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Area briefs

FFA barbeque kick off

The Lake Mills FFA Alumni Chapter welcomes all students and parents to a barbeque supper to kick off the new year, Sunday, Sept. 11, at 5 p.m. in Oakwood Park.

Meet new ag teacher and FFA advisor, Maddy Dohlman. Learn about college scholarship opportunities available to FFA members. Hear about new opportunities for FFA projects. Meet members of the Alumni chapter and find out what they can do for you.

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 9, to mdohlman@lake-mills.org. Please indicate the number of people attending and meal choice (steak or pork chop).

Questions? Contact Eric Nelson at 641-590-4963 or Mary Nell Fullerton at 641-420-2253

Weather

	THURSDAY		
Sunny	85°	62°	
	FRIDAY		
Mostly Cloudy	80°	57°	
	SATURDAY		
Showers, 60%	65°	50°	
	SUNDAY		
AM Showers, 30%	66°	47°	
	MONDAY		
Partly Cloudy	69°	48°	
	TUESDAY		
Mostly Sunny	73°	50°	
	WEDNESDAY		
Partly Cloudy	73°	54°	

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

Date	Hi	Low	Prec.
Aug. 30	75°	52°	—
Aug. 31	82°	59°	—
Sept. 1	82°	59°	—
Sept. 2	84°	61°	—
Sept. 3	73°	55°	—
Sept. 4	73°	54°	—
Sept. 5	73°	53°	—

Markets

Prices reported as of Tuesday. Prices subject to change.

Five Star	2021	2022
Corn	\$ 5.63	\$ 7.47
Soybeans	\$12.63	\$13.47

Gavilon	2021	2022
Corn	\$ 5.59	\$ 7.07
Soybeans	\$12.54	\$13.49

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Casperson awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition programs

Chet Casperson, a Lake Mills High School student, has earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

Chet Casperson is currently a senior at LMHS.

"We're thrilled that Chet has earned this recognition. We are very proud of him for his achievements in the classrooms and on College Board assessments," said Rachel Rognes, LMCS School Counselor. "These programs help students from underrepresented backgrounds stand out to colleges during admissions."

sions."

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of three or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them on their college and scholarship applications.

"We want to honor the hard work of these students through the College Board National Recognition Programs. This program creates a way for colleges and scholarship programs to connect directly with underrepresented students who they are hoping to reach," said Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture. "We hope the award winners and their families celebrate this prestigious honor and it helps them plan for their big future."



All State Park Tour Coming to Forest City and Lake Mills

Jump in your favorite car, fire up the engine, roll down the windows, turn up the radio, and put on your biggest smile. It is time to hit the road to show your support for state parks in Iowa.

The crew for Anna Rea the 1930 Ford Model A encourages everybody to drive along for the visit to Pilot Knob State Park and Rice Lake State Park, **Tuesday Sept. 13**. While the tour is emphasizing vintage or classic cars, participants can join the fun in any vehicle of their choice.

People wanting to tour Pilot Knob State Park can join at the Winnebago County Courthouse, 126 S. Clark St., Forest City, at 9:30 a.m. The tour will depart Forest City in time to arrive at Pilot Knob State Park by 10 a.m. They will do a windshield tour of the park and listen to a short presentation by park staff. Upon leaving Pilot Knob State Park, the tour will proceed to Rice Lake State Park. People interested in joining the tour for Rice Lake State Park can do so by being at the Casey's General Store, 101 N. Lake St., Lake Mills, by 1:30 p.m. The tour will depart Lake Mills in time to arrive at Rice Lake by 2 p.m. The tour will continue Wednesday, Sept. 14, to Crystal Lake Park and Eagle Lake State Park (see website for details).

Crew members are Kevin Szcodronski, Ankeny, and Ann Raisch, Eldora. They will be leading the tour in an original 1930 Ford Model A, affectionately named "Anna Rea" to

visit all 94 state parks in Iowa.

The purposes of the tour are to show support for state parks in Iowa, recognize the contributions that state parks provide to our quality of life, celebrate Iowa State Parks Centennial, and enjoy traveling along Iowa's most scenic roadways at a leisurely pace. They challenge you to drive at Anna Rea's cruising speed of 40 mph. This trip is also about the most fun you can have and never leave Iowa. You will visit Iowa's most beautiful areas and meet some of our best people. Take this challenge to get a glimpse of wildlife in road ditches, have more time to enjoy barn art, wave at oncoming drivers, and beep your horn at the people along the route greeting us. There will be a lot of smiling, and hopefully put smiles on the faces of others as we travel along the way.

People can participate in the tour for as many visits to state parks as they desire. Be warned though. Once you start, you may not want to stop. There is no fee, however please contact Kevin at least a week in advance to help better plan the tour.

Five tour loops with 68 state park stops have been accomplished. Plans are underway for the final 26 park visits. More information about the tour can be found on the website: www.annareamodela.com and you can email Kevin Szcodronski by at skidia3@outlook.com or phone 515-240-7668.

So grab your keys and come along to see the best of Iowa. Anna Rea says, "AHOOOOGA."

Pastor Decker returns to North Iowa

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

Pastor Mark Decker has recently moved back to this area, after spending 10-1/2 years as a pastor in Hudson, (south of Cedar Falls). Prior to his call to Hudson, he was at Bethany Lutheran Church, Thompson.

Decker was installed, July 17, as a new 3/4-time pastor for Sion Lutheran Church, rural Lake Mills. Sion is a part of the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ).

"I saw the opening for a pastor at Sion, and I knew quite a few people from here, so I decided to come back to the area. Especially, since I wanted to cut back on hours, this call sounded perfect for me," said Decker.

Formerly from Chino, Calif., a 1972 graduate of Chino High School, he enrolled at California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

"After college, I went to law school in Los Angeles, Calif., attending Southwestern University. I think, by the time I finished law school, I knew I wasn't going to be a lawyer."

Decker finished law school and passed the bar exam. While he was studying for the bar exam, he took a part-time job at a nearby golf course, and was eventually hired as the golf pro—teaching lessons and golfing nearly every day. He stayed for about five years.

People kept telling him, 'You're a lawyer, you know, you passed the bar exam. You should work as a lawyer.'

"So, eventually, I took a job with an insurance company in Los Angeles. We were defending personal injury lawsuits. We were always the one who was at fault. So, most of the time we were dealing with these personal injury lawyers that are not always the best examples of honesty. Ironically, someone once told me a joke, 'You know . . . it's the 90 percent of lawyers who are dishonest that give the rest of them a bad name.'

As I was working in Los Angeles, I didn't like it at all—I didn't like all the aspects of the job. and I didn't like the fighting."



Decker began to think about becoming a pastor when the church he grew up in was looking for a new pastor and he was serving on the call committee. As they were interviewing candidates, he remembered hearing the prospective pastors talk about their jobs, and how much they were helping people and how much they enjoyed what they were doing.

"I also remembered when I spent a couple summers at a Lutheran Bible Camp, called El Camino Pines. It was located up in the mountains, in Kern County, Calif., and I met pastors from all over who enjoyed their calls. Then I thought, 'here am I, not enjoying my job . . . you know what? I could be a pastor, I could do that. So, I decided to go to seminary when I was 30 years old, and graduated with the Class of 88, at Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. I have not once wished that I was a lawyer."

This new lawyer-turned-pastor's first call was to New York City—Brooklyn, to Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church. Decker said it was a high crime area. The members were mostly African/American, and he considered it a very good first call.

Next, he accepted a call to Austin, Minn. Decker spent almost four years at St. Olaf Lutheran Church as the Youth and Family Pastor.

The next call was to Kingman, Ariz., as an Associate for Youth and Family, spending four years at Grace Lutheran Church.

Then he was called to Bethany Lutheran Church in Thompson. He married Sherrie Hansen in 2004 at Bethany. Altogether, he spent 11-1/2 years there until he realized that the LCMC was a better fit for his beliefs than the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

He said, "In 2011, God provided a call for me to Hudson, to Zion Lutheran Church.

Decker has two adult children: Erik, (Cristiana), Indianapolis, Ind., and Becky, (Xilam), who have two girls, Imix, eighth grade, Xychitl, fifth grade, St. Paul, Minn.

"I like that this call has allowed for me to preach three times a month, with one Sunday off. Every fifth Sunday, we have a question and answer time. It is a joy to have lay people step up and be involved like they do at Sion. They have a great devotion to Bible study here."

Decker and Hansen live three miles from Sion church by Elk Creek wildlife area, on five acres of land.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf, and fixing up old bicycles to sell and give away. His dad owned a bicycle repair shop when he was growing up.

Hansen operated the Blue Belle Inn Bed and Breakfast, St. Ansgar, for 31 years, and has worked as an author. She has just published her 16th book. Most involve mystery with some romance. She is looking forward to doing more writing, after unpacking and getting settled in. She grew up on a farm south of Austin, Minn., so she has family nearby.

