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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-headper 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, expan-

Premium Minnesota Pork/see page 8A

# 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," Schear 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



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.

# 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

# 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.

"Amultipurpose, 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

publically, 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 meeting. "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

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

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

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



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County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	90	5	+5.8%
Pipestone	164	7	+4.4%
Nobles	1,799	34	+1.8%
Minnehaha (SD)	4,655	218	+3.8%
Lyon (IA)	130	16	+14%

#### 14-day case rate in Rock County per 10,000 people: 7/26-8/1

**Date Range** 6/28 - 7/11 7/5 - 7/18 7/12-7/25 8.50 18.06 28.68 30.81

#### According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

•Schools in counties with fewer than 9 new cases per 10,000 residents in a two-week period could have in-person classes for all students •Schools in counties with more than 50 new cases per 10,000 residents in

two weeks would have to be fully online for all students. •Schools in counties with more than 9 and fewer than 50 new cases in two weeks could have hybrid learning models for students, age appropriate.

#### Based on this data, the current learning model would be:

HYBRID for Elementary and Middle/High School

Current data as of August 18, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Luverne student registration

New families in the Luverne School District are encouraged to register children for the 2020-21 school year. Call the high school at 507-283-4491 to set up an appointment. The District office is open; the elementary office can be reached at 507-283-4497.

#### Senior food distribution Aug. 20

A.C.E. of SW Mn-Rock Co. will offer its Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) age 60 and older, from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln in Luverne.

Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Registration is required for those not already en-

#### **New Life Celebration food** distribution canceled for Aug. 20

Monthly food giveaways at Generations on Aug. 20 are canceled due to low numbers of recipients. Call 507-283-4366 or 402-981-5019 with questions.

#### Drive-thru Relay For Life Aug. 20

A drive-through Rock County Relay for Life will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Luverne City Park with a drive-up meal, radio broadcast entertainment and a message from Yvette Van Der Brink, Relay for Life Honorary Chairperson.

Poster boards (instead of luminary bags) are available for a freewill donation at Salon 75 or First Farmers & Merchants Bank, or people can make their own posters with tag board.

A virtual 5K can be run or walked anytime Aug. 20-23. Register and get a T-shirt at luvprintexpress.com/ relay5k. Survivor names can be sent to luvrockrelay@ gmail.com to be put on luminary bags.

#### Take 16 blood drive Aug. 21

Take 16 Brewing Co. and Community Blood Bank will host an emergency community blood drive on Friday, Aug. 21, from noon to 5 p.m. at Take 16 Brewing Co. at 509 East Main Street in Luverne. Donors will receive an event T-shirt and a certificate for a favorite brew. Appointments are required. To schedule, go to www.cbblifeblood.org and select "events," then click on Aug. 21 Take 16 Brewing Co., or call Community Blood Bank at 605-331-3222.

Donors need identification and must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. For more information, log on to www. cbblifeblood.org.

#### Free community meal Aug. 26

The United Methodist Church in Luverne is offering a free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26. Social distancing will be practiced in the Fellowship Hall and a pick-up option is also available. Delivery options are no longer available so please make arrangements for your meal to be picked up. If you are not able to find someone, you may call the church office 283-4529 and arrangements will try to be made.

#### RCO struggles in pandemic economy/continued from page 1A

#### Real losses for real lives

Meanwhile, the real losses are felt in the lives and families of disabled adults with nowhere to work.

When stay-at-home orders were issued at the start of the pandemic, RCO clients were no longer allowed inside the RCO facility or at their

For many, these jobs provide a sense of accomplishment and purpose along with a much-needed structure in their daily schedules.

"It makes me happy to be able to come and work at RCO," said client Brandon Basche. Being able to work makes me feel more independent and I enjoy being able to interact with the staff at RCO."

Similarly, Amber Schieck  $said she's glad to \, return \, to \, RCO,$ even if it is limited hours.

"I am glad to be able to come back and work at RCO to make more money and see the staff and others at the building," she said.

"It made me sad when I was not able to come to RCO because I missed my friends, staff, and being able to make money."

Her current job involves stripping electrical insulation off wires in order to sell the copper.

"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.

Without the work, Schear said RCO clients are suffering emotional as well as financial distress.

#### Value in the community

That's why she said it's so frustrating that organizations like RCO have such little impact in St. Paul and Wash-



Lori Sorenson photo/0820 RCO wire stripping

Amber Schieck strips electrical insulation off wires to sell the copper. She said working with power tools feels empowering.

ington, D.C., where funding decisions are made.

"How do we get the message to them that we have value in this community?" Schear said.

She said lawmakers have a history of shying away from funds for disability service providers because of misconceptions that providers are using disabled workers to make money.

"There just isn't a whole lot of support out there," Schear

"At one time, federal lawmakers suggested doing away

with organizations like ours altogether."

The incentive for employers to hire disabled workers is that they can pay less than minimum wage, but the misconception is that the workers get \$5 per hour and the employer pays minimum wage or higher.

"That's simply not true," Schear said. "We charge employers the average the worker makes. The employer gets a benefit for hiring people with disabilities."

Springbrooke Events in Beaver Creek hires RCO for laundry services, and manager Chris Youngeberg said he's pleased with the arrangement.

"Since we reopened the Bar and Grill and Event, RCO has been our exclusive partner in laundering our linens and

towels," Youngeberg said. "They do an excellent job, and the price can't be beat. They have never let us down. They always get our linens back on time and looking as good as new."

#### Stretching the dollar

Of the \$30 million the new law provides for disability service providers, \$10 million will be set aside for public health grants for COVID-related expenses, such as personal protective equipment or additional staff to meet new pandemic mandates.

The remaining \$20 million will be spread among 110 providers statewide, including those with massive budgets that might claim millions of dollars in losses.

"Some of their annual revenues are in the tens of millions," Schear said. "They might get a big chunk of that \$20 million, so the money won't go that far."

According to the governor's office, the bill signed Friday provides aid from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to assist certain disability providers with the costs of business interruptions caused by COVID-19.

It also helps ensure access to these services during and after COVID-19; makes it easier for people to apply for economic assistance programs during COVID-19; and expands the universe of providers who can access a DHS grant program that supports people with disabilities and older adults.

#### AutoMania/ continued from page 1A

a total of 8.000 square feet of outdoor hard surface."

Activities associated with AutoMania are outdoors by nature with Live Rock 'n' Roll music, special movie cars, auto-related vendors, food and beverages.

Admission is free, thanks to several sponsors, and Gourley said proceeds will be donated to Game Plan 4-Hope, Veterans Cemetery, El Riad Shriners children's hospital.

Saturday is considered the main event, but Friday night offers a preview with a charity poker run at 5 p.m., free live music at 7 p.m. on the golf course and the first rounds of Dock Dogs diving competition starting at 5 p.m.

Gourley said a 30,000-gallon above-ground pool will have a dock at one end for the dogs to make running dives in competition for the longest jump, highest jump, fastest retrieve and other categories.

Dock Dog National Sportsmen's Series competition will continue Saturday starting at noon with finals at 6 and 8 p.m.

The schedule of events is featured on the back page, and on the AutoMania website, www.automaniaatspringbrooke.com.

### Todd Mann retires/continued from page 1A

counting his years as a student.

After graduating from Luverne High School in 1975, Mann worked as a small engine mechanic at Rock County Implement.

In 1985 he began as a custodian at the former Luverne Elementary building on Luverne Street.

