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Premium Minnesota Pork working toward full capacity

Additional 10,000-square-foot cooler will double hog processing capacity at plant by spring 2021

By Lori Sorenson

There's a lot going on at Luverne's Premium Minnesota Pork plant, which began processing hogs in the newly improved facility on the west edge of town.

The first hogs showed up in June, and momentum slowly built to the current 1,400-head-per day production with 225 hourly employees.

The target goal has been 2,500 hogs per day

and 250 employees with a future goal of 4,500 per day and 450 employees.

However, PMP president Dan Paquin said the future arrived sooner than originally planned.

Due to market demand for processors, the company is building a 10,000-square-foot cooler addition, which will double the plant capacity.

"The original intent was to build this in the future and have business come to us, but the

business is here already, so we decided not to wait," Paquin said. As we move into 2021, at least it will be available."

Value-added for ag and for city tax base

The \$7 million cooler addition joins \$30 million worth of existing improvements, expansion

Premium Minnesota Pork/see page 8A

AutoMania in Beaver Creek this weekend

Hundreds of cars, thousands of people expected to converge at local golf course

By Lori Sorenson

Beaver Creek's population could quadruple in size this weekend when Springbrooke Events brings the 2020 AutoMania event to town.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity to bring awareness to this community," said Springbrooke owner Rick Gourley.

"We have about 200 cars registered so far, but typically the turnout is actually three times the actual registered number, so we could have 500 or even 800 show up."

He said 500 to 600 cars will fit in the upper course fairways, and tractors and overflow vehicles will be staged in the lower course.

With sunny skies and 83 degrees in the weekend forecast, there's a likely chance Beaver Creek could see plenty of cars and sizeable crowds Friday and Saturday.

AutoMania, which began in 1998, brought 20,000 people to Sioux Falls five years ago, and in the two years following, the event was held in Brandon.

After two years of no AutoMania, Gourley bought the brand and staged his debut in Beaver Creek, where he's been working to revive the golf course and event center.

"That's what I do — take over properties and repurpose them," Gourley said Monday. "Had it just been the golf course in Beaver Creek, I wouldn't have been involved, but event centers are needed and necessary in communities."

He's hosted several large weddings and events at Springbrooke since it opened last fall, but this weekend will be a true test of his hospitality skills, especially in a time of pandemic precautions.

"We added a very large patio and even increased the outside patio space below," Gourley said. "We have

AutoMania/see page 2A

Disabled workers struggle in pandemic economy

RCO reopens, but needs resources to continue operating

By Lori Sorenson

Pandemic economic relief aid is helping businesses cover losses; however, Rock County Opportunities has been quietly bleeding revenue — over \$200,000 with no government relief in sight.

Until Friday. That's when Gov. Tim Walz signed into law a bill that includes \$30 million for disability service providers like RCO in Luverne.

"The people most impacted by COVID-19 have been our most vulnerable populations. Directing this funding to disability service providers will help ensure we don't leave anyone behind," Walz said in a statement released Aug. 14.

"This bill will provide direct support to ensure Minnesotans with disabilities and older Minnesotans continue to receive critical services amid COVID-19."

For RCO director Elizabeth Shear, the new law is welcome news, but it's too little and it's plenty late.

"They finally got it done in the third special session," she said. "It didn't even reach the House floor in the second session ... we kept falling through the cracks."

Further, she said it covers 66 percent of one month worth of losses, based on January's revenue.

"So, we lost 3 1/2 months worth of revenue, and we'll get 66 percent of one month," Shear said.

"And our revenue was already down in January because of federal changes that caused loss of referrals for clients younger than 25."

RCO struggles/see page 2A



Lori Sorenson photo/0820 RCO wire stripping

Amber Schieck strips electrical insulation off wires in order to sell the copper. She said she's glad to return to RCO, even if it is limited hours. "I love coming to RCO because everyone there makes me feel like I'm their equal and helps me become more independent and learn new jobs and skills," she said.

City of Hardwick, Denver Township work together on joint building project

By Mavis Fodness

The Hardwick city office and fire hall need structural improvements, and Denver Township has money to build one structure that could meet the needs of both entities.

Denver Township and Hardwick City Council members met in special session Aug. 11 to consider building design and potential locations.

"A multipurpose, energy-efficient building would benefit all of us," said Hardwick City Clerk Tammy Johnson.

Currently both government entities conduct their monthly meetings in the Hardwick City Offices.

A Sioux Valley Energy audit of the city building revealed extensive insulation measures are needed, and the existing oil furnace needs to be

replaced.

The same energy efficiency improvements were recommended for the Hardwick fire hall, prompting officials to consider a new, shared structure.

"We can put a lot of money in these old buildings and, in the end, we still have old buildings," Johnson said.

Both city and township officials

have talked individually about needs.

The Aug. 11 meeting is the first time the two entities officially met publicly, and they agreed to meet again in September.

They consulted Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre and county commissioner Gary Overgaard about operation and financial options.

Both attended the Aug. 11 meet-

ing. "From an outsider's standpoint, it would be great if you guys can work together," Oldre said. "I want to applaud you two for wanting to work together."

Locally, government entities have worked together before, Oldre said, pointing to the county's previ-

Hardwick building/see page 5A

Mann retires after 35 years with district

By Jason Berghorst

"I came in quietly and I'm leaving quietly ... just the way I like it."

That's how Todd Mann described his retirement as lead custodian at Luverne Middle/High School.

Mann is officially retiring this month after 35 years with the school district.

He said his final year has been anything but typical, due to distance learning and the continuing construction project this summer.

"It's been different," Mann said. "Construction has changed everything."

Mann should know. He's spent almost 45 total years in the building,

Todd Mann retires/see page 2A



Mavis Fodness photo/0820 todd mann

Todd Mann, Luverne, was one of the retirees honored during a farewell drive-thru event in May. Mann retires this month after working at Luverne Public Schools for 35 years.

LEDA lends \$100,000 to events center; will take over mortgage if necessary

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Economic Development Authority unanimously approved a \$100,000 gap financing loan to Grand Prairie Events in Luverne while the owners work with lenders to stay in business.

If they don't make it work, the LEDA will operate the facility as a publicly owned community facility.

At Monday's meeting, the LEDA director Holly Sammons discussed the circumstances surrounding Mike and Wanda Jarchow's request for help with their business.

"An event center is an important community asset that draws visitors to the community and provides a venue for a variety of large and small gatherings for business and social

celebration," she said.

"In fact, as a valuable community asset, the event center was the only privately owned business that met the criteria to be included on local way-finding signs to direct visitors and residents to the facility."

She said many cities the size of Luverne have city-owned event centers due to the valuable public purpose they offer the community for activities, events and meetings.

Sammons recommended the board provide a \$100,000 gap financing loan for one year.

If by August 2021 Grand Prairie Events has secured improved financing and is able to demonstrate the

Event center loan/see page 5A



CARES Act grants still available in Hills; businesses should apply

By Mavis Fodness

Almost \$18,000 in grant money is still available to Hills businesses and non-profit organizations that were adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic since March.

Hills City Council members allocated \$32,000 to seven applicants at their regular Aug. 12 meeting.

Distribution amounts ranged from \$1,000 to \$8,000. Businesses could apply for up to \$4,000, but committee members recommended doubling the amount for two applicants after review.

"It is our recommendation how we distribute the money at this time," said Alan Leenderts, who served on the grant committee and was acting mayor during the grant distribution vote.

Council members unanimously agreed with the committee's recommendation.

Hidden Hills Tavern and Hideaway and Willie's Bar will each receive \$8,000.

Receiving \$4,000 will be Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills Christian School and

Tedra's Day Care.

Two applicants received under \$4,000. Kris VanDer-Brink (massage) will get \$3,000, and Leenderts Lawn Care gets \$1,000.

Under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security act, the city of Hills received \$50,327.

The grant money not allocated by Nov. 15 will be returned.

Businesses and non-profit organizations can request a grant application from the Hills City Offices.

To be eligible, a business must meet four criteria:

- must be locally owned and operated for-profit business with a physical establishment within the city of Hills.
- must have operated for at least 12 months prior to March 1.
- must be current on property taxes prior to May 15.
- must be current with any required licenses be in good standing (if applicable.)

They must also be current on all city utilities through the March 2020 billing cycle.

Beaver Creek City Council discusses CARES Act allocations

By Lori Sorenson

Beaver Creek City Council members discussed at their Aug. 12 meeting how they'll disburse their Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds.

The city received \$21,000, based on its population, and the council discussed how to allocate it to businesses affected by the pandemic economy.

The council identified seven businesses most likely to qualify for and apply for aid. This would make roughly \$3,000 available per business if they all applied.

However, the council discussed the possibility that other eligible businesses may apply, and they ultimately agreed to generally encourage all Beaver Creek businesses to apply for aid.

In the application, they're asked to identify the amount of aid they need, based on demonstrated pandemic losses since March, and council members said they'd allocate funds accordingly.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 1, and applications will be reviewed at the Sept. 2 council meeting.

Council discusses possible preliminary levy hike

In other financial discussion at their Aug. 12 meeting, Beaver Creek City Council members discussed budget matters ahead of their September deadline to set a preliminary levy.

The council currently levies about \$120,000 and tries to conduct business in ways that prevent levy increases.

For 2021, however, possible expenditures, such as the water tower improvement project and a fire truck purchase, may require a levy increase.

"All of our accounts are getting low, especially savings," Blank said. "We probably aren't going to have a low levy like we've had in the past."

Blank said she typically transfers funds from savings into the general fund to cover overages and then returns funds to savings as revenues come in.

Mayor Josh Teune said funds are lower than they have been, but the city has no debt and is in generally good shape.

Council member Jeff Dyshe said he would not support a levy increase.

Budget line items will be reviewed at the Sept. 9 meeting.



Contractors work on the facade improvement project for the Skinny Building on Cedar Avenue Tuesday, Aug. 11, as part of the city's historic facade improvement program.

'Skinny Building' gets facade improvements

By Lori Sorenson

The "Skinny Building" at the alley along Cedar Street is getting some exterior improvements, thanks to help from the Luverne Economic Development Authority.

During the April teleconference meeting last week, the LEDA approved a historic Façade Improvement Program application for John Deitering for the project at 115 1/2 N. Cedar Ave.

The scope of work includes repairing missing brickwork, installing new pre-

finished metal cap along the roofline, and tuck-pointing the entire building on the east and north sides.

Deitering applied for a grant in the amount of \$16,000 and chose to forgo the loan option of the program.

The historic "Skinny Building," as it's known, was built as an office building in 1890 for Dr. B. Hinkly, and later for son R.B. Hinkly.

The building is a mere 10 feet wide and 26 feet long, but a full three stories tall.

H-BC superintendent 'meets expectations' in evaluation

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek Superintendent Todd Holthaus recently received a "meets expectations" evaluation for the completed 2019-20 school year.

The H-BC school board met in closed session in mid-July for the annual evaluation where Holthaus was rated in six areas. Each area received a numerical ranking from 1=satisfaction to 4=exceeds expectations.

Holthaus' overall ranking was 3.40, falling between "meets" and "exceeds" expectations.

Each of the district's seven board members evaluated Holthaus and an average score was calculated. Evaluated areas and average score include:

- policy and governance, 3.43.
- planning and assessment, 3.36.
- instructional leadership, 3.20.
- organizational management, 3.37.
- communication/community relations, 3.47.
- professionalism, 3.50.

- The upcoming 2020-21 school year will be Holthaus' ninth year leading the district, and he recently completed the second year of a three-year contract.
- His current contract ends June 30, 2021.

In other personnel matters, the H-BC school board:

- hired Megan Gehrke as volleyball program consultant (if the season occurs) for \$1,000; Macy Ellingson, part-time elementary teacher, \$25,000; Shelly Fischer, lead teacher/elementary principal assistant, \$4,000; Heather Erickson, long-term substitute teacher, \$13,153; Ariel

Larson, interim paraprofessional, \$13.55 per hour; Mary Kortlever, paraprofessional, \$13.55 per hour; and Lisa Durst, driver, \$80 per day, van route.

- approved medical leave for Stephanie Bass beginning on/around Aug. 25 and returning on/around Nov. 23.
- accepted the resignation of Beth Westerbur, district paraprofessional.

