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Gevo wind turbine permits move forward

By Brenda Winter

Rock County Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to approve conditional use permits for the construction of two wind towers west of Luverne over the objections of neighboring property owners.

John and Kathy Jarchow live northwest from the proposed wind towers in Luverne Township.

They were represented at the county board meeting by attorney Carol Ann Overland of Red Wing.

According to her website, Overland represents individuals "seeking zoning changes, ordinance updates and challenges to proposed projects."

The Jarchows argued that the wind towers would diminish enjoyment of their property and negatively impact its resale value.

Overland said she also has procedural concerns with the permitting process and suggested the planning and zoning commission did not have the information required by county ordinances to make their affirmative recommendation to the commissioners.

Assistant County Attorney Don Klosterbuer said he believes the proper information and documents were provided to recommend approving a conditional use. He said a construction permit would not be issued until additional conditions have been met.

The planning and zoning commission attached eight conditional use conditions to the permits after the commission's Aug. 26 public hearing. The Jarchows were unable to attend the commission meeting.

Commissioners tabled voting on the permit at their Sept. 3 public hearing when John Jarchow raised concerns about wind turbines' locations in his neighborhood.

The turbines are part of a planned Rock County Wind Fuel project. Gevo Inc. and Juhl Energy Development are partnering to lower Gevo's reliance on coal-generated electricity by erecting two 2.4-megawatt wind turbines 2 1/2 miles west of the existing Gevo production plant in the city of Luverne.

Setback requirements from the airport and Interstate 90 forced project organizers to locate the turbines in sections 17 and 19 in

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Work resumes on plans for new armory

Facility expected to be finished in May 2022

By Mavis Fodness

After an eight-month delay to secure funding, a four-day design "charrette" began Monday for the new Luverne-Pipestone Minnesota National Guard Readiness Center.

Construction on the \$16.5 million facility in Luverne is now expected to begin in the fall of 2020 and take 18 months to complete.

The predesign process began in mid-August and Monday's meeting was the start of a four-day design charrette, an intensive planning session with citizens and other collaborators to develop a vision for the readiness center.

Those involved in the charrette briefing Monday at the Rock County Courthouse included not only representatives from the community but also representatives from the county, Minnesota National Guard, consultants and design firm TKDA from St. Paul.

"We want to explore design concepts and see what is best," said project manager Jay Wiederholt with TKDA.



Mavis Fodness photo/0912 Armory Plans Resume

Captain Blake St. Sauver (standing, front) with the Minnesota National Guard outlines some of the goals the new Luverne-Pipestone readiness center must meet Monday during the introductory briefing that began a four-day design charrette in the Rock County Courthouse Commissioners Room.

Foremost, the facility cannot exceed 47,902 square-feet or go over the budgeted \$16.5 million for construction. Its design also has to meet federal energy standards, be

simple in design and last at least 80 to 100 years.

The Luverne armory project financing is unique in nature due to state and federal funding as well as

a private donation.

Retired Minnesota National Guard Brevet Colonel Warren G.

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Getting ready for classes

Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 3, was a busy day at Luverne Middle-High School as staff and students assembled the new desks that arrived for the renovated classrooms that will be ready for students in October. Right: John Burman (left) with Premier Furniture, Jaden Knips, Conner Bose, and Jaydon Johnson work together at one workstation. Above: Luverne High School Principal Ryan Johnson and Ben Hartquist unpack desk legs from the packaging.



Luverne Public Schools open year with additional principal

For Jason Phelps the return is a homecoming of sorts

By Mavis Fodness

For more than a decade, one person filled the middle- and high-school principal position at Luverne Public Schools.

When the district opens the doors Monday for the 2019-20 school year, the middle and high schools will each have a principal.

Jason Phelps, a former teacher in the district, returned July 1 after a five-year absence to fill the role of middle school principal. He also assumes the district assessment coordinator position.

Luverne is unique among area schools with the hiring of a middle school principal.

"Our district has always been in the middle of 'Do we have separate middle and high school principals or don't we?'" Phelps said.

Financial issues going into the 2005-06 school year resulted in the Luverne School Board merging the separate positions into a single

middle-high school principal position as a cost-saving measure.

Stacy Gillette, the middle school principal at that time, moved to the open elementary position, and Gary Fisher became the middle-high school principal. Gillette has also been the district assessment coordinator.

A year later Fisher became the district superintendent and the position remained a combined middle/high school principal position until this year.

Phelps said he views his position and that of high school principal Ryan Johnson as co-principals since the sixth- through 12th-grade students are in one building.

The arrangement allows the pair to operate as a team. If one principal is out of the district, the other will be available to staff and students since both principals share a similar student-centered philosophy and what is needed to

support their abilities to learn.

"What a principal wants, on the learning end, is how to make that possible at the classroom level," he said.

Phelps grew up in Westbrook and was influenced to pursue a career in public education by his dad, Digger Phelps, who was a teacher.

He came to Luverne in the fall of 1999 as a history teacher and girls' basketball coach after graduating from South Dakota State University in Brookings. He taught classes in both the middle and high school levels.

In 2014 he became elementary principal at the Hills-Beaver Creek School District.

Phelps sees his role as principal as one of support for both students and staff.

"Every student deserves an opportunity, no matter where you've

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Mavis Fodness photo/0912 Luverne Schools 2019 Preview Jason Phelps

Jason Phelps begins the 2019-20 school year as the new middle school principal.

Luverne City Council approves preliminary levy

City taxpayer share to increase by 9.41 percent

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members are anticipating a 9.41-percent levy increase for taxes payable in 2019, according to action taken at their Tuesday night meeting.

The \$2.1 million levy is about \$180,300 more than the current levy and includes \$32,334 in debt financing for the \$14 million wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

Without that, the increase would have been 7.72 percent to cover the \$1.9 million general fund and \$163,000 for principal and interest on existing debt.

At their Aug. 20 meeting, council members reviewed the operating budget, which included rough outlines of the city's governmental expenses and revenues. The governmental budget includes the general fund, airport, pool and capital projects.

Governmental expenditures for 2020 will be roughly \$7.4 million and revenues are estimated at \$7.6 million.

They include public safety at \$1.32 million — about 18 percent of costs, public works and airport at \$1 million — about 13.5 percent of costs, culture and recreation at \$1.2 million and capital outlay at \$1.3 million.

Governmental revenues come in the form of taxes at roughly \$2.06 million — or 28 percent, local government aid from the state at \$1.45 million — 20 percent of revenue, and the rest from enterprise funds, fees and other charges.

The council discussed Local Government Aid, which was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 1972 to help cities that have greater needs than what they could reasonably cover in property taxes.

The idea is property tax relief — to pay for essential services and

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

MS Support Group will meet 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. All persons with multiple sclerosis, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

Sept. 12 Plaza 'Fall Festival' canceled

The family night event, "Fall Festival" scheduled at the plaza on Main Street for today (Sept. 12) is canceled due to the forecast for rain.

County Highway 12 closed for repairs

County Highway 12, located on the Rock/Pipstone county line will be closed one mile west of Highway 75 for bridge construction.

The project is estimated to take two weeks with the roadway (also known as 251st Street) opening Sept. 23.

Questions can be directed to Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

History Center fundraiser is Sept. 16

The Rock County Historical Society annual fundraiser will be Monday, Sept. 16, in Sterling's Grille. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m., followed by 6 p.m. dinner and short business meeting. The program will follow at 7 p.m. across the street at the Palace Theatre where photographs from the History Center archives will be presented on the big screen. Dinner costs \$25. The event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Beaver Creek changes meeting date

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek City Council has been moved to Wednesday, Sept. 18. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Join the community Leadership Team

A Healthier Southwest Community Leadership Team is looking for new members to emphasize healthy living. The next meeting is from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at the Southwest Health and Human Services community room. Lunch is provided. To RSVP call Jen Nelson at 507-532-1243 or email Jennifer.nelson@swmhhs.com

Donations accepted for library book sale

The Friends of the Library are conducting their annual fundraising Book Sale Sept. 18-21.

Donations of books and other library materials may be dropped off at the Rock County Library on Main Street Luverne.

Upcoming concerts at Palace Theatre

The Palace Theatre will host two concerts, "Coming Home" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, and "Superstar: The Songs, the Stories, the Carpenters" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Tickets are available at the Palace Theatre box office or by calling 507-283-4339.

Free food Sept. 19

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Generations building (former Senior Center) at 319 East Lincoln Street for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 283-4366.

Green Earth Players receive gift from former member

By Mavis Fodness

Linda Dummer (pictured below) was an avid supporter of the local arts, and one organization received a boost last week from the late Luverne resident.



Dummer's sister, Deb Harris, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, presented the Green Earth Players a check for \$5,064 at the organization's annual meeting Sept. 3. Harris' husband, Terry, and their daughter, Emily, presented the certificate from the The Linda Dummer Memorial.

"Green Earth Players was her passion and you were her family," Harris said. "We hope this memorial will help keep Green Earth going a little while longer."

Members shared memories with the Harris family about Dummer's copious notes, her memory for costumes and her preparedness for the upcoming productions.

GEP board member Dianne Ossenfort said a portion of the memorial will go toward organizing the production photos from the various shows into albums, and frames will be purchased to display cast photos at the GEP building on West Main Street.

"Pictures were important to Linda," Ossenfort said.

Dummer died from cancer April 5, the opening night of the GEP production of "Drinking Habits," which ran April 5-7 and 11-14 and was directed by Sue Sandbulte.



Mavis Fodness photo/0912 GEP Annual Meeting 2019

Deb Harris (center) talks about her late sister, Linda Dummer, and the monetary gift she set aside for the Green Earth Players of Luverne while looking at her husband, Terry, and daughter Emily for affirmation. "You were her family," Harris said as she announced the gift of \$5,064 to GEP vice president Shawn Kinsinger (right).

"We saw people there that have never been there (to a GEP production) before," Ossenfort said.

GEP's other production since the 2018 annual meeting was "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" directed by LaDonna VanAartson.

"It was a great play," said

GEP board member Terri Ebert.

The pageant play was performed last November.

For the 2019-20 GEP season, two productions are again scheduled:

• "The Beverly Hillbillies," directed by Jacqueline Humke, Nov. 15-17 and 21-24.

• "The Game's Afoot," di-

rected by Carol Ceynowa, March 20-22 and 26-29, 2020.

In honor of Dummer, a mural will be painted down the stairs to the GEP costume room.

A saying of Dummer's is already written above the door: "No food, drinks or smoking in costume."

RCO offers pick-up and delivery laundry service

By Jason Berghorst

For those without the time or desire to do laundry, Rock County Opportunities (RCO) can help.

The RCO Laundry Service is a partnership with the Laundry Room, where owner Mike Jarchow has a large sign referring potential customers to the RCO drop-off and pick-up service.

The laundry work began about a year ago, according to RCO Executive Director Elizabeth Schear.

"The goal is twofold," Schear said about the service. "To help people who need assistance with laundry and to provide jobs for the clients RCO serves."

Rock County Opportunities serves clients with disabilities at its facility in Luverne. The laundry service is one of many supported job opportunities RCO provides for its clients.

"There are three clients who are our usual go-to people when we get laundry

work in," Schear said. "They are good at and enjoy it."

Prices for the service vary, depending on the size of the load and include soap, wash, dry and fold.

A regular-sized load costs about \$8.50 and there is a one-time laundry bag purchase of \$7.50.

Options such as ironing, pick up and delivery are available for an additional cost.

According to Schear, an average bag, which includes roughly three loads, can usually be done in one day.

"If there are stains or special instructions, the cost and time frame may differ," she added.

Schear said the laundry service has been successful overall so far and RCO is looking to add more customers.

"It has been a good start to work out the details of how we provide laundry services," she said. "We are looking for more laundry work."

RCO can be reached at 507-283-4582.



Jason Berghorst photo/0829 RCO Laundry

RCO clients Tyler Briggs (left) and Nancy Lewis enjoy working with the RCO laundry service.



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Hardwick proposes county's first rural service district

Public hearing scheduled for Sept. 18

By Mavis Fodness

A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 18, to establish two separate tax districts in the city of Hardwick.

The 7 p.m. hearing allows public input into the city's phase-in plan to place 10 identified parcels now included in the city limits of Hardwick into a separate rural service district and an urban service district.

The move would lower property taxes on the parcels included in the rural district by 50 to 75 percent.

The parcels are primarily farmland and not developed for residential or commercial purposes. They are also not connected to municipal services such as water and sewer.

Hardwick is a town of 222 residents and consists of 1,100 acres, 997 of which are classified as agricultural.

For decades the 10 properties within the Hardwick city limits paid 100 percent of the city's annual levy, the same as city residences, although the property was used for crop or livestock production.

With the reduction, the rural service levy would be more in line with township levels on similar use properties.

Affected rural property

owners requested city officials to look at developing a rural service district. Rural property owners could go through a legal process to detach from the city and pay no levy to the city of Hardwick.

To compensate for the potential loss of \$26,087 with the reduction of property taxes to the 10 rural parcels, city officials are looking to raise the 2020 tax levy for properties in the urban service district.

Council members and city attorney Don Klosterbuer met with affected property owners and examined each parcel. A "benefit ratio" or a percentage of services the property owners receive from the city determined the possible reduction.

The parcels are currently taxed as if receiving 100 percent of city services.

If approved for the rural service district, parcels will be reviewed each year to determine if any changes have occurred.

Written comments can be sent to the Hardwick city clerk, P.O. Box 31, Hardwick, MN 56134.

The Sept. 18 public hearing will take place in the Hardwick City Hall located on Main Street.

Bridge near Beaver Creek approved for repair

By Mavis Fodness

A bridge replacement in Martin Township will get underway this fall, two years after the wooden structure was destroyed by fire.

Four bids were received Aug. 19, and county commissioners chose the low bid of \$1.292 million submitted by Prahm Construction Inc. from Slayton.

"He wants to get the dirt work done this fall," said County Engineer Mark Sehr.

Construction of the bridge on County Road 52 will be finished in 2020.

The county will pay for the bridge grade work estimated at \$338,000. Bridge construction is covered through a \$953,000 state transportation grant.

The new bridge design

will be two lanes with a 10-ton vehicle-carrying capacity. The bridge is also larger than the previous span at 29 feet wide and 106 feet long.

The previous span was a woodpile structure built in 1971 over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad.

The county originally bid the project this spring, but no bids were received at the May 20 bid opening.

Bids from the Aug. 20 opening ranged from \$1.292 to \$2.24 million.

Engineer's estimate placed construction at \$1.261 million.

Fifty vehicles had crossed the bridge annually until a fire closed the bridge to traffic in 2017.

The bridge is located two miles southwest of Beaver Creek.

Mike Cox selected as 2018 Outstanding Chamber Member

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Chamber Board of Directors honored Mike Cox as the 2018 Outstanding Chamber Member during an after-hours reception Monday in Sterling's Café & Grille.

The Chamber annually selects a local individual to honor with the award, which recognizes personal and professional contributions to the community.

The award was developed in 2005 to honor retired persons who have modeled compassion and service, and Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said Cox represents these qualities and represents the best of Luverne.

"He has dedicated his existence to those he loves... his family, faith, and people he serves," Chamber Board President Kevin Thelen said Monday night.

"We know that Mike is a person that the community has and can continue to count on to meet the needs of individuals, businesses, organizations and institutions."

Cox said he was stunned to learn that he would receive the award.

"I suppose that's how we should all react to receiving an award," he told the Star Herald Monday. "That's not why you do the things you do."