After about six months, the groundskeeper position opened at the middle/high school building and Mann moved into that role.

He spent the next 24 years working outdoors mowing grass, grooming athletic fields, clearing ice and moving snow.

"Most of the time I was the only guy outside," Mann said. "In the summers we did hire college kids to help with the mowing."

About halfway through his years as groundskeeper, the new elementary school was built next to the high school and the size of the campus expanded greatly.

"The size of everything pretty much doubled ... the sidewalks, parking lots, the ball fields ... it all got much bigger," Mann said.

In the winter Mann would arrive at school between 3 and 4 a.m. to begin removing snow and ice before staff and students arrived for the day.

While he was groundskeeper, Mann also began training for boiler operations.

About 10 years ago he was promoted to lead custodian and has been overseeing boiler operations and custodial work at the middle/high school since then. "There was a lot to learn when I started

working inside," Mann said. "I learned a lot from the other guys." Through all of the changes, Mann said

one thing has remained - the pride that he has in the school buildings and grounds.

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"We can really be proud of how well maintained our building has been and how clean it is kept," he said.

"People could tell how old the high school is by the 1950s glazed brick tile," he pointed out, "and they often compliment us on how good of shape the building is in

"We always kept it clean and they spent the money needed to keep it looking good," Mann said. "It's not like that everywhere."

Mann didn't hesitate. "The kids and the teachers and all the

When asked what he will miss most,

people I've gotten to work with," Mann said. "I'll miss them." "Custodians work with students,

teachers, office staff, cooks - everybody. That's been the best part." Mann said he has no immediate

retirement plans, other than spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Mann's son and daughter both live in

the Sioux Falls area. "I'll probably pick up a part-time job

or help here and there," he said. He and his wife, Shawn, also hope

to keep taking trips on their motorcycle once pandemic concerns diminish. "We had some trips planned, but we'll

wait now till things settle down and more things are open again," he said. For now, he'll get used to being away

from school after all these years. "If you had told me in high school

I'd spend my career back at the school, I would have said you were crazy," Mann "But I'm glad I did - I worked with a

lot of great people and I always took a lot of pride in the work."

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# **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 nonprofit 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

Businesses and nonprofit 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 currenton 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

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

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 Dysthe said he would not support a levy increase.

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

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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 LuverneEconomic 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 prefinished 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

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

The H-BC school board met in closed session in mid-Iuly 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" expec-

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,

•planning and assessment,

•instructional leader-

•organizational management, 3.37.

•communication/com-

munity 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 threeyear 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

•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.

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# **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

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

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 Lefdal, Lisa Lynn, Jeffery Thomas McNuss and Amber Swanson.

Filing for office/see page 8A







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# UPINION

### 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, 1 think about Aug. 20,



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

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

### IN OTHER Words

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

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 selfconfidence, and earned my history degree and teaching

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

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

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

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 **GUEST EDITORIAL** 

By Pat Baustian, mayor, city of Luverne

them and ask our patrons to do the

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

Out of curiosity, I checked with

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

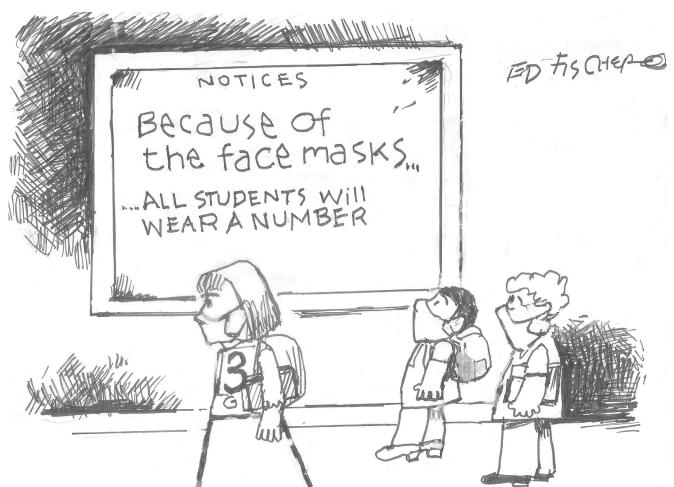
Truth be told, mask wearing is a matter of courtesy and respect for everyone around us. It's not the sort of thing city leaders should be asked to enforce.

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 why? 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?



often encounter motorists pulling trailers that are experiencing breakdowns. Most

often it involves a flat tire or trailer wheel bearing. Basic trailer maintenance in-

volves 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 func-

•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

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

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

### Voice of our READERS

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

•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.

•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

•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, milemarker 17, Luverne, reported amale 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 them out until things get better."

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

#### 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.

 $\hbox{``We believe that there is an }$ opportunity in the Sioux Falls and surrounding area to provide our services to patients/ families in person and/or via telehealth."

Steve Fields

Minnesota Attorney

**FIELDS** 



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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

The First National Bank was built around 1917 of brick, stone and concrete, and the interior is Tennessee marble and trimmed with quartersawed 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 - nothingis 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,"

Parcel #2: ½ mile south of Kenneth, MN.

gently rolling topography.

Hemme said. As a start, Oldre sug-

gested 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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#### 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.

# **C**ELEBRATIONS

#### **Card showers**

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

 $\label{eq:Dave Connell} \textbf{ will celebrate his 80}^{\text{th}} \ birthday \ on \ Sunday, \ Aug. \\ 23. \ Greetings \ may \ be sent to \ him \ at \ 39767 \ Clearmont \ Road; \ Battle \ Lake, \ MN \ 56115.$ 

**David and Louise Rogness** will celebrate their  $50^{\rm th}$  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,

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.

with sausage gravy, peas and pearl onions, cinnamon apples, cookie.

Friday, Aug. 28: Biscuit

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for homedelivered meals.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

#### **O**BITUARIES

#### Ila Travis

Ila Mae Travis, 91, Perham, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo,

No services are planned at this time.

North Dakota.

Ila Mae Baumgard was born Aug. 16, 1928, to Martin and Irene (Janda) Baumgard in Alba township in Jack-

son County, Minnesota. Ila was baptized in the Trinity Lutheran Church. She lived in Kimbrae, Brewster and the Fulda area. She attended country school in Kimbrae and Brewster area before attending and graduating from Fulda High School with the Class of 1945. After graduating she worked at the CIT Office in Worthington.

Ila married Forrest Travis on Jan. 15, 1950, at the

Trinity Lutheran Church in

Brewster. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Maurice and Mark. For two years Ila and Travis separated in Burbank, California, where Ila worked in Cost Accounting for Menasco Aircraft. Her career after that

was as a housewife and bookkeeper for her husband. In 1986 the two were reunited in Magnolia, where they lived before moving to Battle Lake. They spent the summers on Deer Lake and the winters in Florida and Arizona.

Ila was a member of the United Methodist Church and Women, the Rock Over Country Extension Club, and the Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W. #2757 in Lodies. She had many hobbies, including bowling in her younger years, oil and china painting, gardening, crocheting, traveling and fishing.

She is survived by her husband, Forrest Travis; her children, Maurice (Nancy) Travis of Fargo, North Dakota, and Mark (Linda) Travis of Eden Prairie; her stepgrandchildren Amy O'Brien, Kelly (Keven) Huang, Travis Peterson, and Kristi (Chad) Schmultz; six great-grandchildren; brother Wayne (Dee) Baumgard of Glendale, Arizona; nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arrangements were provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service of New York Mills, www.karvonenfuneralhome.com.