Candidates file for local government offices

Hills voters to choose between two candidates for mayor

By Lori Sorenson

The filing period closed Tuesday, Aug. 11, for candidates interested in filing for election.

This period was for open seats in school boards, all Rock County municipalities except Luverne, and townships that hold their elections in November.

There's a race for mayor in Hills between incumbent Keith Elbers and challenger Arlen Leenderts.

Council member Ross Metzger filed for re-election, but Brian Sandbulte did not, meaning there's an open seat for which no one is seeking election.

Following are the other local government seats open for election and the candidates who filed:

Luverne School Board:

Open seats are Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Colleen Deutsch.

Seeking election to the board are Jarchow, Jeff Stratton and David Wrigg.

H-BC School Board:

Open seats are Tami Rauk, Blake Wysong and Tim Bosch.

Seeking election are Rauk, Bosch and newcomer Chris Harnack.

Adrian School Board

Three candidates are seeking election to three open seats on the board. They are David Bullerman, Katie Heronimus and Chad Wieneke.

Ellsworth School Board:

Five candidates are seeking election to three open seats on the board.

Seeking election are Randy Buntjer, Dustin Lefeldal, Lisa Lynn, Jeffery Thomas McNuss and Amber Swanson.

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College move-in day is start of new things, both challenging and rewarding

The official publication date of this newspaper is Aug. 20. Each year on Aug. 20, I think about Aug. 20, 1997.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

That was the day, 23 years ago, that I moved into my freshman year dorm at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

It was a big day for me, to say the least.

I was the first member of my family to attend a four-year college.

I didn't have a car, there were no cell phones, and I had never met nor talked to my roommate, who was from Nepal, before move-in day.

I wasn't exactly a social butterfly then, hadn't been away from home much and was pretty inexperienced and naive about a lot of things.

And, even back then, the financial challenges for a single-parent family sending a kid off to college were very real.

I look back and wonder how we ever did it.

I had \$750 from Dollars for Scholars (that was an average amount in those years), smaller scholarships from my church and my mom's employer (IBP), a dorm fridge, a 13-inch TV, a ton of government loans and an understanding that I needed to go to college to meet my goals.

I remember clearly the feeling I had when my mom and younger sister left my dorm that day 23 years ago, and I bet my mom still does, too.

Each year on Aug. 20, I think about how that move to SMSU was one of the hardest, best and most important things I've ever done.

My laundry basket and I got rides home and back from other Luverne natives almost every weekend, but I kept returning.

At the end of my freshman year, I was accepted into the teacher education program at SMSU — and the rest, as they say, is history.

During the next three years, I met a number of lifelong friends, traveled to three different countries with the choir, joined student government, gained new experiences and self-confidence, and earned my history degree and teaching license.

Even though it was a big step, starting (and finishing) college changed my life and has prepared me, in some way, for almost all of the good things that have happened to me since then.

And so it will be for my former students who are starting college this month.

Just like I faced challenges starting college, so will many of them.

They may have the same feelings I did when their families leave. Some of them will have big financial and social barriers to overcome.

And, of course, the pandemic has changed almost everything about their freshman year experience.

But I know many of them will face those challenges and persist, just like I did.

And, like me, I hope they gain great friends, new experiences, a better understanding of themselves and the world around them, and preparation for a meaningful career.

If they do, their move-in day will be one of the most important days of their lives.

Just like it was for me.

Please, local businesses, use masks — for your patrons and for your community

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Pat Baustian, mayor, city of Luverne

A citizen contacted me last week about a concern that several downtown retailers were not wearing masks in their stores and were not asking patrons to wear masks when shopping in their store.

The citizen was concerned for personal health reasons, but the information concerned me on a much broader level.

The city of Luverne — its council and its staff members — worked quickly and furiously to allocate \$355,000 in federal CARES Act funds to local businesses as soon as we were able.

That's not the point, though. It's what we do as public servants, and we're proud of what we do for the citizens we work for.

But as United States citizens and Minnesota residents we are all taxpayers supporting this effort to help our local businesses suffering under the pandemic economy. We want them to do well. Why wouldn't they want us as patrons to do well also?

By this point in the pandemic "game," most everyone has figured out that masks do help control aerosol viruses, and at the very least it's a courtesy to others to wear

them and ask our patrons to do the same.

On a more local level of economic aid, our amazing Rock Solid Program helped sell \$256,000 in gift cards to local businesses — think about all the people and generosity that went into that program.

Please return the favor by using masks in your businesses. It's a small favor, considering the outpouring of local support.

Further, the Luverne City Council helped out in May by granting 79 businesses (including these same downtown retailers who aren't using masks) with \$100,000 of utility payment relief.

The concerned citizen asked why we aren't enforcing masks under the governor's "mask mandate."

Out of curiosity, I checked with

other cities in Minnesota our size to see what they were doing.

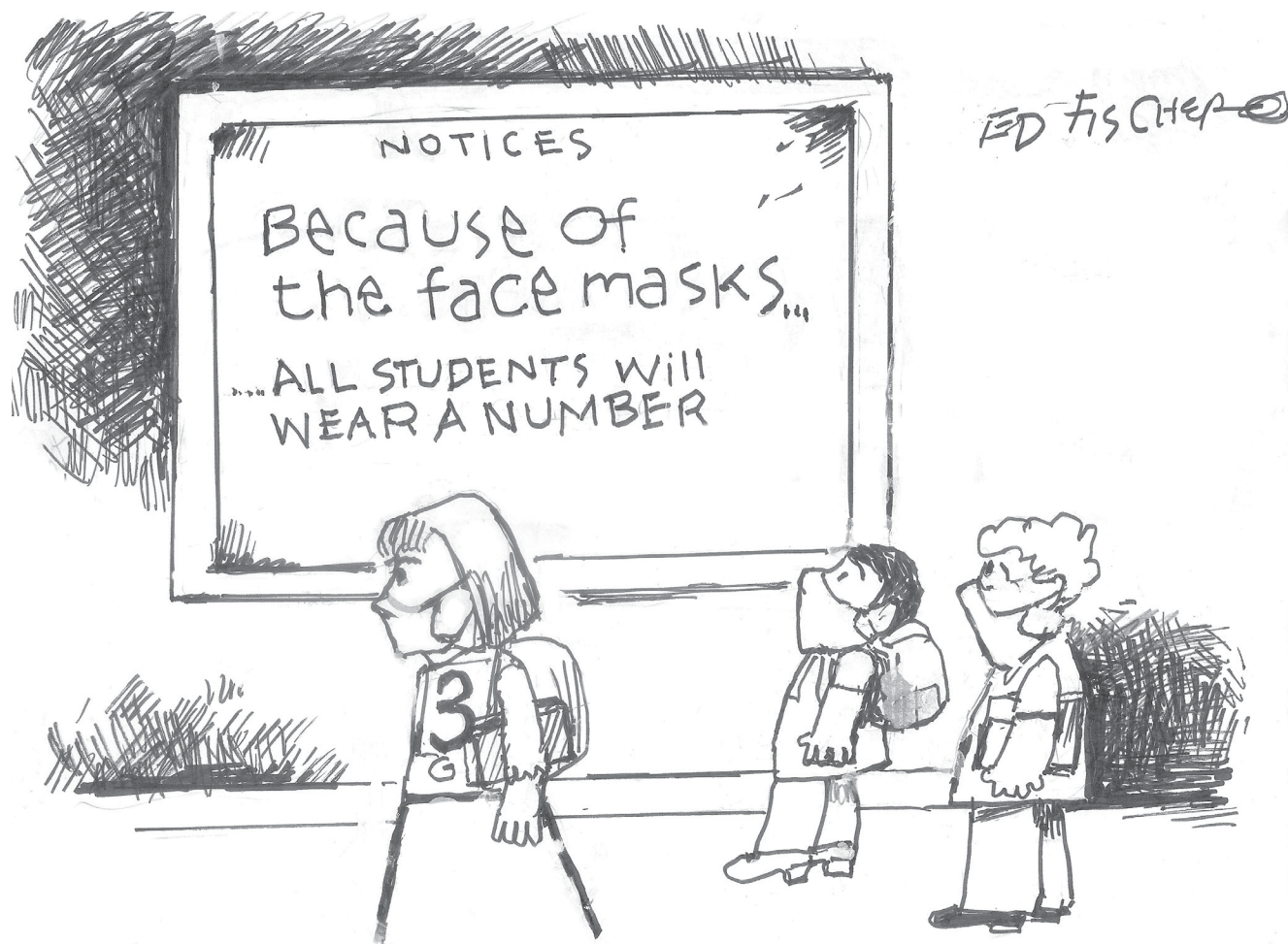
Truth be told, mask wearing is a matter of courtesy and respect for everyone around us. It's not the sort of thing city leaders should be asked to enforce.

But along the way, I did find out that many cities have done very little for their businesses by way of economic relief. Even CARES Act funds were used for public safety programs, not for economic relief.

We — meaning taxpayers in the community — have gone out of our way to help our local businesses.

Because what's good for our businesses is good for all of us. "We all do better when we all do better," to quote the late Paul Wellstone.

So, please, business owners, managers and leaders, wear masks and ask your patrons to do the same.



Prepare boat trailers by completing pre-trip checklist

Question: Can you talk about boat trailer safety with all the traffic we see pulling these things?

Answer: State Troopers often encounter motorists pulling trailers that are experiencing breakdowns. Most often it involves a flat tire or trailer wheel bearing.

Basic trailer maintenance involves greasing the wheel bearings. Wheel bearing failure can occur when maintenance is neglected. A trailer's wheel bearings are often neglected because they are out of sight.

A loose, worn or damaged wheel bearing is the most common cause of brakes to grab and lock up. This generally leads to tire failure, whether a flat or a blow-out from the heat generated. I've seen hubs break off and fires caused from



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

these issues.

Nobody wants to be that person stranded on the side of the road with a disabled trailer or be a driver who loses control because of a trailer malfunction. It is important to repack the wheel bearings and make it a part of your pre-trip inspection and maintenance schedule.

Other pre-trip preparation should include:

- taillight and brake light function
- proper use of hitch, pins and safety chains.
- check tires for proper inflation, unusual wear, weather checking

and bulges.

- spare tire inflated, jack and lug wrench.
- secure the load and all other items.

A driver can perform all the required maintenance checks, but an unsecured load can also have deadly consequences. Securing your load is the law. A driver could face a citation if they don't secure their load and/or additional consequences if an unsecured load causes a crash.

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

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

Green: 'Let us all stand up for America by voting'

To the Editor:

This political season leading up to the November general election has already begun to heat up with strong emotions, accusations and charges, but also a promise of how we may begin to heal as a country.

We need hope as we face challenges on many fronts: health, employment and losses that may combine to feel overwhelming at times. As we have heard many times, we're all in this together.

We come together on general election day to exercise our right to vote. A free and fair election is the cornerstone upon which our democracy is built. It is this principle that has defined us for almost 250 years and earned us the admiration of people around the world.

I feel this is under attack every year, and each of our voices needs to be heard. It is vital we stand up

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for democracy!

In talking with an official at the Rock County Courthouse about the election, he echoed my concerns and expressed the assurance that this process would be protected. Voting early is suggested.

He said information about the voting process would be presented during the week of Aug. 17 and could be found on the county website: co.rock.mn.us

Let us all stand up for America by voting. Your vote counts! We're all in this together.

