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## ‘FLOWERS IN FLIGHT’

*Submitted by Jane Youngkrantz  
SWCD Supervisor*

The garden will indeed grow, so pause for a moment or two and design a compatible environment to encourage butterflies and other pollinators! Many years ago, a school science assignment may have included assembling a ‘butterfly collection’ in perfect order in rows with pins and labels to study the beautiful winged creations. Now is the opportunity to turn your garden, yard or lake shore into a ‘collection’ of butterflies, bringing countless hours of enjoyment watching and observing...the ‘flowers in flight’.

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[www.nababutterfly.com](http://www.nababutterfly.com)  
[www.raisingbutterflies.org](http://www.raisingbutterflies.org)

Always be vigilant to not have noxious weeds mixed into your flowering landscape, and use [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) as your guide to noxious weeds.

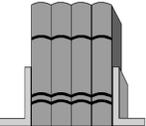
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## “Where’s my paper?”

The Lake Lillian News is still alive and well. All Pioneerland Public Libraries are closed due to the Coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic, so Janice was not able to print this April issue. When the libraries reopen, we will resume the normal printed editions of The Lake Lillian News. Meanwhile, I will work on repairing an old printer when I have time.

*Erik Homme*



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In an effort to protect the health and safety of our public, the City Office will be staffed, but the doors will be locked. All Utility deposits should be dropped off at Citizens Alliance Bank.

If you have other city business, such as permits, forms, etc., please knock on the door for assistance. We will try to limit personal contact as much as possible.

This process will remain in effect until Governor Walz removes the Coronavirus limitations.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.  
*City Staff*

## **Notice to the Lake Lillian Community:**

These are challenging times for our community and our country. We are called to evaluate our social lives, enhance hygiene/follow CDC guidelines, be smart in our decisions to leave our home, and stay calm. I encourage all those who can and those most susceptible to the virus to stay at home. Take this time to catch up on projects, read a book, write a letter, clean your closets/garage, call a friend/neighbor, watch a movie, etc. We will work together to slow the spread of this virus in order to protect ourselves, our families, and our community. Thank you and stay well!

*Wendy Lund, Mayor, City of Lake Lillian*

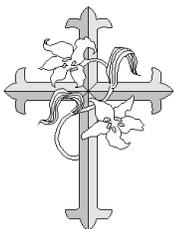
## **Spring Maintenance**

Spring has Sprung! The City of Lake Lillian would like to remind all residents that Zoning Ordinances require all structures and fences to be maintained so as not to be unsightly to the adjoining area or create hazards to public health or safety. Automobile vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored on any residentially zoned property other than in completely enclosed buildings. In addition accumulations of refuse or other debris is in violation of Subsection 92.16 Public Nuisances. Now that spring is finally here, it is time to make sure your property complies with city code and is maintained accordingly and not unsightly. Thank you!



(Sunday, April 12)

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## **Announcements**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of **Lake Lillian Township** will meet Monday, April 13, 2020 at 4PM in the back room of the Lake Lillian City Center. Due to COVID-19 concerns, rather than attend the meeting, property owners are encouraged to phone, write, or email the County Auditor's Office with their appeals regarding property valuation/classification. The County will then present these appeals at the meeting; all appeals will be treated the same as an "in person" appeal.

*Liela Garberich, Clerk*

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of **East Lake Lillian Township** will meet Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7PM in the back room of the Lake Lillian City Center. Due to COVID-19 concerns, rather than attend the meeting, property owners are encouraged to phone, write, or email the County Auditor's Office with their appeals regarding property valuation/classification. The County will then present these appeals at the meeting; all appeals will be treated the same as an "in person" appeal.

*Tim Macik, Clerk*

## **Thank You**

Thank you for donating to the Lake Lillian News—we so appreciate it:

Sandra Curran

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David Horn

## **Announcements**

**NOTICE to City Residents:** All **sump pumps** must be directed outside, not into drain pipes! Lake Lillian Ordinance # 51.062 requires sump pumps to be discharged outside, and penalties will apply. Thank you!

**Recreational Fires:** Recreational fires are permitted within the city limits provided they comply with the following:

- ▶ Contained within the border of a fire site of no more than 3 feet in diameter completely surrounded by non-combustible material
- ▶ No more than 3 feet in height
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- ▶ Conducted with an adult tending the fire at all times
- ▶ Extinguished completely before leaving the fire site
- ▶ For recreational, ceremonial, or food preparation for social purposes only - NO burning of garbage, leaves or grass clippings!

## **Answers to last month's Whozit:**

In the March 2020 issue, The Whozit picture was Dorene Hauer and Richard Brouwer.

