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Luverne community to celebrate annual Winterfest this weekend

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne community will celebrate its 2019 Winterfest weekend Dec. 6-8 with a three-day lineup of special events and activities.

The celebration includes the annual Winterfest Arts and Crafts Show at Luverne Elementary School and the return of a lighted city park, "Love the Light" winter wonderland. "One thing we are very excited about is that we have 80 booths at the school," said Jane Lanphere, Luverne Area Chamber Director.

"It's been a long time since we've had that many booths."

At the "Love the Light" event, 22 groups and organizations have set up displays, which the public can tour through Jan. 5, 2020.

The weekend schedule of events follows below:

Friday, Dec. 6:

- Puppet Show Story Hour at 10 a.m. at Rock County Library.
- Wine and beer tasting from 5-8 p.m. at Blue Mound Liquor.
- Cribbage tournament at 7 p.m. at Luverne Eagles Club.
- Holiday Trivia Team Tournament at 7 p.m. at Take 16 Event Center sponsored by Rock County Library.

Saturday, Dec. 7:

- Winterfest Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the commons and Cardinal Gym at Luverne Elementary School. Admission is \$5; children 12 and under are free.
- Santa's workshop for grades K-4, sponsored by 4-H is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Luverne Elementary School with make-and-take projects and shopping center for \$2-\$5 gifts.
- Pictures with Santa by Myhre Studio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the elementary multi-purpose room. Cost is \$15 for a color 5x7 with proceeds to Rock County S.H.A.R.E.

•Rock County Sno Masters at 10 a.m. at the Howling Dog Saloon. Free swap meet and membership drive; Rusty Nutz Vintage Snowmobile Club Show.

- "A Cup of Christmas Tea" Hinkly House Christmas open house from 1-4 p.m. with a presentation at 2 p.m.
- Wine and beer tasting from 5-8 p.m. at Blue Mound Liquor.
- Community Christmas Cantata, "Sing Christmas," by Carnegie Minstrels at 7 p.m. at the American Reformed Church. \$10 admission will support the Rock County Food Shelf.

Sunday, Dec. 8:

- Tony Boyenga Family Benefit from noon to 4 p.m. at Grand Prairie Events. A freewill donation meal, football viewing, 50/50 raffle, activities, silent auction. Details at (Link: gtego.net/glink/boyenga)
- "Love the Light" winter wonderland from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Luverne City Park. A \$5 per car cost; vote for best display. Cookie and beverage fundraiser by Student Council. Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in Shelter House. See the Luverne Area Chamber's website, www.luvernechamber.com or call 888-283-4061.

City reviews drawings for pool and fitness expansion

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne city leaders and steering committee members met with Sioux Falls architect Kyle Raph Monday night to review plans for the pool and fitness center remodel and expansion.

While they viewed drawings for new and improved areas, positive vibes were hard to suppress.

"Oh my gosh. I'm so excited," Sam Honerman said after the meeting in City Hall. "It will be such a boost for the community."

As manager of the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness center, Honerman has spent the past decade working to meet public demand for popular amenities in a facility that's overdue for an upgrade.

"We'll finally have options to offer programming that before we weren't able to offer because of space," she said.

On one hand, the facility boasts a well-maintained Olympic-sized pool that accommodates a wide range of classes, therapies and activities. There are water slides, a wading pool and a whirlpool.

On the other hand, locker rooms are outdated and the fitness center area has small spaces for weight rooms and cardio equipment.

Group workouts, such as aerobic classes or yoga, aren't possible due to space constraints, and the building's floor plan doesn't allow for secure 24-7 fitness access.

Honerman has been working for the past three years with a local steering committee to survey community members, host open house tours and research options that are successful in other community rec centers.

They came up with the following Phase 1 priorities:

Pool and fitness project/see p. 14



Lori Sorenson photos/1205 hinkly tea

Hinkly House volunteers (from left) Shirley Harrison, Janet Burger and Diane Jauert will host "A Cup of Christmas Tea" from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, during Winterfest weekend in Luverne.

Historic Hinkly House to host 'A Cup of Christmas Tea'

By Lori Sorenson

Volunteers at Luverne's Historic Hinkly House are preparing the Victorian home for another round of holiday guests.

Diane Jauert is putting final touches on décor for this year's theme, "Cup of Christmas Tea," and visitors are encouraged to stop in Saturday afternoon between Winterfest activities.

The Hinkly House will be open and on display from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and a special program is planned to start at 2 p.m.

Volunteer Janet Burger, wearing appropriately themed attire, will read Tom Hegg's heartwarming poem, "A Cup of Christmas Tea," which carries an important holiday message.

"The whole point is to spend time," Burger said. "In the book, she listens to him



The Hinkly demonstration, "How to Host a Tea," will use appropriately themed china, pictured with the book, "Cup of Christmas Tea."

and encourages him to have meaningful relationships."

A highlight of the afternoon will be a light-hearted demonstration, "How to Host a Tea," which promises to be both en-

tertaining and informative.

Meanwhile, Hinkly House volunteer Shirley Harrison will perform holiday songs on the dulcimer, and refreshments will be served.

Grieving parents find comfort in numbers

Luverne couple asked to start local chapter for Compassionate Friends support group

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne 15-year-old Jesse Saum died in a drowning accident in the Rock River near the city park in the summer of 1993.

His parents, Pat and Helen, haven't been the same since. "You get through it, but you never get over it," Pat said last week. "Grief is a complicated thing."

And losing a child is a different kind of loss than losing a parent or a sibling or a friend, and that's why they joined the Compassionate Friends.

It's a national network of support groups (600 in the United States) for parents grieving the loss of a child, and Pat said it helps to connect with other parents who have lost children.

And now they're starting a Luverne Compassionate Friends chapter to help other parents hurting like they are.

"It's a safe haven, it's anonymous and it's not a place for professional counseling," Pat said. "It's hard to go — you may be nervous, you may be anxious — but it's a first step. You don't have to say anything if you don't want to. No one is expected to talk."

The presence of other hurting parents can provide comfort, he said, in a way that that friends, family and church members aren't able to.

When he attended meetings in Sioux Falls, Pat said he noticed more people from Minnesota in the room than Sioux Falls residents.

That's why he and Helen agreed to help start a group in Luverne when they were recently asked.

