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Area briefs

COVID-19 update

As of 7 a.m., Tuesday morning, March 23, Iowa has tested 4,341,986 individuals. Of those tested, 3,951,076 tested negative and 374,400 tested positive. There have been 328,870 individuals who have recovered and 5,675 deaths have been recorded in the state. Numbers by surrounding counties: Winnebago—1,425 positive, 1,256 recovered, 31 deaths; Worth—714 positive, 648 recovered, eight deaths; Kossuth—2,149 positive, 1,911 recovered, 58 deaths; Hancock—1,491 positive, 1,337 recovered, 33 deaths; Cerro Gordo—5,430 positive, 4,875 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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly Cloudy	51° 31°	54° 38°	52° 32°	53° 36°	57° 40°

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

Date	Hi	Low	Prec.
March 16	34°	32°	2" S
March 17	37°	32°	—
March 18	46°	32°	—
March 19	50°	27°	—
March 20	59°	30°	—
March 21	64°	39°	—
March 22	55°	32°	—

Markets

Prices reported as of Tuesday. Prices subject to change.

	2020	2021
Five Star		
Corn	\$3.30	\$ 5.31
Soybeans	\$7.71	\$13.82
Gavilon		
Corn	\$3.37	\$ 5.37
Soybeans	\$7.67	\$13.80

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Mavis Olson (right) is pictured with her sister, Norma Ramsey.

100th birthday—Truly a celebration

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

On April 7 this year, one family will be celebrating a century of life for their sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, and other relative and friend.

This particular Lake Mills centenarian, is a marvel. She still lives by herself in a condo, drives, sews quilt tops for her women's group at church, and is continuing to share her memories with her family.

Mavis Olson was born April 7, 1921, near Leland. She was born Mavis Thompson, daughter of Horace and Caroline Thompson. Her mother was a Maakestad. She grew up on a farm near Leland—about a mile and a half west of Winnebago Lutheran Church.

She had two sisters—Elaine Aamodt and Norma Ramsey. Mavis was the eldest . . . four years older than Elaine.

"I went to Brones Country School. I had to walk a whole mile by myself there, when I was six. No one lived along that mile, so it was a lonesome, long walk. I walked through all kinds of weather, but a lot of times my father would have to come after me," said Mavis. "My cousins stayed at my grandma's and went to school there also, part-time. Sometimes my dad would come in the bobsled to get us if the weather was bad. Sometimes the snow was so deep, the horses could barely get through. We had brown horse blankets, which were very heavy, in the sled to cover up with and keep us warm. I remember my first-grade teacher was a man. I was petrified of him. He was very strict. The boys would be kind of naughty, and he would take his belt off, and take them out in the entryway and would give them a licking . . . and when a couple boys got caught chewing gum or candy in school, he would take a bar of soap and put it their mouth and tie his red hanky around their head so they had to sit that way for awhile."

Mavis said they moved over by Joice when she was probably in fourth grade, and attended Dahlseide School. The house was located 'where Harold Hagen lived on the hill.'

"We had a very nice farm. It was owned by Arne Arneson. We were lucky to have electricity and water. That was really living it up," she recalled, and remembered the school house being kitty corner from the Dahlseide house, where they would have to get water for school. Other memories include the winters being remarkable. She remembers the snow plow getting stuck in front of their home, having to take the bobsled over the fence, and a neighbor boy walking to school on the top of the hardened drifts.

There were about 10 kids total in school. There were three teachers that taught the different grades, just like back in Brones Country School, and they put on Christmas programs.

"I was probably 15 years old when I began to attend the Joice High School, and was 18 when I graduated from there. My dad had a hired man who would take me into school a lot of times. But going home from school, I had to walk which was probably three or four miles from Joice. It was a long walk. My dad wasn't one to wait on me hand and foot. I had to find my own way, pretty much."

Some of the chores she had to do when they were on the farm, would be to milk the cows, especially when the guys were in the field. But when there was a free show in Joice, they got the milking done in record time. She also helped out with chores inside.

A few of the most memorable times when she was in school was being a part of the 4-H club, performing demonstrations on how to make muffins, which won first place at the Worth County Fair in Northwood. It was more exciting for her and her friend to attend the

Cattle Congress in Waterloo and place with their demonstration there.

The biggest excitement for them was when an Iowa State home economist by the name of Nell Thompson, took them on a trip to Columbus, Ohio, where they placed in a national dairy contest with their cheese torte.

"We made a cheese torte that was so good. I only regret we didn't get the recipe. We placed 19th at the national. I remember going to big banquets there and it was quite a show. We went through Chicago, too, which was a big deal at that time. It was quite a trip."

The summer after graduation, Mavis worked for a family near Joice, where the mother was very ill and they needed help, with cooking, washing clothes and cleaning. Mavis said it was a good-sized family, with the mother's parents also living there.

That fall, she attended Hamilton College in Mason City and took a business course. Following that, she got a job at the Farm Bureau office and at the Selective Service office in the courthouse. These jobs were both in Northwood during WWII, when they were drafting those to go into the service.

In '43, she married Arnold Halvorson, who lived a couple miles from where her folks lived at that time.

They lived in Lake Mills for nine years and Arnold worked for the Coop, on the tank wagon, and worked for Minnesota Valley Breeders.

In '53, she and her husband bought a farm near Hanlontown and moved there.

"The people there bought our house in town here, so we just exchanged places. So, we lived there all the rest of our farming days. I worked at Winnebago (Industries) for 12 years and Arnold worked there for six years, besides farming. Later on Arnold rented it out, when it became too much to do both."

Arnold and Mavis had three girls: Suzanne, Lonna and Nancy, who attended school in Hanlontown until it closed, and then transferred to Manly.

Suzanne (John) Braun, Happy Jack, Ariz. has one son and one daughter. Lonna (Lyle) Hansen, Clear Lake, has three daughters; and Nancy McManigal, West Des Moines, has one son. Mavis also has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mavis still enjoys sewing quilt tops for the church, which get donated to Lutheran World Relief, spending time outside, and loves to watch the birds. She has also enjoyed going to the Senior Center in Lake Mills, playing cards, and being part of a card club years ago. When she lived in Hanlontown, she was active in a garden club, with Friends of the Library, and Grace Lutheran Church's women's circle. She also loved to travel. They camped, had a trailer, and vacationed in Arizona and Texas.

"I still drive. I am thankful for that. It will be a sad day when I have to quit. I've been lucky (throughout her life) all through the ups and downs," Mavis remarked. "And, I feel good now. Family has been the highlight of my life, and the most important thing has been my faith to carry me through."

Mavis' husband, Arnold, suffered from Alzheimer's disease, and passed away in 1991. Mavis was married a second time to Orlando Olson, and they lived in Clear Lake for about three years, then moved to Lake Mills. She is presently living in a condo, north of Salem Lutheran Church.

"I love it where I live," she said.

"I never thought that I would reach 100 years old. My mom was 87, Dad was 78, when they passed. I think somebody made a mistake someplace in counting. I don't think I am a 100 years old," Mavis joked.



DASHAWN LINNEN, CALEB BACON, WYATT HELMING AND BENNETT BERGER

Four Bulldogs receive All-Conference Honors; Menke named Coach of the Year

by Tyler Carderella-Gasper
Lake Mills Graphic

After a stellar, undefeated regular season, which came to an end two weeks ago at the State Tournament, four members of the LMHS boys' basketball team have received recognition for their performances this season with All-Conference honors. Head Basketball Coach Kyle Menke was also named Coach of the Year, taking his undefeated team to the State Tournament.

Seniors Dashawn Linnen and Caleb Bacon were both named to the 1st Team All-Conference. Linnen, a 6'3" forward, finished his career as a Bulldog as the most accomplished player in school history.

As the program's second all-time leading scorer (1,399 career points), a three-time All-Conference selection, Conference Player of the Year as a junior, and a two-time State Tournament qualifier, Linnen's career accolades are certainly testament to his tremendous talent on the court. This season, Linnen averaged 18.4 ppg, 4.2 rebounds per game, 1.8 assists per game, 1.3 steals per game, and shot on average 57 percent from the field and 64 percent from the free-throw line.

Caleb Bacon, a 6'4" forward, was one of the Bulldogs' most versatile weapons on the court this season, according to Head Coach Kyle Menke.

"Caleb's versatility was a huge reason for our success throughout the season. He is an outstanding rebounder and passer," commented Coach Menke. "I have never coached a player who competed with more energy and intensity than Caleb."

Bacon averaged an astounding 10.1 rebounds per game, 4.3 assists, and 3.1 steals, while also scoring an average of 12.5 ppg and finishing the season at 66 percent on field goals.

Selected for 2nd Team All-Conference honors was Wyatt Helming, Lake Mills' 6'6" junior forward, whose season showed significant improvement from his sophomore year. Coach Menke noted that Helming was one of the best shot blockers in the area this season, with an average of 2.1 per game. Helming also recorded an average of 6.3 rebounds and 13.3 points per game as well.

Finally, Bennett Berger, a 6'2" junior guard, received an All-Conference Honorable Mention. Coach Menke said that Berger was a "great leader from the point guard position" and was a "smart player with excellent overall fundamental skills." Berger was 40 percent on three-point goals this season, and 70 percent from the free throw line. Berger also scored an average of 7.3 ppg, and recorded 2.4 steals and 4.8 assists per game this season as well.



Q&A: Tax Season & Tax Scams With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

Q: When is Tax Day 2021?

A: The IRS announced a one month delay for individuals to file their federal 2020 tax returns, shifting Tax Day from April 15 to May 17 this year. The federal tax-collecting agency postponed Tax Day for the second year in a row as Americans continue coping with COVID-19 and the IRS faces a mounting backlog in processing returns. What's more, the IRS is managing the third round of Economic Impact Payments and has been tasked with implementing additional responsibilities enacted on March 11. The new filing deadline doesn't apply to corporations, partnerships or nonprofits; only individual filers will have an extra month to pay their federal taxes. The extension kicks in automatically, taxpayers do not need to file a form to qualify. However, for taxpayers who need an extension for the later Oct. 15 deadline, form 4868 needs to be filed by May 17. Remember any penalties, interest and payments will start to accrue after May 17. The IRS' postponed deadline only applies to individual federal income returns and tax payments (including tax on self-employment income) otherwise due April 15, 2021, not state tax payments or deposits or payments of any other type of federal tax. Note the new filing deadline doesn't apply to first-quarter estimated tax payments that are due April 15, 2021. Importantly, if individuals already filed their tax returns and authorized an electronic funds withdrawal, the IRS advises taxpayers may reschedule the automatic payment by contacting the U.S. Treasury Finance Agent at (888) 353-4537. Taxpayers with income \$72,000 or less may use online tax-preparation software free-of-charge. Individuals may browse the IRS Free File tool kit here and check on their Economic Impact Payment here.

Q: What is the Taxpayer Advocate Service?

A: As a taxpayer watchdog, I've championed taxpayer rights laws for decades. In the Taxpayer Bill of Rights II that I helped write in 1996, Congress established the first-of-its-kind Office of the Taxpayer Advocate. It's an independent entity within the IRS that creates a bright line between the Taxpayer Advocate—who serves as the "voice of the taxpayer"—and the IRS Commissioner. The primary function of the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is to serve and assist taxpayers in resolving problems with the federal tax-collecting agency. In addition, the office is required to report to Congress twice yearly on its mission to improve taxpayer services, as well as make recommendations for improvements. Moreover, its

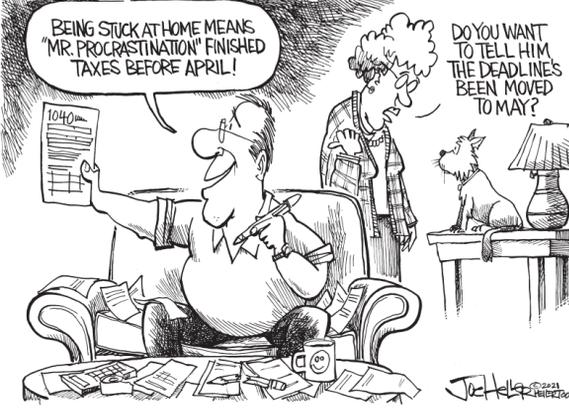
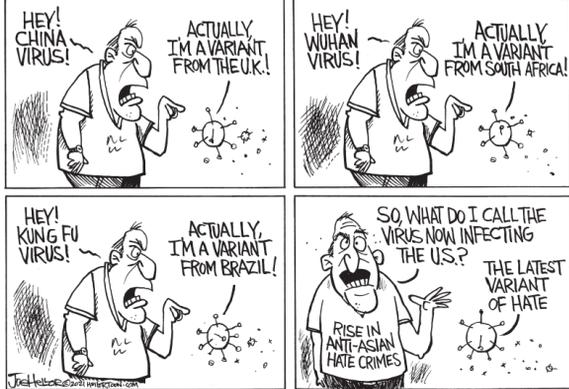
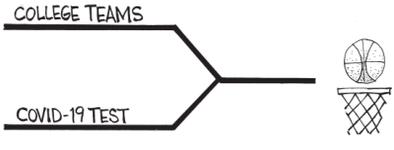
reports to Congress must identify the most serious problems taxpayers encounter in dealing with the IRS. This information is important for congressional tax-writers to simplify the tax code and improve tax fairness. In 1998, I worked to beef up the TAS by providing for at least one local taxpayer advocate in each state.

