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Area briefs

## Iowans can begin requesting absentee ballots

Iowans can begin requesting absentee ballots for the November general election. State law allows Iowans to request absentee ballots beginning 70 days before an election. County auditors will begin mailing absentee ballots starting Oct. 19. That is also the first day Iowans can vote in-person for the Nov. 8 election.

Absentee ballot request forms are available on the Secretary of State's website. Voters need to download the form and mail it to their county auditor. Providing a phone number or email address on the form is encouraged, but not required.

For more information to help prepare for the general election, Iowans are encouraged to visit [VoterReady.iowa.gov](http://VoterReady.iowa.gov).



Bonnie Kay Baldwin/LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

## North Prairie Lutheran Church to be torn down, monument planned

BY BONNIE KAY BALDWIN  
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

A sad day for former members of the congregation of North Prairie Lutheran Church, last Thursday, Sept. 1, as AJB Enterprises, Lake Mills, took down the steeple of the church. It has been a landmark for many, visible from Hwy. 69 and the five-mile curve, west of Lake Mills.

"It took about four hours to bring the steeple to the ground," said Roger Solomonson, chairman and treasurer of the North Prairie Cemetery Committee. Other members of the board who struggled with the decision are: Emily Voldahl (vice chair), DeAnn Peterson (secretary), Brian Abele, Allan Olson, Nancy Fjelstad, Doug Hanna, Jim Sletten, and Robin Martinson. The reason the steeple was taken down first, was to save the bell. The bell was made in New York and cost \$285 to buy and around \$60 to ship. The treasured artifact will be used to add to a monument being planned, to stand between two slabs of black granite, one etched with a picture of the church.

The history of the church began when steps were taken in 1869 to formally organize the congregation and Rev. Torgerson was the first minister. In 1885, North Prairie officially incorporated. The church was built in 1891 and cornerstone activities were held July 12, of that year. The chancel, vestry and balcony were added in 1898, with the entire church completed and a dedication held.

The church closed in 2004, after 135 years of active ministry. For a brief time there were hopes of an ELCM (Evangelical Lutheran Conference and Ministerium) mission congregation led by Pastor Chris Martin) using the church, but it was short-lived.

The board also hosted a Memorial Day weekend worship each year for about six to eight years. But, because of the lack of upkeep, Solomonson said, black mold took over the building.

"The board has moved slow and been deliberate, to consider all options for the building. We've been very deliberate in what were doing, because we want to honor the people who went to church there, and those that are buried in the cemetery there. We just want to do it right when we do it."

Within a couple of weeks, AJB Enterprises will be chipping away at what's left of the building and hauling it away.

"It's been cleared out and all keepsakes given away. We've ordered a granite monument to put up next year. Then we will have a big dedication of the memorial when it's completed," stated Solomonson.

"I was a member there for 25 years. I was baptized, confirmed and married there, and my kids were members there," said Nancy Fjelstad. "There are a lot of memories. It's sad to see it go, but it was also sad to see the shape it was in. It was hard for all of us to decide, but it had to be done."



WCTA Board of Directors (L-R): Curt Helland, Larry Foley, Shanan Redinger, Dale Meinders, Mark R. Johnson, Steve Thorland and Mike Stensrud.

## WCTA annual meeting set for Sept. 22

The Annual Meeting of the Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (WCTA) will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Members have the option of attending the meeting in person at the Lake Mills High School gym or virtually. If members wish to attend virtually, they may join online and watch the live video.

For more information, visit [www.wctatel.net/annual-meeting](http://www.wctatel.net/annual-meeting).

Financial and operating reports will be presented to members covering the last 12 months of activities, construction, and operation. The election of directors will take place at the meeting.

Board members whose terms expire are Mark R. Johnson, Leland; and Dale Meinders, Buffalo Center.

The Nominating Committee has selected the follow-

ing slate of candidates to be voted upon at the annual meeting: Dylan Voortmann, Buffalo Center; and Darrick Weissenfluh, Forest City.

WCTA Directors are Mark R. Johnson, president; Steve Thorland, vice president; Mike Stensrud, secretary/treasurer; Larry Foley, Curt Helland, Dale Meinders, and Shanan Redinger.

WCTA members will receive ballots and notices prior to the Sept. 22 Annual Meeting. Members can vote by mail or in person at the meeting.

Members who return their voting ballots in the yellow return envelope by Sept. 22 are eligible for prize drawings. WCTA will be giving away four 50" 4K Smart TVs, three 64 GB Apple iPad Air tablets, and two iRobot Roomba vacuums.

Weather

THURSDAY		
Partly Cloudy	83°	62°
FRIDAY		
Partly Cloudy	81°	63°
SATURDAY		
Iso. T-Storms, 40%	80°	64°
SUNDAY		
Mostly Sunny	83°	68°
MONDAY		
Sunny	88°	69°
TUESDAY		
Scattered T-Storms, 60%	79°	57°
WEDNESDAY		
Partly Cloudy	67°	48°

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

Date	Hi	Low	Prec.
Sept. 6	77°	52°	—
Sept. 7	81°	57°	—
Sept. 8	82°	55°	—
Sept. 9	72°	55°	—
Sept. 10	66°	46°	.75"
Sept. 11	70°	41°	—
Sept. 12	70°	45°	—



## Secretary Pate urges Iowans to check their voter registration

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is encouraging Iowans to ensure they are registered to vote at their current residence. September is National Voter Registration Month, and with the Nov. 8 general election approaching this is an ideal time for eligible Iowans to register for the first time or update their registration to ensure their information is current. Tuesday, Sept. 20, is National Voter Registration Day.

"The best way to make your voice heard is by registering to vote and participating in elections. It gives you power," Secretary Pate said. "I urge all eligible, but unregistered Iowans to take just three minutes this month and register to vote. If you're already registered, make sure the information we have on file is up to date."

It has never been easier to register to vote in Iowa. There are a variety of options available, including online, through the mail, at many government agency offices, and at the polls, before your cast

your ballot. Ensuring you are registered at your current residence allows for a much quicker check-in process on election day.

This year marks the 20th year since the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) established September as National Voter Registration Month. Established in 2002, it is a non-partisan means of encouraging voter participation and increasing awareness about state requirements and deadlines for voting.

To register to vote in Iowa, you must be at least 17 years old. The deadline to pre-register before November's general election is Monday, Oct. 24. Approximately 90 percent of eligible Iowans are registered to vote, and Iowa is consistently one of the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and participation.

To check your voter registration status, register to vote or update your information, visit [VoterReady.iowa.gov](http://VoterReady.iowa.gov).



## Lake Mills to hold First Annual Halloween House and Yard Decoration Contest

The community asked, and so shall they receive. Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation and the Lake Mills Graphic are sponsoring the first annual Halloween House and Yard Decoration 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 12 Noon, Friday, Oct. 7. Displays must be up by 5

p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15. Registration details and a form are available online. Visit the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation Facebook page. An entry form was also printed in the Sept. 7 issue of the Lake Mills Graphic. Those wishing to register may fill out that form and drop it off at the LMDCD office on N. 1st Ave. W.

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

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

Winners will be published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Nov. 3. Top three displays will receive LM Bucks prizes—first place \$250; second place \$150; and third place \$100.

So, grab your jack-o-lanterns, skeletons, spiders, bats, witches, tombstones, ghosts, or whatever Halloween items you have, and start decorating.

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# America's future rests with independent and swing voters

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It's well known America's first president warned citizens—on Sept. 17, 1796—about the negative impact political parties could have on the country. In George Washington's farewell address he felt politicians and their party of preference could become "unprincipled."

The divisiveness our political parties and their operative sons and daughters have purposely brought upon America is disheartening and shameful.

With the 2022 mid-term national- and state-elections about eight weeks away the negative partisanship ads have already begun. It's a sad state of affairs we have to endure disinformation, misinformation and political shenanigans every two years.

A recent Yahoo News/YouGov poll noted 55 percent of Democrats and 53 percent of Republicans believe it is "likely" that the US will "cease to be a democracy in the future" (Salon, June 23). An Aug. 12-16 NBC News poll revealed 21 percent of registered voters rank "threats to democracy" as the most important issue.

The democracy time bomb is ticking. This should be a wake-up call to anyone who identifies as a proud American and values unity, individualism, equality, self-government, liberty and diversity.

Therefore, it could be argued the Tue., Nov. 8 election outcome will let us know in advance of the 2024 presidential election whether we'll continue to live in a "Will of the People" democracy or if America will fall to fascism.

According to Gallup, as of March, 40 percent of voters are independent, 30 percent are Democrat and 28 percent say they are Republican.

Party diehards who view their party policies as the gospel will blindly vote for their candidate—just like lemmings who can't think on their own accord—even if she or he is the devil.

Dr. Rachel Bitecofer, founding editor of The Cycle and revered election forecaster and analyst, feels 6-7 percent of swing voters (people who vote for a candidate opposite their registered party) affect every election. Plus, she notes 6 percent of independents "tend to vote for

whoever promises a break with the status quo" (Politico, 2020).

