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Luverne says thanks — but no thanks — to ‘Snow Day Relief Act’

By Mavis Fodness

Gov. Tim Walz signed legislation that allows school districts to count snow days as instructional time without loss of state funding. However many districts, including Luverne, are opting not to use the pass, since they will still be required to pay staff for the contracted school days. In Luverne's case, staff compensation for the waived school days would be \$10,000 per day.

"In essence what they are saying is that you can take the days off for students but you have to pay folks (hourly employees) for not being there," said Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl at Thursday night's board meeting. The Snow Day Relief Act applies only to the 2018-19 school year. Schools that canceled one or more days of classes "due to health and safety concerns" can count those missed days toward the mandated

165 days of instruction. From Jan. 7 to March 18, weather-related school cancellations, early outs and late starts were weekly occurrences, and Luverne so far has missed five days. At their March 28 meeting, Luverne School Board members reaffirmed their commitment to making up the days rather than applying for a state waiver. The last day of classes for Luverne's K-11 students is now May 17.

Graduation is still Sunday, May 12. The board originally approved extending the school calendar to May 15, but flooding on March 14 and 15 closed schools for an additional two days. Licensed staff will work their full contracted days. Their last day is May 21. Luverne originally planned for classes to end May 10, a schedule approved by state officials for Luverne to begin its summer construction

plans early. The 2019-20 school year starts later than usual, Sept. 16, allowing a four-month summer construction window. Due to the weather-related postponements, students in grades K-11 will continue to attend classes from May 13-17. State legislation was being introduced in late February, as local

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Dessert event nets \$71,000 for Generations More than 300 attend, bid on cakes that bring hundreds apiece

By Lori Sorenson

George Bonnema's famous carrot cake fetched the top bid of \$1,000 Monday night at the Generations Dessert Theater fundraiser in Grand Prairie Events. More than 300 people showed up for desserts and entertainment — including music by Ron and Jane Cote and comedy routines by "Marlene and Darlene" (DJ Luethje and Brenda Winter). A \$20 ticket — \$15 for Generations members — bought a generous dessert serving (a choice among dozens of decadent varieties) and a chance to bid on a choice of 15 gourmet desserts and cakes. Bonnema, Generations president, addressed crowds at the start of the evening. He said revitalizing the organization formerly known as Senior Citizens is about improving the community and the lives of people who live in Luverne and Rock County. "It's about what we can do and what we are doing," he said. "I believe we are called by our creator to live our life on a mission ... serving others. And that includes the poor, the marginalized and the underserved." He said he was inspired to get involved in Generations after observing the dozens of local volunteers already helping with the meal site.

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ICS photo/0404 Little Theater March 1 2019

Luverne Middle-High School "Little Theater" interior demolition is wrapping up with aggregate fill being hauled in to prepare for a new concrete, level floor for the space that will become the new band and choir rooms referred to as "Music Suites" on the building plan.

District construction begins with Little Theater demolition

By Mavis Fodness

A month after remodeling plans started at the Luverne Middle-High School, demolition of what staff and students refer to as the "Little Theater" will wrap up this week. Since the week of March 4, workers with Gil Haugen Construction of Sioux Falls have been demolishing walls originally constructed in the mid-1950s. Site superintendent David Mulert with ICS Consulting monitors the construction project. He said demolition in the Little Theater

is much like an archeological dig as workers uncover former outer walls that were concealed when the building additions were put into place. Prior to the brick walls coming down, the theater's 518 seats were removed, and workers used jackhammers to manually dismantle the red brick acoustical walls from the top down. They then used jackhammers to break up the concrete blocks between dressing rooms on the stage and the projection room and storage area in the rear. After three weeks of demolition, workers

began bringing in aggregate fill to level the sloping theater floors. A new concrete floor is poured and now workers are turning their attention to constructing the interior walls for the new instrumental and choral music suites. "It's been going well," Mulert said. "There hasn't been anything out of the ordinary that would put us off schedule." The Little Theater's transformation into

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Creekside Antiques celebrates grand opening April 11-13 near Beaver Creek

By Mavis Fodness

Creekside Antiques owner Sue Beyenhof wants customers to find the contentment and joy she experiences each time she purchases a treasured household relic. "Antiques have been my refuge and a place to get away from the problems of the world," she said. While family members affectionately call her a "hoarder," Beyenhof stops short of characterizing her hunt for treasures as an illness. Letting go of what is clearly garbage is easy for Beyenhof, but if an item can be scrubbed and repaired by her husband, Bob, to useable condition, it finds a place at the Beyenhof acreage west of Luverne. "I do have a hard time throwing things out," she admitted. On April 11, to help Beyenhof

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Mavis Fodness photo/0328 Garden Tab Creekside

Sue Beyenhof anticipates opening Creekside Antiques in mid-April in a Beaver Creek farm home she admired from the roadside for decades. As part of creating a warm, inviting environment, she plans to wear dresses from the 1950s and have refreshments available.

Relay For Life 2019 will have block party format

Team registration accepted at April 11 meeting

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County's Relay For Life will use a new format this summer for its June 13 fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Teams and supporters will gather at Take 16 Brewery on East Main Street in Luverne for the event that also serves to support cancer survivors and to remember those who died of cancer. An organizational meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in Luverne Pizza Ranch. Teams can register by May 1 at RelayForLife.org/RockCountyMN or by calling 877-957-7848. Corporate sponsors can call Lisa Ehlers at 507-283-4463. For the past two years the annual Relay has been in the Luverne Elementary School commons, and

for many years prior to that it was at Luverne City Park. This year's Relay at the brewery will bring back some of the old traditions (outdoors) and introduce some new ideas, such as bingo and a "Beer'd Contest" for the longest, grayest and most stylish beards, with categories for best moustache and best goatee. The evening begins at 5:30 with a meal (freewill donations accepted) and team activities. A Garden of Hope will honor cancer survivors, and luminary bags honor loved ones. Relay For Life raises money for the American Cancer Society to research for a cure and help patients gain access to treatment and community support. Since 1985, Relay For Life events in the U.S. have raised more than \$6.3 billion.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club will host its annual membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the Spring Brooke Golf and Grille Club House in Beaver Creek. All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend, Contact Arlyn Gehrke at 507-672-2430.

Kenneth Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet for a salad lunch at noon Monday, April 8, in the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. Bring a salad to share and your own tableware. Call 283-2297 with questions.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Luverne Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Visitors are welcome.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the Beaver Creek Township Hall.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Rock County Library. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, in the community hall.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the post hall. Call Dianna Tomlinson at 507-283-1634 with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 with questions.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

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. Call 507-449-1246.

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

GEP presents 'Drinking Habits'

The Green Earth Players will present "Drinking Habits" at the historic Palace Theatre April 5-7 and April 11-14. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for students and are available at the Palace Box Office, 507-283-4339.

Ohman presents library program April 8

Doug Ohman with Pioneer Photography will speak about his pictures, widely published in magazines, calendars and books, at 3 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Rock County Library. He will focus on state parks of Minnesota.

The program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, is free and open to the public.

Students perform 'Lemonade' April 12

The Luverne Elementary first- and third-grade students will present "Lemonade" at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the elementary gym. With the help of a cheerful Mother Goose, the cast members learn how to make the best of life.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Feb. 11. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available. The service is free through April 15 for any private individual with a simple tax format. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.

Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction

Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction will be Saturday, April 13, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Tickets are available at Sanford Luverne Hospice Office, 507-283-1805.

Jack's Basket founder speaks April 15

Kenneth native Carissa (Nieuwboer) Carroll, founder of Jack's Basket, will speak at the Southwest Minnesota Pro-Life Rally at 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, in Southwest Christian High School, Edgerton. Call 507-283-2219 with questions.

Jack's Basket celebrates children born with Down's syndrome and educates medical providers on how to discuss diagnoses with parents and provide support. Since March 2014, Jack's Basket has celebrated over 1,350 babies in 47 states and 11 countries.



Mavis Fodness photo/0314 Veldkamp Conservationist 2018

Jim Veldkamp (in front with dog, Kayla) is the 2018 Rock County Conservationist of the Year. He operates Veldkamp Farms Inc. with (far left) Ethan and Chyana Kracht, Randy Baden and Joe Buysse.

Preserving a farm's legacy along with water and soil

Veldkamp named county Conservationist of Year

By Mavis Fodness

Sometimes farming is just in a family's blood.

But the preservation of valuable natural resources is a choice, and that choice recently earned Jim Veldkamp and his late wife, JoAnn, recognition as the 2018 Rock County Conservationist of the Year.

The recognition was through the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Rock County Land Management Office made the nomination.

"He has a passion on how he farms," said LMO Director Eric Hartman.

Veldkamp's passion partly comes from growing up on the family farm in Rose Dell Township.

"I always enjoyed farming," he said. "I was more interested in farming than school."

After high school, however, Veldkamp studied carpentry in Pipestone. He was building homes in the Valley Springs and Brandon areas before his new bride, JoAnn, suggested they share a profession.

"We preferred working together," Jim said.

The two created Veldkamp Farms Inc. after purchasing their first quarter section in 1973. The farm is located five miles north from Jim's family farm.

The Veldkamp farm now encompasses 1,650 acres.

Shortly after the farm purchase, they raised pigs and cattle in addition to expanding their corn and soybean production acres.

For their 10 years together, the couple continued conventional farming practices,

"It is sad to see erosion in fields, so we do what we can to avoid it. ... Our farm has a future. It's not going to go away."

— Jim Veldkamp,

Rock County Conservationist of the Year

working the fields with multiple passes.

Jim's father, Elmer, introduced them to a more conservative farming practice of ridge till.