In our system of voluntary tax compliance, it's vital to strengthen taxpayer confidence and that comes from policies that improve taxpayer service and ensure the nation's tax laws are enforced fairly and effectively. Passage of the \$1.9 trillion tax and spending package on March 11 heaped additional responsibilities on the IRS' already full plate with new requirements to administer social benefit programs. A decade ago, the Taxpayer Advocate's report to Congress warned against using the IRS for this purpose saying "it could impair the IRS' ability to deliver on its core tax-collection mission" and force the IRS to "divert resources from its core functions." The pandemic has caused major disruptions to IRS operations in the last year, creating significant backlogs and delays in taxpayer services. In March, I sent a letter with the Iowa congressional delegation to flag recent departures from the local TAS office in Iowa. These departures negatively impact the ability of our offices to help Iowans resolve problems they're having with the IRS. We've asked the National Taxpayer Advocate to proactively address the disruption, such as transferring experienced staff from other locations or enabling our offices to work with other TAS offices to help resolve issues for our constituents.

Lastly, I'm alerting Iowans to help spread the word to their neighbors about the risk of tax-related scams where people impersonate the IRS. Generally speaking, the IRS contacts people by U.S. mail, not by phone about any unpaid taxes. The IRS will not demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as an iTunes card, gift card, money order or wire transfer. It will never ask for personal financial information by e-mail, text or social media. If you get a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS without prior written notice, hang up. Call the IRS directly at (800) 829-1040. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration says nearly 16,000 Americans have reported paying criminal impersonators more than \$80 million since 2013. Report suspected IRS impersonation scams to www.tigta.gov or call 800-366-4484.

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Inside the Iowa House

BY TODD PRICHARD IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

This week, thousands of Iowans are getting their \$1,400 stimulus payment from the American Rescue Plan. This week, we advocated for affordable, safe housing for all Iowans. This week, we supported background checks for gun sales in Iowa to keep us safe. There was a lot of good news this week on our efforts to beat COVID that should help us get our lives back to normal as quickly as possible. For the first time in a year, there are no COVID outbreaks in a single nursing home in Iowa. There were so many lives lost over the last year in these facilities due to COVID, it is welcomed news. I'm so grateful for the dedicated healthcare workers who have worked so hard day in and day out trying to contain this virus and save lives. The huge push made by the Biden Administration to get more Iowans vaccinated is also making a huge difference in Iowa. Earlier this week, state officials announced the huge increase in supply of the vaccine will allow Iowa to open up vaccinations to all adults starting on April 5.

President Biden also announced this week that the US will reach 100 million shots in people's arms this Saturday. That's all in the first 58 days of his administration and 42 days ahead of schedule since the original goal was 100 days.



Todd Prichard Iowa Dist. 52 Representative

While the vaccine is still in high demand, Iowans who are eligible now include those over the age of 65, teachers and staff at K-12 schools, child care staff, essential workers, and Iowans under 64 with a medical condition. To see if you qualify for a vaccine and to find a provider near you, please visit: vaccinate.iowa.gov. Iowans started receiving \$1,400 COVID relief stimulus checks from the American Rescue Plan Act this week. To track your payment status use the IRS tool at: irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment.

Each Tuesday at 7 p.m., join us for updates from the Statehouse with Democratic lawmakers. facebook.com/iowahousedemocrats.

Highlights with Henry

BY REP. HENRY STONE

"As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say, I just watch what they do." - Andrew Carnegie

This week, I and other House Republicans made good on one of our campaign promises. We passed House File 756, an act relating to the acquisition and possession of weapons. This is another really good bill, but most importantly, it makes good on a long-standing promise the House Republicans have had with Iowans, that we will work every day to remove burdensome regulation that impedes on Iowan's right to keep and bear arms. Why does this matter? Two reasons: First, we should always work to deliver on promises and if we don't, voters should hold us accountable. Second, improving public safety is important along with ensuring Iowans are able to conceal, carry, and purchase firearms without unnecessary restrictions. This bill was able to accomplish all of this. I wholeheartedly supported this legislation, and along with House Republicans, we got constitutional carry done.

House File 756—2nd Amendment Omnibus Bill What this bill does: Continues background checks in the State of Iowa for individuals who wish to purchase firearms. Allows law enforcement officers to carry on school grounds to help protect children both on and off duty. Tightens loopholes for private sales. The right for every law abiding Iowan to keep and bear arms. What this bill does not do: Eliminate the need for background checks. Eliminate or change existing laws on firearms on school buses. Allow any individual outside an off/on-duty police officer to carry on school grounds.

And the good news is: Opening Iowa's Nursing Homes Safety Iowa's nursing homes and their direct care staff have done an exceptional job protecting the health of their vulnerable residents throughout this public health emergency. While the physical health of Iowans residing in nursing homes is extremely important, we must not forget the toll isolation from loved ones can have as well. Last week, after a year of extremely limited

visitation, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Department of Inspections and Appeals expanded their indoor visitation guidance at long-term care facilities. This guidance takes into consideration the Long Term Care Pharmacy Partnership Program, which as of March 12th has administered 139,142 vaccine doses to Iowa's nursing home residents and staff. As of March 17th, there is only one nursing home out of 444 that has COVID-19 cases. The Updated guidance requires nursing homes to allow indoor visitation at all times and for all residents, regardless of the vaccination status of the resident, or visitor, unless these three instances arise: • 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 the criteria for release from quarantine. The guidance continues to have infection control recommendations for all visits, including screening of everyone entering the facility, face coverings, and 6-foot distancing.

Iowa's Unemployment Rate Drops Again Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.5 percent from the revised December rate of 3.7 percent. The state's jobless rate was 2.8 percent one year ago. The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 6.3 percent in January.

Fuel Choice Legislation Passes Iowa House Local jurisdictions across the country (mainly on the east and left coasts) are aggressively seeking to exclusively use renewable fuels. While this may be a laudable goal, a problem arises when clouds block the sun or the wind does not blow. The need to provide consumers with multiple energy options, and limit the ability to prohibit energy options, both directly and through creative means, drove the need for legislation like HF 555. HF 555 will protect consumers from attempts to prohibit viable energy sources for both heating and cooling needs. It also ensures consumers will have multiple energy options available - including natural gas and propane for all their energy needs. The House of Representatives passed HF 555 this week and sent it to the Senate for their consideration.

Good to Get Out

Last week's paper was the Bridal issue, and any that happened to read the paper last week, will then likely know that my brother was married this weekend. And while the only significant milestone was, of course, the culmination of precisely 10 years of Tyler and Nicole's relationship, a much smaller, personal milestone marked just over one year since I have truly been "out" in the world.



Marissa Gasper Gasper's Gabble

My already meager makeup skills were incredibly rusty, I must admit, and my vocal chords have gotten noticeably weaker with the lack of socialization in isolation (plus my already quiet nature). But, despite small adjustments such as these, it felt so good to have fun again. To make plans, dress up, not eat alone, laugh... I'm not an overly ambitious person when it comes to outings, but these seemingly small aspects that have been sorely missing for the past year are always enough to lift my spirits.

I knew I missed those moments, but having such a happy, simple (safe) time after so long makes me wonder all the more when my outings can be more ambitious. Not to mention that the wedding, in general, made both my sweetheart and I feel a definite spike in our longing to be together. "I won't be able to leave next time." I always tell him. "We can't plan for pandemics, life is unpredictable... I want to know that we'll be together next time the world takes a hit." Thankfully, most of my musings have been positive and optimistic in nature; with only brief moments of helplessness and anxiety. A result of the happy atmosphere of the weekend, no doubt. Here's hoping there will be more opportunities for such joyful (safe) moments, sooner rather than later. After all, I'm not getting any younger... And my sweetheart and I are now the last remaining couple (of those in our social circles) that remain unmarried and living separate. "It's not the wedding I want... but I don't want to be away from you anymore... or ever again." "As your brother said in the ceremony, I also don't like to make promises that I can't keep... but we'll be next. I'm sure of it." "I don't need a promise. The desire is more than enough." "Plenty of that." "If we want it badly enough, maybe the universe will throw us a bone." "We can hope." We can all hope. Here's hoping we can all have our moments together again... and soon.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor, As a farmer raising corn and soybeans in Winnebago County, nothing is more important to me than taking care of the land and protecting our precious resources for the next generation of farmers. I have spent my entire life on the farm, and it's clear that farming is much different today than when our parents and grandparents farmed. With new technology, today's farmers can grow more with less. In fact, innovations like genetically modified grain have helped farmers like me reduce tillage on my farm ground, which not only protects the soil and keeps it out of our nearby streams, but helps reduce carbon emissions. Conservation tillage in Iowa has helped reduce phosphorous loads in our water by 22 percent since the 1980s. On my farm, I have begun the usage of cover crops that help to control water flow through my fields and prevent erosion. When the cover crop begins to decay, nutrients are incorporated back into the soil, which improves soil quality and decreases fertilizer usage. Even though farming is progressing every year, we want to aim higher. We can always push to do more—whether you farm or live in an urban setting, and it will take all of us to see change. I'm going to find ways to use practices that are effective on my farm ground. During National Ag Week, let's all celebrate the advances that our farmers have made—and continue to make, to keep feeding the world.

Sincerely, Scott Anderson Winnebago County Farm Bureau

The View from Here

The Iowa legislature has now completed 10 weeks of work for Iowans. The Senate debated several bills related to keeping our economy strong and allowing Iowans to pay less in taxes.

Iowa's top tax brackets are some of the highest tax rates in the country. When Republicans passed tax cuts in 2018 (the largest in Iowa history), they included triggers that kicked in when certain levels of revenue were met. We are very close to those levels now and we decided to replace those triggers with a set date of January 1, 2023. This set date for lower rates provides job creators with an incentive to grow and create more opportunities for Iowans.

SF 576 also phases out the inheritance tax over a three year period. The inheritance tax was eliminated years ago for estates being passed from parent to child. However, the tax remained for other inheritance such as an uncle to a niece. Iowa is currently one of only six states to still have an inheritance tax. I think it's time for this tax to die. We've been working at reducing taxes in Iowa for a long time and I was happy to see this pass unanimously on Wednesday.

Our republic is based on having informed citizens. If citizens cannot get all the information on both sides of an issue, they can be manipulated by those that control the information. When the internet was created in the 1990s, the goal was that everyone who wanted a voice could have one. All a person had to do to access the global marketplace of ideas was to go online and set up a website. Once created, the website belonged to that person and no one could remove him. At that time, the web was competing with other types of online services. Today a handful of massive companies distributes the vast majority of our information.

Our most spirited debate this week dealt with this issue. The Big Tech Censorship bill, SF 580, requires social networking websites like Twitter or Facebook to respect the free speech rights of Iowans. Those rights are protected by both the United States and Iowa Constitutions. The idea is that if they don't respect the fundamental rights

of Iowans, they will lose the tax incentives we offered them for locating in Iowa.

Some of the things this bill does not allow are: censoring constitutionally protected speech/content on social networking websites, removing "social networking websites" from pre-installed application store, and removing "protected publications" and "expressive merchandise" from an online marketplace if similar products are allowed for sale.

It does allow for censoring of: criminal content, content that is not constitutionally protected, excessively gory or violent material; pornography, obscenity, bot generated content, and intellectual property violations. It also allows taking down a website if it poses a national security threat that is confirmed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Russian history shows us that human lives will be ruled by one of two fundamental forces: either truth or power. Mankind must choose one or the other: physical facts of God's world and the moral facts of His character, or the forces that oppose objective truth. The United States has provided a different story. Abraham Lincoln said that our new form of government was, "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Truth, not raw power was to rule. Those are the principles at stake today. I choose the path of objective truth, even if it is not the comfortable way.