"I enjoy being back in this area, and renewing friendships," Decker expressed. "I have served a variety of churches and just enjoyed being a pastor, and still do."



Fall Canoe Float scheduled, Sept. 25

If you're looking for a fun and relaxing way to enjoy the start of fall, the Winnebago County Conservation Board has just the activity for you. On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25, the Conservation Board will be sponsoring a *Fall Canoe Float* at Thorpe Park. Whether you are a novice canoer, or an experienced paddler, the float will be a wonderful way to enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon.

On that day, from 3-5 p.m., people will be able to borrow the Conservation Board's canoes, paddles, and life jackets free of charge to enjoy a leisurely paddle around Lake Catherine. The event will take place at the lake's boat ramp/fishing dock and instruction will also be available for those people whose canoeing skills may be a little rusty. In addition, there will be handouts and other information about the Winnebago River Water Trail, as well as about fishing in Iowa.


There is no need to preregister for the *Fall Canoe Float*; people only need to show up at the boat ramp any time between 3-5 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the float will need to be canceled and that information will be on the WCCB Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WinnebagocCB) and the WCCB's Twitter feed (@WinnebagoCCB).

For more information about the event, people can contact Winnebago County Naturalist Lisa Ralls at 641-565-3390 or at tralls@winnebagoccb.com.

CARTOON CORNER

THIS WEEK'S PLANNED LAUNCH TO THE MOON



HELLO! I'M A TOP SECRET GOV'T DOCUMENT!

I USED TO WORK IN THE WHITE HOUSE!

BUT THEN I MOVED TO A RESORT!

SOME THINK I STILL SHOULD BE BACK IN THE WHITE HOUSE!

BUT NOT BEFORE I DO SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE!

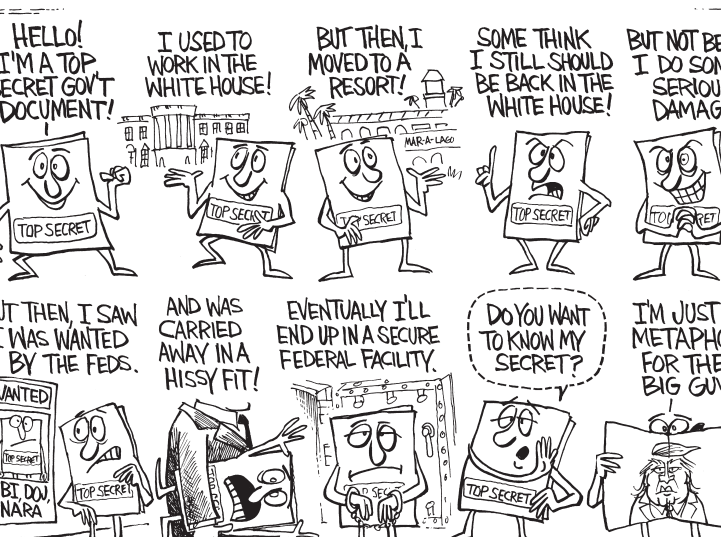
BUT THEN I SAW I WAS WANTED BY THE FEDS.

AND WAS CARRIED AWAY IN A HISSY FIT!


EVEN TUALLY I'LL END UP IN A SECURE FEDERAL FACILITY.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MY SECRET?

I'M JUST A METAPHOR FOR THE BIG GUY.



MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV
R.I.P.
(Russia's Ironical Past)



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Winn. Food Bank Sign-up

Third Monday, 7 p.m.

Second Monday, 5:30 p.m.

1st Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

2nd Monday

2nd Sunday

2nd Tuesday of the month

1st and 3rd Tuesday

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

4th Wednesday

4th Monday, 7 p.m.

2nd Monday, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Monday-Friday

Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

No Written Test after 3:30 p.m.

Drive Test by Appointment

Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.

6 a.m.-7 p.m.

Every Monday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

City Hall

Lake Mills School

Library

Ambulance Shed

Lower Level of Civic Center

Civic Center

Civic Center

Asbury Meth. Church

Fire Hall

Hostesses

Hostesses

1901 Victorian House

Sr. Cit. Ctr., Emmons

Civic Center

FC Courthouse

Treasurer's office

Lake Mills Library

Joice Library

Joice Library

Fleetguard Fitness Ctr.

Salem Resource Rm.

Q&A: 99 County Meetings

With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

Q: What's on the minds of Iowans at your 99 county meetings?

A: In August, I completed my annual 99 county meetings for the 42nd consecutive year across the state. When Iowans first elected me to the U.S. Senate, I started this annual tradition and have kept it every year since. I hold an hour-long Q&A with Iowans face-to-face to hear their ideas and listen to their concerns. Iowans set the agenda and I go to various places in the community to reach a cross-section of people. From local hospitals, schools, civic clubs, businesses, and factories, I understand people can't always take time off work to attend a town meeting. In addition, touring manufacturing facilities gives me the opportunity to learn about the innovation and productivity here in Iowa, and after a tour of the business, employers often shut down the line to allow workers to ask questions. Across Iowa, the number one concern from river to river was the high cost of living and 40-year high inflation. Rural Iowans were especially hard hit by the soaring price of gas as so many people drive 30- to 40- miles one way to school or work. Farmers and truckers are feeling the pinch to pay \$5/gallon for diesel. The high energy prices account for the lion's share of high food prices at the grocery store. High energy costs make it more expensive to put crops in the ground, harvest, process, and ship products to the consumer. I was impressed by the resilience of our small businesses to survive the economy shutting down during the pandemic and claw back from supply chain disruptions and labor shortages. In Northwood, I was able to hear from LR Falk Construction, a business that specializes in custom crushing and delivery of limestone products for construction and farm applications. We discussed the benefits of the infrastructure bill I supported that will strengthen Iowa's economy and quality of life for generations to come. In January, I started out the year meeting with workers at Shell Rock Soy Processing in Butler County and wrapped up my 99th county meeting in August with a town meeting in Bedford, in Taylor County. For the rest of the year, I'll continue meeting with Iowans to have dialogue. Representative government is a two-way street and my county meetings are one way I like to keep in touch, eyeball to eyeball, with Iowans.

Q: What other issues are you hearing about from Iowans?

A: As a lifelong family farmer and a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I'm looking ahead to the new five-year Farm Bill that will be written next year. I've been gathering feedback from producers across the state to help inform my work on behalf of the 87,000 farm families who have a direct stake in the next farm bill, from conservation, to crop insurance, rural development, supports for beginning farmers and protecting the family farm from foreign acquisition. For nearly 90 years, the farm bill supports productivity and ensures U.S. food security to provide an affordable, high-quality food supply to feed America. Many people aren't aware that roughly 80 percent of the spending in the farm bill pays for nutrition programs to help lower-income Americans. In August, I visited Capital City Fruit in Norwalk. This family business started as a fruit stand and has grown into a packing, warehousing and distribution operation for fresh produce from farm to table. The company participated in the USDA food box program during the pandemic and donates thousands of pounds of food every year to help reduce food insecurity in the community. Recently, I've held a series of meetings with Iowa farmers, livestock producers and biofuel producers so that I can gauge their priorities for the new Farm Bill. At the negotiating table, I'll fight for reasonable farm payment limits to protect the taxpayer and integrity of the farm safety net. I often remind my colleagues in Congress that food doesn't grow in the grocery store. I'll also work to strengthen agriculture research to ensure farmers in the 21st century have the resiliency, innovation and expertise to produce food, fuel and fiber in a sustainable way. Farmers are stewards of the land, serving as temporary caretakers of the soil and water. From one year to the next, the family farmer has a vested interest to protect the environment and a covenant with posterity to leave it even better for the next generation. As one of only two crop farmers in the U.S. Senate, I'm proud to champion Rural America and fight for the two percent of Americans who produce the food that feeds 98 percent of the population.

We all don't benefit equally from government aid—it's not just student loans

BY RANDY EVANS
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

President Joe Biden's decision to cancel up to \$10,000 in federal student loans for many borrowers is fair game for vigorous debate—and disagreement.

Americans have been debating and disagreeing for 246 years. What jumps out in this latest dispute is how some politicians are blind to the inconsistencies in their arguments against this economic shot in the arm when, through the years, they have supported other government incentives to various groups.

To hear the comments of Iowans in Washington, you might think they have long been strong advocates for government butting out of the personal financial decisions Americans make. But you would be wrong.

Rep. Ashley Hinson of Marion said waiving repayment of \$10,000 of federal student loans would be a "handout to the wealthy and a total slap in the face" of people who did not go to college or who already repaid their loans.

Sen. Joni Ernst of Red Oak asked why Iowans who go straight from high school into the workforce or pay for their own education should foot the bill for other people having \$10,000 of their student loans forgiven. She said Biden is "passing the buck to hardworking Americans."