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#### Gilbert Elbers

Gilbert William "Gib" Elbers, 89, Luverne, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors followed at Eastside Cemetery near Steen.

Gilbert Elbers was born Dec. 25, 1930, to William and Elizabeth (Timmer) Elbers in Lester, Iowa. In 1932 he moved with his parents to a farm north of Luverne under the Mounds. In 1942 they moved to a farm north of Steen. Gib attended District 61 Country School in rural Steen.

In March 1953 Gib entered the U.S. Army. He received his basic infantry training in Fort Lewis, Washington, and MP training in Fort Baker, California. He attended cooking school in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and then went to Camp Gordon near Augusta, Georgia, where he was a cook for 17 months.

Gib married Henrietta VandenBerg on Dec. 29, 1954. He was honorably discharged from the Army on March 15, 1955. Gib worked for Nick

worked for Nick Van Iperen as a farmhand for one year. For the next six years he and Henrietta farmed near Luverne and George, Iowa. In 1965 the couple moved to Gib's

parents' farm, where they lived for the next 28 years.

During that time Gib worked various jobs at Bell Telephone, Filter Cleaning Company and then for the veterinary at the Sioux Falls Stockyards. He later worked for different commission companies within the Sioux Falls Stockyards. He also spent five years working as a crossing guard for the Luverne Public Schools. Gib acquired his GED in 1982. The couple retired in 1991, and the following January they moved into Luverne. Henrietta died at home on Feb. 1, 2020.

Gib was a member of the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. He served as deacon and elder in the churches he attended. Gib was very proud of the accomplishments of

his children. He especially enjoyed going to farm and livestock auction sales and was his son Keith's best promoter and advertiser for his auction business.

Gib is survived by his four children, Kevin of Luverne, Sharla (Dean) Broersma of Sunnyside, Washington, Keith (Annette) Elbers of Hills, and Kurtis (Lanette) Elbers of Steen; nine grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Patrick) Visscher of LeMars, Iowa, Marisa (Ryan) McNamara of Chandler, Arizona, Brittany (James) Vander Schaaf of Escalon, California, Emily Broersma of Sunnyside, Tyler (Kala) Bush of Hills, Brock Elbers of Las Vegas, Nevada, Whitney, Sean, and Lanae Elbers of Steen; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Cena Mae (Arvin) Tilstra of Steen, and Jo Ann Moeller of Mitchell, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Henrietta.

Memorials may be directed to Southwest Christian

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

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#### Bernard Clark -

Bernard "Bud" Clark, 90,

Luverne, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at Ava's House Hospice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after a short struggle with pneumonia.

A funeral Mass was Tuesday, Aug. 18, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was in the St. Catherine Co.

in the St. Catherine Cemetery.
Bernard Clark was born to
Tom and Mamie Clark on Jan.
16, 1930, in Mitchell, South
Dakota. He was raised on the
family farm in Plankinton,
South Dakota.

Bud married Tillie Vogel on May 12, 1953, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota. They were blessed with seven children. The family farmed in the Plankinton/White Lake area before moving to Luverne in 1967.

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Bud worked at Land-

O-Lakes for over 20 years. During that time he also started Clark's Spraying Business. He modeled his work ethic, determination and desire to provide for his family by holding down both jobs for over 15 years.

He was an active member of St. Catherine Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Bud enjoyed watching the Vikings, playing cards and meeting his friends at McDonald's to solve the world's problems. He especially looked forward to spending time with his kids and grandkids and giving them his special foot rubs.

Bud had a natural curiosity to learn. He had a gift of connecting with people by listening and learning from them. Bud was a humble man

with a big heart. He had a passion for staying young and healthy and was intrigued by motivational/self-help books, vitamins, exercise equipment and other gimmicks for his health

Bud is survived by his wife, Tillie Clark, Luverne; his children, Mary and Lawrence Johns, Nashville, Tennessee, Jim and Sue Clark, Sioux Falls, Ed and Julie Clark, Marshall, Dorothy Clark-Miles, Shakopee, Dan and Carla Clark, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Teresa and Brad Schoenfelder, Sioux Falls, and Joan Clark, Detroit Lakes; 20 grandchildren; and

12 great-grandchildren. Hewas preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Lorraine; and a granddaughter, Danielle.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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# 1900: Second railroad to Hardwick completed

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village, continuedfrom 8-13-20 edition of the *Star Herald*.

#### Hardwick

With the prosperous times in the country a decade ago, Hardwick kept pace and made rapid strides forward. The town's second railroad — the branch from Worthington — was completed in 1900. The federal census of that year gave the village a population of 259. A system of water works was installed by the village in that year at a cost of \$1590.

The year 1901 was an exceptionally active one in building operations. The village authorities purchased shade trees, with which they lined the streets and otherwise made arrangements for making a "city beautiful." Each year witnessed an increase in the business blocks and residences erected. Several brick blocks were put up in 1905, and later most of the board walks of the town were replaced with cement. A city hall was exected in 1908

hall was erected in 1908. The Hardwick of today differs vastly from the site a quarter of a century ago, when the few people residing in northern Rock county were vainly endeavoring to have the railroad company do something in regard to locating a town on "section 26." The growth of this town vividly illustrates the changes that have occurred in northern Rock county during the last twenty-five years. The population of Hardwick in 1910 was 292, a  $substantial\,gain\,over former$ enumerations.

#### The School

For several years before a school was conducted in Hardwick, the school of district No. 48 was maintained about a mile from the townsite. Among the teachers

**DEATH** 

Notice

Michael Earl, 79, Clarks

A public visitation will take

Grove, died Sunday, Aug. 16,

place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday,

Aug. 21, at Bonnerup Funeral

Service in Albert Lea. A private

funeral service with burial will

be at Maplewood Cemetery

in Luverne with full military

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Home of Albert Lea, www.bon-

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Arrangements were pro-

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honors.

2020, following health issues.

Michael Earl —



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

of this country school were Sarah Maher, Flora Mather, Emma A. Wright, Elma Crossman and Myra Ferguson. In 1892 thirty-seven pupils were enrolled. At a school meeting of the district on August 12, 1892, it was decided to erect a school house in the new village, and the old building was sold to J. B. Reed, for \$90. The same fall a one-room building, 24x32 feet, was erected, but school was not begun in it until November, 1893, when E. W. Hunnicutt was employed as teacher. A year later another story was added to the building.

This pioneer building served the district many years. In the spring of 1906, by a vote of 33 to 21, the electors decided to bond for \$7000 for the purpose of raising money to build a new school house. Following this action the present building — one of the finest in the smaller towns of the county — was put up at a cost of \$10,000. It is a four-room building, was built of Luverne pressed brick, and was constructed by Greene and Gilham. The present enrollment is about one hundred, and three teachers are employed.

#### The Churches

Four church societies have organizations in Hardwick, of which two have houses of worship. The Presbyterian was one of the first organized and that society was the first orect an edifice. The building was dedicated January 23, 1898, by Rev. W. J. Johnson and Rev. J. D. Gibbs. The total cost of the building

was about \$1400. Services are now not regularly held. Rev. R. H. Moodie is the present pastor.

The German Lutheran Synod church was organized in the nineties by Rev. Brinkman with only five or six members. For several years services were held in the school house, but in 1901 the church edifice, costing nearly \$2000, was put up. Services are held every two weeks by Rev. H. AmEnde, of Jasper.

The Independent German Lutheran church was organized several years ago. Services are held every third Sunday in the Presbyterian church building by Rev. E. C. H. Peithmann, of Webster, South Dakota.

