budget summary requires a Rural Basic property tax rate that exceeds the maximum rate as established by the General Assembly. Comparison of the proposed general basic rate with the statutory maximum 3.95 Rural Basic tax rate and the dollar amount of the difference between the proposed rate and the maximum rate:	5.21124
Proposed Rural Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	3.95000
Maximum Rural Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	546,730
Rural Basic Tax Dollars to be Generated in Excess of Maximum:	

Major reasons for the difference between the proposed Rural Basic tax rate and the maximum basic tax rate:
Iowa Code Section 331.426 1e. Unusual need for additional monies to permit continuance of a program which provided substantial benefit to county residents. g. A reduced or unusually low growth rate in the property tax base of the county. The additional levy of 1.26124 for \$546,730 to continue the county bridge replacement program and to maintain the infrastructure of the county.

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WINN. CO. SUPERVISOR MINUTES

March 2, 2021
The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors met in session at 9:00 A.M. March 2, 2021 adjourned from February 23, 2021.

Present: Supervisors Smith, Jensvold and Durby
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 February 23, 2021 Board Meeting and approve the agenda for March 2, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Brenda Moritz-Tenold will discuss repairs to DD 53 Lat 11C next week.
Kris Oswald, Drainage Clerk discussed drainage district matters including an update on DD 18 Lat 11. The drilling company has finished digging under the railroad. B & B Farm Drainage will continue on DD 11 Main Tile project and move to DD 18 Lat 11.

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 Smith the Supervisors moved to extend the Covid-19 policy through March. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION #03-02-2021-03-001
RESOLUTION FOR
POSTPONEMENT OF TAX SALE
UNDER IOWA CODE CHAPTER
446 WITHIN WINNEBAGO
COUNTY

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa and Governor of the State of Iowa, have declared a state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 viral pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Treasurer has made attempts to hold the tax sale required under Iowa Code 446, and specifically under Iowa Code 446.28, that the June tax sale be held on the succeeding month unless good cause is shown; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the inability to hold either an in-person tax sale due to the number of individuals that would be present or online tax sale due to technological limitations, good cause is found that the tax sale should be postponed for the month of March.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and Winnebago County Treasurer that good cause exists that a tax sale cannot be held under Iowa Code 446.28 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and is postponed for the month of March.
Resolution declared adopted this

2nd day of March, 2021.

SIGNED: Terry Durby,
Chairperson
Board of Supervisors,
Winnebago County, Iowa

ATTEST: Karla Weiss, Auditor
by Kris Oswald, Deputy Auditor
Scott Meinders, Engineer discussed Secondary Road matters including posting for a position in the Lake Mills shop.

The FY 2021-2022 budget was discussed.

