

# The Lakeland Times awarded Cornerstone of the Community award

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At the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet on April 24, *The Lakeland Times* was awarded the Cornerstone of the Community award for its dedication to building and supporting the community.

"We celebrate the achievement, leadership, and volunteerism of our community through the presentation of the Cornerstone of the Community, Volunteer of the Year, and Citizen of the

Year awards," the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce website read.

The Cornerstone of the Community award in particular is dedicated to businesses contributing "something special" to enhance the quality of life in the area, the 2019 award descriptions read. They're dedicated toward businesses that have been long-standing members of the community.

"It's nice to have a partnership," *Times* publisher Gregg Walker said. "We're an inde-

pendently owned newspaper, so it's nice to be involved with the Mercer community and the Mercer Chamber."

Walker said the *Times* was thankful for the recognition from the Mercer Chamber and for the partnership they have formed over the years.

"We're very grateful that the Mercer Chamber thinks that highly of us," Walker said.

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## Plans to rebuild Bo-Boen Groomer Barn in St. Germain discussed at special town board meeting

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At a special town board meeting May 1, the St. Germain Town Board began discussing the rebuilding of the Bo-Boen Groomer Barn.

"There was an architect there and we were talking with the archi-

that fund to rebuild.

A motion to approve the rebuild of the Bo-Boen Groomer Barn using the insurance money awarded the town was passed at a special town board meeting March 20.

Since the reconstruction is being



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Laura Larson accepts the Cornerstone of the Community award on behalf of The Lakeland Times from Mercer Chamber executive director Beth Wetzler at the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet on April 24.