One flaw in such thinking is that the beneficiaries will be ordinary Iowans who are neither wealthy nor elites. They will be nurses, teachers, bookkeepers, cops, farmers and store managers who graduated from Iowa colleges and universities and then went out and found jobs—in some cases, jobs employers have struggled to fill.

Yes, these graduates will personally benefit from a smaller debt. The typical Iowa college loan borrower owes about \$30,000.

But the rest of us without college debt will benefit, too. The money borrowers would have used for interest and principal on their loans will be used, instead, to buy goods and services at retailers and restaurants—all things that will create more jobs and more demand for the products and services that keep Iowa's economy ticking.

The Biden directive applies to student borrowers who earn less than \$125,000 per year or couples whose annual income is not more than \$250,000. Students from low-income families would be eligible to have an additional \$10,000 forgiven.

Those six-figure income ceilings have been criticized, and rightfully so, as too high—especially when the average household income in Iowa is about \$60,000. "It's bad policy, as well as bad politics," national Democratic strategist Paul Begala said on CNN.

Here's the inescapable reality about the reaction: Republican critics who think debt cancellation or six-figure income ceilings are unfair have voiced nary a peep of opposition in the past when there are proposals that benefit certain groups but not others.

Like it or not, government has long favored some of us with special programs and policies,

while the rest of us have to fend for ourselves. In the last half of the 1800s, the government encouraged settlers to move West by giving them up to 160 acres if they lived on the land and farmed it—even though millions of other people wanted land but were left out of the dirt-cheap deal.

During the Great Depression, about three million unemployed men were hired to work in the Civilian Conservation Corps—although there were not nearly enough jobs to satisfy the demand.

More recently, two federal government programs have been immensely popular with large groups of Iowans: the federal farm assistance programs and the \$800 billion Paycheck Protection Program.

The government-backed PPP loans went to many employers who agreed to keep employees on the payroll in the early months of the COVID outbreak and use the loan proceeds for business expenses. The loans did not have to be repaid if businesses used the money as promised.

Of course, countless small businesses were left out of the Paycheck Protection Program. But those owners' taxes were used to help cover the cost of the loans that far bigger, and much wealthier, businesses did not have to repay.

Forgiving the PPP loans was carried out, in the current student-loan-forgiveness terminology, on the backs of hardworking small-business owners.

The federal government's farm programs have been a lucrative source of revenue for farmers for the past quarter century. Look at the federal crop insurance program. Hardworking taxpayers with no ag holdings are having their taxes pay for nearly half of the premiums, with farmers taking care of the other half.

The cost of this crop insurance subsidy is not pocket change. The Congressional Budget Office says it will be \$9.5 billion this year.

Supporters are quick to remind us crop insurance is important to everyone, because we are talking about food. Most of the insurance covers just three crops: corn, soybeans and wheat. Most of the fruits and vegetables we eat are not covered by the federal insurance.

But crop insurance is far broader than buying just-in-case protection against an unexpected weather calamity. Seventy percent of the crop insurance policies taxpayers subsidize actually provides guaranteed revenue from each acre covered by the policy. If market prices at harvest time are below that target, the policy makes up the difference. If market prices at harvest time are higher than the target, the farmer gets the higher price.

No other merchant in Iowa has the luxury of having the taxpayers cover half the cost of a guaranteed revenue policy like crop insurance—a guarantee that effectively transfers the risk of crop prices onto the backs of working Americans.

KCAU-TV in Sioux City had a report last week that Sen. Chuck Grassley's family has received \$1.75 million in government farm assistance payments since 1995. People concerned about college grads having \$10,000 in college loans forgiven might be interested to know the Grassley farm payments come out to about \$67,000 each year.

The New Normal, Not an Excuse

As the 10-year (it hurts to even type that number) anniversary of my college venture through parts of East Asia is upon me, and the darkest days of COVID seem to be clearing slowly, the first thing on my mind is, of course, travel.

My college friends and I, as well as my sweetheart and I, have all discussed returning to Japan in honor of the 10-year mark being reached, as well as the fact that by my birthday next year, all of us will have officially turned 30. However, the reality of COVID is still very much a hindrance when traveling to Japan specifically, as the policy on foreign tourists entering the country has changed several times this year alone.

During my three-month stay in South Africa earlier this year (from March through June), as my sweetheart and I were happily daydreaming and planning a potential trip to Japan, the requirement for quarantine was still in effect. Eventually, this policy was changed to requiring foreign visitors to have a tour guide and follow a mandated schedule/travel plan—a plan which was, understandably, met with disinterest from would-be tourists, as an individual travel style allows for more freedom, flexibility, and fun.

From that, the requirements have once again been changed, where a tour guide is no longer required, however, any tourist planning a trip to Japan, must do so through a travel agency.

The trepidation to reopen is understandable after an event as major and sudden as COVID, but in order for the many small, family-owned, sometimes hundreds of years old businesses that rely on tourism to survive, the example of other nations could be followed in this case. Requiring proof of vaccination and a negative COVID test taken within so many days of departure, as well as another negative result upon leaving, are effective measures in keeping COVID from spiking rapidly, and are less restrictive when it comes to tourists' individual travel plans.

The unfortunate reality is that COVID is, and likely will be, a part of life as we know it from now on. Measures must still be taken to protect the most vulnerable (i.e. vaccination, regular boosters, further research and development into treatments in order to lessen the recovery period), but to operate under the hope that COVID can be eliminated or escaped from entirely, is a slim hope at best, and more likely an impossibility.

Once again, this isn't to suggest that we shouldn't try to prevent it at all. As I said, vaccinations, regular boosters, and further research and development into treatments for COVID, as well as normal precautions, such as face masks in heavily populated areas, are all still important as we continue to learn more about COVID and its many variants. But as most of the world moves on (whether too quickly or otherwise), it is impractical to cut oneself off from the rest of the world.

Though I can't blame any country for being reluctant to let tourists from a nation with a significant population believing COVID to be a hoax and with a relatively poor vaccination rate and response to early COVID protective measures from coming to visit.

Respect is possibly the most essential travel necessity, and it is severely lacking in certain cases, and adding COVID to the mix does complicate things further, and likely add to the reluctance of nations such as Japan to reopen, even with vaccination requirements in place.

The opinion of Japanese folks is relatively split on the matter. As Japan has the highest number of elderly people among its population, this is likely of at least some consideration when it comes to reopening the borders. The elderly are a higher risk population, and it would be difficult to ensure their safety, even with vaccination requirements in place (as masks are technically no longer required in most public spaces in Japan, but according to many Japan residents on social media, most still do wear face masks, as it was already a norm, and "no one wants to be the first person to not be wearing their mask" while COVID spikes are still occurring).

However, it is also argued that because cases are higher than they have been in quite awhile in Japan, even without outside tourism, that perhaps the low vaccination rate among Japan residents (again, most commonly the elderly) are what has hindered the slowing spread of COVID and tourism would have little to no effect, and instead vaccination should be more heavily pushed internally.

I, of course, cannot say what is best.

All I can say is that COVID isn't going away, but learning to live with it does not mean ignoring it entirely—either by running from it or embracing it as an inevitability.

We must, as a global community, continue to support advances in research and improvement of vaccines, and in turn, we must receive those vaccines and boosters when necessary. We must respect the health of others by following any mask requirements in public spaces.

If we want to fight COVID, we must strengthen our defenses against it. Ignoring it, one way or the other, will only weaken us in the end.

Marissa Gasper
■ Gasper's Gabble

2020 Ford Escape

Ben's Special Price

\$32,199

2020 Ford Expedition

Ben's Special Price

\$71,999

2020 Chrysler Pacifica

Ben's Special Price

\$33,005

2017 Dodge Durango SXT

Ben's Special Price

\$27,999

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Earlier Days

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Deluxe Golf League

The Deluxe Golf League held their annual tournament Monday evening at the Rice Lake Golf and Country Club. Shown above as they prepared to tee off are Jack Izzard, at the left, Bernie Von Vooren, Merv Hedin, LeRoy Johnson, who later won the championship, Bruce Dulak, and John Aasgaard hitting the ball.

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

100 years ago September 6, 1922

Fire completely destroyed the large barn on the P.H. Peterson farm two miles north of Leland Tuesday afternoon between three and four o'clock. In an interview with Roy Klipping, tenant and one third owner in the farm, he states that he is not positive how the fire originated but on account of two children playing in the barn and coming out after the building was a cloud of smoke, has reason to believe that in some way they set it aflame. The barn was insured in the Farmers Mutual. Mr. Klipping estimates the loss at \$3,000 with only \$1,500 insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. N.K. Nelson were treated to a real surprise Sunday when a number of friends arranged a social gathering to commemorate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson had attended services at Salem church in the morning, at the close of which they were invited to the basement where a large number of relatives and friends had gathered for the occasion. A fine dinner was served at two o'clock.