It's been said, "The opposite of courage is not cowardice, it is conformity. Even a dead fish can go with the flow."

I will be conducting town hall meetings with Representative Stone, Friday, March 26, in the Mills Theater in Lake Mills at 9 a.m. and in the Heritage Town Center in Buffalo Center at 1 p.m.



Dennis Guth Iowa Dist. 4 Senator

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

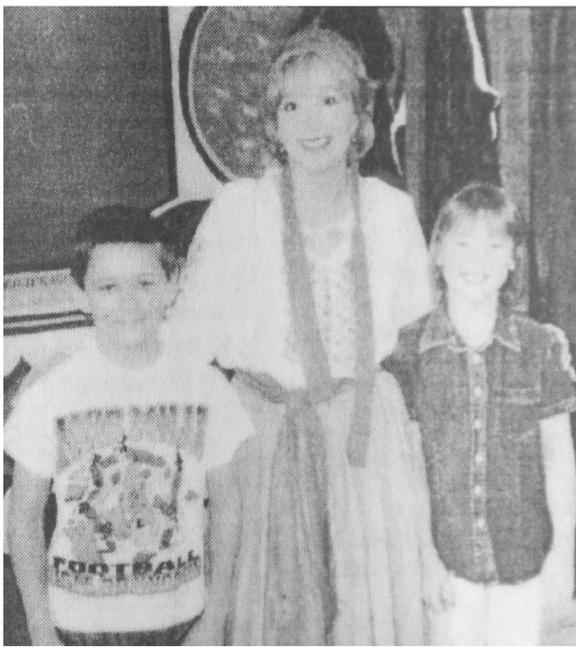
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Earlier Days

From the files of the *Lake Mills Graphic*

100 years ago
March 23, 1921

A school of instruction for Fordson owners was held at the King Motor Co. shops last evening. Nick Carter, foreman of the mechanical department, doing the splicing and demonstrating. And leave it to "Nick." What he doesn't know about the insides of a Ford motor isn't listed in the book. Mr. King expected possibly a dozen interested spectators when he issued his invitations. Instead, some forty farmers attended. Then, Mr. King, to show his appreciation of their generous turnout took the bunch down to the Larsen Cafe and gave them a "feed." After they had all been well fed, the farmer guests took matters into their own hands and began to do a little demonstrating of their own. N.A.C. Stephens, a wide awake Scarville farmer took the lead in speechmaking, followed by such live wires as Olaf Sime of Vinje, H.J. Moe from north of town, as well as others.



March 28, 2001/LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Emperor's New Clothes

LMES students, Royce Byrnes and Jordan Manning, join actor, Sally Pressly, in front of the set of *The Emperor's New Clothes*. The Stebbens Children's Theatre performed this lively and interactive rendition of the classic tale as part of the Cultural Awareness celebration at LMCS. The Russian folktale taught a valuable lesson about false pride and the importance of honest communication.

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.

and living rooms. Dr. and Mrs. Syverson, who have been making their home with Mrs. J.C. Olson since establishing their business here last fall, will move to their new apartment the latter part of this week. Dr. Syverson will continue to have his office with George Holtan in the Odd Fellows building until his new quarters are completed.

50 years ago
March 24, 1971

The annual Parade of Quartets sponsored by the Winnebago Barbershop Chorus will be held Saturday night beginning at 8 at the Lake Mills Community School auditorium. Two guest quartets, "The Graduates," from Dubuque, and "The Jefferson Lords" from St. Peter, Minn., will be featured on the program.

Curtis Jante, Forest City, announced that the Iowa Restaurant Association is again sponsoring "Coffee Day" for children with learning disabilities. Thirteen restaurants in Winnebago county will be encouraging you to give a donation to the children of Iowa when you have your coffee break. Mr. Jante, Winnebago

County chairman of IRA Coffee Day said he hopes for the biggest success yet on Coffee Day. "Have a cup of coffee, and give generously," said Mr. Jante.

25 years ago
March 20, 1996

Lake Mills City officials signed a contract March 15th that will place the summer recreation program and the municipal swimming pool under the direct management of the Forest City YMCA. The contract was signed in the office of Lake Mills Mayor David E. Steffens.

10 years ago
March 23, 2011

The Lake Mills high school band traveled to Florida, March 17-22. They splashed around in the Atlantic Ocean and caught some sun at Cocoa Beach; visited all four parks at Disney World, and also went to Islands of Adventure at Universal Studios. The band performed a concert in the EPCOT Melody Gardens last Saturday afternoon, for an appreciative crowd from around the world, who enjoyed a short outdoor musical interlude.



Submitted photo

FTSB donates to Music Boosters

Farmers Trust and Savings Bank recently made a donation to the Lake Mills Music Boosters. Above: Jill Nelson (Lake Mills Music Boosters) accepts a \$250 check from Christi Grothe (FTSB).

COVID-19 variant circulating in Iowa

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has confirmed 38 additional cases of the COVID-19 variant, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7, in Iowa. The variant is often referred to as the U.K. variant because it was first detected in the United Kingdom.

This increase in the number of detected variants comes in part as a result of increasing the number of tests being sequenced by the State Hygienic Lab (SHL) for the B.1.1.7 variant. This increase further supports that we know this variant is circulating here in the state of Iowa, in addition to being found across the United States.

IDPH and local public health have initiated contact with these cases to understand their exposures and recommend mitigation measures. The process includes notifying anyone with whom these individuals have been in close contact. The individuals will be advised to isolate in accordance with IDPH and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance.

"Because current evidence shows the current vaccines are effective against the B.1.1.7 variant, it's absolutely critical for Iowans to get the vaccine when one is made available to them. As viruses are known to change a bit over time and variants can sometimes be more easily transmissible, reaching herd immunity will be very important in reducing virus activity. Public health will continue to work with our partners at SHL to monitor these trends and it is very important that we all keep practicing good public health protective measures," shared Dr. Caitlin Pedati, State Medical Director and Epidemiologist.

For more information on vaccine eligibility and to find a provider, visit: <https://vaccinate.iowa.gov/>

The emergence of new variants underscores that it remains critical for Iowans to continue the mitigation efforts that we know work to

slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask or face covering.
- Practice social distancing with those outside your household.
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Get tested if you are exposed to, or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it's available to you.

Updates to Iowa's B.1.1.7 cases will be shared on the CDC's website here. These case counts only represent the variant strains that are confirmed through genomic sequencing, and may not accurately reflect the true number of variant cases.

National Ag Week

National Ag Week, March 21-27, is a time to recognize how important agriculture is to the country, Iowa and your local communities. The Winnebago Farm Bureau is spreading the word about how important agriculture is in our county with a variety of Ag Week activities. Listen to KIOU 107.3FM throughout the week for spots from Winnebago county board members along our daily Ag Trivia question. Winners will receive a pork cash certificate that can be used to purchase pork products in your local grocery store.

Winnebago County Farm Bureau sponsors a coloring contest for each of the first graders in the county. Each first grade class in the county has received an ag-related coloring sheet that will be judged by our board. Winners will be posted on their Facebook page and in the local newspapers.

Be sure to visit their Facebook page at Winnebago County Iowa Farm Bureau for Ag Week posts and to keep up with all things Ag throughout the year.

Winnebago County Community Foundation grant application deadline approaching

The deadline to submit applications to the Winnebago County Community Foundation for its 2021 grant cycle is 11:59 p.m., Thursday, April 1, 2021. The online grant application may be found on the Community Foundation's website at www.winnebagocef.org.

Grants are awarded to projects in the following areas: arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, health and human service. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization or a government entity serving Winnebago County in order to be considered for funding. First-time grant applicants should contact Dotti Thompson, program manager for the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, at 319-243-1358 prior to submitting an application. Grant recipients will be announced in June 2021.

In 2020, a total of \$96,568 in grants were awarded to 20 area nonprofits and government agency projects serving Winnebago

County. Since 2005, the Winnebago County Community Foundation has awarded more than \$1.3 million in grants benefiting Winnebago County residents and communities.

For more information, please contact the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa at 319-287-9106.

The Winnebago County Community Foundation is a local organization making grant investments to organizations that create a stronger and more vibrant quality of life in Winnebago County and helps people establish permanent funds for the causes they care about in their community. The Winnebago County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, a nonprofit committed to creating long-term impact in 20 counties in Iowa.

For more information, contact 319-287-9106 or visit www.cfneia.org. CFNEIA is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

Geocaching program scheduled

Now that spring is here, NIACC and the Winnebago County Conservation Board want you to get outside and enjoy it. To help you do that, they are hosting a program on "Geocaching," Saturday, April 17. The program will be held at Thorpe Park, five miles west of Forest City, from 1-2:30 p.m.

Geocaching is a fun activity that combines technology with the outdoors. Using a GPS unit (such as your smart phone), you search for a cache that someone else has hidden. Once you find it, you can take something from it, as long as you replace it with something that you brought along. Collecting trinkets, though, is not the goal of geocaching. The fun is in the search. Geocaching is a wonderful way to get outdoors and explore

new areas, but do it in a way that can be as easy or as difficult as you want it to be.

During the program, Winnebago County Naturalist Lisa Ralls will introduce people to this fun, outdoor activity. She will discuss the history of geocaching, what equipment you need, and how to do it. Then people will have the opportunity to find caches that have been hidden at the park. If people have a smart phone to use, they can bring that along, but GPS units will also be available for people to use.

Preregistration through NIACC is required for this program and there will be a fee.

To sign up, people should contact NIACC at either 641-422-4358 or at cereg@niacc.edu, and ask to register for Course #8391.

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Bridal Shower

**Hannah Rank
Joey Dupont**

An open house bridal shower honoring Hannah Rank, bride-to-be of Joey Dupont, will be held Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 5 Alarm Brewing Co., Lake Mills. The couple is registered at www.amazon.com/registry/share/rank-dupont. Menards or Home Depot gifts cards would also be appreciated. 12-13c

College News

Waldorf University, Forest City—Dean's List: BUFFALO CENTER—Benjamin Hassebroek, Megan Henn, Rebekah Jensvold; HANLONTOWN—Brenna Jara; LAKE MILLS—Brittany-Ann Kirschbaum, Alyssa Swearingen; NORTHWOOD—Angela Masee, Mary Rohne; SCARVILLE—Zachary Throne.

LMCS Menu

**March 29-31
Breakfast**

Monday—Muffin, fruit, juice, milk.
Tuesday—Cream cheese bagel bites, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday—Cereal bar, fruit, juice, milk.
Thursday—Grape jelly uncrustable, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday—Mini cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday—Sloppy Joe on a bun, baked beans, oven fries, fruit, milk.

Tuesday—Biscuit & gravy, sausage patty, string cheese, tri tater, fruit, milk.

Wednesday—Toasted turkey & cheese sandwich, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

Thursday—NA.
Friday—NA.

90th birthday card shower

Mary Starn will celebrate her 90th birthday, Sunday, April 4. Her daughters, Jackie Ploeger and Laurie Bascom, would like to honor her with a card shower. Please send birthday greetings and share a memory or photo to Mary Starn, 827 6th St. SW., Apt. 3, Mason City, Iowa 50401. 12c

95th Birthday

Ellen Bjelland

Ellen Bjelland will be celebrating her 95th birthday, Tuesday, March 30. Her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Please send birthday greetings to Ellen, c/o Lake Mills Care Center, 406 S. 10th Ave. E., Lake Mills, Iowa 50450. 12c



Down Home Cooking

by
Bonnie Kay Baldwin

CHILE RELLENOS CASEROLE

2 (4 oz.) cans mild, chopped green chiles, drained
1 lb. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
6 eggs, separated
2/3 c. evaporated milk
Dash of hot sauce
1/4 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. flour
3 ripe tomatoes, sliced

Toss chiles and cheese and place in a greased 9x13-inch casserole dish. Beat egg whites stiff. Beat egg yolks and add milk, flour, and seasonings. Fold in egg whites. Pour over cheese and chiles, lifting mixture with fork to gently ooze into chiles and cheese mixture. Bake uncovered in a preheated 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, top with tomatoes and bake for 10 more minutes. Serve hot. Serves 8.

SPECIAL CARROTS

4 c. cooked, mashed carrots
1 stick melted margarine
2 eggs, beaten
3 Tbsp. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
2/3 c. sugar
Pinch of cinnamon

Blend above ingredients. Place in a buttered one-and-a-half quart casserole. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 15 minutes, and then a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes more.