"We switched to ridge till in 1983," the younger Veldkamp said. "It wasn't a widely accepted practice."

The couple joined the Tri-State Ridge Till Association, attending various conferences and sharing ideas.

The 1980s Farm Crisis forced many farmers to find ways to cut costs, but Veldkamp said he adopted the less tillage practice to preserve soil moisture for the crop's raised seedbeds.

"It's holding the drop of rain where it lands," Veldkamp said.

The jumpstart to the germination process results in better yield performance. Veldkamp Farms earned three top corn yield awards in the national ridge-till category.

Experience and a don't-give-up attitude allowed the ridge till practices the Veldkamps adopted to evolve into tillage practices that mirror those of no-till conservation practices.

The crop residue holds the moisture between the 30-inch rows.

The less till practice not only conserves water, it also

lessened the effects of soil erosion.

"It is sad to see erosion in fields, so we do what we can to avoid it," he said.

The Veldkamps changed their livestock production to focus on raising hogs in the late '80s.

The couple joined Pipestone System, who assumed the labor-intensive farrowing and sow replacement process for its member producers.

They raised 28,000 to 30,000 hogs annually.

Manure from hog facilities plays a natural role in replenishing vital soil nutrients used by the plant during the growing season.

The Veldkamps custom-built a liquid manure tank that directs the manure within the ridges where it can be easily accessed by the crop's developing root system.

The manure application during the growing season eliminates early spring and/or late fall manure applications, which have a potential for manure run-off.

Assisting the Veldkamps with their operation are long-term employees Joe Buysse and Randy Baden.

An on-farm feed mill mixes the farm-grown grain into feed for the hogs.

The Veldkamps' conserva-

tion efforts earned them the environmental steward award through the Minnesota Pork Board in 2008.

Over the years, they have shared their stewardship practices as the featured stop for various agricultural groups. So far, Veldkamp Farms has hosted groups from eight foreign countries.

JoAnn's cancer diagnosis in 2015 prompted the couple to make plans to pass the farm they built together to the next generation of young farmers.

The Veldkamps' only child, daughter Jennifer Lerwick, lives in Lyman, Nebraska, where she operates the Lerwick family farm with her husband and three children.

In 2016 Ethan Kracht, a distant cousin to Jim, was preparing to join his family's cattle and crop operation near Edgerton.

The Veldkamps thought if Ethan had an interest, they would make him a partner in Veldkamp Farms.

"I didn't expect he had an interest in hogs," Jim said.

Kracht admitted his initial interest was crop production but found a niche in programming computer systems used in the Veldkamps' ridge till and feed mill operations.

After JoAnn's death in 2017, Kracht became a full-time partner, assuming more of the hog chores as a result.

"Now I almost like the pigs better than the crops," he said.

Kracht and his wife, Chyana, were married late last year. The two are looking forward to operating Veldkamp Farms together in the future.

"Our farm has a future," Veldkamp said. "It's not going to go away."



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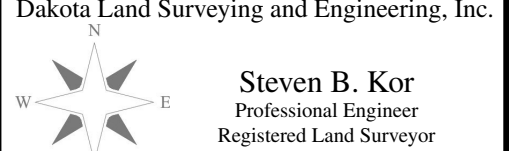


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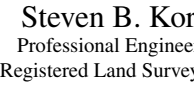


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districts were already adjusting schedules to make up the missed days.

Luverne board members still supported making up the days versus applying for a waiver.

“As we discussed, we would add on the extra snow days because that’s only fair for student learning,” said board member Colleen Deutsch.

Any districts that seek a waiver would be required to adopt an e-learning plan, where students use the internet to “attend” school from home on snow days.

Luverne is currently researching how the web-based learning could be used in the district.

“We have a lot of questions about e-learning — in what it looks like and how that fits with special education,” Oftedal said.

Luverne is not alone in its decision to decline the state’s offer.

“We believe we need to meet with students as much as we can,” said Ellsworth Public Schools Superintendent John Willey.

Ellsworth, like many area schools, typically adopts 174-day school calendars in anticipation of possible missed days.

Ellsworth missed 10 days of classes, most recently due to

a frozen water main.

The Ellsworth board voted to make up six of the 10 snow days, with one on Feb. 18 already completed.

Other dates include April 22, May 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Ellsworth graduation is still May 31.

The other four days won’t be made up, bringing this year’s school calendar down to 169 days, still above the state-mandated 165 days.

Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian public schools previously decided to make up missed days.

Upcoming H-BC and Adrian board decisions may change the current schedule if they decide to apply for a snow day waiver.

H-BC students made up one snow day on March 25 and have approved conducting classes on April 17, 18, 26, May 30 and 31.

H-BC graduation is still planned for May 24.

Adrian students began attending classes an extra 30 minutes per day on March 4, a schedule expected to continue through April 26.

Adrian made up one snow day March 15 with an additional full day of classes now scheduled for April 22.

Adrian graduation is still May 24, the last day of school.



Mavis Fodness photo/0328 Garden Tab Creekside

Creekside Antiques takes its name from the Beaver Creek that runs behind the property. The grand opening is Thursday, April 11, through Saturday, April 13. Creekside Antiques is located at 539 County Road 4.

Creekside Antiques opens near Beaver Creek/from page 1

rid her acreage of collected antiques, she will open her own store, Creekside Antiques, in a former farmhouse close to Beaver Creek.

She’s prepared to sell the items she collected, purchased, repaired and stored since she began collecting in 2000.

“I always thought it would be great to own an antiques store and I knew I had enough antiques from the past few years,” she said. “I thought it would be a fun thing to do.”

For almost a decade, Beyenhof rented booths at antique malls, selling selected items that elicited her feelings of comfort. She focused on items from the 1940s and 1950s.

Thoughts of selling her items at her own store stirred during the daily commute through Beaver Creek to work in Sioux Falls.

Situated kitty-corner across from the New Vision grain elevator, the former Von Der Lieth home on County Road 4 continually caught her eye and imagination as she drove by each day.

“From the beginning, this house always fascinated me,” she said. “It pulled at my heartstrings.”

Late last year her daughter, Stacy Schaap, purchased the property as an investment and offered the house, built in 1926, to Beyenhof to open her business. Arrangements from Schaap’s Sioux Falls business, The Flower Mill, will be available for purchase.

Since the sale in December, family members assisted with the cleaning, painting and readying of each room for Beyenhof’s merchandise.

“It has been a real family effort,” she said.

Family members also cultivated Beyenhof’s appreciation and tendency to collect antiques.

She described her late grandfather, John Miller, as the “original dumpster diver,” often repurposing various items for the home.

Her uncle, John Aeilts, collected junk and had an extensive collection.

But her late grandmother, Marian Miller, who lived a few blocks from her childhood home in Ellsworth, is who Beyenhof said inspired the homey feelings she wants to duplicate in her store.



Mavis Fodness photo/0328 Garden Tab Creekside

Early 1900s merchandise is featured in living/dining room of Creekside Antiques.



Roosters are popular subjects at Creekside Antiques.

The two completed tasks together in the kitchen, including soap making.

She dubbed her store’s kitchen, “Grandma’s Kitchen.”

Aprons hang on the wall and shelves are filled with Pyrex bowls, glassware and any item depicting roosters. She has bookshelves filled with old cookbooks as well as an extensive selection of Gooseberry Patch cookbooks available for purchase.

In the living room, Beyenhof grouped items from the early 1900s including various crystal and glassware.

The room is also where repurposed cups and saucers as

candleholders are also located. The candles are made by Beyenhof and her grandchildren in the same spirit she made soap with her own grandmother.

One of two bedrooms is the women’s boutique, featuring Beyenhof’s passion for vintage clothing and accessories including shoes, jewelry, hats and handbags.

The other bedroom groups books and items for men together in various sales displays.

A story can be told about how each item was found and/or selected. Each item does share a common theme.

“The most fun part is the hunt. The excitement of finding a new piece,” Beyenhof said. “That’s what keeps you interested in finding the next thing.”

Throughout the tri-state area, Beyenhof stops at various antique and secondhand stores and regularly attends auction and estate sales searching for vintage items.

Between sales she reads books or uses the internet to research items, keep up with buying trends and item prices.

“I am a nerd when it comes to studying,” she said. “It’s hard to decide what to sell.”

One item, Beyenhof said, whose sale “would be a sad day” is the metal Round Oak cookstove that greets visitors on the sun-filled enclosed porch.

When that occurs, the hunt will be on for a replacement.

The recently retired mental health therapist is looking forward to the challenge of being a storeowner.

While the exact business hours have not been determined, Beyenhof anticipates opening the store a couple of days a week and for special occasions.

The store will be closed January through March.

Creekside Antiques takes its name from the Beaver Creek that runs behind the property.

The grand opening is Thursday, April 11, through Saturday, April 13.

Store hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on April 11 and 12. April 13 hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

On-going hours will be announced at a later date.

Creekside Antiques is located at 539 County Road 4.



Mavis Fodness photo/0404 Ladies Expo 2019

Third annual Love the Ladies Expo celebrates spring

Saturday provided a sunny, cool, yet dry day for the Love the Ladies Expo sponsored by the Luverne Area Chamber. Vendors filled Grand Prairie Events in Luverne including Schomackers Cleaning, Flooring and Appliances, where Sharon Schomacker (left) and Tony Schomacker (right) introduced expogers like Diane Haper of Luverne to mattresses from their recently opened Sleep Gallery. In addition to dozens of vendors, the third annual event featured educational seminars ranging from women’s health to spray tans to gardening.