Mike and Cheryl moved



Submitted photo

Mike Cox (second from left) was honored Monday night as the Luverne Area Chamber Outstanding Chamber Member during a reception at Sterling's. Pictured with Cox (from left) are Tony Schomacker, Cheryl Cox, and Kevin Thelen.

to Luverne in 1975 to manage and eventually own a retail hardware store and variety store on Main Street after Nelson Brothers Department Store closed.

"Mike immediately became a strong proponent of downtown retail where he served as an active member on the Chamber's Retail Committee for the 14 years he was in the retail business," Thelen shared at the reception.

"He worked continually supporting Chamber and business initiatives in the community throughout his life in Luverne. Mike has been an active member of the Luverne Area Chamber for 44 years and has served in the position of vice-president and president."

In 1989 Mike sold the retail business and opened Main Street Financial Services, which "became one of the important foundations of the Luverne financial service industry," Thelen said.

He retired in December 2018 and sold the business and then opened a consulting business, Blue Mound Consulting Group, which helps businesses expand operations.

Persons honored as Outstanding Chamber Members demonstrate qualities of compassion and service to a variety of community organizations and institutions.

Mike Cox's contributions include a wide diversity of service:

- Volunteer baseball and basketball coach.

- Served over 30 years as high school and college football and basketball referee.

- Past member of St. Catherine's Parish Finance Council (six years).

- Past member of the Steering Committee for the Southwest CEO Program.

- Past member and chairman of Rock County Planning and Zoning Committee.

- Participated in Toastmasters of Luverne and Luverne Jaycees.

- Participated in the Blandin Leadership Program.

- Past member of the Luverne Rotary Club.

- Past member and president of the Luverne School Foundation.

- Served as a member of the steering committee to build the Hospice Cottage.

- Served on the Steering Committee for the last two (successful) school bond building referendums.

- Past member of the Luverne Community Economic Development Commission.

- Served on many community fundraising project committees.

Today he actively volunteers for hospice and is a member (and past president) of the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

"We thank him and honor him today for his service to all the people of Luverne, Rock County and the world in which we live," Thelen said.

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started," he said. "The best influencer of students is the classroom teacher."

Phelps commuted to school in Beaver Creek while he and his wife, Summer, and children Harper, 7, and Jaxon, 5, continued to live in Luverne.

The opportunity to return to work in Luverne as a middle school principal was a challenge that appealed to Phelps.

"I enjoy being a principal enough to want to try something new," he said. "And that drew me to the position."

As the new school year gets underway, Phelps will sit back and observe the strengths and weaknesses in

the school processes versus rushing in and make immediate changes.

When Phelps left the Luverne district in 2014, the staff was just implementing standards-based grading, and he was on the teaching team to get it started in the middle school.

Standard-based grading is now fully implemented.

He sees the change away from the conventional letter grade system as a positive one, and he intends to move forward by supporting standards-based teaching principles.

"The ultimate goal is to

get teachers in position to do their best work," he said.

Phelps brings his own philosophy to the district assessment coordinator position.

He will oversee the gathering and disseminating of the state assessment test scores in reading, math and science for grades three through 11.

Last week's release of Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments results will be Phelps' first opportunity to build positive momentum for both students and staff.

He views the yearly tests as a snapshot of student learning on one single day and bal-

ances what the scores mean by looking at the five-year local and state averages.

"We don't want to overreact to one piece of data," he said. "The part I like about the five-year average is that if you have one year that's lower than the average, it kinds of evens it out."

From the data, his focus as principal is centered on what can be done to improve student learning and support teachers to meet grade standards.

"There is always the question of teaching the kids the tests, or are we teaching them life skills," he said.

Twelve new teachers join Luverne elementary, secondary staff

By Mavis Fodness

A dozen new teachers will greet students Monday when Luverne Public Schools opens its doors for the 2019-20 school year.

Canaan Petersen returns to Luverne Middle-High School as the new seventh-grade American history and 11th- and 12th-grade geography instructor.

He is also the eighth-grade baseball coach.

Petersen graduated from LHS in 2003 and went on to Augustana University in Sioux Falls, where he earned a bachelor's degrees in history, secondary education and social studies.

He earned his master's degree in education leadership in 2015 from Western Governors University.

For 10 years Petersen taught at Boulder City, Nevada, High School and taught one year at Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls.

Petersen currently resides in Sioux Falls and has three children (all named after presidents) Teddy, 10, Quincy, 7, and Frankie, 4.

James Jarvie takes over

the sixth- through 12th-grade band program. He will also direct the marching, pep and jazz bands.

Jarvie graduated from Dassel-Cokato High School in 2005 and from the University of Minnesota-Morris in 2010. For the past nine years, he taught kindergarten through 12th-grade music at Ellsworth Public Schools.

Jarvie lives in Luverne with his wife, Calla.

Cole Meester is the ninth-grade mathematics teacher. He will also coach junior high boys' basketball for the 2019-20 school year.

Meester graduated from Ellsworth High School in 2015 and attended South Dakota State University in Brookings. He completed his student teaching at Deubrook Public School in White, South Dakota.

He currently lives in Pipestone with his wife, Nichole.

Ann Husfeldt will instruct seventh-grade English and high school speech and American literature.

She graduated from Forest Lake High School in 2007 and from Winona State Uni-



Mavis Fodness photo/0912 Luverne Teachers 2019 Secondary

Four new teachers join the Luverne Middle-High School staff as classes begin Monday. Pictured from left are Ann Husfeldt, James Jarvie, Cole Meester and Canaan Petersen.

versity.

Previously she taught sixth-grade at North Branch Area Middle School and

grades three through six at Wyoming Elementary School.

Husfeldt currently lives in Hills.

Liza Winkler is the new kindergarten teacher at Luverne Elementary.

She graduated from Foss-ton High School and Mayville, North Dakota, State University with a degree in elementary education.

For the past eight years she taught first grade in Thompson, North Dakota.

Winkler currently lives in Luverne.

Molly Carbonneau will teach fourth grade as previous fourth-grade teacher Joe Schomacher fills the new behavioral interventionist position at Luverne Elementary.

Carbonneau received her bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, along with a master's degree in administration.

She's been a substitute teacher for Luverne Public Schools and worked with the freshman experience program

at Augustana University before becoming a stay-at-home mom for 13 years.

Carbonneau and her husband, Michael, have four children: Xavier, a high school junior, Parker, a freshman, Zander, a sixth-grader, and Oliver, a second-grader.

Challie Jones is the new elementary speech therapist.

She graduated from Mitchell, South Dakota, High School in 2016 and from Augustana University in 2019.

Jones completed her clinical experience in the Sioux Falls Catholic School District and worked with students with dyslexia and severe reading difficulties.

She currently lives in Sioux Falls. Jones and her fiancé, Mitch Johnson, will marry in June 2020.

Chelsie Wermager enters

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What makes a person a true Minnesotan? Some may say it's rooting for the Vikings or the Twins.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

Others might say it's having a special taste for tator-tot hotdish, lefsa or a Jucy Lucy.

It could be owning or using a boat, a hockey stick or a snowmobile.

Or is it a propensity to utter phrases like uff-da and you-betcha in regular conversation?

Many would say it's as simple as having a Minnesota address or paying higher taxes.

While I agree with some of the above, I think there might be an even better single indicator of true Minnesotan status.

Attending — at least once in one's life — the Great Minnesota Get-Together, the Minnesota State Fair.

I know ... it's not for everyone.

Some people genuinely don't do well in crowds. And, yes, that is one heck of a crowd.

This year, 2,126,511 people attended the 12-day event in St. Paul.

For perspective, the entire population of Minnesota is about 5.6 million.

Clearly the State Fair is a very popular event.

If you're one of us "official Minnesotans" who have attended our state's largest event, you probably know why it's so popular.

And, no, I'm not just thinking of Sweet Martha's cookies.

I believe I attended my first Minnesota State Fair in 1992 and have missed only one year since. I think this was my 25th year in a row attending the fair.

So I'm not exactly unbiased in my opinion here.

But I do stand by my belief that every Minnesotan should

attend our State Fair at least once.

So, what is the big deal anyway?

Many people say the food, the beer, the music, the rides, the free samples or the animals.

I can agree with all of those things, but none of them are the main reason I go every year.

The fair is one big showcase of all that is important in my favorite state and I just love taking it all in.

But even that isn't the best part of the fair, in my opinion.

For me, the best reason to go to the State Fair is the people.

I observe people of all different ages, races, incomes, religions and interests celebrating the great state we live in.

Retired farmers mingle with big city youth on the crowded streets.

African immigrants stand in line with kids wearing cowboy boots.

Democrats and Republicans even share seats on shuttle buses.

Sure, it's not all a perfect Norman Rockwell painting, but you get the idea.

Everyone's equal at the State Fair.

There are no VIP suites in the food building and no first-class seats on the Ferris wheel.

For one day a year, I share great food and fun with not only the friends or family I'm at the fair with.

I'm also sharing the fair with hundreds of thousands of other strangers who, for at least one day, are just like me ... truly Minnesotan.

This is somewhat an unusual title to an article in September, but each year at school, we get to experience a new beginning in September.

Our tremendous staff members are busy prepping for the return of students and anxiously await the arrival of friendly faces, smiling students, giddy parents and the giggles and laughter that signal another school year.

One of the great things about school is the beginning and the ending. The treasure chest opens each fall and closes each spring. We start with open house and end with graduation.

In between, the treasure chest contains many new and exciting things: a new school outfit, new shoes, a new teacher, new classes, new friends, different lunches, different classrooms, new lessons, new students, new issues and problems, new art projects, new songs to sing, new games to learn, new experiments, new teammates, new opponents, and new tests — just a few examples of what the treasure chest holds.

In the spring we close the treasure chest with all the things learned, researched, experimented with, mastered, and a few things still hanging out there, and we graduate a group of young men and women that venture

out into the world to make things better for us all.

We have a challenging year in front of us with construction. There are going to be some things that change and some that stay the same. We certainly hope you will be patient with our mess and understand that some things will change daily and we will manage the best we can.

I would like to also send a message to our community about our gratitude to each of you.

This goes to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends and all who care about the students we serve.

The message is, "Thank you!"

Thank you for trusting us to love your kids, to do whatever it takes to help them succeed and find happiness in their lives.

Thank you for the hours you

spend volunteering in our schools, chaperoning the field trips and dances, and raising funds for activities.

Thank you for being role models, because you are our kids' first teachers and the books you read, the hugs you give, and the dinner table discussions you have are so important.

Thank you for having fun and helping us have fun, because the joy of learning is not just a catch phrase.

Thank you for supporting students' wellness with good sleep, healthy food, time for exercise, and mindful championing of their mental health.

Thank you for believing us when we say that we will do all we can do to make sure that your students learn in a system dedicated to them, not to us, and that their needs and wishes come first.

Happy New Year to you all!



Adults need higher conduct standards

By now the fall high school sports seasons are all underway. Before each season begins, parents, coaches and student athletes gather for a required meeting to discuss a number of rules that need to be adhered to by parents and the athletes. Items that are covered are eligibility rules, player and parent conduct, and additional rules such as game day dress code for the players that coaches might put in place for their particular sport.

For the most part, all those concerned follow the rules, but as in every case some don't.

You might be surprised to learn that across the country it is the parents that are the biggest offenders of the conduct rule.

I recently read an article by Karissa Niehoff, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, and Tom Keating, executive di-



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager Tollefson Publishing

rector of the Iowa High School Athletic Association. In the article they mentioned a national survey of more than 2,000 high school athletic directors about what they liked least about their job, and 62.3 percent of them said it was dealing with aggressive parents and adult fans.

Here's another stat that drives the point home even more.

The men and women who referee or umpire those contests agree. Nearly 60 percent of new officials registered in Iowa in

2016-2017 did not return to officiate in 2017-2018, and unruly parents were often cited as a major reason why.

High school athletic directors will also tell you it's getting more and more difficult to find officials for all athletic events.

I would hope that the coaches, players, parents and fans of our local schools would hold themselves to a higher standard and conduct themselves in a way that makes the events enjoyable for all.

Trooper: Benefits of wearing a helmet

Question: As we are ending the motorcycle season I heard of an individual near Rochester, Minnesota, who was killed by going off the road and striking a sign head on. He was not wearing a helmet. Being an individual who has been in a motorcycle accident with the helmet likely saving my life, why are helmets not required in the State of Minnesota for all two- and three-wheel bikes?

Answer: There is not a helmet law in Minnesota, unless the operator is under 18 years of age or is operating with a permit. Even though there is no helmet law, it is recommended that one is worn to help prevent serious injury or death.

The benefits helmets offer are clear; they protect the head in the event of a crash. In 2018, only sixteen (28%) of the 58 motorcycle riders killed were known to be wearing a helmet. Of the 913 motorcyclists injured, only 416 (46%) were known to be wearing a helmet.

In 2018, 550 (55%) motorcycle crashes were single-vehicle crashes. In these crashes, the factors that reporting officers list most often are run off road (14%), care-

less/negligent/erratic driving (13%) and driver speeding (9%). Just under half of all motorcycle crashes involve a collision with another vehicle. In many crashes, the driver never saw the motorcyclist — or did not see the rider until it was too late.

It is important for everyone to pay attention and avoid all distractions while driving. We need to be 100 percent attentive when driving any type of motor vehicle. I have investigated far too many serious injury and fatal motorcycle crashes where a helmet could have made a difference. My advice is to always wear an approved helmet, along with proper high visible clothing to help reduce injury if involved in a crash.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 30
 •Complainant reported subject is sending inappropriate photos using Snapchat.
 •Complainant reported being locked out of home.
 •Vehicle on fire at location on County Highway 4 and 81st Street near Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant on County Road 2 near Hardwick reported tractor parade is blocking the lanes of travel.
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported a dispute over personal property.
 •Driving complaint was reported by Redbird Park.
 •Complainant reported a residential burglary alarm.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vehicles in the parking lot.
Aug. 31
 •Deputy assisted MSP on U.S. Highway 75, mile marker 20 near Hardwick.
 •Complainant on Oak Drive requested assistance.
 •Burglary was reported on N. Cedar Street.
 •An assault was reported at location on W. Luverne Street in Magnolia.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported disorderly subject.
 •Complainant on 30th Avenue in Hills reported a burglary alarm.
Sept. 1
 •Report of an erratic driver was reported at location westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13 near Luverne.
 •Report of an accident on N. Kniss Avenue.
 •Complainant reported speeding one block north of 818 N. McKenzie.
 •Complainant on Crawford and Cedar streets reported a physical fight between juveniles.
 •Complainant on S. Elizabeth Avenue in Hills reported a broken window in vehicle parked at location.
Sept. 2
 •Complainant reported someone was injured last night at Blue Mounds State Park.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a robbery.
 •Complainant on County Highway 4 near Valley Springs reported suspicious activity.
 •Complainant at location on S. Kniss Avenue reported being without a vehicle.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a guy wandering around.
 •Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported a

suspicious vehicle.
 •Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a group of teenagers disturbing the peace.
Sept. 3
 •Complainant on 200th Avenue near Magnolia reported a sudden death.
 •Complainant on 190th Avenue and 121st Street near Ellsworth reported a possible fatal accident.
 •Complainant on S. Broadway in Magnolia reported an open door at location.
 •Complainant on Central Avenue in Hills reported property stolen.
 •Complainant on N. Oakley reported cash was found.
Sept. 4
 •Complainant on County Road 7 reported a vehicle rollover.
 •Complainant requested to speak to law enforcement about guns.
 •Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported drug paraphernalia found at location.
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court in Luverne requested notice to be posted.
 •Complainant on 85th and 120th near Luverne reported an accident.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported counterfeit bill at location.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported harassing communications.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vehicle running.
Sept. 5
 •Complainant on Koehn Avenue reported a burglary alarm.
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported noise issues.
 •Assistance with other department was requested.
 •Complainant requested an alcohol test.
 •Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported firearms in the back seat of a vehicle.
 •A subject with warrant was reported.
 •Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a break-in.
 •Complainant on S. Oakley Street reported a disturbance and assault.
 In addition, officers responded to 6 complaints of cattle out, 1 transport, 1 welfare check, 10 escorts, 28 ambulance runs, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 1 alarm, 8 burn permits, 3 drug court tests, 4 purchase/carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 20 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests and 1 curfew check.

