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## Hawk grads on film



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Central Lee senior Alleanah Oilar gets a diploma from Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier as a video production crew from northern Iowa films the event. The footage will be added to other individual video shoots to create a simulated graduation for the 2020 class.

### STATE REOPENING

## More relaxed regs coming for county

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Several additional services in Lee County may have a new look in the wake of COVID-19 closures, as Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds continues to loosen ties on the state's counties.

On Wednesday, Reynolds announced that dental services across the state, in addition to tanning services, medical spas, enclosed malls and campgrounds could all reopen as of Friday under state guidelines.

Dental work will have a new look for local residents as state dental services have been re-established, but Fort Madison dentist Dr. Mark Pothitakis, of Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis and Associates, said safety of the patients and staff are paramount to any

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### CENTRAL LEE: Graduates take part in simulated graduation video production

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Gov. Reynolds is moving about as fast as she can to get life back to normal for Iowans, but seniors at Central Lee High School were relegated to a mock graduation Thursday and Friday.

With officials hoping to get a real graduation ceremony in on June 28, with weather... and governor...permitting, the district moved to have a company come in and put together a simulated graduation.

Seniors, one at a time with full-on social distancing in place, walked down the center of the high school gymnasium to a set of camera's run by 2008 Central Lee alum Kelsey Hammer-Parks.

The students would then stop, High School Principal Nicole Herdrich would read their name, and then the students would walk up the steps across the stage to a diploma cover presented by Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier.

The simulation will even include senior addresses, valedictorian

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### UNEMPLOYMENT

## State pays out \$50.9M in jobless benefits last week

DES MOINES - The number of initial claims in Iowa, filed between Sunday, April 26, and Saturday, May 2, was 24,693. There were 22,830 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 1,863 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state.

The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims was 181,358

Unemployment insurance benefit payments totaled \$50,931,302.43 for the same week.

The following industries had the most claims:

- Manufacturing (6,053)
- Industry Not Available - Self-em-

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### SHOP LOCAL

## LCEDG, Chambers partner for "Buy Lee County"

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The Keokuk Chamber, Economic Development and Main Street, Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce and Lee County EDG have partnered together to

launch "Buy Lee County", an initiative to stimulate the local economy after the COVID-19 shut downs hit local businesses.

Buy Lee County is an incentive to shop locally by giving \$10 extra on a \$20 purchase of Chamber Checks or Keokuk Kash.

"Fort Madison Chamber, Keokuk Chamber

and Lee County Economic Development are all supporting this incentive financially to give back to our community. We're looking forward to helping those who always help us!" says Savanna Collier, Fort Madison Chamber

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### WEATHER

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# Obituaries/Iowa News

## OBITUARIES

### ROBERT M. HIGBY

Robert Martin Higby, 93, of Keokuk, IA, formerly of Lake Ozark, MO died Sunday, May 3, 2020 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

He was born on November 11, 1926 in Denver, CO, the son of Harry Martin and Norene Kracaw Higby.



HIGBY

Robert graduated from the Mt. Pleasant Iowa High School with the Class of 1947. He continued his education at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mt. Pleasant and received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Master's Degree from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO.

On December 20, 1953, Robert was united in marriage to Norma Grace Reitzel. She preceded him in death on December 25, 2018.

Robert was a veteran of the United States Marine and proudly served his country during WW II, stationed in Guam, Iwo Jima and Northern

China.

He began his career as a History and Psychology teacher and football coach in Albia, IA and continued that path in Wellman, IA and Vinton IA. After moving to Lake Ozark, MO he taught at the School of the Osage in Lake Ozark, Camdenton High School in Camdenton, MO and Eldon High School in Eldon, MO. Following his retirement from Eldon High School, Robert was employed at the Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach.



He was a member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church and the Lake Ozark Rotary Club. Robert loved spending time at the lake where he enjoyed boating, scuba diving and riding his motorcycle. He enjoyed his coffee and conversation with his coaching buddies every morning. He also enjoyed watching college football and was a Mizzou and Hawkeye fan. Robert was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading about the Civil War and traveling, with his wife, to visit civil war battle sites. They also loved traveling to Colorado.