The following claims were approved and ordered to be paid:
Delta Dental, Services 1,980.94
Fidelity Security Life,
Services 1,044.95
Reliance Standard Life Ins Co,
Services 1,530.05
Schutter, William & Rita, Easement
Purchase 2,720.00
Singelstad Hardware, Supplies. .22.80
Advanced Door Systems,
Repairs 1,366.55
Alliant Energy, Utilities 386.70
Amazon Capital Services,
Supplies 129.23
Bomgaars, Supplies 1,416.87
Cintas Corp, Supplies 178.52
Faribault County Public Works,
Project Cost Share. 58,335.46
Hanson LP Gas LLC, LP 1,142.96
Lake Mills Seed House,
Services 11.33
Lampline Lighting Inc, Parts . .115.89
Lyles Sales & Service, Supplies .36.75
Mercyone Ni Clinics, Services . .50.00
MN Iowa Electric Motors & Equip,
Repairs 191.52
Safety Kleen Systems Inc,
Services 970.00
Safety X-Treme, Supplies . . .314.97
Snap-On Industrial, Supplies . .401.89
Verizon Wireless, Telephone . .120.09
Voyager Fleet Systems Inc,
Fuel 1,983.25
Ability Network Inc, Services . .116.92
Aitchison, Heidi, Rent500.00
Alliant Energy, Utilities255.46
Amazon Capital Services,
Supplies 149.05
Armstrong, Tracy, Rent250.00
Austin Office Products,
Supplies 442.03
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Reimbursement 75.00
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Meinders, McKenzie, Mileage . .389.00
Miroles, Sandra, Mileage. . . .134.16
NACVSO, Education 350.00
Nartee Inc, Supplies. 97.90
Office Depot, Supplies 54.26
Ostercamp, DO, Twyla, Medical
Examiner Fee 100.00
Peterson, David, Meeting46.84
Plath, Brian, Reimbursement . .44.99
Plumb Supply Co, Supplies . . .558.89
Rakoto, Alyssa, Mileage. 270.92
Rayhons, Dale, Medical Examiner
Fee 600.00
Reliance Telephone Inc,
Supplies 1,000.00
Rice, Allison, Mileage. 202.72
Ruiter, Barney, Meeting 25.00
SA Architects Inc, Services .23,625.00
Schriever, Rhonda, Mileage. . .134.72
Simmons, Terri, Mileage.269.92
Skellenger, Willemina,
Mileage. 117.52
Smilemakers, Supplies37.97
Sorenson, Julie,
Reimbursement 40.00
Thrifty White, Supplies71.28
US Cellular, Telephone45.08
Vaudt, Melissa, Mileage395.24
Verizon Wireless, Telephone . .395.24
Warren, Melissa, Mileage77.20
WCTA, Telephone 446.98
Wempen, Krystal, Mileage641.68
Wolf, Barb, Mileage. 258.44
Worth Co Sheriff, Services . . .31.00
On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to approve the Payroll claims. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Terry Durby, Chairperson

Kris Oswald, Deputy Auditor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - DD No. 11

NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION OF LAND IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO 11 LOWER MAIN IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IOWA

TO: Landowners in Drainage District No 11 Lower Main in Winnebago County, Iowa

TO: All lienholders or encumbrancers of any land within said Drainage District No 11 Lower Main and to all other persons whom it may concern, including actual occupants of the lands in and including Drainage District No 11 Lower Main, Winnebago County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa, acting in behalf of Drainage District No 11 Lower Main, in said county, have employed Jacobson-Westergard Inc, as an engineer to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to Drainage District No 11 Lower Main and to make and file with the County Auditor a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits has been received.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rick Hopper, drainage engineer with Jacobson-Westergard Inc, has filed his report with the Auditors of Winnebago County on February 16, 2021. The Board of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for **April 6, 2021 at 9:15 A.M. at the Winnebago County Courthouse in Forest City, Iowa.** At said hearing, the Board of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to Drainage District No 11 Lower Main as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the proposed annexation of said lands and any claim for damages must be in writing and filed with the County Auditor of Winnebago County at or before the time set for hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify Drainage District 11 Lower Main. **As a consequence of your failure to object, you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.**

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa, acting on behalf of Drainage District No 11 Lower Main.

For further particulars, you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Annexation which is on file at the County Auditor's Office in Winnebago County, Iowa, or on the county website at www.winnebago-county.iowa.gov.
Dated this 26th day of February, 2021

Karla Weiss
Winnebago County Auditor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - DD No. 11

NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING OF RECLASSIFICATION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO 11 LOWER MAIN IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IOWA

TO: Landowners in Drainage District No 11 Lower Main in Winnebago County, Iowa

TO: All lienholders or encumbrancers of any land within said Drainage District No 11 Lower Main and to all other persons whom it may concern, including actual occupants of the lands in and including Drainage District No 11 Lower Main, Winnebago County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No 11 Lower Main, appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No 11 Lower Main, Winnebago County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Winnebago Auditor, Forest City, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District. There is a copy of this report in its entirety in the office of the County Auditor or on the county website at www.winnebago-county.iowa.gov.

