

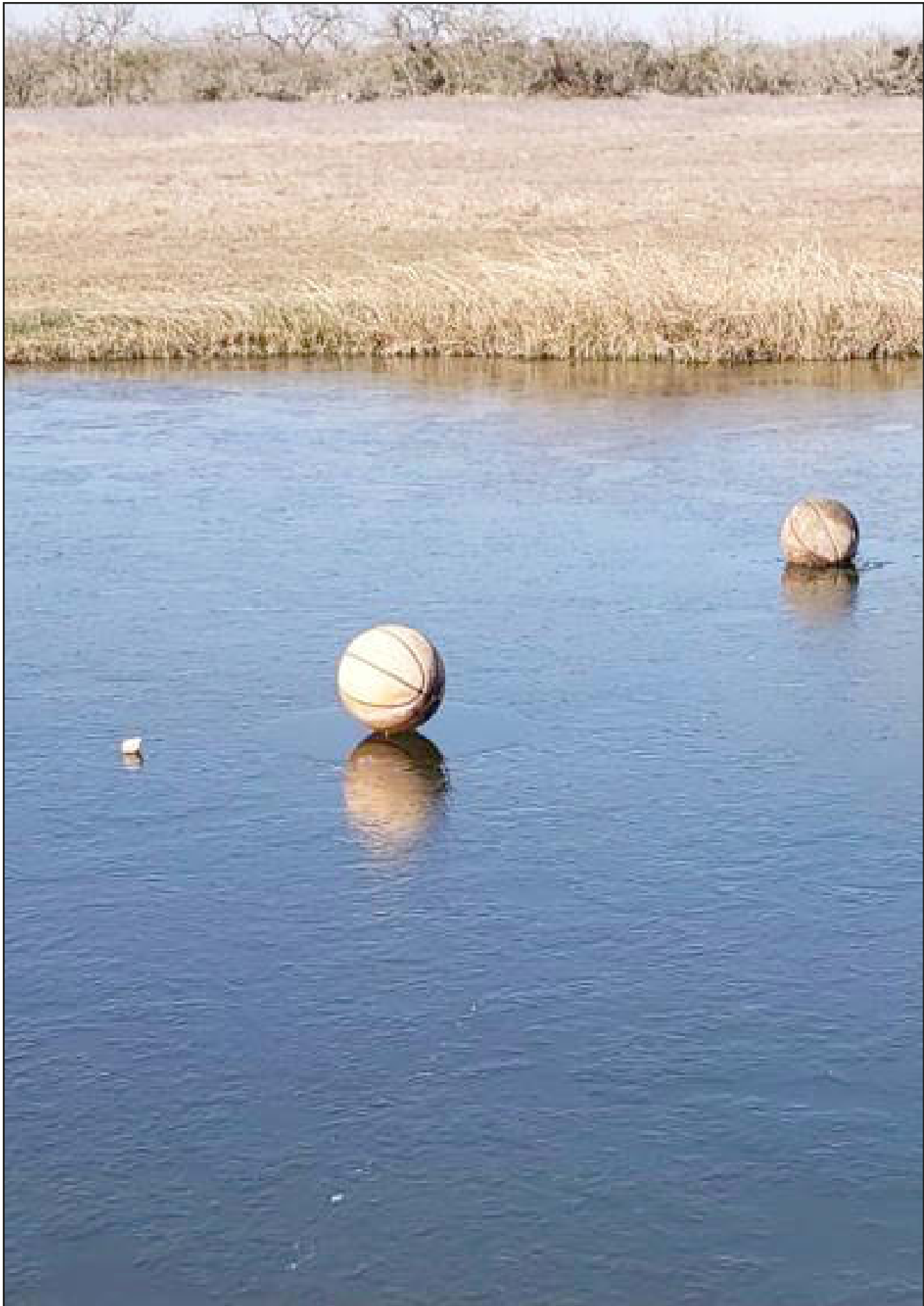
Second Quarter Photo Contest 2021

News



HEATHER RASH | HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT (ELIZABETHTOWN, ILLINOIS)

ROSICLARE REHABILITATION AND HEALTH CARE CENTER DRIVE BY CAR PARADE — Michelle Atkinson and her daughters, Michaela and Alaina, participated in the parade in support of their mom/Nan, Anita Bridges, who is a resident at RRHCC. Even their dog Tucker seemed to miss Anita. Due to coronavirus, they haven't been able to visit with Anita in person for three months. The sign the dog, Tucker, is holding says, "We miss you Nan."



