

Bellwork Hon Alg 2 Polynomial Application Problem Thursday,  
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2-D representation of the flat sheet of metal:

3-D representation of the box:

Round to the nearest hundredth.

Size of square that gives maximum volume =

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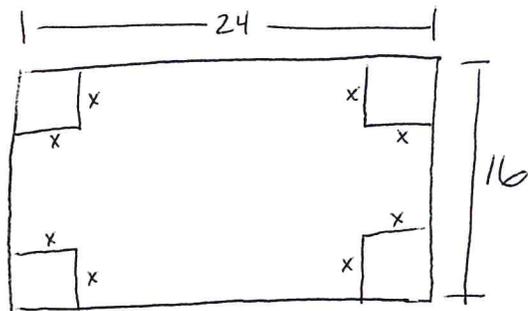
ANSWERS

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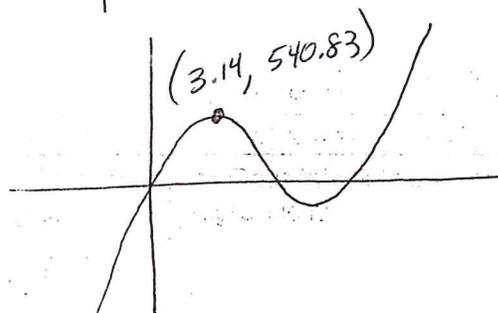
2-D representation of the flat sheet of metal:



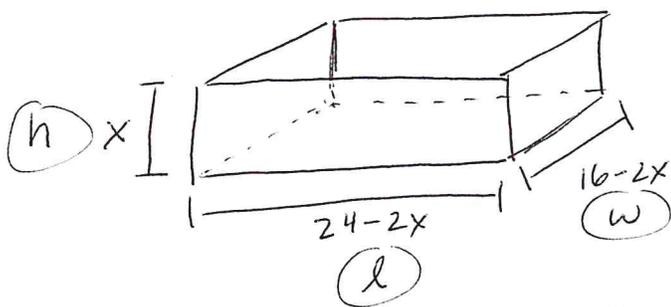
$$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$$

$$V = x(24-2x)(16-2x)$$

Graph to find max:



3-D representation of the box:



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Size of square that gives maximum volume = 3.14 in

Maximum Volume = 540.83 in<sup>3</sup>