It's been 26 years since Jesse

Compassionate Friends/see p. 2

Local residents 'star' in calendar fundraiser for Generations building

By Mavis Fodness

Fundraising became more fun this fall for Generations members who are selling calendars featuring local models posing as movie stars.

Each month features a popular movie with local community members dressing and posing in a scene from the movie. The name of each movie and the local "stars" are included on each page.

Proceeds from the \$10 calendar support the group's efforts to build a



Jim Juhl photograph for Generations

Neva Clausen poses as Julie Andrews in the "Sound of Music" for the February 2020 page.

new Generations center.

Renee Reu, Terri Ebert and Judy Fenske collaborated on the choice of calendar scenes and recruited characters to pose for the 12 pictures.

"Everybody was a 'yes' — very positive responses," Reu said.

The three decided on movie scenes as this year's calendar theme based on a similar project by the Winona Friendship Center. Each movie chosen

Generations calendar/p. 2

Luverne firefighters respond to Thanksgiving bin fire

By Lori Sorenson

A grain bin fire south of town kept the Luverne Fire Department busy during the Thanksgiving holiday.

According to fire chief David Van Batavia, a passerby called 911 around 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to report a dryer fire at Greg Gabrielson's farm at 1320 91st Street near Schoneman Ponds.

"There was smoke coming out of the bin and flames shooting out the top," Van Batavia said.

The 7,000-bushel bin had recently been filled with 5,000 bushels of corn when the fire started.

He said it was the center bin of

three grain bins on the yard with a hogbarn behind them and a propane tank nearby.

"There was nowhere we could empty the grain but out the front," Van Batavia said, adding that a grain vacuum was used to get a good share of the corn out.

"Once it got too smoky to see, we laid down a bunch of foam."

The layer of grain near the bottom was "melted" together in a crust that trapped heat underneath.

The fire department — about 20 guys and six units — were on the

Grain bin dryer fire/see page 3



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at noon Monday, Dec. 9, in the Blue Mound Room of Sanford Luverne for a Christmas potluck. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Call 283-2297 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the township hall.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Kenneth Community Center.

American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the home of Dianna Tomlinson. Members are asked to bring canned food for donations. Call Dianna at 507-283-1934 with questions.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will have a potluck Christmas party at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Dick and Dolly Remme home.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the home of Aaron Sandbulte.

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

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

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

Alanon will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 7 and 21, in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room and then will go back to meeting the second and fourth Thursdays. Call 507-449-1246 with questions.

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

Hospice Tree Lighting Dec. 5

The public is invited to the Hospice Tree Lighting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the corner of Hwy. 75 and Main Street in Luverne. A short program will include the reading of names remembered with lights, and cider and cookies will be served. Call 507-283-1805 with questions.

Bell ringers wanted for Red Kettle

The Salvation Army 2019 Red Kettle Campaign continues through Tuesday Dec. 24, and bell ringers are needed for the fundraising event. Two-hour shifts are available between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sign up with Carrie Soto at 507-220-8897, or carriesoto@live.com or at <http://signup.com/go/AVakRky>.

Rock County Food shelf announces holiday schedule

Holiday hours at the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf are from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 5 and 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26. The Food Shelf is located in the lower level of the United Methodist Church, Luverne.

SHARE distribution Dec. 11

The Rock County SHARE distribution will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Luverne National Guard Armory at 309 S. Freeman Avenue. For more information contact Molly at 507-227-9282.

Walleye Wind meeting set for Dec. 5 in Beaver Creek

Walleye Wind of NextEra Energy will host an open house and information meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in SpringBrooke Events, Beaver Creek. It's open to area residents and anyone interested in the proposed wind generation facility in Rock County.

Luverne choir concert Dec. 12

Luverne choir concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the high school gym. It will feature middle school and high school choirs and will conclude with a joint performance of "O Holy Night." Admission is a monetary donation to the Luverne School Angel Fund, which helps students and families with outstanding lunch accounts.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School holiday concert set for Dec. 16

Hills-Beaver Creek sixth-through-twelfth-grade band and choir students will present a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the high school gymnasium in Hills.



Decorating Main Street before the storm

Missouri River Energy employee Dakota Olson (at left) installs the lighted wreaths along Main Street Luverne Nov. 26, before freezing rain and several inches of snow blanketed the area for Thanksgiving and the upcoming weekend.

Above, decorative holiday wreaths lean against the light posts on Main Street Luverne for Missouri River Energy employees Dakota Olson and Mike Buss to place on each lamppost.

Mavis Fodness photo/1205 Hanging Xmas Lights

Compassionate Friends chapter in Luverne/continued from page 1

died, but the pain is still real, and they want to help newly bereaved parents.

"Am I ever going to be the same again? The answer is no. You'll never be the same again. But you will heal. And you'll be able to get up in the morning and not be consumed by your child and their absence 24 hours a day," Pat said.

"Eventually you'll be able to convert that energy into recalling good memories, and you start to realize there are reasons to feel joy again."

Today, he's reminded of Jesse when his two daughters continue to pass landmark moments in their lives. Amanda, 31, was 6 when Jesse died and Rachel, 28, was only 2.

"I see Amanda starting

Annual Worldwide Candle-Lighting is at 7 p.m. central time on Sunday, Dec. 8, to remember children who died. "Light a candle and put it on your doorstep ... and encourage other people to do that."

her own family, and I wonder what he would be like," Pat said.

The Saums are working with local funeral directors to form a core group, and they're seeking support for office supplies (many boxes of tissues) and a lending library of reading material.

The group will start meeting in January in space pro-

vided at Lord Grizzly Gallery in Luverne. Pat can be reached at p.saum@iw.net or 605-254-2072.

"I hope that people aren't afraid to come to that first meeting," he said. A schedule will be determined by people who express interest in coming.

"I truly want to help people work through their grief and realize what a gift each of us

as parents get when we have children." Meanwhile, he's encouraging people — all people, grieving or not — to participate in the Dec. 8 Annual Worldwide Candle-Lighting campaign.

"At 7 p.m. central time on Sunday, Dec. 8, light a candle and put it on your doorstep," he said, "and encourage other people to do that."

According to the Compassionate Friends website, it signifies a celebration of solidarity and memory.

"It's a day on which people around the world gather to light candles for children who have died and to show that they will always be loved and never forgotten."

Generations calendar to raise money for building/continued from page 1

for the calendar passed a stringent test before it was considered.

Reu said Ebert and Fenske would name a movie, research various scenes on the Internet and, as a last step, Reu would have to watch any unfamiliar movies.