Teachers begin classes on Monday/continued from page 3

the fifth-grade classroom as previous fifth-grade teacher Amy VonHoltum moves to the middle school.
 Wermager graduated from Groton, South Dakota, High School in 2003 and received her undergraduate degree in elementary education and language arts from Minnesota State University-Moorhead. She earned her Master of Arts degree in instruction from Augustana University in Sioux Falls.
 Previously, Wermager taught fifth grade at Coyote Canyon Elementary in Bullhead City, Arizona, and fourth and fifth grades at New Underwood, South Dakota, Elementary School.
 She and her husband, Zachary, live in Luverne with their children Mya, 7, and Carter, 3.



Mavis Fodness photo/0912 Luverne Teachers 2019 Elementary

Eight new teachers join the Luverne Elementary School staff. Pictured (front row, from left) are Jodi Nelson, Liza Winkler, (second row) Morgan Smith, Molly Carbonneau, Challie Jones, (back) Joel Evans, Monica Edstrom and Chelsie Wermager.

Morgan Smith joins the kindergarten through fifth-grade music program as an instructor. She also works with the high school marching band.
 Smith graduated from Canton, South Dakota, High School in 2015 and from the University of Sioux Falls. She student-taught at Robert Frost Elementary and Patrick Henry Middle School in Sioux Falls.
 She currently lives in Luverne.
Jodi Nelson fills the part-time Title I teacher position. She is also the assistant cross country and track coach.
 The Luverne High School Class of 1998 graduate attended college at Augustana

University and has been a substitute teacher for Luverne Public Schools.
 Previously she taught one year as a part-time fourth-grade teacher and Response to Intervention (RTI) instructor.
 Nelson and her husband, Corey, live in Luverne with their children Tenley and MaKen.
Joel Evans comes to Luverne Public Schools as the physical education teacher for grades three, five and seven.

He will also be a coach for middle school football and high school wrestling.
 Evans graduated from Luverne High School in 2003 and from Minnesota State University-Moorhead.
 For the past nine years he taught at Worthington Public Schools.
 Evans and his wife, Jenny, live in Brandon, South Dakota, with their two children, Maddox, 5, and Nora, 2.
Monica Edstrom comes

to the kindergarten classroom after spending the past three years as a substitute teacher for Luverne Public Schools. She previously student-taught second-graders at Windom Elementary School.
 The Luverne High School Class of 2002 graduate attended Minnesota State University-Mankato and received a degree in elementary education.
 Edstrom and her husband, Eric, have three children: Macie, 11, Mallorie, 8, and Eddie, 7.

Magnolia woman dies in one-vehicle crash Sept. 3

A Magnolia woman lost her life in a single vehicle rollover Tuesday morning, Sept. 3, near Kanaranzi.
 According to information from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the report came in at 8:17 a.m. of a vehicle crash on 190th Ave. and 21st Street, which is near the curves south of Kanaranzi.
 Ana Little, 31, had been driving south on 190th Avenue and was traveling through the curves at 21st Street, where it appears she drove off the road.
 The vehicle, a 2007 Chrysler Sebring, rolled over and Little, who was not wearing her seatbelt, was ejected from the car. She was pronounced dead at the scene.
 Assisting at the scene were the Rock County Sheriff's Office,

Ellsworth Fire and Rescue and Rock County Ambulance.
 The Sheriff's Office noted that alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the crash.
 Chapel Hills Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was in charge of arrangements. Funeral services were Monday.
 Little attended schools in Colorado, Minnesota and Washington High School in Sioux Falls.
 She is survived by her parents, Sara-Lynn Nicholes, Sioux Falls, and David Little, Yankton, South Dakota, and three sons Ozzy Schweigert, Malyki Little and Isaiah Ackerman. She worked at Care Initiatives in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Crash near Hardwick claims two lives Sept. 4

Two Luverne residents died in a one-vehicle crash reported at 6:09 a.m. Wednesday morning, Sept. 4, to the Rock County Sheriff's Office.
 Myron Waddington, 39, and Jennifer Cattnach, 41, were riding eastbound in a 2014 Chevrolet Malibu on County Road 7 two-and-one-half miles west of Hardwick near 120th Avenue when the crash occurred.
 According to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, the vehicle left the roadway, lost control on the gravel shoulder, hit a field approach and rolled. Alcohol may have been a factor in the accident.
 The accident remains under investigation.
 Assisting the sheriff's office at the scene were the Minnesota

State Patrol, Hardwick Volunteer Fire Department and Rock County Ambulance.
 Waddington was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, and moved to Luverne in 1995 with his parents, Richard and Nancy Waddington. He worked for Four Way Insulation. Waddington was married to Jennifer Kessler, and they had six children.
 Cattnach was born in Kokomo, Indiana, and moved to Luverne with her parents, Steve and Penny Cattnach. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1996. She and her husband, Charles Spurgin, have one son, Garret.
 A complete obituary for Jennifer Cattnach is on page 7.

Armory won't be complete until 2021/continued from page 1

Herreid II approached guard officials in early 2017 with a proposal to use private funds to assist in the construction of the new National Guard Armory in Luverne.
 Herreid pledged \$5 million.

A 15-acre site in the Luverne industrial park was chosen in October 2017. Designing of the facility is expected to take a year to complete.
 The charrette wraps up today (Sept. 12) and is one

part of the nine-week pre-design period that began in mid-August and concludes next month.
 The pre-design is followed by a 10-week schematic design process, then a 12-week design development stage followed by

a 22-week construction document preparation stage.
 Bidding is a six-week process starting in August 2020. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2020 and finish in May 2022.

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Sept. 13 & 15 7 p.m. **Movie** "The Art of Racing in the Rain"

Saturday, Sept. 14 7:30 p.m. **"Coming Home" Concert**
 Tickets are \$15 and are on sale August 19 for season subscribers/business underwriters and August 23 for the public.
 This concert will feature four professional artists/groups who grew up in Luverne and are now pursuing their musical careers. We're excited to welcome John David & The Jerks (John Paquette), Chris Vogel, Bill Kettel, and Paul Vande Velde.

Friday, Oct. 4 7:30 p.m. **Superstar**
 Superstar: The Songs, The Stories, The Carpenters
 Tickets are \$25 and are on sale now!
 Join Helen Welch and her amazing group of musicians as they celebrate the songs of the famous brother sister duo. The Carpenters had 16 consecutive top 20 hits and were one of the most successful groups of the 1970's. Helen shares some rare and fascinating back-stage stories that are woven in between the songs that made Karen and Richard so popular.

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Rock County Community Library

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This is a Plum Creek regional event and is funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT

38 years in kindergarten

Thirty-eight-year veteran kindergarten teacher Darlene Dreessen listens to Brecken Van Belle read from the activity sheet he completed.



Only in retirement does elementary teacher Darlene Dreessen 'graduate' from school

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Darlene Dreessen said goodbye to 38 years of teaching last month, having never graduated past the kindergarten classroom.

Her years in the classroom began to take shape long before she accepted her first job with Magnolia Public Schools.

"I have always known I wanted to be a teacher," Dreessen said. "As a young girl I played school with dolls."

Dreessen (nee Vos) grew up near Kenneth.

Upon graduating from Magnolia High School, she attended Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The principal at Magnolia Elementary at that time offered Dreessen a position she's glad she didn't refuse.

"Our school is closing in one year," she recalled the principal saying. "We need a kindergarten teacher for one year."

In Dreessen's early years in education, the part-time position fit well into her schedule with a growing family and her husband, Dale. Those years she taught kindergarten three full days a week and had more time at home with her family.

At the time, Magnolia was working toward consolidation with the Luverne School District. However, the elementary school did



not merge with Luverne until 1994, so Dreessen's "one year" in the Magnolia district stretched to 13 years before she became a member of the Luverne elementary staff.

Dreessen taught only kindergartners, both in Magnolia and in Luverne, until retiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Her husband, Dale, often teased Dreessen in conversations by stating, "My wife just never makes it out of kindergarten. She never moves on."

However, through Dreessen's almost four decades in education, hundreds of students have moved on under her tutelage.

She often saw students' eyes light up when they grasped one of her many daily lessons.

"I love seeing those light bulb moments," she said.

Children would come into her classroom as blank slates and left with the ability to read and write, add and subtract, follow instructions and get along with their fellow classmates.

"I am amazed at all they

learn by the end of the year," she said. "Those are the rewards teachers get."

Kindergarten teaching has evolved through the decades, with Dreessen rising to the challenge.

Instead of half days or meeting every other day, kindergarten now centers on full days, five days a week like the other grade levels.

Most of Dreessen's kindergartners have attended preschool to prepare for what is now taught at the kindergarten level.

In kindergarten, Dreessen said she adopts a motherly (and now grandmotherly) manner to her teaching.

"I treat them like my children and grandchildren would be treated — to give them the best possible start," she said. "There is a long road ahead of them to graduation."

Dreessen said parents who follow some of her frequent tips often bolster her educational efforts.

Those tips include:

- reading to their child(ren).
- making sure they are well rested for school.



The poster and book "All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten" are favorites of Luverne Elementary kindergarten teacher Darlene Dreessen.

- being interested in what they bring home from the classroom.
- spending time getting to know their child(ren).

In her retirement, Dreessen is looking forward to getting to know her eight grandchildren better as most time will be spent visiting her children, son

Dave in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and daughters Debbie Spronk, also in Sioux Falls, and Dawn Kohle in Stuart, Nebraska.

Her husband, Dale, retired last year from operating the mink farm northeast of Luverne.

"The time is right," she said of her own retirement.

"It's been a great job. I am very thankful and humble that I was able to be at this for so many years."

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Gage Leo Cardin, weighing 9 pounds and 22 inches long, was born Monday, June 24, 2019, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Denis and Jessie Paquette** of Brandon, South Dakota. He joins siblings McKinley, 11, Kyndle, 9, Cady-nce, 5, and Skylar, 1. Grandparents are Cary and Karen Radisewitz and Dave and Rosie Paquette, all of Luverne.

MENU

Monday, Sept. 16: Chick-ent tetrazzini, broccoli, coleslaw, bread, tropical fruit. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Tuesday, Sept. 17: Lemon pepper fish, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, bread, pie. Half-Price Day sponsored by BTS and CWG employees.

Wednesday, Sept. 18: Cubed beef, mashed potatoes, peaches, country blend vegetables, bread, cookie. 9 a.m. Bone Builders; wear and share your "Favorite Apron" Day! Site Council meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, angel food cake with fruit sauce. NAPS Food give-away, NLCC Food give-away.

Friday, Sept. 20: Baked chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, bread, fresh melon cubes. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders; birthday party; kitchen band; Half-Price Day sponsored by W&N Construction.

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Contact the library at rocklibrariystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register for events.

Friends of the Library book sale, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 20, and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (\$3 bag sale) Sept. 21.

Antiques Appraisal with Mark Moran, noon, Monday, Sept. 30.

BUSINESS NEWS

Midwest Fire named winner Best Places to Work 2019

For the third time in five years, Midwest Fire Equipment, Luverne, was named to the Prairie Business magazine's "50 Best Places to Work 2019" contest.

More than 1,400 employee-written nominations were submitted for this year's competition.

"It's a huge honor to be featured among so many

successful businesses in our state and, even more so, to be chosen for the third time," said Midwest Fire Chief Executive Officer Sarah Atchison. The competition each year recognizes the region's best places to work, based on employee appeal and nomination.

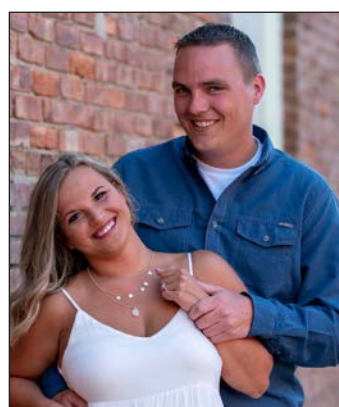
Midwest Fire also received recognition in 2015 and 2016.

ENGAGEMENT

Don and Tracy Mason, Brookings, South Dakota, and David and Brenda Knips, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, announce the engagement of their children Carrie Mason and Matthew Knips, both of Sioux Falls.

Carrie is currently employed at Dacotah Bank in Sioux Falls, and Matthew works with DGR Engineering.

The couple will be married Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sioux Falls.



Carrie Mason and Matthew Knips

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

The new Star Herald now has a daily online presence, thanks to its improved Web site launched this week.

With a smoother format for uploading stories and photographs, Star Herald news and sports reporters are posting information to the Web site as they cover events. ...

With the old Star Herald Web site, news was uploaded weekly, and there were fewer options for photos or versatile page design.

With its new format the Star Herald has achieved its goal of an improved online presence — primarily to be a source of instant local information.

25 years ago (1994)

Enrollment in the Luverne Public Schools for 1994-1995 has increased by about 100 students, but the statistics need to be explained. For the first time, numbers include Magnolia and Luverne students from grades kindergarten through 12.

Total enrollment released at the Luverne School Board meeting Thursday lists 1,507 students. In September 1993 the total was 1,416. "It's not significant growth after we re-organized," Superintendent Norman Miller said. "We can maybe say we grew by 20 kids."

He said Magnolia students account for about 80 students. Included in the statistics are 84 students from other districts who are open enrolled and tutored to Luverne.

According to the numbers used Thursday, 16 Luverne students attend other schools through open enrollment or because they have special needs that can't be met locally. Private school students weren't included in the statistics, but Miller estimated 70 Luverne students are enrolled in private schools.

50 years ago (1969)

Need an ambulance? Call 283-2321 and you'll have two vehicles and 13 drivers and attendants available immediately.

The Rock County Ambulance Service, which was formed after the two Luverne funeral homes decided to discontinue

their service, is a countywide service available to any resident.

A new 1969 model emergency vehicle was delivered to the ambulance service last weekend and already, according to Joe McFadden, hospital administrator, the vehicle has been used on several calls.

The emergency vehicle, which will be used on most emergency calls, is equipped with two double oxygen tanks with double regulators, a complete first-aid kit, and splints. The vehicle meets all Federal Highway Safety standards.

75 years ago (1944)

Because a few have abused their privilege to shoot air rifles by killing song birds, and maliciously doing other damage, Luverne boys in the future will be prohibited from firing their B-B guns within city limits.

This decision was reached by the city council at their meeting Tuesday night, following numerous complaints made the past summer by citizens in various parts of town.

It was voted to amend the city ordinance covering the shooting of firearms within the city limits to include also the less harmful air guns. The amendment will become law as soon as it is properly publicized, and after that, all violations will be misdemeanors, and punishable under the ordinance.

100 years ago (1919)

The rate of \$100 an acre for ordinary field corn of this year's crop as it stands in the field was realized this week by Mrs. Andrew Johnson, who rents the Forrest eight-acre farm on West Main Street.

Mrs. Johnson has two small fields of corn on the place, and these, containing a trifle less than one and a third acres, she sold to S.J. Adams for \$130.

However, even at this rate it is figured that Mr. Adams made a very satisfactory buy, for it is estimated that the field will yield somewhere between 80 and 100 bushels of good, sound corn to the acre.