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the school’s music suites is projected for completion in early August. The classrooms are expected to be ready for the upcoming school year, starting Sept. 16.

Staff and students acknowledge that the beeping of the skid loaders, rattle of the jackhammers and vibrations in the walls and floors have been daily disturbances since the work began.

Everyone has worked through the distractions, according to Principal Ryan Johnson.

“Knowing progress is occurring is the encouragement we need; knowing that the end product will be great,” Johnson said.

The entire project is expected to finish in the spring of 2021.

Along with the theater demolition, workers are installing a new distribution panel for electrical upgrades to the

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— Ryan Johnson,
Principal
Luverne HS/MS

high school.

Construction activity will pick up pace after classes are dismissed on May 17.

Summer construction includes breaking ground for the new classroom addition (August 2020 finish) and performing arts center (February 2021 finish).

The first areas for remodeling also begin this summer.



Mavis Fodness photo/0328 Garden Tab Creekside

Cookbooks are for sale at Creekside Antiques. The collection pictured here includes a full line of Gooseberry Patch selections.

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Conquering personal inhibitions through books and a smile

In her book, "Girl, Wash Your Face," author Rachel Hollis answers the question, "How do I ...?"



How do I pick myself up after a loss?
How do I get rid of these looping negative thoughts that enter my head every day?
How do I bring more purpose to my life?

After reading her book, I've determined my question is, "How do I conquer my fears?"

I am afraid of heights.
I am afraid to wear a bathing suit in public.
I am afraid of the dentist.
I recently set out to conquer my fear of the dentist, thanks to laser dentistry in Luverne.

Dr. Rebecca Vis and her staff's sense of humor lessened my anxieties, and the dental work was done in a quick and efficient manner.
I even returned for a second appointment, feeling less anxiety than I did on the first visit.

Conquering the swimsuit issue, on the other hand, has taken a little more effort.

Until recently, my last time in a swimming pool was with my late sister.

She was in the pool with her grandkids, enjoying the young ones' reactions to floating in the water.

She wasn't embarrassed by stretch marks or the extra pounds, so when I decided to join her it was because she was having fun.

Two weeks after that she died, and my fears of donning a swimsuit returned.

Now I have my own grandchild and I don't want

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

to sit on the sidelines any longer while everyone else enjoys the indoor water park.

So, in January I donned my one-piece and spent time floating around the lazy river, slopping in the splash pond and throwing balls in the water baskets with my granddaughter.

As a twist, I decided the water slide was something I wanted to try.

With my son-in-law in tow for support, I climbed the tower (and, yes, I was afraid of the height) and managed to make it to the tunnel opening and stopped.

I was afraid.

Fortunately I was more afraid of the horrified looks on the faces of the elementary-aged kids standing in line behind me that I would have to pass in order to climb back down the stairs.

With Andy ahead of me, I waited several seconds in a panic until I finally pushed myself inside the tube.

I didn't realize how pitch black it was inside the tube and, as I released my fears, I screamed like a little girl the entire 15 seconds it took before I spilled out into the pool.

I laughed as I surfaced from the water.

No one heard my screams and I survived, silently vowing never to slide down the inside of a dark tube ever again.

I emerged from the pool with a smile, which — thanks to conquering my fear of going to the dentist — is a little brighter.

2020 Census impacts \$150 billion in annual federal funds and state's level of federal representation

Marking one year until Census Day 2020, Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan joined the co-chairs of the Minnesota Complete Count Committee to kick off Minnesota's "We Count" Census campaign on Monday, April 1.

The campaign brings together a statewide coalition of counties, cities, nonprofits, foundations, and advocacy groups to support an accurate and fully inclusive 2020 Census count in Minnesota.

"The census is more than just a count; it is about making sure everyone in Minnesota feels seen, heard, and valued," Gov. Walz said.

"The census is an opportunity to claim a seat at the table because being counted means being visible, and being visible means Minnesotans are able to stake claim to their fair share of political representation and resources."

A complete count is essential for Minnesota due to its impact on federal funding and federal representation.

The 2020 Census count will guide the distribution of more than \$150 billion in federal funding to Minnesota

communities between 2020 and 2030. Census data are used to allocate funds for a range of public services including education, health care, housing and transportation.

The 2020 Census will also determine the number of seats Minnesota has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 2010 Minnesota barely retained eight Congressional seats by a slim margin of just 8,000 residents.

"When people understand that the census is an important part of getting much-needed resources for their communities, they begin to understand the power that being counted holds," Flanagan said.

A range of Minnesota cities — including Luverne — have organized "Complete Count Committees" to strategize for the U.S. Census 2020 (see the related Star Herald story).

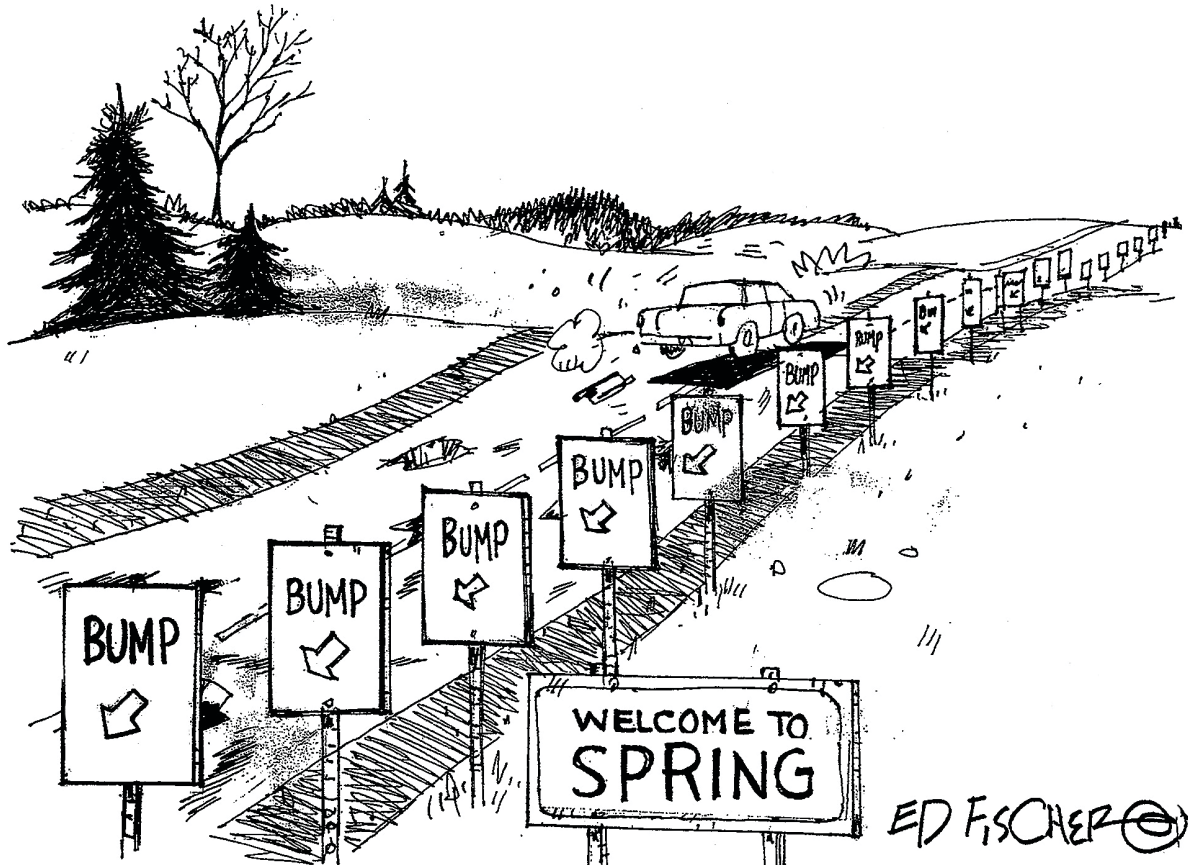
In Luverne the Complete Count Committee is determined to count every resident with an eye toward breaking the 5,000 population threshold that would qualify the city for a higher level of state and federal support.

Luverne's current population is 4,745 according to the 2010 census.

City councils (including Luverne's) and county boards are also passing resolutions to recognize the importance of the census and to kick off their yearlong Census efforts.

To date, more than 100 cities and counties across the state have committed to promoting the census in their own communities over the next year.

Information about the CCC and the 2020 census is available on the city of Luverne website www.cityofluverne.org/2020census.



Window tint tops list of vehicle equipment violations

Question: What are the most common vehicle equipment violations you see?

Answer: I have witnessed and investigated numerous equipment violations over the course of my career as a Minnesota State Trooper.

The most common violations I have seen are:

- Window tint violations: Law prohibits tint on the front windshield. Passenger cars are limited to 50 percent on all side and rear windows. Pickups, vans, and SUVs are limited to 50 percent on the front side windows. Pickups, vans, and SUVs are not limited on the rear side and rear windows.

- Headlight/taillights out: All motor vehicles, other than a motorcycle, must be equipped with at least two headlamps and two tail lamps.

- Cracked taillight lens/displaying white light to the rear: Vehicles must display red lights visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.

- Suspended objects from the rearview mirror: Objects suspended between the driver and the windshield are prohibited. This includes parking



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

and handicap permits. Be sure to take them down when the vehicle is in motion.

- Cracked windshield: A windshield that is cracked or discolored that limits or obstructs driver's vision.

- Bumper height violations: Bumpers shall not exceed a height of 20 inches on any passenger automobile, station wagon, or 25 inches on any four-wheel drive multipurpose type vehicle.