SPECIAL STUFFED PEPPERS

1 lb. ground beef
1 sweet onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 c. cooked white rice

Salt and pepper to taste
1 egg, beaten
Chopped parsley
1/4 c. red wine
1/2 c. bread crumbs
4 bell peppers
1/4 c. olive oil

Sauce:

2 (15 oz.) cans tomato sauce
1 Tbsp. sugar
1/8 c. red wine vinegar
1 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. basil
Salt and pepper to taste

Saute onions and garlic in oil until transparent. Combine onions, garlic, red wine, ground beef, Parmesan cheese, rice, parsley, egg, bread crumbs, and salt and pepper.

Cut tops off of peppers, remove seeds and fiber. Stuff with above mixture and place in a stove top casserole. Mix all ingredients for sauce in pan and heat. Pour sauce over peppers in casserole. Simmer slowly in covered casserole for about 2 hours until meat is cooked and peppers are tender. Baste occasionally. Serves 4.

PECAN WAFERS

2 eggs
1 c. brown sugar, firmly packed
2/3 c. sifted all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. chopped pecans

Beat eggs until thickened. Gradually add brown sugar, while continuing to beat. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together. Carefully fold into egg and sugar mixture. Add vanilla and pecans. Drop by teaspoonfuls, 2-inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 6-7 minutes. Remove at once to cook on a wire rack. Yields 5 dozen.

The Postscript

"Lori's Laughter"

Throughout the past year, my husband, Peter, and I have been seeing no one except Peter's sister, Lori, and her husband.

Lori has Stage 4 cancer and has had a tough fight. She's been on oxygen all this time. The decision of how careful we needed to be was easy. If we were going to see Lori, we had to be extremely careful. And as a reward, once a week we have heard Lori's laughter.

I've been writing fiction for the first time in my life. No one told me in advance that writing novels is a lonely process. Especially now, there are no writers' groups, no coffee shops to write in—although I wasn't part of a writers' group before, and I've always thought a coffee shop was a noisy place to write.

Instead, I sit alone at my desk with my coffee cup and a vase of fresh flowers in front of me and I write. I write and I wait for the end of the week when we will see Lori.

"Where did we leave off?" Lori will always ask, sounding excited, followed by, "I might need a reminder," followed by, "I get two chapters this week, don't I?"

I will read in a mask (something I thought would be harder than it is), and I will listen for the sound of Lori's laughter, which is loud and frequent.

And many days—most days, in fact—that is enough reason to write.

Because it's impossible to never have a doubt when you are working on something like this. I wonder if it's any good or if anyone will find it interesting or if I have any idea what I am doing. But then I read another chapter to Lori, and I remember why I'm writing to begin with. I'm writing to tell a story, to entertain, to amuse, maybe even (every so often) to make a small point.

I haven't seen Lori in four weeks now.

She's been too ill for visitors. Her pain is higher, and her oxygen is lower, and we don't really know

what is happening because she is too tired to tell us. Peter keeps bringing her food and I keep writing, but I cannot tell you how much I miss Lori's laughter.

I did not realize how much I have relied on Lori's laughter through all these weeks and months. I did not realize how seeing her every week has anchored my life to something real and joyful and positive—because

Carrie Classon
The Postscript

that is what Lori is.

Today the sun is not shining, and a cold wind is blowing, and we have not heard from Lori and I don't know if we will.

"Maybe we'll see her this weekend," Peter says. "Maybe she'll feel better by the end of the week."

But we don't know. No one knows.

There are no platitudes about Stage 4 cancer that will make things fine. Things are not fine, and that is how it is. We don't know what the



LMPD report

The Lake Mills Police Dept. responded to 28 calls from March 15-21:

- Open/Misdial/Info Non 1
- Ambulance Code 3 Emer 1
- Fraud/Scam 1
- Help/Assistance 2
- Juvenile 3
- Parking Complaint/Ticket 2
- Suspicious Person/Act 1
- Speak With Officer 2
- Theft by Check 1
- Traffic Stop 10
- Check for Wanted Person 1
- Welfare Check 1

future will hold. She has battled back before, and we are hoping she will again.

But we don't know.

Peter cooks and worries. I write. Lori is now far behind in the story. I am trying to remember what I last read to her.

But every time I come to a part where a deliciously unpleasant person is behaving especially badly, I imagine how Lori would laugh, if I were reading to her, if I finally get the chance to read to her again.

"Oh!" I think to myself. "Lori will love this."

Till next time.

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

MercyOne welcomes Allison Bitter

MercyOne North Iowa Orthopedics and Mason City Clinic are pleased to welcome Allison Bitter, PA-C.

Allison's clinical specialties include fracture management; hip, knee and ankle pain; joint arthritis, steroid injections; and wrist, finger and elbow pain.

Allison received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Dubuque. She completed her undergraduate degree as a proud panther at the University of Northern Iowa.

A native of Dubuque, Allison chose to pursue a career in medicine because she's always been drawn to helping others. Orthopedics has become her specialty due to its hands-on nature. She enjoys the continual learning that accompanies working in the ever-changing world of medicine as it challenges her to never become complacent.

MercyOne North Iowa Orthopedics, located at Mason City Clinic, is dedicated to providing a safe environment for patients and colleagues. We have implemented numerous precautions and safe practice guidelines. We are adhering to all CDC guidelines including social distancing, mandatory masks for everyone over two years of age and using increased cleaning procedures.

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MARCH

25 NO SCHOOL-SPRING BREAK
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6:15 p.m. 5th/6th Gr. Volleyball, HS Gym

26 NO SCHOOL-SPRING BREAK
6:15 p.m. 5th/6th Gr. Volleyball, HS Gym

28 1:30 p.m. Youth Baseball Practice, Auxiliary Gym

29 Individual All-State Speech Contest, UNI
5 p.m. 4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, HS Gym
6:15 p.m. 5th/6th Gr. Volleyball, HS Gym

30 Kindergarten-1st Gr. Concert, Auditorium
5 p.m. 4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, MS Gym
6:15 p.m. 5th/6th Gr. Volleyball, MS Gym

31 4:30 p.m. 4th Gr. Boys Youth Baseball Practice

APRIL

1 4:30 p.m. Var. Boys Track @ Central Springs
5 p.m. 4th Gr. Youth Volleyball, MS Gym
6:15 p.m. 5th/6th Gr. Volleyball, MS Gym

2 NO SCHOOL-GOOD FRIDAY

3 7:30 a.m. 4th/5th/6th Gr. Youth Volleyball Tourn., All Gyms

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Margie Mae (Parsons) Gilbertson
January 10, 1926 – February 18, 2021

Margie Mae (Parsons) Gilbertson, 95, passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 at her home in Apple Valley, Minn. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 27, with visitation one hour before at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minn. Henry W. Anderson Mortuary, Minneapolis, Minn., is assisting the family with arrangements (www.HenryWAnderson.com).

Margie was born Jan. 10, 1926 in Mason City to Rhoda (Hoveland) and Wilson Parsons. She attended Mason City High School and graduated with the class of 1944. She immediately went to work as a Timekeeper at the Mason City Brick and Tile.

She met the "love of her life," Floyd "Gib" Gilbertson and they were married July 21, 1946. To this union, four children were born: Julie Ann, Jane Kay, John Alan, and baby Jeffrey Kyle (who was born silently).

Margie had many activities. She loved to golf, play Bridge and 500, and enjoyed her coffee time with friends and family. They enjoyed traveling and camping with their camper.

She is survived by her daughter, Jane (Scott) Berg; son, Jon (long-time friend, Elizabeth); son-in-law, Dick Groven; nine grandchildren: Jennifer (Jeff) Chan, Sara Atkinson, Jeffrey (Angie) Groven, Molly (Scott) Bergman, Tyler, Tommy (Cady), Danny, Cole (Savannah), and Haley (Billy); 17 great-grandchildren: Trevor, Carter, Nick, Alex, Jordon, Andrew, Austin, Aden, Gwen, Elise, Kai, Harper, Walker (due in June), Archer, Brynley, Calista and Harlow; five great-grandchildren: Elijah, Bentley, Paisley, Leo, and Aries; and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Floyd; daughter, Julie; son, Jeffrey; parents; brother, Phillip Dean; sisters and brothers-in-law: Viola (Pete) and June (Earl); sisters-in-law: Mavis (Cecil) and Wanda; and mother- and father-in-law, Ansel and Hulda Gilbertson.



Selmer "Sam" Alton Davidson
July 10, 1937 – February 21, 2021

Selmer Alton Davidson (Sam), 83, Olympia, Wash., passed away Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, in an assisted living residence surrounded by his wife, Peggy, children and grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 13, at Mills and Mills Funeral Home, Turnwater, Wash., with Rev. Matthew March officiating. Burial was held in the Veterans sector at Mills and Mills Memorial Park with graveside military honors.

Selmer was born July 10, 1937 into a Norwegian farming family, as the middle of five children born to David and Mildred (Anderson) Davidson. The Davidson family farm was on the Minn.-Iowa State Line west of Emmons. He grew up with three brothers and one sister, learning to farm, handle horses, and make jokes. His friends and family will tell you that, according to him, he walked to and from school every day through deep snow, uphill both ways. Though he earned a law degree, and practiced law, he always thought of himself as a Minnesota farmer, and never forgot his Norwegian heritage.

years old. Ralph graduated from Glidden High School in 1947 and was a member of the National Honor Society. Ralph was a lifelong farmer and purchased his current farm in 1967.

Ralph was married to Mary Ann Bellinghausen on Nov. 28, 1950 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, Roselle, by Fr. Bernard Montag. The couple raised 11 children on their farm south of Glidden.

He was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church. Ralph served as president of Carroll County Farm Bureau and president of the Glidden-Ralston School Board. He also served on many boards including the Glidden Coop Board, Carroll County Fair Board, Richland Township Trustee, and Carroll County Beef and Pork Producers. Ralph was honored to have the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Richard Lyng, visit his farm.

Farming was Ralph's life, but he always shut down the farm on Sunday and also to attend his children's events. Ralph and Mary Ann traveled to Rome in 1983 and attended midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Ralph was a proud American Red Cross blood donor and donated many gallons of blood over the years.

Ralph is survived by his 11 children and their families: son, Ralph Bock Jr. (Connie), Glidden; son, Neil Bock (Rhonda), Carroll; son, Patrick Bock (Janel), Glidden; daughter, Mardelle Menke (Greg), Urbandale; son, Phillip Bock (Bonnie), Glidden; daughter, Kathleen Grunhvd (John), Lake Mills; son, Stephen Bock (Tonya), Gilbert; son, Robert Bock (Wendy), Glidden; daughter, Barbara Lensch, Glidden; son, Brian Bock (Molly), Solon; and daughter, Sarah Shoemaker (Randy), Westlake Village, Calif.; 33 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren, with several on the way; two sisters: Phyllis Tigges (Norbert), Dexter; and Shirley Clark, Lake City; two sisters-in-law: Regina Bellinghausen, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Ruth Ann Bock, Hamlin; and many nieces and nephews.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and Mayme Bock; his father- and mother-in-law, John and Elizabeth Bellinghausen; his wife, Mary Ann, in 2007; four sisters: Ruth Brinker, Bernice Kohles, Jean Rector, and Ione Bock; and three brothers: Vernon and Donald who passed in WWII, and Howard.

Ralph was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd; daughter, Julie; son, Jeffrey; parents; brother, Phillip Dean; sisters and brothers-in-law: Viola (Pete) and June (Earl); sisters-in-law: Mavis (Cecil) and Wanda; and mother- and father-in-law, Ansel and Hulda Gilbertson.



Roger W. Anderson
June 7, 1933 – March 14, 2021

Roger W. Anderson, 87, rural Joice, passed away Sunday, March 14, 2021 at his home. A funeral service was held Saturday, March 20, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice, with Pastor Bill Peters officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Oak Lawn Cemetery, rural Emmons, Minn. Schott Funeral Homes (www.schottfuneralhomes.com), assisted the family with arrangements.