Larry Green, Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 7
 •Complainant westbound on County Road 35, Adrian, reported adjacent county pursuit.
 •Subject in Coralville with RCSO warrant transferred to prison.
 •Complainant on 211th Street and 140th Avenue, Hardwick, reported a parked/abandoned vehicle.
 •Complainant in Sioux Falls reported a runaway.
 •Complainant in Hawkinson Park, Luverne, reported graffiti at location.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16, reported a speeding BMW.
Aug. 9
 •Severe thunderstorm watch issued for Rock County until 5 p.m.
 •Complainant in city park, Magnolia, reported an unoccupied crashed vehicle.
 •Complainant on 180th Avenue, Magnolia, reported people in her home won't leave.
 •Sergeant at location of 60th and 221st Street, Luverne, conducted roadside assistance with directions.
Aug. 10
 •Severe thunderstorm warning issued for Rock County.
 •Complainant on 141st Street reported a tree on road.
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 21, Magnolia, reported debris in the roadway.
 •Complainant on S. Fairview Drive reported a man being disorderly.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported property damage.
 •Suspicious activity was reported at location eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek.
 •Suspicious activity was reported at location eastbound on Interstate 90, mile 14, Luverne.
 •Complainant on northwest side of Luverne reported smoke visible at location.
Aug. 11
 •Subject in New Hope was

arrested on Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant reported subject arrested with Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant on Pine Drive reported a walk-away from home.
 •Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a stolen vehicle.
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported her back window is broken out.
Aug. 12
 •Complainant on Oak Drive reported an attempted phone scam.
 •Complainant on E. Sixth Avenue and Golf Course Lane, Beaver Creek, reported a possible abandoned vehicle.
 •Deputy reported a car left at the Luverne city park.
 •Complainant on S. Donaldson reported her granddaughter ran away.
Aug. 13
 •Complainant on Highway 75, mile marker 17, Luverne, reported a male walking roadside, appears confused and asking for a ride.
 •Complainant on E. Sixth Avenue and Golf Course Lane, Beaver Creek, towed an abandoned vehicle.
 •Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported a phone scam.
 •Complainant on 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported an intoxicated driver.
Aug. 14
 •Complainant in Hardwick reported residents without Minnesota plates.
 •Road closure reported north of Interstate 90, County Highway 3, Magnolia.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 7 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 4 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 1 impound, 4 alarms, 20 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 23 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 welfare check, 1 report of cattle out and 1 follow-up.



The Luverne Economic Development Authority unanimously approved a \$100,000 gap financing loan to Grand Prairie Events in Luverne while the owners work with lenders to stay in business. If they don't make it work, the LEDA will operate the facility as a publicly owned community facility.

Event center LEDA loan/continued from page 1A

ongoing operation of the event center is financially feasible, Jarchows/GPE will repay the loan with monthly payments of interest and principal.”
 Monthly payments will be \$876.04 beginning on Sept. 12, 2021, and continuing through July 12, 2031.
 In the event that the Jarchows do not secure improved financing terms or the LEDA has determined that the continued operation of GPE is not financially feasible, the LEDA will purchase the event center from the Jarchows for the outstanding principal balance on the mortgage, which is nearly \$804,000.
 “The facility could continue to operate as an event center as it does serve a valuable public purpose and benefits the local community,”

Sammons said.
 She said the pandemic economy has been particularly hard on event centers which have had to cancel most contracts due to social distancing requirements.
 For example, last year Grand Prairie Events hosted 100 events. This year there are eight events scheduled from July to the end of the year.
 Sammons said the future looks bleak for businesses like the Jarchows’ until a coronavirus vaccine is found.
 Mayor Pat Baustian weighed in on Monday’s discussion, supporting the importance of a local event center in a community.
 “We all want Mike and Wanda to be successful,” he said.
 “This gap financing will help

them out until things get better.”
Residential demolition at 601 S. Donaldson
 In other business at Monday’s meeting, the LEDA approved an application by Toby Vos for a \$3,000 Residential Demolition Grant to demolish a structure on his property.
 According to Vos, the house and attached garage are substandard and dilapidated. The foundation is sinking (more than six inches) and the home is structurally unsound and uninhabitable.
 He owns two adjacent lots, and the house to be demolished is on the lot next to the house where he lives. He plans to leave the garage standing and the rest will reportedly be green space.
 Vos has submitted proper paperwork and meets all the requirements for the grant. The LEDA approved his request unanimously.

City of Beaver Creek sells bank building

By Lori Sorenson
 The City of Beaver Creek closed this week on the sale of the bank building to a couple who will use it for office space.
 Jody and Jeremy Burt, Sioux Falls, purchased the building for \$25,000. Jody is a registered dietitian, licensed nutritionist and certified nutrition support clinician, but it’s not clear if she’ll see clients in the Beaver Creek office space.
 In a letter to the council, Jody spelled out her intentions for the building’s use in her nutrition support consulting business.
 “My partner and I are the only two Certified Nutrition Support Clinicians in the state of South Dakota,” she wrote.
 “We believe that there is an opportunity in the Sioux Falls and surrounding area to provide our services to patients/families in person and/or via telehealth.”



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 The former bank, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, appraised at \$35,000 this spring when the council voted to sell it for approved uses, including office

space.
 At one point, several residents voiced interest in the city keeping the building to use for a museum, but as discussion turned to maintenance costs over time, interests turned to using existing city property for historical items.
 The First National Bank was built around 1917 of brick, stone and concrete, and the interior is Tennessee marble and trimmed with quarter-sawn oak.
 When Minnwest closed its Beaver Creek branch Jan. 31, it marked the first time the building had been empty.
 The city accepted the donation of the building with no immediate plans for it, except to maintain control over future entities that might buy it.
 Council members determined the building was in good shape at the time. For example, the roof was redone in 2013, the furnace dates back to the mid 1990s, the electrical wiring is current and working Internet connections are in place.

Hardwick building/from 1A

ous joint efforts with the city of Luverne in operating the swimming pool and Rock County Library.
 Oldre suggested the budget-conscious city may want to look at a lease agreement with the township, which is looking at investing wind production tax money into its own building and maintenance equipment.
 “We are looking — nothing is in stone,” said township supervisor Kyle Hemme.
Denver Township has wind money to share
 Since 2012 Denver Township has received an average of \$76,000 per year the past eight years in production tax from the Prairie Rose Wind Farm.
 After expenses, the majority of production tax money has not been used.
 “You don’t get much interest while it is in the bank,”

Hemme said.
 As a start, Oldre suggested looking at the Martin Township maintenance building and lay down yard near Hills as a possible footprint for Denver Township’s portion of the joint facility.
 Both council members and township representatives agreed the joint facility should be located within the city limits of Hardwick, primarily out of concern for a good water source for the fire department and partly out of pride.
 “We are vested in this town,” Hemme said. “We don’t have to live within the city limits.”
 No formal action was taken at the Aug. 11 meeting, but a general consensus emerged.
 “It would be nice to have everything in one location,” added township supervisor Tony Roos.

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More than a dozen vehicles line the Reformed Church of Steen's parking lot for the car show Wednesday night, Aug. 12. Activities included games, an evening meal and a car show. The event is a fundraiser for the church's Sunday school programming.

'Old school carnival' makes its return to Steen

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Organizers for the Reformed Church of Steen Sunday school carnival went back to their roots Aug. 12 for the annual fundraiser.

"We're doing the old school carnival events," said Pastor Jeremy Wiersema.

While the fishing booth, football and basketball tosses have been part of the activities for the past decade, the inflatable bounce houses have

been a more popular children's activity.

Due to concerns of spreading the coronavirus, local organizers decided to forego the inflatable rental.

"It's still a fun night," Wiersema said. "It is more of a local invitation for the community to experience our (church) community."

Supper was available with outdoor seating and over a dozen vehicles were displayed in the car show.



Lenny Otkin of Steen talks with Henry Zwaan (hidden at left) about the features he added to his 1952 International Harvester Super H.

Left: Pastor Jeremy Wiersema (right) helps David Smedsrud of Luverne park his 1946 Chevrolet Fleetmaster.

Below, left: Hope Bosch of Hills snagged a bracelet at one of the old school carnival games: the fishing booth.

Below: Dozens enjoy the activities at Reformed Church of Steen.



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

When nurses Eileen Hocking and Glenda DeBoer retired from Sanford Hospital in July, they had accumulated 100 years of nursing experience in Luverne between them.

The two sit in a restaurant booth reflecting on their 50 years together working in the medical field in Luverne.

Both arrived in Luverne as newlyweds in the early 1960s. Hocking came fresh from St. Mary's nursing school in Rochester, following by a brief stint at University Hospital in Minneapolis.

DeBoer landed in Luverne in 1961 after working in California and Washington state while her husband served in the Navy. She received her schooling at St. Joseph's Nursing School in Mitchell, S.D.

25 years ago (1995)

Pinnacle Programs Inc. celebrates its grand opening Friday with an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony. ...

Pinnacle Programs, located in the former Magnolia school, opened in late June and is licensed to house 20 people between the ages of 13 and 19. The facility currently houses nine clients, some of whom are from the southwest Minnesota area and throughout Minnesota. Pinnacle employs 30 people, most of whom are from Rock and Nobles counties.

50 years ago (1970)

Now that they're open, they are really doing the business.

Weeks stretched into months on the construction project, involving the building of two rest area buildings, the road work, tree planting, and picnic table placing on I-90, about two miles west of Adrian. But since the barricades were removed, and the areas were declared open at 11 a.m. on Aug. 4, an estimated 10,000 persons have used the facilities.

A count made in the registration book on the north side of the highway (the area used by west-bound travelers) showed 1,419 had signed the book during the first 10 days it was open. Visitors included persons from nearly all the states including Alaska and

Hawaii. Two foreign countries were listed, Colombia and Germany. Many signatures were those of individuals but an equally large number were "Mr. and Mrs. and family." Nearly everyone who stops makes a trip to the restroom. Dozens of families use the picnic tables, particularly at mealtime.

75 years ago (1945)

They're expecting big things from John Reimer, Luverne, at Saturday's high school All-Star Football Game at Memorial stadium.

The Luverne high school athlete has gained considerable attention during practice sessions the past week because of his punting ability. To date, he has shown up as the best punter of both squads, the South and the North.

Sid Hartman, Minneapolis Times sports writer says, "It may be a Reimer punt that will make the break that will decide the outcome of this first annual Daily Times football classic. ..."

"Reimer was one of the best punters in Southern Minnesota last year while playing for Luverne. Time after time, he got off punts of 70 yards or better to keep his team in the games. In addition to his kicking prowess, Reimer is a better-than-average passer and does a good job of running with the ball. In high school he ran the high and low hurdles and this ability doesn't do his football game any harm. He weighs 185 pounds and stands six-foot-three. He will share the South's punting duties with St. Peter's Bob Overson."

100 years ago (1920)

The stockholders of the Farmers National bank, of this city with the approval of the comptroller of the currency at Washington, D.C., have increased the capital stock of the institution \$25,000, making the total capital stock \$50,000.

The increase was made by transferring \$25,000 from the surplus fund to the capital stock fund, and this still gives the bank a surplus fund of \$11,000. The additional stock has been apportioned to old stockholders, each one of whom received as many of the new stock certificates as he held of the old shares.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Roger and Barb Tweet will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 22. Greetings may be sent to them at 505 E. Barck Ave.; Luverne, MN 56156.

Dave Connell will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 23. Greetings may be sent to him at 39767 Clearmont Road; Battle Lake, MN 56115.

David and Louise Rogness will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 27. Greetings may be sent to them at 618 W. Warren St.; Luverne, MN 56156.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Aug. 24: Hamburger on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, pears, cookie.

Tuesday, Aug. 25: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, California blend, dinner roll, fruited gelatin.

Wednesday, Aug. 26: Fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn muffin, brownie.

Thursday, Aug. 27—Banana Lover's Day: Beef tips with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered beets, dinner roll, banana cake.

Friday, Aug. 28: Biscuit with sausage gravy, peas and pearl onions, cinnamon apples, cookie.

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Due to market demand for processors, the company is building a 10,000-square-foot cooler addition, which will double the plant capacity. "The original intent was to build this in the future and have business come to us, but the business is here already, so we decided not to wait," Paquin said. As we move into 2021, at least it will be available."

Premium Minnesota Pork/continued from page 1A

sions and retrofits to the plant that once housed Iowa Beef Processing and later Gold 'N Plump.

The investment bodes well for the city of Luverne's tax base. The more taxable value on the property rolls, the less burden for each property tax payer.

"This is an agriculture value added business," said Mayor Pat Baustian. "Without PMP, our farmers would be struggling to find harvest capacity for their hogs."

Baustian said PMP has been good for Luverne in more ways than jobs and tax base.

The company requires waste water treatment capacity greater than the city was able to provide, so PMP agreed to pay for half of the \$14 million waste water treatment plant improvements that will be completed this summer.

"It's been a great marriage with our waste water treatment plant improvements," Baustian said.

"We had to do Phases 2 and 3 anyway (to replace aging equipment), and this guarantees PMP the capacity they'll need."