MELISSA RAMIREZ | THE ENTERPRISE (HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS)

NOT AN OPTICAL ILLUSION — Inspired to submit a photo of two volleyballs appearing to defy the laws of gravity, Enterprise contributor Melissa Ramirez was only too happy to share the attached photo. The freezing temperatures, which dropped into the low teens during last weeks freeze, also resulted in some clever photo taking by area photographers.



LONNIE HINTON | THE VIENNA (ILLINOIS) TIMES

JOHNSON COUNTY, VIENNA LOSSES STAPLE BUSINESS TO FIRE — Within moments of the first report of fire, the longstanding Bob Harper Ford dealership in Vienna (Illinois) was turned to a pile of ash and twisted metal Friday evening, Jan. 8. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. The Illinois State Fair Marshal continues to investigate. Future plans for the dealership also have not yet been determined, pending the investigation and working with insurance. Kelly Harper plans to announce future plans as soon as possible.



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

COWBOY TRAIL — A group of horseback riders, including Cooper Bloom, Wyatt Bloom, Jonathan Johnson, Jackson Leonard and Rick Bloom, venture along the Cowboy Trail, and occasionally along Highway 275 Monday. Destination: Valentine. What initially began as a fundraiser for wildlife conservation in the state has turned into a week-long venture for four college friends and the father of two of the riders.



CARM THRAMER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

RITE OF PASSAGE — Ewing seniors toss graduation caps in the air.



ELIZABETH ODELL | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

START 'EM YOUNG — A novice cowboy shows off his roping skills during team roping at the Antelope County Fair.



JORDEN COX | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

RING OF FIRE — A rodeo clown twirls a rope of flames during Extreme Bullriding at the Antelope County Fair.



JODY SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

FUTURE FIREFIGHTER — Taeah Snyder tries on a fireman's uniform. Ewing Fire and Rescue Department members conducted fire safety lessons for Summerland-Ewing elementary students, Oct. 9.



TAMMY BEARINGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

TINKERBELL TIME — Summerland’s one-act competed at and finished fourth in the Niobrara Valley Conference one-act championships, Tuesday, at Elgin Pope John. (above): Tinkerbell, portrayed by Cassidy Bearinger, retrieves a cup from the hands of Peter Pan, played by Kyra Nilson.



CHARLES WHITE | THE MADILL (OKLAHOMA) RECORD

Smiley Road near Oklahoma Steel & Wire was severely damaged with sheet metal from thje business hanging from the light poles.



TOM SHERLIN | THE DAILY TIMES (MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE)

Ninety-five year old World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient Lee Fritts waves to well wishers during a drive by birthday party at Fairview United Methodist Church during the pandemic.



GINA LANGSTON | GREENFIELD (MISSOURI) VEDETTE

Patty Langston reveals her emotions about the day's events related to the sudden hail storm in Lawrence County.





EVAN CALDWELL | STANWOOD (WASHINGTON) CAMANO NEWS

Though separated by a glass window due to the pandemic, Phyllis Busse interacts with Ebon on Friday Warm Beach Senior Community during a visit from horses and riders from the neighboring Warm Beach Horsemanship program.



ANNIE GRANLUND | OWATONNA (MINNESOTA) PEOPLE'S PRESS

Two men console a distraught individual at the scene of a death investigation at Dartts Park in Owatonna on Sunday evening. The emotional man begged law enforcement to move the body of the deceased off the road and into an ambulance.



DANIEL DIVILIO | KENT COUNTY NEWS (CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND)

Bishop Charles Tilghman says he does not expect President Donald Trump to be a leader for change in light of George Floyd's death and the deaths of so many other people of color at the hands of police. He called for community members at Sunday's vigil to vote Trump out of office.



TOM MCCALL | THE STAR DEMOCRAT (EASTON, MARYLAND)

These firefighters are all volunteer. They take calculated risks with axes and oxygen tanks and hoses. They work together in teams within their own firehouses.



CHRIS MERTES | THE STAR (SUN PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN)

Findorff Construction welder Dan Hass welded a portion of the top of the bell tower for Downtown Sun Prairie's Historic City Hall building on Tuesday, Feb. 16 -- one day before it was scheduled to be raised by Findorff into place by a huge crane that closed Bristol Street near Main Street.