The United Norwegian congregation maintains an organization. Services are conducted every third Sunday by Rev. O. J. Mundahl, of Luverne.

<sup>30</sup>This was replaced in 1909 by modern equipment at a cost of several thousand dollars, and Hardwick now has one of the best water works plants in the county with water and power sufficient to supply the wants of a town many times its size.

The story of the village of Hardwickwill continue in the August 27 edition of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

# Sioux Valley Energy: Utility scams heat up as temperatures rise

Sioux Valley Energy warns co-op members to be aware of potential electric utility scams this summer.

"Unfortunately these criminals play on people's concern of having their air conditioner or heat turned off during the summer or wintermonths," said Debra Biever with Sioux Valley Energy.

Common electric utility scams include a caller claiming to be an employee of Sioux Valley Energy. The caller will often demand immediate payment over the phone and do so in a very threatening manner which can be intimidating

Sioux Valley Energy for unsuspecting victims.

Recently SVE received a report from a member who had an unknown person stop at their home in an unmarked vehicle asking for payment on their electric bill.

"When the member became suspicious, they went inside and called Sioux Valley Energy only to learn that it was a scam. The unmarked vehicle drove away."

Don't fall prey to a utility scam. For more information on consumer scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission Scam Alert website at: https:// www.consumer.ftc



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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

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

"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

With Luverne's plant improvements, PMP will be guaranteed a 200,000-gallonper-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

"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."

HesaidPMPcontinuesto 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 antibioticfree 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 Jenninges — 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 Harnack.

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:

EVENT

Mayor Delbert Gangestad 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 DeSchepper 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

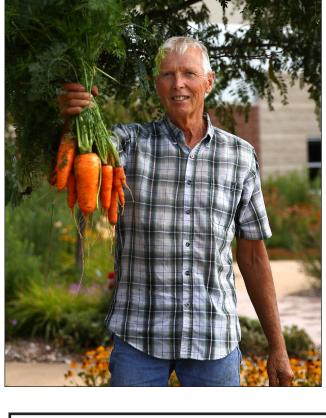
More than 200 items are up for online bids today, Aug. 20, through Aug. 29 on the Sanford Luverne Hospice virtual online auction.

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

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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# Star Herald PORTS

# Redbirds sweep Milroy Irish, qualify for state tournament

#### By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds qualified for their 12th Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament Friday.

The team swept the Milroy Irish in the best-of-three series to determine the third and final team to represent Region 13C at the state tournament.

Luverne came out on top 6-1 in the first game in Luverne Aug. 12 and won 12-3 at Irish Yard near Milroy Friday.

The Redbirds, now 17-4 on the season, open the state tournament Saturday at 11 a.m. in Springfield vs. the Mora Blue Knights (see related story).

#### Luverne 6, Milroy Irish 1

Ben Serie made the most of his first pitching start of the season during the region tournament Aug. 12.

Serie pitched nine complete innings to earn the 6-1 victory over the Milroy Irish in the first game of the best-of-three Region 13C third place series Aug. 12 at Redbird Field in Luverne.

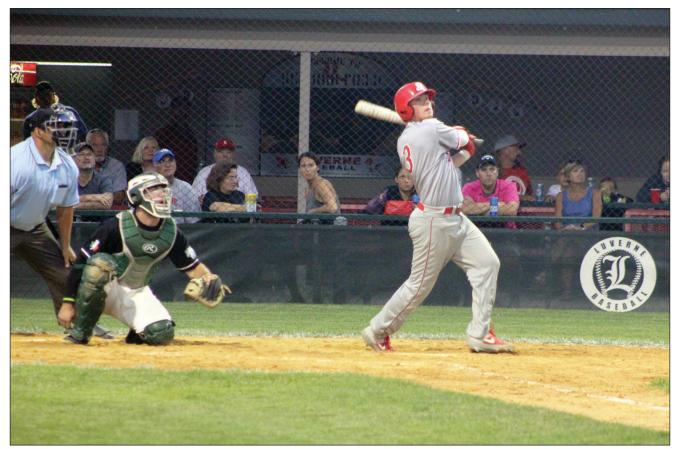
"He's pitched a lot of relief for us this season, but this was actually his first start," said Brooks Maurer, Luverne player-manager.

"It's not like he couldn't have started plenty of times, but we have enough good pitching and we need him at second base, too."

Serie struck out eight Irish batters and gave up only two walks, three hits and one run during the game.

"We knew if we could take care of business in the first game of the series, we would be good," Serie said.

Luverne came out firing from the start, scoring three runs in the bottom



Jason Berghorst photo/0820-Redbirds 3

Skyler Wenninger and the Luverne Redbirds qualified for the 2020 Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament by sweeping the Milroy Irish in the best-of-three Region 13C third place series Wednesday and Friday. Wenninger (pictured above from the game Aug. 12) had three hits and three RBIs in Game 2 of the series.

of the first inning.

Logan Norman got the Redbirds offense started with a single before Phil Paquette hit a two-run homerun, which excited the home crowd, but calmed the starting pitcher.

"After Phil hit that two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning, I was a lot more comfortable on the mound," Serie said.

The next batter, Skyler Wenninger, hit a double before Serie came to the plate and hit another double that scored Wenninger to make the lead 3-0 at the end of the first inning.

Both teams were scoreless in the

next four innings until Luverne added a run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Serie helped his cause on the mound from the plate again during the eighth inning.

With two Redbird teammates on

**Redbirds**/continued on page 2B

# Wessels wins first feature; Arends, Gaul repeat victories

#### By Jason Berghorst

Three Luverne men won races at three different tracks this weekend.

Although fewer Rock County racers than usual competed over the weekend, those who did race made the most of it.

One driver picked up his first victory in his rookie season and two others were repeat winners.

Cadyn Wessels gained his firstever feature win at I-90 Speedway Saturday night.

Colton Arends came out on top for the second week in a row at Rapid Speedway Friday, and Eric Gaul won his second consecutive LSR Enduro race Saturday in Slayton.

#### I-90 Speedway

Cadyn Wessels of Luverne has shown steady improvement during his first season racing in the Hobby Stocks class at dirt tracks in Rock Rapids and Hartford this summer.

Wessels reached his goal of earning his first checkered flag in a feature race Saturday night at I-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota.

"We had to do quite a bit of work on the car Saturday after Friday night's race in Rock Rapids, so it was especially great to get the win," Wessels said, "I was happy for my whole crew."

He remarked on the learning experience of racing.

"I worked hard to drive smart and not make too many mistakes since I'm still a rookie," said Wessels, who started racing enduro cars three years ago while in high school.

The Hobby Stocks feature was the last race of the night before rain moved in and ended the night's competition.

"It was a light rain during the race, and right when I won, a downpour started," Wessels said. "It was fun. There was a lot of adrenaline when I saw the checkered flag."

#### Rapid Speedway

Colton Arends won the Stock Cars feature race for the second week in a row and fourth time this season Friday night at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Arends won his heat race and started the feature in the fourth spot before moving into the top spot be the end of the 14-car feature race.

In the Hobby Stocks class the same night, Luverne's Eric Gaul finished fourth and Thomas Kracht of Luverne placed sixth in the feature race.

#### Murray County Speedway

Murray County Speedway in Slayton featured two nights of racing last weekend. Luverne's Jeremy Smith com-

peted in the A Modifieds class. Smith finished tenth overall in the feature race.