He said city wastewater staff have reported that effluent arriving from PMP has so far been clear, thanks to a state-of-the-art water treatment system at PMP that cleans water before it gets sent to the city.

"It's not putting a huge biosolids load on our system," Baustian said.

"This is an agriculture value added business. Without PMP, our farmers would be struggling to find harvest capacity for their hogs."

— Mayor Pat Baustian. "

"It's just the hydraulic load."

With Luverne's plant improvements, PMP will be guaranteed a 200,000-gallon-per-day treatment capacity, which should more than accommodate its new production goal of 4,500 hogs per day.

Help wanted

At the moment, Paquin said hiring has been a major focus.

"We're a family-owned company with good paying jobs and we need help," he said. "We don't have thousands of employees. Instead we have hundreds. Our employees are names, not numbers."

Starting wage is \$13 per hour, but the pay is graded, and advancements are offered quickly.

"If you can perform a job, you'll get the grade right away," Paquin said.

Full-page advertisements in local and regional

papers promise living wages and generous benefits.

So far, workers are former Gold 'N Plump employees, workers from plants that have had pandemic-related layoffs, and those seeking work closer to home.

Antibiotic-free pork waits for markets to settle

PMP's niche market is antibiotic-free pork, the pandemic has strained regular processing outlets, so Paquin said the company is filling those needs first.

"The demand for fresh pork and availability of processors during COVID means that we'll process commodity hogs in the meanwhile," he said. "It's always nice to have a local guy around — another option they can take their business to as they choose between JBS and Smithfield."

He said PMP continues to lay groundwork for contracts with local antibiotic-free growers in order to ensure those supplies are in place when processing switches to antibiotic-free production in the plant.

"We can do both," Paquin said. "It's just a matter of labeling the packaging appropriately."

Luverne's sister plant, Premium Iowa Pork, will continue processing antibiotic-free pork in Hospers, Iowa, where 415 employees handle 3,100 hogs per day.

Both plants are owned by Lynch Livestock, headquartered in Waucoma, Iowa.

Filing for office/continued from page 3A

In addition, two candidates — Rebecca Dreesen and Lindsay Jennings — are seeking election to two open seats in a special election.

Beaver Creek:

Mayor Josh Teune filed for re-election, as did council member Alan Hamack.

Josh Boomgaarden did not file for re-election, but Cody Dietrich is now seeking election to that seat on the council.

Hardwick:

Mayor Willy Baker and council members Richard Hubbling and Lowell Schelhaas all filed for re-election with no challengers.

Kenneth:

Mayor Delbert Gangesstad is stepping down and Keith Hoven has filed for his seat.

Council member Paul Tweet has filed for re-election and Duane Nieuwboer

is seeking election to the seat held by the late Dave Groen.

Magnolia:

Mayor Dennis Madison and council members Mary Smook and Robert Somnis all filed for re-election.

Jeff DeGroot has filed for re-election to complete the last two-year term of the seat he was appointed to fill when Gary Lee passed away shortly after he was elected to a four-year seat.

Steen:

Mayor Melvin Van Batavia and council members Marlin Elbers and Mark Kruger are all stepping down with no one seeking election to their seats.

Jasper:

Michael Baustian filed for mayor and Trinidad Garcia and Kim Lape filed for the two open seats on the council.

Battle Plain Township:

Clerk Mark Vander Pol and supervisor Greg Talsma filed for re-elections.

Denver Township:

Clerk Linda DeSplinter and supervisor Kyle Hemme filed for re-election. Both the clerk and the supervisor terms are for four years.

Martin Township:

Clerk Doug Bos is stepping down and supervisor Josh Rheault is seeking re-election. Two ballot questions will be posed: (1) appointment of clerk; (2) appointment of treasurer.

Rose Dell Township:

Clerk Wayne Uilk and supervisor Elroy DeScheper filed for re-election.

Vienna Township:

Supervisor Brian Jonas and clerk Doug Eeten have filed for the two open seats.



Virtual hospice auction opens online today

More than 200 items are up for online bids today, Aug. 20, through Aug. 29 on the Sanford Luverne Hospice virtual online auction.

On the charity auction block will be a carrot cake made by George Bonnema (right) from his own garden produce. Bonnema's previous cakes have sold for as much as \$1,300 at past live auctions at the Hospice dinner/auction fundraising event.

This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the event is now virtual. The list of online auction items can be viewed at: <https://luvacf.ejoinme.org/LuverneHospiceAuction>. Bidding closes at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. Everyone can bid on the auction items.

It is not necessary to hold a ticket for the canceled Hospice dinner/auction. See Sanford Hospice ad on page 3B for contact information.

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Jason Berghorst photo/0820 Redbirds Serie 1

Ben Serie pitched a complete game in the Luverne Redbirds 6-1 victory over Milroy Aug. 12.

Redbirds/continued from page 1B

base, he hit his second double of the game, this time scoring two more runs and running the score to 8-0

Milroy would score its only run in the top of the ninth inning for a final score of 6-1.

"It's a lot easier to pitch well with a solid defense behind me," Serie said.

Paquette led the offense for Luverne with two hits, two runs and two RBIs. Serie also had two hits and three RBIs and Norman scored two runs for the victors.

Maurer was relieved his team took care of business in the first game, unlike the series before against Hadley.

"It's just so important to win the first game as it's really hard to come back and win two in a row against good teams," Maurer said.

Box score	
Milroy	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
Luverne	3 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 x 6

	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	3	0	0	0
Norman	4	2	1	0
Paquette	4	2	2	2
S. Wenninger	3	1	1	0
Beers	3	0	0	0
Serie	4	0	2	3
Haugen	4	0	0	0
Nelson	2	1	1	0
Nath	3	0	1	0

Luverne 12, Milroy Irish 3

Luverne traveled to Irish Yard, the "Field of Dreams"-like ballpark surrounded by cornfields between Milroy and

Vesta, Friday night for Game 2 of the Region 13C third-place series.

The Redbirds came out on top of the Milroy Irish 12-3 to win the best-of-three series and earn a return trip to the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball tournament.

Luverne loaded the bases in the first inning but did not score any runs.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the third inning when Luverne's Phil Paquette hit a triple that scored two of the three Redbird runs that inning.

"It always helps a lot when you can score first," said Redbird player-manager Brooks Maurer.

"I was a little nervous after we loaded the bases in the first inning and didn't score," he said, "so those first three runs helped a lot."

Luverne added one more run in the fourth inning before the Irish scored their first run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Redbirds then opened up the game with three big hits and five runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Paquette started the offensive eruption with a three-RBI double, which was immediately followed by a two-run homerun by Skyler Wenninger.

Ben Serie then hit a triple

but was unable to score.

"Our batters were really pounding the ball," Maurer said about the sixth inning.

Each team scored a single run in the seventh inning before Serie pounded a two-RBI double in the eighth inning that made the score 12-3, which would be the final score.

Jaxon Nelson scored three runs for the Redbirds and Derek Lundgren, Tyler Reisdorfer and Paquette plated two runs each.

Paquette tallied five RBIs in the game, while Wenninger had three and Serie had two.

Brandon Alfson, a pitcher from the Pipestone A's drafted by the Redbirds, started the game on the mound.

He struck out eight batters and gave up three walks, four hits and three runs in seven innings of work.

Reisdorfer pitched the final two innings for Luverne. He struck out four and gave up two walks, but no hits and no runs.

Box score	
Luverne	0 0 3 1 0 5 1 2 0 12
Milroy	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3

	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	4	2	1	0
Reisdorfer	5	2	2	0
Paquette	2	2	2	5
Maurer	1	0	1	0
S. Wenninger	5	1	3	3
Beers	5	1	0	0
Serie	6	0	2	2
Haugen	5	0	1	0
Nelson	4	3	2	0
Nath	3	0	0	0

Cross country, tennis teams open fall seasons



Jason Berghorst photos/0820 fall sports

The Luverne High School boys' and girls' cross country and girls' tennis teams opened their fall seasons Aug. 17. Both programs will have fewer competitions and face a number of pandemic-related restrictions during the upcoming season. The Minnesota State High School League has postponed the football and volleyball seasons to spring due to coronavirus concerns. Above, LHS coach Pete Janiszkeski offers encouragement while timing his athletes running their two-mile time trials on the first night of practice. About 35 athletes in grades 7-12 will compete on this year's team. Below, LHS senior Elise Jarchow and about 40 other teammates began tennis practice Monday night.



A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*



Governor Walz has extended the state's peacetime emergency order for another 30 day going through September 11. We all realize that the upcoming school year is at the forefront of so many parents, school teachers, students and school administrators minds. It is imperative to get the students back into a safe, healthy educational environment as soon as possible. Please help us do that by following the current coronavirus protocol. Mask up, wash your hands often and social distance.



As the superintendent of Luverne public schools, I implore our community, parents, students, and staff to work diligently within the CDC guidelines and the recently released Executive Order, so the School District can return to in-person school as soon as possible. The administration urges everyone to socially distance, avoid large gatherings, and wear masks. If we all do our part we can get our students back in school as close to the September 8th opening day as possible.
- Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent Luverne Public Schools

The "Safe Learning Plan" uses state Department of Health tracking of new virus cases as the first hurdle schools have to jump to be able to reopen.

- To fully reopen, a county would need to have fewer than 9 cases of the virus per 10,000 residents over a 14-day period.
- Schools in counties with higher case counts could attempt to reopen on a more limited basis for full or part-time classes, with younger students getting priority for in-person instruction.
- All schools in counties with more than 50 cases per 10,000 residents would have to be fully online.



I have extended the state's peacetime emergency in response to COVID-19 by another 30 days until September 11. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present an unprecedented and rapidly evolving challenge to our state. These executive orders helped us build hospital capacity, secure critical care and personal protective equipment for healthcare providers and launch an aggressive testing strategy. While these actions have slowed the spread of the virus and saved lives, it is important for us to assess the continued need for existing executive orders and rescind executive orders that are no longer necessary.
- Governor Tim Walz



I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.



Sincerely,

Patrick T. Baustian
Mayor Patrick T. Baustian



Great American Outdoors Act is big deal, great news

When I need a "pick me up," I just go for a wildlife ride and look for God's creatures. They seem to have made it through thousands of years of ups and downs, and last week they got a really, really big surge upwards.

Congress passed the Great American Outdoors Act.

I will provide a little background story first. In 1964 Congress passed the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This fund needed to be reauthorized periodically.

This directed \$900 million that the government received from gas and oil drilling royalties to this dedicated fund. As soon as it was passed, that same Congress started raiding the fund. Sounds a lot like Social Security to me. As the years passed, they habitually funded very small portions of what was promised.

The money that did get deposited in the fund was divided up and used by the states to acquire additional acres and improve the existing public lands. I don't call them public lands. I call them citizen-owned lands. These are acres we can all use to recreate, camp, fish, bird watch or any other compatible use. I believe that every citizen, regardless of their economic status, should be able to enjoy the outdoors. Citizen-owned lands are the only way this is allowed to happen.

Each year dozens



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

of conservation organizations lobbied hard for full funding. It never happened. This year was different. In an election year many unusual things happen. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was made permanent, no longer needing reauthorization, and so was the maximum funding of 900 million dollars. These funds would still come from oil and gas revenues but if they fall short, the funding must come from somewhere else. If you consider yourself a sportsman or sports woman, this is the biggest news to hit the outdoor press in 50 years.

In addition to permanent and fixed funding, the act also authorized \$9.5 billion to be spent over the next six years to reduce the backlog of maintenance issues in

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Court is in session

Kaden Anderson, left, and Casey Sehr are this year's accountants for the Cardinal Kangaroo Court. The player-led program helps teach members of the Luverne Junior Legion baseball team lessons of baseball and life. Anderson keeps detailed records in his cellphone and Sehr collects the money owed to the court.

Jason Berghorst photo/17U Kangaroo Court



'Kangaroo Court' teaches players about baseball, life

By Jason Berghorst

Baseball is a nuanced game with many rules and even more details.

Learning all there is to know about baseball can be a daunting task for young players and even longtime fans of the game.

That's where the Luverne Cardinal Kangaroo Court comes into play.

Luverne High School varsity baseball coach Mike Wenninger has led the LHS program for over 20 years.

He's also coached the summer Junior Legion team for all that time.