DAN REILAND | EAU CLAIRE (WISCONSIN) LEADER-TELEGRAM

Kris Ruckman of Eau Claire shares messages with her 97-year-old father, Bob Anderson, on Tuesday through a window at River Pines in Altoona. Ruckman, who has been unable to visit her dad in the nursing home since visitors were barred last week as a precaution against COVID-19, made signs for her dad to read, such as this one saying “Miss you,” because using a phone is difficult because of his poor hearing.



ROBBI PENGELLY | THE SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE (IRVINE, CALIFORNIA)

Lauren Myers, owner of Wet Nose Style Dog Grooming, calms nervous Harley, short for Harlequin, in her studio on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020.



JESSE YEATMAN | SOUTHERN MARYLAND NEWS (LA PLATA, MARYLAND)

Clyde Tennyson hopes to get some cedar boards out of this tree that fell across Point Lookout Road in the Ridge/Scotland area of St. Mary's County on Tuesday morning after Tropical Storm Isaias blew through the region. A tornado reportedly touched down in that area around 6:27 a.m. that day.



CARTER PAPE | THE TIMES-INDEPENDENT (MOAB, UTAH)

As cars drive into Moab, they are greeted with a flashing sign on Highway 191 warning of lodging restrictions that will last for the next month, or as long as officials deem necessary. A similar sign is posted on the south side of town.



OLIVER HAMLIN | SKAGIT VALLEY HERALD (MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON)

Adan Rodriguez, a third grade teacher at Madison Elementary, gives a thumbs up to students during the first moments of class on the first day of school on Sept. 2 in Mount Vernon, Wash. After a couple test runs the night before, Rodriguez said he felt confident in his setup using both a laptop and phone for better audio.



RICHARD VOLESKY | GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS (BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA)

Protestors in Dickinson, N.D., along N.D. Hwy. 22 on June 2 pose in the manner in which George Floyd died on May 25 in Minneapolis.



TIM WOHLERS | THE WAUNAKEE (WISCONSIN) TRIBUNE

The Juneteenth flag waves high in the afternoon sky, shortly after it was raised at Waunakee High School. Observed annually on June 19, Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the emancipation of individuals who were enslaved more than two years after slavery had been abolished by President Lincoln in 1863.



ROBERT STEVENS | SANPETE MESSENGER (MANTI, UTAH)

My News Photo entry came from a 10-hour block of boots-on-the-ground coverage of a wildfire that threatened Indianola, Utah during the summer of 2020. The photo shows Leonardo and Marjane Holbrock, huddled close to each other at the edge of their driveway as they watch their valley burn with no immediate relief in sight.



MICHAEL CUMMO | WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE

U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., grabs the hand of a supporter following a rally against U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, outside the Wyoming State Capitol in Cheyenne. Gaetz spoke to hundreds, bashing Rep. Cheney after she voted to impeach former President Donald Trump for his role in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, and called for a group effort in finding the right nominee to replace her when she is up for reelection in 2022.



TRISH MCGEE | KENT COUNTY NEWS (CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND)

During the Juneteenth event (June 19, 2020) in Chestertown's Fountain Park, Jana Carter signs her name to the Community Mural Agreement. Signers promised to stand against oppression, injustice and racism.



ANTHONY WAHL | JANESVILLE (WISCONSIN) GAZETTE

A winter fireworks display called 'Ice Cold Fireworks' lights up the sky over Lake Koshkonong as attendees watch near Royce-Dallman Park, north of Milton, on Saturday evening. The event was intended to raise money for and spread the word about veteran suicides.



RACHEL LEATHE | BOZEMAN (MONTANA) DAILY CHRONICLE

A horse runs in a pasture near the Bradley Creek fire on Monday, Aug. 24, 2020. The fire started Sunday night burned 1,700 acres by Monday afternoon.



MIKE DETMER | DORCHESTER STAR (CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND)

A sow is on the lam next to a Dorchester County cornfield after wind and rain from Tropical Storm Isaias knocked out the power to the electric fence around her enclosure.

Features



TAMMY BEARINGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

DRESSED UP, NOWHERE TO GO — Clearwater Public Schools senior, Kierra Bearinger, is disappointed about classic school activities seniors experience in springtime, including prom and graduation. She looks forward to a rescheduled Close-Up trip in July and is “still hoping for a traditional graduation ceremony sometime this summer.”



ELIZABETH ODELL | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

HANGING OUT — A honeybee hangs out on a red clover blossom during a cool September morning.