He is survived by two daughters, Beth Anne Higby of Newhall, CA and Kathy Lynn Gage (Greg) of Keokuk, two sons, Richard Martin Higby (Ann) of St. Louis, MO and James Robert Higby (Brett) of Lake St. Louis, MO, four grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Walker (Chris) of Parachute, CO, Thomas Bennett Gage of Lincoln, NE, Jacob Robert Higby of Lake St. Louis, MO and Maria Grace Higby of Lake St. Louis, MO, two great-grandchildren, Finn Charles Walker and Ayla Claire Walker, and one sister, Sheila Faricy of St. Paul, MN.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Rosalie Anderson and two brothers, Wayne and Mike Higby.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday at the Forest Home Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, IA with Pastor David Turner officiating. Due to the current restrictions on gatherings, there will only be a private family visitation. Memorials may be made to the Lake Ozark Christian Church. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN R. MEDLAND

John R. Medland, 72, of Ft. Madison, passed away at 9:29 AM on Monday, May 04, 2020 at Great River Medical Center.

He was born on December 15, 1947 in Ft. Madison to George E. and Geraldine E. Thilmony Medland. On September 25, 1992 he married Kathaline Mueller in Ft. Madison and she passed away on March 21, 2017. John worked at GE and retired after thirty plus years of service. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, the Knights of Columbus, the Moose Lodge and the Eagles Club. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam conflict. John was an avid St. Louis Cardinal and Iowa Hawkeye fan. He also enjoyed golfing, playing cards and especially enjoyed spending time with his family.



MEDLAND

Survivors include his daughter, Michelle (Nick) Kruse of Ft. Madison; three grandchildren, Myah, Erika and Kinnick Kruse; a step daughter, Christine (William) King-Bowker of Ft. Madison; a step son, Terry (Shelly) King of Elko, NV; three step grandchildren, Dakota King, Grant and Kennedy Niggemeyer; four brothers, Richard Medland of Ft. Madison, Ed (Eileen) Medland of West Point, Ron (Linda) Medland of Columbia, MO and George (Patty) Medland of Brimfield, IL; four sisters, Carol Medland, Linda Painter, Donna (Mike) Peterie and Mary Beth "Buffy" (David) Orton all of Ft. Madison; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Kathy.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 10 AM until 4 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where friends and family may come pay their respects. A graveside service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, May 8, 2020 at Oakland Cemetery with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Military rites will be provided by the West Point Holtz-Greer #668 Honor Guard. Due to the COVID-19 virus a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established for the FMCH Foundation or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## Miller joins meat packing inquiry

DES MOINES — Attorney General Tom Miller and a bipartisan group of attorneys general from 10 other states urge the Department of Justice to pursue a federal investigation into suspected national price fixing by meat packers in the cattle industry.

In a letter to U.S. Attorney General William Barr, the attorneys general expressed concern over the likelihood of manipulation of the market for processed beef. The four largest meatpacking companies control more than 80% of the beef processing in the United States. The

shelf price of beef is exceptionally high, while cattle prices are low and continue to dive. The concern over market manipulation has increased with beef prices reaching record levels as consumers stockpile meat in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but cattle prices remain low and are decreasing.

The attorneys general say the pricing margins are a sign that meat packers are using their ability to control the market for processed beef and take advantage of the situation in a manner that could violate the federal antitrust law. In addition to harming cattle producers, this potentially illegal practice hurts consumers nationwide, many of whom are themselves struggling because of loss of employment and reduced incomes.

The attorneys general believe the situation warrants a full federal investigation because the alleged anticompetitive conduct harms consumers and cattle ranchers across the United States.



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## For the Record/From the Front

### “Buy Lee” program can save 33%

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Coordinator.

While we’re practicing social distancing to prevent the spread, it’s very important that we support our local businesses here in Lee County as well. Most of our favorite restaurants and stores are offering curbside pickup, delivery, or online shopping options.

The certificates can be used for purchases and services at any Keokuk or Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce member.

LCEDG Project Director Dana Millard said three organizations are pooling resources to help fund the additional value.

“It’s a match from LCEDG and the chambers who have pooled to their resources to fund the difference,” Millard said Thursday.

She said the groups have been meeting weekly during the outbreak to keep communications current on economic development efforts.

“We want to make sure communications are going out to our constituents and be part of the discussion as they start to reopen,” she said.