Independent voters are independent for a reason. They know we have a deeply divided and antagonistic political system. According to the Pew Research Center survey, about two-thirds of independents are swing voters because "both parties care more about special interests than about average Americans" (www.centerforward.org).

Linda Killian, a senior scholar at the non-partisan Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars notes about half of the independents are closest Democrats/Republicans who vote regularly with one party. The remaining 50 percent are truly independent with their allegiance swinging from election to election (ibid).

While Bitecofer, Gallup, Pew Research Center and Killian can't agree as to the precise number of swing and independent voters, the message is the same: somewhere between 38 and 65 million voters are sick and tired of our political party propaganda peddlers.

Recognizing that independents detest negative campaign ads, today's negative partisanship ads by the GOP and Democrats may drive independents to be even more serious about voting than heretofore. And, we know a lot of card-carrying Democrats and Republicans aren't too pleased with their party, former politician's bold-face lies and antics and currently elected politician's actions, let alone their non-actions.

It would be wise for every registered voter to take the Nov. 8, 2022 election seriously as it may—just may—give us an advance warning as to whether America will remain as a democracy or fall to fascism in 2024.

What type of citizen will you be on Tue., Nov. 8: a sit-at-home-non-participating voter, a party lemming, swing voter or independent voter? Your heirs and our country's future are dependent upon your precious vote, whether you view voting as a fundamental right or a privilege with responsibilities.

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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
In an earlier letter to the editor, I quoted Prince Talleyrand of 17th century France to Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte who said, "You can do many things with bayonets, but it is rather uncomfortable to sit on them."

I wrote, "The quote seems to me to be analogous to the American gun culture of the 21st century i.e. you can do many things with guns except sit on them. And sit on them, Americans don't."

I want to follow up the (7/20/22) article with an amplification of this summer's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the 2nd Amendment. The new ruling by the Court expands on an earlier decision of a person's right to possess fire arms at home for self-protection to allowing persons to carry firearms in public. While this new ruling is expected to affect laws in only seven states (excluding Iowa) and Washington D.C., researchers estimate nine million U.S. adults carry loaded handguns monthly and that three million carry loaded handguns every day.

Now while I'm concerned that gun regulations often favor the privileged, creating racial disparities, (i.e. roughly 41 percent of white households own guns compared to just 19 percent of black households). When it comes to guns, white and black Americans are sitting on different stacks of bayonets (i.e. guns).  
Nevertheless, Justice Clarence Thomas, who wrote the majority opinion for the nine justices on the Supreme Court Bench said, "Concern for public safety isn't enough to justify new gun controls." "Your Honor, Really?" Tell

that to a man shot and killed by his brother over a disputed cheeseburger. Or tell that to a stepson who was shot and killed by his stepfather for jumping on the bed. Or tell that to the man who was shot by his neighbor for feeding squirrels. Or tell that to the toddler who was shot three times by a man after his mother didn't flirt back with him. Or tell that to a woman who was shot by a 10 year old girl after being handed her mother's purse with a loaded hand gun, while her mother was having an altercation with the woman.  
I think most people would agree that these shootings and/or killings for petty and dumb reasons are completely insane.  
Contrary to Justice Thomas, it should make common sense that guns carried in public, pose a danger to public safety. Loaded guns can quickly escalate everyday conflicts into deadly altercations, causing tragic, irreversible damage to innocent lives. These dangers are amplified when states weaken their standards.  
Such is the case with asking citizens of Iowa to vote favorably for a dangerous Constitutional Amendment on the Iowa ballot in November. Supporters claim HJR4/SJR1 simply protects 2nd Amendment rights in Iowa. Iowa courts have previously rejected the language of this amendment as a dangerous standard, when it comes to common sense law that keeps guns out of the hands of domestic abusers.

I invite sensible Iowans to join me and vote NO on this amendment at the voting booth this November.  
Rev. Jerry Robertson  
Lake Mills

## 2022 Election coverage on Iowa PBS's Iowa Press

As the 2022 midterm elections approach, Iowa PBS will offer coverage of several races for statewide office on its weekly public affairs program, Iowa Press. Episodes premiere Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Featured races include: attorney general of Iowa, Iowa secretary of state, Iowa secretary of agriculture and Iowa treasurer of state.

For each discussion, host and moderator Kay Henderson will be joined by Iowa political reporters at the Iowa Press table. Both candidates campaigning for each office will answer questions from reporters and discuss their platforms, concerns and future plans.

Candidates for Iowa secretary of state Joel Miller (D-Cedar Rapids) and Paul Pate (R-Cedar Rapids), incumbent secretary of state, will appear on the Sept. 16 edition of the program. This program will be broadcast Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 18 at noon on Iowa PBS. The program will also be broadcast on Iowa PBS WORLD .3 Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Mike Naig (R-Dallas County), incumbent secretary of agriculture, and John Norwood (D-Ankeny) will appear on the Sept. 30 edition to discuss the Iowa secretary of agriculture race. This program will be broadcast Friday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 2 at noon on Iowa PBS. The program will also be broadcast on Iowa PBS WORLD .3 Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8:30 a.m.

The Iowa treasurer of state race will be covered on the Oct. 7 edition of Iowa Press with candidates Michael Fitzgerald (D-Des Moines), incumbent treasurer of state, and Roby Smith (R-Davenport). This program will be broadcast Friday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9 at noon on Iowa PBS. The program will also be broadcast on Iowa PBS WORLD .3 Saturday, Oct. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Since its inaugural broadcast in 1971, Iowa Press has engaged the best local journalists to interview experts, politicians and other

newsworthy figures while exploring issues of state and national interest. Each week, Iowa Press invites newsmakers, policy makers and elected officials to join political reporters in a weekly discussion.

### Iowa Press Debates: Governor

Iowa PBS will hold an Iowa Press debate for the Iowa Governor's race Monday, Oct. 17, at Iowa PBS studios in Johnston. The hour-long debate will begin at 7 p.m. The program will air live on statewide Iowa PBS and be streamed on iowapbs.org, YouTube, Twitter and Facebook.

Incumbent Republican Governor Kim Reynolds and Democratic challenger Deirdre DeJear will answer questions from reporters and discuss their platforms, concerns and plans for Iowa's future. Reynolds is running for reelection to a second full term as governor. DeJear is a small business owner who was nominated for Secretary of State in 2018 but has not yet held public office. Kay Henderson, host of Iowa Press, will moderate the debate with a panel of Iowa political journalists asking the candidates questions. There will be no studio audience during the debate.

Spanish language interpretation will be available for Iowa Press Debates: Governor via SAP. Episodes with Spanish audio will be available on demand on iowapbs.org and YouTube. Funding for language interpretation of this program is provided by Wells Fargo.

In addition to its statewide broadcast, Iowa PBS .1 is available to livestream on iowapbs.org/watch, pbs.org/livestream, the PBS Video App and YouTube TV. Iowa PBS programs, behind-the-scenes extras and more can be enjoyed on iowapbs.org, Facebook and YouTube. Viewers can also stream their favorite shows on demand using the PBS Video App, available on iOS, Android and many streaming devices.  
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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
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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
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### Congressman Feenstra visits Lake Mills

Congressman Randy Feenstra visited Lake Mills last Friday afternoon, Sept. 9. He was greeted at City Hall by a group of local professionals and given a tour of downtown. The group visited several downtown businesses and discussion was had on the community's history, accomplishments, and current issues. Pictured (L-R): Melissa Michaelis (Winn-Worth Betco Executive Director), Cassie Johnson (LMCDC Executive Director), Congressman Randy Feenstra, Cathy Bernhardt (LMCDC board member and insurance agent at WIA), Krystal Thoe (Lake Mills Care Center administrator and LMCDC Board president), and Katie Peterson (small business owner and city council member).