"I wanted a calendar in which my grandchildren can see me in a movie they can watch," Reu said.

She is Mary Poppins for the April page in the 2020 calendar.

Costumes were borrowed from the Green Earth Players and Jim Juhl with Myhre Studio shot photos inside and outside the studio.

Ebert and Fenske paired with Generations meal site

manager Lynette Hoiland for a scene from "Momma Mia."

"It was just a fun little project," Reu said.

The group printed 400 calendars, and they are available to purchase at the Luverne Area Chamber, The History Center and at Generations on East Lincoln Street.

A 2021 calendar is possibly in the works, Reu said.

"People are asking to be in it next year," she said. "So there may be another one."

Generations members voted last month to purchase the Terry and Mary Thone lot next to the meal site facility and construct a new building, which is estimated at \$2 million.



For the June 2020 page of the calendar, George Bonnema stars as "Forrest Gump" holding a box of chocolates.



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Luverne School District expenditures top \$20 million

Facility improvements included in expenditures for the fiscal 2019 audit

By Mavis Fodness

Expenditures topped \$20 million in the Luverne School District, according to the annual fiscal audit ending June 30.

Jim Gilman with Conway, Deuth and Schmiesing of Willmar presented the audit overview at the School Board's Nov. 26 meeting.

From July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, the district's overall revenues were \$18.8 million while overall expenditures totaled \$20.9 million.

"They've been on an ever-so-slight enrollment decline," Gilman said after the meeting. "This is to be expected — nothing out of the ordinary."

Student enrollment for 2018-19 was 1,233, down from 1,241 the previous year.

The increase in overall expenditures was also due to the district's current construction project that cost \$3.633 million during the audit period.

Revenue for construction during the same time frame was \$517,081. The building construction fund had a balance of \$27 million as of June 30.

In the district's other funds, food service also had an increase in expenditures in 2018-19 of \$611,878 out of a budgeted \$583,080.

"Food service in a lot of schools takes a bit of a hit depending on the number of students served," Gilman said.

However, the general fund came in at \$908,598 under the projected \$14.99 million budget.

In addition to providing student services, the general fund also includes student transportation, instructional and student support programs, and maintenance and capital expenditures, which had

several planned projects put on hold during the audit timeframe due to this year's construction activities and led to the positive fund balance going into the current fiscal year.

"We still have a long list of projects still coming up," Gilman said.

The community service fund also came in under budget by \$9,434. Officials spent \$567,806 of the planned \$577,240 budget.

The debt service fund balance for the district saw an increase of \$150,047. The district spent \$2.05 million of the \$2.2 million budgeted amount.

In other business, board members:

- gave approval for students to participate in and fundraise for the high school's First Robotics competitive team.

- accepted the resignation of Caitlin Altman, paraprofessional, effective Nov. 8.

- finalized the hiring of Cassie Snyders, paraprofessional, effective Nov. 11; Amy Hamann, paraprofessional, Nov. 18; Danielle Kneip, long-term substitute elementary teacher for Dana Wolf from Dec. 26 to April 27, 2020; Joel Evans and Lance Ripka, volunteer wrestling coaches; Brayden Jacobsma, seventh-grade boys basketball coach; Chris DenHoed, assistant varsity boys hockey coach; Kaden Ericson, volunteer boys hockey coach; and Cody Gehrke, volunteer gymnastics coach.

- authorized medical leave for Amanda Fields, elementary teacher, for four weeks beginning Jan. 4, 2020; and maternity leave for Amy VonHoltum, elementary teacher, for seven weeks beginning March 1, 2020.



Lori Sorenson photos/1205 LACF awards

Twenty-eight organizations received more than \$60,000 in grants from LACF this year. Representing them Monday night are (front, from left) Caroline Thorson, Elizabeth Schear, Marie Atkinson Smeins, Carrie Soto, Lisa Dinger, Louella Voight, Janine Papik, (second row) Emily Opheim, Sheila Westfield, Emily Austin, Sarah Wrigg, Corrine Bonnema, Amy Nelson, Lorna Bryan, Scott Johnson, Ross Metzger, Lonna Heideman, Emily Crabtree, (third row) Lexi Moore, Lee Sells, George Bonnema, Jon Schomacker, Greg Antoine, Shawn Kinsinger, Joe Schomacker, (back) Kynzie Hamman, Elise Jarchow, Anita Cole-Kraty, Jessica Blocker. Not pictured are Lois Leenderts, Phil Paquette, David VanBatavia, Angela Noliz and Kelsey Maeschen.

LACF hosts annual Friends of the Foundation Celebration

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Community Foundation hosted its annual Friends of the Foundation Celebration of Philanthropy Monday, Nov. 25, in Take 16 Brewing Company, Luverne.

The event recognizes and celebrates businesses, nonprofits and individuals who benefit from and support the foundation's mission of strengthening the community.

Jeannine Rivet, Warren Herreid receive Spirit of Philanthropy Award

Jeannine Rivet and Warren Herreid were honored with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award, which is awarded to those who have shown commitment to charitable responsibility and a generosity to inspire others to philanthropic action.

"Tonight's philanthropy award recipients have a connection of deep roots, history in Rock County," said Emily Crabtree, Luverne Area Community Foundation director.

"We share and recognize these roots in hopes it will inspire and challenge our friendships with you to be deeper and more committed for the common good of all."

She introduced them with the following narrative before revealing their names:

While in their current life there is ability to live comfortably, they grew up from humble beginnings. Both had parents who strongly influenced and modeled hard work and integrity. Compassion for those in need by giving what you could in time and treasure was a priority always.

This couple states they have been blessed with great careers and were influenced by parents who had faith in their ability to succeed. In honor of their parents and the values handed down to them, they created a family foundation in 2005. This foundation formalized their giving opportunity and

allowed for educating their children and grandchildren in a responsibility to give back.

They feel that giving back to the community is important and they choose to give because they can and they should. I asked these friends how they hope their gifts will inspire or affect others. Their decisions for gifts are purposeful and they look for measureable impact and results. Honoring Veterans is an area very important to our friends. The contributions to the Rock County Veterans Memorial/Museum were given with the intent to bring peace, recognition and gratitude for the service of our Rock County Veterans and their families.

The secured location of the new Armory in our community for military training, community gathering space and recreational opportunities for residents was guaranteed through a generous gift by these friends.