Roger W. Anderson was born June 7, 1933 in Chicago, Ill., the son of Ansel Gay and Hilma G. (Erickson) Anderson. His mother died from complications of childbirth, so he moved to Blue Earth, Minn., and lived with his Grandpa and Grandma Anderson. When they passed, he moved to rural Emmons to live with his Grandpa and Grandma Erickson. He attended school in Emmons and graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1953. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1954 and was a Chemical Rec Clerk in Japan for 18 months during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1955. Following his service in the Army, Roger farmed his grandfather's land and started working for Deluxe/Fleetguard Industries. On Oct. 18, 1959 Roger W. and Nancy Carol (Chrs) were wed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Myrtle, Minn. They lived with Roger's Grandma Erickson south of Emmons until 1968, when they purchased a farm south of Joice. The couple was blessed with two children—Julie Ann in 1969 and James Allen in 1975. Roger farmed for most of his life; it was a life-long passion he enjoyed. He grew corn and beans in addition to raising pigs. He loved his

After graduating from Emmons High School in 1955, he worked as a pole lineman for the local telephone company, then did a hitch in the Army in Korea. After discharge, he worked in a steel mill, until he entered the University of Minnesota, studying as much history and poli-sci as he could. He supported himself as a night watchman and telephone operator, when not in class, with a couple quarters spent in the Texas oil fields.

He then married and headed for Georgia and the Walter F George School of Law at Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Three years and two children later, he had earned a JD and headed north, where he worked for the IRS and then State Farm Insurance, before returning to the Army as a captain in the Judge Advocate Corp.

He spent a year in Vietnam, while his wife and two children awaited his return in California. Then the family traveled to Germany for three years, where their youngest child was born. The family had the opportunity to travel by camper around Europe, including Norway and Spain. He retired from the Army at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. in 1986.

During his time in the Army, he served as a defense attorney and continued after retirement. He felt defense was the most needed and noble of an attorney's callings. He loved the law almost as much as he loved his family.

He is survived by his sister, Bernie; his brother, Ken; his wife, Peggy; his daughter, Lesli and fiancé, Joey Schremm; his son, Craig and wife, Elizabeth; his younger daughter, Sherri; and three grandchildren: Andrew and Mark Davidson and Samantha Owens.

He is preceded by his parents; two brothers; and a son-in-law.



Mary Magdalen (Burzinski) Maher
March 31, 1930 – March 15, 2021

Mary Magdalen (Burzinski) Maher, 90, passed away at her son's home Monday, March 15, 2021. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18, at St. Theodore Catholic Church, Albert Lea, Minn., with Father Kurt Farrell officiating. Interment was held in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, rural Lake Mills. Schott Funeral Homes (www.schottfuneralhomes.com), assisted the family with arrangements.

Mary Magdalen (Burzinski) Maher was born March 31, 1930 in Austin, Minn., to parents Fred and Helen (Wallace) Burzinski. She attended and graduated from Pacelli High School, Austin, Minn., in 1948. Following high school, she continued her education at Austin Junior College.

On Sept. 11, 1954, Mary was united in marriage to Robert J. Maher in Austin, Minn. The couple spent nearly 39 years together until Robert's death in 1993.

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Those left to carry on her legacy include her six children: Patrick (Bonnie) Maher, Theresa (Dan) Hogan, Edward (Renee) Maher, Helen (Pat) Hosch, Kathleen (Randy) Wrolson, and Lawrence (Devona) Maher; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, with another great-grandson expected to arrive this summer; sister-in-law, Madeline Burzinski; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Tuesday—7:30 a.m. Reconciliation; 8 a.m. Mass
ST. PATRICK • Britt
Friday—8 a.m. Mass; Westview Mass Cancelled
Sunday—7:30 a.m. Reconciliation; 8 a.m. Mass; 6:30 p.m. Spanish/English Reconciliation; 7 p.m. Mass
Wednesday—5 p.m. Reconciliation; 5:30 p.m. Mass
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The Crown of Jesus Tragedy—John 19:1-2, 4-5
"Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him." (Jesus was put through a brutal scourging by Pilate.) "And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him." (Most of us have had a brush at some time with a rose bush or other plant when our skin has been punctured by a thorn.) Thorns are very painful and razor sharp. We are not told what thorny plant was used by the soldiers on that first Good Friday. We are only told that the vines of the plant were twisted together before being placed (or jammed) onto Jesus' head. If the soldiers used date palm vines, the thorns could have been up to a foot long in length.

The soldiers also found a purple-dyed piece of cloth, and they draped it over Jesus' shoulders in sarcastic disrespect. Jesus was mercilessly mocked and ridiculed by the same soldiers who would soon witness a veil of darkness descending over them, as well as earthquakes, when Jesus passed away.

"Pilate came out again and said to them, 'Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.'" Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" Jesus staggered out in front of them, beaten and wounded by the merciless scourging and shockingly rough treatment.

What Jesus had repeatedly predicted and prophesied came true: He was mocked, mistreated, spit upon, scourged, and finally killed (see also Luke 18:31-34).
Is Transformed into Triumph
Hebrews 2:9
"But we see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone."
In a divine gift of grace and goodness, Jesus appeared lower than the angels during His humble life and ministry with us. In fact, Jesus did not waver in the least in His divine assignment, but fulfilled it perfectly, never sinning once. Jesus' passion on the cross was therefore crowned with glory by the Father as His suffering hours spent with the crown of thorns has been eternally exchanged with a divine crown of honor. Only Jesus' work at the cross could make us right with the Father, and Jesus is the great author of this work for our salvation. In Jesus, there is triumph over sin, death, and the devil. In Jesus, we find victory over sin, peace with God, forgiveness, and salvation. The awful crown of thorns twisted together by the soldiers has been forever changed into a crown of glory because of Jesus' "suffering of death" for you and for me.

By God's grace and great love for us, Jesus tasted death for everyone, and was raised to life on the third day.

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Remember to sign up for the drawing. There will be 10 drawings, each valued at \$50 or more. The bard will be available for cocktails during the Expo.

"We are excited to offer this fun event for area brides to come and visit with our local vendors at the Bridal Expo," said Ann.

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Ray B. Larson
May 10, 1939 – March 19, 2021

Ray B. Larson, 81, Darlington, Wis., passed away peacefully Friday, March 19, 2021 at Lafayette Manor, Darlington, Wis. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 23, at Silver Lake Lutheran Church, rural Northwood, with Rev. Randy Baldwin officiating.

Ray Bryan Larson was born May 10, 1939 to parents George and Betsy (Bakken) Larson in Albert Lea, Minn. He grew up and graduated from Northwood High School.

Following his schooling, Ray enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country honorably aboard the USS Kidd from 1957 – 1961. A highlight later in his life was being able to re-visit the ship with his family later in life.

On Feb. 3, 1962, Ray was united in marriage to Lois (Nelson) in Hayfield, Minn. To this union, two children were born. The family called Stewartville, Minn. home.

Ray spent 35 years working for Mettler Toledo Scale as a Service Technician. Following his retirement, he drove limo for Clements Chevrolet, Rochester, Minn., for a few years.

He was a member of a few local car clubs, and was involved in the Emmons Legion Post 317. When he wasn't working, you could find Ray working on old cars. He could take a car in the worst of shape, and quickly turn it into a treasure. He had a love for cars, but the biggest joy in his life came from his family. His children and grandchildren meant the world to him. He was an amazing husband, dad, and grandpa, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Ray is survived by his daughter, Michelle (Rick) Hander, Darlington, Wis.; son in-law, Scott Hegna; grandchildren: Nathan (Bethany) Hander, Joshua (Stacy) Hander, Brittany (Jake) Bennett, Shauna O'Conner, Shareese (Will) Nancy, and Denny Hegna; 13 great-grandchildren; twin brother, Roy Larson, Pine Island, Minn.; as well as many loving extended relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by both parents; wife, Lois in 2017;

a daughter, Kim Hegna in 2000; grandson-in-law, Ken O'Conner; sister, Blanch Larson; brother, Leland (Sally) Larson; and sister-in-law, Margaret Larson.



Marjorie Alyce Kingland
July 19, 1929 – March 18, 2021

Marjorie Alyce Kingland, 91, formerly of Walnut Creek, Calif., passed away Thursday, March 18, 2021, at Thorne Crest Retirement Center, Albert Lea, Minn. Inurnment at a later date in Kurth Memorial Gardens, Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, Calif. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, to help support music ministries.

Marjorie Alyce Kingland was born July 19, 1929, in Albert Lea, Minn., the daughter of Edwin and Alyce (Gullickson) Kingland. She grew up in Lake Mills, and graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1947. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., and received an AA Degree in 1949. She earned a Bachelor of Music Degree and a Master of Music Degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1954. Additionally, she spent a year (1950) studying piano in New York City under the tutelage of Madame Isabelle Vengerova and her assistant Olga Stroumillo, both of the Leschetizky school of piano playing.

After graduating from the University of Michigan, Marjorie began a career teaching piano and music theory at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. There she was responsible for creating an integrated music theory curriculum meeting the standards for Heidelberg's membership in the National Association of Music Schools. Marjorie later taught at Illinois Wesleyan University as an assistant professor of piano.

Her natural affinity for music resulted in involvement as soloist, chamber music player, and accompanist for church and community groups including "The Noteables" at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC), the Performing Arts Society, Walnut Creek, Calif., and the Contra Costa Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California. She also found joy in teaching and helping young students develop their musical talents

and skills. Marjorie leaves behind one brother, John (Cheryl) Kingland, Ames; sister-in-law, Virginia Kingland, Lake Mills; along with several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends in California from various music circles and her church family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother, Edwin Jr.; and a brother, James.



Karen Joyce Miller Flo
January 31, 1943 – March 12, 2021

Karen Joyce (Miller) Flo, 78, went home to be with the Lord as her family was by her side at her home Friday, March 12, 2021 after her battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Per Karen's wishes, her ashes will be placed next to her husband's in Bluff Dale, Texas.

Karen was born in Tyler, Minn., Jan. 31, 1943 to Ernest and Esther Miller. Karen has two younger brothers: Gaylerd (Connie) Miller, Emporia, Kansas; and Delwen (Jackie) Miller, Hartford, Kansas.

Karen married the love of her life, Larry Dean Flo, Oct. 14, 1961 and raised two children together, Kenneth and Carolyn. Together, Karen and Larry lived in various locations during their marriage in Minnesota and Iowa. Their pride and joy being their farm in Iowa where they raised pigs.

Karen enjoyed oil painting, working in the yard, and designing projects to build with Larry. Karen earned a degree in Mechanical Drafting while in school in Albert Lea, Minn., which eventually brought her to Texas to work for Texas Instruments.

Karen is survived by her two children: Kenneth (Joyce) Flo, The Colony, Texas; and Carolyn (Chris) Rodriguez, Watauga, Texas; three grandchildren: Ryan (Paige) Hopkins, Rebecca (Andrew) Wheeler and Eillen Matsuo, and four great-grandchildren: Tatum Hopkins, Truett Hopkins, Lincoln Hopkins and Genken Matsuo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry D. Flo; son-in-law, Robert J. Hopkins; sister-in-law, Connie Miller; and nephews: Jason Miller and Kevin Miller.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

SENTENCES AND PLEAS
Cole Leon Christianson, 6/15/1987, Lake Mills, pled guilty to "Operating While Intoxicated-First Offense," a serious misdemeanor, stemming from a traffic stop by the Forest City Police Dept., Dec. 19, 2020. Christianson was sentenced to serve two days in jail and ordered to pay a \$1,250 fine, applicable surcharges and court costs. Christianson was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow through with treatment recommendations. Christianson's driver's license was revoked by the DOT.

Alexandria Gabrielle Foster, 4/11/2000, Forest City, pled guilty to "Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance (Marijuana)," a serious misdemeanor, stemming from an investigation by the Forest City Police Dept., Jan. 24, 2021. Foster was granted a deferred judgment ordered to pay a \$130 civil penalty, applicable surcharges and court costs. Foster was placed on probation to the Department of Correctional Services for a period of 1 year. Foster was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow through with treatment recommendations.

Bruce Michael O'Hern, Jr., 7/2/1984, Forest City, pled guilty to "Driving While Barred," an aggravated misdemeanor, stemming from a traffic stop by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept., Dec. 10, 2020. O'Hern was sentenced to serve seven days in jail and ordered to pay a \$855 fine, applicable surcharges and court costs. The fine was suspended.

Steven Hassebroek and Sharla Hassebroek to Thomas Blodgett and Amanda Jamison, lots 4, 5 and 6, block 7, Buffalo Center.

North Oaks Dev LLC to Scott Smith and April Smith, lot 9, North Oaks 2nd Subdivision, Lake Mills, section 2, Center Township.

Joseph Schmitt and Billie Jo Schmitt to Jason Matejcek and Laurie Matejcek, lot 9, Frowicks Subdivision of lots 2 and 3, Forest City, section 36, Forest Township.