### Q&A: Community Pharmacies

With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

**Q:** How do Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) inflate prescription drug costs?

**A:** When I make my 99 county visits across Iowa, I hear from Iowans about the high costs of prescription drugs and the sticker shock at the pharmacy counter. It turns out that sticker shock is a two-way street for independent community pharmacies. This summer, I visited a community pharmacy in Estherville and discussed the financial hardship it faced with retroactive fees collected by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). They are the third-party companies who manage prescription drug benefits on behalf of health insurers and employers. These retroactive fees are called Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) and underscore the complicated pricing structure for prescription drugs that hurt community pharmacies and cost consumers more out of pocket. The secrecy cloaking the true cost of prescription drugs allows prices to be inflated along the murky supply chain before it reaches the consumer's medicine cabinet. DIR started out as a way to ensure rebates and price breaks from drug manufacturers didn't result in the government paying more for drugs. However, between 2010 and 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reported retroactive DIR fees increased by a whopping 107,400 percent. The PBMs are collecting more than \$9 billion a year from pharmacies. In some cases, PBMs claw back payments from pharmacies even a year after the point of sale. As a result, Iowa pharmacists tell me seniors are paying more than they need to at the pharmacy counter. Another community pharmacist in Dubuque called into my teletown meeting in September to weigh in on this issue. The community pharmacies are getting squeezed by PBMs and it's making it harder for them to stay in business. This business model is unpredictable, unfair and unsustainable. In Iowa we have 300 independent pharmacies serving Iowans in local communities across the state. If a community pharmacy closes its doors because it can no longer afford to stay open, Iowans are left without convenient access to on-site medication therapy management with a trusted local health professional.

shine to hold prices down and hold stakeholders along the entire supply chain accountable. My Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act would reform Medicare Part D to help lower drug costs \$72 billion for seniors and save the taxpayer \$95 billion. It would cap out-of-pocket expenses, eliminate the donut hole and cap rising drug prices at the inflation price index. It also includes critical transparency and accountability measures that were omitted in the partisan massive tax and spending bill. In the last few years, I've helped enact a series of bills that will save taxpayer dollars and lower costs for patients. The CREATES Act, the Right to Rebate Act and the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act and other reforms enacted so far this Congress will save \$9.6 billion over the next decade. Not only that, it brings a dose of common sense to the pharmacy counter. For example, the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act prohibits a health insurance plan or pharmacy benefit manager from restricting a pharmacy from informing a patient about differences between the out-of-pocket cost of a drug and the cost of the drug without health insurance coverage. In other words, if a patient can pay less for a drug out-of-pocket instead of using insurance, the consumer ought to be told that information. I'm also pressing CMS for answers on the implementation of a real-time benefit tool that empowers seniors to know more about

the true cost of their medications. In my years of fighting corruption and wasteful spending, I've learned sunshine is truly the best disinfectant. Transparency brings accountability. And that's exactly what I'm seeking to accomplish with my bipartisan PBM Transparency Act. As consolidation shrunk the number of players in the pharmaceutical supply chain, Americans saw drug prices go up. We've seen this happening in Big Tech and Big Cattle and why I use my senior position on the Senate Judiciary to strengthen enforcement of our antitrust laws. In this Congress, I'm building bipartisan coalitions, holding hearings and getting bills passed through the committees of jurisdiction. Sen. Maria Cantwell and I got our PBM Transparency bill passed 19-9 out of committee. It would prohibit PBMs from engaging in spread pricing. This is where PBMs charge an insurer more than they charge the pharmacy, and then pocket the difference. Iowans call that gaming the system. That's why I'm working to restore competition and strengthen transparency. Government price controls will unravel incentives that invest in lifesaving cures and treatments. That's certainly not what Iowans who have loved ones fighting cancer, Alzheimer's or other chronic diseases want. There's a better way and I'll work with anyone to cut drug prices without cutting cures.



### LMHS Class of 1976 celebrates 46th reunion

Friday, July 8, members of the Lake Mills High School Class of 1976 gathered at Good Shot Golf, Emmons, Minn., to celebrate their belated 45th (46th) class reunion. Almost 60 classmates, teachers and spouses/partners gathered. The appealing setting provided a perfect backdrop for old friends to spend time together sharing memories, stories and catching up on life. The celebration formally began with a warm welcome by Kermit Singelstad, who also spoke in honor of deceased classmates, and provided a toast to them. Kermit then led everyone in the Norwegian table prayer, with many able to recite it along with him. A dinner followed with delicious food and great service. After dinner, Steve Nelson served as the ever-fun and jocular master of ceremonies. He directed and asked the numerous questions for a group game, Past Events, mimicking a game class members played in former teacher, Chuck Nichol's, history class called Current Events. Overall, a total of 37 classmates attended the 46th class reunion event. If you were a member of the LMHS Class of 1976 anytime over the years, and did not see the reunion announcement, please contact Kermit Singelstad at Singelstad Hardware, 202 N. Washington, Lake Mills, Iowa 50450.

Pictured above, seated in front (L-R): Kathy (Bausch) Hylland, Cheryl (Smeby) Schulte, Pam Moe, Rachel (Branstad) Anderson, Ada (Slattum) Larson, Cindy (Durby) Haugsdal. Standing: Wendy (Tweed) Gregg, Laura (Holstad) Carman, Ramon Erdahl, Colleen (Vold) Nichols, Marianne (Herwig) Overland, Dennis Smithe, Deb (Tweed) Banwart, Annette (Oswald) O'Donnell, Sue (Kvale) Mannes, Jerry Adams, Craig Haugsdal, Brad Larson, Dan Colby, Kim Meyer, Valerie Kvale, Ryan Pals, Becky (Twito) Helgeson, Kermit Singelstad, Laura (Dahle) Loving, Dan Olsen, Diane (Holstad) Honsey, Curtis Severson, Patty Rinden, Mark Hanna, Dave Bergan, Lori (Nelson) Brekken, Dave Brekken, Jay Hagen, and Joel Christianson. Missing from the photo: Brad Grotewold and Steve Nelson. In Memoriam: Dan Kell, Danny Vrieze, Janice (Evjen) Ramthun, Carol (Ulve) Schaefer, Jeff Movick, Evie (Morgan) Anderson.

### WCTA presents grant to LMFD

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (WCTA) and Aureon recently presented an \$1,800 grant to the Lake Mills Fire Department (LMFD) to support their project in raising funds for LED lights to equip all their fire trucks, which will help improve visibility while on the scene of a fire call.

WCTA supports the LMFD by providing services at a discounted rate throughout the year. WCTA and Aureon have collaborated, for almost 29 years, to help fund this charity grant program and to advance rural Iowa communities. Currently, WCTA has two employees who serve on the volunteer fire department; Jason Holtan and Ryan Jojnt.

Pictured (L-R): Kent Atha, Aureon Representative; Brian Thompson, LMFD; Ryan Jojnt, WCTA Operations Assistant and LMFD; and Angie Thompson, WCTA Project Coordinator.



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**Q:** What are you doing to help local pharmacies and their patients?

**A:** First of all, I wrote bipartisan legislation that would end DIR fee claw backs. CMS issued a rule to end them and I pushed to get those regulations in place. However, that's just one piece of the problem. Big Pharma needs a giant dose of sun-



## 95th birthday open house

Come celebrate with Dean Holstad for his 95th birthday. An open house will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the Sorbo Family Campground, 471 500th St., Northwood. All friends and family are welcome. 37c

### Club News

**Afternoon Literary Club**  
The Afternoon Literary Club will meet at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Lazy Acres Vineyard. Dennis Madson tell us about the vineyard and answer questions. Phyllis Moen and Joan Kloster will serve as hostesses. Phyllis will give the "Thought 4 the Day." If you are interested in carpooling call LaVonne Hartman. We will meet at Asbury and leave there at 1:45 p.m.

**P.E.O. Chapter EX**  
The next meeting of P.E.O. Chapter EX will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 19, at Asbury UMC. The program will be "Sharing About PCE, PSA and the STAR" scholarships. Hostesses are Shirley Carlson and Deb Gaskill.

### LMCS Menu

**Sept. 19-23 Breakfast**  
Monday—Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.  
Tuesday—Cream cheese bagel bites, fruit, juice, milk.  
Wednesday—Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.  
Thursday—Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.  
Friday—Grape uncrustable, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**Lunch**  
Monday—Hamburger on a bun, dark green leaf lettuce, tomato slice, oven fries, canned pineapple, fresh fruit, milk.  
Tuesday—Chicken nuggets, roll & jelly, mashed potatoes & gravy, tossed salad, fresh banana, canned fruit, milk.  
Wednesday—Chicken burger on a bun, mashed potato smile fries, Romaine lettuce, tomato slice, baked beans, fresh apple, canned fruit, milk.  
Thursday—Mini waffles, sausage patty, tri tater, cooked carrots fresh oranges, fresh fruit, milk.  
Friday—Macaroni & cheese, meatballs, bread & jelly, fresh baby carrots, applesauce, canned fruit, milk.

## Down Home Cooking

by Bonnie Kay Baldwin

**ZUCCHINI SOUP**  
2-3 fresh tomatoes, or 2 c. tomato juice  
2 small zucchini, chopped or sliced  
1/2 sm. onion, sliced  
1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning  
1 stalk celery, cut diagonally  
Garlic salt, salt, and pepper to taste  
Simmer until vegetables are still a little crunchy. Delicious either hot or cold.

**OVERNIGHT LASAGNA**  
1 lb. ground beef  
32 oz. jar spaghetti sauce  
1 pkg. lasagna noodles, uncooked  
1 lg. pkg. Mozzarella cheese  
1 sm. container cottage cheese  
1 c. Parmesan cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Brown ground beef; stir in sauce. In a 9x13-inch pan, layer uncooked noodles, 1/3 meat mixture, 1/3 cottage cheese, 1/3 Mozzarella, 1/3 Parmesan cheese. Repeat layers 2 more times. Cover with foil and place in refrigerator overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes covered. Uncover and bake 15 minutes more. Let set 10 minutes before serving.