On Saturday, the fourth enduro race of the 2020 LSR (Luverne, Slayton, Rock Rapids) Series was staged at the Slayton track.

Eric Gaul of Luverne won his second consecutive LSR enduro race



Photo courtesy of Calvin Kroger

Luverne's Cadyn Wessels won his first-ever feature race in the Hobby Stocks class at 1-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota, Saturday. Wessels is racing in his rookie season after competing in enduro races for three years

and third of the year so far.

Six other Rock County drivers competed in the race. Jasmine Kalass of Luverne placed ninth in the 29-car field.

Below are the results for Rock County drivers at area tracks.

Rapid Speedway – Aug. 14 Sportsman's A Feature B. Boeve Beaver Creek 7th

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature
E. Gaul Luverne 4th
T. Kracht Luverne 6th
C. Kelderman Hills 11th
C. Wessels Luverne 17th

USRA Stock Cars A Feature C. Arends Luverne 1s

Murray Speedway – Aug 14 IMCA Modifieds A Feature

LSR Enduro Race - Aug. 15

Eric Gaul Luverne 9th
Trevor Van Dyke Luverne 12th
Greg Vande Velde Luverne 13th
Trevor Fluit Kenneth 17th
Silas Top Hardwick 19th
Eric Pietz Luverne 27th

I-90 Speedway – Aug 15 USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature C. Wessels Luverne 1st



From left: Tim Connell, Ben Nath, Chris Nowatzki



From left: Eric Edstrom, Brent Schepel, Joe Dorhout and Andrew DeBoer

George McDonald

# Nath wins first club championship

The 82<sup>nd</sup> annual Luverne Country Club Men's Club Championship tournament was played Saturday and Sunday at LCC. Luverne's Ben Nath won his first club championship with a score of 146. Tim Connell of Luverne placed second with a score of 150 and Chris Nowatzki, Luverne, finished third with a score of 151. Fifty-five golfers competed in the tournament.

Seven golfers won flight championships during the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual club tournament Saturday and Sunday. Andrew DeBoer won the President's flight and Joe Dorhout won the Vice President's flight. The first flight was won by Travis Helgeson, second flight winner was George McDonald, third flight winner was Eric Edstrom, fourth flight winner was Brent Schepel and the Gold flight was won by Dick Cylowski.

# Redbirds to open tourney vs. Mora Blue Devils Saturday

#### By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds will make their second consecutive and 12th overall appearance at the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball tournament this weekend.

Luverne, which placed third in Region 13C, will open the 48-team single-elimination state tournament Saturday against the Mora Blue Devils at 11 a.m. in Springfield.

The Blue Devils enter their fourth-consecutive state tournament with a 14-5 overall record and a 6-0 record in the Eastern Minny League North.

Morawas the No.2 seed in Region 1C. They lost to the Isanti Redbirds 13-2 in the region championship game.

The Redbirds are 17-4 overall and had a 7-1 record in the

Gopher League.

"We know Mora is
a quality team," said
Luverneplayer-manager
Brooks Maurer. "When
you make it to state, every team will be tough."



The winner of the Luverne-Mora game will advance to play Young America, the No. 1 seed from Region 7C that received a bye in the first round of the tournament.

That game will be played at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, in Springfield.

Teams still alive in the tournament will then play four games over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7, in Springfield and Milroy.

The state championship game is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Labor Day in Springfield.

The Fairmont Martins and the Hadley Buttermakers are the other teams representing Region 13C at the state tournament.

Hadley plays Randall on Aug. 21 in Milroy in the first round.

Fairmont, which received a firstround by easthe champions of Region 13, will face either Cannon Falls or Waconia on Aug. 28.

Luverne previously qualified for the state amatuer tournament in 1990, 1992, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2019.

By qualifying for the state tournament, Luverne was able to draft two additional pitchers.

The Redbirds drafted Kobe Lovell of the Windom Pirates and Tyler Peterson of the Milroy Irish for the state tournament in addition to Brandon Alfson of Pipestone who was drafted earlier for the Region 13C tournament.

#### 13C Tournament Results Aug. 12-15

Championship Series
1. Fairmont vs. 6. Hadley
Fairmont 12, Hadley 0 (7 inn)
Fairmont 17, Hadley 0 (8 inn)

Third-Place Series
2. Luverne vs. 4. Milroy Irish
Luverne 6, Milroy 1
Luverne 12, Milroy 3

State Amateur Tournament Region 13C Schedule Aug. 21 7:30 p.m. in Milroy Hadley vs. Randall

Aug. 22 11:00 a.m. in Springfield Luverne vs. Mora

Aug. 28 7:30 p.m. in Milroy Fairmont vs. Cannon Falls/Waconia

#### SCOREBOARD

#### REDBIRDS BASEBALL 2020

June 4	at Brandon Valley	4-3	W
June 13	at Castlewood	9-5	W
June 13	at Castlewood	9-0	W
June 17	Tracy Engineers	12-1	W
June 24	Ruthton Royals	10-0	W
June 26	Jackson Bulls	12-2	L
June 28	Tracy Engineers	12-0	W
July 1	at Milroy Irish	7-6	W
July 5	at Adrian	13-2	W
July 8	Renner Bullets	8-2	W
July 9	at Renner	20-16	W
July 12	at Hadley	10-0	W
July 17	SF Brewers	6-2	L
July 19	Pipestone	15-8	W
July 29	Adrian	15-1	W
July 31	Adrian	9-5	W
Aug 5	Hadley	4-3	L
Aug 8	at Hadley	8-2	W
Aug 9	Hadley	6-0	L
Aug 12	Milroy Irish	6-1	W
Aug 14	at Milroy Irish	12-3	W
Aug 22	*Mora	11:00	am

\*State Tournament in Springfield



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 Luverne	000000001 30001002x			
	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 cornfieldsbetween Milroyand 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 fourthinning 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.

DOX SCORE							
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Milroy	20	0 0	0 0	0	0 0		
		AB	B	н	ВI		
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 Janiszeski 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,

Saustian

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. 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 acres. I don't call them public lands. I call them citizenowned 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. Citizenowned lands are the only way this is allowed

Each year dozens



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By Scott Rall, **Outdoors columnist** 

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 vears.

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 playerled 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

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

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-

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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 oftenused 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 mem-

"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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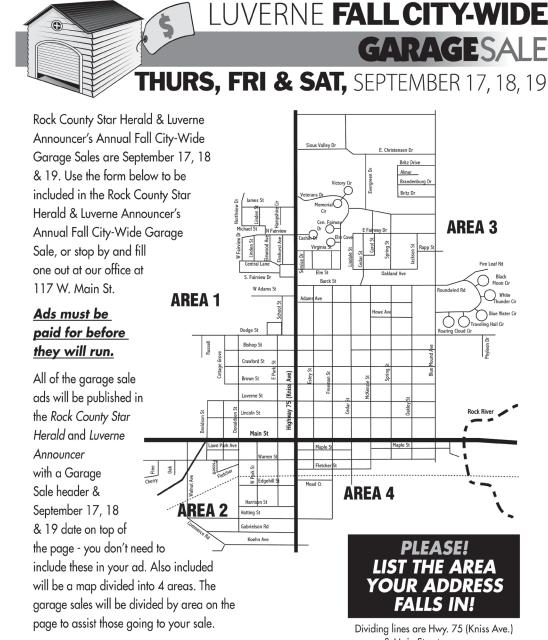
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# Star Herald HURCH

The Star Herald reached out to churches for their worship information in the absence of in-person worship services, due to coronavirus social distancing. Those that responded are listed here. Those that would like to have information posted here should call the Star Herald or email editor@star-herald.com.