1967: Off-the-farm corn theft leaves authorities scratching heads

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on September 21, 1967.

1,100 Bushels of Shell Corn Stolen

An inconspicuous theft has netted the biggest haul of corn in years here in Rock County.

Norman Thorson who farms three east and one and three fourths south of Luverne, reported to the Sheriff's office and to the Rock County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office that 1,100 bushels of shelled corn had been taken from an overhead bin three-fourths of a mile north of his farm.

The corn was sealed at 98 cents per bushel but at today's market it would be about \$1.10 per bushel.

Thorson theorized the corn had been taken in a series of trips sometime during July after an elevator had been removed from the building.

The loss was discovered by Thorson Friday. The corn was sealed under government authority, thus bringing Federal jurisdiction to the case. The corn had been stored just short of a year.

County Sheriff Ole Hommen said that authori-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

ties had very little to work on towards solving the theft. Apparently what happened, he said, was that someone drove into the alley below the bin and just opened a trap door to let the corn run into a truck, after which it was hauled away.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0912 youth night

Calvin Erickson (left) and Gavin Wysong play toss ball in the bucket Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church youth group kick-off for the school year.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church hosts youth group kick-off

By Glenda McGaffee

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Hills hosted a grades 9-12 youth group barbecue Sunday, Aug. 25, to kick off the school year youth group weekly meetings. The first group meeting was Sunday, Sept. 8.

"We had a great group of kids for our kick-off barbecue," said organizer Brenda Plimpton, who invited all

community youth to join the informal group meetings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday nights.

"We just want this to be a safe place for kids to land and together grow in our faith."

Four groups of volunteers will lead the meetings, which include prayer, Bible lessons, devotions, conversation and activities.

SCHOOL NEWS

Jarvie earns master's degree

Calla Jarvie of Luverne received a Master of Library Science Degree from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas.

Tuff Home couple renews wedding vows after 72 years

By Glenda McGaffee

A lot has happened in the past 72 years — from the moon landing to the fall of the Berlin Wall — and one couple, John and Dorothy Sikma, have been together through it all.

The couple celebrated a vow renewal ceremony at the Bernhard Tuff Chapel at the Tuff Memorial Home Tuesday, Sept. 3, with residents, staff and family.

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, chaplain of the nursing home, officiated at the ceremony, which featured music by Jeanne Prekker and Glenda McGaffee.

Bridesmaids were Jocelyn Jacoby and Joanna Stroeh, and administrator Eli Ripley escorted the bride down the aisle.

"Listen to your husband," is the advice shared by Dorothy Sikma for a happy marriage.

Her husband, John, said, "You can't give that advice.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0912 Sikmas
Dorothy and John Sikma renewed their vows Tuesday, Sept. 3, in the Tuff Memorial Home dining room in Hills.

It just happens and it is amazing."

The Sikmas met on Decoration Day, now called Memorial Day, at the roller rink in Lake Okoboji, Iowa.

John said, "She couldn't rollerskate and was hanging

Rachel Kroontje

Rachel Kroontje, 74, of rural Kenneth, died Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage as a result of glioblastoma brain cancer.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. Burial of cremains will be at a later date.

Rachel Faye Baker was born on Sept. 16, 1944, to Peter and Jennie (Bakker) Baker and grew up on the family farm east of Edgerton. She attended Edgerton Christian grade school, graduated from Southwest Christian High School in 1962, and studied at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, to be a teacher.

She married John C. Kroontje on Dec. 22, 1964, at Edgerton Christian Reformed Church, just before John returned to the military service during the Vietnam War.

Rachel taught for three years at Prinsburg Christian Grade School in Prinsburg before starting a family. While her classroom career was short, her teaching spirit continued throughout her life in church, at work, and at the piano where she instilled her love of music to many piano students.

She and John spent the first few years of their marriage near Magnolia before putting down roots in a farming operation near Kenneth. She maintained a large garden and took pride in a well-stocked root cellar that fed the family year-round.

In 1984 Rachel took a job at Fey Industries in Edgerton where she started on the factory floor and later transferred to the company's customer service department. She wrote the training manual for new employees, and for many years

Marvin Brommer

Marvin Lambert Brommer, 90, Luverne, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, at the Rock Rapids Care Center in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. Burial will follow the lunch at the Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

Marvin Brommer was born Nov. 25, 1928, to George and Minnie (Broesder) Brommer. He was raised on the family farm by Ellsworth.

Marvin married Verla Heikes on Aug. 21, 1950. To this union two children were born, Douglas and Colleen. The couple made their home on the family farm south of Ellsworth. Verla died in November of 1974.

On Dec. 14, 1977, Marvin married Velma Riemschneider. The couple lived on the farm until retiring and moving into Luverne in 1992. They lived in Luverne until moving to the Rock Rapids



her voice greeted callers on the company's phone greeting directory. She retired in 2010.

Rachel was a member of Leota Bethel Reformed Church where she was actively involved with youth for many years. She was a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years, starting at the age of 15 at her home church in Edgerton. She and John served nearly 10 years as youth group leaders in their early years of marriage.

Rachel enjoyed walking and bicycling. She many times completed the 19-mile Sioux Falls bike trail, and on her 60th birthday pedaled a 32-mile trail of "moderate" difficulty during a vacation in Wisconsin.

Rachel is survived by her husband, John Kroontje; five daughters, Lisa and Byron Pals, Pipestone, Lori and Matthew Sorenson, rural Garretson, Linda and Eric Rice, Sioux Falls, Lana and Glen Grabill, Jackson, and Lavelle and Dave Bobrowsky, Cass Lake; 13 grandchildren, Cassandra Pals, Taylor and Brittany Pals, Sawyer Pals, Jonathan Ehde, Carson Ehde, Alexx Sorenson, Timothy Cordell, Ashley Rice, Gary Grabill, Leslie (Grabill) and Sean Willaby, Katie (Grabill) Clark, Cody Grabill, and David Bobrowsky; a sister-in-law, Esther Baker, Rock Valley, Iowa; 23 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Virgil Baker.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0912 F)



Care Center in January of 2018.

Marvin was a member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth until moving to Luverne where he became a member of the First Baptist Church.

He loved to garden and always had a large garden. He enjoyed bird watching and also enjoyed making plant stands and other things.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Velma Brommer, Rock Rapids, Iowa; a son, Douglas Brommer, Loveland, Colorado; a daughter, Colleen Brommer, Harlem, Montana; three stepchildren, John (Marcia) Estes, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Joan (Bruce) Foote, Ellsworth; and Sandra (Richard) Brill, Pueblo, Colorado; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Verla; a stepdaughter, Kathy Dutcher; and a daughter-in-law, Julie Brommer.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0912 F)

OBITUARIES

Jennifer Cattnach

Jennifer Louise Cattnach, 41, Luverne, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, as the result of an automobile accident.

A funeral service was Monday, Sept. 9, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Jennifer Cattnach was born on Feb. 25, 1978, to Steve and Penny (Marzinske) Cattnach in Kokomo, Indiana. She was baptized June 4, 1978, at First Presbyterian Church in Peru, Indiana. When she was young, her family moved to Luverne, where she was raised and attended school. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1996. In school she enjoyed the arts and being a part of 4-H where she took trips to the Minnesota State Fair with her photography skills. She then attended Mankato State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine art. She lived in Shakopee, where she met her future husband at the Renaissance Festival. She returned home to Luverne in the summer of 2010.

Jennifer married Charles "Chip" Spurgin on July 4, 2015, at Falls Park in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Their greatest blessing was the addition of their son, Garret. Jennifer worked in residential services

as a youth counselor and caregiver.

Jennifer's hobbies included sewing, photography, sketching and pottery. She took on the role of homeschooling Garret and was involved in the scouting program as well as continued involvement in the local 4-H chapter.

Jennifer will be remembered for her strong opinions, love of cats, infectious laugh and smile and never being short of things to say. She especially loved spending time with Garret and taking walks with him.

Jennifer is survived by her husband, Charles, of Luverne and their son, Garret Cattnach; her parents, Steve and Penny Cattnach of Luverne; siblings Bruce (Jeri) Cattnach of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Barb (Tim) Anderson of Luverne; and her nieces and nephews, Erica (Travis) Garrison of Rock Valley, Iowa, Joe Lund of Sioux Falls, and Jessica, Kaitlyn and Abigail Anderson of Luverne.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Chester and Marjorie Marzinske and Wallace and Marian Cattnach.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0912 F)

Dorothy Thorin

Dorothy Mae Thorin, 90, of Hills died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Friday, Sept. 6, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed at Flowerfield Cemetery in rural Hills.

Dorothy Mae Thorin was born April 12, 1929, to Lennart and Mabel (Severson) Thorin in Lyon County, Iowa. She was raised on family farms in the Garretson, South Dakota, Beaver Creek and Hills areas. She graduated from Hills High School in 1947.

She began working for a short time for the John Deere Implement in Hills. She then began a 42-year career with the Exchange State Bank in Hills, retiring in 1994. Dorothy also provided care for several years for her mother, Mabel.

Dorothy moved to Tuff Assisted Living before entering the Tuff Memorial Home in September of 2018. She remained living there until her death.

Dorothy was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran

Church in Hills, active with the BLCW and Church Circle and served as treasurer of the Hills Community Club. She enjoyed traveling with relatives, playing guitar in her younger years, working on puzzles and word finds, and was an avid reader, especially of the Bible.

She will be remembered for her strong faith and her wonderful sense of humor. When she was asked how she was doing, she simply said, "I'm A - okay!"

She is survived by her brother, Jerome "Jerry" Thorin of Hills and several nieces, nephews and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lennart and Mabel Thorin; a brother, Arnold Thorin; a sister, Maxine Hanson; a brother-in-law, Charles Hanson; and two sisters-in-law, June Thorin and Dianne Thorin.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0912 F)

Jim Nelson

Jim Howard Nelson, 70, of Magnolia, died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, at his home.

A funeral service was Monday, Sept. 9, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Jim Nelson was born Feb. 21, 1949, to Donald and Ann (Howard) Nelson in Luverne. He graduated from Magnolia High School in 1967. Jim then attended Worthington Junior College before graduating with a bachelor's degree in education from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Jim married Jane Aanenson on Aug. 30, 1968, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple lived in Magnolia for a year before moving to Marshall for Jim to attend school. After college, he worked at the Luverne Elevator. He then taught school in Magnolia and substitute taught in Luverne. Jim began farming in the Magnolia area with his family in 1976. In 1991 they moved to their current farmstead south of Magnolia.

Jim was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. He

loved spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren and attending their sporting events and other activities. Jim also enjoyed reading, fishing, golfing, Sudoku, woodworking, carpentry, working side by side with his family, traveling to new places and a good steak.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jane Nelson, Magnolia; three children, Chad (Jennifer) Nelson, Magnolia; Corey (Jodi) Nelson, Luverne; and Susan (Travis) Bullerman, Luverne; eight grandchildren, Taylor Nelson, Jaxon Nelson, Malory Nelson, Tenley Nelson, Makena Nelson, James Bullerman, Jenna Bullerman and Jacob Bullerman; two sisters, Patricia (Dave) Dede, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Jean (Gary) Nelson-Anderson, Hanley Falls; and a brother, Stanley Nelson, Sioux Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A scholarship fund will be established in Jim's name in the near future.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0912 F)



Rock County 4-H'ers compete at 2019 State Fair

By Mavis Fodness

Fifty-one 4-H'ers represented Rock County at the recent Minnesota State Fair.

Hannah Kruse, a member of the Livewires 4-H Club was named a Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and MN State Fair scholarship recipient during the annual event.

Thirty-one 4-H'ers exhibited livestock during the Aug. 23-25 encampment. More than 2,895 animals were exhibited.

Local results including the 4-H'er's name, exhibit category and class placing/ribbon are:

Beef: Karly Kruse, Hereford, registered junior yearling, fourth place; Leah Kruse, Hereford registered junior yearling, third place; Trevor Mente, maintainer registered junior yearling, fourth; Lanae Elbers, commercial fall calf, second; Drew Fick, commercial summer yearling, purple, first; Justin Mente, cow and calf all other breeds, registered, purple, grand champion all other breeds cow/calf pair and reserve champion overall cow/calf pair; Whitney Elbers, steer Shorthorn plus registered, fifth; Hannah Kruse, steer Hereford registered, fifth; Claire Popkes, steer Maine Anjou registered, fourth; Donavon Leenderts, market heifer, eighth; Dalton Popkes, steer slick-shorn, second; Michael Kinsinger, steer crossbreds and other breeds, purple, second; Dylan Mente, prospect calf steer, third.

Dairy: Joshua Raak, crossbred and other breeds fall calf, blue; Andrea Honken, red and white fall calf, red; Jacob Raak, Ayrshire 2 year old, purple; Caleb Raak, Guernsey 2 year old, purple grand champion Guernsey cow, reserve champion Guernsey net merit.

Goats: Cassie Flanagan, senior yearling meat breeding doe, blue.



Justin Mente, reserve champion overall cow/calf pair



Aisha Porter, purple, elements of photography



Caleb Raak, champion Guernsey cow, reserve Guernsey net merit



Jacob Raak, purple, 2-year-old Ayrshire

ary breeding gilt, blue; Will Stegenga, market barrow Yorkshire registered, blue; Tyler Fick, market barrow crossbred, blue; Halle Hough, market barrow crossbred, blue; Aleck

Schoeneman, market barrow crossbred, purple.

Livestock Demonstration: Andrea Honken, topic: Description of a Cow's Stomach and What a DA is, red.



Trey Baustian, purple, middleweight black-face market lamb



Tacey Baustian, purple, lightweight black-face market lamb

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Luverne Township.

The Jarchows recently purchased an acreage in section 18. The turbine located southeast of the Jarchow home in section 19 is the closest at 3,800 feet.

Wind turbine construction is planned for this fall,

once conditions are met for the permits.

"I want to thank the city of Luverne, the commissioners and the people of Rock County for this next step in the process," said Gevo CEO Patrick Gruber in a written statement. "Our

long-term vision calls for us to invest and build out our Agri-Energy site for producing renewable jet fuel and iso-octane. Eliminating our carbon footprint is the right thing to do and this approved conditional use permit is a great step forward."

Luverne levy/from page 1

infrastructure and to help hold down property taxes.

However, in over the past decade, outstate Minnesota cities have seen LGA decrease or remain flat, despite inflation and cost increases.

Statute requires the preliminary levy amount to be

set in September, and the final levy won't be certified until December, after the Dec. 10 truth in taxation hearing.

The amount could be adjusted lower by then, but by statute it can't be increased.



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

Care for your lawns now

So here we are in September, the best time to do lawn seeding—renovation, if necessary—and the best time to rid your lawn of weeds.

If you are seeding a new lawn, as the ground temperature drops, most weed seed will not germinate; however, the grass seed germinates better in cool soil so the weeds are not competing with the grass. The new grass has plenty of time to get established before the ground temperature is too cold for it to grow.

If you wait until spring, first you have to wait for the soil to dry enough to prepare the seedbed. Then you have the weed seed more than happy to get going for the season so that competition will be there until the grass is established enough to use weed spray.

Spraying for weeds now eliminates the new seedlings that start showing up in late summer. Then too, if you are trying to eliminate a pest like creeping Charlie, that will take at least two applications of herbicide and if you spray now, you can repeat in 4-6 weeks.

People ask me about how to get their poinsettia to rebloom, and we are getting to that time of bud initiation, which is Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. During that period of time in a 24-hour day, our daylight hours become equal to and then less than the nighttime hours. The plant realizes that and thereby knows it is time to initiate its flowering cycle. Nature doesn't mess up. The darkness is uninterrupted until the sun rises the next morning.