The team is made up of mostly ninth- and 10th-grade players. The coach uses those many summer games to teach his future varsity Cardinals the finer details of not only the game of baseball, but life lessons in general.

For much of that time, Wenninger's Junior Legion teams have used a system he calls Cardinal Kangaroo Court to help his young players learn the many lessons he wants to teach.

"The Kangaroo Court allows us to teach the kids those little things but also kind of make light of a situation that

doesn't have to be made bigger," Wenninger said.

"Another benefit is we coaches don't have to nag and repeat ourselves over and over," he said. "The kids take care of it in the court."

In fact, the players are actually in charge of the system.

Before, during or after a game, team members who notice a mistake or infraction made by themselves or another player say, "There's a bang."

A "bang" could be a mistake made on the field, forgetting to do a job, being late, not bringing needed equipment, wearing the wrong color belt or socks with the uniform or even asking a parent to come into the dugout.

"It could be things like missing a sign, not running with two outs, or anything on or off the field that impacts the team," Wenninger said.

"Bangs aren't for physical errors made on the field during a game, more the mental aspects of the game," he added.

Wenninger said the physical aspects of the game are worked on during practice.

"Bangs are a way for the kids to hold each other ac-

countable for the things we try to teach and talk about over and over at practice," he said.

That peer accountability comes during team meetings after each game.

Team members hold court and bring up any bangs that occurred. The team then decides the cost of the infraction, normally 25 cents.

Sometimes repeat offenses can garner slightly larger fines.

At the start of each season, team members vote on two players to serve as the accountants for the Kangaroo Court.

The accountants are responsible for maintaining records and collecting the money from players.

At the end of the season, all money collected goes back to the team.

"It could be ice cream treats, baseballs, partially paying for a team bat, that kind of thing," Wenninger said.

This year's accountants are Kaden Anderson and Casey Sehr.

Anderson keeps detailed records in his cellphone and Sehr collects the money.

"The whole system is run by the kids," Wenninger said. "They decide on the infractions

and the amount owed. Everything is voted on by the team, and majority rules."

Wenninger said the peer accountability is what makes the Kangaroo Court work.

"The kids are learning to avoid the infractions just by watching for them and hearing them called out on others," he said. "They're learning what not to do in order to avoid that bang."

Sehr and Anderson agree the court works.

"It keeps us from messing around and teaches us what we need to know," Anderson said.

"It's a fancy way to make sure we don't touch the hot stove twice," Sehr said, repeating one of his coach's often-used analogies.

This year the court system has collected just under \$20 total from team members.

According to the accountants, there is still a little money owed by team members.

"We have a group chat that we use to remind them," Anderson said, looking down at his notes on his cellphone.

"This year's been better than last year," he said. "We're learning."



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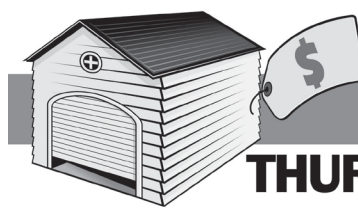
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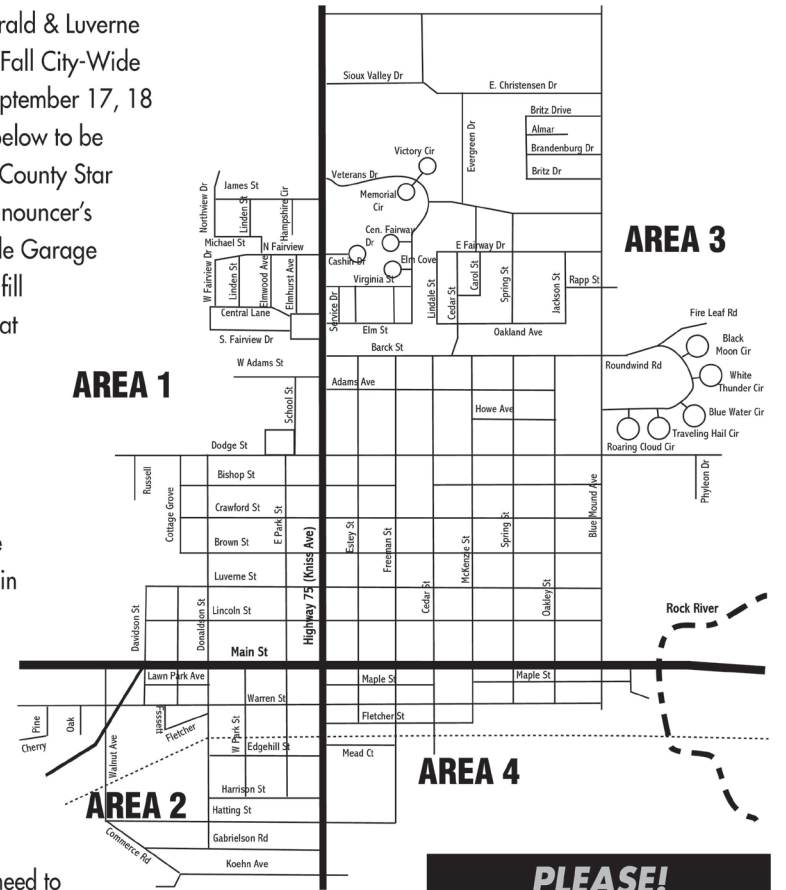
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Record corn, soybean yield predicted and prices expected to decline

The August 12 USDA Crop Report projected a record U.S. corn yield and record production in 2020, as well as a record 2020 soybean yield and the second highest U.S. soybean production level in history.

The yield and production projections were based on conditions as of Aug. 1. Normally the record crop yields and high production levels would be quite "bearish" on grain markets following the report; however, corn and soybean prices actually rose after the release of the Aug. 12 report.

The corn and soybean price increases were primarily due to the aftermath of the derecho storm that ripped through the heart of the Midwest Corn Belt on Aug. 10, two days prior to the USDA report.

The storm went across the entire state of Iowa from west to east, in addition to causing damage in portions of Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. It is estimated that one-third of Iowa's cropland was impacted by the storm that had straight-line winds of 80-100 mph or more.

Iowa has over 14 million acres of planted corn in 2020 and produced 19 percent of the total U.S. corn production in 2019. The storm also did considerable damage to grain handling and storage facilities, as well as homes and other farm buildings. It is still too early to evaluate the impact of the storm on statewide corn and soybean yields in Iowa and other states.

The Aug. 12 USDA Crop Report estimated the 2020 total U.S. corn production at 15.3 billion bushels, which would be an increase of 12 percent from the 2019 production level of 13.6 billion bushels. The 2020 projected U.S. corn production compares to approximately 14.4 billion bushels in both 2018 and 2017 and the current record U.S.

corn production of 15.2 billion bushels in 2016. USDA is estimating 2020 total U.S. corn acreage harvested for grain at 84 million acres, which is an increase of 3 percent from the 81.3 million harvested corn acres in 2019.

The latest Crop Report projects the national average corn yield in 2020 the record level of 181.3 bushels per acre, which compares to 167.4 bushels per acre in 2019, 176.4 bushels per acre in 2018, and the current record U.S. average corn yield of 176.6 bushels in 2017. Many private grain marketing analysts are projecting similar national corn yield levels to the corn yield in the USDA report. It will be interesting how much yield impact there will be in future reports from the derecho storm that flattened and snapped a significant number of corn acres in the Midwest.

USDA is estimating Minnesota's 2020 average corn yield at a record level of 197 bushels per acre, which surpasses the current record corn yield of 194 bushels per acre in 2017.

USDA is projecting Iowa's 2020 average corn yield at 202 bushels per acre, which is above the 198 bushels per acre in 2019 and 196 bushels per acre in 2018, but would match the 202 bushels per acre yield in 2017 and be just shy of the record state corn yield of 203 bushels per acre in 2016. Of course, the impacts from the derecho storm could lower Iowa's 2020 final yield.

South Dakota's 2020 corn yield is estimated at 167 bushels per acre, compared to 144 bushels per acre in 2019.

The USDA report on Aug. 12 estimated total 2020 U.S. soybean production at 4.42 billion bushels, which is an increase of 25 percent from the 2019 production level of 3.55 billion bushels. Other recent



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By Kent Thiesse, farm management analyst

U.S. soybean production levels are the record production level of 4.54 billion bushels in 2018, 4.39 billion bushels in 2017 and 4.3 billion bushels in 2016. USDA is now estimating total 2020 harvested soybean acreage at 83 million acres, which compares to just below 75 million acres in 2019.

USDA is projecting the 2020 U.S. average soybean yield at the record level of 53.3 bushels per acre, which would best the current record U.S. average soybean yield of 52.1 bushels per acre in 2016. The 2020 estimated U.S. soybean yield compares to recent national average soybean yields of 47.4 bushels per acre in 2019, 51.6 bushels per acre in 2018, and 49.1 bushels per acre in 2017.

Minnesota's 2020 average soybean yield is estimated at 51 bushels per acre, which compares to 44 bushels per acre in 2019, 48 bushels per acre in 2018, 47 bushels per acre in 2017 and the record state soybean yield of 52.5 bushels per acre in 2016.

Iowa is projected to have a 2020 soybean yield of 58 bushels per acre in 2020, compared to 55 bushels per acre in 2019, 57 bushels per acre in 2018, 56.5 bushels per acre in 2017 and the state record of 60.5 bushels per acre in 2016.

South Dakota is projected to have a 2020 soybean yield of 50 bushels per acre, compared to 42.5 bushels per acre in 2019, with North Dakota at 36 bushels per acre, compared to

31.5 bushels per acre in 2019 and Wisconsin at 54 bushels per acre, compared with 47 bushels per acre in 2019.

Aug. 12 WASDE report

The updated USDA World Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report was also released on Aug. 12. This report included the 2020 estimated U.S. corn production of 15.3 billion bushels, with an increase in the 2020-21 corn ending stocks compared to the July estimate. The 2020-21 corn ending stocks are now estimated at just over 2.75 billion bushels, compared to the projected 2019-20 corn ending stocks of 2.23 billion bushels. The report showed an increase in expected corn usage for feed, ethanol production, and exports for 2020-21, compared to estimated final 2019-20 levels.

USDA is projecting an average on-farm corn price for the 2020-21 marketing year, which runs from Sept. 1, 2020, through Aug. 31, 2021, at \$3.10 per bushel, which is a decline from the \$3.35 per bushel estimate in July.

USDA is now projecting an average on-farm soybean price for the 2020-21 marketing year at \$8.35 per bushel.

The 2018-19 final national average soybean price is estimated at \$8.55 per bushel, which compares to 12-month national average prices of \$8.47 per bushel in 2018-19, \$9.33 in 2017-18, and \$9.47 per bushel in 2016-17.

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our national parks. With the Covid-19 restrictions, more and more folks are spending time outside. It was this increase in outdoor interests that helped fuel the support for the bill's passage and its ultimate success. This is a monumental conservation bill, one unlike any other I have ever seen before and on a scale much larger than anything in the past.

Congressional representatives from some western states were adamantly opposed to this legislation. Those states already have upwards of 50 to 70 percent of their lands in federal ownership. I say spend those dollars in areas that have almost no citizen-owned lands at all. My county has less than 2 percent of its acres in any form of citizen-owned property.

It has historically been the congressional Republicans that have opposed this type of legislation. With the slim margins of each party's majority in both houses of Congress, even one or two seats can turn the tide. Hence the overwhelming bi-partisan support this bill received.

All I know for a fact is that most of the conservation work that has been done in the past 75 years has been done with the money hunters and fishers have

spent on licenses. This is one of the first bills that will spread out the responsibility of protecting and preserving our natural resources to all of the folks who enjoy them.

This is great news and way overdue. If you value wild places and the creatures that live there, this is a very big deal. Google "Great American Outdoors Act" and thank the folks who made it happen. It bears repeating, Today is a very great day and conservation interests have waited since 1964 to see it.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottall@gmail.com or on Twitter @habitat champion.