TOM SHERLIN | THE DAILY TIMES (MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE)

Tenley Young flies from the water slide on opening day for Springbrook Pool in Alcoa, Tennessee which is open to one-half limited capacity and social distancing.



EVAN CALDWELL | STANWOOD (WASHINGTON) CAMANO NEWS

Marc and Brittany Root, with son Knox, show the woolly mammoth tooth they found in January on Camano Island.



BOB JACKSON | GREENFIELD (MISSOURI) VEDETTE

The community overcome obstacles and restrictions caused by covid to give the Class of 2020 the graduation they earned. This was the first time in history that graduation was held at the football stadium instead of in the gymnasium, as well as the first time it was held in late June instead of May.



DANIEL DIVILIO | KENT COUNTY NEWS (CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND)

A crop duster sprays a field by Lockbriar Farms near Worton Tuesday afternoon, July 28, making passes low and fast over fields of corn and soybeans along state Route 297.



TOM MCCALL | THE STAR DEMOCRAT (EASTON, MARYLAND)

Dr. Wayne Bell, left, leads a group of 20 into bird-rich woods near Tunis Mills. They saw over 40 species in three hours.



DAN REILAND | EAU CLAIRE (WISCONSIN) LEADER-TELEGRAM

The area surrounding the Pablo Center at the Confluence was all lit in blue Thursday evening where the Eau Claire and Chippewa rivers meet in downtown Eau Claire. The change in color was made as part of a nationwide campaign to offer support and gratitude to the people working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.



ROBBI PENGELLY | THE SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE (IRVINE, CALIFORNIA)

Salvador Tapia first came to the United States in 1983, when he paid a coyote \$250 to smuggle him across the border. He then piled into a van with 32 other people to head to Los Angeles.



JESSE YEATMAN | SOUTHERN MARYLAND NEWS (LA PLATA, MARYLAND)

Talvi the dog, along with its owners Kyler Crank and Lindsay Wooleyhand of Lexington Park, await some greens being brought to their car on Saturday morning by Brett Grohsgal of Even' Star Farm at the Home Grown Farm Market in Lexington Park. The farmers market opened for the season last weekend with a modified drive-thru format to help lower the spread of COVID-19.



DOUG MCMURDO | THE TIMES-INDEPENDENT (MOAB, UTAH)

Moab City employees Sascha Steinberg, front, Makeda Barkley and Rhett Grosskreuz paint flowers at the crosswalk at Center Street and 200 East on May 14. This is the first of perhaps several crosswalk murals they will paint. Steinberg said she wanted her design to be easy enough for people to paint. "It's something happy and cool, and everyone likes flowers," she said.



OLIVER HAMLIN | SKAGIT VALLEY HERALD (MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON)

Elwin Vernon returns a salute to a group of motorcyclists at a surprise drive-through birthday party on March 4 in downtown Anacortes, Wash. The event was organized in part by American Legion Post 13 in Anacortes to celebrate the WWII veteran.



JANE M. COOK | GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS (BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA)

Here's the beef: Levi Hecker and his dad Bill proudly show off Levi's steer which won a blue ribbon at the Wibaux County Fair in Wibaux, Mont., the weekend of Aug. 20-23.



TIM WOHLERS | THE WAUNAKEE (WISCONSIN) TRIBUNE

Savannah Village residents take part in the new Saturday-afternoon tradition, Jump Around Wisconsin. The ritual involves radio stations from across the state, who play the song “Jump Around” each Saturday at 3 p.m. Listeners are then encouraged to step outside and get on (or rather off) their feet.



ROBERT STEVENS | SANPETE MESSENGER (MANTI, UTAH)

My feature photo entry shows a hot air balloon pilot showing off for spectators by skimming and dipping his basket in Redmond Lake in Redmond, Utah.



MICHAEL CUMMO | WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE

Kade Potter, 12, gets big air while performing a scooter trick Friday, Aug. 21, 2020, at the Cheyenne Skatepark in Brimmer Park. The skatepark, which is open from sunrise to sunset, offers a variety of ramps, jumps, and halfpipe that can be used for scooters, skateboards and bicycles.



ANTHONY WAHL | JANESVILLE (WISCONSIN) GAZETTE

A group finishes out their basketball game in the rain as a storm begins its move through Janesville on Tuesday evening.