If you are growing that poinsettia indoors in your home and you turn on the room light where the plant is growing, you just made the day longer ... that is a problem for the plant. Thus the plant will continue to grow but will not bloom because you messed the light/darkness ratio.

People say they will put the poinsettia plant in a closet to give that uninterrupted darkness ... that's fine for the night, but the plant has to have sunlight during the day. The point is that we are trying to mimic nature: every 24-hour period has light and dark. Even a streetlight can prevent a poinsettia from blooming if it is close to the window. The temperature change as well as the light-to-dark ratio is a clear enough message to a poinsettia that it's time to bloom for Christmas.

When I went to Australia in November several years ago, I realized that in the southern hemisphere for a poinsettia to bloom for Christmas, they have to use heavy shade cloths to artificially create the longer hours of darkness.

So I'm not ready to think about Christmas yet, but the poinsettias certainly are!



Joy Fey, fashion revue court of honor

Twenty 4-H'ers competed in the general exhibit encampment for Rock County Aug. 29-31.

All projects are judged in groups with judges awarding exhibitors individual ribbons. Purple is the highest level of achievement.

Local results by exhibitor name, category and ribbon placing are:

Alex Hartman, cat, blue; Krista Burkman, clothing and textiles, clothes you buy, blue, fashion revue participant; Burke Johnson, computer, blue; Elisabeth Kelm, consumer education, blue; Ashlyn Johnson, crafts and fine arts, blue; Larissa Steinhoff, crafts and fine arts, blue; Myles Trimble, crafts and fine arts, blue; Zach Uhl, electric, red; Emma Deusch, food and nutrition, blue; Andrea Honken, food and nutrition, blue; Egypt Forrest, food preservation, blue; Wyatt Fry, food preservation, red; Geraldine Fry, food preservation, blue;

Lily Ehlers, home environment, blue; Brianna Kinsinger, performing arts, red; Janica Oechsle, performing arts, blue; Rachel DenHerder, elements of photography, blue; Aisha Porter, elements of photography, blue; Candace Porter, elements of photography, purple; Jacob Madison, shooting sports and wildlife management, blue; Gretchen Jacobsma, shop primarily wood based, blue; Justin Mente, shop primarily wood based, blue.

Club awards: Denver Go-Getters Club, banner, red; Blue Ribbon Club, banner, red.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections Thursday, September 19, 2019 Noon to 6 p.m. Rock County Transfer Station (old Landfill)

Acceptable Waste: paint, aerosol cans, hazardous household, automotive, lawn & garden, or home improvement products which you would like to dispose of properly. Any questions: Call Rock County Land Management Office at 507-283-8862.

Unusable and Unwanted Agriculture Pesticide Collection

THURSDAY, September 19, 2019 noon to 6 p.m. Rock County Transfer Station (old Landfill)

This is a great opportunity for farmers, gardeners, and all other pesticide users to safely dispose of unwanted and unusable pesticides. For most participants up to 300 lbs. of pesticides will be accepted without charge. We have a limited amount we can accept.

Call 283-8862 to pre-register.

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Jerry Mann, Rodger Ossenfort, Ken Vos

Patriots thump G-H-EC-T to remain perfect

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team opened its home slate by pounding Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman 55-20 Friday in Hills.

H-BC exploded for 49 points in the game's first half and matched G-H-EC-T's six-point output in the second half to secure a 35-point victory.

Tyson Bork ran for 199 yards and three touchdowns and hauled in one of three touchdown passes by Gavin Wysong during the game.

Wysong, who passed for 108 yards, added to rushing touchdowns for an H-BC squad that ran for 319 yards in the game.

Patriot coach Rex Metzger liked the way his team played during the home debut.

"I think overall, both offensively and defensively, we took a step forward in being a more physical team," he said.

"G-H-EC-T had some good athletes, but we did what we had to do against them in terms of physicality."

The Patriots assumed control of the contest by scoring the first 36 points of the game.

H-BC did lose the ball on downs at the end of its first offensive possession, but the Patriots registered touchdowns with their next five possessions.

Wysong ignited the scoring spree by registering a 21-yard rushing touchdown after setting up a four-play, 32-yard possession with a long punt return.

Wysong toted in the ensu-

ing two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

H-BC added two more touchdowns before the first quarter was complete to up the lead to 23-0.

Bork found the end zone for the first time when he capped a six-play series with a five-yard run.

Wysong carried in the two-point conversion.

H-BC recovered a fumble as the first quarter progressed, setting up a 28-yard Gavin Wysong-to-Zander Wysong touchdown pass.

Chase Bosch added his first of three extra points following the touchdown pass to cap the scoring in the first period.

Bork registered a pair of quick scoring bursts early in the second quarter.

H-BC's junior tailback scored on runs covering 62 and 63 yards on the first plays of possessions that came after the Patriot defense stopped the Jaguars on downs.

Bork's tallies capped H-BC's 36-point run to start the game.

G-H-EC-T trimmed the difference to 30 points (36-6) when Carter Spear ran 32 yards for a touchdown, but the Patriots answered with a 44-yard touchdown pass from Gavin Wysong to Bork to regain a 36-point (42-6) cushion.

The teams exchanged touchdowns again before the first half was complete.

Owen Wolter fired a 15-yard touchdown pass to Carl

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John Rittenhouse photo/0912 lcc girls 1

Luverne's Regan Feit (left) and Tenley Nelson (right) race to an early lead during the girls' varsity race at the Bruce Gluf Classic Saturday in Luverne. Nelson and Feit placed first and second to lead the Cards to the team title.

LHS girls win third straight Bruce Gluf Classic title

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' cross country team won the team title of the Bruce Gluf Classic for the third consecutive season Saturday in Luverne.

In what was an abbreviated field, LHS scored 16 points to capture the team title.

Southwest Christian-Edger-

ton (45 points) and Mountain Lake Area (69) also fielded complete teams for the meet.

Five top 10 efforts, including the first four finishers in the varsity race, lifted the Cardinals to their team championship.

Tenley Nelson, Regan Feit, Jenna DeBates and Elizabeth

Wagner placed first, second third and fourth with respective 19:45, 20:27, 20:57 and 21:00 efforts.

Tiana Lais capped the team scoring for LHS by placing 10th in 22:43.

Grace Ingbretson also competed in the varsity race, finishing 13th with a time of 22:55.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's results from the Bruce Gluf Classic.

Junior varsity girls: Claire Baustian, 13th, 19:50; Mallory Oye, 16th, 20:08; Madigan Flom, 18th, 20:54.

Junior high girls: Kayla Bloemendahl, first, 14:17; Maria Rops, second, 14:41; Andrea Luitjens, 20th, 20:27.



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 avb 1

Adrian junior Brianna Reckamp registers a dig during the Luverne Volleyball Tournament Saturday. Reckamp and the Dragons went 4-0 to win the tournament title.

Adrian spikers up record to 11-0 with six victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team raised its season record to 11-0 by posting six wins in as many days.

The Dragons swept a three-set home match from Red Rock Central Thursday before going 4-0 to win the Luverne Tournament Saturday.

Adrian traveled to George, Iowa, Monday, where the Dragons swept a two-set match from George-Little Rock.

The Dragons play Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Thursday in Okabena.

Adrian 2, G-LR 0

The Dragons experienced little trouble in notching their 11th victory when they upended the Mustangs Monday in George.

Adrian outscored the hosts

50-18 during a two-set sweep.

The Dragons prevailed 25-8 in the opening set before securing a 25-10 win in the finale.

Kasie Tweet (11 of 11 with four aces) and Shauna Rogers (14 of 14) served the ball well for AHS.

Marissa Lehnhoff led the Dragons with seven kills, while Mayssa Tweet recorded seven digs.

LHS tourney

The Dragons upped their season record to 10-0 by winning four straight matches to take top honors in the Luverne Tournament Saturday.

Adrian, which won all of its matches by 2-0 tallies, went 3-0 to win the White Pool before upending host LHS in the championship match.

Adrian's trek to the tournament championship includes

pool wins over Blue Earth Area (25-10, 25-11), Edgerton (25-14 and 25-7) and West Lyon (25-17 and 26-24).

The Dragons posted a 25-13 win over Luverne in the opening set of the championship.

When AHS topped the Cardinals 25-21 in the second set, the Dragons celebrated their second tournament championship of the season.

Adrian 3, RRC 0

The Dragons opened Red Rock Conference competition by rolling to a three-set victory over the Falcons Thursday in Adrian.

Adrian outscored RRC 75-47 overall during a commanding performance.

The Dragons handed the Falcons consecutive 25-15,

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Cardinals fall in overtime to Maple River Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals fell from football's unbeaten ranks Friday at Cardinal Field.

In a game that featured both Luverne and Maple River putting together impressive scoring runs, an overtime session was needed to settle the issue.

Maple River got the job done in overtime by completing a 20-0 scoring run with a rushing touchdown to post a 27-21 victory over the Cards.

For an LHS team that reeled off 21 consecutive points to open a 21-7 lead in the third quarter, it was a disappointing end to a hard-fought game.

"It was an entertaining game," said Cardinal coach Todd Oye.

"It was a game that we could have and probably should have won. We just made too many mistakes against a good team."

The contest was a very competitive one.

Both teams sported leads in the first half, with LHS sporting a 14-7 advantage at halftime.

Maple River, however, drew first blood in the contest.

The Eagles started their second offensive possession of the game on the 50-yard line and proceeded to put together a five-play series.

Senior quarterback Caden Ochsendorf, who gashed the LHS defense for 154 rushing yards and scored three touchdowns, capped the drive with a 16-yard scamper at the 5:38 mark of the first quarter.

Colin Bramer added his first of three extra points following the touchdown, giving the Eagles a 7-0 cushion.

Luverne answered the challenge with its second offensive possession of the game.

LHS put together a nine-play, 83-yard march.



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 lfb 4

Luverne senior Nathan Nekali registered 3.5 tackles during Friday's overtime loss to Maple River at Cardinal Field.

LaShad Smith, who carried the ball for 108 yards in the game, completed the drive with a 17-yard run with 1:17 remaining in the first quarter.

Shaيد Shearer booted his first of three extra points after Smith's tally to knot the score at seven.

Luverne's defensive unit came up with a big play late in the second quarter to set up the final touchdown of the first half.

LHS senior Nick Feit picked off his first of two passes in the

game at the Eagles' 12-yard line and nearly returned it for a touchdown before being ruled down at the one.

Cardinal quarterback Bailey Cowell scored on a one-yard plunge during the next play to give the hosts a 14-7 advantage with 3:08 left in the first half.

Maple River pulled off a trick play in the final minute of the first half to produce what appeared to be a touchdown with 22 seconds left, but the

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Dragons run at T-M-B Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

Adrian fielded incomplete cross country teams for Thursday's Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Invitational in Tracy.

Three Dragon girls and one AHS boy competed at the varsity level during the event. Moriah Bullerman ran a strong race for the Dragon

girls by placing sixth with a time of 21:48.

Hilryn Heitkamp and Gracie Elias placed 37th and 61st at the varsity level with respective 24:56 and 27:58 efforts.

Dylan Graff placed 47th in 21:16 as Adrian's lone entry in the boys' varsity race.

Here is a look at the rest

of Adrian's results from the T-M-B meet.

Junior varsity girls: Taya Elias, 39th, 15:36.

Junior varsity boys: Ky Ruppert, 90th, 23:11.

Junior high girls: Hunter Penning, 12th, 9:12.

Junior high boys: Bruce Farinella, 37th, 9:01; Cam Hinsch, 69th, 10:55.



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 lcc boys 1

Luverne seniors Brayden Tofteland (left) and Jonah Friedrichsen (right) helped the Cardinal boys' cross country team repeat as the team champion of the annual Bruce Gluf Classic Saturday in Luverne.

Boys repeat as champs

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' cross country team repeated as champion of the Bruce Gluf Classic Saturday in Luverne.

After winning their first title in 2018, the Cardinals made it two in a row by winning a tight competition involving Mountain Lake Area and Jackson County Central.

A total of three points separated the three complete teams in the field, with Luverne leading the way with a 39-point effort.

MLA and JCC finished second and third with 41- and 42-point efforts.

Brayden Tofteland propelled the Cardinals to the title by winning the race with a time of 17:01.

Jonah Friedrichsen and Camden Janiszski helped the cause by finishing ninth and 10th with respective 18:54 and 18:56 efforts.

Brady Bork and Brody DeBates capped the team scoring by finishing 15th and 19th in 19:34 and 20:15.

Griffin Jarchow and Sam Emery also participated in the varsity race.

Jarchow placed 20th in 20:20, while Emery finished 29th in 21:43.

The Cardinals run in Rochester Thursday.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's results during the Bruce Gluf Classic.

Junior varsity boys: Ethan Curtiss, fourth, 16:03; Ethan Rahm, seventh, 16:15; Carsen Tofteland, ninth, 16:26; Camden Hoven, 11th, 16:30; Graham Cunningham, 17th, 16:57; Burke Johnson, 27th, 18:06; Nicholas Rogers, 28th, 18:13.

Junior high boys: Sage Viessman, second, 12:25; Ryan Fick, third, 12:49; Evan Bumgardner, fourth, 12:58; Owen Janiszski, sixth, 13:13; Levi Gonnerman, 10th, 13:51; Leif Ingebretson, sixth, 13:54; Matthew Rogers, 14th, 14:36; Kaleb Hemme, 16th, 14:43; Eli McLendon, 20th, 15:28.

Team statistics
H-BC: 319 rushing yards, 108 passing yards, 427 total yards, six first downs, five penalties for 30 yards, zero turnovers.
G-H-EC-T: 151 rushing yards, 103 passing yards, 254 total yards, nine first downs, nine penalties for 70 yards, four turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Bork 10-199, G.Wyosong 11-70, Bosch 1-12, Liam Raymon 8-32, Drew Leenderts 1-6.
Passing: G.Wyosong 5-8 for 108 yards, Ty Bundeson 0-1 for zero yards.
Receiving: Z.Wyosong 1-28, Bork 1-34, Bennett 2-2.
Defense: G.Wyosong 11 tackles and 1.5 sacks, Easton Harnack six tackles and one fumble recovery, Oliver Deelstra two tackles and one interception, Jax Wyosong two tackles and one-half of one sack, Bork five tackles, Casey Kueter five tackles and one fumble recovery, Calvin Erickson four tackles, Tory Knobloch four tackles, Leenderts five tackles and one fumble recovery.

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Jaskulke and hooked up with Kaiden Musser for a successful conversion pass for the Jaguars.

Gavin Wysong capped a five-play possession for H-BC with a seven-yard touchdown run and Bosch added the extra point to make it a 49-14 game at the intermission.

The entire second half was played under running time.

H-BC registered a third-quarter touchdown when Gavin Wysong tossed a two-yard pass to Tryce Bennett.

G-H-EC-T received a 39-yard touchdown run from Musser in the fourth quarter.

The 2-0 Patriots host 2-0 Edgerton Friday.

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play was negated by a penalty.

Luverne didn't waste any time in expanding the lead to 14 points (21-7) in the third quarter.

The Cardinals received the opening kickoff of the second half and promptly put together a seven-play, 57-yard march.

Smith capped the drive with a 24-yard touchdown run at the 8:16 mark of the third quarter.

Maple River started its comeback with its first offensive possession of the third quarter.

The Eagles covered 88 yards in 17 plays with Ochsendorf scoring on a 17-yard run with 15 seconds left in the third stanza.

Following a three-and-out possession by LHS, the Eagles knotted the score at 21 with their second possession of the half.