**VEGETABLE CASSEROLE**  
2 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen broccoli, thawed and drained  
1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen cauliflower, or any other combination of vegies, thawed and drained  
**Add:**  
4 oz. sliced mushrooms, opt.  
1 can sliced waterchestnuts  
2 Tbsp. pimento, opt.

**PISTACHIO PUDDING DESSERT**  
**First Layer:**  
1 c. flour  
1 stick butter or margarine  
1/2 c. chopped pecans or walnuts  
**Second Layer:**  
8 oz. cream cheese  
1 c. powdered sugar  
9 oz. whipped topping  
Mix first layer and pat into 9x13-inch pan. Bake 10-15 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Mix together second layer and spread over first layer.  
**Third Layer:**  
2 (3 oz.) pkgs. instant pistachio pudding mix  
2-1/2 c. milk  
Mix above ingredients together, and spread over second layer. Refrigerate. Serve with more whipped topping, and chopped pecans on top.

## The Postscript

"Sepia-Toned Teenagers"  
"I don't remember you at all!" the portly man informed my husband, Peter.  
Peter smiled, introduced himself, and reminded the gentleman where they might have met half a century ago.  
The man shook his head. "Nope!"  
This was the first high school class reunion I had ever attended, and it was filled with moments like that.

I have never gone to my own class reunions. I'm not sure why. I was busy. I lived far away. I never knew more than a tiny fraction of the students in my class. I wasn't all that happy in high school and didn't think of high school as the best three years of my life by a long shot.  
Peter, on the other hand, has attended at least three reunions, and was eager to attend this one. He graduated 10 years ahead of me, and his class was even bigger than mine. He had his hefty yearbook sitting on the dining room table a week ahead of time, scouring through the black-and-white photos and trying to remember who all these sepia-toned teenagers were.

The reunion was a simple affair and well attended. Everyone wore name tags with very large type, so it was easy to identify people from several feet away.  
In high school, Peter looked young for his age. He said he weighed 120 pounds and looked about 12 years old. He was shy and wasn't in a lot of groups. But he had far more memories of his high school peers than I ever had.

"You stole my girlfriend!" Peter announced to a bewildered classmate. The man blinked and looked at Peter, looked at his name tag, then looked at Peter again. It was clear he had no idea who Peter was and no idea what girlfriend he had stolen.  
"I did not!" he answered, reflexively.  
"Sure, you did. You remember Linda!" Apparently, the man did not.

Till next time, Carrie



Carrie Classon

The Postscript

## FREEDOM ROCK Program

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	7 p.m. Homecoming Dance, Foyer
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	6 p.m. JV/ Football @ West Fork
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	5:30 p.m. JVV/JV/Var. Volleybal @ North Union
21	5:30 p.m. 6th-8th Gr. Youth Girls Basketball, MS Gym
22	WCTA Annual Meeting, Auditorium
	4:30 p.m. MS/Var. B/G Cross Country @ Central Springs
23	7 p.m. Var. Football vs. West Fork, Home (Homecoming)



**Gary T. Albertson**  
September 14, 1941 – September 10, 2022

Gary T. Albertson, 80, rural Lake Mills, passed away Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at the MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Unit, Mason City. A visitation for Gary will be held Thursday, Sept. 15 from 4-6 p.m. at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel, Lake Mills with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Pastor Joshua Skogen is officiant. The visitation and service are both open to the public. Cremation will follow, and inurnment will be in the Scarville Evangelical Synod Cemetery on Friday.

Gary Thomas Albertson was born Sept. 14, 1941 at his parents' farm in rural Winnebago County to Harry Merle and Thelma Caroline (Brustad) Albertson. He attended school in Scarville, and was baptized and confirmed at the Scarville Synod Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 17, 1961, Gary and Elaine Berschman were united in marriage at the Methodist church, Buffalo Center. They made their home in Scarville, where Gary was employed by the Winnebago County secondary roads department, where he drove the maintainer for almost 30 years.

Gary loved the outdoors and passed his excitement and knowledge on to not only the next generations in his family, but also to neighbors and friends. It is estimated that Gary took fishing trips to Canada

for the better part of 70 years, beginning with his father Merle. Gary was lucky to have at least one trip with four generations of the Albertson family: Merle, Gary, Larry and Trevor.

In addition to fishing, Gary was an avid hunter and trapper. He got 99 deer with a bow and arrow alone, not counting the ones he was able to hunt with a rifle. He enjoyed gardening and learned how to can food, often canning the game he was able to secure in the outdoors. The greatest thing about Gary's hobbies is that they were all things he did with Elaine. Sometimes Elaine caught the big fish or made the cleanest kill, and Gary was never afraid to give her the credit. He also had a large collection of arrowheads on display in their home.

Gary was a retired firefighter with the Scarville Fire Department, serving some of his years as Chief, and he was the "bean man" at the Ikes steak fry.

Those who knew Gary will remember him for his love and devotion to Elaine and their family, his keen sense of humor (often being the instigator of practical jokes), and his infectious laugh. And if you were lucky enough to see it, Gary would show you his sixth toe... in itself is an unforgettable detail.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, rural Lake Mills; two sons: Larry Albertson, Lake Mills; and Lee Albertson, Scarville; two grandchildren: Jocelyn (Aaron) Boss, Jackson, Wyo.; and Tristan Albertson, Scarville; and three great-grandchildren: Mariah Albertson, Blue Earth, Minn.; and Hunter Boss and Grayson Boss, both of Jackson, Wyo.; aunt, Tharon Steinmetz, and uncle George Albertson, Jr., both of Northwood; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Escherich, Scarville; a very special nephew, Brian Escherich, Ankeny; and numerous extended relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Trevor Albertson; a sister and her husband, Carmen and Arlen Tweed; and sister- and brother-in-law, Alice and Vince Barkhurst.



**Betty J. Evans**  
November 3, 1929 – September 4, 2022

Betty J. Evans, 92, rural Joice, passed away Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022 at the Lake Mills Care Center. A funeral service for Betty was held Saturday, Sept. 10, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice, with Pastor Bill Peters officiating. Burial took place in Concordia Cemetery, rural Joice. Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

Betty Jean (Pannhoff) Evans was born Nov. 3, 1929 in Garner, to parents, Casper and Mabel (Fisher) Pannhoff. She was baptized March 1930 at the Methodist church in Garner and was confirmed Sept. 5, 1943 at the Lutheran church in Miller, Iowa.

Betty graduated from Garner High School in 1947 and went on to attend junior college in Britt, where she received secretarial training.

On June 9, 1957, Betty was united in marriage with Cecil Evans at First Lutheran Church, Britt. The couple made their home in rural Joice and were blessed with five children: Rebecca, Eric, Eliot, Phillip and Ramona.

During her early years, Betty held various jobs including working at an insurance agency, lumber yard, movie theater, car dealership and as a waitress. For over 22 years, Betty had been employed as an engineering secretary at Deluxe Products/Fleetguard Industries.

Betty had many hobbies and interests. She liked to sew, read, knit, crochet, garden, bird watch, quilt, and play card games like Bridge and cribbage. She also enjoyed canning produce from her garden, studying genealogy, and watching mysteries on IPTV and stock exchanges on Bloomberg TV. Betty was a member of the Top of Iowa Quilters, Bethany Lutheran Church WELCA, and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Helen Hinman Dwelle chapter of Northwood, Iowa. In WELCA and DAR, Betty was very involved and held positions from treasurer to president.

Betty adored her 14 grandchildren and enjoyed keeping up with their lives and activities.

Survivors include her five children: Rebecca (Pat Reibold) Evans, Carmel, Ind.; Eric (Lori Mitchell) Evans, Saint Peter, Minn.; Eliot (Barb Chrencik) Evans, Joice; Phillip (Rhonda Reedy) Evans, Ames; and Ramona (Jon) Thompson, Johnston; 14 grandchildren: Isaac (Katherine), Sarah, Aaron and Laura Evans, Chloe and Naomi Reibold, Aaron, Nathan (Katelyn), David and Rachel Evans, Ethan and Chace Evans, and Joslyn and Annalyse Thompson; a sister, Shirley (George) Skarlis, Waterloo; and many extended relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Casper and Mabel Pannhoff; husband, Cecil, in 2011; and a sister, Angeline, in infancy.

Ardis is survived by her son, Jason, daughter-in-law, Allison, and her grandsons, Brendan, Gavin, and Lorgan, all of Frisco, Texas; sister, Gwen (Lee) Brown; brothers; Harry Eldren (Janell); and Richard Holstad; brother-in-law, Norman (Melda) Bang; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Vernon; her daughter, Rhonda; brothers: Marlin and Stan Holstad; sisters-in-law: Jeanne, Barbara, and Lillian; brother and sister-in-law, Harland and Ardis Bang; her parents; and Vernon's parents.