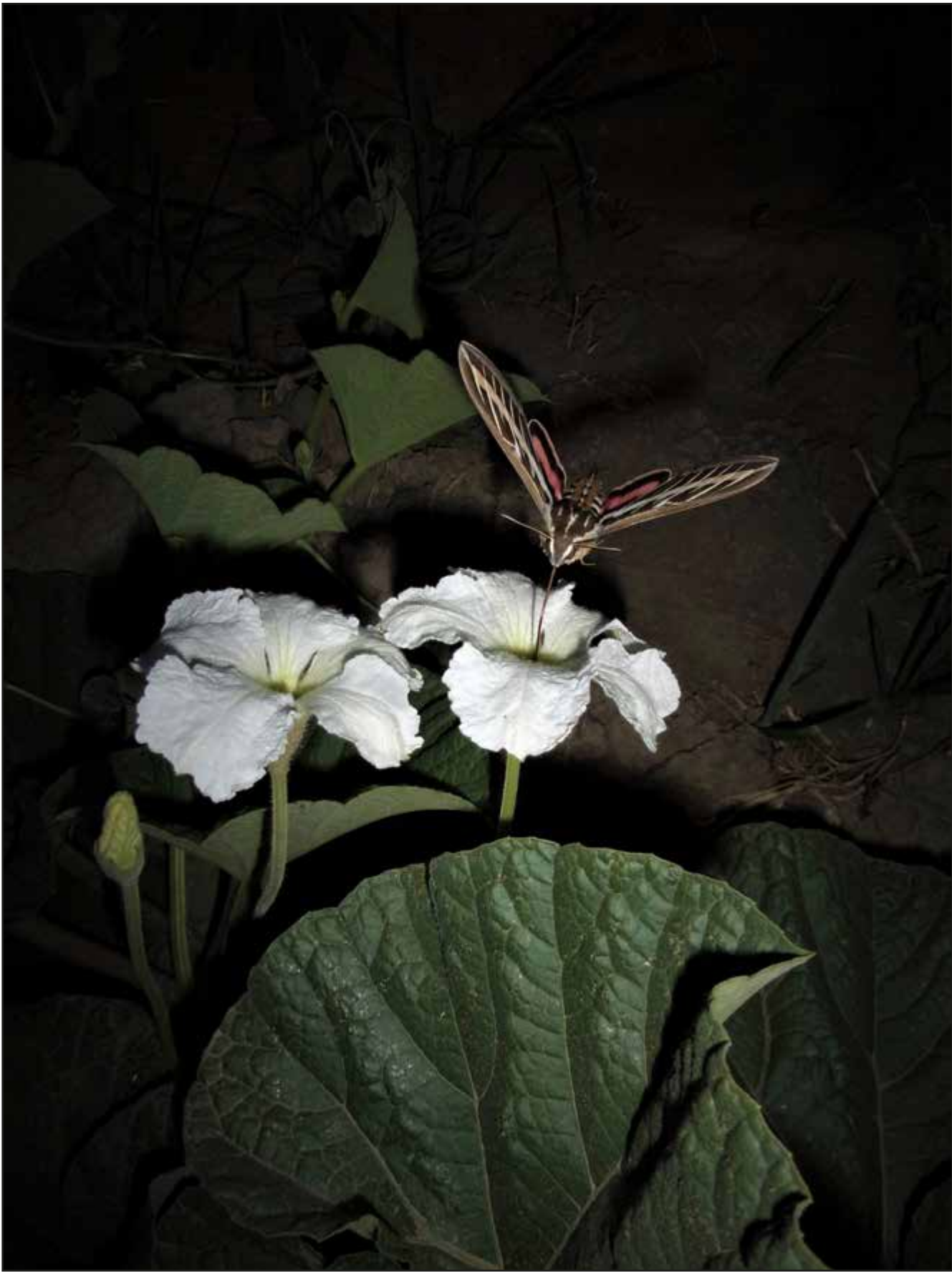
RACHEL LEATHE | BOZEMAN (MONTANA) DAILY CHRONICLE

Counter demonstrators stand in opposition to those participating in the Defend the Police rally on Friday, July 31, 2020, in downtown Bozeman.



MIKE DETMER | DORCHESTER STAR (CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND)

Star Democrat reporter Mike Detmer captured this tranquil scene on Jan. 21 of Gales Creek in Galestown, Dorchester County.