The K.A.H.R. family foundation is also working behind the scenes allowing local educators and students to attend training workshops they might not otherwise be able to attend



Jeannine Rivet and Warren Herreid, pictured with Emily Crabtree, LACF director, were honored with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award, which is awarded to those who have shown commitment to charitable responsibility and a generosity to inspire others to philanthropic action.

through scholarships.

Tonight's spirit awardee sent this quote by Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give." They hope their example of giving will encourage others to share of their time and treasure as taught to them.

Red Arrows receives Nonprofit Spotlight Award

The LACF Nonprofit Spotlight award went to Rock County Red Arrow. It recognizes an outstanding volunteer group that demonstrates commitment to community through direct involvement, financial support and leadership.

Crabtree introduced the organization with the following narrative:

The roots of this organization run deep. So deep that the organization's originating mission was to be the single entity that requested charitable donations from supporting communities that would then be disbursed to the local nonprofits in need of funds. This organization is supported through direct donations from the people of Rock County. This nonprofit organization relies on an all-volunteer board.

All members of this board live in Rock County and have a common goal to make Rock County a better place to live. One member states, "I Love

LACF Awards/see page 5

Red Cross announces area blood drives

The American Red Cross has scheduled two blood drives in December in the area.

- The Luverne blood drive is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Luverne High School.

- The Jasper blood drive is from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church at 101 Spicer Street in Jasper.

Donors are reminded to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification. Go to RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-733-2767 for more information.

Rock County Library activities

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

Mah Jongg is from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays.

Trivia Night Championship at Take 16, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5.

Winterfest puppet show, 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

Winterfest Trivia Night at Take 16, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

DIY Book Page Wreaths is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

Pale Luna film screen/Q&A, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Closing at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. Closed Wednesday, Dec. 25. Closing at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Grain bin dryer catches fire over Thanksgiving/from page 1

scene for 12 hours, returning to the fire hall around 3 a.m. Thursday.

Then, around 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, they were called back for a couple of hours to cool down smoldering grain.

Van Batavia said its unclear how much of the corn was salvaged or if the bin was a total loss, but he noted that it was the first call for his department that required backup air supply.

"It was quite a job," he said.

Greg and Joanne Gabrielson put a thank-you ad in this week's Star Herald (see page 11) thanking Mike Stroh for noticing the smoke and

calling in the fire and also thanking the fire department for their long hours extinguishing the blaze.

"Most people, fortunately, will never watch the Luverne Fire Department up close when they are on a fire," they wrote.

"We did, and we were very impressed how they worked as a well-trained team."

They thanked fire crews for the long hours working on the bin and for returning on the holiday to cool it down again.

"We are very fortunate to have such a great fire department in our community," the Gabrielsons wrote.

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Conquering clutter cures feeling of dog chasing its own tail

Our new puppy, Lucy, a lab-Brittany spaniel mix, often chases her own tail.



The sight is comical, as she spins and snaps her teeth at her long brown tail.

She spins in both directions, quite fast, until she catches her tail in her mouth and, after a brief pause, continues to spin in circles.

I often feel I'm spinning in circles, not seeming to accomplish much of anything when it comes to dealing with household clutter.

The recent sight of a large roll-off dumpster outside a Hardwick home brought focus to my circle spinning. In their grief, family members were cleaning out the small white home with the majority of the items tossed into the dumpster for disposal in the landfill.

I couldn't help but think the owner should have been the one doing the tossing, donating or giving away of the items collected over the decades, not family members.

Ironically, what people collect in their homes has a cost.

Minnesotans are hoarding almost \$50 billion worth of unused goods, which, on average, is the equivalent of \$390 per home, according to ServiceMaster of Lake Shore, Minnesota, which surveyed 7,000 households.

Questions included, "Do you still have that pair of jeans you bought three years ago in the hopes of fitting into them soon, or the cute, colorful cardboard box your delivery came in a few months ago? You know, the box that you'll make use of eventually?"

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

I have a lot of these items, too, and I feel I can't get rid of them because of the "what if" questions that creep into my thoughts. I keep these items stuffed into closets of my home because they may be needed some day.

Not only does the collection of stuff have a monetary pull on our lives, but it also causes strife among household members.

The survey found 22 percent of arguments between couples center around the refusal to rid our homes of items we no longer use.

What are the items we find most difficult to part with? Twenty-eight percent said clothing, followed by outdated technology (24 percent), furniture (18 percent), books (16 percent), movies (12 percent) and seasonal items (2 percent.)

If we cannot dedicate time to a big cleanup, ServiceMaster suggested dedicating a few minutes per day to spot tidying.

I have since adopted a "20 minute" rule.

To get through all the stuff I have accumulated, I commit 20 minutes every now and then to going through a box and making decisions about its contents.

Over a month's time I have made great strides and surprisingly I've made use of items I didn't even know I had.

Little by little I no longer feel as though I am chasing my tail when it comes to conquering clutter. Lucy, however, still enjoys the activity.

Last chance to submit your input into Star Herald's 2010-2020 news highlights

We're closing in on the end another decade, and the Star Herald is looking back on the highlights of the years between 2010 and 2020.

A few of our readers submitted their news highlights but we would like to hear from more of our community members.

Looking back, the first 10 years of the new millennium in Rock County were marked by the Ken Burns world premiere of his documentary series, "The War," at the Palace Theatre.

The decade also saw a regeneration of what we now know as the Courthouse Square with the stately veterans memorial and the restored former jail building — projects that were generous gifts of Warren Herreid II and Jeannine Rivet and their KAHR Foundation.

Amid these high points were the tragic high profile murder of 20-year-old Carrie Nelson in the Blue Mounds State Park office and the local impact of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on the U.S. Of course there were many other

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major events and developments that shaped that first decade after 2000 and laid the groundwork for the second one that will soon be in our rear-view mirror.

What will we remember about the years between 2010 and 2020? Tragedies? Successes? Record weather events? Major business developments?

What was significant about the past 10 years?

It likely depends on whom you ask.

Actually, we're asking you, dear readers. What were the top 10 stories of the decade in Rock County?

Perhaps they weren't a single

news story, or even a story that appeared in the paper at all?

Maybe it was the rise of an era — like the farming boom and record land values midway through the decade. Or maybe it was the arrival of social media and its effect on values and beliefs. The school construction project? New housing developments? Countywide broadband connections?

What impacted your life the most since 2010?