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# Short 'n' Sweet

by Corinne Hable



## I'm a Millionaire!

(An April Fools Joke—but I should be!)

Recently I went on a short vacation—the best part being I did not have to cook for fourteen days in a row! This phenomenon has only occurred for me about two times before. Being a “Cook” means being the chief domestic engineer in the kitchen. So far, in my married life, (57 years—I need a medal!) at three times a day, I have accumulated approximately 62,415 meals! That’s not counting about 41,000 additional times I’ve served snacks, nor counting a bunch of baking (minus the times we might have “eaten out”). Multiply that by \$20.00 per hour (minimal suggested wage for planning, buying, preparing, serving, and cleaning up) and it equals \$1,248,300. Euphoric—but wait! Where’s my paycheck?

Never dreamed my main role in life would be a “cook”! (Do I live back in cave-man days?) I’m not saying I’m a great cook; I’ve been very lucky. But it also takes a lot of hard work, sacrifice and responsibility. And hey, money is great, but unhappiness isn’t, and we’d be pretty unhappy without full tummies! I am willing to bet that many of you are “self-made” millionaires as well! Congratulations to each of you!

## Slow Death of the Home Cooked Meal

Cooking isn’t dead in this country, but it isn’t exactly alive and well either. At the current rate, less than half of all dinners eaten at home have been home-made. Not enough time and prepackaged meals seem to be the culprits. Good or bad, this is not an April Fools joke!

Reality check: Are your mealtimes healthy? Are you a “junk food junkie”? Do you seldom eat together as a family? Or....are your mealtimes family-centered, taking time to sit together, share in conversation, and eat nutritional meals? “Big hoop dee doo da,” you may say. But these latter practices are healthy, bonding, emotional, and socially building habits—some of the most important things you can do for your family! As we now prepare to eat more meals at home, let us keep these “stick to your ribs” thoughts in mind.

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## Heed Tibetan Proverb

The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure! (And by the way, eating chocolate has been proven to be good for the brain! )

Now that the “year” of winter is finally over, April brings numerous important dates. First off, we wish Gladys Leikvoll a very happy birthday! Congratulations to Gladys, who is 90 years young! Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Robert Linhoff, who passed away March 1, and the family and friends of June Oslund, who passed away March 17.

Easter Sunday falls on April 12. The annual egg hunt is one day prior for all the little folks, pending conditions. Here’s hoping all of our LLNews readers will have a blessed Easter—not just because of the candy, bunnies, and eggs, but for the celebration of the most important day in the church year for most Christians, when Jesus rose from the dead. Attend the church of your choice— if it is open!

The income tax deadline has been extended to July 15. Whew!

Earth day is April 22, the same day as Spring cleanup in the city park. Won’t you help the volunteers with this project? Many hands make light work.

*Short & Sweet continues...*

## Live & Recover at Home



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Short & Sweet, from page 4...

Hopefully the farmers in the area are ready to soon get in their fields for planting, as “April showers bring May flowers,” including making those seeds grow! Yea!

An upcoming potentially planned event is another Red Cross Blood drive on May 5, from 2–7pm. Please consider donating if you are healthy. There is a severe shortage because of all the recent drive cancellations. Blood donation is a safe process and safety of donors will, as always, be prime.

May every day in April give you courage, strength, renewed hope, strong faith, inner peace, and all the many blessings of Spring!



## Announcements

**PARK CLEAN-UP** will be Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day) at 5:00 PM; rain date will be the following Wednesday, April 29. Please come out and help us “Spring Clean” in the park to prepare for mowing and nice weather. Bring your rake and gloves and join the fun!

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** There was such enthusiasm and FUN surrounding last year's **Fun Days Auction**, we are bringing back "**A Tisket, A Tasket, Donate a Fun Days Basket**" for another year! Get creative and have fun designing a basket for our 2020 Fun Days Auction. Proceeds from the auction will go towards new Christmas decorations for main street Lake Lillian. See you at Fun Days!

Please join us for a come & go **Bridal Shower** for Mariah Rimmel, bride-to-be of Jessie Whitcomb, May 2, 2020, 9 to 11 AM at Peace Lutheran Church, 140 Saturn St., Cosmos. Please bring a recipe to share with Mariah. The couple is registered at Amazon & Target. Parents are Gale & Marlene Rimmel and Joey & Mandy Whitcomb.

Coming soon: The annual Spring **Salad Luncheon** at United Lutheran Church is planned for Friday, May 15, beginning at 12 noon (watch for possible postponement). “Rosie, the Riveter” will be the guest and present the program. Free-will offering appreciated. All are welcome to attend!