Maple River advanced the ball 65 yards in eight plays with Broden Simon capping the drive with a two-yard run with 7:35 left in the fourth quarter.

Neither team could produce points in the final seven minutes, but LHS did have a golden opportunity to do so.

After a penalty by the Eagles erased what would have been an interception, Cowell ripped off a 27-yard run to the Maple River 14-yard line.

The Cards lined up for a 29-yard field goal attempt with one second left to play, but a botched snap foiled the opportunity.

LHS had the first possession of overtime and ran the ball three times for eight yards before tossing an incomplete pass on fourth down.

Ochsendorf ran for three



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 lfb 2

Luverne junior running back LaShad Smith ran for 108 yards and two touchdowns during Friday's home football game against Maple River. The Cardinals fell 27-21 in overtime.

consecutive plays and scored on a one-yard run on third down to clinch the win for the Eagles.

"We did miss some tackles in this game, but a lot of the credit has to go to their quarterback. He gained a lot of yards with his running ability," Oye concluded.

The Cards play in Pipestone Friday.

Team statistics
Luverne: 154 rushing yards, 74 passing yards, 228 total yards, 13 first downs, four penalties for 30 yards, zero turnovers.
Maple River: 275 rushing yards, 53 passing yards, 328 total yards, 20 first downs, five penalties for 55 yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Smith 18-108, Cowell 13-26, Jacob Von Tersch 4-12, Ashton Sandbulte 3-8.
Passing: Cowell 7-11 for 74 yards.
Receiving: Colby Crabtree 3-24, Smith 2-32, Isaiah Bartels 2-16.
Defense: Feit six tackles and two interceptions, Kameron Keene 5.5 tackles, Crabtree five tackles, Zach Ahrendt four tackles, Matthew Sehr 3.5 tackles, Nathan Nekali 3.5 tackles, Cade Wenninger 3.5 tackles, Smith three tackles.

Cardinals place second in home tournament

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team sports a 5-4 record after a three-event week.

The Cardinals lost a three-set match in Marshall Sept. 3 before splitting matches at the West Lyon Triangular Thursday near Larchwood, Iowa.

Luverne turned in a 2-1 showing and placed second at its annual tournament Saturday.

The Cardinals play in Winndom Thursday.

LHS tourney

The Cardinals wrapped up a challenging stretch by going 2-1 to place second at their annual tournament Saturday.

LHS posted a pair of wins to win the Red Pool before falling to unbeaten Adrian in the championship match.

The Cardinals opened pool play by registering 25-23 and 25-14 victories over Hills-Beaver Creek.

Luverne locked up the pool championship by saddling George-Little Rock with 25-16 and 25-12 setbacks.

LHS ended up placing second in a seven-team field after taking 25-13 and 25-21 losses from AHS in the title tilt.

WL triangular

The Cardinals broke even during Thursday's triangular



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 lfb 1

Luverne's Elise Ferrell fields a serve during the annual Luverne Volleyball Tournament Saturday. Ferrell and the Cardinals placed second in a seven-team field.

event at West Lyon High School.

Luverne lost its opening match against the host team, but the Cards bounced back to beat Tea, South Dakota, in the second round.

The home-standing Wildcats took care of business against the Cards by nailing down 21-14 and 21-12 wins in the first match.

LHS found renewed life in the second battle when

it saddled Tea with 21-13 and 21-19 setbacks.

No statistical information was available from the triangular tournament.

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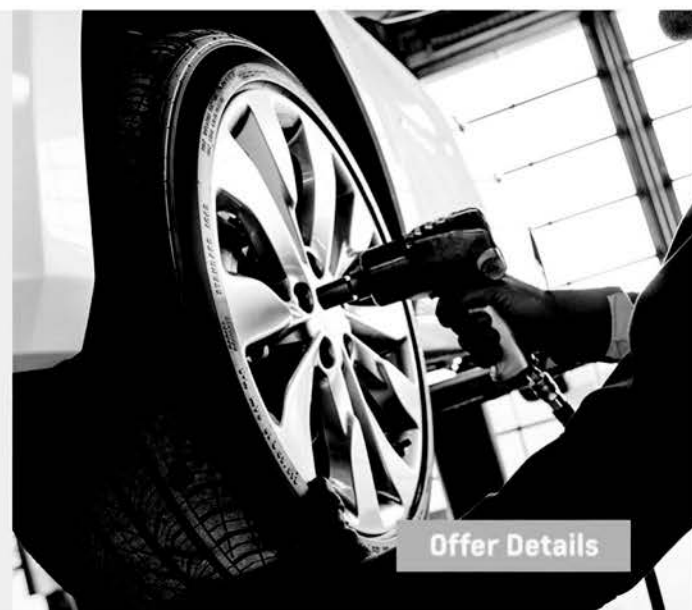
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The lessons dog owners need to know in order to have an obedient dog continues this week with my Rule No. 3 of dog ownership.



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

First, let's review rules 1 and 2. Rule 1: Never give a command to the dog unless you are in a position or of a demeanor to enforce that command. Rule No. 2 is don't repeat commands over and over. Tell the dog what you want and in short order make the dog comply if they choose not to. Consistency is the key.

Rule No. 3 goes like this: Whatever is OK today has to be OK tomorrow, and vice versa; whatever is not OK today also has to be not OK tomorrow.

This falls under the consistency clause of playing fair with the dog. If you strictly enforce the here command one day and blow off making the dog do the same thing the next day, the dog will become confused, and this is the perfect way to end up with a dog you do not like very much.

I have been involved with training dogs for hire for many years. An owner will drop off their dog for the three-month program and that dog will be jumping up on every person who steps foot on the yard. They will knock down little kids and many tears will be shed.

We teach the dog that jumping on people is not acceptable. This might take quite some effort depending on how long the dog was allowed to get away with this undesirable behavior. The

owner allowed the jumping even though they did not like it.

We took the next 45 days and taught the dog that jumping was not OK today. It was not OK tomorrow. It was not OK on any day.

The owner showed up 45 days later to see the dog, and as the dog jumped up and put its muddy feet on the shoulders of the nice clean fancy dress the gal was wearing, she praised the dog, saying, "Good dog, good dog, we missed you so much."

They praised and rewarded the dog for displaying a bad behavior. They allowed the dog to do one thing this day but paid us to be sure it would not allow the exact same behavior the next day. This, by the way, does not work.

Rule No. 3 of dog ownership is whatever is OK today has to be OK tomorrow and vice versa; what is not OK today has to be not OK tomorrow.

This is followed very closely and is tied to never rewarding the dog for bad behavior, which is exactly what the lady did in the earlier paragraph.

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Luverne tennis team splits 6-1 decisions

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team broke even when playing a pair of matches last week.

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a five-point decision in Blue Earth Sept. 3 before posting a five-point victory over Marshall in their conference opener Thursday in Luverne.

Luverne, 10-3 overall, hosts Pipestone Thursday.

LHS 6, Marshall 1

The Cardinals opened Big South Conference competition by posting a five-point home win over the Tigers Thursday.

All of Luverne's wins came in straight sets, including a 3-0 showing in doubles.

Brynn Thier and Mela Jarchow topped Alexis Moat and Kaia Christensen by 6-4 and 6-1 tallies at first doubles, while Lauren Ver Steeg and Solveig Tofteland notched 7-5 and 6-2 victories over Regan Loft and Leah Schaefer at No. 2.

Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith completed the doubles week for LHS by securing 6-2 and 6-1 conquests against Maddy Bednarek and Danielle Ewing in the third slot.

Rozilyn Oye (6-3, 6-3 over Gianna Parsa at No. 1) Elise Jarchow (6-3, 6-1 over Leah Matzner at No. 2) and Ainslie Robinson (6-2, 6-4 over Eden Knudson at No. 3) prevailed in singles for LHS.

Marshall's Mariah Bergjord pulled out a 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 win over Liz Kelm at four singles.



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Luverne junior Elise Jarchow won in straight sets at No. 2 singles over Marshall's Leah Matzner during Thursday's match in Luverne. The Cardinals posted a 6-1 win over the Tigers.

BEA 6, Luverne 1

The Cardinals fell for the third time this season when they squared off against the Bucs in Blue Earth Sept. 3.

Blue Earth Area won six matches in straight sets to highlight a five-point win for the hosts.

Luverne's lone point came from Liz Kelm, who prevailed in a three-set battle (7-5, 4-6,

6-4) against Marissa Benz at fourth singles.

BEA received singles wins from Tea Armstrong (6-1, 6-0 over Rozilyn Oye at No. 1), Macie Stevermer (6-0, 6-3 over Elise Jarchow at No. 2) and Arika Howard (6-0, 6-3 over Ainslie Robinson at No. 3).

BEA's Britt Howard and McKenna Dutton posted 6-0 and 6-1 victories over Brynn

Thier and Mela Jarchow at first doubles, while Cali Beyer and Lyndsey Borris handed Solveig Tofteland and Lauren Ver Steeg 6-0 and 7-6 setbacks at second doubles.

Addison Armstrong and Kiley Rosenau completed the doubles sweep for BEA by handing Jacey Smith and Olivia Wieneke a pair of 6-3 losses at No. 3.

Rebels knock Dragons out of football's unbeaten ranks

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons had an opportunity to win consecutive football games for the first time since the 2016 season Friday night.

Unfortunately for the Dragons, they didn't take advantage of the situation.

Adrian and Murray County Central battled to a scoreless draw in the first half of what was the 2019 home debut for the Dragons.

The Rebels, however, made enough plays in the second half to secure a 21-6 victory.

"You have to execute, and we didn't do that most of this game," said AHS coach Randy Schettler.

"We dropped balls and had some big penalties at key moments of the game. That's what we did, and it's those kinds of things that lose football games."

Although both teams had some opportunities, neither team could produce points in the first 24 minutes of play. MCC lost the ball on downs twice inside AHS territory during the opening half, and the Dragons had two possessions end that way as well.

The Rebels took advantage of some opportunities that surfaced in the game's third quarter, which ended with MCC sporting a 14-0 lead.

MCC's first big break came during the third play of the second half, when Adrian fumbled the ball and Rebel Drew Coulter recovered on the Dragons' 29-yard line.

Dylan Johnson scored on a three-yard run nine plays later and Coulter carried in the en-



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 afb 4

Adrian senior running back Brandon Schnoor ran for 58 yards and one touchdown during Friday's home loss to MCC.

suing two-point conversion to give MCC an 8-0 cushion at the 7:17 mark of the third quarter.

The Rebels found the end zone at the end of the second offensive possession of the third quarter.

After forcing the Dragons to punt, MCC put together a 10-play, 56-yard march.

Johnson capped the drive with a one-yard plunge with 28 seconds left in the stanza. The score remained 14-0

when the Rebels missed the ensuing extra point.

Adrian climbed back into contention with an impressive drive of its own early in the fourth quarter.

The Dragons advanced the ball 65 yards in 13 plays with Brandon Schnoor capping the drive with a three-yard touchdown run at the 5:26 mark of the fourth quarter.

Adrian's attempt to rush for a two-point conversion failed, leaving the Dragons facing a 14-6 deficit.

Any thoughts of an AHS rally were erased shortly after Schnoor's touchdown.

Johnson received the ensuing kickoff for MCC and promptly returned the ball 78 yards for a touchdown.

When Blake Schmitz tacked on the extra point, the scoring was complete.

"We had our chances, but we didn't take advantage of them," Schettler said.

"We have to block and tackle better, and we have to make the plays when they are there. The good thing is this is only game two, so we do have time to work on things."

Team statistics
Adrian: 77 rushing yards, 100 passing yards, 177 total yards, 10 first downs, six penalties for 50 yards, one turnover.
MCC: 72 rushing yards, 89 passing yards, 161 total yards, eight first downs, three penalties for 25 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Schnoor 25-58, Ian Stamer 4-1, Logan Taylor 3-8, Marshall Wagner 2-7, Preston Nelson 1-3.
Passing: Stamer 8-17 for 66 yards, Marshall Wagner 2-2 for 34 yards.
Receiving: Stamer 2-34, Grant Jansma 1-11, Schnoor 1-11, Wagner 6-44.
Defense: Quentin Wolf seven tackles, Taylor 10 tackles, Nelson 11 tackles, Lance Luettel seven tackles, Axel Martinez one fumble recovery.

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Marshall 3, LHS 0

The Cardinals dropped their second consecutive conference match of the season when they came up on the short end of a three-set decision in Marshall Sept. 3.

The Tigers dominated play by outscoring LHS 75-31 during a match in which the Cardinals couldn't produce more than 11 points in a single set.

Marshall saddled the Cards with 25-11 losses in the first

and third sets along with prevailing 25-9 in the second set.

Elise Ferrell (eight digs and three kills), Mallory Thorson (eight digs and eight blocks) and Gracie Zewiske (eight blocks and six of six serving) led LHS statistically.

Tacey Baustian completed all seven for her serves for the Cardinals, while Trista Baustian and Sydney Biever added four and three kills to the cause respectively.

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Patriots sweep Ellsworth in Hills

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team picked up its first home win of the 2019 season Sept. 3.

H-BC entertained Ellsworth for a match between teams from the Star Herald coverage area.

The night belonged to the home-standing Patriots, who outscored EHS 75-49 during a 3-0 victory.

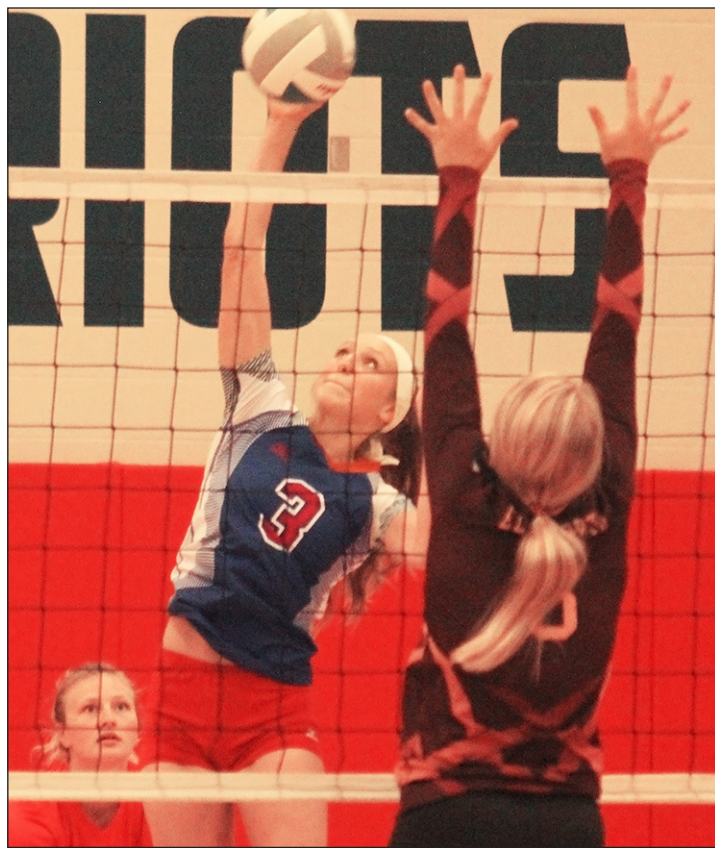
The first set of the match proved to be the most competitive one of the contest.

H-BC registered the first two points on the way to building an 8-3 lead after Taryn Rauk registered a kill.

Another kill from Rauk upped the lead to six points (12-6), but the Panthers countered with a 10-4 run ending with a kill by Ashlyn Meester to knot the score at 16.

A service point from Meester gave the Panthers a 19-18 edge, but H-BC responded by putting together a 7-3 surge ending with a block by Whitney Elbers to clinch a 25-22 win.