“We wanted to help stimulate the economy. How can we get dollars go back into those businesses? Other communities across the state that have done something similar have had some success.”

Together, this group is using the Fort Madison Chamber and Keokuk Chamber’s certificate programs to create an influx of money being spent locally.

The Chamber Check and Keokuk Kash programs promote buying local by allowing these checks to only be used in Lee County.

“As organizations we have been working together to provide webinars to our local businesses, we also wanted to create a program to provide an opportunity for local stimulus for Lee County businesses,” said Shelley Oltmans, Executive Director of the Keokuk Chamber,

“We made the decision to use our existing Chambers’ certificate programs. The Chamber Check and Keokuk Kash programs promote shopping local by allowing these checks to be used in Lee County.”

The group will be hosting a Lee County Q&A Session on May 12th for any business that would like more information about the program. Businesses can register at Lee County EDG’s COVID-19 web page

or by contacting Dana Millard at [dmillard@leecountyedg.com](mailto:dmillard@leecountyedg.com).

Certificates will be available to purchase May 18th. Each Chamber will have 250 certificates each valued at \$30 available for purchase for \$20 each. In order to allow equal opportunity for people and businesses to purchase, there is a limit of 10 checks; a \$200 purchase. Individuals or businesses that would like to purchase more than 10 checks, will receive the match for the first 10 checks only, but will be recognized as a community sponsor for their large purchase.

Chamber Checks and Keokuk Kash have no cash value and cannot be redeemed for cash. For information on uses and expirations, please contact your local Chamber office.

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

05/04/20 – 2:38 p.m.

– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

05/04/20 – 4:57 p.m.

– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

05/04/20 – 6:56 p.m.

– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 6100 block of Reve Court.

05/04/20 – 8:00 p.m.

– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue L.

05/04/20 – 4:34 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police cited Keith James Boone, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue F, on a charge of indecent exposure. He was released.

05/04/20 – 8:12 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police arrested Nicholas Gene Bushinger, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue K, on a charge of 1st-degree harassment. He was released on a promise to appear.

05/04/20 – 1:12 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Amanda Kaye Ladd, 31, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving while suspended. She was released.

05/05/20 – 11:50 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit-and-run in the 200 block of Avenue E.

05/05/20 – 2:50 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police arrested Isaac Raymond Patino, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 3600 block of Avenue L, on a charges of 1st degree burglary, 1st-degree harassment, assault while deploying a dangerous

weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

05/05/20 – 10:04 p.m. –

Fort Madison Police cited Jayne Thomesa Jenkins, 33, of Fort Madison in the 4800 block of River Valley Road on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released.

05/06/20 – 12:35 a.m. –

Fort Madison Police cited Quinton Mekhi Ross, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 2400 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report

05/04/20 – 1:00 a.m. – Lee

County Sheriff’s deputies

arrested Jacob Ryan

McFarland, 24, of Keokuk

in the 400 block of S.

8th Street on charges of

possession of drug para-

phernalia, manufacture/

delivery/possession of

a controlled substance

and 3rd-degree burglary. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

05/04/20 – 8:26 a.m.

– Lee County Sheriff’s deputies cited Robert Joseph Stephenson, 44, of Keokuk, at the sheriff’s office on a charge of possession of stolen property. He was released.

05/05/20 – 5:28 p.m. – Lee

County Sheriff’s deputies

arrested Nathaniel Leo

Ridnour, 33, of Manches-

ter, Iowa, on a warrant of

first-degree murder. He

was transported to the

Lee County Jail and held.

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

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05/05/20 – Fort Madison

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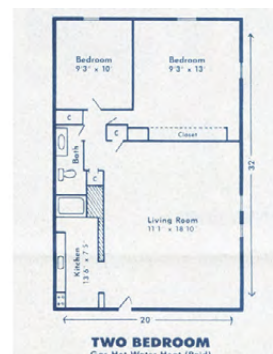
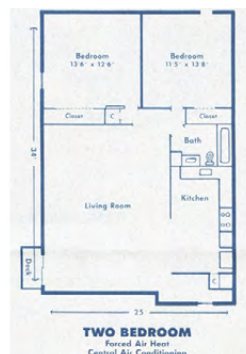
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## From the Front

# Dentistry, camping will have new looks for now

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opening of the doors.