The citizens of Northwood and community are mourning the death of one of their most highly respected and beloved citizens, Sophus T. Hanson, vice president of the Worth County State Bank. While it has been generally known for some time that Mr. Hanson has been suffering with a disease which might terminate in his passing, the message came as a sudden and severe shock to the multitude of friends that he had made during his business activities in Northwood.

An auto collision occurred on the Imperial Highway two miles east of town where the Bristol road connects with the Imperial. Opal Monson and a party of friends were coming west from Bjellands. They claim they were keeping to the right hand side of the road in making the turn at the intersection of the road in going towards Bristol. A Ford car coming from Bristol and intending to go west on the Imperial kept to the left hand side instead of the right, so it is claimed, with the result that the Ford was tipped over, the five occupants being spilled alongside the road.

75 years ago September 10, 1947

Phillip Storby, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Storby, will be released from Naeve hospital, Albert Lea, tomorrow after being confined there since receiving injuries at the local canning factory last

Wednesday night. Phillip was employed on the clean-up shift together with his father and several other men. The night work was nearly completed when Phillip, who was cleaning the auger, had his right hand caught in the machinery.

Eldon Hagen, local flier and operator of the airport, has a number of student fliers. Leo Skellenger did his solo flight Sunday, and Carl Moe passed his private flight test Friday. Frank Hebel, Emmons, is ready for his private flight test, and Orville Johnson, Emmons, also is putting in time previous to his private test. Delmar Schmidt has completed his solo flight and expects to take his private test soon. Luverne Smith of Emmons, will solo this week, as well. Gilman Hagen is about ready for his private test, and Robert Monson, who recently soloed, will take his private test as soon as he has the required number of hours. Edward Peterson expects to take his private test shortly. Cecil Bosch of Tenold, recently soloed and will take his private test in the near future. Leonard Beers and Robert Hagen are others who will soon solo. Mr. Hagen and Harry Talle recently flew to North Dakota, the Montana line and Canadian border where they visited with relatives. The trip was approximately 1,500 miles.

50 years ago September 6, 1972

An accident Tuesday noon five miles west of Lake Mills involved two cars, one driven by Mrs. Gregg Thompson, Scarville, and the other by Kenneth Gansen, Elma. Neither driver nor Mrs. Thompson's daughter, Delaine, 3, were injured. Gansen was ticketed for failure to yield as he pulled out in front of the Thompson vehicle. Sheriff's officers estimated \$800 damages to the Thompson car and the Gansen car was a total loss.

Plumbers and electricians are making the final preparations at the new Schoenrock Printed Circuit plant as company personnel move in the equipment and prepare to get into production later this month. Electrician Dean Heiny was working on one of the new machines which is nearly ready for production. The new plant is located on the site of the former plant which burned to the ground earlier this year.

25 years ago September 10, 1997

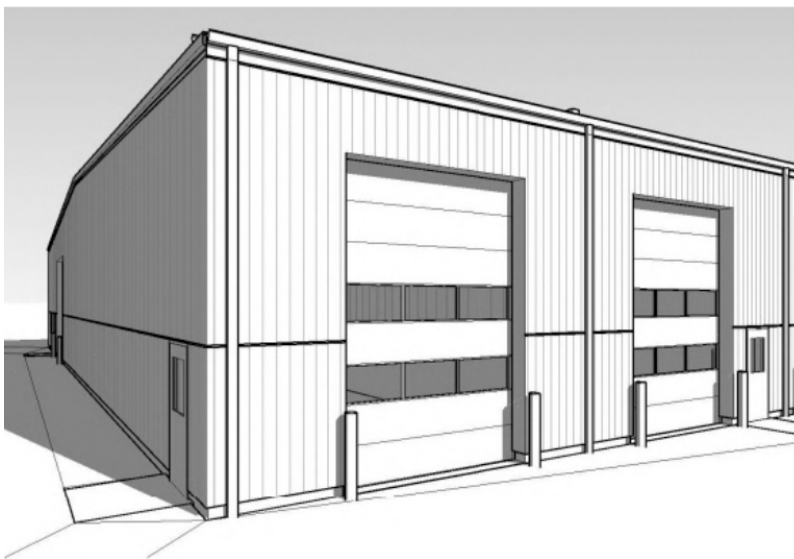
The Lake Mills Fire Department was honored with a plaque Saturday, when their

Pierce Quantum Pumper took first place at the 119th annual Iowa Firemen's Association Convention parade held in Forest City. The truck which was purchased in 1996, was named "Best Motor Vehicle—1971-1997." Over 135 entries were in the parade which featured fire fighting equipment from the 1800s to present. Firemen presenting the plaque were Glenn Anderson, Fire Chief, Dave Anderson, and Jim Boehmer.

Approximately 3,500 tires were collected Saturday during the free tire recycling held at two sites in Winnebago County, with approximately 2,000 of these collected at the Lake Mills site. The tires were taken to a firm in Des Moines where they will be ground up, then transported to cement plants in Mason City where they are burned in their kilns. According to Winnebago County Supervisor Scott Helgeson, monies for the recycling came from a NIACOG grant in the amount of \$120,000 of which \$15,000 was given to each of eight counties.

The 1997 version of the LMCHS Bulldogs proved that they can play both defense and offense Friday night as they overwhelmed the Clarion-Goldfield team in non-District action, 34-8, using a tough defense and a talented offensive unit. The stingy defense gave up only 95 yards as the offense piled up 317 yards with some big plays and hard running by senior Joe Ritzert. Ritzert averaged 10 yards with each carry as he rambed for 180 yards in eighteen attempts.

Postcards from around the country are on display on a map by the elementary office at Lake Mills Community School, showing the various places students spent their summer vacation. This project, under the direction of second grade instructor, Sarah Brackey, taught the children writing and geography skills. Children sending in postcards and receiving a pencil were: Lynn Johnson, Jenny Gaskill, Jordynn Brackey, Jordan Banwart, Daniel Baldwin, Cymantha Bendickson, Brent Tweed, Ted Schwarm, Toni Erdahl, Becky Dahn, Megan Pederson, Angela Kesler, Cassandra Nelson, Kristen Holstad, Peter Brekken, Derek Bendickson, Tyrell Hermanson, Katie Bergan, Lucas Storby, Jacob Brackey, Thomas Parcher, Terry Ashley, Laura Smith, Clark Erdahl, Cameo Fjelstad, Sarah Abele and Josh Tiedman.



LMCS Communique

BY CHRIS ROGNES
LMCS SUPERINTENDENT

At the June 13, 2022, LMCS School Board meeting it was approved to move forward with proposed plans for a new bus garage project.

The project site, which is located at 701 Larson Avenue, is currently being prepared for construction.

Why do we need a new bus garage?

The current bus garage is located on S. 1st Ave. W., one block south of Main St. in Lake Mills. It was built in the early 1950s. Buses in that era were much smaller than they are today. Weather protection is needed to help keep snow and ice off the buses as much as possible. It is a very tight fit in the current garage and it does not have the capacity to park all of our buses under a roof. The fleet of buses is valued at over one million dollars. To properly maintain and protect the undercarriage of the buses from rust, an appropriate wash bay is needed. The area where the current garage is located is not an ideal area for bus traffic as it creates congestion and is not ideal for backing out of the current parking area.

Cost and how it is paid for...

A contract was awarded to the low bidder for the project which was Larson Contracting of Lake Mills. The base bid for the project was \$1,103,728, which will build a structure that includes a maintenance area for buses and vehicles, a wash bay, an office, a drivers' room, restroom, utility room, as well as some storage areas.

The project will be paid for by SAVE funds. SAVE is an acronym for Secure an Advanced Vision for Education. This funding stream was formerly known as the state-wide school infrastructure sales and services tax and also known as the local option sales and services tax for school infrastructure. It is also sometimes referred to as the "state-wide penny". You may remember that in 2008, state sales, services, and use taxes increased from five to six percent. The increased one percent goes to schools on a per-pupil basis for the purpose of school infrastructure. Each school district in Iowa receives about \$1,100 per pupil, per year, as a result of the one-cent sales tax. LMCS receives approximately \$600,000 per year to be used for school infrastructure and other items declared in our revenue purpose statement.

"School infrastructure" means those activities for which a school district is authorized to contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds. These activities include the construction, reconstruction, repair, demolition work, purchasing, or remodeling of schoolhouses, stadiums, gyms, field houses, and bus garages and the procurement of schoolhouse construction sites and making of site improvements. Additionally, "school infrastructure" includes the payment or retirement of outstanding bonds previously issued for school infrastructure purposes, and the payment or retirement of bonds. The Lake Mills Community School currently does not have any debt on buildings.

Timeline...