**Ardis Bang**  
September 30, 1931 – August 22, 2022

Ardis Bang, 90, Plano, Texas, passed away Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, surrounded by her friends and family. Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Plano, Texas.

Ardis was born Sept. 30, 1931, in Lake Mills, to Morris and Alice Holstad. She immediately brought joy and laughter into the world. She grew up in Lake Mills and graduated from high school in 1950 as an honor student.

She married Vernon Bang in 1954 and they were married for over 60 years. She was a fiercely devoted mother to their two children, Rhonda and Jason, and later to their grandchildren.

Family came first and was above all else to Ardis; a value she instilled in everyone around her. The hole left by her absence is impossible to fill.

She worked many years at loan agencies and insurance companies. She and Vernon were charter members of the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, singing in the choir and serving on many church committees.

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Friday-10 a.m. Assemble & Fold Bulletins

at Winnebago; 1:30 p.m. Reformation Bible Study at Silver Lake  
Saturday-9 a.m. Synod Council Retreat at Cedar Falls, Pastor Randy

Sunday-Pentecost 15  
Monday-Parish Calendar & Newsletter Information Due; 1-4 p.m. Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank; 3-5 p.m. Lake Mills Food Bank; 3 p.m. Vespers at Forest Plaza, Pastor Bill

Tuesday-9 a.m. Pastor Randy at Immanuel; 3 p.m. Text Study; 4 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday-10 a.m. Bible Study at Salem; Pastor Randy at Winnebago; OIC Mission Circle at LeAnn Hagen's; 2:30 p.m. LMCC Worship, Pastor Bill; 6 p.m. KC Night at Bethany; 6:15 p.m. 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation at Winnebago

Thursday-10 a.m. Pastor Bill at Winnebago; 7 p.m. Bible Study at Winnebago  
Friday-1 p.m. Assemble & Fold Bulletins and Newsletter at Winnebago; 1:30 p.m. Reformation Bible Study at Silver Lake

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Monday-2-4 p.m. Clothes Closet Open (To schedule a different time, call 641-592-5085); 2:30-5 p.m. LM Food Shelf Open (101 S. Mill St.); 6:30 p.m. Quilt Club, Lounge

Wednesday-10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Choir Room; 3:15 p.m. Brownies, Room 2;

6 p.m. Property Board Meeting, Fellowship Hall

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**Bolan celebration includes "Freedom Rock" program**

The community of Bolan, population 18 including the "suburbs," is hosting its 19th fall event, Saturday, Sept. 17.

The United Methodist Church Women are hosting their traditional Bazaar, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in the lower-level of the Bolan Schoolhouse. The Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center is hosting a free-will donation pancake breakfast fundraiser, 8-10:30 a.m. A few additional vendors will be along Tulip Lane and will be selling products from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The 21st Bike Ride will travel from Bolan through the neighboring communities of Grafton, Carpenter, and St. Ansgar. Ride registration begins at 8 a.m., with a group departure at 9 a.m., following the welcome and National Anthem. Donation supports the community fund, and provides participants with a map and coupon for homemade pie with ice cream upon return.

Keyboard musician, Sam Crosser, will be playing from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The United Methodist

Women will be serving a scalloped potatoes and ham lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the lower level of the schoolhouse. Enjoy coleslaw, fresh baked bread, homemade jam and beverage. Take outs available, and the building is handicap accessible. The Bolan Community will have homemade pie with ice cream 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

A "Freedom Rock" Program will be held at 1 p.m. in the upper level of the Bolan Schoolhouse with special guest Ray "Bubba" Sorensen, II. Since 1999, Bubba has been painting tributes to veterans on large rocks in each of Iowa's 99 counties. This was his 24th year of painting the original Freedom Rock by Menlo, in time for Memorial Day. Representatives from the counties of Worth, Winnebago, Mitchell, Hancock, Cerro Gordo and Floyd will also be speaking at the program as well. This meaningful event is free to the public.

Any donations above cost of the program are being donated to the Freedom Rock Foundation.

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## Fall harvest busiest and most dangerous season for ag industry

The 2019 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers.

Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, Sept. 18-24 has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week.

With harvest approaching, Farm Bureau wants to remind drivers to slow down and be aware of farmers driving tractors and other farm equipment on local roads. Farm Bureau also reminds farmers and growers to make safety a priority—on the roads and on the farm. Here are some things to be aware of during harvest:

Orange triangular Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblems can help drivers identify tractors and other

large vehicles that travel 25 mph or less.

At 55 miles per hour, it will take only five seconds to close a gap the length of a football field between you and a tractor going five miles per hour.

Do not pull out in front of farm equipment. It cannot stop or slow down as easily as a car, especially if pulling other equipment.

If an oversized farm vehicle is coming your way from the opposite direction, make sure you can pass it safely. If not, pull over and wait for it to pass.

Remember that if you must slow down to 20 mph behind a tractor for two miles, you will only lose six minutes.

Together, farmers and non-farming members of the public can make our roads—and the business of farming safe.

# Agriculture one of America's most dangerous industries

Agriculture is known as one of the most dangerous industries in America. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), about 100 agricultural workers suffer a lost-work-time injury every day, and in 2019 the agriculture industry had a fatality rate of 19.4 deaths per 100,000 workers. National Farm Safety and Health Week has been recognized during the third week of September since it was established by President Roosevelt in 1944, to help bring attention to the risks of working agriculture.

This year, AgriSafe has daily webinars for agricultural health and safety professionals, health-care providers, extension agents, producers, farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers. Our partners at the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety



(NECAS) coined this year's theme "Protecting Agriculture's Future," reminding all of us that the cornerstone of sustainable

agriculture is healthy and safe workers. Each day will have its own theme: Monday is Tractor Safety and Rural Roadway Safety; Tuesday is Overall Farmer Health; Wednesday is Safety and Health for Youth in Agriculture; Thursday is Confined Spaces; and Friday is Safety and Health for Women in Agriculture.

From Sept. 19-23, AgriSafe's free webinars will cover a breadth of topics, including tractor and roadway safety, grain bin safety, wildfire and heat safety, workplace sexual harassment prevention, injury prevention, and mental health help for youth and adults.

For more information on National Farm Safety and Health week, visit: <https://www.agri-safe.org/nfshw>.



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## Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease confirmed

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced last week that the first confirmed case of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Type 2 (RHDV2) within the state of Iowa. The disease is not considered a risk to humans or other animal species, including cats and dogs, but it is highly contagious and deadly to rabbits.

The confirmed case is in Story County. The affected rabbits in this isolated case had not recently traveled to any exhibitions or fairs.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), RHDV2 is a viral disease fatal to lagomorph species (rabbits, hares, and pikas). It does not affect humans or other animals. It was first detected in wild rabbit populations in the United States in March 2020.

RHDV2 can be spread by contact with infected rabbits, their meat or fur, or materials that infected rabbits have come into contact with. Often, the only clinical signs of the disease are sudden death and blood-stained noses caused by internal bleeding.

Rabbit owners should consult their veterinarian about possible steps to protect their animals. If you suspect a rabbit in your possession or on your premises has died as a result of RHDV2, please contact your local veterinarian. Veterinarians with concerns or a suspected case should immediately contact the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.



## Worth Co. 4-H members at the Iowa State Fair

The Golden Banner 4-H Club performed on stage at the Iowa State Fair 4-H Share N' The Fun, Saturday, Aug. 20.



Worth County 4-H members who participated in 4-H Working Exhibits at the Iowa State Fair are pictured left (L-R): Haydan Pectorious, Kenly Solberg, Jessa Schafbuch, Aria and Kale Bode.

The Worth County 4-H Livestock Judging Team had an opportunity to view the Grand Champion 4-H Livestock Carcasses in the meat laboratory at Iowa State University following their 4-H Livestock Judging Contest earlier in the day. Team members pictured right are 4-H Livestock Judging Coach, Dennis Johnson, Adylyn Petersen, Henry Hanson, Owen Binnebose and Layla Scarlett.



Members of the 4-H State Livestock Judging Team at the Iowa State Fair are pictured left (L-R): Owen Binnebose, Henry Hanson, Layla Scarlett, Adylyn Petersen, and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist.



## Common dangers to agricultural workers

Agricultural work is hard, and data shows it is the most dangerous sector to work in. In fact, according to statistics from The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) every day approximately 100 farmworkers suffer a lost time injury.

Going beyond obvious hazards, such as machine operations, agriculture challenges workers with many lesser known, sometimes invisible, dangers. For example, did you know that the first reports of respiratory illness due to agriculture work were noted as early as 1555?

Farm certification is an important step to ensure the safety and well-being of agriculture workers, but steps can be taken daily to create a safer workspace. At Equitable Food Initiative, we believe every day is a good day to focus on safety, but for National Farm Safety and Health Week, let's work together to raise awareness about the dangers of agricultural work and help reduce workplace injuries and illnesses.