Pothitakis has two locations in Fort Madison, 726 Avenue G and 4723 Avenue J, on the city's west side across from Baxter Sports Complex.

Pothitakis said things are going to be totally different in the offices. Pothitakis said he's still doing emergency procedures and then will ramp up services beginning May 18, but will not re-start regular cleanings and checkups until June 1.

He said that will give him and staff time to take care of more delayed procedures like fillings and tooth pain.

Pothitakis said his offices will implement new safety protocols including requiring all staff to be in masks, and all patients in the waiting room will be asked to wear a face mask. Anyone patient with a temperature greater than 100.3 will be asked to reschedule.

He said staff and patient temperatures will be taken upon arrival, and patients will fill out a health questionnaire regarding COVID exposure and current health conditions.

He's also invested in new barriers for the office suites, a new high-efficiency HEP-Rx filtration system that exceeds general surgery applications. He will also have N95 masks and face shields. All patients will be given a pre-rinse that helps reduce oral viruses prior to procedures.

He said additional time will be allowed between patients being called back to the suites.

"It will be a totally different environment. More on the side of caution than trying to get people in to get things done. The first couple weeks we're going to focus on getting emergencies taken care of, solving a toothache, that sort of thing," Pothitakis said.

He said all of his offices, including the branches in West Burlington, Burlington, Mediapolis, and New London will be open on Monday, May 15th, but the cleanings and hygienist work will start on June 1.

Pothitakis also said he was concerned about continuing to prescribe pain pills for patients that couldn't get in, with the opioid crisis in America.

"I started thinking about prescribing pain pills with the opioid crisis and everyone trying to get away from that. But they delayed us so long and I prescribed more of the pain pills to get these people by. So that came into play," Pothitakis said.

"We're doing everything we can to be safe, but the longer it went some of us were getting concerned we have to get back."

He said six weeks can have an impact on what would normally be a small issue, not only medically but finan-

cially. A small anomaly could become something like a root canal and crown over six weeks and that's a different patient hardship.

Dr. Pothitakis and his staff can be reached by calling the offices located at the following link: <http://www.drmarkdds.com/>

Gov Reynolds, who was in Washington D.C. meeting with President Donald Trump's administration on Wednesday, released a new order that afternoon that surprised conservation officials in Lee County.

"We were a little surprised by the Governor's announcement. We were not expecting the Governor to open campgrounds sooner than the 15th," Lee County Conservation Director Nathan Unsworth said Wednesday.

Lee County Conservation will begin opening their campgrounds this weekend. The campgrounds at Wilson Lake and Pollmiller Park will open Friday, May 8th at 6:00 a.m., but camping spots will be limited to ensure proper social distancing can be maintained.

The campground at Chatfield Park will reopen on Thursday, May 14th, at 6:00 a.m., under the same social distancing. Campsites will operate on a first-come-first-serve basis until Monday, May 18th. On May 18th, all campsites will reopen, and reservations will be allowed again. All restrooms, cabins, and shelters will remain closed during this time and will continue to be closed until further notice.

Unsworth said all park visitors and campers are encouraged to practice social distancing by maintaining six feet between them and others. Campsites are to be occupied by those from an immediate family/household only and groups should not exceed ten people. Campers are encouraged not to intermingle between campsites. These restrictions and guidelines will remain in place beyond when all campsites reopen.

Campers and all other park users are highly encouraged to follow all of the social distancing recommendations provided by health agencies. The Lee County Conservation Board, under the advisement of the Lee County Public Health Board, reserves the right to alter its operations

if safety guidelines are not being followed or are unable to be maintained.

For more information about Lee County Conservation Board's campgrounds, please call the Conservation Office at 319-463-7673. All camping reservations are made online at [www.mycountyparks.com](http://www.mycountyparks.com). For all future updates, please follow Lee County Conservation on Facebook.

New Dimensions will be opening Friday at 10 a.m. for tanning and Red-Light therapy sessions and gift certificate sales. Owner Jenny Craft said she's been contacting people with current active packages about the reopening but said customers can start calling tomorrow to set up appointments for tanning, as well as hair appointments.

The governor's current emergency order expires on May 15th at 11:59. Without an extension, hair salons would be allowed to open on the May 18.

Craft said there is plenty of room for social distancing and the beds are sanitized per health department guidelines between each session.

