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Bobcats Beating Cancer Golf Tournament
1B Hemingford High School Alumni



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Honoring the Fallen 8A

MEMORIAL DAY



American Legion Post #9 Commander Bob Olsen salutes as Hemingford student Sophia Gomez plays taps next to the Color Guard.



Kay Bakkehaug/Hemingford Ledger

Carol Danbom smiles under her mask as she picks up her prescriptions from Dave's Pharmacy in Hemingford.

'Breath of Fresh Air'

By KAY BAKKEHAUG
Hemingford Ledger

"This is a breath of fresh air, literally," said Pharmacist Tim Kotschwar, owner of Alliance Community Pharmacy.

It has now been two weeks since the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the new mask guidelines stating that fully vaccinated Americans no longer need to wear masks indoors or outdoors. With a few exceptions of course such as when it required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

This decision came after the CDC reported a steady decline in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, as well as data supporting the effectiveness of the vaccines. The current 7-day moving average of daily new cases reported to the CDC is 21,627, which is a 22.3 percent drop compared with the previous 7-day average. Covid-19 testing is down 12.9 percent from last week's average and

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Avenue of Flags on Display

By KAY BAKKEHAUG
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Volunteers helped to put out 317 American flags that make up the Avenue of Flags this past Memorial Day. If the weather permits the flags are flown on each patriotic holiday: Veteran's Day, 4th of July, and Memorial Day. This has been a Hemingford tradition since the American Legion Post No. 9 lined the town streets with flags for the first time in 1986 when just 14 flags were flown. Each flag is a casket flag from a

'God gave me the gift of life here in this great nation'

deceased veteran dating back to the Civil War with ties to Hemingford. The casket flags are quite the sight as they are larger than your average flag; 9.5 feet by 5 feet compared to 5 foot by 3 foot.

If the weather cooperates the flags will be on display again on July 4th. The American Legion Post No. 9 hosted

a Memorial Day Program at the St. Bridget's Parish Hall. Color Guard Chaplain Troy Sorensen opened the event with a prayer followed by the singing of our National Anthem by the mother/daughter duo, Erin and Jade Sorensen.

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Soldier thankful for hometown support

By KAY BAKKEHAUG
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The two 6th grade class teachers at Hemingford Junior High decided that this past school year they wanted to focus on service. Teachers Bridget Johnston and Danielle Roland decided that their classes were going to

adopt a Box Butte County soldier.

"We adopted Jennifer Jensen who was serving a deployment in Turkey through the United

States Air Force," said Johnston. "The kids sent her birthday cards, care packages, and letters throughout the year." Jensen enlisted in

the Air Force in February of 2007 and is currently a Technical Sergeant (TSgt) E-6 in the

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TSgt Jennifer Jensen holds up the American Flag along with a Certificate of Authenticity for Mrs. Rolland and the Hemingford Class of 2027 and a certificate for Mrs. Johnston and the Hemingford Class of 2027. Both certificates state that the flag was flown aboard on the KC-135R on Dec. 25, 2020.



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