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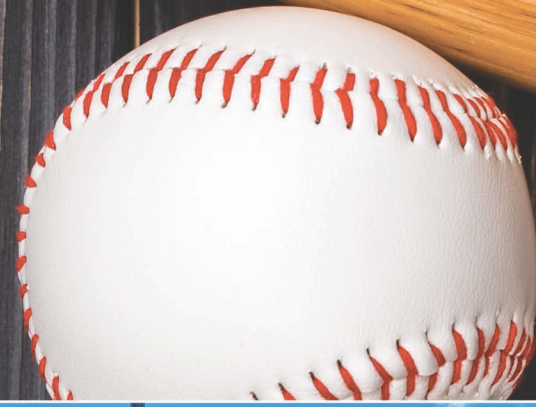
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Winners



The following are the names of all 4-H ribbon winners for the 2020 Rock County Virtual Fair:



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Competing in the intermediate division western pleasure class are (from left) Peyton Blom, Mallie Fick and Morgan Bonnett.

Tacey Baustian – Willing Workers

Sheep: market wether black face, blue; sheep showmanship grades 9+ participant;
Swine: breeding gilt all breeds, grand champion; market barrow, blue; swine showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Trista Baustian – Willing Workers

Sheep: market wether black face, blue; showmanship grades 9+ participant;
Swine: market barrow, grand champion; market gilt, blue; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Paige Blom – Denver Go-Getters

Dairy: Holstein registered & grade winter calf, purple; showmanship grades 3-5, grand champion;
Horse grades 3-5: pleasure, reserve champion; barrel race, red; egg & spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, white; key race, red; pole weaving, red; trail, red; western pleasure, red.

Peyton Blom – Denver Go-Getters

Dairy: crossbred fall calf, blue; showmanship grades 6-8, grand champion;
Horse grades 6-9: barrel race, white; egg & spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, red; key race, red; pole weaving, red; trail, red; western pleasure, red.

Ayden Bonnett – Magnolia Juniors

Horse grades 10+: games, reserve champion; barrel race, blue; egg & spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, blue; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; ranch pleasure, blue.

Cash Bonnett – Magnolia Juniors

Horse grades 6-9: games, grand champion; barrel race, blue; egg & spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, blue; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; horsemanship, red; ranch pleasure, blue; trail, red; western pleasure, blue.

Morgan Bonnett – Magnolia Juniors

Horse grades 6-9: games, reserve champion; english equitation, red; english pleasure, blue; barrel race, red; egg & spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, red; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; horsemanship, red; ranch pleasure, blue; showmanship, red; trail, blue; western pleasure, blue.

Caylix Buchholz – Springdell

Cloverbud: communication arts, participation; static projects, participation.

Colton Buchholz – Springdell

Aerospace grades 3-5: grand champion;
Crafts and fine arts grades 3-5: grand champion; fine arts, two blue ribbons;
Fashion revue grades 3-5: clothes you buy, grand champion;
Photography grades 3-5: manipulation, grand champion; elements, blue;
Robotics grades 3-5: engineering design, reserve cham-

pion;

Clothing grades 3-5: clothes you buy, reserve champion;
Communication arts grades 3-5: creative writing, blue; photojournalism, blue.

Klarissa Burkman – Springdell

Home environment grades 3-5: grand champion;
Crafts and Fine Arts grades 3-5: crafts, reserve champion; fine arts, blue and red.

Krista Burkman – Springdell

Clothing grades 9+: clothing you buy, grand champion;
Crafts and fine arts grades 9+: crafts, grand champion; fine arts, grand champion; fine arts, two blues;
Fashion revue grades 9+: clothes you buy, grand champion;
Needle arts grades 9+: grand champion;
Quilting grades 9+: grand champion;
Performing arts grades 9+: grand champion;
Photography grades 9+: elements, three blues.

Kallie Chapa – Magnolia Juniors

Horse grades 10+: pleasure, reserve champion; games, grand champion; showmanship, reserve champion; barrel race, blue; jumping figure 8, blue; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; showmanship, blue; horsemanship, blue; trail, red; western pleasure, purple.

Lanae Elbers – Blue Ribbon

Beef: prospect market steer calf, grand champion; showmanship grades 6-8, grand champion;
Goat: meat wether, grand champion; showmanship grades 6-8, grand champion; meat senior yearling breeding doe, blue.

Whitney Elbers – Blue Ribbon

Beef: market steer, purple; showmanship grades 9+, reserve champion;
Goat: meat market wether, grand champion; meat senior breeding doe kid, grand champion; showmanship grades 9+, grand champion.

Grace Fagerness – Blue Ribbon

Craft and fine arts grades 6-8: fine arts, grand champion; fine arts, blue.

Jed Fagerness – Blue Ribbon

Shop grades 3-5: grand champion

Blakley Fick – Magnolia Juniors

Horse grades 3-5: games, reserve champion; barrel race, red; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, white; key race, red; pole weaving, red; showmanship, red.

Drew Fick – Magnolia Juniors

Beef: breeding heifer junior yearling, purple;
Swine: market gilt, grand champion; showmanship grades 9+, grand champion.

Mallie Fick – Magnolia Juniors

Horse grades 6-9: pleasure, reserve champion; showmanship, reserve champion; games, reserve champion; barrel race, red; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, red; key race, red; pole weaving, red; horsemanship, blue; trail, blue; western pleasure, red;
Swine: market barrow, reserve champion; showmanship grades 6-8, grand champion.

Cassie Flanagan – Denver Go-Getters

Horse grades 10+: beginner walk/trot, blue; barrel race, blue; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, red; key race, red; pole weaving, blue; horsemanship, red; showmanship, red; trail, red.

Egypt Forrest – County K9s

Goat: meat senior yearling breeding doe, blue; meat goat showmanship grades 9+, reserve champion;
Performing arts grades 9+: grand champion;
Food preservation grades 9+: reserve champion;
Fruit, vegetable and herb gardening grades 9+: largest vegetable, reserve champion;
Pets grades 9+: purple
Photography grades 9+: elements, blue; elements, blue;
Clothing grades 9+: clothes you recycle, blue; non-garment, blue;
Crafts and fine arts grades 9+: crafts, blue; crafts, blue;
Fashion revue grades 9+: clothes you recycle, blue;
Foods grades 9+: preservation, blue; preservation, blue;
Performing arts grades 9+: two blues;
Fruit, vegetable and herb gardening grades 9+: largest vegetable, blue;
Crafts and fine arts grades 9+: crafts, red.

Fox Forrest – County K9s

Goat: meat senior yearling breeding doe, blue; meat goat showmanship grades 6-8, reserve champion;
Poultry: market pen, blue; market pen, blue; breeding pen, blue; bantam breeding pen, blue; egg production pen white layers, blue; egg production pen brown layers, blue; bantam breeding pen, red; showmanship grades 6-8, reserve champion; turkey pen, blue;
Food revue grades 6-8: grand champion;
Pet Show: reserve champion;
Photography grades 6-8: elements, reserve champion;
Fruit, vegetable and herb gardening grades 6-8: fruit, reserve champion; vegetable plate, grand champion; fruit, two blues; largest vegetable, two blues; vegetable plate, two blues;
Shop grades 6-8: reserve champion; two blues;
Arts and crafts grades 6-8: crafts, two blues; fine arts, blue;
Horticulture grades 6-8: flower gardening, two blues;
Food preservation grade 6-8: purple, two blues.

Memphis Haeffner – Springdell

Cloverbud: static project participant.

Allison Honken – Livewires

Poultry: chicken egg production white layers pen, blue; chicken egg production brown layers pen, purple; duck bantam breeding pen, blue; poultry showmanship grade 3-5, reserve champion;
Photography: three blue ribbons.

Andrea Honken – Livewires

Photography grades 6-8: elements, grand champion, two blue ribbons;
Crafts and fine arts grades 6-8: fine arts, three blue ribbons.

Joshua Honken – Livewires

Poultry: chicken egg production brown layers, reserve champion; chicken egg production white layers, blue; ducks bantam breeding pen, purple; showmanship grades 3-5, grand champion;
Photography: elements, three blue ribbons.

Halle Hough – Magnolia Juniors

Sheep: breeding ewe crossbred January lamb, grand champion; market ewe black face, grand champion; market wether black face, two blue ribbons; showmanship grades 9+, reserve champion;
Swine: market barrow, blue; market gilt, reserve champion; showmanship grades 9+, reserve champion.

Darwin Jansma – Livewires

Poultry: chicken pen, grand champion; chicken pen, reserve champion; chickens egg production white layers, blue; chickens egg production brown layers, blue and red; showmanship grades 6-8, participant;
Swine: market barrow, blue; market gilt, blue, showmanship grades 6-8 participant.



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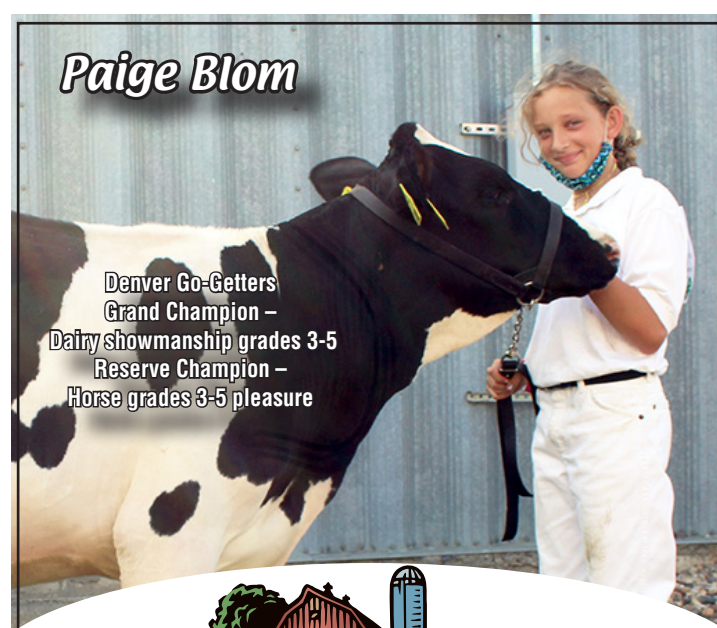
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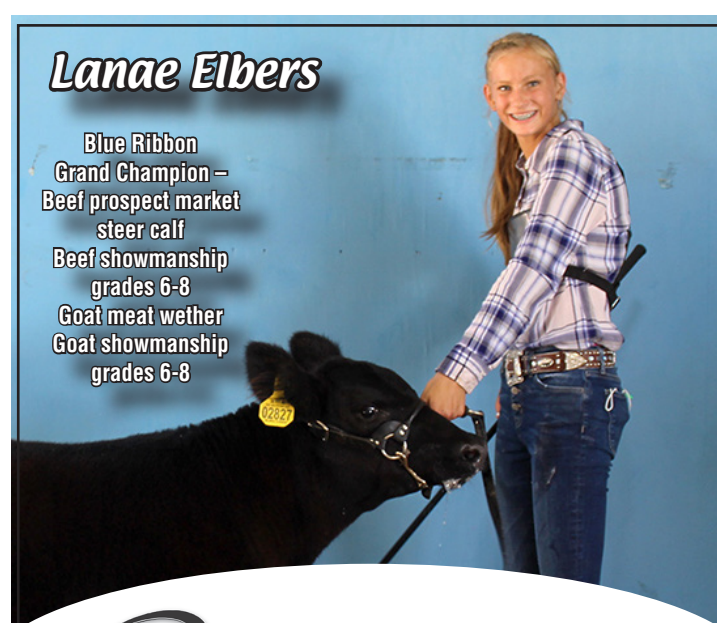


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Keagan Jessen – Denver Go-Getters

Goat: meat breeding doe kid, reserve champion; showmanship grades 3-5, grand champion;
 Sheep: market wether speckle face, grand champion; market wether white face, grand champion, market ewe white face, grand champion; market wether black face, blue; trio of lambs, blue.

Landon Jessen – Denver Go-Getters

Sheep: cloverbud showmanship participant.

Ashlyn Johnson – County K9s

Crafts and fine arts grade 9+: fine arts, blue;
 Pets grades 9+: grand champion

Gavin Johnson – Willing Workers

Horse grades 6-9: pleasure, grand champion; showmanship, grand champion; barrel race, red; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, red; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; horsemanship, blue; ranch pleasure, red; western pleasure, blue; showmanship, blue; trail, blue;
 Sheep: market ewe speckle face, grand champion; market wether black face, three blues; showmanship grades 6-8, grand champion; trio of lambs, reserve champion.