St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Public mass will be celebrated with a limit of 50 percent capacity of the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

> **Luverne Christian Reformed Church** 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luverncrc.com - office@luvernecrc.com Roger Sparks, Pastor

We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm

**First Baptist Church** 1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net - www.fbcluverne.org Walt Moser, Pastor

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

> **Grace Lutheran Church** 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 20: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Aug. 22: Inperson worship service in Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Limited seating is available. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

> **Bethany Lutheran Church** 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834 pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com **Andrew Palmquist, Pastor**

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Monday, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org for online worship opportunities with our sister churches.

> **American Reformed Church** 304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org Mike Altena, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

First Assembly of God Church 1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

**United Methodist Church** 

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship Service - live streamed. Sunday 9 a.m. - Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. - SD In-house worship service - Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Mondays 8 p.m. - AA Meeting and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Thursdays 1-3 p.m. - Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday 8 p.m. - AA Meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 5:30 p.m. Community meal.

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net - www.fpcluverne.com Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 9:30 a.m. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Worship services Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Limit is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

> **Living Rock Church** 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org Billy Skaggs, Pastor

**New Life Celebration Church** 110 N. Oakley, Luverne Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net Jesse Baker, Pastor

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church** 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net Bill Bates, Pastor

> First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. (605) 757-6662 Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4

> **Palisade Lutheran Church** 211 121st St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4

> First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

> Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Ph. 605-215-3429 email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site

> Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336 Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream YouTube Radio worship on KOAD Sund at 9:30 a.m.

> **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Wednesday, 9 a.m. Quilting.

> **Hills United Reformed Church** 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor

# 'Who do you say that I am?'

Read: Matthew 16:13-20 (This is the Gospel Reading for Sunday, Aug.

"Who do you say that I am?" This question from Jesus is right in the middle of Matthew's Gospel. It's meant to be the key question for us to consider.

Have you ever noticed how people remember where they were when significant events happened? Perhaps you've heard the question, "Where were you when \_\_\_\_ happened?" Sometimes the reference is to momentous historical events — things that remain in our collective memory.

Other times significant personal happenings are referred to such as when you got engaged or heard you were expecting your first child.

So. Matthew mentions that Jesus and the disciples were in the region of Caesarea Philippi when Jesus asked the most significant of questions.

First, Jesus wonders if the disciples have been paying attention to what other people might be saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The disciples' response shows they have been listening, at least to some extent. "Some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, some say Jeremiah. ..." And, in truth, none of those are bad answers, but they all stop short of realizing the complete identity of Jesus.

So, Jesus poses the question directly to the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

If they have been paying deep attention so far, they would know that he is "Emmanuel — God with us." They would know that he is one who can work miracles such as feeding a large crowd of 5,000 with supplies that seemed only enough for five. They would know that he is the one who can walk on water and one whom wind and waves obey.

The disciples are deep into their education about

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**Pastor Jason** Cunningham First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

...Jesus is more than a man, more than a prophet, more than a teacher.'

Jesus, and Peter speaks up to say, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." Peter is praised for his answer! He realizes that Jesus is more than a man, more than a prophet, more than a teacher. He is the Messiah! He is the Savior!

Matthew writes his gospel in a style that is meant to speak to us as well. The question to the disciples answered by Peter is meant to jump off the page across the centuries for us to answer. "Who do you say that I am?"

Who do you say that Jesus is? Perhaps you have answered this question well and completely at some point in your life. Maybe you can still remember where you were when you first professed Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Perhaps some important life event or relationship helped you make this most important realization.

For others, maybe the journey of faith has been more circuitous and gradual, but you still have that deep conviction that "Jesus is Messiah, Lord, Savior."

Perhaps some need to consider the question freshly today. "Who do you say that Jesus is?" That is the key question!

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# Public Notices

#### **H-BC School Board** meets July 27

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671 **Minutes** July 27, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board Member Bosch was absent.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald) and Valerie

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve minutes

7/13/2020. Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Non-Classified Handbook for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Second Reading of the following Policies:

-603 Curriculum Development

-605 Alternative Programs

-614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure

-616 School District System Accountability

-618 Assessment of Student Achievement -619 Staff Development for Standards

-802 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve 10-year Long TermFacility Maintenance Plan Resolution.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve requesting Quotes for Heating Fuel Oil-13,000 gallons and Liquid Propane-25,000 gallons.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve transfer of 2020 Senior Student Account Funds to the District's General account.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve hiring Megan Gehrke as consultant to the volleyball program, if season occurs.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve hiring Macy Ellingson to .5 FTE for additional assistance as a teacher at the Elementary

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Leave (Family Medical Leave Act) for Stephanie Bass to begin on or around August 25 returning on or around November 23, 2020.

Motion by Wysong, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve adding overload to Shelly Fischer as Lead Teacher and Assisting Elementary Principal with duties. Motion by Rauk, second by LaRock, and carried to approve resignation of Beth

Westerbur, district paraprofessional, effective immediately. Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve Superintendent Evaluation.

**DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:** 

•Family Return to School Survey Results

•Staff Return to School Survey Results

 Superintendent Report Committee Meetings: Personnel 7/20

Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting: DATES TO REMEMBER:

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 10

•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 24

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk

# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 30

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 02, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$31,500.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Neale G. Hamann, a single person MORTGAGEE: Peoples Bank

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: August 14, 2007 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 167229 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

•And assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Dated: August 02, 2007

Recorded: August 14, 2007 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 167230

•And assigned to: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation

Dated: March 06, 2017

Recorded: March 14, 2017 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 190262

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1003445-0001089259-6 Lender or Broker: Peoples Bank

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corp. Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 819 201st St, Hardwick, MN 56134-4048 Tax Parcel ID Number: 10-0122-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the SW 1/4, Section 25, Township 104 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, State of Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along the South Line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25 for a distance of 741.29 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes and 00 seconds East along said South Line for a distance of 746.44 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds East for a distance of 689.32 feet; thence North 83 degrees 17 minutes 46 seconds West for a distance of 169.66 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 184.58 feet; thence South89degrees31minutes22secondsWestforadistanceof612.69feet;thenceSouth 02 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 519.59 feet to the point of

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE:

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2021, or the next business day if April 30, 2021 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECTADEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORT-GAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROP-ERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: March 12, 2020 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300 File Number: 037264F02

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### **Notice of postponement**

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for April 30, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. has been postponed to June 04, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota, in said County and State. DATED: April 01, 2020

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation

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# **Notice of postponement**

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for June 04, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. has been postponed to August 27, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota, in said County and State.