When looking at the data, the most common dangers to agricultural workers include:

- Respiratory Illness and Disease (including Farmer's Lung and organic dust toxic syn-

drome mainly from inhaling dirt and dust)

- Skin Disorders (primarily due to sun, irritants and allergies)

- Hearing Loss (from working around loud equipment and machinery for extended periods of time)

- Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke (from working in the sun with limited to no shade and inadequate water consumption)

- Sanitary Conditions and Clean Water (which should be provided at all work sites)

- Exposure to Pesticides and Toxins (worker training, storage and notification to workers of application can reduce exposure)

- Vehicle Operations (including standard vehicles, tractors, forklifts, harvesters, plows, sprayers, ATVs and more)

- Heavy Machinery Operation (commonly used to prepare, clean, separate and package the commodity)

National Farm Safety and Health Week is the perfect time for those of us working in the agricultural industry to share with consumers the steps taken to keep workers safe. It's also a chance to highlight the men and women who do the hard work that benefits all Americans.

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# Tips for safer farming

Tractor accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States.

In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America. In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the Teagasc National Farm Survey. Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

- Know farm equipment. Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local farm safety workshops to learn more about specific equipment and products.

- Conduct routine safety checks. Look around buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.

- Practice cleanliness. Maintain clean and neat work areas with tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

- Be mindful of your clothing and hair. Many accidents involve

a power take-off system, or PTO, which is a common component of large rotary mowers, tractors and forage choppers. Clothing can easily get caught in an engaged but unguarded PTO stub. It's easy for laces or coveralls to become wrapped around a spinning stub shaft. The PTO driveline and other protrusion points also can be dangerous if people do not pay attention.

- Use rollover protection structures. ROPS can be used on tractors and other equipment to prevent injuries. In addition, wear seat belts and employ other safety equipment as advised.

- Avoid extra passengers. It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.

- Exercise caution when handling chemicals. Take extra precautions when handling any chemicals, including pesticides.

- Wear protective gear. Wear appropriate gear and equipment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.

- Employ lock out/tag out control. This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, and electrical, according to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Farm safety should be a priority for owners, their families and employees so that agricultural injuries can be reduced.

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# The challenges climate change poses to agriculture

Climate change poses an array of challenges. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration notes that the impacts of climate change on various sectors of society are interrelated, a connection that mirrors the ripple effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The human health crisis that arose during the pandemic affected all aspects of life, as illnesses limited worker productivity, thus affecting the global supply chain, including the availability of food.

Scientists warn that a similar scenario could play out as a result of climate change. The agricultural sector could face considerable challenges in the years to come. The Fourth National Climate Assessment is a government-mandated report that must be delivered to the United States Congress once every four years. Among the many aims of the report are to provide an analysis of the effects of global changes on the natural environment and agriculture. The report also must

project major trends for the next 25 to 100 years. The most recent report, delivered in 2018, noted that changing precipitation patterns could intensify in the coming years, leading to more intense periods of heavy rain and longer dry periods.

Those shifting patterns and other changes could lead to an increase in conditions and weather events that pose unique challenges to the agricultural sector.

- Flooding: The Union of Concerned Scientists notes that many agricultural regions of the United States have already experienced increased flooding. The effects of flooding on the agricultural sector are often devastating and include accelerated soil erosion, water pollution and damage to infrastructure that challenges farmers' ability to get food from their farms to stores and, ultimately, consumers' dinner tables.

- Drought: The National Integrated Drought Information

System reports that the primary direct economic impact of drought in the agricultural sector is crop failure and pasture losses. The Government of Canada notes that areas of western Canada are already experiencing frequent and severe droughts, and scientists expect other areas of the country to be affected by drought more often in the years to come. The same goes for the United States, which the UCS notes has already dealt with severe drought in California, the Great Plains and the midwest. Depleted water supplies are a byproduct of drought, and such depletion can take a toll on crops and livestock.

- Economics: The effects of climate change on crops and livestock may force farmers to change the nature of their farms. The UCS notes that farmers may be forced to choose crop varieties and animal breeds that are suited to the new conditions sparked by climate change. Going in a new direction could force farmers to make potentially costly investments in machinery and other changes as they make the transition.

Climate change will pose unique challenges to the agricultural sector that could force farmers to make some difficult decisions in the years ahead.

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# Crop yields remain volatile

Harvest seasons vary depending on the crop that was planted, but late summer and fall are busy times of year for farmers. And since the pandemic began, farmers have been working overtime to ensure that their goods make it to market on time.

The agricultural sector is affected by a number of variables, including the weather and pests. The pandemic is yet another of those variables, and consumers may want to know how the many factors that affect the agricultural sector could affect what is and isn't in the grocery store in the months to come.

### Wheat products

A variety of factors have affected the availability of wheat-based products. Earlier this year, exceptional drought levels in the midwest—areas with high production of wheat products—coupled with concern about spring rainfall amounts being enough for summer crops to thrive may continue to adversely affect the availability of breads, pastas and other items made from wheat.

Things are not looking better regarding imported wheat. The ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, where wheat crops are grown in abundance, is impacting the global wheat market. Russia, the United States, Canada, France, and Ukraine were the world's top wheat exporters in 2020, according to Statista. The United Nations reported that 30 to 40 percent of the fall 2022 harvest in Ukraine is at risk, as farmers have been unable to plant crops. This could result in a potential loss of 19 to 34 million tons of exported wheat this year.

### Grass seed

The abundance of spring rain in the Pacific Northwest, as well as areas of Minnesota and Canada, contributed to an expected above-average crop of grass seed. However, the upper midwest crop was forecasted to be a week to two weeks late due to cooler than average temperatures.

Despite an abundance, the Oregon Grass Seed Bargaining Association expected that growers will ask for higher prices on seed throughout 2022 for perennial ryegrass and tall fescue due to greater input costs and land rent increases, among other factors.

### Corn products

Later planting dates of corn across the United States corn belt has led to stalled development of the crop in 2022. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Crop Watch anticipated near-average levels of corn on irrigated fields. Across rainfed locations, predictions are more uncertain due to weather throughout July and August (which had yet to be documented at press time). While most sites are expected to see near-average corn crops, a high probability of below-average yield may occur in Iowa, southwest Nebraska and southern Kansas. Above-average yield may occur in northwest Missouri and south-central Illinois. Despite more normalized yields, operating costs have climbed, including the costs of nitrogen fertilizer used in corn production, so store prices of corn, corn oil and other corn products may remain high.

The agricultural sector continues to make strides to provide products people need. However, various factors have affected the cost and availability of a number of products.

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**Did you know?**

Farmers and growers face a significant threat in the years to come as industrial agriculture operations continue to expand. According to the National Resources Defense Council, industrial agriculture is the large-scale, intensive production of crops and animals. Such operations make it more difficult for small farmers and growers to turn a profit, and they often involve the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The use of such products poses an additional threat to small farmers and growers, as the Union of Concerned Scientists notes that the heavy application of fertilizers and pesticides accelerates soil erosion and increases pest problems. Consumers concerned by the effects of industrial agriculture on the environment and on small farmers' and growers' ability to earn a good living can support efforts such as regenerative farming and organic farms.

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# Bulldogs fall to Eagles, 6-60

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER  
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

It was another rough night on the gridiron for the LMHS football team, as they were soundly defeated 6-60 by the #1 ranked West Hancock Eagles last Friday, Sept. 9. West Hancock seized the initiative from the Bulldogs, jumping out to an early 0-21 lead by the end of the 1st quarter, which they extended to 0-37 as the game went into halftime. The second half didn't go much better for the Bulldogs, as their opponents scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter to further extended their lead to 0-53, as the game entered the final quarter.

The Eagles would score once more in the fourth quarter, while the Bulldogs scored their only touchdown of the game after a 42-yard run by Alex Mannes, locking in the final score at 6-60.

Head coach Bill Byrnes noted that West Hancock controlled the entire game from start to finish, as the team struggled to get their offense going while the defense continued to lack consistency.

"They are a great Class A football program," said Coach Brynes regarding West Hancock.

One positive for the Bulldogs offensively speaking, was the Bulldogs having some success with the passing game, as Garrett Ham racked up 110 receiving yards on five receptions. Coach Byrnes said that Ham did a "great job fighting



Photo courtesy of Lory Groe

Jeremiah Jensen (#44) carries the ball behind teammates Aiden Stensrud (#55) and Ethan Lawson (#53).

and going up for the football."

Alex Mannes lead the team in rushing yards, with seven carries for a total of 32 yards and one touchdown. Jerry Jensen got 31 yards on the ground on six carries, while Beau Kaufman had 14 carries for a total of 23 yards. Hayden Helgeson completed 5-10 pass attempts, all to Garrett Ham, for a total of 110 passing yards.

On defense, Kaufman and Joe Young each got 4.5 tackles during the game. Josiah Kyeldal

(sp?) racked up four tackles, while Helgeson and Lance Helming each got 3.5 tackles.