Luella Johnson – County K9s

Crafts and fine arts grades 3-5: crafts, grand champion;
 Fruit, vegetables and herb gardening grades 3-5: fruit, grand champion.

Quentin Johnson – Willing Workers

Sheep: market wether black face, two blues; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Ryker Johnson – County K9s

Photography grades 6-8: manipulation, grand champion.

Brianna Kinsinger – Magnolia Juniors

Performing arts grades 6-8: blue and grand champion;
 Food and nutrition grades 6-8: reserve champion;
 Clothing grades 6-8: non-garment, blue;
 Crafts and fine arts grades 6-8: fine arts, red and two blues;
 Photography grades 6-8: elements, blue.

Michael Kinsinger – Magnolia Juniors

Beef: breeding heifer junior yearling, purple; prospect market steer calf, reserve champion; showmanship grades 9+ participant;
 Swine: breeding gilts all breeds, reserve champion; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Nathan Kinsinger – Magnolia Juniors

Beef: prospect market heifer calf, purple; showmanship grades 6-8 participant;
 Swine: market gilt, blue; showmanship grades 6-8, reserve champion.

Ashlyn Klein – Denver Go-Getters

Fashion review: cloverbud participant
 Beef: cloverbud showmanship participant
 Dairy: cloverbud showmanship participant
 Static projects: three participations.

Claire Knobloch – Blue Ribbon

Beef: market steer, purple; showmanship grades 6-8, reserve champion.

Tory Knobloch – Blue Ribbon

Beef: market steer, blue; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Matthew Koedam – Denver Go-Getters

Communication Contest: cloverbud participant;
 Static projects: two participations.

Christian Kruse – Magnolia Juniors

Sheep: breeding crossbred February ewe lamb, purple and reserve champion; market wether black face, grand and reserve champions; showmanship grades 9+, grand champion; trio of lambs, grand champion;
 Swine: market gilt, blue; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Hannah Kruse – Livewires

Beef: market steer, grand champion; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Danette Leenderts – Blue Ribbon

Beef: market steer, blue; showmanship grades 9+ participant.



Holding a trio of lambs in the market lamb class are (from left) Gavin, Andrea and Quentin Johnson. Mavis Fodness photo/file photo

Donavon Leenderts – Blue Ribbon

Beef: market steer, reserve champion; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Drew Leenderts – Blue Ribbon

Beef: market heifer, grand champion; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Bradey Lemme – Willing Workers

Communications contest: photojournalism, blue.

Ellie Loose – Magnolia Juniors

Horse grades 3-5: pleasure, grand champion; games, grand champion; showmanship, grand champion; barrel, blue; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, blue; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; horsemanship, blue; ranch pleasure, blue; showmanship, blue; trail, blue; western pleasure, blue;
 Rabbit: small breed senior doe, grand and reserve champions; showmanship grades 3-5 participant.

Lillian Maloney – Springdell

Crafts and fine arts grades 3-5: fine arts, reserve champion;
 Horticulture grades 3-5: flower gardening, two blues and reserve champion;
 Communications contest grades 3-5: creative writing, blue; interpretive reading, purple.

Norah Maloney – Springdell

Cat grades 3-5: grand champion;

Horticulture grades 3-5: flower gardening, two blues and grand champion;
 Crafts and fine arts grades 3-5: two blues;
 Communications contest grades 3-5: creative writing, purple; interpretive reading, purple.

Justin Mente – Magnolia Juniors

Beef: breeding heifer junior yearling, grand champion; showmanship grades 9+, grand champion.

Trevor Mente – Magnolia Juniors

Beef: breeding heifer junior yearling, reserve champion.

Mazzie Moore – Blue Ribbon

4-H adventures grades 6-8: grand champion;
 Child and family development grades 6-8: grand champion;
 Robotics grades 6-8: engineering design, grand champion;
 Exploring the environment grades 6-8: grand champion;
 Crafts and fine arts grades 6-8: fine arts, reserve champion;
 Performing arts grades 6-8: dance, reserve champion;
 Communications arts grades 6-8: interpretive reading, blue; creative writing, purple.

Penni Moore – Blue Ribbon

Communication arts: cloverbud participant;
 4-H adventures: cloverbud participant;
 Static projects: cloverbud participant.

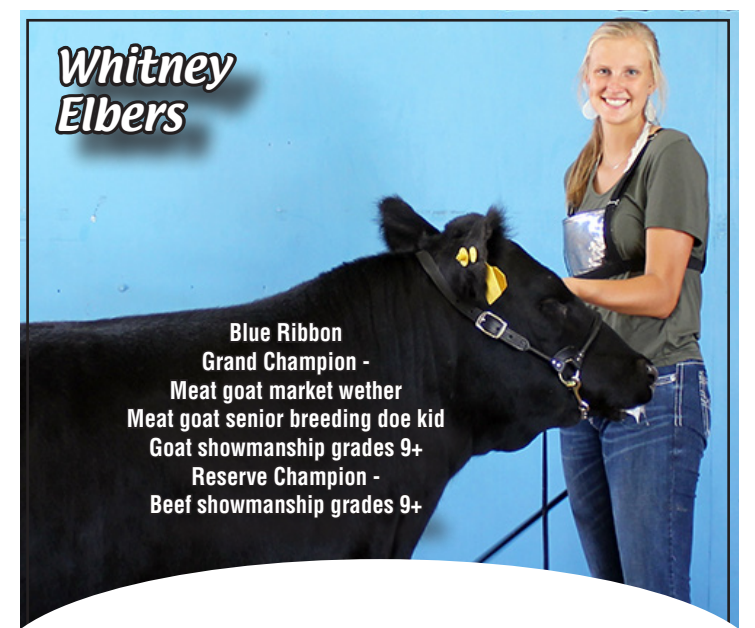
Lizzy Pitz – Springdell

Communication arts grades 3-5: creative writing, blue.



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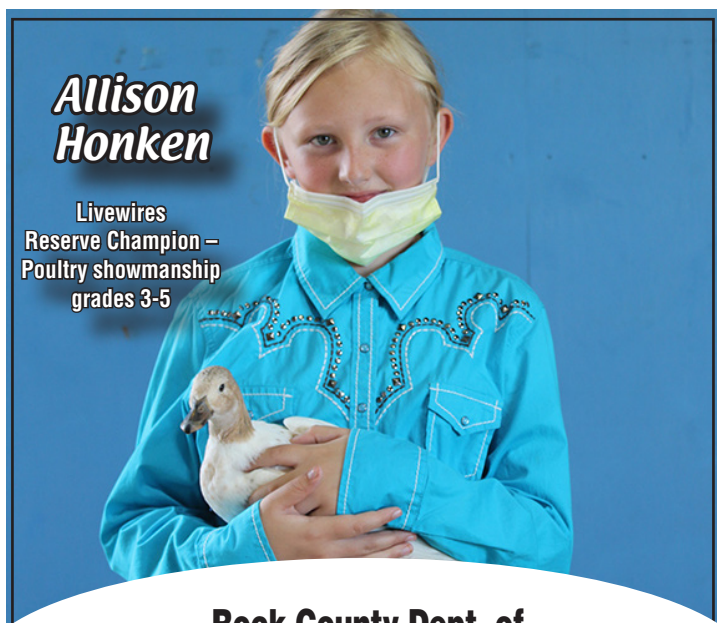


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Fruit, vegetable and herb gardening grades
6-8 vegetable plate
Food revue grades 6-8
Reserve Champion –
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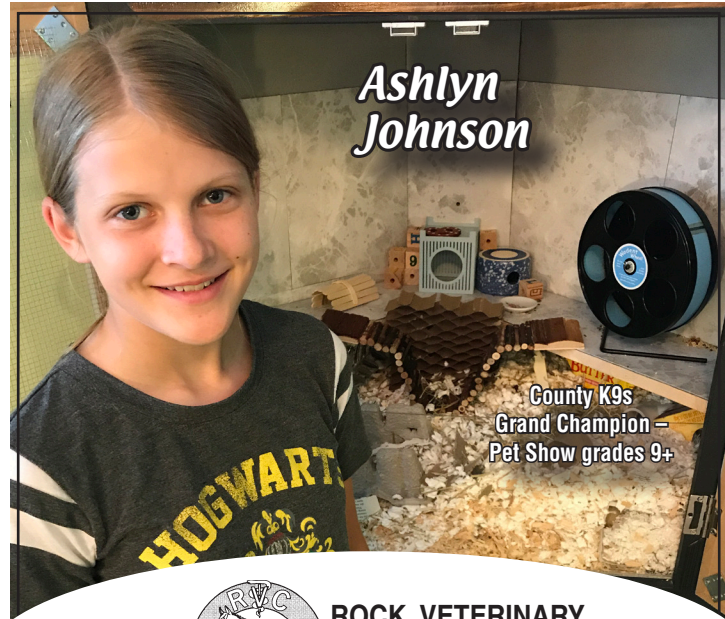


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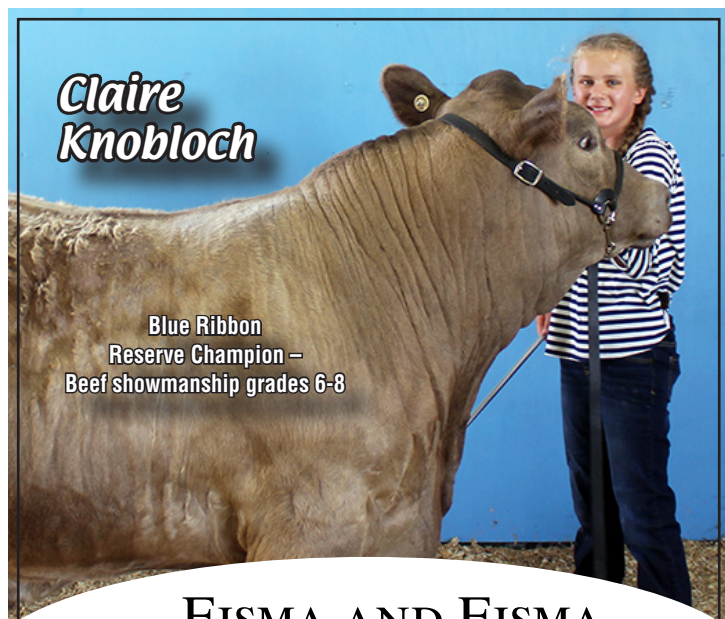


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Photography grades 9+: elements, two blues and grand champion;
 Crafts and fine arts grades 9+: fine arts, blue and reserve champion;
 Communications arts grades 9+: creative writing, blue; interpretive reading, purple.

Candace Porter – County K9s

Clothing grades 9+: clothes you make, grand champion;
 Photography grades 9+: elements, two blues and reserve champion;
 Communications arts grade 9+: creative writing, purple; interpretive reading, blue.

Gabrielle Porter – County K9s

Food preservation grades 3-5: grand champion;
 Photography grades 3-5: elements, grand and reserve champions;
 Clothing grades 3-5: clothes you make, reserve champion;
 Communications arts grades 3-5: creative writing, blue; interpretive reading, blue;
 Crafts and fine arts grades 3-5: fine arts, three blue ribbons.

Caleb Raak – Denver Go-Getters

Beef: dairy prospect steer, blue; dairy prospect showmanship participant;
 Dairy: crossbred junior yearling, blue; senior herd, reserve champion; production, two blues; Guernsey 3-year-old cow, blue; red and white advanced, purple; red and white senior yearling, red; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

Jacob Raak – Denver Go-Getters

Beef: dairy prospect steer, reserve champion; dairy prospect showmanship reserve champion; dairy prospect market steer, purple;
 Dairy: Ayrshire junior yearling, blue; Ayrshire advanced, red; junior herd, grand champion; production, blue; Holstein senior yearling, blue; showmanship grades 9+, grand champion.

Joshua Raak – Denver Go-Getters

Beef: dairy prospect market steer, grand champion; dairy prospect showmanship, grand champion; dairy steer crossbred, grand and reserve champions;
 Dairy: crossbred advanced, blue and purple; senior herd, blue and grand champion; production, grand and reserve champions; Holstein senior yearling, purple; showmanship grades 9+, reserve champion

Alex Reker – Springdell

Communications arts grades 9+: interpretive reading, purple.