Ivan Johnson RevTr, James Johnson co-trustee, Wayne Johnson co-trustee, Linda Benolken co-trustee and Mark Johnson co-trustee to James Johnson, Linda Benolken and Mark Johnson, an undivided 1/2 interest in a tract of land in section 7, Mt. Valley Township, and Parcel B, section 18, Mt. Valley Township.

Phyllis Johnson RevTr, James Johnson co-trustee, Wayne Johnson co-trustee, Linda Benolken co-trustee and Mark Johnson co-trustee to James Johnson, Linda Benolken and Mark Johnson, an undivided 1/2 interest in a tract of land in section 7, Mt. Valley Township, and Parcel B, section 18, Mt. Valley Township.

Wayne Johnson and Gloria Johnson to Lucas Johnson and Andrea Johnson, a tract of land in section 24, Forest Township.

Wayne Johnson and Gloria Johnson to Mt. Valley Farms LLC, a tract of land in section 20, Mt. Valley Township.

James Johnson, Pat Johnson, Linda Benolken, John Benolken, Mark Johnson and Kris Johnson to Wayne Johnson and Gloria Johnson, an undivided 62.12 percent interest in Parcel B, section 18, Mt. Valley Township.

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trustee, Linda Benolken co-trustee and Mark Johnson co-trustee to Wayne and Gloria Johnson an undivided 1/2 interest in a tract of land in Parcel B, section 18, Mt. Valley Township.

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Wayne Johnson and Gloria Johnson to Ivan Johnson RevTr and Phyllis Johnson Rev Tr, a tract of land in section 22, Mt. Valley Township.

Mitchell Storby and Stephanie Storby to Levi Meyer and Ema Meyer, lots 2 and 3, Helgesons 4th Addition, and lot 130, Lake Mills, section 11, Center Township.

Robert Joynt Estate, Melissa Duvé executor to Kenneth Kuchenbecker and Sara Kuchenbecker, lots 1 and 2, block 10, 1st Addition, Rake.

Geiken Family Estate LLC to Ronald Aukes, a tract of land in section 29, Lincoln Township.

Mark Johnson and Kristeen Johnson to Mark Johnson RevTr, an undivided 1/2 interest in lot 22, Forest City, section 26, Forest Township.

Mark Johnson and Kristeen Johnson to Kristeen Johnson RevTr, an undivided 1/2 interest in lot 22, Forest City, section 26, Forest Township.

Thomas Larson Estate, Lori Kastning administrator to William Kirschbaum III, a tract of land in section 9, Newton Township.

Florencio Delgado to Florencio Delgado and Fernando Delgado, lot 4, WC Stuckslagers Subdivision, Rake, section 16, Lincoln Township.

LAND TRANSFERS
Carmen Aurea and Charmaine Munn to Ryan Baesler, a tract of land in section 27, King Township.

LMCS BOARD MINUTES

Lake Mills Community School Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Library/Media Center
March 15, 2021
5:00 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR:
 President Ryan Joynt called the public hearing to order at 5:14 P.M. and determined a quorum. The following board members were present: President Ryan Joynt, Vice President Kathy Christianson, Teresa Fritz, Jolene Piper, and Don Knudtson. Others present were Superintendent Chad Kohagen, Secondary Principal Jim Scholbrock, Elementary Principal Connor Kem, Board Secretary Drake Abbey, and Nicky Dagestad. The hearing was open to the public, and community members were present via teleconference and videoconference (Facebook).
 The Board held a hearing for discussion related to the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Kohagen presented the proposed calendar, and

residents of the school district were given the opportunity to be heard.
 Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Teresa Fritz, to adjourn the public-hearing portion of the meeting. All ayes. Approved. The public hearing adjourned at 5:19 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD:
 President Ryan Joynt called the regular meeting to order at 5:19 P.M. and determined a quorum. The following board members were present: President Ryan Joynt, Vice President Kathy Christianson, Teresa Fritz, Jolene Piper, and Don Knudtson. Others present were Superintendent Chad Kohagen, Secondary Principal Jim Scholbrock, Elementary Principal Connor Kem, Board Secretary Drake Abbey, and Nicky Dagestad. The meeting was open to the public, and community members were present via teleconference and videoconference (Facebook).
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to approve the agenda and previous minutes. All ayes. Approved.
COMMUNICATIONS:
 Board members received communications regarding mask requirements as they relate to the coronavirus pandemic.
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
 Mr. Kem and Mr. Scholbrock gave building-level reports. Mr. Kohagen gave a system-wide report and commented on updates regarding supplemental state aid, an HVAC project, the bus barn project, and the end-of-year schedule.
OLD BUSINESS:
 Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Jolene Piper, to approve the third and final reading of various board policies updated in a quarterly IASB Policy Primer update. All ayes. Approved. The policies include exhibits rescinded after December 31 and changes related to Chapter 103.
NEW BUSINESS:
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Teresa Fritz, to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. All ayes. Approved.
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to renew the sharing agreement with North Iowa for bowling. All ayes. Approved.
 Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Don Knudtson, to renew the sharing agreement with Mason

City for swimming. All ayes. Approved.
 Motion by Jolene Piper, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to renew the contract with Iowa NET High Academy for alternative programming for at-risk students. All ayes. Approved.
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Jolene Piper, to approve a contract with Access Systems, and the related paperwork, to lease printers and copiers. Ayes: Christianson, Piper, Fritz, and Knudtson. Ryan Joynt abstained. Approved.
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Teresa Fritz, to approve a transfer of \$391.50 of ESSER II funds from the general fund to the student activity fund to cover the expense for protective splash shields for football helmets intended to minimize the spread of the coronavirus. All ayes. Approved.
PERSONNEL:
Resignations:
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to approve the resignation of Brook Christianson from the middle school student council advisor position. All ayes. Approved.
 Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Don Knudtson, to approve the resignation of Beth Van Roekel from the middle school girls' basketball coaching position. All ayes. Approved.
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to approve the resignation of Tammy Hesse from a learner assistant position. All ayes. Approved.
New Hires:
 1. Motion by Jolene Piper, seconded by Don Knudtson, to approve the hiring of Alyssa Swearingen as elementary special education teacher. All ayes. Approved.
 2. Motion by Jolene Piper, seconded by Teresa Fritz, to approve the hiring of Carmen Knudtson as second-grade teacher for a one-year position. All ayes. Approved.
 3. Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Don Knudtson, to approve the hiring of Joshua Einerton as middle school math teacher. All ayes. Approved.
FUNDRAISING REQUESTS:
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to approve the following fundraising requests: boys' track (clothing and apparel), athletic department (email blitz), boys' basketball (conference and state T-shirts), softball (clothing), baseball (hats). All ayes. Approved.
OPEN ENROLLMENT:

Motion by Jolene Piper, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to approve the open-enrollment requests as presented. All ayes. Approved.
 In: 1. Jennifer Anderson is requesting to have her 7th grader attend Lake Mills next year from Forest City.
 2. Jaelyn and Jacob Koeppen are requesting to have their TK/K student attend Lake Mills from Northwood-Kensett.
 3. Tim and Lisa Oldenkamp are requesting to have their 9th grader attend Lake Mills from North Iowa.
 4. Jason and Cassie Petersburg are requesting to have their kindergarten attend Lake Mills from Central Springs.
 5. Andy and Kelly Grunhvd are requesting to have their 9th grader attend Lake Mills from Northwood-Kensett.
 6. Jessica Iverson has requested to have her kindergartener attend Lake Mills from Northwood-Kensett.
APPROVAL OF OFFICIALS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES:
 Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Don Knudtson, to approve payment of the officials as presented. All ayes. Approved.
 Chris Sunkten, HS Boys' Track, 04/15/2021, \$190.00
 Chris Sunkten, HS Girls' Track, 04/26/2021, \$190.00
 Sam Reiter, MS Boys' Track, 05/04/2021, \$180.00
 Tom Sullivan, MS Girls' Track, 05/07/2021, \$180.00
FINANCIAL REPORTS:
 Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Teresa Fritz, to approve the financial reports as presented. All ayes. Approved.
PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS:
 Motion by Don Knudtson, seconded by Kathy Christianson, to approve payment of the bills as presented. All ayes. Approved.
NEXT MEETING:
 The next regular board meeting is scheduled to be held in the library/media center on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. It is expected to be available via teleconference and videoconference (Facebook).
ADJOURNMENT:
 Motion by Kathy Christianson, seconded by Jolene Piper, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Signed: Ryan Joynt,
 Board President
 Signed: Drake Abbey,
 Board Secretary

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 ACCESS SYSTEMS, License conversion 254.00
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 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Utilities 7,026.86
 Cackle Hatchery, HS ag supplies 54.36
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 CENTRAL PETROLEUM CO., Transportation supplies 226.32
 Central Rivers AEA, Printing 222.80
 CITY OF LAKE MILLS, Utilities 11,707.65
 Clouse, Beth, Interpreting 118.75
 COLLEGE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES, Magazine renewal 218.81
 Consolidated Energy Company, Fuel for generator and boiler 4,610.12
 CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION, Transportation supplies 196.71
 Dagestad, Clair, Cell phone stipend 468.00
 Dahle, Andrew, Supplies 139.44
 DAVID'S FOODS, Supplies 164.75
 DOLLAR GENERAL CHARGED SALES, Custodial supplies 7.00
 DON'S MOTOR MART, Fuel 640.70
 Gau, Kelly, TLR supplies 750.00
 GHV - GARNER/HAYFIELD/ VENTURA, Special education billing 5,217.39
 Gopher Sport, Recess equipment 415.16
 GROE ELECTRIC, INC., Scoreboard, timer, fountain, outlets 400.63
 Grunhvd, John, Physical 50.00
 Gudmonson, Dennis, Physical 50.00
 HILLYARD / HUTCHINSON, Custodial supplies 4,392.64
 HUBER SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.,

Cylinder refills 449.50
 IOWA ASSOC. OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS, 2021 IASBO Virtual Spring Conference 125.00
 Iowa Division of Labor Services, Boiler safety 80.00
 IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION, IHSMA band solo/ensemble 273.00
 Iowa NET High Academy, Inc., 4 students 2,819.20
 IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS, ISASP - 439 students 1,756.00
 J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC., 5th/6th concert music 1,078.57
 LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC, INC., Publications 197.95
 LAKE MILLS LUMBER COMPANY, Supplies 251.20
 LAKE MILLS SEED HOUSE, INC., Postage, grounds supplies 154.14
 Liberty Hardwoods, Inc, HS industrial tech supplies 672.60
 MENARDS - MASON CITY, Supplies 161.61
 NAPA AUTO PARTS, Supplies 121.76
 NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES, Technology supplies 9.99
 NIACC, Four School Community Ed FY21 4,000.00
 Notable, Inc., Kami teacher license 99.00
 NUTRITION FUND, Preschool milk 36.60
 PAPER CORPORATION (THE), Paper order 1,048.30
 PETERSON SANITATION, INC., Trash pickup 360.00
 PITNEY BOWES, Tape strips 56.52
 PITSCO EDUCATION, MS industrial tech supplies 381.70
 PLT4M, HS PE supplies 1,300.00
 Quality Appliance Repair, Washing machine repair 210.00
 QuaverMusic.com, LLC, 1-year license 1,680.00
 RIEMAN MUSIC INC, Supplies & repairs 1,124.45
 Ron's LP, Diesel 3,942.54
 RSCHOOL TODAY, Renewal 300.00
 Rutt, David, Middle school instrumental contest judge 162.88
 Sanco Equipment, Snow blower repair 132.62
 SCHOLASTIC INC., Classroom supplies 53.96
 Scholbrock, James, PBIS supplies 73.99
 SCHOOL SPECIALTY, Classroom

supplies 168.75
 SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY, Full maintenance 269.95
 SINGELSTAD DO IT BEST HARDWARE, Supplies 47.93
 State Chemical Solutions, Boiler supplies 756.02
 THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE, Soil 75.60
 Tractor Supply Co, HS ag supplies 176.46
 TWIN CITY FILTER SERVICE, INC, Supplies 545.19
 VISA-MBT, Central office dues and fees 44.39
 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN, Recycling 249.56
 WEX, INC, Fuel & bus parts 857.53
 Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association, Telephone and Internet 1,037.60
 Young Plumbing & Heating, Concession stand; locker room; bus barn 676.46
Management Fund
 SU INSURANCE COMPANY, Equipment insurance 17,492.50
Student Activity Fund
 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, Coaches vs. Cancer Fundraiser Donation 2021 4,143.75
 ANDERSON, STEVE, JV Basketball Official 70.00
 ANGIE BOEHMER, Wrestling Sectional Hospitality Reimbursement 251.28
 Bertelsen, Scott, State Speech Judge 55.00
 Boehmer, Jim, IGHSA State Meeting Lunch Reimbursement 66.25
 Brackey, James, JV Basketball Official 70.00
 Comfort Inn, State Wrestling Hotel Rooms 2,287.41
 DECKERS SPORTING GOODS, Splash Shield - COVID-19; Supplies/Equipment 4,662.40
 DON'S MOTOR MART, Officials' Hospitality 126.43
 Fleming, Skylyn, FFA Pie Contest Reimbursement 75.24
 Goodale, Theran, MS Wrestling Official 2/23 90.00
 GRAPHIC EDGE, State Basketball Shirts 1,254.04
 GREG PARKS, MS Girls' Basketball Official 2/25 70.00
 Iowa Beef Expo, Judging 4H FFA Team 100.00