RECLASSIFICATION is shown in the Classification Commissioners' Report on Reclassification of benefits for each of the 40 acre tracts or other tracts in Drainage District No 11 Lower Main.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said **Pre-Classification report for April 6, 2021 at 9:20 A.M., and the Post-Classification report for April 6, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.** at the Winnebago County Courthouse, in Forest City, Iowa. The Pre-classification report is for levying the DD 11 Main Tile project and the Post-Classification will be used for future repairs.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Winnebago County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the District, as may appear to the Board to be just and equitable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that your failure to file a written objection may result in the consequence of waiving your right to appeal any decision to the District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No 11 Lower Main.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2021.

Karla Weiss
Winnebago County Auditor

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PROBATE

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

Probate No. 02951 ESPR009242

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF

CLARICE HAGEN, Deceased.
To All Persons Interested in the Estate
of CLARICE HAGEN, deceased, who
died on or about November 29, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on
December 22, 2020, the last will and
testament of CLARICE HAGEN,
deceased, bearing date of November 1,
2012, was admitted to probate in the
above named court and that Alan N.
Hagen 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
devises 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 pay-
ment 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
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claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 6, 2021.

Alan N. Hagen
Executor of Estate
1102 S. Mill St.
Lake Mills, Iowa 50450

Timothy A. Casperson
ICIS#: AT0001472
Attorney for Executor
102 N. 2nd Ave. W.
Lake Mills, IA 50450

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March 17 and March 24, 2021.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

LAND TRANSFERS

Dean Holstad Estate, Steven Holstad executor to Hunter Kingland, lot 1, Helgeson 2nd Addition, Lake Mills.

Carol Abbey, Drake Abbey, Scott Abbey, Hawkeye Land Co, Chicago Pacific Corp, and Chicago Rock Island and Pacific RR Co to Carol Abbey, Drake Abbey and Scott Abbey, former RR row in section 5, Forest Township.

Paul Larson to James Roth and Stacy Roth, lots 2, 3 and 4, block 5, Rake.

Jeremy Brue, Tera Brue and Jonathan Brue to Karin Carolson RevTr, a tract of land in section 8, Linden Township.

FO Properties LLC to Jesse Finer and Madaline Finer, aka Maddie Finner, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 7, Thompson.

Jason Lucas and Candice Lucas, aka Candice Spice, to Katherine Santiago and Jose Martinez, lot 8, block 27, Forest City.

James Boehnke and Renee Boehnke to Kelsey Boehnke, a tract of land in section 26, Forest Township.

Harlan Peterson and Sharon Peterson to Harlan Peterson RevTr and Sharon Peterson RevTr, an undivided 1/2 interest in lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, JA Anderson Subdivision, Lake Mills, section 28, Center Township.

Harlan Peterson and Sharon Peterson to Harlan Peterson RevTr and Sharon Peterson RevTr, an undivided 1/2 interest in lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, JA Anderson Subdivision, Lake Mills, section 28, Center Township.

Farm Credit Serv of America FCLA to Titonka Savings Bank, a tract of land in section 36, Forest Township.

Farm Credit Serv of America FCLA to Titonka Savings Bank, a tract of land in section 36, Forest Township.

SENTENCES AND PLEAS
Derick Steven Boyd, 5/11/1990, Faribault, Minn., pled guilty to "Burglary in the Third Degree," a class D felony, stemming from an investigation by the Lake Mills Police Dept., on or about Sept. 21, 2008. Boyd is

scheduled to be sentenced May 14, 2021.

Paul James Kurtenbach, 10/30/1968, Chippewa Falls, Wis., pled guilty to "Operating While Intoxicated-Second Offense," an aggravated misdemeanor, stemming from a traffic stop by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, May 24, 2018. Kurtenbach was sentenced to serve 365 days in jail, with all but 14 days suspended, and ordered to pay a \$1,875 fine, applicable surcharges and court costs. Kurtenbach was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow through with all

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9-13c

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