The second set was tied at



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 he vb 2

Hills-Beaver Creek junior Taryn Rauk attacks the ball at the net as Ellsworth's Kendra DeBeer challenges the spike during a volleyball match in Hills Sept. 3.

one when H-BC put together a 9-3 run to gain a 10-4 lead after Annie Bos delivered a service point.

EHS trimmed the difference to two points (11-9) with a kill from Kallie Chapa, but the Panthers thwarted the challenge with a 14-5 run to clinch a 25-14 victory after Bos delivered a service ace.

Chapa served the Panthers to a 2-0 lead in the third set before the Patriots assumed control with a 19-5 run ending with an ace serve from Rauk to open a 19-7 lead, which led to a 12-point (25-13) victory.

Elbers (11 kills and four blocks) and Kailey Rozeboom (15 set assists and 19 of 21 serving with two aces) turned in strong efforts for the H-BC Patriots, who also received seven kills from Abby Knobloch and four digs from Joslyn Birger.

Meester (six digs, six kills and three blocks), Morgan Dreesen (12 of 12 serving with two aces and 12 set assists), Chapa (five kills) and Kendra DeBeer (three blocks) led EHS statistically.

Schettler claims series title with Saturday win

By John Rittenhouse

What has been a sensational summer for Evan Schettler came to an end with the Adrian driver claiming a pair of titles Saturday night at the Rock County Speedway in Luverne.

Not only did Schettler win the Late-Season Enduro Race at the local track, he also claimed the points title in the first Sturdevant's Luverne-Slayton-Rock Rapids Enduro Series.

The six-event series wrapped up at RCS, where Schettler posted his second win of the season. He also won a series race during the Rock County Fair.

In what has become a rare occurrence, Schettler completed 200 laps before the event's two-hour time limit was reached.

"I think the most laps I've completed in a race was 196 before this one. This is the first time I finished 200 laps," Schettler said.

Schettler was rewarded for his effort by taking the \$750



John Rittenhouse photo/0912 schettler

Adrian's Evan Schettler won the Late-Season Enduro Race at Rock County Speedway Saturday and locked up the championship of the Sturdevant's Luverne-Slayton-Rock Rapids Series title with the win.

prize for winning the race and the \$500 purse for claiming

the series championship. The drivers who placed

second and third in the series standings turned in solid showings Saturday as well.

Dundee's Cody Koster completed 198 laps to place third in a 25-car field and lock up second place in the series standings.

Luverne's Jasmine Kalass, who finished 160 laps to place seventh in Saturday's race, secured third place in the series standings.

Koster finished 15 seconds behind Rock Rapids, Iowa, driver Craig Delphs, who also completed 198 laps to place second in Saturday's race.

Sioux Falls drivers Stewart Nelson and Nate Brody completed 193 and 190 laps to place fourth and sixth respectively, while Ellsworth entry Jarod Leuthold racked up 192 laps to place fifth.

The other top 10 finishers Saturday include Adrian's Zach Bierman (143 laps), Dave Henriksen (Vivian, South Dakota, 136 laps) and Mike Kiggins (Montrose, South Dakota, 128 laps).



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Ellsworth's Robby Armstrong placed 25th individually during the boys' varsity race at the Bruce Gluf Classic in Luverne.

Panther runners make cross country debut at Bruce Gluf Classic

By John Rittenhouse

Ellsworth athletes made their 2019 cross country debuts at the Bruce Gluf Classic Saturday in Luverne.

Three Panther boys competed in varsity competition as an incomplete team.

Linkin Bossert and Robby Armstrong paced the Panthers by placing 24th and 25th with respective 20:42 and 21:05 times.

Micah Onken finished 32nd in 23:34.

Here is a look at the rest of the results turned in by Ellsworth athletes at the meet.

Junior varsity boys: Cole Boltjes, 31st, 18:43.

Junior high girls: Brynn Boyenga, ninth, 16:26.

Junior high boys: Logan Bossert, 21st, 15:40.

H-BC posts one victory during hectic stretch

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team picked up one win in three outings.

The Patriots lost a three-set home match to Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Thursday before going 1-2 and placing fourth at the Luverne Tournament Saturday.

H-BC traveled to Garretson, South Dakota, Monday and dropped a four-set match to the Blue Dragons.

The 5-6 Patriots play in Westbrook Thursday.

Garretson 3, H-BC 1

The Patriots came up on the short end of a four-set decision when they took on the Blue Devils Monday in Garretson.

H-BC got off to a strong start by securing a 25-21 win in the opening set.

Garretson, however, outscored the Patriots 75-54 in the final three sets to claim the victory.

The Blue Dragons prevailed 25-18, 25-23 and 25-13 in the final three sets.

Annie Bos (18 of 18 serving and nine set assists), Kenadie Fick (17 of 17 serving with one ace and six digs), Whitney Elbers (11 kills and four blocks) and Abby Knobloch (eight kills and six digs) played solid matches for the Patriots.

Kailey Rozeboom registered 17 sets and Joslyn Birger added eight digs to H-BC's cause.

LHS tourney

The Patriots went 1-2 and placed fourth out of seven teams during the Luverne Tournament Saturday.

H-BC squared off against

eventual Red Pool champion Luverne in the opening round.

The Cardinals topped H-BC by 25-23 and 25-14 tallies.

H-BC locked up second place in the pool by upending George-Little Rock in the second round.

The Patriots swept the match with 25-15 and 25-17 wins.

H-BC capped its tournament appearance by playing a three-set match against West Lyon in the third-place match.

The Patriots took the opening set by a 25-17 tally, but the Wildcats bounced back to secure 25-13 and 15-7 victories in the final two sets.

HL-O-F 3, H-BC 0

The Patriots took a Red

Rock Conference setback when they entertained the Coyotes for a match Thursday.

Visiting HL-O-F didn't yield more than 19 points in a single set and outscored H-BC 75-55 overall during a 3-0 victory.

The Coyotes posted 25-19 wins in the first and third sets and came out on the winning end of a 25-17 decision in the second set.

Taryn Rauk (11 of 12 serving with one ace and one block), Elbers (eight kills and one block), Knobloch (four kills and six digs) and Fick (four kills and six digs) played strong matches for the Patriots.

Bos and Rozeboom added 10 and seven set assists respectively to H-BC's cause.

EHS prevails in five-set home match

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team posted its first home win of the season Monday.

Taking on South Dakota foe Dell Rapids St. Mary's, the Panthers rallied from a 2-1 deficit to nail down a five-set victory.

EHS posted 25-23 and 15-13 wins in the fourth and fifth sets.

DRSM notched 25-18 victories in the first and third sets, while the Panthers prevailed

27-25 in the second set.

Ashlyn Meester completed 18 consecutive serves, registered one ace and led the Panthers with 18 kills during the match.

Kallie Chapa went 29 of 30 serving with one ace, Morgan Dreesen charted 18 set assists and Madyson Bixby notched 15 digs for the Panthers.

Ellsworth, 2-5 overall, hosts Southwest Christian Thursday.

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25-14 and 25-18 setbacks.

Kasie Tweet (27 set assists, 13 digs and 13 of 14 serving with one ace), Mayssa Tweet (13 digs and 14 of 14 serving), Lehnhoff (11 kills and 12 of 13 serving with four aces) and Rogers (six kills and 17 of 17

serving with one ace) led the Dragons to victory.

Brianna Reckamp and Bailey Lonnen added eight and seven kills to Adrian's cause respectively, while Morgan Neuenberg competed 11 of 12 serves.



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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
Thursday, Sept. 12: 10:30 Mass at Good Samaritan. Friday, Sept. 13: 10 a.m. Mass at Poplar Creek. Saturday, Sept. 14: 5 p.m. Mass. Sunday, Sept. 8: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. K-5 Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Mass. Tuesday, Sept. 10: 12:05 p.m. Rosary/Adoration. 1 p.m. Mission Sewing. 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Leo.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Wait Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 12: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 15: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 1:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown service. 2:15 p.m. Poplar Creek service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Monday, Sept. 16: MMCL Pro-Life presentation at Pizza Ranch in Pipestone. Tuesday, Sept. 17: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 2 p.m. Women's Bible study. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 6:30 p.m. Awana kick-off and hotdog picnic. Thursday, Sept. 19: 6 a.m. Men's Bible study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 12: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Sept. 13: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 14: 9 a.m. Women's Shetek Conference in Slayton. 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Communion. Sunday, Sept. 15: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Rally Sunday — Worship with Communion. 10:15-11:15 a.m. Sunday school carnival. 5:30-8 p.m. Overgaard's hosting 6-12th grade. 6:30 p.m. Marriage enrichment session. Monday, Sept. 16: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Sept. 17: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ride and Dine. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 7 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal. Confirmation orientation — 7-7:30 p.m. grades 6-9; 7:30-8 p.m. Sixth grade acolyte training; 8-8:30 p.m. Grade 10. Thursday, Sept. 19: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9 a.m. Pastors' conference meeting. 1:30 p.m. GLCW meeting.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Thursday, Sept. 12: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class. 4:30-7 pm. public supper.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altana, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 12: Classis meeting. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salad Luncheon. Friday, Sept. 13: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 8 a.m. Justice for All. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Sept. 14: Abby Elbers and Adam Houg wedding. Sunday, Sept. 15: Celebration Sunday. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Sunday school begins — potluck lunch and carnival. Tuesday, Sept. 17: Noon staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6 p.m. wedding rehearsal. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Sept. 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting in kitchen — cookie bake. Saturday, Sept. 14: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Coffee hour and adult Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Sept. 16: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Sept. 17: Shut-in Communion Day. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 6 p.m. FUEL Kickoff. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Sept. 19: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemiuth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30-10:20 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Basement reserved. 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Night for grades 9-12. Tuesday, Sept. 17: 2:30 p.m. Bible study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible study at Village. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation class. 7 p.m. Circle of Home (meet at Marilyn Nelson's home).

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Sept. 12: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. 1 p.m. PW Bible Study. Sunday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Sept. 17: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle. 1:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:15 p.m. Esther Circle.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 12: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home; 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans Home. Saturday, Sept. 14: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 4 p.m. Junior LYF kickoff. Monday, Sept. 16: Newsletter deadline. 1 p.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Sept. 17: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 2 p.m. Circle meeting. 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group. Senior Choir.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
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Billy Skaggs, Pastor
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New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 12: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Sept. 13: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 14: 9 a.m. LWML Pipestone Zone delegate board meeting at Trosky. Sunday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Bible Study. Monday, Sept. 16: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Sept. 18: 4-5:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Sept. 19: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 4:30 p.m. food mission at Luverne Generations (Senior Citizens) building.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Sept. 17: 5-8 p.m. WELCA Crossroad Conference Meeting. 7 p.m. First Council Meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 12: 8 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting. Sunday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Sept. 17: 5-8 p.m. WELCA Crossroad Conference Meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Pastor Nancy Manning
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Changed by God's grace

There has been a long ongoing debate among those who teach and study the craft of preaching sermons.

Some say it's good to use personal illustrations and stories to try to better explain a Bible verse or concept. Those who believe this would argue that personal stories can bring greater connection between the preacher and congregation. Or they might say personal stories are best because we know them the best.

Others discourage the use of such stories to illustrate a point. They argue that the personal stories distract from whatever Biblical concept or point is trying to be made by causing hearers to think more about the preacher than what is being preached.

One longtime preaching instructor who has written several books even claims that once a personal story is told, nothing said after that will be remembered.

In my own preaching over the years, I have gone back and forth on this. I have found that sometimes personal stories just fit better to illustrate what I am saying than anything else I can find. Other times, I enjoy sharing something discovered elsewhere.

This coming Sunday there is a good chance you will hear I Timothy 1:12-17 read in your churches. It is one of the readings matched with Sept. 15.

In this passage the Apostle Paul gets autobiographical. He brings up his past as a persecutor of the church and points out how greatly the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ have changed him: "I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord ... because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy ... and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 1:13-14).

Paul leads with this personal reflection because he knows that he is an extremely powerful illustration of what the grace of Jesus Christ can do.

Most of us have never been extreme enemies of the church or of Jesus Christ, but many of us have stories to tell about what the forgiving and renewing grace of God mean to us. I invite you to consider what Jesus Christ means to you as you read Paul's words.

Also, as you read and hear I Timothy 1:12-17, notice that Paul's ultimate purpose is to point us to larger principles of faith. In one place he writes: "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15).

Notice that this is something larger than one person. Jesus Christ came into the world! And further note that Paul closes this section of Scripture with one of his great benedictions: "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

Paul's great purpose is to point toward the glory of God! Our purpose, as well, is "to glorify God and enjoy him forever."

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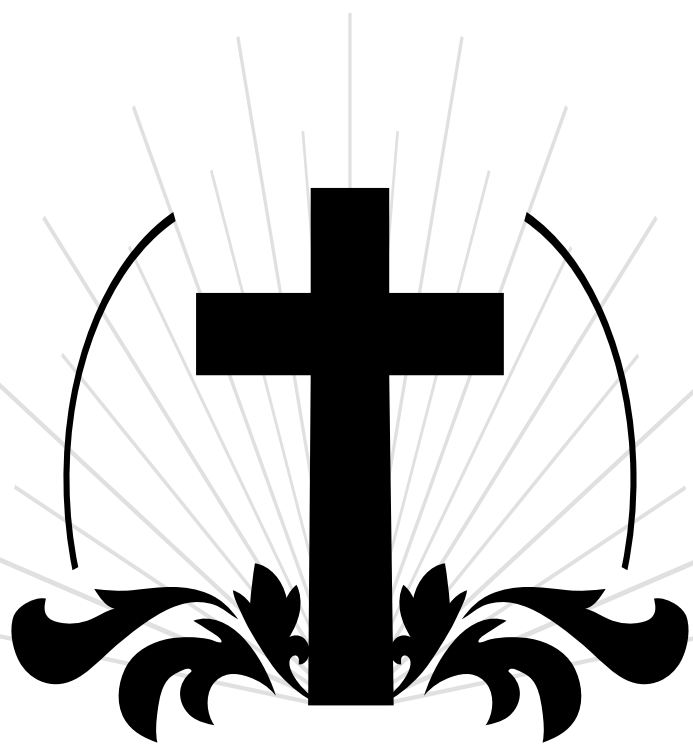
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Esposito probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Estate of Court File No. 67-PR-19-279
Mario Joseph Esposito, Jr.,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 16, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Gina Marie deCesare, whose address is 721 Britz Dr., Luverne, MN 56156 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 8/23/2019 /s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

Attorney for Applicant: Per-Se
Name: Gina Marie deCesare Filed in District Court
Firm: n/a State of Minnesota
Street: 721 Britz Drive Dated: 8-23-19
City, State, ZIP: Luverne, MN, 56156
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Burtness probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Estate of Court File No. 67-PR-19-296
Carol Ann Elise Burtness, a/k/a Carol
Burtness, Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDINGS)

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 30, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, October 21, 2003, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jeremy Paul Burtness, whose address is PO Box 2740, Ramona, CA, 92065 as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with power to administer the assets of the Estate in Minnesota including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 9/5/2019 /s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

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Fluit applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

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This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

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Thank you very much, Bill and Pauline Martin, Luverne, Minnesota
(9.8-9.12)

Thanks for all the cards and best wishes for our 50th anniversary.
Joe and Karen Loosbrock
(9.8-9.12)

InMemoryofPhydelisHamann: We wish to express our most sincere gratitude to all family, friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy following the passing of a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Phydelis (Fiddy) Hamann. We would also like to thank the Hartquist Funeral Home, Pastor Klatt and all of the wonderful ladies who served the funeral dinner, and the Living Rock Church for the meals. Your support has been a great comfort in our time of sorrow.