Phase 1 has a scheduled final completion date of Aug. 6, 2023. As stated earlier, phase one includes a structure that will have a maintenance area, a wash bay, an office, a drivers' room, restroom, utility room, as well as some storage areas.

To complete the project, plans include for a bus/vehicle storage garage for 12 buses and seven passenger vehicles, a concrete floor

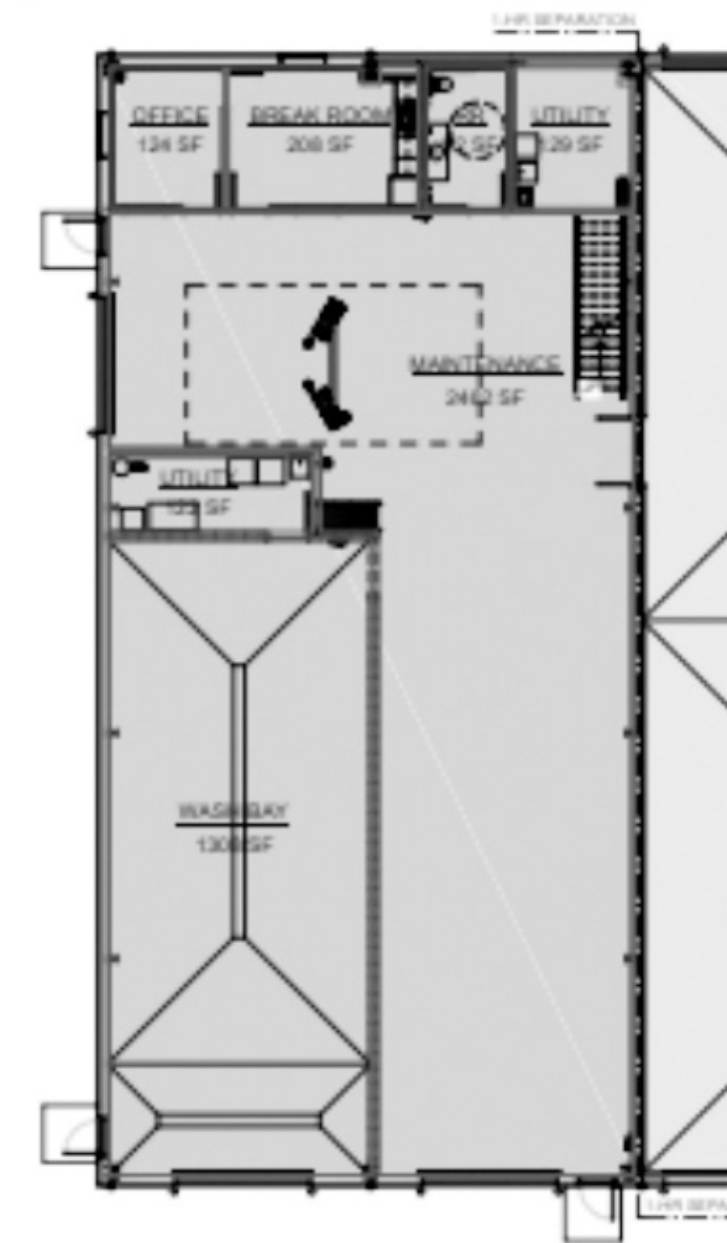
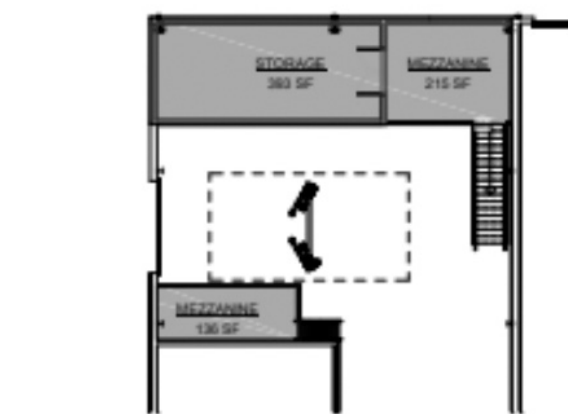
in the storage garage, and full site paving around the grounds. It would be ideal to start the next phase, and complete the whole project, as soon as phase 1 is completed. Bids to complete the full project came in between \$2.2 million and \$3.1 million.

A timeline for completion of the full project (all phases) has yet to be determined. We are also addressing the needs of a major HVAC project in the school building. The building also has an antiquated steam boiler heating system that needs to be updated. These projects are needed to have the best learning environment possible as well as increase energy efficiency in the buildings. They will also be very expensive. It is my desire to be a good steward of the district's resources and effectively ensure management of the learning environment and make it conducive to student learning.

I look forward to continuing to meet more community members in the coming weeks. I plan to continue giving some system-wide school updates on a monthly basis in the Lake Mills Graphic. If you have any questions, would like to see anything highlighted in a future article, or would like to meet about anything, please feel free to contact me. The best ways to reach me are by email (crogne@lake-mills.org) or school phone (592-0881).

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Muriel L. Bergan
February 12, 1932 –
August 31, 2022

Muriel L. Bergan, 90, Hanlontown, entered her eternal home Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022 while a resident at the Lutheran Retirement Home, Northwood. A funeral service was held Saturday, Sept. 3, at Grace Lutheran Church, Hanlontown, with Pastor Linda Johnson-Prestholt officiating. Burial was held in Brush Point Cemetery. Schroeder Funeral Homes, Northwood, was in charge of arrangements.

Muriel LouAnn was born Feb. 12, 1932 near Scarville, the daughter of Gail (Brunsvold) and Roy Peterson. She was baptized at Scarville Lutheran Church and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church, Hanlontown. She graduated from Hanlontown High School, Class of 1949. She played basketball, participating in the Iowa State Tournament, and was also honored

as the band queen for Hanlontown High School in 1949.

On April 20, 1951, Muriel married Arden L. Bergan at Grace Lutheran Church. They made their life-long home near Hanlontown, where they raised their five children. Muriel worked a short time as a bookkeeper for the Hanlontown Elevator before becoming a full-time homemaker and bookkeeper for Bergan Excavating. She also served as treasurer for Grace Lutheran WELCA for many years.

In Arden's words, "Muriel, my beloved, bore and reared our children, a lifetime partner, did the bookwork, made the meals, cared for clothing, loved flower beds, gardening, grandchildren and families. Supportive and involved in church, and daily devotions, my companion and help-mate through all circumstances, good or bad."

She is survived by her children: Diane (Rick) Aguilera, Manly; Donna (Mike) Kennedy, Hanlontown; Ruth (Gene) Simon, Clear Lake; Rebecca (Larry) Ritzert, Lake Mills; and Mark Bergan, St. Charles, Mo.; grandchildren: Jennifer (Todd) Leet, Jamie (Jason) Bonnema, Jesse (Chelsey) Aguilera, Jeromy Kennedy, Kelly Kennedy, Bridget Stitt, David Stitt Jr., Joe (Amanda) Ritzert, Sadie (Jesse) Lee, Rachel (Adam) Stene, Jack Bergan, and Teddy Bergan; 32 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: JoAnn Peterson, Arlene Keeling and Lynda Condurelis; along with many nieces and nephews.

Muriel was preceded in death by her husband, Arden; parents; sister, Marian Jennings; and brother, Marvin Peterson; as well as several sisters and brothers-in-law.



Shari Huddleston
June 9, 1952 –
September 1, 2022

Shari Huddleston, 60, Lake Mills, peacefully passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, surrounded by loved ones. There will be two services in remembrance of Shari. The first being in her hometown of Lake Mills, and the second service in Cookeville, Tenn., at her final resting place beside her husband Dale. Services in Lake Mills, will be held at Schott Funeral Home-Mittlestadt Chapel, Friday, Sept. 9, with a visitation at 3 p.m., followed by memorial services at 4 p.m. Services and burial in Cookeville, Tenn., will be held at Salem Church, 1021 Salem Church Rd., Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m.

Shari was brought into this world June 9, 1952, to Rocky and Carol Olsen in Racine, Wis. Shari graduated high school in Lake Mills, then worked many years for Fleetguard (Cummins) in both Lake Mills,

and Cookeville, Tenn. After retiring from Fleetguard, Shari worked as a dispatcher for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Shari was also heavily involved in her church (Salem Church) in Cookeville, Tenn.

Shari is survived by her sons: Chris (Diana) Adams, Keister, Minn.; Justin (Amber) Adams, Lake Mills; Tim (Katie) Adams, Cumming, Ga.; and James Huddleston, Cookeville, Tenn.; grandchildren: Kjerstin (Nick) Mosby, Lake Mills; Chelsey Gonzalez, Thompson; Cheyenne Fendrich, Kiester, Minn.; Tori Adams, Kiester, Minn.; Paige Adams, Kiester, Minn.; Destiny Adams, Spokane, Wash.; and Laurin and Tysin Adams, Cumming, Ga.; six great-grandchildren; and her siblings: Les (Shirley) Olsen, Coleharbor, N.D.; Bill (Holly) Olsen, McMinnville, Tenn.; Bonnie Clark, Raleigh, N.C.; and Jim (Candy) Olsen, Lake Mills.

