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\$1.25



#### **LMCS Character Education Night**

Area briefs

Lake Mills Elementary will Character Education Night, Thursday, May 1, from 5-7 p.m. in the foyer and high school gym. This event will focus on mental health, and building resilience and wellbeing. There will be interactive booths and a resource fair. John Derryberry will speak from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to attend.

#### **Bulldog Pantry** available to LMCS **families**

The Bulldog Pantry is a school-based food bank that serves families in the LMCS district. They distribute food weekly Thursday afternoons based on orders sent in via an online link. Available food items will vary throughout the year based on current stock in the pantry. If you would like to participate and receive food items, please use the link provided on the Lake Mills Community School website (www.lake-mills.k12.ia.us) to select the items you would like

■ Weather

Cloudy

Partly Cloudy

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April 15

April 16

April 17

April 18

April 19

April 20

April 21

Markets

to change.

Five Star

Soybeans

Soybeans

Viterra

Corn

AM Showers, 30%

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

**SUNDAY** 

**MONDAY** Isolated T-Storms, 30% 78°

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Official temperatures and precipitation as recorded by the Lake Mills

57°

70°

79°

54°

52°

Prices reported as of Tuesday morning. Prices subject

2024

\$ 4.49 \$11.09

\$ 4.45

\$11.01 \$9.75

Hi Low Prec.

.04"

.60"

.50"

2025 \$4.62

\$9.84

\$4.65

32°

28°

50°

41°

32°

32°

37°

Power Plant are as follows:

64° 55°

## **Lake Mills Community School** District awarded OpenSciEd/ILC Grant to enhance science education

(CSD) is proud to announce its selection as a recipient of the OpenSciEd/Iowa e-Learning Center (ILC) Materials and Profesional Grant, awarded by the Iowa Department of Education. This competitive grant supports the implementation of high-quality, open educational resources in science instruction across Iowa.

The grant provides up to \$120,000 in funding for professional development and instructional materials tailored to the district's specific needs. Lake Mills CSD will utilize these funds to train educators in the effective use of OpenSciEd resources, which are designed to foster student engagement, deepen understanding, and cultivate a culture of inquiry in science

OpenSciEd is a collaborative initiative developed by researches, scientists, and teachers over the past decade. It offers freely accessible, adaptable, and dis-

Lake Mills Community School District tributable science materials that align with Iowa's educational standards. By integrating these resources, Lake Mills CSD aims to enhance the quality of science instruction and provide students with a more interactive and inquiry-based learning expe-

> "This grant represents a significant opportunity to elevate science education," said Brittney Christianson, middle school science teacher at Lake Mills CSD. "We are committed to learning with the tools and training necessary to deliver engaging and effective science instruction that prepares our students for future success."

The funding is part of the Iowa e-Learning Central project, which previously adapted OpenSciEd materials for both middle and high school levels. Lake Mills CSD's participation in this initiative underscores its dedication to continuous improvement and innovation in education.

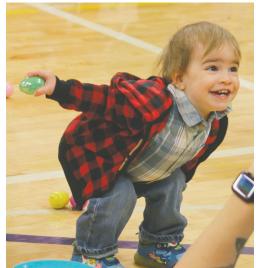


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#### 2025 LMHS prom royalty candidates announced

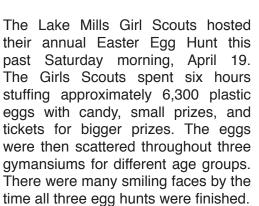
This year's prom royalty candidates were announced Thursday, April 17. Pictured above, front row (L-R): Annaston Stene, Bailey Dagestad, Ellie Redig and Natalie Lary. Back row: Hayden Helgeson, Aiden Stensrud, Aidan Benny and Wyatt Hanna. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the Grand March will start at 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. This year's theme is "Enchanted Evening." The dance will be held from 7-9 p.m. and then students will head to After Prom at Skyzone in Eagan, Minn.

# Girl Scouts host annual Easter Egg Hunt

















### LMHS Personal Finance students compete at State

Two teams from Lake Mills High School recently competed at the 2025 National Personal Finance Challenge state contest, held in Ames. To qualify, students first scored highly on a rigorous exam covering personal finance concepts and decision-making skills.

At the state event, 16 teams from across Iowa were given one hour to analyze a family's financial situation

They then presented their recommendations to a panel of professional financial advisors serving as judges.

The Lake Mills team of Hayden Thompson, Knute Rogne, Royce Peterson, and Steven Brandenburg advanced to the final round and earned an impressive third place finish in the

The second team—Madison Stephen Brandenburg. and prepare a detailed financial plan. Thompson, Hannah Maas, Gavin

Huston, and Mason Gaetzke-also represented the Bulldogs with distinction, qualifying for state through their strong test performance.

Pictured above, front row (L-R): Madison Thompson, Mason Gaetzke, Gavin Huston and Hannah Maas. Back row: Royce Peterson, Knute Rogne, Hayden Thompson and

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