Coach Byrnes finished his comments by noting the team is striving to improve each week, and that they will hopefully get some key players back on the field as they work for consistency on both sides of the ball.

The Bulldogs' overall record stood at 0-3 with the loss to West Hancock.

# Volleyball team remains undefeated in TIC

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER  
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

## Algona Tourney

The LMHS volleyball team took second place at the Algona tournament Saturday, Sept. 5, defeating Storm Lake (21-9, 21-7), Spirit Lake (21-17, 21-13), Esterville-Lincoln Central (21-18, 21-18), and Algona (21-15, 21-7), but falling to Sioux Central (19-21, 16-21) in the final match of the tournament. Despite some lackluster performance by the Bulldogs during the tournament, Head Coach Jim Boehmer said overall the team played admirably.

"Anytime you can play five schools all bigger than you, including the #4 ranked team in 3A (Sioux Central) and come out 4-1 you have to feel good about things," commented Coach Boehmer. "This team is competitive and has to work hard at adjusting their game as a match progresses.

The Bulldogs got off to a strong start in their first match against Storm Lake, building an early lead in set one and exploiting four missed serves by Storm Lake in the second set to take the match. The second match saw Lake Mills begin much more sluggishly, as they initially trailed 1-7 as they struggled to handle the ball. However, the Bulldogs came back with renewed vigor, and went on a run to take the lead and battled their opponents closely to eventually take the first set.

"In set two were were that to five and to 10 points, and that is something we like to do," said Coach Boehmer. "I felt we forced them into a lot of mistakes and stole some points throughout the set."

In their third match against ELC, Coach Boehmer said the team

couldn't have played with "much less energy and passion."

"ELC is a much-improved program and they have some confidence growing on their team."

The Bulldogs were trailing 7-10 in the first set before taking a time out to refocus themselves. The Bulldogs would come back to take a lead and eventually take the first set. Lake Mills jumped out to an early lead in the second set, but their opponents came back to put themselves within two points of the Bulldogs before Lake Mills managed to close out the set and win the match.

The fourth match went much more smoothly for the Bulldogs, as they played aggressively against host school Algona and controlled each set to handily take the match. Coach Boehmer said he thought the team did a "great job" of preventing Algona's big hitters from hurting them and forcing too many errors.

The final match of the day the Bulldogs faced off against #4 ranked Sioux Central. Lake Mills did well in the first set, building leads throughout but ultimately were unable to close things out with a victory. In the second set Lake Mills took an early 7-3 lead, but didn't maintain that energy for the entire set. Coach Boehmer said Sioux Central was deftly able to "adjust their game on the fly", to take the second set from the Bulldogs and deal the team their only defeat of the tournament.

"We lost two close sets to a highly rated 3A team, but I felt like we let both sets get away from us," commented Boehmer. "We can beat teams like that, but we have to play a complete match to do it."

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### SENTENCES AND PLEAS

Dylan James Kroupa, Glenville, Minn., pled guilty to "Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements-First Offense," an aggravated misdemeanor, stemming from an investigation by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office between July 1, 2021 and Nov. 9, 2021. Kroupa was sentenced to serve 365 days in jail with all but seven days suspended and ordered to pay a \$855 fine, applicable surcharges and court costs. Kroupa was placed on probation for a period of two years.

Dakota Ray Rossiter, Woden, was sentenced on the charge of "Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree," a class C felony, stemming from an investigation by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office during November and December, 2021. Rossiter was sentenced to serve an indeterminate prison sentence not to exceed 10 years and ordered to pay a \$1,370 fine, applicable surcharges, court costs and victim restitution. The fine and prison sentence were suspended and Rossiter was placed on probation for a period of five years. Rossiter will be committed to the custody of the Director of Iowa Department of Corrections for life, with eligibility for parole as provided in Iowa Code chapter 906. Defendant would need to comply with all sex offender registry requirements as outlined in Iowa Code §692A.

### LAND TRANSFERS

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

### Cross country teams compete at Belmond

BY TYLER CARDARELLA-GASPER  
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC

The LMHS cross country teams put on another strong showing at the meet held at Belmond last Tuesday, Sept. 6, with the boys team taking fourth place out of 11 teams, while the girls team took eighth place out of the nine teams competing.

Head Coach Beth VanRoekel noted that every one of the boys that previously competed at Newman, improved their times at the Belmond meet, with Justin Rygh taking fifth place out of 146 runners with a time of 17:56. Knute Rogne finished 18th with a time of 19:01, while Kade VanRoekel finished 26th after completing the race in 19:32.

"I'm super proud of all of them who ran and improved their times so much," commented Coach VanRoekel. "They were very competitive and were only beat out by larger schools."

The girls team had five runners competing at Belmond, with Kyla Johanson leading the pack and setting a personal record of 25:43, taking 35th place, with three other Bulldogs' recording their best times of the season.

"I only see them continuing to improve and become more competitive," said Coach VanRoekel regarding the girls team. "They are so supportive of each other, which is really nice to see and makes me very proud."

Larry Dirksen Estate, David Dirksen executor to David Dirksen, parcels A and D, section 33, Grant Township.

Roger Olien Trust, Ronald Olien co-trustee and Marjorie Watts co-trustee to Marjorie Watts, an undivided 14/160 interest in a tract of land in section 15, Logan Township.

Roger Olien Trust, Ronald Olien co-trustee and Marjorie Watts co-trustee to David Olien, an undivided 35/160 interest in a tract of land in section 15, Logan Township.

Palmer Christenson to Kayla Christenson, lots 13, 14, 15, block 15, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14 and 15, block 11, lot 5, block 32, lot 6, block 26, lot 3, block 27, Thompson, and lot 14, section 26, King Township.

Julie Sherwood to Julie Sherwood RevTr, lot 14, Eugene Secors Subdivision, Forest City.

Joel Lawarne, Amy Lawarne, Dawn Quimby and James Quimby to Roxanne Pals and Brad Dondlinger, lot 11, block 2, Lakeside Addition, Lake Mills, section 13, Center Township.

Michael Hauan and Robin Hauan to Jason Hallberg and Elizabeth Hallberg, lots 21, 22 and 23, block 4, Buffalo Center.

Glen Moretz and Sandra Moretz to Joshua Delger and Jacquelyn Delger, lot 12, Lake Mills, Section 2, Center Township.

Jerry Adams Trust, Jerry Adams trustee to Connie Adams, lots 88 and 89, Lake Mills, section 11, Center Township.

Marjorie Hauan Estate to Steven Sprecher, lot 13, block 4, Scarville. Majorie Hauan Estate, Douglas Hauan executor to Susan Leuwerke, lot 14, block 4, Scarville.

Dale Rayhons and Kelly Rayhons to Eric Kingland and Shelly Kingland, lot 12, Forest City, section 36, Forest Township.

Virgil Wolf to Linda Wolf, lot 7, block 2, Westgate 2nd Subdivision, Forest City.

## MINUTES

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option income surtax pursuant to Iowa Code 422D for a period of fourteen (14) years is necessary and in the best interests of the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Board hereby determines that an election should be called on the question of adopting a levy and imposing a voter-approved EMS property tax and local option income surtax as authorized by Iowa Code Chapter 422D.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that it is consistent with the recommendation provided by the Advisory Council to provide EMS in the County and it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to provide funding therefor for a period of fourteen (14) years, as provided in the Iowa Code Chapter 422D.

Section 2. The funding to support EMS shall be in the amount of \$478,000 annually (ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed value on all taxable property within the county and a local option income surtax of not to exceed one percent (1.0%) on the state individual income tax of each individual residing in the county at the end of the individual's applicable tax year), and the Board shall determine the annual property tax rate together with the one percent local option income surtax necessary to obtain this amount.

Section 3. Moneys received by the County from this property tax may be used for any EMS purpose identified in the Iowa Code Chapter 422D and otherwise identified in the plan provided to the Board by the Advisory Council.

Section 4. A special election is called of the qualified electors of Winnebago County, State of Iowa, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The following Proposition is approved, and the Board shall file the Proposition for the Ballot with the Winnebago County Commissioner of Election at least sixty (60) days prior to the election.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?  
PROPOSITION

YES [ ]  
NO [ ]  
Shall Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy and impose a tax for the purpose of

funding Emergency Medical Services in the county pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D, in the amount of \$478,000 annual (ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed value on all taxable property within the county and a local option income surtax of not to exceed one percent (1.0%) on the state individual income tax of each individual residing in the county at the end of the individual's applicable tax year) for a maximum period of fourteen (14) years? (END BALLOT LANGUAGE)

Section 5. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 6. That the Election Board for the voting precinct or precincts shall be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of said election, a certified copy of which appointment must be officially placed on file in the office of the Auditor.