Shari was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Huddleston; mother, Carol Olsen; and father, Robert "Rocky" Olsen.

Funeral notice

Clarice M. Olson, 90, Clarks Grove, Minn., passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Home, Albert Lea, Minn.

A funeral service will be held at Noon, today (Wednesday, Sept. 7), at Bonnerup Funeral and Cremation Services, Albert Lea, Minn. The family will receive friends at a visitation one hour prior to the service.

Rev. Ebbers cast in Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*

When Rev. Chris Ebbers moved to Forest City in 2020, he had a hunch he might end up on the BrickStreet Theatre stage one day. His role as Major Metcalf in Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* is turning that hunch into reality.

Ebbers and his wife, DeLyte, moved to Forest City at the beginning of the pandemic after his retirement as a United Methodist minister. They had been looking for a community halfway between their two children: a son, Jaron, who lives with his wife, Anne, and two children in Minneapolis; and a daughter, Ariel, who lives with her husband, Steve, and their child in Des Moines. Forest City earned the spot as their new hometown after finding a beautiful acreage on the edge of town. They also appreciated the fact Forest City was a college town and "felt like a nice community overall."

The Ebbers also attended BrickStreet's production of *Elf* in December 2019 on one of their hometown hunting excursions.

"I'd been told about BrickStreet by one of my parishioners (mother of BrickStreet performer Joy Newcom)," said Ebbers. "We were really impressed. The production was so ambitious and extremely well done."

Both Chris and DeLyte Ebbers had been on stage in West



Rev. Ebbers (right) rehearses for *The Mousetrap*.

Union, their previous hometown, as Grandpa Joe and Grandma Josephine in that community theatre's production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He also served as crew for a one-woman show by award-winning playwright Janet Schlapkohl.

He enjoys theatre as "an opportunity to make something fiction seem real." He shared that someone once told him that, for pastors, accomplishing that may be easier than preaching non-fiction.

"In both cases," he said, "you are trying to lift people's lives through

storytelling and to give people hope. I think theatre does that. Audiences get to live through something else for a little bit and see their own lives in a new way."

Ebbers recently filled the pulpit of Garner's United Methodist Church from April through June of this year when Rev. Mike Schaffer left on medical release. He's enjoying his time with BrickStreet, meeting people and working as part of an ensemble. Ebbers complimented directors, Daniel and Shandra Sarasio Meyer, Forest City, for a vision of the show that has perform-

ers "working well together. It's so good."

In Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, an unlikely group of diverse travelers learn about one another when they become snow-bound together. In this whodunit, five Monkswell Manor tenants become murder suspects along with the lodge's owners, a newlywed couple who struggles to keep panic at bay. *The Mousetrap* holds the distinction of being the longest, continuously running play in the world. It opened in London's West End in 1952 and ran continuously until a global pandemic shuttered it in March 2020.

The murder mystery runs Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, and Oct. 7-9. The curtain opens 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. The show will be performed in BrickStreet Theatre's new location at 1305 Hwy. 69 S., Forest City. The space houses the organization's offices, costumes, props, and scene shop. The organization currently has a Capital Campaign underway to raise funds for improved theatrical lighting, sound, and audience seating.

Tickets are available at www.brickstreettheatre.org or at the door, if available. They may be also purchased by leaving a message with the BrickStreet Box Office at 641-585-1800.



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Sunday—Pentecost 14
Monday—1:4 p.m. Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank; 3-5 p.m. Lake Mills Food Bank;

Tuesday—3 p.m. Text Study; 4 p.m. Staff Meeting; 7 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Winnebago
Wednesday—10 a.m. Bible Study at Salem; Pastor Randy at Winnebago; OIC Mission Circle at LeAnn Hagen's; 1:30 p.m. Mills Harbour Worship, Pastor Randy; 2:30 p.m. LMCC Worship, Pastor Randy; 6:15 p.m. 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation at Winnebago; 6:30 p.m. Celebration & Praise Teams Practice at Winnebago

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Tuesday—10 a.m. Caregivers Support Group

Wednesday—10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Choir Room; Noon Cadettes, Room 2
Thursday—1 p.m. Mills Harbour Bible Study; 2 p.m. WELCA, Fellowship Hall; 4 p.m. Board of Life & Growth Meeting, Fellowship Hall

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p.m. Mass

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Wednesday—5 p.m. Reconciliation; 5:30 p.m.

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Friday—8 a.m. Mass; 8:30 a.m. Adoration

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Lake Mills business under new ownership

BY KAYLEE SCHUERMANN
WINNORTH BETCO

After nearly 15 years in business, Uptown Fitness owners Heather Yeoman and Rachel Olson have decided to step down and sell the business.

“I’m looking forward to decision making and also continuing to build the studio through the classes and the boutique,” Anna Stene stated, who purchased Uptown Fitness with her husband.

Despite the transaction, Yeoman and Olson will remain on the studio’s administration team and continue instructing classes.

“Owning something on Main Street that’s giving back to the community is such an amazing feeling, but that’s not going away,” said Yeoman.

Stene joined Uptown Fitness as a member when she moved to Lake Mills in 2017 and became a yoga instructor in 2020. She became more involved throughout her time at the studio, making her a prime candidate for taking over as Yeoman and Olson prepared to step back.

Yeoman participated in jazzercise for most of her life and started teaching classes at the Lake Mills Family Fitness Center when she moved to town in 2007. As the class quickly gained traction, Yeoman founded Uptown Fitness and rented the former American Legion. The business continued to expand in customers, classes and instructors throughout the next 10 years.



BEN STENE, ANNA STENE, HEATHER YEOMAN & RACHEL OLSON

In 2020, Yeoman and Olson decided to purchase the studio’s current space; they did not know that the day after, the state of Iowa would shut down all gyms due to the COVID outbreak. The team quickly acted by moving classes online.

Yeoman said, “We had instructors teaching classes from their kitchen.”

In the meantime, Yeoman and Olson spent countless nights and days renovating their new studio, such as painting, re-flooring and

building designated fitness rooms/ spaces.

Uptown Fitness has eight instructors that meet regularly to stay up to date with each other and what is happening at the business. They also try to attend each other’s classes for support. Stene explained that this helps strengthen the sense of community in the studio.

“Heather always says that we sell relationships first and fitness second,” said Olson.

Now, Uptown Fitness offers in-

person and online memberships and offers a variety of classes, including yoga (vinyasa and gentle), jazzercise (dance mixx, flip fusion and strength 45), cycling, muay thai, barre, circuit blast, LIIT and sculpt and stretch. The studio also offers specialty classes throughout the month.

“Joining the studio was a big part of me becoming a part of the community, so I’m excited to keep giving back,” said Stene.

Hobbies for seniors residing in assisted living communities

Assisted living facilities are a vital resource for aging individuals. Data from the American Health Care Association® and the National Center for Assisted Living® indicates that more than 811,000 people reside in assisted living facilities across the United States.

Assisted living facilities have changed dramatically over the years, making them ideal options for adults who may need varying degrees of help with daily activities. Such facilities can help with activities like bathing and preparing meals, but they also can help residents find and explore new or existing hobbies. As individuals adjust to life in assisted living facilities, finding new hobbies or rediscovering old passions can be a great way to connect with fellow residents.

• **Reading:** Reading is a rewarding activity that can greatly benefit seniors and provide an engaging pastime for those with limited mobility. Many assisted living facilities offer activities that are designed to foster communication between

residents and a book club can do just that. What’s more, reading every day may be especially valuable for people age 65 and older. A 2018 study published in the journal JAMA Psychiatry found that dementia risk was considerably lower among men and women 65 and older who participated in intellectual activities like reading than it was among seniors who did not engage in such pursuits.

• **Gardening:** AARP notes that gardening provides a host of health benefits that go beyond ensuring fresh fruits and vegetables will be on the dinner table. For example, vitamin D is vital to bone health, which is important for aging men and women who are vulnerable to osteoporosis. A 2014 study from researchers in Italy found that exposure to sunlight can help older adults get adequate amounts of vitamin D. Signing up for a gardening club can be a great way for seniors to get some exercise, enjoy time outside the assisted living facility and promote strong bones.

• **Art therapy:** According to the Chicago Methodist Senior Services, art therapy is a creative form of therapy designed to help older adults with memory loss or those experiencing mental or physical stress. The Harvard Medical School notes that recent research has indicated that engaging in creative activities may be more effective at delaying cognitive decline than merely appreciating creative works. A 2014 study from researchers in Germany found that retirees who painted and sculpted had greater improvements in spatial reasoning and emotional resilience than a similar group who attended art appreciation classes. Many assisted living facilities offer art therapy or similar programs to residents, and enrolling in such programs can promote social interaction and provide numerous benefits to men and women over 65.