DATED: May 29, 2020 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee Of Mortgagee 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300 File Number: 037264F02

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# **Notice of postponement**

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for August 27, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. has been postponed to October 15, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota, in said County and State. DATED: August 14, 2020

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee Of Mortgagee 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200

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### Elbert probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

**COUNTY OF ROCK** 

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **DISTRICT COURT** PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Fred Louis Elbert Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-20-190 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 31, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated August 5, 1996 and codicil(s) to the Will dated August 19, 2005, and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Dolores Elbert, whose address is 319 41st Street, Hills, MN, 56138 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed wiht the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524-3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings to be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: 8/10/2020

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt District Court Judge /s/ Denise Brandel **Court Administrator** Attorney for Petitioner

Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr. Vander Kooi Law Offices, P.A. 127 E. Main, PO Box 746 Luverne, MN 56156 Attorney License No.: 112124 Telephone: 507-283-9629 Fax: 507-283-9629 Email: lawkooi@gmail.com

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# Hemme probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

**COUNTY OF ROCK** 

PROBATE COURT DISTRICT COURT **PROBATE DIVISION** 

Court File No.: 67-PR-20-182 In Re: Estate Robyn Denise Hemme, a/k/a Robyn D. Hemme, a/k/a Robyn Hemme Donnelly,

**Deceased** 

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of September, 2020, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of McKenzie N. Endriss whose address is 708 N. Williams Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Dated: 6-3-20

Douglas E. Eisma Attorney for Petitioner Eisma and Eisma 130 East Main Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4828 I. D. #158343

/s/ Terry Vajgrt District Court Judge /s/ Denise Brandel Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(08-13, 08-20)

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(8.20 - 8.22)

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(8.20-8.22)

**Karen and Mary Donth** 

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

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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 vield of 194 bushels per acre

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



#### Focus on Ag

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 vield 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 2030 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 soybeanyieldisestimatedat51 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.

#### **Great**/continued from page 3B

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 some western states were adamantly opposed to this legislation. Those 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

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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

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 scottarall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.



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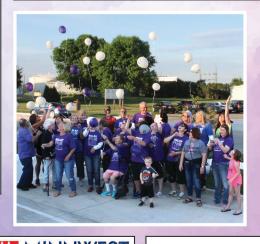


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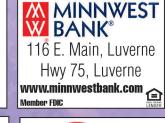












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# **GAME 1**

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#### **Peyton Blom – Denver Go-Getters**

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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-

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 cham-

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+, re-

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.



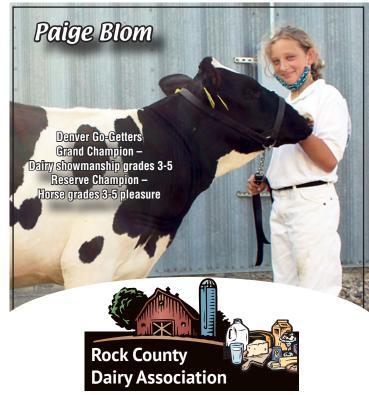
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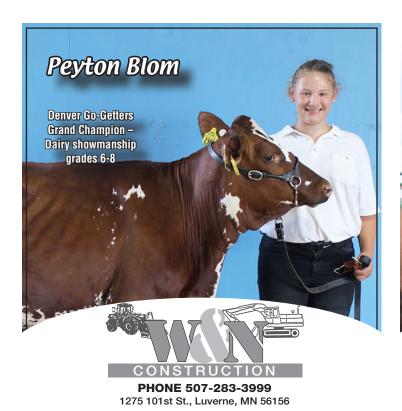
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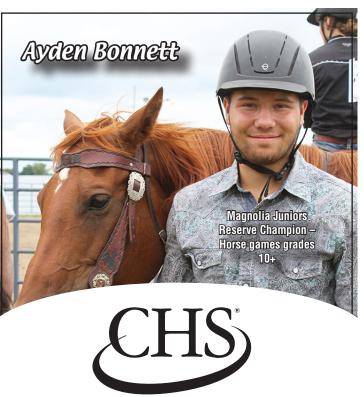
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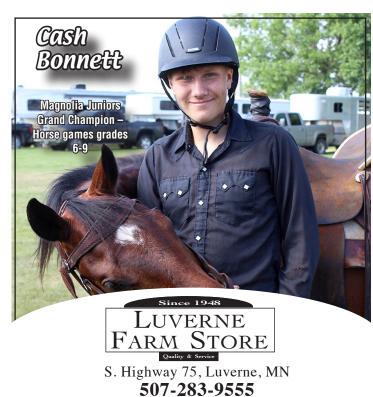
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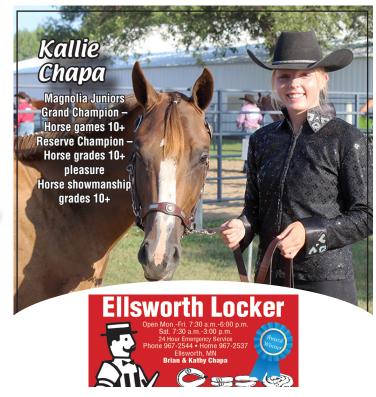




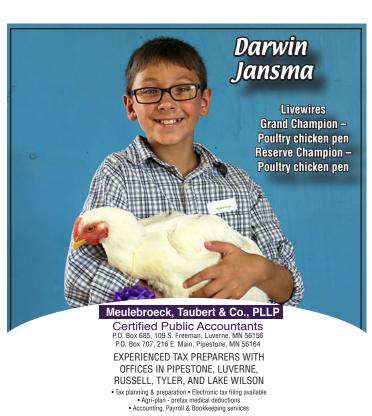


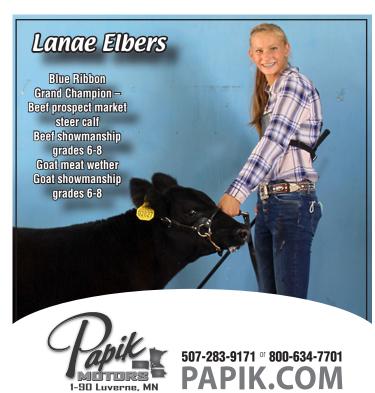














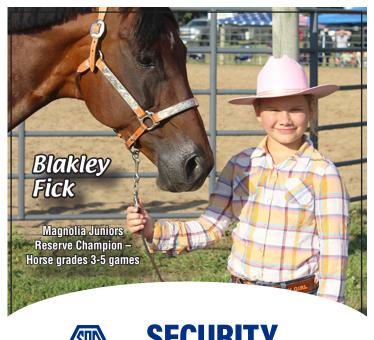
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#### Keagan Jessen – Denver Go-Getters

Goat: meat breeding doe kid, reserve champion; show-manship 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+ par ticipant.





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

#### **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;

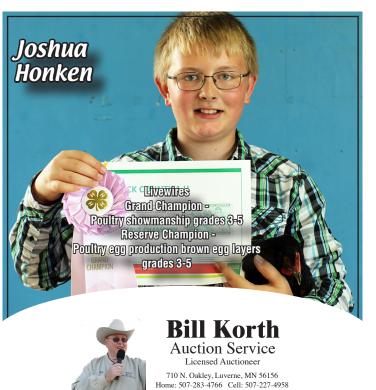
Child and family development grades 6-8: grand champion; Robotics grades 6-8: engineering design, grand champion; Exploring the environment grades 6-8: grand champion; Crafts and fine arts grades 6-8: fine arts, reserve champion; Performing arts grades 6-8: dance, reserve champion; Communications arts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