**Mel Hamann and family
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AREA 1

104 E. Crawford St. - McGuire

Thursday: 9 a.m. - , Friday: 9 a.m. -
 All school clothing - \$1, boys sizes small-large, girls 3T - 10-12, boys infant newborn - 18 months, infant seats, college microwave, bread machine, roaster oven, food chopper, vaporizer, toys, books, and more.

417 W. Crawford St. - Herman

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Huge 4-family rummage: Lots of name brand clothing!! Women's, men's, boys, teens, girls -- 4T-6X. Home décor galore!! 2007 Yamaha Phazer snowmobile.

121 N. Davidson St. - Wendland/Fick

Thursday: Noon - 7 p.m., Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Women, teen to 3X, men to 2X, Cub Cadet riding lawn mower, SAFE, 2 glider chairs, tools, gaming chair, much miscellaneous, 2 sets golf clubs, dishes, wooden shelves, totes.

311 W. Dodge St. - Hoff

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Down-sizing sale. Lots of miscellaneous - décor, dishes, clothes, lawn mowers, bikes, etc.

1014 Elmwood Ave. - Rops/Milne/Ahrendt

Thursday: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Women's, men's medium-2X polos and long-sleeve, dresser mirror, 2-year old trumpet, bikes, books, glass TV stand, household miscellaneous.

620 W. Lincoln St. - Surksum

Thursday: 2 - 8 p.m., Friday: 2 - 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - Noon.
 Household downsizing! China hutch, beautiful China sets, jewelry, purses, housewares, books and way more than I can list.

431 W. Luverne St. - Aanenson

Thursday: Noon - 6 p.m., Friday: Noon - 6 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. HUGE 3-family rummage, name brand clothes, teens 1-9, women's long and XL, men's large, high chair, Pack 'n Play, Legos, Precious Moments, standing jewelry box, a lot of miscellaneous - cleaning out the house. 2002 Jeep Liberty. Located in garage in alley.

503 Michael St. - Domagala

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Daycare closing sale, tons of toys both inside and outside, baby items, name brand clothes girls 4-6, boys 6-8, adult men's and women's XL, shoes, Halloween costumes, household items, plus much more.

1202 Northview Dr. - Jelken

Thursday: 5 - 8 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Adult clothing, miscellaneous, household, toys, toy box, changing table, and more.

1303 Northview Dr. - Herman

Thursday: Noon - 7 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Men's, women's Chicos, teen girls, maternity clothes, baby items, Estee Lauder, chair, 27" bicycle, guitar case, dishes and other items.

1276 131st St. - Buss

Wednesday: 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday: 4 - 8 p.m., Friday: 4 - 8 p.m.
 Moving sale - tons of household, kitchen, name brand clothes, boots, coats, size 12 boys/girls, adult small/medium, scrapbook, backpacks, bedding.

410 East Park N. - Lane

Friday: 1-7 p.m., Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Moving sale: full and twin bed, dining table/4 chairs, Lemax Christmas village, much miscellaneous.

1609 Blue Ridge Dr. - Huisman

Wednesday: 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. - Noon.
 Multi-family, name brand of various sizes men's, women's, juniors, boys clothing, shoes, furniture, toys, record, miscellaneous.

506 Brandenburg St. - VanGrootheest

Thursday: 3 - 7 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Women's plus, misses small-large, men's medium clothing, home décor, rocker recliner and more.

501 Britz Dr. - Beyenhof

Thursday: 1:30 - 6:30 p.m., Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - Noon.
 Large multi-family rummage, clothes - little boys, many ladies sizes including plus size, men's clothing to 3X, miscellaneous crap you didn't even know you needed!

503 Britz Dr. - Hebig

Thursday: Noon - 7 p.m., Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - Noon.
 Girls and ladies clothes, men's lamp, glassware, Precious Moments, couch, love seat, pot and pans, dishes, Tupperware, lawn mower, large rug.

602 Britz Dr. - Spath

Friday: 4 - 7 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. - Noon.
 Group rummage, cleaned out another house, flat-screen TVs, girls clothes, cake decorating, much miscellaneous.

201 Cashin Dr. - Spease Frakes

Thursday: 1 - 7 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday: 8 - 11 a.m.
 Antique cedar chest, grandfather clock, electric organ, antique toys, Longaberger items, Beanie Babies, jigsaw puzzles, golf supplies, books, china, crystal stemware, seasonal decorations, ladies' Skjaeveland cardigan, CDs, DVDs, miscellaneous household.

Corner of Cedar and Luverne Streets - Misino

Fifty movies, mostly new and Disney, Blu-Ray, DVD, 50-gallon aquarium set up, 90 CDs, pictures and 40 frames, C-Pap machine, electronics, computers, 60 book magazines-unread, dog bed, over 100 different items, no clothing.

704 Fireleaf Rd. - Lynch/Burkett

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Something for everyone! Girl clothes, shoes, baby items - cribs, bottles, exersaucer, golf clubs, kitchen table, patio table, lots of miscellaneous.

504 N. Freeman Ave. - Schneekloth

Wednesday: 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. -
 Retiring from daycare, curriculum supplies, books, puzzles, toys! Some furniture and clothing, lots of miscellaneous! Priced to go!

814 N. Freeman (in the alley) - Thompson

Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. - Noon.
 Furniture, household items, adult clothing (son/daughter's), Creative Memories items, crafts, still cleaning out the basement.

309 E. Lincoln St. - Thone

Thursday: 4 - 7 p.m., Friday: Noon - 6 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Family rummage! Bowflex, trombone, turkey fryer, prom dresses, bean bags, sports shoes, adult clothing, home décor, and other miscellaneous items.

1305 Memorial Circle - Nelson

Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. - Noon.
 Men's, ladies, winter coats, boots, name brand clothes - girls clothes 3-4T, boys 7-8, jeans, kids toys, books, snowboard, treadmill, Bowflex, lamps, Easter eggs, Christmas-lighted deer, home décor, file cabinet.

1496 121st St. - Ladd

Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Hillside Antiques, 50% discount on all antiques. (One mile east of Luverne, 1/2 mile north on North River Road, 1/4 mile east on 121st St.).

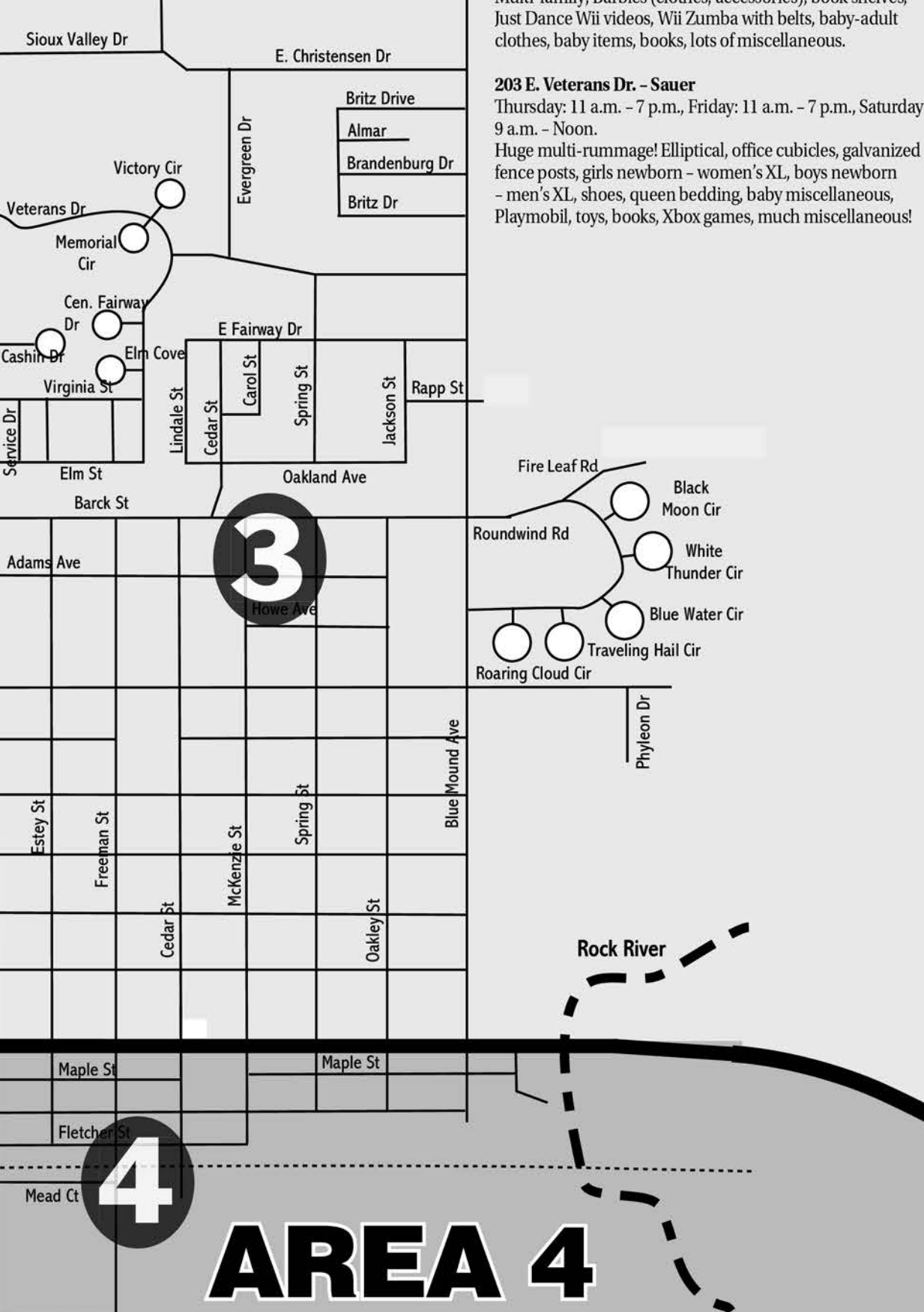
901 N. Spring - Ripka

Thursday: 4 - 8 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Multi-family, Barbies (clothes, accessories), book shelves, Just Dance Wii videos, Wii Zumba with belts, baby-adult clothes, baby items, books, lots of miscellaneous.

203 E. Veterans Dr. - Sauer

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - Noon.
 Huge multi-rummage! Elliptical, office cubicles, galvanized fence posts, girls newborn - women's XL, boys newborn - men's XL, shoes, queen bedding, baby miscellaneous, Playmobil, toys, books, Xbox games, much miscellaneous!

AREA 3



AREA 2

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AREA 4

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MN West students 'scavage' Luverne

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne is welcoming 70 college students to town for the fall semester.

The students attending Minnesota West Community and Technical College — Luverne Center began classes Aug. 26.

Jill Arp, the resource specialist at the Luverne Center, organized a "Getting Connected" week that included a vendor fair, community scavenger hunt and more.

"Our goal is to help connect them to the community of Luverne," Arp said. "We want them to feel welcome and get to know people and businesses of Luverne."

Arp said 19 local businesses were represented at the fair in the center's lobby.

Local banks, restaurants and other service providers met with students and offered them deals and products.

"It was great to have such good support from the businesses," Arp said. "The businesses really spoil them."

For the second year in a row, the Minnesota West students also participated in a photo scavenger hunt around Luverne.

Arp provided a list of 22 different businesses, people and landmarks in Luverne. Participants had their picture taken



Submitted Photos

Teal's Market in Luverne was one of many local businesses that Minnesota West students visited while competing in the scavenger hunt. Pictured are, from left, Taylor Pelzel, Sleepy Eye, Julie Fick of Teal's, Karlie Christensen, Lake Benton, and Kaitlyn Roemhildt, Waterville.

at or with at least 12 from the list and posted the pictures to Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #LuvMNWest2019.

Scavenger hunt requests included the Palace Theater, the Bison statue at Those Blasted Things, shaking hands with the mayor, drinking coffee at Wildflowers and enjoying the Luverne City Park among others.



Many Minnesota West students reside in Blue Mound Tower across the street from the Luverne Center, where the college conducts classes. Pictured are, from left, Molly Holtz of Appleton, Tatyana Carlisle of Alcester, South Dakota, Gina Huber of Worthington and Brianna Hakle of Yankton, South Dakota.

"It gets them to learn about the whole town of Luverne," Arp said.

"The students get to the Loop, the Lake, the dog park and other places they might not know about."

Photos submitted to the contest are voted on by faculty members, and the winners receive a prize.

The Luverne Center offers six programs of study plus a number of general liberal arts courses.

A dental assistant program, and the appropriate facilities, was added this fall to the previous offerings of liberal arts, phlebotomy, medical lab tech, medical assistant, radiological tech and surgical tech.

A Community Open House, partnered with the Chamber of Commerce, will be hosted at the Luverne Center from 4-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7.

The public is invited to tour the new facilities, meet current students and learn more about the local community college center.

"We'd love to have people come in and learn more about what we do here," Arp said.

Rock Ranch organizers outline expansion, indoor arena project

By Mavis Fodness

Marie and Dan LaRock, founders of Rock Ranch west of Hills, attended the Sept. 3 Rock County Board meeting to discuss their planned expansion and indoor arena project.

Rock Ranch, which began as a non-profit organization in 2016, offers horsemanship classes to children ages 5 to 17 with various riding abilities.

"This year has received remarkable interest," Dan told commissioners.

Participation increased 40 percent over 2018 with 122 children utilizing the ranch's eight available horses. Eighty children participated in the program last year.

Rock Ranch also offers a Senior Saddles program, where nursing homes visit the horses and other animals at the farm.

Marie LaRock said many senior citizens grew up with horses and, in some instances, farmed

with the four-legged animals.

"We had four over the age of 80 from Luverne ride a horse," she said.

The ranch recently expanded into a new service area called Eagala, an equine-assisted psychotherapy program.

The weather this year has caused problems for scheduling the three programs, and the LaRocks want to move some operations indoors.

"Right now we do a lot of rescheduling," Dan said.

The LaRocks plan to devote six acres of their farmland to the 80- by 120-foot facility and expand the offerings to year-round.

A steering committee is currently organizing a fundraising campaign.

Commissioners indicated support for the Rock Ranch programs, possibly with in-kind assistance through the highway department but didn't make a decision at the meeting.

Tax abatement program now offered in county

By Mavis Fodness

Owners of new single-family homes or duplexes built after Sept. 1 are now eligible for tax abatements in Rock County.

Commissioners unanimously passed the "Rock County Home Initiative" at their Sept. 3 meeting.

The initiative is meant to encourage replacement of dilapidated housing structures in Rock County. The program is similar to initiatives in Pipestone and Nobles counties.

Approved abatements are for five years and apply to the county's increased portion of the new home's real estate value. The abatement is for 100 percent of the county's tax share.

All property must be located within Rock County, current property taxes

must be paid on time and in full, and program approval must be obtained prior to the start of new housing construction.

Applications are available online at www.co.rock.mn.us or at the Rock County Land Management Office. Signed applications are to be returned to the auditor's office at the Rock County Courthouse.

The abatement will transfer with the sale of the property for a five-year abatement period.

All completed applications undergo a public hearing with the Rock County Board of Commissioners for possible inclusion in the program. All applications are on a first-come, first-serve basis and are limited to \$200,000 or 10 percent of the net tax capacity, whichever is greater.

The initiative is available now through Sept. 1, 2024.



Minnesota West Community and Technical College — Luverne Center students Madelyn Odell, Rushmore (left) and Emily Zemler, Adrian, pose outside the Palace Theatre in Luverne as part of the Getting Connected Photo Scavenger Hunt.

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