- Loud exhaust: Every motor vehicle must be equipped with a muffler in good working condition. It must blend the exhaust noise into the overall noise of the vehicle. No person shall use a muffler cutout. The exhaust

system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound. License plate lights out/plates unreadable: A white light is required for the rear license plate to be legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear.

- Unsecured load: Driver must secure their load to prevent any leaking, blowing, shifting or dropping.

- No seat belt use: Minnesota law states that drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or seated in the correct child restraint. Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly — low and snug across the hips, and shoulder straps

should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back

- No headlight/use in reduced visibility: Headlights must be on from sunset to sunrise when it is raining, snowing, sleeting or hailing; or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or conditions that obstruct visibility.

Other common violations include speeding, no proof of insurance, expired registration, only displaying one Minnesota license plate, distracted driving, expired driver's license, driving without a driver's license and crossing over the center or fog lines.

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VOICE OF OUR READERS

Frakes:
Where are the 'most dysfunctional' politicians?

To the Editor:

Help! I have been unable to sleep at night because I am trying to figure out who has the most dysfunctional politicians — the U.S.A. or the U.K.?

I would like our politicians to pick up the pace a little. But I'm afraid they're already all in. Nuts! It will be bad news if our politicians come in second-best worst!

Bill Frakes
Luverne

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Why is a complete count such a big deal in 2020?

Local volunteers form Complete Count Committee to improve Luverne's census participation, possibly hit 5,000 population mark

By Lori Sorenson

Monday, April 1, marked one year until the U.S. 2020 Census, and a group of volunteers are working to make sure every person living in Luverne is counted for the record.

The 2010 census counted 4,745 residents in Luverne after 89 percent of residents self-responded to the survey.

Local leaders are hoping to improve participation in the 2020 census with an eye toward reaching the 5,000 population threshold for more government support.

To do this they're leaning on a first-ever Complete Count Committee to launch a census education campaign.

Luverne city clerk Jessica Mead trained with the League of Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota State Demographic Center to learn how CCCs can improve census participation.

She then recruited a handful of volunteers to join Luverne's CCC, based on their connections in the community and their areas of expertise related to census counts.

They include: Luverne Community Education secretary Cindy Arends, City Councilwoman and Luverne High School Teacher Caroline Thorson, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, deputy city clerk Mandy Van Grootheest, Land Management Office technician Arlyn Gehrke and Rock County Star Herald editor Lori Sorenson.

Their mission is to encourage as many residents as possible to participate in the 2020 census and to share the message about why a complete census count is so important.

Census numbers dictate funding, political representation, business recruitment and more

In general, census data helps plan roads, schools, hospital, senior centers and emergency services to best accommodate changing populations.

The data collected by the census also determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and Minnesota is currently at risk of losing a seat in Congress, based on population.

Census data also helps businesses determine where they'll locate based on market research.

But a big reason census data matters is that numbers add up to dollars. "It comes down to money," Mead said.

There are 16 major federal assistance programs that distribute funds to states and communities based on census data.

These include highway planning and construction, medical assistance programs, housing grants, Title 1 grants to schools, low-income home



Luverne's Complete Count Committee includes (from left) city clerk Jessica Mead, Land Management Office technician Arlyn Gehrke, Rock County Star Herald editor Lori Sorenson, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, Luverne Community Education secretary Cindy Arends, Luverne deputy clerk Mandy Van Grootheest and Luverne City Councilwoman Caroline Thorson (also a Luverne High School teacher, including Spanish). The volunteer committee is on a yearlong mission to educate the community on the importance of participating in the U.S. 2020 Census in order to qualify the community for important resources.

"Luverne grew 2 percent in the 2010 census, and I was excited. Everyone else around us was down, and we were growing. ... Are we going to grow in the next census? I'm absolutely positive. ... My goal is to get us over 5,000."

— Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian

energy assistance, national school lunch funds and more.

For funding purposes, even one missed person could mean a forfeited \$15,000 in funding for Minnesota over 10 years.

If communities are under-counted, their federal assistance will include fewer dollars than the number of residents and households who need the funds.

Countdown to April 1, 2020, is officially underway

CCC members are focused on two primary education messages:

- census data is tied to government dollars for the community.
- census data is secure and confidential.

"There are many barriers to participation, but statewide the top concerns are distrust in government and data security," Mead said.

The CCC's role, therefore, will be

to educate residents that it's safe to share their census data and it's in their interest to do so.

Any county or community can form a Complete Count Committee, but Luverne opted to do it for the 2020 census in light of reaching a count of 5,000 people.

"Luverne grew 2 percent in the 2010 census, and I was excited. Everyone else around us was down, and we were growing," Mayor Baustian said.

"Are we going to grow in the next census? I'm absolutely positive."

Population 5,000 is the threshold for many government programs that differentiate between "towns" and "cities," and by and large "cities" carry more weight in terms of government funding support. "My goal is to get us over 5,000," Baustian said.

Information about the CCC and the 2020 census is available on the city of Luverne website www.cityofluverne.org/2020census.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 22
• A probation check was conducted on Hatting Street.

• Complainant on Oakley Street reported driving to ER.
• Complainant reported a vehicle for driving conduct in city park.

• Complainant reported an unoccupied vehicle in field on County Road 4.

March 23
• Assisted other department on County Road 4 and 190th Avenue.

• Complainant on Main Street reported damaged window.

• Complainant reported a runaway on Main Street.

• Complainant requested a deputy.

• Complainant reported suspicious activity on S. Kniss Avenue.

March 24
• Deputy conducted roadside assist at Rock River Road and dam.

• Complainant reported a disorderly subject on N. Kniss Avenue.

• Complainant on E. Maple Street reported a dog being mistreated.

• Complainant reported an injured male who fell and hit his head at location on S. Kniss Avenue.

• Complainant requested an attempt to locate his brother.

March 25
• Complainant reported order for protection violation.

• Complainant on Brown Street reported probation violation.

• Complainant reported property damage.

• Complainant reported a theft.

• Complainant reported a stop arm violation.

• Complainant on Hatting Street reported suspicious activity.

March 26
• Complainant reported suspicious activity on N. Kniss Avenue.

• A driver traveling westbound on Interstate 90, 2 miles west of Beaver Creek was reported going the wrong way.

• A deputy conducted a follow-up.

• Complainant reported stolen license plate tabs.

• Complainant requested to speak with deputy.

• Outage reported.
• Deputy to assist patrol with a driving complaint eastbound on I-90 at mile marker 9.
• Complainant on Dodge Street reported a burglary.

March 27
• Complainant requested a background check.

• Complainant reported a burglary alarm on N. Freeman Avenue.

• Subject in Worthington turned self in on Rock County warrant.

• Rock County warrant entry.

• Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

• Complainant reported a semitrailer tipped over on I-90, mile marker 7.

• Complainant reported suspicious activity in Hills.

March 28
• Complainant reported an accident near Magnolia, driver possibly drunk.

• Deputy assistance requested on Main Street.

• Complainant requested background check for tobacco license.

• Complainant reported a grass fire on I-90, mile marker 12.

• Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

• Complainant reported kids riding bikes down the middle of the street.

• Complainant reported a drunk driver.

In addition, officers responded to 1 vehicle in the ditch, 4 transports, 7 escorts, 23 ambulance calls, 3 paper service attempts, 9 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 13 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 1 drug court test, 5 permits to purchase/carry applications, 25 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test and 1 stalled vehicle.

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Glenda McGaffee photos/0207 Ag students

Junior and Senior students participating in H-BC's hydro-aquaponics project are (front, from left) Whitney Elbers, Luke LaRock, Easton Harnack, Grace Bundesen, Bailey Swan, Sidney Fick, Amber Bos, (back) Madison Spath, Sadie Fuerstenberg and Joslyn Birger. They're pictured during a February gathering in the H-BC High School agriculture room.

Junior and senior H-BC ag students study aquaponics

Project displayed during April 14 open house

By Glenda McGaffee

Hills-Beaver Creek junior and senior agriculture students are studying aquaponics, a form of agriculture that combines raising fish in tanks (recirculating aquaculture) with soilless plant culture (hydroponics). Aquaponics is a sustainable method of raising both fish and vegetables indoors to produce substantially more food with less water, land and labor than with traditional agriculture. It also provides fresh local food that is free of pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers. Ag instructor Tom Sandager shared the information on the project students have been working on since Dec. 1, 2018.

"Aquaponics is a sustainable agricultural system which uses processes that occur naturally in our world," he said. "Our goal is to simulate these symbiotic relationships found in nature. The system we set up uses gravity for most of the water action. Basically, we will feed the fish and the fish will excrete ammonia. Bacteria will use nitrification to make safe nitrates as food for the plants. The nutrient-depleted water will then be pumped back into the fish tank to start the process again." He said the system will allow them to study plant growth indoors all year long. "It will allow us to



Grace Bundesen (from left), Amber Bos and Whitney Elbers check the water temperature of the fish tank in the H-BC High School ag room. The project will be displayed for the community during an April 14 open house at the school.

study life cycles and relationships between organisms," Sandager said. "It will also provide us with fresh food." The school received a grant from the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council to cover expenses for the equipment and supplies needed for the project. Seniors Madison Spath and Luke LaRock shared their thoughts on the project. "It's nice to see all of our hard work coming together," Spath said, "This is a project where we are able to see progress every day. I think it will be exciting to see the final outcome." Luke LaRock said he's enjoyed the joint study of

plants and water. "It is interesting to learn about the different process of hydroponics and aquaculture, which equals aquaponics," he said. Chili contest, FFA open house April 14 The aquaponics system will be on display during the H-BC open house and chili cook-off on April 14. It's from 1 to 4 p.m. at the high school, and community members are encouraged to enter their versions of the best chili. Prizes will be awarded in various categories, and competition details will be sent to contestants who signed up by April 1. Call Bailey Swan, 605-759-0954, for information.