"Our tanning rooms are sanitized between each person anyway with medical-grade cleaners and we've always been using that," Craft said. "So we're ready to go. We will have masks if someone feels more comfortable, but they'd have to take that off before they get in the bed anyway."

Craft said New Dimensions was fortunate enough to obtain one of the Iowa Economic Development Authority grants in the second or third round so she said that helped bridge the gap for the business during the mandated closure.

"We haven't had as hard of a time as some that didn't get a grant."


For more information contact Craft at New Dimensions



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## From the Front

# FAQ set up for returning to work

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ployed, Independent Contractors, etc (4,010)  
Health Care & Social Assistance (2,988)  
Accommodation & Food Services (2,200)  
Retail Trade (1,768)

This week, a total of \$111,378,600 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits was paid to 164,088 Iowans. Since April 4, 2020, a total of \$439,126,200 in benefits has been paid.

A total of \$10,046,088.94 was paid to 15,612 Iowans receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits.

Employees and employers who have questions regarding returning to work should review the Frequently Asked Questions for each group on our website. We have recently updated these questions regarding the various scenarios as businesses reopen and employees are recalled. Employer questions can be found here: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/sites/search.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/files/content-files/FAQs%20Employers%2005.0520.pdf> Questions 11-16 specifically relate to return to work questions. Employees can find assistance here and should review questions 10-29. Employee questions can be found here: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/sites/search.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/files/content-files/FAQs%20Workers%2005.01.20.pdf> Additionally, these questions have been translated into 9 different languages that are available on the link. We continue to urge employers and employees to communicate with each other regarding any concerns the employees may have and educating employees about the safety precautions employers are taking to safeguard them while at work.

For more information on the total data for this week's unemployment claims, please visit <https://www.iowalmi.gov/unemployment-insurance-statistics>

# Some events caused by closures may become school traditions

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speeches and presentations from school officials.

Alleannah Oilar, a graduating senior said she's glad the district is being proactive with the students, but will miss not being a part of the class for the last 10 weeks.

"I think it's a lot better than just having it online or something, compared to how it could've been. It's a lot easier as well even with all the distancing guidelines being met," Oilar said.

"It was kind of weird not being able to say good bye and everything face to face, but I'm sure we're all going to get through this pretty well, and I hope to see them all later on down the line in our lives."

Her father Daniel said he was happy the school district took the issue serious enough to segregate the kids at this point.

"I think it did diminish the whole graduation process," he said. "But what else do you do?"

Alleannah's mother Barbara said there are regrets about her daughter's final year of high school.

"This is a lot better than nothing. I feel bad that she

didn't get to go through everything we did with our graduation," Barbara said "It's those final goodbyes that help you stop one section of your life and carry on to the others."

Crozier said he thinks the odds are very likely that there will be an outdoor graduation, but he said he questions the limits on how many people can gather. The district has set Sunday, June 28 at 2 p.m. as a tentative date.

"We're committed to finding a way to make it work," Crozier said. "Our parents have been outstanding. A lot of thank yous, but they know our hands are tied. I don't think anyone's mad, their just disappointed about the situation."

He said the senior parade on the 17th will be a neat event that he thinks may become an annual event. But he said some students may not realize what they are getting with the simulated graduation.

"Some day when they're 45 years old and have kids going through graduation themselves they can say 'Hey, let's pull up our graduation video' on YouTube or whatever it is at the time and be able to see that."

He said the district won't continue the simulation re-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee 2020 Valedictorian Vanessa Hupp moves her tassel during a video shoot Thursday afternoon at Central Lee High School.

cordings in upcoming years unless they find themselves in a similar situation.

Jerry Gallagher, of The Donovan Group out of Milwaukee, was helping facilitate the recordings and said his group focuses on communications for K-12 public schools.

He said the group helped the Central Lee district with the bond referendum, but has come back to lend a hand helping the simulation.

"We focus on strategic communication and helping

them plan long-term and also day to day social media, because there's a lot of districts that don't have that in house. They don't have the budget for it," he said.

"But in the last six weeks, but almost everything we've done has been shelved to help provide support during COVID and what digital learning looks like," he said.

Gallagher said he connected with Hammer-Parks several years back and works with her on larger video productions like the simulated graduation.

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