Compile your list and send it by Dec. 10 to editor@star-herald.com, or snail mail to the Star Herald at 117 West Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.



Luverne turns up the holiday spirit during this weekend's Winterfest

I don't know why, but maybe because the Peterson family celebrated Thanksgiving almost a month ago, it seemed to me that December wasn't ever going to get here. Then all of a sudden December is here and Christmas is just three weeks away.

So now that Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday have come and gone, I assume you have all your Christmas shopping done.

Oh, not the case? Well then, you're in luck. It's Winterfest weekend in Luverne, and there are all kinds of shopping opportunities right here — not to mention any number of holiday events.

On second thought, I'll mention some of them. On Friday the kids can take in the puppet show story hour at the library at 10 a.m. Later in the day starting at 5 p.m. the older folks can sample some wine and beer at the Blue Mound Liquor Store. Or



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

you might want to take a seat at the table and compete in the Luverne Eagles Club Cribbage Tournament, but if you're more of a "brainiac," get a team together and show off your intellectual skills at Take 16 holiday trivia team tournament.

Saturday will keep you just as busy starting with the Arts and Crafts Show at the Luverne Public Schools. The doors open at 9 a.m. There is a \$5 admission fee, but kids 12 and under get in free. Pictures with Santa

by Myhre Studio get underway at 11 a.m. and go until 1 p.m. There is a \$15 charge for a color 5x7, and the proceeds go to Rock County S.H.A.R.E.

The 4-H is hosting Santa's workshop for grades K-4. The 4-H'ers will help the kids make a holiday craft for their parents or a family member. The cost ranges between \$2-\$5.

Rock County Sno Masters are having a swap meet and membership drive at the Howling Dog starting at 10 a.m. Hopefully (I guess) there will

be some snow for riders.

If snowmobiles aren't your cup of tea, stop by the Hinkly House Open House between 1-4 p.m. for a cup of Christmas Tea.

Of course, while you're milling around town, be sure to check out all the Christmas shopping at our local merchants.

From there head back to Blue Mound Liquor Store and take in round two of wine and beer tasting from 5 to 8 p.m.

On Sunday, be sure to stop by the Grand Prairie Events for the Tony Boyenga Family Benefit from noon to 4 p.m. Take a moment and let the spirit of Christmas touch your heart and help this family out.

For a special holiday finale for the weekend, you have to make your way through the Luverne City Park for "Love the Light" Christmas in the Park from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5-per-car fee for this night only,

but hey, it's the Christmas season. Don't be a scrooge. Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Student Council elves will be on hand for pictures and hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies. You'll have a chance to drop a buck or two or more into the freewill donation bucket as a fundraiser for the Luverne Student Council.

As you drive through the park, one of the last light displays you'll see is the Star Herald's. We are on a mission to get hundreds, if not thousands, of greeting cards in the hands of our deployed military personnel around the world.

You can help us by dropping off a card at our display or drop it off at our office. Check out the ad in today's Star Herald for more details on our greeting card drive.

After Saturday night you can drive through the park and enjoy the lights every night if you like, free of charge.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 22
 •Complainant on County Highway 4 requested notification.
 •Complainant in Steen reported a possible propane leak.
 •Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a break-in.
 •Report of a semi rollover at 200th Avenue, 1/4 mile north of Iowa/Minnesota border.
 •Deputies conducted a warrant check on N. Cedar Street.
 •Subject was held on Rock County warrant in Worthington.
Nov. 23
 •Complainant reported an accident on County Road 11 and 71st Street.
 •Complainant requested to speak with deputy regarding stolen vehicle.
 •Subject arrested on Rock County warrant in Sioux Falls.
 •Suspicious activity was reported at location on S. Water Avenue, Hills.
 •Deputy checked on vehicle on County Road 4 and 110th Avenue.
Nov. 24
 •Deputy out with pedestrian on S. Kniss Avenue.
 •Deputies served search warrant on W. Warren Street.
 •Suspicious activity was reported at location on W. Adams.
 •Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Mead Court reported a vehicle parked hazardingly.
Nov. 25
 •Complainant on 20th Avenue, Valley Springs, reported some bad checks.
 •Complainant reported subject with warrant.
 •Complainant reported insurance fraud.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a reckless driver.
 •Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported a residential fire alarm.
 •Complainant reported active drugs at S. Church Avenue location.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a break-in and theft.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vehicles for hazardous driving.
Nov. 26
 •Complainant in Sioux Falls reported subject with Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a noise complaint.
 •Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on Highway 75, mile marker 3.5.
 •Complainant reported a two-vehicle accident on Interstate 90, mile marker 9.
 •Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported theft.
 •Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on S. Church Avenue, Hills.
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported cars parked where they dump snow.
 •Complainant reported an accident on Interstate 90, mile marker 7, Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant reported an accident westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11.
 •Complainant on W. Fletcher Street reported someone riding a snowmobile on city streets.
Nov. 27
 •Parking complaint reported on Oak Drive.
 •Report of grain bin on fire at location on 91st Street.
Nov. 28
 •Complainant reported an impaired driver.
 •Fire reported at location on 91st Street.
 •Driving complaint reported at location westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia.
 •Accident reported at location westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 3 vehicles in the ditch, 4 follow-ups, 5 transports, 6 escorts, 22 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 4 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 3 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 2 purchase and carry permits, 1 log/ alarm sheet, 25 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 welfare check and 1 report of cattle out.

LACF hosts Friends of Foundation Celebration/from page 3

Rock County" and all that it has to offer so being a volunteer allows me to make it an even better place. Having an open ear to the needs of qualifying organizations and supporting them financially has allowed this group to be a leader in Rock County for 54 years.

Another board member shared that being a part of this group has allowed them to meet many different people and share with them the generosity of so many people in our area.

Papik Motors honored as Outstanding Corporation or Business

Papik Motors is this year's Outstanding Corporation or Business. The foundation of the award, Crabtree said, is based on creating a culture of philanthropy through financial support of nonprofit organizations, leadership and volunteerism. She announced the award with the following narrative:

When we talk about Rock County roots this outstanding business award fits the mold. Papik Motors was created in 1990 under the ownership of two Luverne High School Sweethearts.

Gary and Janine have been lifelong residents of Rock County and have been not only successful business owners but successful visionaries, mentors and examples of giving back to community for future generations and they do this side by side with their children.