1958: Telephone line rates increase to \$4.35 for party lines

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on March 27, 1958.

Telephone Rate Increase Goes Into Effect Tuesday

A telephone rate increase, granted by the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse commission last week, will go into effect here Tuesday, April 1. The rate increase, which will affect 134 Northwestern Bell Telephone company exchanges was requested by the telephone company to help offset higher cost of operation. In Luverne, the rate increase ranges from 35 cents for two-party residence telephones to \$1.20 for one-party business phones. Present rates have been in effect since February 1, 1954.

New Rates

New rates for customers of the Luverne exchange, with the old rates in parenthesis are: Business, one party—\$8.90 (\$7.70). Business, two party—\$7.50 (\$6.50). Residence, one party—\$4.35 (\$3.85). Residence, two party—\$4.35 (\$3.85). Rural residence—\$3.85 (\$3.40). Rural Business—\$5.40 (\$4.85).



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, President Rock County Historical Society

Northwestern Bell, which has some 937,700 phones in the state and employs about 10,000 persons, filed its application for rate increases October 15, 1957, and lengthy hearings were held in December.

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@iwnet.

LaRock awarded trip to Washington, D.C.

By Glenda McGaffee

H-BC sophomore Allison LaRock will travel to Washington, D.C., June 15-20 to attend the Rural Electric Youth Tour. The Youth Tour is a trip sponsored by Sioux Valley Energy and coordinated by South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) and Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA). Chinelle Christensen, representative from Sioux Valley Energy, presented LaRock with the award Wednesday, March 6, at H-BC High School. "I feel beyond blessed to be chosen as the SW MN EmPOWER representative, and I can't wait for the new experiences that I will encounter in D.C.," LaRock said. Sioux Valley Energy will send two EmPOWER Youth students to Washington, D.C., for the Rural Electric Youth Tour in June. LaRock will be the Minnesota representative along with another South Dakota student and 40 other students from Minnesota. The students were selected for the awards based on an interview, essay, volunteer hours and attendance at EmPOWER events. While in Washington, the students will meet with the state's congressional delega-



Submitted photo

Allison LaRock (left) receives the EmPOWER Youth award from Chinelle Christensen from Sioux Valley Energy.

tion, visit historical sites and meet 1,500 teens from co-operatives across the United States. "Sioux Valley Energy realizes it is more vital than ever that today's young people understand and support the rural electrification program, for they are tomorrow's leaders and consumers," said Chinelle Christensen of the EmPOWER program. Sioux Valley Energy will provide funding for the trip to include all transportation costs, lodging, meals and entrance fees to sightseeing

or entertainment events. The students will be responsible for anything beyond those items such as snacks and souvenirs. Some of the sites they will visit include the Lincoln Memorial, Washington National Cathedral, the Air and Space Museum, Washington Monument, Arlington Cemetery and more. Sioux Valley Energy's EmPOWER Youth program teaches students about the cooperative business model; provides training on career success; helps students build

self-confidence; and gives them hands-on experience with leadership. More than 200 area high school students have participated and more than \$20,000 in scholarships have been awarded since the program's inception in 2014. Each year the program is planned by the EmPOWER Board of Directors, which is made up of students from the previous year. They serve as student leaders and mentors to current EmPOWER participants. The core of the program is four sessions that occur during the school year. Students can earn points by attending sessions and volunteerism. Those points help them earn scholarships and travel opportunities. The core of the program is four daylong sessions throughout the school year, which include interactive workshops and motivational speakers. To be eligible for the EmPOWER Youth Leadership program, an applicant must be a high school sophomore or junior during the next school year (so freshman may apply for the next year). Contact Christensen with questions at 1-800-234-1960 or email chinelle.christen@siouxvalleyenergy.com.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

A come-and-go baby shower for **Bethany (Hup) Tilstra** will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the Grand Stay Hotel in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Nicole Hoff**, bride-to-be of **Karic Wiertzema**, will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Gathering Space at St. Catherine Church in Luverne.

Card showers

Wayne and Isabell Biever will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 4. Greetings may be sent to them at 715 S. West Park Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, April 8: Chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, coleslaw, bread, pudding. Program: 9 a.m. Quilting; Bone Builders. Pinochle. **Tuesday, April 9:** Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread, rosy applesauce. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day sponsored by Herman Motors. **Wednesday, April 10:** Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Pastor of the Month Father Kosse of St. Catherine. **Thursday, April 11:** Oven-crispy chicken, sweet

potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, dessert. Program: Volunteer Appreciation. **Friday, April 12:** Lemon pepper fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cobbler. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day. Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition. Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

FFA NEWS

FFA'ers participate at three March CDA events

Student members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter were busy in March participating in three career development activity (CDA) events. On March 11 four members traveled to the Region 6 Ag Mechanics Contest at the Minnesota West-Jackson Campus. Team members included Justin Dohlmann, Hunter Sandbulte, Camron Kopp and Chris Aning. Aning placed 10th overall individually and the team was seventh out of 14 teams. On March 20 the ag mechanics team competed at the South Central College Ag Mechanics Invitational in Mankato. The team of Hunter Sandbulte, Chris Aning, Peter Baustian, Camron Kopp, Justin Dohlmann and Jayson Rops placed third out of five

teams. Rops had the highest individual score. The final March event took place March 21 at the Moody County Fairgrounds in Flandreau, South Dakota. Gretchen Jacobsma and Cassie Flanagan participated in the horse-judging contest. Trevor Mente, Eric Somnis, Halle Hough and Michael Kinsinger formed the general livestock team. They placed 12th out of 33 teams. Individually, Mente placed 22nd overall with Kinsinger finishing 34th. CDAs are competitive judging events intended to develop individual responsibility, foster teamwork and promote communications while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement. FFA offers 19 CDA events.

SCHOOL NEWS

Jelken named to dean's list at Northwestern

Christopher Jelken was named to the academic dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average with at least 12 graded credits.

Jelken, son of James and Paula Jelken of Luverne, is a sophomore majoring in business administration/international business.

Thielbar performs recital April 7

Brooke Thielbar will perform a senior recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in the Krikac Auditorium at Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Thielbar, who sings soprano and plays the clarinet, will perform a variety of selections during the recital.

She will graduate in May with a music major, a minor in business administration and a certificate in arts administration.

Thielbar, a 2014 graduate of Luverne High School, is the daughter of Patty DeBates and Brock Thielbar, both of Luverne.

OBITUARIES

Dale Swenson

Dale Arden Swenson, 82, Luverne, died Friday, March 29, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, April 1, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Dale Swenson was born Dec. 21, 1936, to Chester and Ragna (Haroldson) Swenson in Rosedale Township, Minnesota. He was baptized and later confirmed at Rosedale Lutheran Church east of Jasper. He was raised on a farm and attended public school through the eighth grade in Hardwick.

In 1956 Dale married Marilyn Gibson at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. He worked as a farmhand for two years before becoming employed in maintenance at the Blue Mound Inn north of Luverne for 26 years. He then worked as the resident manager of the Centennial Apartments for 20 years. Following this job, he worked in maintenance at the Luverne Medical Center before retiring in 2001. He remained active with his woodcarving passion, and through the years, Dale and Marilyn also worked as campground hosts for Split Rock State Park near Ihlen and the Lake Shetek State Park near Currie.

Dale was a member of

Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne where he served as an usher. He was a member of Blue Mound Wood Carvers and often was a vendor with his projects at Arts in the Park in Luverne. Along with woodcarving and camping, he enjoyed putting together puzzles, riding his scooter, and

especially enjoyed spending time with family. Dale will be remembered for helping others and fixing almost anything.

Dale is survived by his wife, Marilyn; six children, Richard (Julie) Swenson of Buffalo, Gary (Kathy) Swenson of Austin, Laura (David) Williams of Defiance, Missouri, Jody (Joe) Foerster of Cambridge, Bruce (Dee) Swenson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Robyn (John) Weisbrich of Humboldt, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Verna Schmuck of Luverne; and three sisters-in-law, Shirley Swenson, Jean Swenson, and Jan Gibson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Russell, Kenneth, and Lester.

Memorials may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage or Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•The Rock County 4-H horse program has a wonderful problem: So many new members have joined that there isn't enough space to stall all the horses at the fairgrounds during the county fair.

4-H program coordinator Nancy Sandager said the 4-H program and the Rock County Agricultural Society (the fair board) have agreed to split the \$15,000 cost of the "lean" on the south side of the existing horse barn. 4-H will raise the additional money to pay for stall fronts and sides which are set up during the fair.

25 years ago (1994)

•The Magnolia school district's financial woes are worse than they'd feared, according to Magnolia Board Chairman Bruce Olson. He reported the latest findings at a joint meeting of the Luverne and Magnolia school boards Monday evening.

It was a sober gathering. Board members from Luverne and Magnolia mingled around the horseshoe-shaped table in the Luverne High School Library. Teachers, taxpayers, parents and those who've served on Cooperation and Combination committees listened attentively....

As Magnolia and Luverne have worked toward a Cooperation and Combination agreement during the past year, questions about an official audit for the Magnolia district continued to plague the negotiations.

50 years ago (1969)

•Torlief Thompson, who farms three miles east and three miles south of Luverne, had 557 hogs on his farm a week ago. Today he doesn't have one.

State and federal veterinarians killed 467 of the 557 hogs Friday because of chronic hog cholera. According to the state veterinarian, Dr. Garlie of Northfield, this case of chronic hog cholera is only the fourth in Minnesota since July of 1968.