RICHARD VOLESKY | GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS (BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA)

One more 'sip': A *Hyles lineata* or a white-lined sphinx moth - sometimes called a hummingbird moth - draws nectar from the bloom of a gourd on Sept. 3, in a Billings County, N.D., garden.



Yoyo Robles plays hard during the soccer season opener on March 2, 2021

SUMMER BRYANT | THE MADILL (OKLAHOMA) RECORD



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

ROPING AND RIDING — A header and heeler lasso a calf during team roping competition, Saturday, in Royal. Twelve teams participated in the Royal roping contest. First place winners were Jesse Rader and Jace Fritz. Bill Leapley and Shane Avery finished second. Cody Wensing and Jeremy Stevens ended in third place. To view additional photos from Saturday evening's competition visit <https://summerlandadvocatemessenger.zenfolio.com>.



TRAVIS RUDLOFF | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

BORN TO BUCK — A Clearwater rodeo contestant rides a bull, raised by Hollenbeck Rodeo Company, of Winner, South Dakota. Hollenbeck Rodeo has supplied stock for the Clearwater event for 52 years.



JODY SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

WIND AND RELEASE — Michael Koenig completes the windup before sending the ball hurling toward home plate. Koenig is a member of the Summerland pony team.



AMY KERKMAN | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

REACH FOR IT — Avery Cheatum stretches to dig the ball during an exhibition game played Monday in Ewing. The Bobcats defeated Riverside and Boone Central.



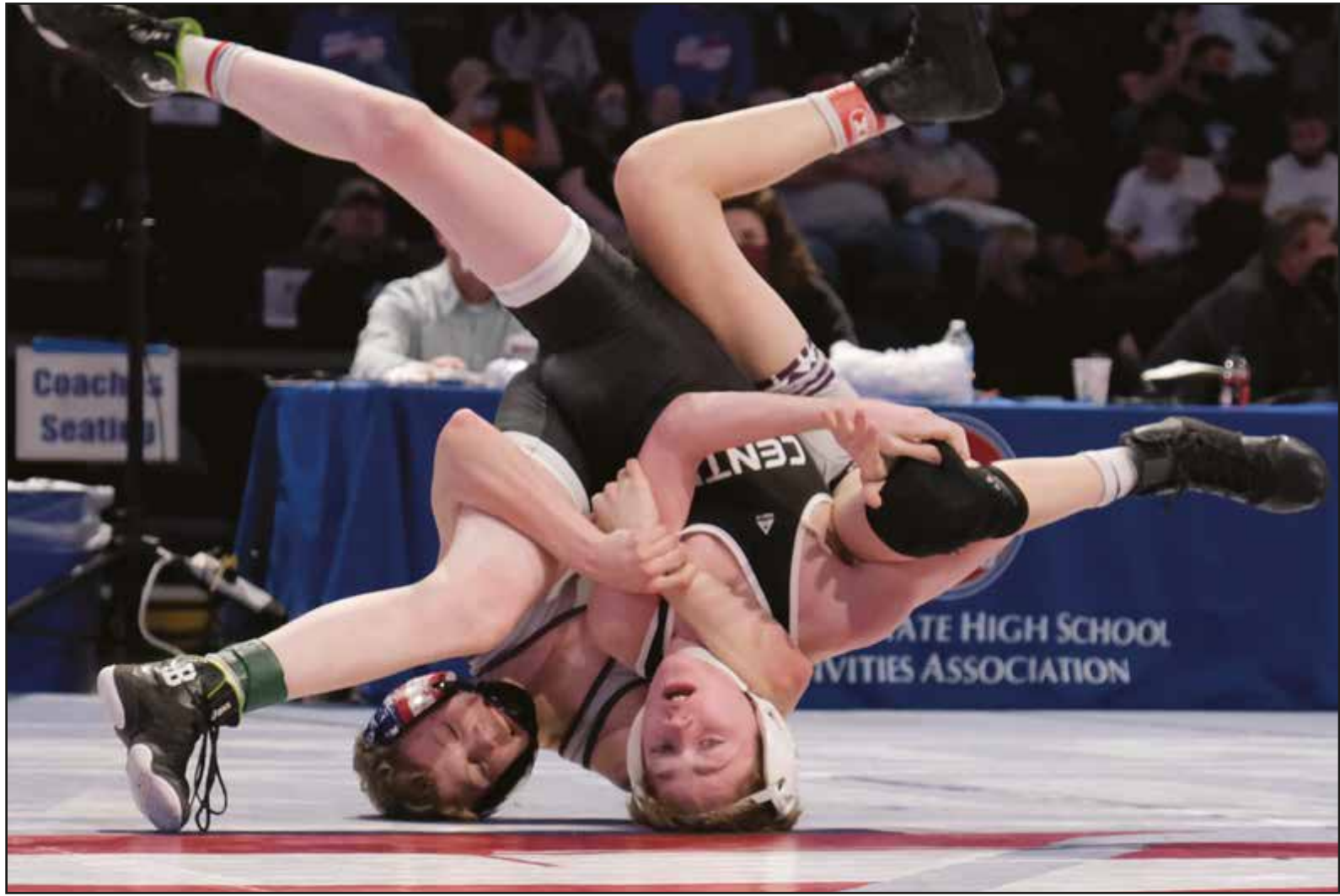
TAMMY BEARINGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