MINUTES

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 Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended and that Ordinance No. 269 - an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa, 1997, by adding Section pertaining to customer-Owned Generation Systems (Greater than 25 kW). Roll was called, and the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Storbj, Peterson, Flugum, Jamtgaard, Sorenson. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the ordinance adopted.
 Mayor Hanna introduced an application for Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales for DOLGENCORP, LLC, d/b/a Dollar General Store #9048, 906 East Main Street. Mayor Hanna requested input from Chief of Police Thorsen. Motion made by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Storbj to approve the application for Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales for DOLGENCORP, LLC, d/b/a Dollar General Store #9048, 906 East Main Street. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Mayor Hanna presented a request for permission to sell ice cream at the Leonard Fjelstad Memorial Sports Complex from Sheila & Daniel Colby d/b/a Double Dip. Motion made by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Storbj to approve the request from Dan & Sheila Colby d/b/a Double Dip to sell ice cream at the Leonard Fjelstad Memorial Sports Complex. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Mayor Hanna presented request to purchase and order new pickup for Public Works in the amount of \$27,275.00 from Forest City Ford for FY 21/22 budget. Motion made by Council Member Sorenson, seconded by Council Member Peterson to purchase and order new pickup for Public Works. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Mayor Hanna presented Pay Estimate No. 3 for demolition work at the Light Plant to Farabee Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$20,425.00. Motion made by Council Member Jamtgaard, seconded by Council Member Storbj to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 for demolition work at the Light Plant to Farabee Mechanical Inc. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Mayor Hanna presented Pay Estimate No. 2 for generator installation work at the Light Plant to Otter Creek Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$49,266.05. Motion made by Council Member Sorenson, seconded by Council Member Storbj to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for generator installation work at the Light Plant to Otter Creek Mechanical, Inc. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Drew Sweers, with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., presented Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for East Main Street Sidewalk/Trail Extension Project from Iowa Street to Franklin Street for design/permitting/bidding services and construction services. Council Member Sorenson introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-15, a resolution approving Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for East Main Street Sidewalk/Trail Extension Project extending from Iowa Street to Franklin Street, seconded by Council Member Peterson. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Sorenson, Peterson, Flugum, Jamtgaard, Storbj. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted.
 Mayor Hanna presented resignation from Lanier Pratt as substitute driver for the Transit. Motion made by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Peterson to accept resignation from Lanier Pratt. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Mayor Hanna reported on the following:
 1. LMDC Board Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2021
 2. Library Minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting
 Chief of Police Thorsen presented this written report.
 Director of Public Works Hanson presented his written report
 City Clerk Holstad noted starting to work on budget amendment.
 Motion made by Council Member Storbj, seconded by Council Member Peterson to adjourn said meeting at 9:00 p.m. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Candy Hanna, Mayor

ATTEST:
 Dorene Holstad, City Clerk
 Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, has received a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation, more specifically described as follows:
Name of Applicant: Zachary Egesdal
Location of the operation: Section 7 Mount Valley Township.
Type of Confinement feeding operation structure* proposed: One new deep pit swine finisher confinement building with 3000 head of swine for a new swine confinement facility.
Animal Unit Capacity of the Operation after Construction: 1200 animal units (3000 head of swine finishers)
Examination: The application is on file at the County Auditor's Office and is available for public inspection during the following days: Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Public Hearing: There will be a public hearing **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.** in the Winnebago County Supervisors meeting room.
Comments: Written comments may be filed at the County Auditor's Office until April 6, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
 *A confinement feeding operation structure = a confinement building with a below the floor concrete pit; confinement building with an earthen basin or anaerobic lagoon; above ground steel tank, etc.

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Heritage Town Center
 1 pm
 201 2nd Avenue SW, Buffalo Center

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 Sen. Dennis Guth

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Mayor Hanna presented resignation from Lanier Pratt as substitute driver for the Transit. Motion made by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Peterson to accept resignation from Lanier Pratt. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Mayor Hanna reported on the following:
 1. LMDC Board Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2021
 2. Library Minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting
 Chief of Police Thorsen presented this written report.
 Director of Public Works Hanson presented his written report
 City Clerk Holstad noted starting to work on budget amendment.
 Motion made by Council Member Storbj, seconded by Council Member Peterson to adjourn said meeting at 9:00 p.m. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 Candy Hanna, Mayor

ATTEST:
 Dorene Holstad, City Clerk
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LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING March 15, 2021 A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa, was held in the Council Chambers at the Lake Mills City Hall on the 15th day of March, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Candy Hanna,

WINN. CO. SUPERVISOR MINUTES

March 9, 2021

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors met in session at 9:00 A.M. March 9, 2021 adjourned from March 2, 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 March 2, 2021 Board Meeting and approve the agenda for March 9, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Julie Sorenson, Public Health gave a Covid-19 immunization update. The website for information for Winnebago County is www.winnebagocountyia.gov. The Supervisors asked Julie Swenson, Treasurer if her office is open. Swenson stated the office is open by appointment. On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to open the Public Hearing for the Max Levy. All voted aye. Motion carried. Present and the hearing was Supervisors Jensvold, Durby and Smith, and Karla Weiss, Auditor. On a motion by Durby and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to close the Public Hearing for the Max Levy. Roll call vote - Smith - Aye, Jensvold - Aye, Durby - Aye. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to approve the following Max Levy Resolution. All voted aye. Motion carried. RESOLUTION 03-9-2021-01-01 APPROVAL OF FY2022 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 2022 County maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county website, and WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 9, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 2022 shall not exceed the following: General County Services - \$4,686,896 Rural County Services - \$2,480,000 The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY 2022 represents an increase of 110% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY 2021. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Terry Durby, Susan Smith, Bill Jensvold Nays: Passed and adopted this 9th day of March, 2021. Terry Durby, Chairperson Winnebago County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Karla Weiss, Winnebago County Auditor On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to set the Public Hearing for FY 2021-2022 Budget for March 30, 2021 at 9:15 A.M. All voted aye. Motion carried. Eric Butler, NRCS discussed repairs to DD 53 Lat 11C. On a motion by Smith and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to allow repairs. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kris Oswald, Drainage Clerk discussed drainage district matters. Scott Meinders, Engineer discussed Secondary Road matters including stock piling rock.

On a motion by Smith and seconded by Durby the Supervisors moved to approve the plans and specifications, notice to bidders, and letting date of March 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. in the Engineer's office. All voted aye. Motion carried. NOTICE TO BIDDERS Project No: L-CO95(F18N1)-73-95 Sealed bids will be accepted by the County Engineer of Winnebago County at their office in Forest City, Iowa, until 10:00 AM, on Monday, March 29, 2021 for the various items of construction work listed below.

Plans, specifications and Proposal forms for the work may be seen and may be secured at the Winnebago Engineer's Office at 126 S. Clark St., Forest City, IA 50436. All proposals must be filed on the forms furnished by the County, sealed and plainly marked. Proposals containing any reservations not provided for in the forms furnished may be rejected, and the County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all bids. Winnebago County shall issue sales tax exemption certificates through the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance to the successful bidder and subcontractors to enable them to purchase qualifying materials for the project free of sales tax.

The County in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award. Description of the Proposed Work: L-CO95(F18N1)-73-95 RCB Culvert Replacement-Single Box

Table with columns: Item, Quantity, Unit, LF, Each. Includes Precast Concrete Box Culvert, 12 ft x 10 ft, 47 units, 47 LF, 47 Each. Standard specifications of the Iowa DOT, Series 2015, and current supplemental specifications shall apply. Approved by the County Board of Supervisors at their regular session on March 9, 2021. On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Smith the Supervisors moved to approve the 2021 County Five Year Program Resolution 0.1. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2021 COUNTY FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM RESOLUTION 0.1 WINNEBAGO COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS Unforeseen circumstances have arisen since adoption of the approved Secondary Road Five Year Program and previous revisions, requiring changes to the sequence, funding, and timing of the proposed work plan. The Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code section 309.22, initiates and recommends modification of the following project(s) in the accomplishment year (State Fiscal Year 2021), for approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), per Iowa Code 309.23 and the Iowa DOT Instructional Memorandum 2.050. The following projects shall be MODIFIED as follows:

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2021. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Mayor Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Motion made by Council Member Storbj, seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve the agenda as written. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Motion made by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member

PUBLIC NOTICE

RULES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT By authority granted to the Winnebago County Conservation Board through 350.5 Code of Iowa hereby amended the following rules and regulations: Section 3 Fees and Charges. The Winnebago County Conservation Board has established a \$10.00 per night camping fee per camping unit at Dahle Park, Winnebago County, Iowa. Each camping unit must be paid and registered to camp. No more than one camping unit is allowed per camping area. All camping areas will be numbered. Effective April 30, 2021. Robert Schwartz, Executive Director, Winnebago County Conservation Board, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, IA 50436. Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Lake Mills, Iowa, on Wednesday, March 24 and March 31, 2021.

PROBATES

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 devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the Estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated 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 Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Lake Mills, Iowa, on Wednesday, March 17 and March 24, 2021. NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. ESPR011038 THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER HERMANSON, Deceased. To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROGER HERMANSON, deceased, who died on or about February 13, 2021: You are hereby notified that on February 16, 2021, the last will and testament of ROGER HERMANSON, deceased, bearing date of December 14, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Linda K. Pomeroy was appointed Executor of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the latter to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the Estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated March 8, 2021. Linda K. Pomeroy Executor of Estate 212 N. 14th Ave. Winterset, IA 50273

Timothy A. Casperson ICIS#: AT0001472 Attorney for Executor 102 N. 2nd Ave. W. Lake Mills, IA 50450 Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Lake Mills, Iowa, on Wednesday, March 24 and March 31, 2021.

