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Area briefs

LMCS Character Education Night

Lake Mills Elementary will hold 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 well-being. 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 to receive.

Weather

THURSDAY			
Rain, 80%	58°	47°	
FRIDAY			
Cloudy	57°	41°	
SATURDAY			
Partly Cloudy	63°	48°	
SUNDAY			
AM Showers, 30%	64°	55°	
MONDAY			
Isolated T-Storms, 30%	78°	57°	
TUESDAY			
Partly Cloudy	72°	48°	
WEDNESDAY			
Partly Cloudy	64°	44°	

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

Date	Hi	Low	Prec.
April 15	57°	32°	.04"
April 16	70°	28°	—
April 17	79°	50°	—
April 18	54°	41°	.60"
April 19	52°	32°	—
April 20	46°	32°	—
April 21	61°	37°	.50"

Markets

Prices reported as of Tuesday morning. Prices subject to change.

Five Star	2024	2025
Corn	\$ 4.49	\$4.62
Soybeans	\$11.09	\$9.84

Viterra		
Corn	\$ 4.45	\$4.65
Soybeans	\$11.01	\$9.75

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

Lake Mills Community School District (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 education.

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

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 experience.

"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.

Girl Scouts host annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Lake Mills Girl Scouts hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt this past Saturday morning, April 19. The Girls Scouts spent six hours stuffing approximately 6,300 plastic eggs with candy, small prizes, and tickets for bigger prizes. The eggs were then scattered throughout three gymnasiums for different age groups. There were many smiling faces by the time all three egg hunts were finished.



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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.



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 and prepare a detailed financial plan.

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 state.

The second team—Madison 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 Steven Brandenburg.