Assisted living facilities offer an array of programs designed to help residents develop rewarding hobbies that can benefit their long-term health.

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Long-term care assists people in their homes, in the community or in various types of facilities with various daily and medical requirements. According to WebMD, research shows that many people are unaware of long-term care options or may be misinformed about what’s out there.

Home care

Various services can be utilized in the comfort of home. According to the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee Office on Aging, services can include home-delivered meals, pest control, minor home modifications, or visiting nurses and health aides. Other benefits may include shopping or physical therapy.

Community care

Community services can include adult day care centers, meal programs, senior centers, community transportation, and others. Community services enable people to continue to live in the community with some support. They also may help family or friends serving as caregivers enjoy a break from the assistance they have been providing.

Care facilities

Long-term care may be mistaken

as strictly nursing homes, but facilities extend to places that provide other services. Here’s a look at the care facilities.

• **Independent senior living:** Independent living facilities may provide assistance only when needed. Amenities are designed to make things easier and more convenient for residents. Fitness centers, pools, dining venues, and transportation may be included. These facilities tend to provide the most independent form of senior living. Some independent living facilities are part of larger continuing care retirement communities that have staged care that goes from independent to skilled nursing.

• **Assisted living:** These homes provide 24-hour supervision, meals, healthcare services, and other forms of assistance in a home-like setting. Types of services include laundry, housekeeping, medication dispersal, and dressing.

• **Skilled nursing homes:** Nursing homes provide care for those who cannot care for themselves at home or in the community. These facilities offer many services all under one roof, like rehabilitative services, meals, activities, and around-the-clock care. Some skilled nursing homes offer temporary care after an injury or illness and are used in lieu of an extended hospital stay.

It is never too early to begin planning for elder care that may include long-term care possibilities. Individuals are urged to work with an elder care lawyer to help navigate the complexities of planning for medical care and their potential financial needs.

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August 23, 2022
The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors met in session at 8:30 A.M. August 23, 2022 adjourned from August 16, 2022.

Present: Supervisors Durby, Jensvold, and Smith
Absent:

The meeting is held today via YouTube and a conference call.

On a motion by Jensvold and seconded by Durby the Supervisors moved to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2022 Board Meeting and approve the Agenda for August 23, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the engagement agreement with Jason Comisky, Ahlers and Cooney, PC. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Karla Weiss, Auditor discussed what needs to be done to get the EMS Public Measure on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to open the Public Hearing for the Master Matrix for Iowa Cage Free, LLP. All voted aye. Motion carried. Present at the meeting was Supervisors Durby, Jensvold and Smith, Auditor Karla Weiss, Scott Meinders, County Engineer, Josh Warkentin, A.J. Taylor, Robert Schwartz, Conservation, and Craig Rowles.

There was discussion regarding the project. There was no public comment. On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to close the Public Hearing. All voted aye. Motion carried. On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the Master Matrix for Iowa Cage Free, LLP. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Scott Meinders, Engineer discussed Secondary Road matters including bridge work and discussed the disrepair of the Forest City Shop and wanting to replace it with a new building. The Supervisors discussed its location and possible locations for a new building.

Kris Oswald, Drainage Clerk discussed drainage district matters.

On a motion by Smith and seconded by Durby the Supervisors moved to approve the petition to add an observation intake to DD 43 Lat 2. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On a motion by Smith and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the addition of outlet tiles to the main ditch on DD 3. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the Public Health building. During the meeting with Gary Anderson, new information was brought up regarding trail resurfacing, new secondary road building, HVAC in the courthouse, drinking fountain in the courthouse, water and sewer assistance for people who build a house in rural areas of the County. On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the purchase of a drinking fountain for the courthouse and \$8,000 water and sewer assistance for home builders in rural areas with details to be decided. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The following Manure Management plans were received by the Auditor's office: Albertson West Site #64712 and Albertson East Site #64709, in Winnebago County, Iowa.

The session was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. August 30, 2022.

Susan Smith, Chairperson

Attest: Karla Weiss, Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION MINOR NAME CHANGE

Notice of Hearing by Publication
Minor Name Change
Minn. Stat. 259.10
State of Minnesota
District Court
Third Judicial District
County of Freeborn
Court File No. 24-CV-22-1162

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On Behalf of:
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For a Change of Name to:
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To:
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An Application for Name Change has been filed by Bethany Sarah Jensen for a change of name for the minor child(ren) Astrid Skye Robins-Priestley to Astrid Skye Jensen. A

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Hearing will be held remotely; you can obtain a copy of the remote hearing notice at the Freeborn County Courthouse.

You may obtain a copy of the Application for Name Change from Freeborn County Court Administration, 411 South Broadway, Freeborn, MN 56007.

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Dated August 26, 2022.
Rebecca S. Mittag
Court Administrator
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Iowa Department of Natural Resources

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A copy of the full notice, with instructions for submitting written comments or to request a public hearing, is available for review on the DNR's Web site at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Solid-Waste/Solid-Waste-Public-Notices> and will be mailed to an interested person upon request to the DNR staff contact. Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Wednesday, August 31, September 7, 14 and 21 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE - WINNEBAGO COUNTY

NOTICE OF ACTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A LEVY AND IMPOSING A VOTER-APPROVED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX AND LOCAL OPTION INCOME SURTAX PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 422D

Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, State of Iowa, at its special meeting on the 30th day of August, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Winnebago County Courthouse, Board of Supervisors Office, 126 S. Clark St., Forest City, Iowa, took action to call a special election submitting the question of adopting a levy and imposing a voter-approved emergency medical services property tax and local option income surtax pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D.

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Polling hours for said election shall be in accordance with the Notice of Election to be published by the Commissioner of Elections.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of County of Winnebago, State of Iowa, as provided by Section 442D.1(3) of the Code of Iowa.

Dated at Forest City, Iowa, this 30th day of August, 2022.

Karla Weiss (signed)
County Auditor, County of Winnebago, State of Iowa
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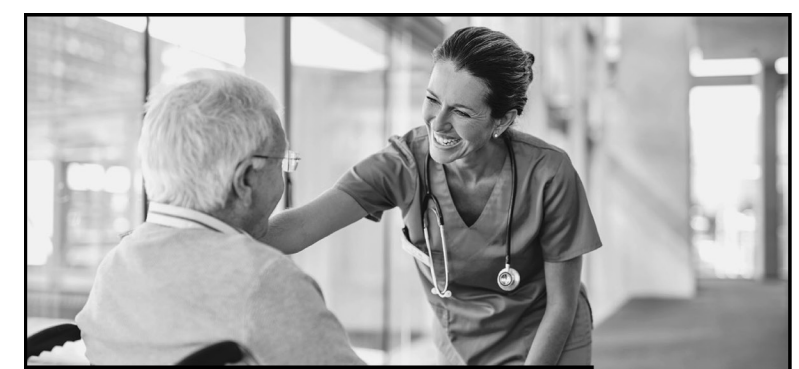
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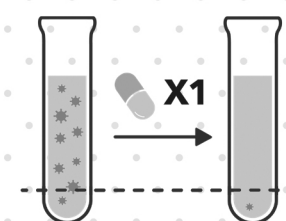
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Brandon and Cheyanne Smith to Melissa Albertson, lot 8, block 94, Forest City.

Lucille Carlson to BLS LLC, lot 2, Berglands 1st Addition, Lake Mills.

Linda Gangsei, Kathryn Wren attorney-in-fact to Steve Shortenhaus, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 7, Buffalo Center.

Carol Pederson to Steven Pederson, lots 5 and 6, block 9, CD Smiths Addition, Lake Mills.

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Lynnae Boortmann to Jamie Price, lots 16, 17 and 18, block 54, Buffalo Center.

Christina Grothe to David Peterson LE, Mary Peterson LE, Kristopher Peterson and Megan Ritter, lot 7, Lake Mills, section 2, Center Township.

Brent Butler and Jennifer Butler to Logan Swearingen, lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 28, Thompson.

Uptown Fitness LLC to Benanna Stene LLC, lot 17, Lake Mills, section 2, Center Township.

Heather Butler to Brent Butler, lots, 11, 2, 13, 14 and 15, block 28, Thompson.

Great night for Bulldog offense

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

The LMHS football team took the field late in the evening against the Central Springs Panthers last Friday, Sept. 2, in their second game of the 2022 season.

The Panthers seized an early lead, outscoring the Bulldogs in both the first and second quarters, and Lake Mills was trailing 16-27 as the game went into halftime.