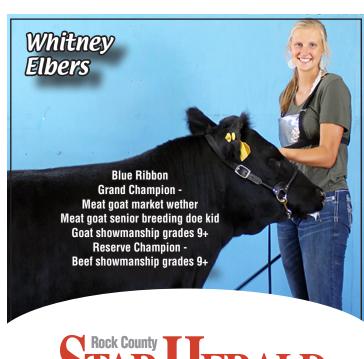
#### Penni Moore – Blue Ribbon

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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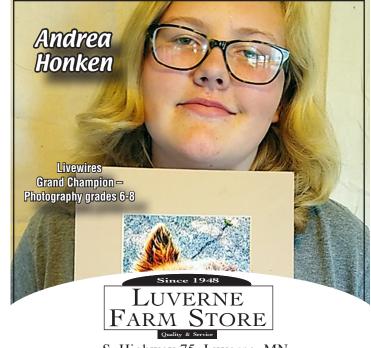
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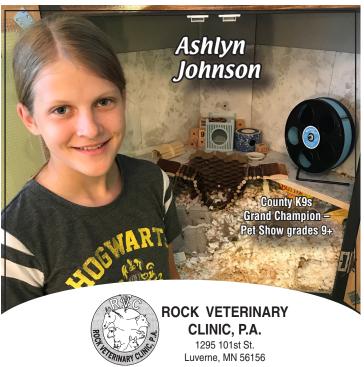


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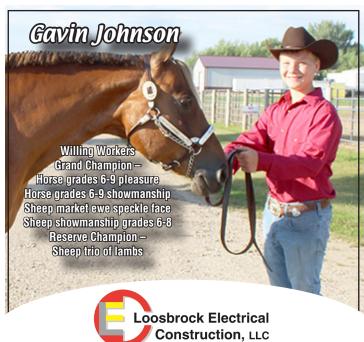


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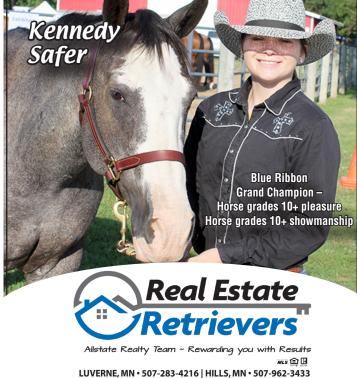
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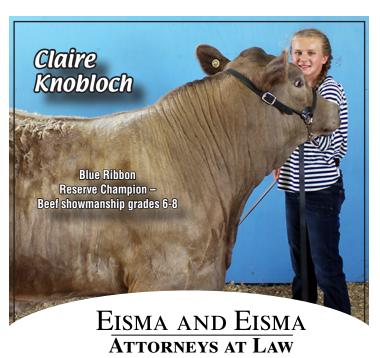


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#### Aisha Porter - County K9s

Photography grades 9+: elements, two blues and grand champion;

Crafts and fine arts grades 9+: fine arts, blue and reserve champion;

Communications arts gardes 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



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

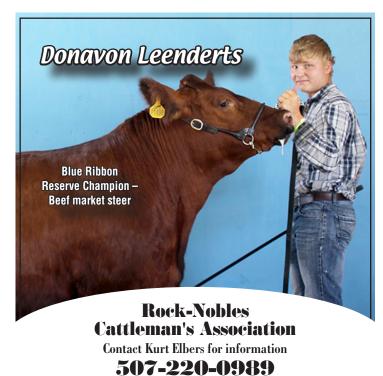
Horse grades 10+: equitation, red; english pleasure, blue; barrel race, blue; egg and spoon, blue; jumping figure 8, blue; key race, blue; pole weaving, blue; horsemanship, blue; ranch pleasure, white; showmanship, red; western pleasure, blue.

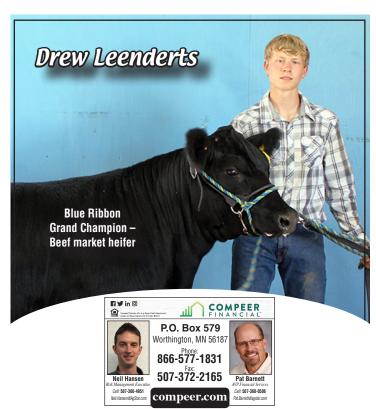
#### Keisha Veldkamp - Springdell

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.

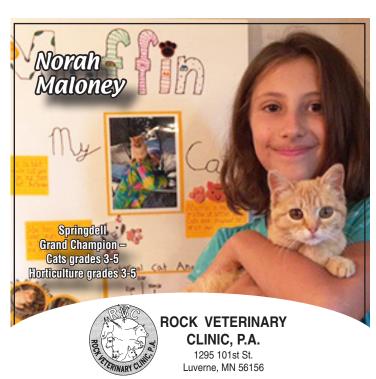


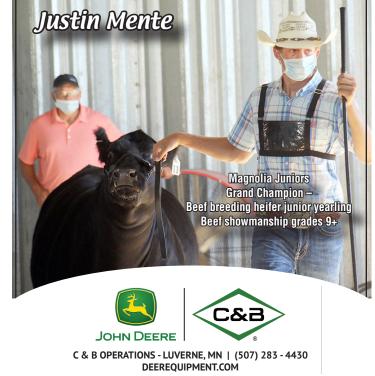


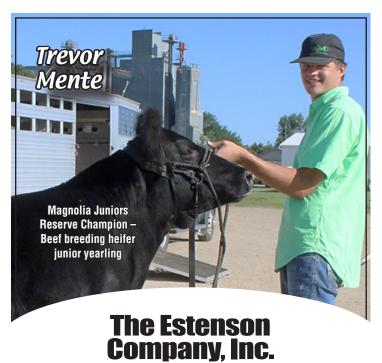




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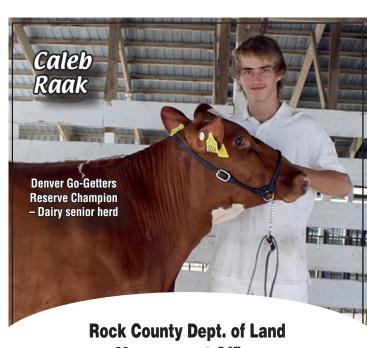








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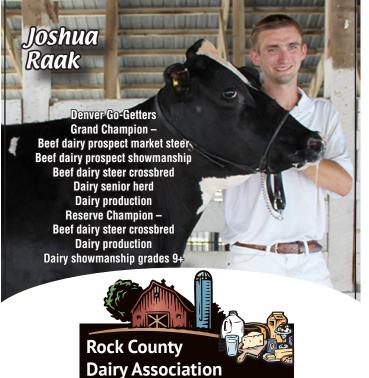
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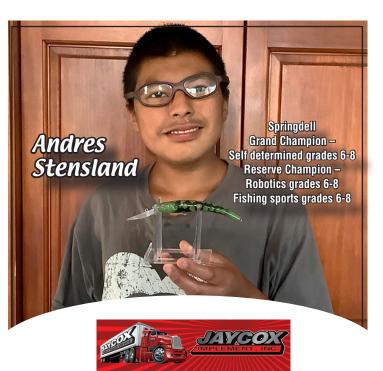
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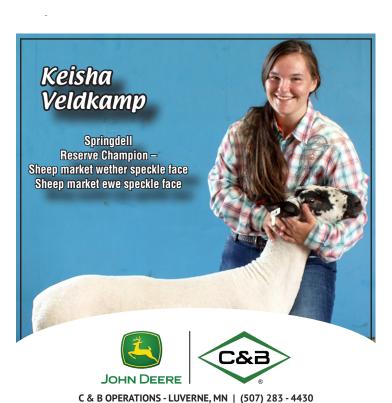












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**Colton Buchholz - Springdell** 

Grand Champion - Aerospace grades 3-5, Crafts and fine arts grades

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manipulation,

Reserve Champion - Robotics grades 3-5: engineering design, Clothing grades 3-5: clothes you buy

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