Papik Motors is a proud supporter of many non-profit organizations in the community; chamber events, Palace Theatre events, area sports teams, local fundraisers, youth sponsored events, FFA scholarships and scholarships for students wishing to enter the automotive field. If there is something going on in the community that needs support, Papik Motors is likely doing something to support it.

The Papik Motor Company encourages its employees to be involved in the community. While the list is long here a few highlights: a lengthy number of board memberships, LIFT, Luverne Street Music, MN West College, Take 16, Luverne Baseball and Basketball Association, and the Palace Theatre.

Support of volunteering is equally abundant in youth



Lori Sorenson photo/1205 LACF awards

Emily Crabtree, Luverne Area Community Foundation director, introduces representatives of the 28 local organizations that received more than \$60,000 in grants from the foundation this year. Each one came to the microphone to explain what they do and how they use the money. The groups are listed below:

Grant Recipients

- #LuvLuvAll - Dental
- Hills Beaver Creek PTO
- Rock County 4-H Federation
- Rock County Agricultural Society
- LIFT P.O.P Club
- Rock County Generations Inc
- Luverne Community Education
- Hardwick American Legion
- City of Hills
- SW Mental Health Center
- Luverne Backpack
- Blue Mound Area Theatre
- Luverne Street Music
- Friends of Blue Mound State Park
- Atlas of Rock County
- Luverne Public School - Mindfulness
- Luverne Public School - Specialized Instructional Services
- Sanford Luverne
- Rock County Opportunities
- United Methodist Church/Service Over Self
- Good Samaritan Society Luverne
- City of Luverne
- City of Luverne Fire Department
- Hills/Beaver Creek Schools Flu Shot
- Luverne Public Schools Flu Shot
- #LuvLuvAll - Brain Health

sports and music activities, meals on wheels, choral leadership and music accompaniment, and participation in sponsored chamber events.

Employees help raise funds for pink Saturdays which raises money for breast cancer

awareness, Chevy youth baseball event, raising funds for youth baseball, sponsoring and volunteering as host for the monthly Bank Night free movie event for families, and has participated in Kids Against Hunger pack-

ing meals for those in need. When asked how Papik Motors has developed its culture for giving it was shared that it came from a National Auto Dealers convention Gary attended.

Gary was affected by a seminar about the importance of giving back to your community. He states that Luverne has been a great place to raise a family and the quality of life is unbelievable. That's his inspiration for leading by example at Papik Motors and its staff to make the community in which we live the best that it can be.

Twenty-eight groups receive over \$60,000 in grants from LACF

The evening offered an opportunity for grant recipients to explain their missions and how they use their funds.

"When you give a gift to the Luverne Area Community Foundation you are helping support the grant requests that come from the not for profit organizations that work for the strength and health of our communities," Crabtree said.

This year 28 local organizations receiving over \$60,000 in grant funding from LACF.

Crabtree explained the process with the following narrative:

I had a donor ask me recently "Emily, how do we know who needs financial help every year. After a short pause my answer was twofold."

First, I believe that the needs change every year. We can help get something going in the right direction and then a new need will arise.

Second, an annual gift to the LACF Community Grant Fund helps the organizations who shared with you tonight receive the funding needed to fill the gaps or strengthen the programs they are running for the communities we love.

This year the request for dollars was three times the amount we had to give.

If you want to make a difference, if you want to create impact, make or continue to make part of your annual giving to the LACF Community Grant Fund.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation can be reached at 507-220-2424 or Emily@luvacf.org.



Agri-Energy plant manager Phil Cherry (center) accepts a \$12,779 rebate check from Darlene Weber-Scott of Missouri River Energy Services (left) and Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian (right) at the start of the City Council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 26. (Lori Sorenson photo)

City awards energy rebate to Agri-Energy

The city of Luverne municipal utilities presented Agri-Energy with a check in the amount of \$12,779.10 on Nov. 26 as part of the city's Bright Energy Solutions rebate program.

The program encourages energy-efficient choices by offering cash for the purchase of qualifying equipment. The ultimate goal is to help customers save money on their electrical use and help conserve valuable resources.

By choosing to upgrade the centrifuge in their plant, Agri-Energy is estimated to save 397,572 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, which is the equivalent of powering 44 households.

Plant manager Phil Cherry accepted the check on behalf of Agri-Energy from Darlene Weber-Scott with Missouri River Energy Services.

In addition to the rebate,

these choices could mean savings of nearly \$26,000 each year on the company's electric bill.

The electric savings alone is enough to provide electricity to 44 homes for a full year.

"We're very dedicated to reducing our carbon footprint," Cherry said, while thanking MRES and the city of Luverne for working with Agri-Energy on the project.

The city of Luverne offers no-cost walk-through audits for its commercial customers to help them understand electrical rates, usage and ways to reduce their consumption.

These visits provide valuable data on how customers are able to reduce their utility bills for many years to come.

To apply for cash incentives, customers must complete an application form and provide the required documentation to the city of

Luverne. The utility currently offers cash rebates to qualified customers for many commercial and industrial programs.

In addition, Luverne has rebates available for residential appliances, light bulbs, and heating and cooling equipment and air conditioner tune-ups.

For more information about the Bright Energy Solutions incentives, or to schedule a business energy-conservation walk-through, call Luverne City Hall at 507-449-2388 or visit www.brightenergysolutions.com/municipalities-container/mn/luverne-municipal-utilities/.

Missouri River Energy Services, Sioux Falls, is a not-for-profit joint-action agency that provides electric power and other energy services to 61 municipal electric utilities in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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Rock County 4-H'ers, adults recognized for achievements during the 2019 program year

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County 4-H organization hosted the 2019 awards and recognition night Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Luverne Elementary School commons.

This year's theme was "Any Way You Cut It: 4-H is Top Choice."

About 160 4-H members, parents, leaders and sponsors attended the event that recognized members for their achievements during the 2019 4-H year.

Federation officers elected for 2020 4-H year

The evening began with the installation of the newly elected Federation officers.

Installed were officers Whitney Elbers, president; Jacob Raak, vice president; Justin Mente, treasurer; Grace Sandbulte, secretary; Danette Leenderts, assistant secretary/reporter, as well as youth leaders Leah Kruse and Caleb Raak, Extension Committee representatives Michael Kinsinger and Krista Burkman, adult treasurer Candy Reese, and adult representatives Mike Uhl, Theresa Raak, Dawn Leenderts, Becky Ossefoort, Russell Forrest, Cory Schoeneman and Michele Kruse.