Brenna Reker – Springdell

Communication arts grades 3-5: interpretive reading, blue.

Kennedy Safar – Blue Ribbon

Horse grades 10+: pleasure, grand champion; showmanship, grand champion; barrel race, red; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, red; key race, red; pole weaving, red; horsemanship, blue; ranch pleasure, blue; showmanship, blue; trail, blue; western pleasure, blue.

Chloe Schoeneman – Blue Ribbon

Poultry: chicken egg production white layers, grand



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Ivy Tiesler with the Livewires 4-H Club participated as a Cloverbud in the 4-H rabbit showcase.

champion; chicken egg production brown layers, blue; showmanship grades 6-8, grand champion.

Conner Snell – Springdell

Rabbit: cloverbud showmanship.

Ava Steinhoff – Blue Ribbon

Robotics grades 3-5: engineering design, grand champion;
 Communication arts grades 3-5: interpretive reading, blue;
 Photography grades 3-5: elements, blue and red.

Larissa Steinhoff – Blue Ribbon

Food and nutrition grades 6-8: grand champion.

Aaliyah Stensland – Springdell

Crafts and fine arts grades 6-8: crafts, blue and grand champion; fine arts, four blue ribbons;
 Exploring animals grades 6-8: grand champion;
 Fishing sports grades 6-8: purple, blue and grand champion;
 Horticulture grades 6-8: indoor gardening, grand champion.

Andres Stensland – Springdell

Self determined grades 6-8: grand champion
 Robotics grades 6-8: engineer design, reserve champion;
 Fishing sports grades 6-8: reserve champion;
 Crafts and fine arts grades 6-8: crafts, blue; fine arts, two blues and red.

NeVaeh Stensland – Springdell

Photography grades 9+: manipulation, grand champion;
 Crafts and fine arts grades 9+: crafts, two blues; fine arts, four blue ribbons.

Ivy Tiesler – Livewires

Rabbit: cloverbud showmanship participant;
 Sheep: cloverbud showmanship participant;
 Swine: cloverbud showmanship participant.

Kellie VanDerBrink – Blue Ribbon

Horse grades 10+: equitation, red; english pleasure, blue; barrel race, blue; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, blue; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; horsemanship, blue; ranch pleasure, white; showmanship, red; western pleasure, blue.

Keisha Veldkamp – Springdell

Horse grades 10+: English pleasure, red; barrel race, red; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, red; key race, white; western pleasure, red;
 Rabbit: small breed junior buck, blue and red; showmanship grades 9+ participant;
 Sheep: market wether speckle face, reserve champion; market ewe speckle face, blue and reserve champion; showmanship grades 9+ participant.

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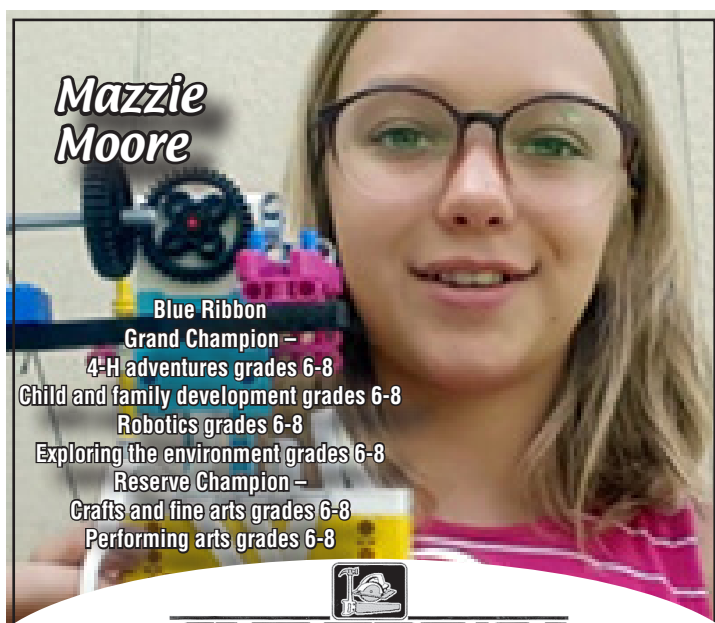


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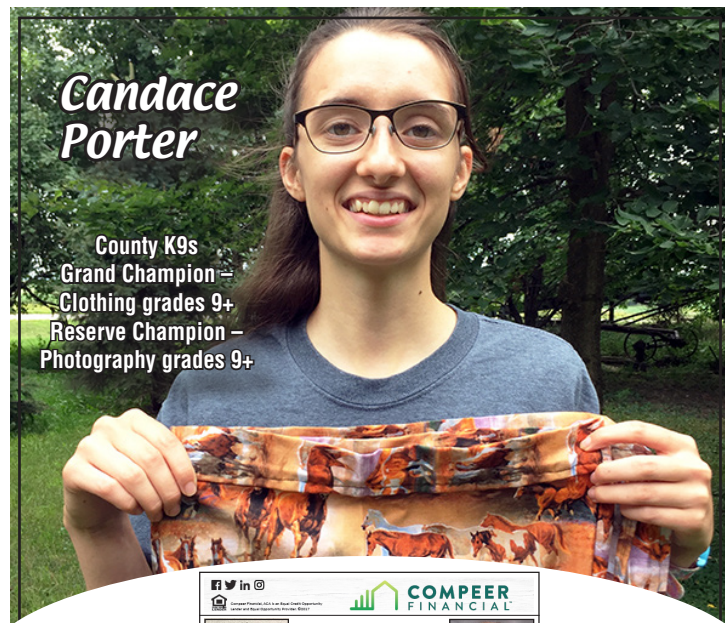


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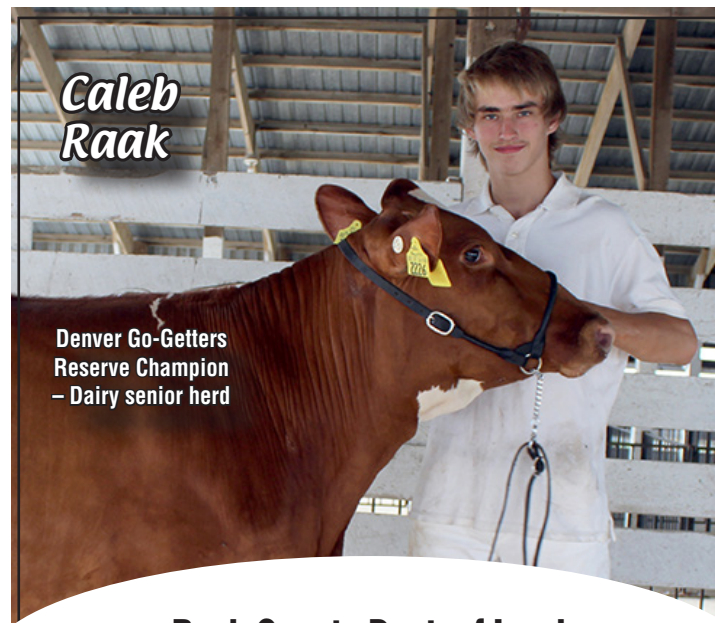


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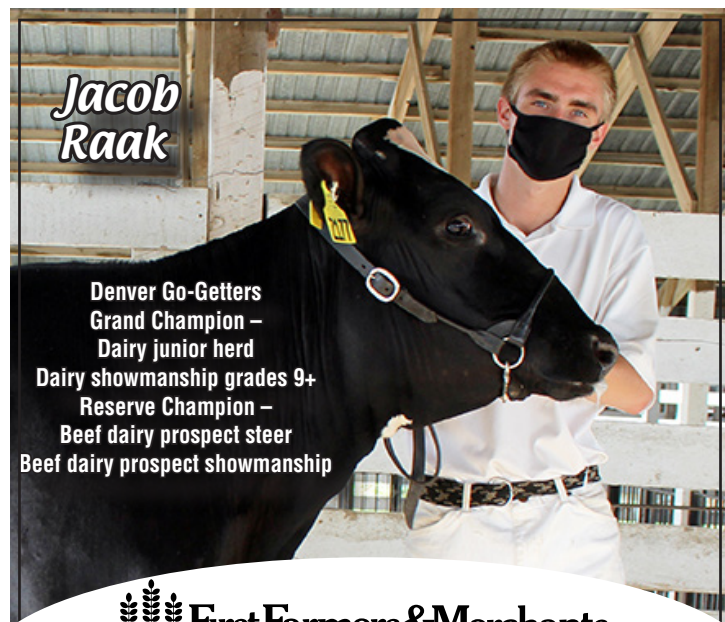


Caleb Raak

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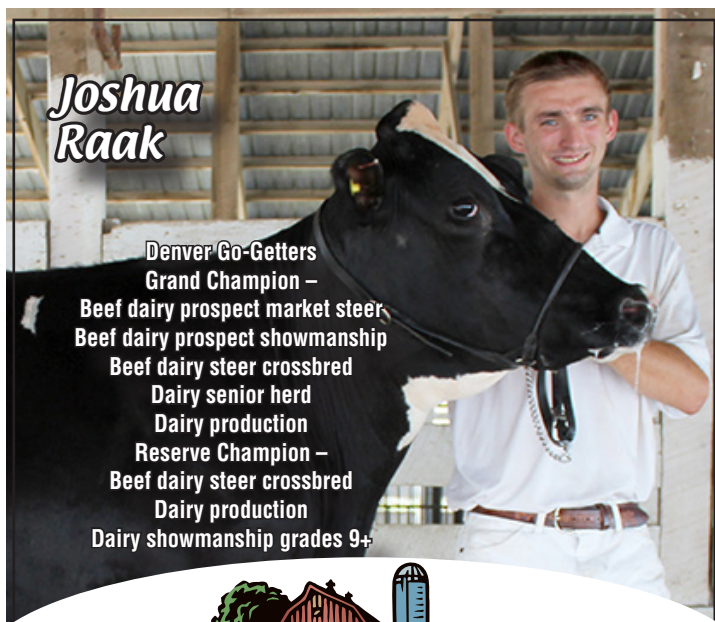
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Jacob Raak

Denver Go-Getters Grand Champion - Dairy junior herd Dairy showmanship grades 9+ Reserve Champion - Beef dairy prospect steer Beef dairy prospect showmanship



Joshua Raak

Denver Go-Getters Grand Champion - Beef dairy prospect market steer Beef dairy prospect showmanship Beef dairy steer crossbred Dairy senior herd Dairy production Reserve Champion - Beef dairy steer crossbred Dairy production Dairy showmanship grades 9+



Larissa Steinhoff

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Aaliyah Stensland

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Andres Stensland

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NeVaeh Stensland

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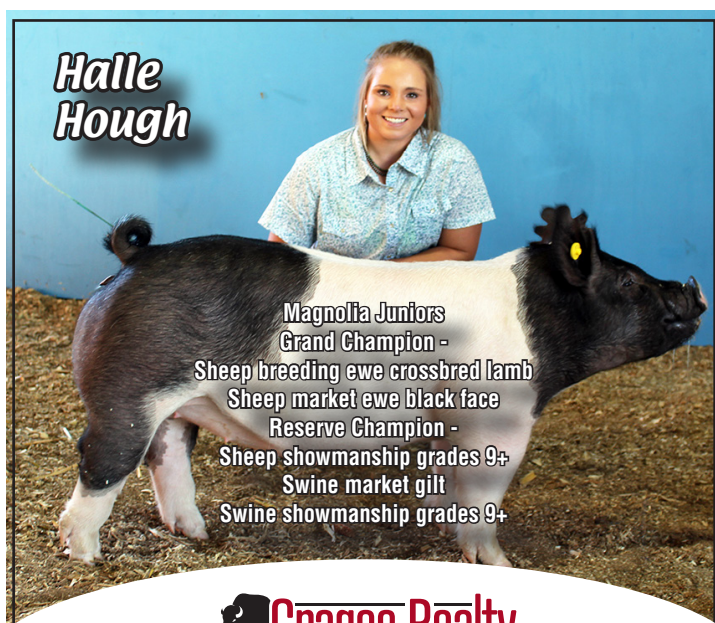


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Klarissa Burkman - Springdell
Grand Champion - Home environment grades 3-5
Reserve Champion - Crafts and fine arts grades 3-5

Ava Steinhoff
Grand Champion - Robotics grades 3-5