Sorenson to approve and place on file the minutes from the City Council meeting on February 15, 2021. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. The financial reports, monthly claims and interim warrants in the total amount of \$387,545.02 were presented. Motion made by Council Member Peterson to accept the financial reports and approve the monthly claims and interim warrants as presented. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried. AYES: 4 NAYS: 0. TRUCK, 5,797.43 CULVER HAHN ELECTRIC, SUPPLIES, 3,186.29 DAIRYLAND POWER, PURCHASED CURRENT, 89,573.83 DARCI GAU, GOOD CREDIT, 128.00 DAVE'S AUTO SERVICE, FUEL, 784.46 DAVIDS FOODS, WATER, 2.36 DGR ENGINEERING, GENERATOR ADDITION, 11,054.72 DOLLAR GENERAL, SUPPLIES, 145.97 DONS MOTOR MART, FUEL, 1,520.54 FOREST CITY FORD, TIRES, 792.24 GROE ELECTRIC, CHANGE OUT MAIN, 1,042.45 HANSON STORAGE, STORAGE RENTAL, 60.00 HAWKINS, CHEMICALS, 835.68 HEIDI OBERMEYER, GOOD CREDIT, 110.00 HOLDEN MATTIS, GOOD CREDIT, 254.00 IAMU, MEMBER DUES, 5,548.00 DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, POOL/SLIDE REGISTRATION, 70.00 IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, UTILITY DROP BOX SIGN, 25.00 IREAD, SUMMER READING SUPPLIES, 921.98 J&J CHEMICALS, SUPPLIES, 123.69 JACI OLSON, REIMB-SUPPLIES, 36.46 JAMES LANGOWSKI, GOOD CREDIT, 150.00 K.C. NIELSEN, SUPPLIES, 152.23 KELTEK, SUPPLIES, 1,301.32 LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC, PUBLICATIONS, 540.47 LAKE MILLS LUMBER, SUPPLIES, 162.00 LAKE MILLS POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 282.18 LAKE MILLS SEED HOUSE, POSTAGE, 14.33 LEE ELECTRIC, UPDATE ELECTRICAL WORK, 923.41 MARTINS FLAG COMPANY, FLAGS, 580.60 MCMMASTER CARR SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, 95.88 NAPA AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES, 723.12 PETTY CASH, POSTAGE, 15.30 POLLARD, PEST CONTROL, 353.40 PRINTING SYSTEMS INC, UTILITY BILL FORMS, 979.05 RESCO, SUPPLIES, 227.44 ROBERT IVERSON, GOOD CREDIT, 150.00 SCHWARM, RICHARD P, LEGAL FEES, 1,250.00 SINGELSTAD'S HDWE, SUPPLIES, 1,535.74 SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SUPPLIES, 46.53 SKYLYNN FLEMING, GOOD CREDIT, 119.00

CITY OF LAKE MILLS - ORDINANCE NO. 269

ORDINANCE NO. 269 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MILLS, IOWA, 1997, BY ADDING SECTION PERTAINING TO CUSTOMER-OWNED GENERATION SYSTEMS (GREATER THAN 25 KW)

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa: Section 1. SECTION ADDED. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa, 1997, is amended by adding new Section 111.15, which is hereby adopted to read as follows: 111.15 CUSTOMER-OWNED GENERATION SYSTEMS (Greater than 25 kW)

APPLICABLE TO: Single-phase and three-phase customers of the City of Lake Mills Municipal Electric Utility ("Utility"), where a part or all of the electrical requirements of the customer are supplied by the customer's generating facilities, where such facilities have a total generating capability of greater than 25 kW and powered by a renewable resource such as wind or solar energy, and where such facilities are approved by the Utility and connected in parallel with the Utility's distribution system. The customer's total generating capability must be designed not to exceed its average hourly electrical load requirements. If it is recognized that during certain hours the customer's generation exceeds its actual load (Excess Energy), Utility agrees to purchase such Excess Energy at the Avoided Energy Rate defined below.

AVOIDED ENERGY RATE: Customer shall receive monthly payments in the form of bill credits for all quantities of Excess Energy received from the customer's facilities at the avoided cost rate of \$0.03932 per kilowatt-hour. Customers will continue to pay for electrical service under the Utility's applicable rate listed in sections 111.05 through 111.09 for all power and energy provided by the Utility. The Utility will provide the Customer a monthly bill credit determined by multiplying the Excess Energy supplied to the Utility by the Avoided Energy Rate above. PAYMENT: Payment is due no later than the due date shown on the bill. Any Utility billing charges unpaid after the due date shall be subject to late charges as provided in Utility's electric service rules. Customers with a net account credit may request that a check be issued by the Utility no more frequently than once every 12 months. Customers may also request a check to be issued when they close their account.

SERVICE COMPATABILITY: The customer must generate electric power at the same characteristics, voltage, current and frequency, and number of phases as the customer receives service from the Utility and will be subject to the same electric service rules as are other Utility customers taking electric service under sections 111.05 through 111.09. METERING AND SERVICE FACILITIES: The customer will provide, in writing, proof of compliance with all applicable, local, state, and national and electrical and safety codes. The customer will pay for the cost of any make ready work required to adequately accommodate, meter, and/or bill the parallel generation system. These costs may be paid by customer over a time period not to exceed 24 months from the date of billing by the utility. A finance charge may be added to all amounts not paid within 30 days of billing. The utility will furnish, install, and maintain the appropriate metering and measure the flow of energy. The customer shall make a nonrefundable contribution for the cost of any instrument transformers required by the Utility to properly measure use. LIABILITY/INSURANCE The customer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Utility against any and all damages to persons or property occasioned, without the negligence of customer, by the maintenance and operation by such parties of their respective lines and other electrical equipment. The customer shall be required to maintain \$1,000,000 liability insurance or demonstrate financial responsibility satisfactory to the Utility. INTERCONNECTION The customer shall furnish, install, operate and maintain facilities such as relays, switches, synchronizing equipment, control and protective devices designated by the Utility as suitable for parallel operation with the Utility system. Facilities shall be accessible at all times to authorized Utility personnel. Customer shall comply with Part 2 (Technical Requirements) of the City of Lake Mills Interconnection Standards for Parallel Installation and Operation of Customer-Owned Renewable Electric Generating Facilities and execute the City of Lake Mills Interconnection Agreement

Section 2. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Section 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not when adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. Section 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law. PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 15th day of March, 2021. Mayor

ATTEST: City Clerk (SEAL) First Reading: 3-15-21 Second Reading: Waived Third Reading: Waived I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. on the 24th day of March, 2021. Dorene Holstad, City Clerk Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Lake Mills, Iowa, on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

STAPLES ADVANTAGE, SUPPLIES, 354.11 STUART CIRBY CO, SUPPLIES, 1,303.50 TERRANCE EDWARDS, GOOD CREDIT, 140.00 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, 6,762.88 UMMEG, STS FEE, DEPOSIT, COSTS, 7,932.32 VEENSTRA & KIMM, SERVICES, 10,950.00 VISA, SUPPLIES, 1,503.85 WAGNER TIRE SERVICE, OIL/FILTER, 34.00 WASTE MANAGEMENT, RECYCLING SERVICE, 6,201.60 WASTE MANAGEMENT, DISPOSAL, 149.60 WCTA, TELEPHONE SERVICE, 1,277.66 WINNEBAGO CITY ABSTRACT, JUDGEMENT SEARCH, 175.00 WINNEBAGO CITY TREASURER, TAXES, 1,981.00 YOUNG P&G AND HTG, SERVICES, 644.00 OTTER CREEK MECHANICAL, GENERATOR INSTALL, 35,625.00 PAYROLL, 101,994.06 TOTAL, 387,545.02 FUND TOTALS 001 GENERAL FUND, 97,043.30 002 LIBRARY/SAVINGS, 231.34 110 ROAD USE TAX FUND, 8,791.60 125 TIF FUND, 4,167.00 180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND, 2,938.31 600 WATER FUND, 22,613.57 610 SEWER FUND, 31,077.86 630 ELECTRIC FUND, 220,685.04 890 PAYROLL FUND, (3.00) ****TOTAL, 387,545.02 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021 001 GENERAL FUND, 32,216.01 002 LIBRARY SAVINGS & MEMORIALS, 69.58 110 ROAD USE TAX FUND, 18,354.70 112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, 636.74 119 EMERGENCY FUND, 43.86 125 TIF FUND, 19,144.42 178 REVOLVING LOAN FUND, 3,078.51 180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND, 1,414.99 200 DEBT SERVICE FUND, 86.72 600 WATER FUND, 35,210.68 610 SEWER FUND, 26,956.41 630 ELECTRIC FUND, 256,547.52 740 STORM WATER FUND, 3,890.49 ****TOTAL, 397,650.63 Council Member Jamgaard arrived at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Hanna announced that this is the time and place as published in the Lake Mills Graphic on February 24, 2021, for a public hearing for proposed conveyance and execution of deed to Dave's Auto Service, Inc. Motion made by Council Member Storbj, seconded by Council Member Peterson to open the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Council Member Jamgaard Abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Hanna asked if any written or verbal objections had been received. City Clerk Holstad noted that no comments had been received. Motion made by Council Member Sorenson, seconded by Council Member Storbj to close the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Council Member Jamgaard Abstained. Motion carried. Council Member Flugum introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-12, a resolution accepting Warranty Deed for property donated to the City of Lake Mills by Arthur Farms LLC, seconded by Council Member Jamgaard. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Storbj, Jamgaard, Flugum, Peterson, Sorenson. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted. Council Member Storbj introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-13, a resolution setting date for public hearing on 2021 Urban Renewal Plan Amendment, seconded by Council Member Peterson. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Flugum, Storbj, Peterson, Sorenson. Nays: None. Council Member Jamgaard abstained. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted. Mayor Hanna announced that this is the time and place as published in the Lake Mills Graphic on February 24, 2021, for a public hearing for City of Lake Mills Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget. Motion made by Council Member Storbj, seconded by Council Member Jamgaard to open the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Mayor Hanna asked if any written or verbal objections had been received. City Clerk Holstad noted that no comments had been received. Motion made by Council Member Storbj, seconded by Council Member Jamgaard to close the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Hanna presented a resolution adopting the Annual Budget and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Council Member Sorenson introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-11, a resolution adopting the Annual Budget and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022, seconded by Council Member Peterson. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Sorenson, Storbj, Flugum, Jamgaard, Peterson. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted. Susanne Gerlach, with Public Financial Management, reviewed financials for the storm water, water and sewer utilities. There will be no increase to the storm water rate. Ms. Gerlach recommended a 2% increase in water rates and a 3% increase in sewer rates due to upcoming Waste Water Treatment Plant Project. She reviewed the financing of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant Project using Leachate, TIF, Storm Water, Sewer and an internal loan from Electric and Leachate to be repaid with TIF. Motion made by Council Member Storbj, seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve financials and authorize City Clerk Holstad to prepare Ordinance with rate increases. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion Carried. Mayor Hanna presented the re-

newal for the City General Insurance Package in the amount of \$97,640.00 to ICAP, \$7,699.00 to Stensrud Insurance for Boiler Insurance and \$2,147.00 to Stensrud Insurance for Airport Insurance. Motion made by Council Member Sorenson, seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve City of Lake Mills General Insurance Package and authorize payment. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Hanna presented the renewal for the City Employee Life/Long Term Disability Insurance with no increase this year. Motion made by Council Member Jamgaard, seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve renewal of City Employee Life/Long Term Disability Insurance through Principal Financial. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Hanna presented request for funding for Mini Golf Course. Director of Recreation Vrieze and Maintenance/Inspections Byars presented diagrams and costs involved with possibility of a Mini Golf Course at the Band Shell area by the Aquatic Center. Discussed businesses sponsoring holes, grant writing and using local option sales tax to fund project. Motion made by Council Member Flugum, seconded by Council Member Peterson to move forward with the Mini Golf Course Plan. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Hanna presented grant application request from Recreation Department for bows and arrows for Archery program in the amount of \$1,670.00. Motion made by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Flugum to approve the grant application. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Hanna presented request for City funding in addition to grant money received for purchasing an AED for City Hall and the Pool. The City share amount would be \$967.25 each, for a total of \$1,934.50 to be paid from Local Option Sales Tax. Motion made by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Flugum to approve funding of an AED for City Hall and the Pool. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Discussion was held on rental rates for Civic Center, Youth Center and Shelter House. Discussed increasing the Civic Center and the Youth Center from \$50,000 per day to \$100,000 per day and to eliminate the deposit. Council thought the Shelter House rent should remain at \$10.00. Motion made by Council Member Flugum, seconded by Council Member Jamgaard to increase rates for the Civic Center and the Youth Center, and authorize City Clerk Holstad to prepare resolution with rate increase. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. 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Director of Public Works Hanson noted there are changes that need to be made to standards in reference to changes in Net Metering and Billing Practices for Customer-owned renewable Electric Generating Facilities. This will not affect the three current Interconnection Agreement customers, as they will be grandfathered in. Council Member Sorenson introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-14, a resolution adopting amended interconnection standards, interconnection and net metering applications, interconnections and net metering agreement, certificate of completion, and approval to energize for customer-owned renewable electric generating facilities, seconded by Council Member Storbj. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Flugum, Storbj, Peterson, Sorenson. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted. 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WOOLDRIDGE, KARL, Middle School Girls' Basketball Official	70.00	
Wyhe's Choice Fundraising, Butter Braids	3,931.50	
Capital Projects Fund NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES, Monthly support	12,999.33	
Physical Plant & Equipment Fund Access Systems Inc., Printer lease	9,851.55	
L & M BOILER SYSTEMS, INC., Circulating pump-boiler room	6,259.90	
PIONEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Dirt groomer	1,999.95	
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School Nutrition Fund Anderson Erickson, Milk & Dairy	4,255.05	
DAVID'S FOODS, Food	78.05	
Goodwin Tucker, Oven Repair	505.28	
HARRIS SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, EZSchoolPay Transaction Fees 2/1/21-2/28/21	5.00	
LMCS GENERAL FUND, February 2021 Payroll	19,519.14	
Larson-Wacha, Missy, Lunch Reimbursement - Transferred	94.85	
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