Ambassadors recognized

The Rock County 4-H ambassadors were the hosts of the program and were recognized for providing youth leadership to many of the county 4-H programs.

The Ambies for the past year were Josie Scholten, Hannah Kruse, Allie LaRock, Michaela Sandbulte, Hunter Sandbulte, Michael Kinsinger, Joni Vander Beek, Christian Kruse, Tory Knobloch, Gretchen Jacobsma, Emily Malsom, Cassie Flanagan, Whitney Elbers, Brianna Jonas, McKenna Westphal, Kaylie Ossefoort, Trevor Mente, Joshua Raak, Jacob Raak, Halle Hough, Keisha Veldkamp, Sam Moser, Danette Leenderts, and Justin Mente.

Club awards given

The county 4-H clubs were also recognized for their members' achievements throughout the year.

This year the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club won top Com-



New Federation officers and adult representatives for the 2020 4-H year include (front, left) Leah Kruse, Danette Leenderts, Krista Burkman, Grace Sandbulte, (back) Russell Forrest, Michael Kinsinger, Whitney Elbers, Caleb Raak, Jacob Raak, Theresa Raak, Mike Uhl, Becky Ossefoort, Dawn Leenderts and Michele Kruse.

munity Pride honors for their activities, which included hosting an Easter egg hunt, cleaning ditches, and hosting a pet food drive for the Tracy Area Animal Rescue.

The Springdell club took second place for their Community Pride projects, which included spending time with the residents at Palisades Manor and assisting with the Garretson City Wide Clean-up.

The 4-H clubs also compete for awards based on the activities they do as a club. Among the activities for which they receive points include member attendance, having project meetings, the percentage of members that do demonstrations and project talks, having recreation. This year the first-place active club award went to Springdell.

Second place was awarded to Denver Go-Getters.

This year two clubs tied for having the highest per-

centage of members complete their re-enrollment for the 2020 4-H year and that was awarded to Denver Go-Getters and Livewires.

Individuals recognized

Recognition was given to a large group of Rock County's youngest 4-H members, the Cloverbuds, who are members in kindergarten through second grade.

Receiving awards were Penni Moore from BR; Cora Mesman from K9s; Ashlyn Klein and Matthew Koedam from DGG; Allison Honken, Alayna Oechsle, Ivy Tiesler, and Jackson Viger from LW; Braylynn Altman, Caul Bonnett, Brody Buntjer, Blakely Fick, Joshua Luitjens and Adalyn Uithoven from MJ; and Cale Barefoot, Cole Barefoot, Caylix Buchholz, Colton Buchholz, Mason Cox, Hayden Devine, Memphis Haeffner, Cannon Halbersma and Norah Maloney from SD.

4-H members in their first and second years in 4-H can compete for the Clover Power award given to members based on their participation in club and county activities through the year.

Recipients included Camdyn Broesder, Hailey Moser, Ava Steinhoff and AnnMarie Wiersema of BR; Lily Ehlers of K9s; Joshua Honken of LW; Lucas Madison, Evan Ossefoort, and Kailee Sandbulte of MJ; and Klarissa Burkman, Lillian Maloney, Brady Malsom, and Lizzy Pitz of SD.

4-H members also compete for awards in two age divisions.

The Fantastic 15 Awards go to 15 members in grades 3-6 with the highest points for various activities such as participating in club activities, attending 4-H camp, exhibiting at county fair, filling out records and giving demonstrations.

The Fantastic 15 awards were presented to Mazzi Moore, Ava Steinhoff, and AnnMarie Wiersema of BR; Paige Blom and Peyton Blom of DGG; Fox Forrest of K9s; Andrea Honken, Joshua Honken, Janica Oechsle, and Makayla Oechsle of LW; Brianna Kinsinger, Andrea Luitjens, Austin Sandbulte, and Kailee Sandbulte of MJ; and Klarissa Burkman and Lillian Maloney of SD.

As 4-H members age, they can expand their involvement in 4-H to include leadership activities.

The youth in grades 7 and up compete for the FAB 15.

The Fab 15 included Whitney Elbers, Danette Leenderts, and Samantha Moser of BR; Caleb Raak, Jacob Raak, and Joshua Raak of DGG; Egypt Forrest of K9s; Hannah Kruse

Club abbreviation key
For individual award recognition, the club names will be abbreviated as BR = Blue Ribbon, K9s = County K9s, DGG = Denver Go-Getters, LW = Livewires, MJ = Magnolia Juniors, SD = Springdell, and WW = Willing Workers.

of LW; Gretchen Jacobsma, Michael Kinsinger, Justin Mente, Dennie Sandbulte, and Grace Sandbulte of MJ; and Krista Burkman and Zach Uhl of SD.

Achievement honors

Awards were presented to three 4-H'ers for their involvement.

Achievement awards are "once in a lifetime" awards given to 4-H members who have done significant work through the years in one project area, and have shared their knowledge with others.

An Achievement Award in the Beef project was presented to Whitney Elbers, member of Blue Ribbon 4-H Club and daughter of Kurt and Lanette Elbers of Steen.

A Dairy Achievement Award was given to Jacob Raak, member of Denver Go-Getters and son of Philip and Theresa Raak of Jasper.

Each year the George A. Golla Award is presented by the Golla Family of Luverne to a 4-H'er who has demonstrated an extraordinary display of 4-H qualities and has incorporated the 4-H values into their goals and their life. After reflecting on those qualities, and the way they have given back to others

and their communities, the award was presented to Whitney Elbers.

Outstanding youth honors

The ultimate youth leader award is the Outstanding Youth Leader award.

This year, based on her active involve-



Gretchen Jacobsma

4-H awards/continued on 8

1931: Women leaders built poultry feeders

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on November 13, 1931.

Women Leaders of Poultry Project Build Self-Feeders

Models Fashioned are Conclusive Proof That Feminine Hands Can Efficiently Hit the Nail on the Head

Women leaders have been "hitting the nail on the head" the past week as a result of their leader training meetings, which were held in Luverne Thursday and Friday of last week under the direction of Miss Cora Cooke, of University farm.

"The Feeding and Care of the Laying Flock" was the topic of discussion and one of the features of the meetings was the building of a simple, cheap poultry mash hopper.