Section 7. The County Commissioner of Elections shall make publication of the Notice of Election in a legal newspaper in the county once at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election, as required by Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

Section 8. The Buffalo Center Tribune and Lake Mills Graphic, legal newspapers published regularly and having a general circulation within the County, are designated to make the publication of the Notice of Election.

Section 9. That the County Commissioner of Elections prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of September, 2022.

Susan Smith (signed)  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors  
Winnebago County, State of Iowa  
ATTEST: Karla Weiss (signed)  
County Auditor  
Winnebago County, State of Iowa

The session was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. September 6, 2022.

Susan Smith, Chairperson

Karla Weiss, Auditor  
Published in the Lake Mills Graphic,  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

### LMPD report

The Lake Mills Police Dept. responded to 53 calls from Aug. 29-Sept. 5.

Civil Paper	3
Hit and Run Accident	1
Ambulance Code 3 Emergency	3
Animal Calls	1
Civil Matter/Dispute	1
Domestic/Family Problem	1
Escort/Traffic Control	2
Harassment/Threats	1
Locked Out House/Vehicle	2
No Crew Available	2
Parking Complaint/Ticket	1
Found Property	1
Sex Offenses	2
Speak With Officer	4
Traffic Complaint	3
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Traffic Stop	21
Warrant Served	2
Welfare Check	1

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**7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.**  
**LMHS Auditorium Stage**

**Community Flu Clinics Winnebago County 2022**

Please DO NOT come to any flu clinic ill or with COVID-19 symptoms

At this time we have limited amount of High Dose Flu vaccine (65 and older) this may not be guaranteed at the flu clinic. All flu vaccines provide protection against the flu virus. One is not preferred over another for the 65 and older age group.

Have your insurance card ready, otherwise cost is \$30. High dose flu vaccine is \$65. We do not accept Aetna, Triwest, Tricare, or First Health. If your flu shot is denied by your insurance, you will be responsible for the cost of the flu shot.

**Friday, Sept. 30, Lake Mills Senior Center, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 4, Buffalo Center Senior Center, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 5, Forest City Senior Center 9:00-10:30 a.m.**  
**Friday, Oct. 7, Scarville Senior Center, 10:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 12, Rake Public Library, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**  
**Thursday, Oct. 13, Thompson NSB Bank, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Flu Vaccine also available by appointment at Winnebago County Public Health  
Please call 641-585-4763 to schedule

## 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

In the Matter of the Application of:  
BETHANY SARAH JENSEN

On Behalf of:  
ASTRID SKYE ROBINS-PIRESTLEY

For a Change of Name to:  
ASTRID SKYE JENSEN

To:  
SHEPPERD LAWRENCE  
ROBINS-PIRESTLEY  
LAKE MILLS, IOWA

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

hearing on this Application will be held at Freeborn County Courthouse, 411 South Broadway, Freeborn, Minn., on October 3, 2022, at 10:15 a.m.

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.

If you do not appear at the scheduled hearing, the Petitioner's Application for a Name Change for the minor child(ren) may be granted.

Dated August 26, 2022.  
Rebecca S. Mittag  
Court Administrator  
Published in the Lake Mills Graphic, Wednesday, September 7, 14 and 21, 2022.

## PUBLIC NOTICE – CENTRAL DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE  
SANITARY LANDFILL PUBLIC  
NOTICE  
Public Notice Number:  
95-SDP-01-72 – 5  
Notice Date: 9/2/2022

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has made a preliminary determination to approve renewal and cell construction for the Central Disposal Systems, Inc. for the Central Disposal Landfill and which is authorized to accept municipal solid waste from households and businesses from the following service area: The cities of Britt, Crystal Lake, Kanawha, and Woden, in Hancock County; the cities of Lake Mills, Leland, Rake, Scarville, and Thompson, and the unincorporated areas of Winnebago County; the city of Fertile, and the unincorporated areas in Worth County, Waste Management of Southern Minnesota and Waste Management of

Minneapolis.  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources staff contact:  
Michael W. Smith  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Land Quality Bureau  
502 E 9th St  
Des Moines IA 50319-0034  
Phone: 515-229-8356  
Fax: 515-725-8202

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.

## WINN. CO. SUPERVISORS MINUTES

August 30, 2022  
The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors met in session at 9:00 A.M. August 30, 2022 adjourned from August 23, 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 23, 2022 Board Meeting and approve the Agenda for August 30, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the Covid policy for Public Health, Public Health will follow new guidelines where employees will come back to work after 5 days unless they have a fever and they will be in contact with Allison Rice to discuss their symptoms for return. There will be no change in sick policy and no back pay with the sick policy.

The Supervisors tabled the Resolution Directing County Commissioner of Elections to call an election submitting the question of adopting a levy and imposing a voter-approved emergency medical services property tax pursuant to Iowa code Chapter 422D.

Scott Meinders, Engineer discussed Secondary Road matters including cold in place recycling, paving, and bridge work.

Kris Oswald, Drainage Clerk discussed drainage district matters.

Karla Weiss, Commissioner of Elections gave a presentation on Elections.

There was discussion on the Public Health building addition. The Supervisors asked Karla Weiss, Auditor to tell Gary Anderson, SA Architects to go forward with the addition to the North.

There was discussion regarding the Water and Sewer Grant. The Supervisors discussed giving \$8,000 to anyone in the rural area building a new home or doing \$50,000 or more of improvements to remodel or refurbish an existing acreage for water or sewer updates. To be reimbursed the owner must fill out the application, turn in receipts for a well or sewer system and plans for the house or remodel. Priority is given to veterans and first time grant recipients.

The following claims were approved and ordered to be paid:  
Austin Office Products,  
Supplies ..... \$125.02  
Cerro Gordo Co Auditor,  
Services ..... \$263.45  
Chelsey Ostrander, Mileage ..... \$39.38  
GRP & Associates, Services ..... \$42.00  
Iowa State Medical Examiner, Medical Examiner Fee ..... \$4,071.11  
Lake Mills PT, Services ..... \$85.00  
Larsen Plumbing & Htg,  
Services ..... \$10,254.64  
Reliance Standard Life Ins Co,  
Services ..... \$1,456.30  
Spee-Dee Delivery Service Inc,  
Services ..... \$25.15  
US Cellular, Telephone ..... \$46.42  
Verizon Wireless, Telephone ..... \$51.58  
Visa, Supplies ..... \$684.94  
Wellmark BC/BS,  
Health Ins ..... \$101,740.16  
Austin Office Products,  
Supplies ..... \$160.98  
Biz Wiz Marketing LLC,  
Supplies ..... \$400.00  
Bongaars, Supplies ..... \$522.93  
Chosen Valley Testing,  
Services ..... \$3,000.00  
Fidelity Security Life,  
Services ..... \$975.55  
Globe Gazette Circulation Dept,  
Subscription ..... \$45.00  
Iowa Secretary of State,  
Notary Fee ..... \$30.00  
Karla Weiss, Mileage ..... \$18.13  
Lakes Regional Family Medicine,  
Medical Examiner Fee ..... \$290.00  
Ron Langfald, Rent ..... \$550.00  
Susan Smith, Mileage ..... \$105.00  
Trane US Inc, Supplies ..... \$307.40

Verizon Wireless, Telephone ... \$86.47  
Winnebago Co Auditor,  
Plat Book ..... \$30.00  
On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the payroll claims.

The following Manure Management plans were received by the Auditor's office: High Brook Farms LLC #64161, Cattail Site #71372, Christensen Farms Site F21 # 58669, and Christensen Farms Site F21 #58669, in Winnebago County, Iowa.

The session was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. September 2, 2022.  
Susan Smith, Chairperson

Attest:  
Karla Weiss, Auditor

September 2, 2022  
The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors met in session at 9:00 A.M. September 2, 2022 adjourned from August 30, 2022.  
Present: Supervisors Durby, Jensvold, and Smith  
Absent:  
The meeting is held today via YouTube and a conference call.  
On a motion by Durby and seconded by Jensvold the Supervisors moved to approve the minutes for the August 30, 2022 Board Meeting and approve the Agenda for September 2, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Durby introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS TO CALL AN 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," and moved that the same be adopted. Supervisor Jensvold seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the votes was,  
AYES: Durby, Jensvold, Smith  
NAYS:  
Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS TO CALL AN 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

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") has previously declared Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") to be an essential service in Winnebago County, Iowa (the "County") in compliance with Iowa Code Section 422D.1(2)(a), recognizing EMS is an essential service to Winnebago County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board coordinated efforts with local emergency medical services agencies to establish a county emergency medical services system advisory council (the "Advisory Council") to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the County and guiding implementation of services in the County within a council structure; and

WHEREAS, the Board is in receipt of a recommendation from the Advisory Council, which recommends funding at an amount of \$478,000 (and valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed value on all taxable property within the county and a local option income surtax of not to exceed one percent (1.0%) on the state individual income tax of each individual residing in the county at the end of the individual's applicable tax year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that to provide EMS in the County, a local property tax and local

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