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To slow the spread of COVID-19, Governor Walz issued a “**Stay Home**” order through April 10. This means:

You **can** still go to the grocery store, pharmacy, and medical appointments; get take out, delivery or drive through from restaurants; walk your dog, ride your bike, or be in nature; and pick up essentials for neighbors or loved ones.

You **should not** go to work unless providing an essential service, socialize or gather in groups, nor visit loved ones in the hospital or nursing homes except under limited circumstances.

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# Just a Thought or Two...

Rick Nordin

Greetings! "This too shall pass" was a phrase used in my parents' home. They had lived through some tough situations. Families endured, wondering if the sons and daughters were going to make it back from WWII, as there was no communication other than a letter here and there. They endured the rationing of goods. They endured the depression. They endured the scare of polio, all during a time that offered only a couple of news outlets, newspaper and radio.

Today we have instant communication on hand-held devices that can show what's going on globally in real time. Only 20 years ago this type of technology was still considered science fiction. The people of my folks' and grandfolks' generations endured, so we could have it so good today. They leaned on their Faith. It was their Rock!

This is without a question an unnerving time in our history. The first time I had this type of feeling was

the weeks after 9/11. But, every day I am reminded of a voice saying, "This too shall pass". Be extra careful out there and decide to make April a good month.



## One Year Ago



Local youths' enjoyment of the merry-go-round was hampered by deep snow in March 2019.

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## Highlights

### MINUTES

#### CITY OF LAKE LILLIAN

#### REGULAR MEETING – March 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Lake Lillian City Council was called to order by Mayor Wendy Lund at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Council Members Kris Kaiser, Cristal King, and Michael Sagness.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Lowell Petterson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alissa Stai, David Woelfel, and John Douville

**Adopt Agenda** – A motion by Sagness, seconded by Kaiser, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

**Adopt Consent Agenda** – A motion by Kaiser, seconded by Sagness, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

- February 6, 2020 Minutes
- February 28, 2020 Special Meeting – State Representatives - 2020 Project
- March 5, 2020 Special Meeting – Financing 2020 Project
- Sheriff's Report

### Visitors Presentations, Petitions and Correspondence

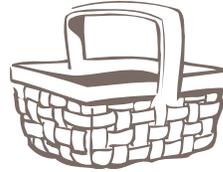
**Pond Drainage Pipe** – Marlin Maresch was present to discuss the issue of a broken pond drainage pipe that affects his crops. The waste water pond drainage pipe crosses his field into the drainage ditch. It has broken several times over the years causing crop damage. The city is scheduled to repair the break this spring but that may not solve the long term issue of the quality of the pipe. The repair is estimated at \$1,000 while replacement is at \$22,000. Crop damage could run approximately \$6,000, but the city would be insured for the loss.

**March 10, 2020 Bills List** - A motion by Kaiser, seconded by Sagness, to approve the March 10, 2020 Bills list, Checks numbered 59951-59990 for \$54,748.82. Motion carried.

**Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Contract** – A motion by Kaiser, seconded by King to approve the Kandiyohi Sheriff's Contract through December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

# Happy Easter!

(April 12)



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**Water/Wastewater Operator Contract** – A motion by Sagness, seconded by King to approve the water/wastewater operator contract with David Woelfel. Motion carried.

**Fence Ordinance** – City Councilmembers will ask the Sheriff's office to issue citations for non-compliant fencing in the city.

**Council Meeting Night Change** – A motion by Kaiser, seconded by King, to move the regular council meeting days to the first Tuesday of the month. Motion carried.

**Resolution 20\_02 CR8 Diagonal Park** – A motion by Sagness, seconded by Kaiser, to approve Res. 20\_02 County Road 8 diagonal parking. Motion carried.

**Resolution 20\_03 Preliminary Engineering Report and Call for Public Hearing** – A motion by King, seconded by Sagness, to approve Res. 20\_03 Receiving Preliminary Engineering Report and Call for Public Hearing. Motion carried.

**Lake Lillian Fun Days** – Discussion centered on the community event, making sure parking lot leases were in place and contracting mosquito spraying, etc.

**Department Heads** – Public Works Supervisor Alissa Stai reviewed water/wastewater operations and attendance at the MN Rural Water conference. David

*Council continues...*

A Red Cross **Blood drive** Tuesday, May 5  
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American Red Cross

**Council, from page 7...**

Woelfel reviewed pond gates that will eventually need to be repaired or replaced.

**Other Business** – Councilmember Sagness discussed having conduit in place on the street project for eventual electric vehicle charging stations. Sagness also reviewed Bollig Engineering invoices. The city is continuing to work on easements for the utility lines.

**Adjourn** - A motion by King, seconded by Kaiser, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion carried.



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