About 10 days ago Thompson first noticed that his hogs were not doing what he thought they should. When he started to lose a few he

called a local veterinarian. The local veterinarian said signs pointed to hog cholera so he posted some of the dead hogs and called in a state veterinarian.

The state man also posted some of the dead hogs and took some live pigs to the University of Minnesota lab. The U of M, after several tests, diagnosed the disease Wednesday as chronic hog cholera.

75 years ago (1944)

•Grain dealers in Rock County must hold back 35 per cent of their present stocks and future receipts of yellow and mixed corn for use by processors under an order issued last week by the War Food Administration.

Covered by the order were 18 southern Minnesota counties and other major Midwest corn producing areas. The corn order was issued because plants making industrial and food products from corn are running low on supplies and at least one plant has already halted operations, it was reported.

100 years ago (1919)

•The suggestion that a Memorial Park would be a most fitting monument to Rock County's soldiers in the world war, made by the Herald last week was strongly endorsed at a meeting at the Luverne Commercial club Tuesday evening....

At the same meeting the companion suggested that the idea of having a memorial or community building in connection with the armory should be discarded, and plans laid for an armory building primarily for armory purposes, also was endorsed, and new steps were taken to further the armory project so that everything connected therewith could be definitely settled within a short time.

The suggestion of a memorial park, to be once a thing of beauty and of wide usefulness, was enthusiastically discussed and approved by a number of speakers, not only as an appropriate monument to our soldiers, but likewise as the most beneficial thing possible to secure.



Submitted photo

Luverne High School earned the Subsection 10 speech title March 26 in Adrian. Students receiving medals at the meet include (front row, left) Adriana Gonzalez, Emma Lusty, Hannah Baker, Courtney Wendland, Sage Ver Steeg, Lindsey Roemeling, Shane Berning, Chance Tunnissen, (second) Cassi Chesley, Cassie Flanigan, Julia Ferguson, Sophia Lanoue, Melanie Rittenhouse, Roslynn Hartshorn, Zoe Perkins; (third) Burke Johnson, Nicole Hoogland, Isabelle Hoiland, Mia Wenzel, Gretchen Jacobsma, Rylee Anderson, Meagan Hansen, Parker Carbonneau, (fourth) Destiny Matthiesen, Xavier Carbonneau, Jordan Winter, Solveig Tofteland, Seno Chanthalangsy, Alexa Chesley, Cameron Wessels, (back) Luke Thorson, John Miller, Jonah Louwagie, Gunnar Oldre, Brianna Jonas and Naomi Ring.

Speech team claims subsection title

Luverne sends 24 students to Saturday's section meet

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne will send a team of 21 students to Saturday's section speech tournament after winning the Subsection 10 title March 26 in Adrian.

Thirty-eight students comprised the winning team.

The top four finishers at the subsections in each of the 13 speech categories move on to the Section 3A tournament in Marshall Saturday.

However, the 21 qualifiers may be joined by eight of their teammates Saturday in Marshall for the chance to earn a possible trip to the state speech tournament.

"There will be several team members who placed fifth at subsections that

will go along as alternates, in case there are drops from the other two subsections," said coach Caroline Thorson. "If that is the case, the fifth-place finishers from the other subsections are put in a hat and one is selected to compete."

On Tuesday, Thorson and co-coach Gavin Folkestad were notified three of Luverne's fifth-place finishers would also compete at the section tournament Saturday.

"We are so excited," Thorson said. "We're up to 24 going now."

Sophia Lanoue, original oratory, Rylee Anderson, great speeches and Meagan Hansen, creative expression, will now compete for a state tournament berth.

Thirty-six students competed at the subsection tournament. Results from the subsection meet by category include:

•Creative expression: Solveig Tofteland, first; Cameron Wessels, fourth; Meagan Hansen, fifth.

•Discussion: Alexa Chesley, first; Melanie Rittenhouse, third; Burke Johnson, fourth.

•Drama: Brianna Jonas, second.

•Duo interpretation: Isabelle Hoiland and Gretchen Jacobsma, fourth; Destiny Matthiesen and Cassie Flanagan, fifth; Emma Lusty and Cassi Chesley, sixth.

•Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, first; Courtney Wendland, second.

•Extemporaneous speaking: Shane Berning, first; Parker Carbonneau, second; Chance Tunnissen, third.

•Great speeches: Jordan Winter, third; Rylee Anderson, fifth; Hannah Baker, sixth.

•Humorous: Seno Chanthalangsy, first; Luke Thorson, third; John Miller, fifth; Gunnar Oldre, sixth.

•Original oratory: Lindsey Roemeling, first; Sophia Lanoue, fifth.

•Poetry: Adriana Gon-

zalez, second; Naomi Ring, fourth; Zoe Perkins, fifth; Mia Wenzel, sixth.

•Prose: Sage Ver Steeg, first.

•Storytelling: Xavier Carbonneau, second; Jonah Louwagie, third; Julia Ferguson, fifth; Roslynn Hartshorn, sixth.

Coach Thorson said this year's team's consistency as a top-finishing team is due to participation in almost all the speech categories.

Last week's subsection meet consisted of three rounds and then a final round of the top six students in each category.

Luverne had students in nine out of the 13 categories.

From Saturday's section competition, the top three speakers in the final round in each category qualify for the April 12-13 state tournament at Wayzata.

Luverne qualified four students for the 2018 state tournament. Adrian sent two students.

Local processor receives honors

Ellsworth Locker, located in Ellsworth, received ten awards at the 2019 Minnesota Meat Processors Convention in St. Cloud recently. The annual event received entrants from Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Brian and Kathy Chapa, owners of Ellsworth Locker, entered 26 different categories.

The awards and categories included:

•Grand champion: onion garlic bacon, Korean BBQ brats and smoked turkey.

•Reserve champion: bone-in ham, hillbilly jerky, smoked pork chops, skinless wieners, honey BBQ stix, supreme pizza brats and braunschweiger.

Thirty-four meat industry experts judged the event.

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Derek Lundgren (left) made the 2018-19 All-BSC Boys' Basketball Team. Isaiah Bartels (right) drew honorable mention.

Two Luverne boys make honorary squad

By John Rittenhouse

Two members of the Luverne High School boys' basketball program picked up postseason honors last week.

One Cardinal player made the 2018-19 All-Big South Conference Western Division Basketball Team.

Another LHS athlete drew honorable mention from the league's coaches.

Luverne senior Derek Lundgren nailed down one of the 10 roster spots on the all-league squad.

Cardinal junior Isaiah Bartels is one of five athletes to receive honorable mention.

Conference champion Marshall led all teams by landing three all-conference selections.

Seniors Matt Onken and

Bryce Paulson and junior Noah Puetz are the Tigers on the roster.

Worthington sophomores Terbut Ochothow and Karascharo Odulu made the team as well.

Other players making the all-conference squad include Jackson County Central junior Rudy Voss, Pipestone senior Josh Tinklenberg, Redwood Valley senior Cole Woodford and Windom senior Kobe Lovell.

Other players drawing honorable mention include JCC junior Andrew Hesebeck, Marshall sophomore Bryce Lance, Pipestone senior Cole Zephier and RWV sophomore Kyle Huhnerkoch.

Tennis team drops two of three in St. Peter

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team made its 2019 debut at the St. James Doubles Tournament staged Saturday at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

A young and inexperienced LHS squad squared off against St. Peter, Mankato West and the host school in five-point doubles contests during the day.

The Cardinals went 1-2 at the event.

LHS lost 4-1 and 5-0 matches to St. Peter and St. James respectively. The Cards posted a 3-2 win over Mankato West.

"We really looked rusty in the first match, which is to be expected. I think we really did get better as the day went on," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"We just need to be more consistent. I saw some good things from every player, so I know they can do it. We just need to do it more often."

The day was a good one for Jordan Winter and Colin Schoene-man, who went 2-1 at third doubles.

They posted 7-5 wins over St. Peter's Kelson Lund and Morty Anderson and notched 6-2 and 6-1 victories against Mankato West's Aaron Patterson and Ben Stevens.

Luverne's Graham Cunningham and Cole Stoltenberg registered a 7-6 (7-4), 6-0 victory over Mankato West's Blake Cordes and A.J. Else at first doubles, and Matt Sehr and Pierce Cunningham secured a 4-6, 7-5, 10-7 win over Jake Sarn and Ian Spencer at second doubles in the match against Mankato West.

The Cardinals play Thursday in Vermillion, South Dakota.

Club members hit tourney trail

By John Rittenhouse

Members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club experienced a hectic schedule the past six weeks.

At least one member of the local group participated at five different competitions in four different states.

Jack Bommersbach (third in sparring), Luci Bommersbach (first in sparring) and Perceyis Trierweiler (first in sparring) kicked off the stretch at the Iowa State Championships Feb. 23 in Des Moines.

The same threesome, along with Cody Henrichs, attended the Minnesota State Championships in Anoka March 9.

Luci Bommersbach claimed a sparring title at the seven, Henrichs placed second in sparring and Trierweiler and Jack Bommersbach finished third in sparring.

Brynlee Lass was the lone local entry at the Governor's Cup in Ames, Iowa, March 10.

Lass placed second in sparring and fourth in forms.

Ten club members mixed it up at the South Dakota State Championships March 23 in Tea.

Jack Bommersbach (first in forms), Luci Bommersbach (first in sparring and fourth in forms), Zach Brown (first in sparring and first in forms), Reagan Gangestad (first in forms and second in sparring), Lass (first in sparring and second in forms) and Trierweiler (first in forms and second in sparring) captured championships in Tea.