After a long delay due to lighting, the Panthers would score twice more in the third quarter to extend their lead 16-41. The Bulldogs would put mighty effort into overcoming the deficit in the fourth quarter, scoring two touchdowns to narrow the gap, but were ultimately unable to overcome, and so were defeated 30-41.

Head Coach Bill Byrnes noted that the Bulldogs had a good night on offense, but still ended up struggling on defense.

“Our alignments have to get better, and we need to get stops,” said Coach Byrnes. “In the second half the game was much more a back and forth battle, but once again, defensively we have to be able to get their offense off the field.”

The Bulldog offense had a great night on the ground, with a total of 366 yards as a team as the offensive line did an excellent job of creating opportunities for Lake Mills’ runningbacks.

Beau Kaufman led the team in rushing yards, with 140 yards and two touchdowns off of 26 carries. Brady Hanson had five carries for a total of 90 yards and one touchdown, while Alex Mannes ran for a total of 41 yards and one touchdown off of 10 carries. Hayden Helgeson went 2-4 on pass attempts at the quarterback position, with two short completions for a total of two yards through the air.

On defense, it was Helgeson that led the Bulldogs in stops, getting 6.5 tackles during the game. Kaufman was close behind with six tackles, while Jerry Jensen and Wyatt Hanna had four tackles and two tackles, respectively.

With this loss to Central Springs, Lake Mills’ overall season record currently stands at 0-2.

Strong showing for cross country team

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

The LMHS cross country teams put had a strong showing at their first meet of the 2022 season last Tuesday, Aug. 30, with the boys’ team taking fifth place overall (133 points) while the girls team took ninth place (238 points).

“Great things were shown tonight and I am very excited for our future,” said Head Coach Beth VanRoekel regarding the Newman meet. “There were a lot of bigger schools here today and we stayed competitive. It was a very difficult course to run, so I’m looking forward to future races to see how our teams will do.”

On the boys team, Justin Rygh medaled and secured a fourth place finish after finishing the course with a time of 18:15.3.

Knute Rogne took ninth place with a time of 19:49.6.

Coach VanRoekel noted that among the top five finishers on the Bulldogs, four of them were underclassmen, and seeing times like this from such a young team has her looking forward to what the team will accomplish in the future.

Josie Helgeson was the top finisher for the Bulldog girls, finishing the race with a time of 24:25.0 to take 20th place. The girls team was able to field five runners at the meet, which meant they got a team score for the first time in years.

Volleyball season off to a great start

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER
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Belmond-Klemme

The Bulldogs swept the Broncos 3-0 in their second volleyball match of the 2022 season last Tuesday, Aug. 30. The first two sets were somewhat close, with the Bulldogs triumphing 25-16 and 25-19. Lake Mills closed out the final set of the match much more decisively, defeating the Broncos 25-11 in a set that ended with a stunning block by Ava Moen to win the match.

Though the Bulldogs ultimately won the match, Head Coach Jim Boehmer noted that the team’s serve-receive game was “inconsistent.”

“It was a horrible serving night,” said Coach Boehmer. “We missed 11 serves as a team, and we gave our opponents 11 free points. Nearly one in four points scored by Belmond tonight was because of a missed serve.”

On offense, Ellie Hanna led the team in kills, racking up a total of 18 during the match. Ella Stene got nine kills against the Broncos, and both her and Hanna hit over .400 that night. Dottie Byars got eight kills, while Ava Moen and Karli Helgeson had five and two kills, respectively.

Helgeson had “another solid night,” as Coach Boehmer put it, running the Bulldogs’ offense, with 31 assists during the match. Coach Boehmer went on to say that Helgeson’s work ethic and desire for improvement has been a “big bright spot” as a coach.

On the serve, Hanna went 14-15 with two aces and was the most consistent at the service line for the Bulldogs in the match. Helgeson led the team in aces, with three total, while Taylor Vanek got two aces.

As a team, the Bulldogs got 12 blocks during the match, with Hanna leading the team in that category with a total of four. Finley Rogstad blocked three shots from the Broncos, while Ava Moen had two blocks, including the one in set three that ended the match. Natalie Brandenburg and Taylor Vanek led the team in digs, each of them getting seven, while Brynn Rognes was just behind them, recording a total of five digs.

Bishop-Garrigan

The LMHS volleyball team faced off across the net against the Bishop-Garrigan Golden Bears last Thursday, Sept. 3, and took all three sets (25-17, 25-12, 25-15) to decisively win the match. Head Coach

NOTICE

WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING

THE LAKE MILLS WATER DEPARTMENT WILL BE FLUSHING THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEM FOR 2 WEEKS BEGINNING SEPT. 12 thru SEPT. 24 FOR ALL AREAS OF THE TOWN

The water may be discolored in some areas for a period of time once the mains have been flushed but it is safe to drink. Water utility customers are advised to refrain from doing laundry during this period since the discolored water may stain clothing.

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JOSIE HELGESON

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KARLI HELGESON

Jim Boehmer said he was proud of the team’s emotion and energy against a tough opponent.

“I thought we played very well tonight in nearly every phase of the game,” said Coach Boehmer. “I always know this is a big match. It never matters what the situation is, you have to be prepared to play with the Golden Bears.”

The Bulldogs offense racked up a total of 34 kills against the Golden Bears, with Ellie Hanna once again leading in that category, recording 11 during the match. Ella Stene racked up nine kills during the game, while Dottie Byars had seven.

Karli Helgeson once again had 31 assists in the match as she continues to run the Bulldog offense. Coach Boehmer noted that Helgeson gets her hitters to “run fast” and that she “moves the ball around well.”

“We are starting to become a pin-to-pin team. We have to keep working to read opposing blockers and we can add another element to our game.”

The team also had a much better night at the service line, with only five missed serves, as opposed to the 11 they recorded in Tuesday’s match. Helgeson went 13-14 on the serve with three aces, while Taylor

Vanek, Natalie Brandenburg, and Finley Rogstad each served at 100 percent against Bishop-Garrigan.

On defense, the Bulldogs recorded a total of 22 digs, with Brynn Rognes and Rogstad leading the team in that category, with five each. Vanek recorded four digs during the match, while Brandenburg had three.

Coach Boehmer commented that with these four on the floor, the Bulldogs have been very good at extending plays and put together a solid defense. The Bulldogs also had a number of timely blocks during the match that forced the Golden Bears to hit around them or tip, and Coach Boehmer noted that the team provided very few holes in the defense for their opponents.

Lake Mills also traveled to compete in the Algona Tournament Saturday, Sept. 3, with Coach Boehmer saying ahead of the match that the tournament would be “more than just a test” for the Bulldogs.

“It will be a gauntlet with five 3A teams and one of them rated number four,” said Boehmer. “I want us to be able to compete with bigger schools so that will be our chance.”

Results will be in the next issue of the Lake Mills Graphic.

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CITY-WIDE Fall CLEANUP 2022

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All items that you would like to dispose of can be brought to the disposal site, west of the Creamery, on the following date:

ONE DAY ONLY

7 A.M UNTIL FULL,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Please do not bring recyclable items to the disposal site.

We will NOT be accepting the following items: appliances, brown goods (electronics), tires, or hazardous materials.

Leaves and brush may also be brought to the disposal site, if the gate is locked you MUST wait until the next working day to unload. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please take your leaf bags or containers with you.

Fall Cleanup is for garbage-paying Lake Mills residents only!

LAKE MILLS FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Participation is open to all residents within the boundaries of the City of Lake Mills. Entry is free; no cost or fees apply. Contest is for EXTERIOR DECORATIONS ONLY, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done from outside the residence and will be based on “curb appeal” as viewed from the street only. Therefore only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots can be judged from both streets). Displays must be appropriate and family-friendly. Any displays that are overly scary, gruesome, or gory will be subject to disqualification.

ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOON, FRIDAY, OCT. 7. Displays must be up by 5:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 15. REGISTRATIONS DUE Oct. 7 @ 12 PM

Registration details & form available online: <https://forms.gle/EGFznZLGoezMqBrC6>

Or fill out this form and drop off at the LMCDC office.

Voting will be open Oct. 15 at 6:30 pm through Oct. 27 at 11:59 pm.

Displays must be up at the start, and through the entirety, of the voting period, and are encouraged to display decorations through Halloween.

Winners will be published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Nov. 3. Top 3 displays will receive LM Bucks prizes!

1st place: \$250
2nd place: \$150
3rd place: \$100

Name _____

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Phone _____

What Time of Day is Your Display Best Visible?
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____ Night

Will Your Display Frighten Children?
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____ No
____ Possibly

_____ I understand that my display must be completed by 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, in order to be officially entered into the competition. I also understand that the planning committee has the authority to disqualify my entry if it does not meet the requirements listed on this form, or for any other valid reason. Furthermore, I agree to allow photographs and videos of my display, and for my address and name, to be published by the LMCDC and the Lake Mills Graphic for promotional purposes.