DIVE IN — Jesus Hernandez, of Schuyler, searches for leverage against Summerland's Alex Thiele, during a match at the Wisner-Pilger junior varsity meet, Monday. Thiele finished second in the 126 division.



TOM SHERLIN | THE DAILY TIMES (MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE)

Maryville Christian's Ryan Hudson is fouled driving for a layup by Greenback's Conner Morton at Greenback High School.



JAMES SMITH | CENTRALIA (MISSOURI) FIRESIDE GUARD

Using all the angles, Centralia's Weston Ward, right, and Hallsville's Paxton Martin vie for position.





EVAN CALDWELL | STANWOOD (WASHINGTON) CAMANO NEWS

Ryder Bumgarner attempts to haul in a pass during Stanwood's 50-7 victory over Jackson on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Everett Memorial Stadium.



GINA LANGSTON | GREENFIELD (MISSOURI) VEDETTE

Miller's E. Kingsley with one of her many blocks during match against the visiting Pleasant Hope Lady Pirates.



TOM MCCALL | STAR DEMOCRAT (EASTON, MARYLAND)

Freedom Rowers Coach Chris Gill tosses Duncan Culvert a sponge to get water out of his boat. It takes several squeezes.



CARTER PAPE | THE TIMES-INDEPENDENT (MOAB, UTAH)

Among the features on the Navajo Rocks bike loop is a stretch along a sharp grade of seemingly 30% in some spots. But the path crosses the grade rather than going up or down, leaving riders with a challenge of not falling sideways down the hill.



JESSE YEATMAN | SOUTHERN MARYLAND NEWS (LA PLATA, MARYLAND)

St. Mary's Ryken High School's Malachi Briscoe grabs the rim after dunking during the Knights' 117-76 win over visiting Good Counsel on Sunday. The Knights held a close lead at 28-26 at one point in the first half and then outscored the Falcons 28-11 to close out the half, before a 12-0 run early in the second half to seal the win. Aaron Jasper scored a team-high 21 points for St. Mary's Ryken while Briscoe, Vladan Malavrazic and Aaron "Chase" Williams each scored 16. The St. Mary's Ryken boys team finished the season with an unofficial record of 2-7 and the girls team closed out the season 1-5. No records, scores or conference standings were officially logged during the abbreviated season.



MICHAEL HUGHES | NORTHFIELD (MINNESOTA) NEWS

Northfield senior forward Pascal Cogan celebrates scoring the first goal of Thursday night's 3-0 victory against Owatonna at Northfield High School.



ROBERT STEVENS | SANPETE MESSENGER (MANTI, UTAH)

The Sports Photo entry shows pro-mx rider Sean Nielson doing a backflip for the Gunnison City, Utah Fourth of July celebrations. To capture this still-timelapse photo, I used a non-traditional technique to show the full motion arc of Nielson.



MICHAEL CUMMO | WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE

Cheyenne South's Juan Morales gets flipped on his head while grappling with Thunder Basin's Deyton Johnson in the 160-pound match during a dual Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at South. The Bison lost to Bolts, 79 - 0.



RACHEL LEATHE | BOZEMAN (MONTANA) DAILY CHRONICLE

Bozeman junior Joshua Angell kicks the ball past Great Falls CMR's James Onsted for a goal on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020.



RYAN DUNSMORE, FORT BEND HERALD (ROSENBERG, TEXAS)

Foster High School's Leyla Trujillo swims the freestyle leg of the 200-yard medley relay at the 2021 UIL 5A Girls Swimming and Diving Championships on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 in San Antonio at North East ISD's Bill Walker Pool.