Liam Brown (second in



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Some members from the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club have participated at five different events since Feb. 23. They are (kneeling, from left) Brynlee Lass, Alexandria Gangestad, Reagan Gangestad, (back) Cody Henrichs, Luci Bommersbach, Perceyis Trierweiler and Jack Bommersbach. Missing are Noella Henrichs, Liam Brown and Zach Brown.

forms and second in sparring), Alexandra Gangestad (third in sparring), Noella Henrichs (second in sparring) and Cody Henrichs (second in forms) also attended the South Dakota event.

Luci Bommersbach (first in

sparring), Jack Bommersbach (second in sparring) and Trierweiler (second in sparring) entered the Kansas State Championships March 30 in Overland Park, Kansas.

The Kansas State, Minnesota State and Iowa State Cham-

pionships serve as national qualifying events for a national event set for late June and early July in Minnesota.

The Bommersbachs, Cody Henrichs and Trierweiler are expected to compete, as is Luverne's Katie Walgrave.

Cards top Dragons in baseball debut

By John Rittenhouse

Two baseball teams from the Star Herald coverage area opened the 2019 season Thursday in Adrian.

The Luverne Cardinals paid a visit to Nobles County to take on the Dragons on their home field.

LHS scored eight runs in the first three and one-half innings of play to set the stage for a 10-4 victory.

The Cardinals led 8-0 after producing one run in the top half of the first inning and seven in the fourth.

Senior Derek Lundgren, Luverne's second batter, belted a solo homerun over the left-field fence to open the scoring.

It was Lundgren's first career home run, and it came on his first swing at the plate in 2019.

The Cardinals remained in front by one before exploding for seven runs in the fourth frame.

LHS plated a pair of un-earned runs in the fourth.

Isaiah Bartels doubled home two runs, Colby Crabtree delivered a two-run single and Charlie Reisch chipped in an RBI single during the fourth-inning rally.

Adrian made it an 8-1 game when Ian Stamer registered an RBI with a ground out in the



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Adrian's Noah Reyne (4) traps the ball under his body as he dives to second base in front of Luverne's Jake Haugen (left) and Derek Lundgren (14) to foil a pickoff-attempt during Thursday's baseball game in Adrian. Luverne registered a 10-4 win over the Dragons.

bottom of the fourth.

Luverne's Ben Seriedoupled and scored on a fielder's choice by Crabtree in the top of the sixth to up the lead to 9-1.

Adrian, however, received RBI singles from Stamer and Brent Hokeness along with an RBI from Lance Luettel, in the bottom of the sixth to make it a 9-4 contest.

Lundgren capped the scoring in the game with an RBI

double in the seventh frame.

Serie, Lundgren (one run allowed), Bartels, Crabtree (winning pitcher), Jade Smith, Jake Haugen, Quinn Buss (three runs allowed) and Noah Herman pitched for Luverne during the game.

Stamer took the loss for Adrian after yielding five earned runs in three-plus innings of work on the mound.

Noah Reyne (four runs al-

lowed) and Grant Jansma (one run allowed) also pitched.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	5	1	0	0
Lundgren	5	2	3	2
Serie	5	2	2	0
Haugen	5	1	1	0
Crabtree	4	1	2	3
Sterrett	4	1	0	0
Bartels	4	1	2	2
Reisch	3	1	2	1
Buss	1	0	0	0
Herman	0	0	0	0
Von Tersch	1	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0
Knips	3	0	0	0

With enemy eliminated, I'll be all about MSU Spartans

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

I officially became interested in what will transpire in the NCAA tournament after what happened Sunday evening.

Other than having the Final Four in Minnesota for the third time — the first time in U.S. Bank Stadium, I wasn't really sure how committed I would be to watching the proceedings until after Sunday.

Now that Michigan State has eliminated the Duke team I love to hate, my support will be thrown to the Spartans from the Big 10 Conference as long as they remain in the tournament.



I did have Big 10 teams to root for in 1992 and 2001, when the Final Four and title tilts were staged in the Metrodome.

Much to my displeasure, it was Duke that walked away with the championship the only two times the event was staged in Minneapolis.

In 1992 the Blue Devils rolled to a 71-51 win over Big 10 entry Michigan in the championship game of a foursome that also included Big 10 member Indiana and Cincinnati.

Duke won it all again by defeating Arizona 82-72 in the 2001 championship game.

Michigan State and Maryland were the other teams on hand.

Now that there's no chance that Minneapolis can become known as Duke's home away from home this weekend, I'm excited to see how things will play out in the coming days.

Having new blood in the field has made the event more intriguing to me.

Michigan State is no

stranger to the Final Four.

This will be the Spartans' 10th appearance at the event, and the first since 2015.

Texas Tech and Auburn will be making their first trips to the Final Four, while Virginia qualified for the first time since 1984.

I'll have no problem rooting for the upstart Tigers from Auburn when they square off against Virginia in the first semifinal game Saturday.

Virginia, after all, is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference that in-

cludes Duke.

That makes Auburn an easy choice in my mind, even though the Cavaliers will be favored to reach the finals.

I won't be pulling for Texas Tech in the second semifinal.

MSU has earned my respect by ousting my enemies, and a win over the Red Raiders would set up my dream match-up between the Spartans and Auburn on Monday night.

Feel free to disagree if you will, but that would be

a fantastic championship game.

The Tigers displayed some character by disposing of Kentucky on Sunday without the services of Chuma Okeke, a top Tiger player who was lost for the rest of the year after sustaining a knee injury Friday against North Carolina.

I won't be pulling for an upset when MSU meets Texas Tech in the second semifinal.

I always have and always will support Big 10 teams that make the Final Four, and this will not change on Saturday.

Call me a bandwagon-jumper if you like, but I'm hoping MSU finds success in the great state of Minnesota.

Go Spartans!!!

St. Catherine Catholic Church

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Thursday, April 4: 9 a.m. Head Start. Friday, April 5: 10 a.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5:30 p.m. Stations. Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7: Service Over Self Second Collection. Saturday, April 6: 10 a.m. First Communion Pictures. 5 p.m. St. Catherine Mass with First Communion. Sunday, April 7: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine with First Communion. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. Tuesday, April 9: 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. Wednesday, April 10: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Thursday, April 11: 9 a.m. Head Start.

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Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, April 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Church Education Classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, April 8: 9 a.m. Perk Up at Hills. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, April 9: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, April 10: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study: 7 p.m. Youth Group.

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Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, April 4: 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, April 7: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion; Installation of Officers. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, April 9: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Ladies Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting; Ladies Bible Study at Parsonage. Wednesday, April 10: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, April 11: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

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Ron Nichols, Pastor

Thursday, April 4: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday and Saturday, April 5-6: Sr. High Youth Gathering in Alexandria. Friday, April 5: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, April 7: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with fifth grade First Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, April 8: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, April 9: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry. 8 p.m. PPC Meeting. Wednesday, April 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30-5 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lenten Meal. 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service. 7:30 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal. 8:30 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, April 11: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, April 8: ELS Pastors meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, April 9: 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes. 6 p.m. Soup supper. 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers. Thursday, April 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

American Reformed Church

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Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, April 5: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal. Saturday, April 6: Facility reserved for wedding. Sunday, April 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. Monday, April 8: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikies. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, April 9: 12 p.m. staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday, April 10: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle; Praise Team practice. Thursday, April 11: 7 p.m. VBS Teachers Meeting.

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

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Thursday, April 4: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, April 6: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group – Gaga Ball. Rock the Edge Service over Self Video/Collection. Monday, April 8: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Pastor Dorie at LLP – Mankato. Tuesday, April 9: 1-4 p.m. Homeschoolers. Pastor Dorie in the Cities – BOOM. Wednesday, April 10: 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at UMC. Thursday, April 11: 11 a.m. History Center Salad Luncheon at UMC. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

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Thursday, April 4: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, April 9: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, April 10: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Middle school fellowship; Choir. 7 p.m. Lenten service at United Methodist Church. Thursday, April 11: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church

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Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, April 4: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7: Service over Self Weekend. Saturday, April 6: 9 a.m. Pipestone Zone LWML Rally. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 Junior Choir. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, April 8: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 2:45 p.m. Communion at Hills. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, April 9: 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, April 10: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Lenten worship service. 6:40 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. KFC; Confirmation photos; HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Parents' Rehearsal. Thursday, April 11: 11:30 a.m. DCE Meeting at Burnsville. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church

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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church

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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Thursday, April 4: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, April 5: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 6: 9 a.m. LWML Spring Rally at St. Paul's, Pipestone. Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion; Blom baptism. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner. Monday, April 8: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, April 10: 7 p.m. Lenten service; Confirmation. 7:45 p.m. choir practice. Thursday, April 11: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

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Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

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Sunday, April 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, April 10: 7 p.m. Lenten Service and Bible Study at Palisade. Thursday, April 11: 7 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting.

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

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Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, April 9: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, April 10: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6-6:45 p.m. Lent meal. 7 p.m. First Communion during Lent Services. 7-7:30 p.m. Break-out Sessions. 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service.

Knock, knock

For the past several mornings, I've been awakened by the sound of a robin repeatedly banging into my bedroom window.

A quick internet search, and I learned that this is common in the springtime when robins are nesting. Male robins are extremely competitive and will fight other males who enter their space. This poor guy hurling himself against my window is fighting with his reflection. I have to hand it to him — he is persistent. (Note to all bird enthusiasts, I am trying to mitigate this issue, but he seems to keep finding at least one corner of the window where he sees his reflection.)

This morning's visit from the robin has got me wondering: How many times are our fights only with an imagined threat?

I've come to discover in my own life that most often the things that I find hard to tolerate in other people have to do either with my own stuff that I'm still working on, the parts of myself I'm still learning how to love and accept, or a primal fear of the unknown.

If something's different, we fear it and then feel threatened by its existence. I find it's my own limits when it comes to patience or understanding or a lack of willingness to truly listen to someone else's story that creates an imagined reflection of a threat that is not really there. I am like the robin, thinking I have a fight on my hands, when really it's just my reflection.

The robin outside my

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

window is relentless in his fight against this imagined threat, and he is only hurting himself. I fear that he will fight until he can no longer fly due to exhaustion. This is the destructive power of sin.

God created us for relationships — with God and one another. Sin is all that gets in the way of those relationships, the powers that separate us from God and one another.

Just like the robin fighting his reflection, when our sinfulness drives us to insist on being right or getting our way over living peacefully with one another, when we continue to value productivity and goods over relationships with people, we ultimately are only hurting ourselves.

I wish I could tell my robin friend that there is no fight. It's OK to rest and enjoy your little robin family. Christ sets us free from the fear that triggers us to fight. Goodness, love, and mercy have already won through his death and resurrection.

May the signs of spring remind you of God's redeeming love for you.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

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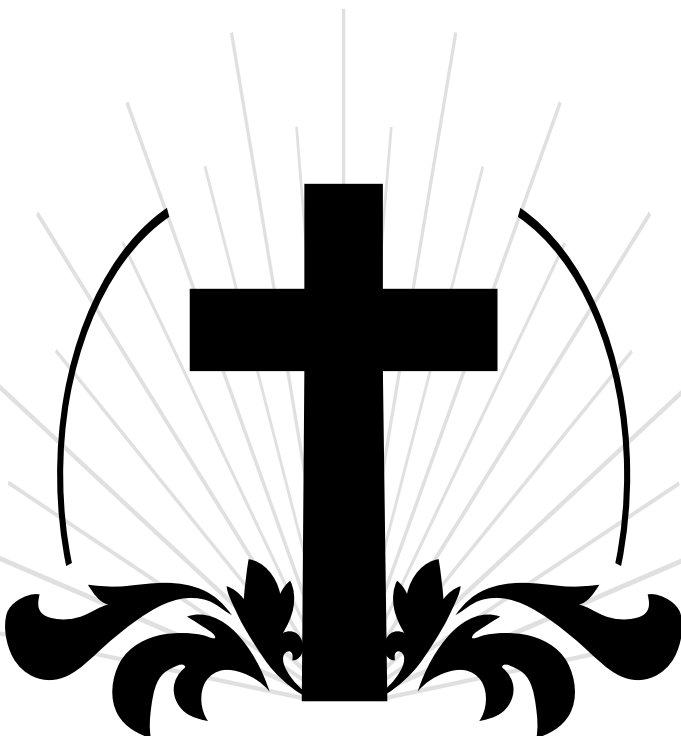
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ISD #2184 School Board meets Feb. 28

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on February 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Angie Swenson, Brian Snyders, April Wallace, Jodi Rops, Halle Hough, Lilli Donohue, Joel Bornhoft, Lynn Remmers, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Vice-Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Halle Hough, Lilli Donohue and CEO Facilitator Cody Henrichs presented information on the CEO Class activities that have been conducted so far this school year.

Administrative reports were given.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the district bills. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,258,052.85. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sandbulte, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of January 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to appoint Superintendent Craig Oftedahl as the Building Project Proposal Representative for the School District. Lynn Remmers and Joel Bornhoft also reviewed information with the school board regarding security, doors, and food service equipment. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann gave an expenditure and revenue review. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to accept the financial review report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Sandbulte, second by Deutsch, to make the change to the committee assignments of Eric Hartman to replace Reva Sehr on the Facilities Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl presented information regarding the amount of instructional time that has been missed due to snow days, early dismissals, and late starts. He presented three options for making up this time. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to extend the school year by having student contact days on May 13, May 14, and May 15 with a 1:30 dismissal on May 15. Staff would be making up their time on May 13, 14 and 15 in addition to staff development time on May 16 and May 17 with noon lunch and presentation of awards at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17. In the event of additional snow days, these would be added as student contract days. Motion unanimously carried.

The final certified staff seniority list was presented. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the list as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Kirk Terrio as custodian effective January 28, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve a maternity leave request from Danielle Ganun, paraprofessional, beginning approximately March 26 for the remainder of the school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Itzel Graham, Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Colette Thom, paraprofessional, effective February 15, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Jon Schomacker as 2019 Summer Recreation Director for a salary of \$8,800.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Sandy Soto as paraprofessional beginning February 26, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to accept the resignation of Susie Bork as volleyball coach effective February 22, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to accept the retirement of Loel Olson, sixth grade teacher, effective May 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: February 28, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(04-04)

City of Luverne seeks bids by April 17

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota at the Luverne City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 on **Wednesday, the 17th of April 2019 at 11:00 A.M.** for the **Uiithoven Addition**, Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Administrator and Engineer.

The approximate quantities of work on which proposals will be received are as follows:

2,189 L.F.	PCC Curb and Gutter
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and other related items of construction.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into contract and post satisfactory bond. Work shall commence on or after **May 6, 2019** and completed on or before **October 5, 2019**.

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Published upon order of the City Council of Luverne, Minnesota.

CITY OF LUVERNE
Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
(04-04)

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:10 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2019. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Duinick, Inc.
Property Owner: Ron Fick
Location: A portion of the SE 1/4 of Section 15 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture
By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 West Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
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(4-4, 4-11)

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NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Jesse LaRue Marinelli**

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Signature : /s/ **Jesse Marinelli** DATE: 2-20-2019

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(03-28, 04-04)

Sandbulte applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Gerald Sandbulte has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to modify a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NW1/4 of Section 6 in Mound Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of open lots with runoff controls to house 750 head of slaughter cattle and stock cows. The proposed modification will be eliminating the stock cows and adding 200 head of slaughter cattle in confinement and on open lots with runoff controls. Manure storage from the open lots will be pack on lot and a poured concrete pit will provide manure storage for the confinement building. Proposed confinement and open lots will house 950 head of slaughter cattle for a total of 950 animal units.

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.

Published at the request of Gerald Sandbulte.

(04-04)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2003

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$102,600.00

MORTGAGOR(S): David E. Hewitt and Peggy D. Hewitt as Joint Tenants, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: April 26, 2004 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 158611

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And Assigned By Court Order to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-4

Dated: January 08, 2018

Recorded: January 22, 2018 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 192033

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

Lender or Broker: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Owen Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 612 S Donaldson St, Luverne, MN 56156-2205

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0005-003

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Rock and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Six (6) in Block Two (2) in Industrial Park First Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$85,429.53

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on November 25, 2019, or the next business day if November 25, 2019 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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DATED: March 28, 2019

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-4

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CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Dan Nelson would like to thank the many doctors and nurses of the Sanford Medical Group and the staff at the Luverne Hospice Cottage for the excellent care provided to our loved one, Dan. A special thanks to Dr. Ceynowa for his care, talks and support through the years. Thank you to the staff at Paliades Manor in Garretson for the hours of nursing and rehab given. Special thanks to Pastor Palmquist for your visits, your prayers, and for all your kind and considerate words during this hard time. Thank you to Jeff Hartquist for all your kind words and actions especially with the grandchildren. Thank you to everyone that said prayers, came for visits, sent an uplifting card and brought food for the family. Your kindness can never be repaid.

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“Chocolate Raspberry Madness” cake (left) by Victoria Stearns awaits the auction block. Above center, dozens of delectable desserts are displayed for ticket holders to choose from. At right is the “Triple Red Velvet” cake with butter cream frosting donated by Sterling’s Cafe and Grille. Behind it is the Lemon Berry Mascarpone Cake that sold for \$600 on auction.

Dessert theater event raises \$71,000 for Generations building project/continued from page 1

“I am so impressed and humbled by the people who selflessly give their time to volunteer in the kitchen, ... who deliver meals on wheels to people who depend on that meal, ... who daily, faithfully help clear tables and serve in the dining room ... and who walk beside a person who needs a friend and a way to become connected ...”

Bonnema said Generations serves an important purpose in the community, and he’s excited to see the group reenergizing.

“This is what Generations is about —living well and aging well,” he said.

“It’s not about age groups; it’s not about us and them. It is about what we can do together, as our new name, ‘Generations’ implies.”

At the end of the night, the dessert auction brought in \$5,500 — many bringing \$500 apiece — and ticket sales were also at around \$5,000.



Generations President George Bonnema carries what he called a “20-pound” red velvet cake through the crowd for bidders to see. At right, the “Marlene and Darlene” comedy routine, played by DJ Luethje (left) and Brenda Winter, addresses what it means to be “old” and meaningfully involved in the community.



But the impact may be felt over the next few weeks as funds continue coming in via discrete donation envelopes that were sprinkled on tables throughout the banquet hall.

Bonnema said it would only be an estimate at this time, but so far it appears the event raised roughly \$71,000 to support construction costs for a new Generations building.

The \$2 million building will replace the front “Lincoln House” structure on East Lincoln Street. It will incorporate the existing kitchen and dining room that will be updated with walk-in coolers and spaces the community can reserve.



At left, Generations Board member Judy Fenske volunteers during the auction to give up-close views of auction items. This one is a three-layer “Better than Sex” cake. Above, auctioneer Yvette Van Der Brink draws bids from the crowd, ultimately raising \$5,500 from the donated desserts. At right, volunteer Gary Overgaard helps Van Der Brink keep track of bids on his side of the room.

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