Most men have vague ideas as to the ability of Rock county women as carpenters, but judging from the noise in the club rooms on both afternoons, most nails were hit on the head. In fact, most of the nails vanished into the wood, and those that didn't will in the next few weeks. As



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

as a result the feeders were completed and look as attractive as they are serviceable. It is understood that each of the twelve groups of women will construct a similar feeder in their group meetings to be held in the next few weeks.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•A report of early morning deer shining and shooting from the road resulted in a citation Sunday, Nov. 29.

According to the Rock County Sheriff's Department, an individual had called to report someone shining deer and shooting along a roadside in the area northeast of the Blue Mounds State Park lower dam.

The incident was reported just after 6:30 a.m. Statute prohibits shooting until 7:10 a.m. — one half hour before sunrise at 7:40 a.m. A deputy met the complainants near the Blue Mound Lutheran Church and was directed about a mile to the northeast where the suspects had driven.

Witnesses said they saw the vehicle shining headlights at deer and they heard shots fired from the roadway. No deer were taken, but they watched the vehicle proceed north on 150th Avenue and turn east at the first intersection.

The deputy reportedly caught up with the suspect and questioned them about their activity.

He seized the firearms and turned the information over to DNR Conservation Officer Gary Nordseth, Round Lake.

25 years ago (1994)

•A fire gutted the home of Vance and Becky Walgrave Saturday afternoon, sending them and their family to temporary housing for the holidays.

The Luverne Fire Department was called to the Walgrave home east of Luverne at about 12:30 p.m. A neighbor called 911 when he heard glass breaking and noticed flames coming from the north windows.

No one was home at the time the fire broke out, but Becky said she and Katie and Suzie were just returning home after picking out a Christmas tree. "We stopped to water the neighbor's tree and saw the fire trucks," Becky said. "We looked out and saw it was our house."

Firefighters managed to salvage some of the sooty living room furnishings, but the rest of the interior and belongings were ruined. "The firemen were great," Becky said. "They took my stuff out so carefully."

Vance agreed, "Those guys were impressive," he said. "They came in and knocked that fire down with probably only 20 gallons of water."

Fire fighters said the blaze, which started in Katie's bedroom, was likely caused by a candle, but a waterbed heater or an aquarium heater are other possible culprits.

50 years ago (1969)

•An estimated 10,000 gallons of water was needed at midnight

Friday to cool two propane tanks at the Hamann Brothers farm, located nine miles west and one and a half miles north of Luverne.

A heater was being used to keep the tanks warm for better pressure. The cover over the tanks caught on fire and propane being released from the pressure relief valve ignited. What it amounted to, according to Luverne firemen, was a big gas fired torch.

Fireman from the Luverne and Beaver Creek departments fought the fire.

The tanks, which are owned by the Luverne Farm Store, were just filled Friday and contained between 600-700 gallons of propane. New valves have to be replaced on the tanks and they'll have to be checked by the manufacturer but I can't see any damage to the outside of the tanks, George Golla, owner of the Luverne Farm store said.

75 years ago (1944)

•Christmas greeting cards, mailed unsealed with only a 1 ½ cent stamp on them go through the mails as ordinary circulars or third class mail, thus causing slow delivery, Postmaster Jacob Ohlsen reminded this week.

He further pointed out that if cards mailed in that manner are incorrectly addressed, they will not be returned to sender.

"If you value your friends to whom you are sending these cards, you are urged to heed the post office department's plea to place three-cent stamps on all of them," he said. "They will then be considered first class, and will be treated the same as letters."

Every year, Ohlsen declared, hundred of cards are left at the post office because they bear 1 ½ cent stamps and therefore cannot be forwarded or returned.

100 years ago (1919)

•That the people of Rock county, and especially residents of Luverne, are today facing the most serious shortage of coal that has confronted them at any time within the last four years is the consensus of opinion of coal dealers and others who have taken the trouble to investigate the matter.

As a consequence the people of this city, in particular, are urged to save fuel in every possible manner, and the patrons of the City Heating Co., and the municipal light, power and water works plant, are asked to cut down consumption of these products to the lowest degree in order to conserve fuel at the power house.

There is virtually only a thirty days' supply of coal at the power house, and much of this must be retained on hand as a guarantee in regard to the city's water supply, for it is said to be only by this course that fire insurance carried in the city may be kept valid.

Luverne High School releases honor rolls

Quarter 1 'A' Honor Roll

Seniors: Dalwa Alinzi, Talitha Andersen, Michelle Arevalo, Isaiah Bartels, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Bieber, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Hannah Ehlers, Madigan Flom, Nicole Hoogland, Ivy Hudson, Anna Huisman, Kaitlyn Jacobs, Amelia Jarchow, Kacie Kracht, Sophia Lanoue, Reka Meinerts, Nathan Nekali, Gunnar Oldre, Stepan Orletskyy, Melanie Rittenhouse, Tyler Roberts, Nicholas Rogers, Matthew Sehr, Jordan Winter.

Juniors: Russell Aanenson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Ethan Curtiss, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Emma Hinz, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Alex Mann, Autumn Nath, Rozilynn Oye, Katlin Petronek, Ainslie Robinson, Hunter Sandbulte, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Leah Wynia, Gracie Zewiske.

Sophomores: Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Burke Johnson, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunniss, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia Wieneke.

Freshmen: Josie Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Zachary DeBoer, Egypt Forrest, Jady Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszski, Anja Jarchow, Isabella Lanoue, Reese Louwagie, Lacey Morseman, Ethan Nath, Carly Olson, Logan Ommen, Isabella Oye, Alyia Renken, Averill Sehr, Kamryn Van Batavia, Mallory

Von Tersch, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

Quarter 1 'B' Honor Roll

Seniors: Martin Anderson, Claire Baustian, Quinn Buss, Anita Cole-Kraty, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Dalton Domagala, Carson Ehde, Jonah Fredrichsen, Kynzie Hamann, Meagan Hansen, Alexandra Hartman, Zayda Holmgren, Heather Huether, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Kyia Leeds, Carter Loosbrock, Jonah Louwagie, Michael Meeker, Meghan Mollberg, Samantha Niessink, Marshal Oakes, Melisa Osias, Mallory Oye, Katia Proissl, Henry Rolling, Gracie Rozeboom, Ainsley Rysdam, Maren Schaap, Riley Siebenahler, Damien Stokes, Cole Stoltenberg, McKenzie Swenson, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Jacob Von Tersch, Andrew Wagner, Austin Watts-Boll, Meghan Witte.

Juniors: Zachary Ahrendt, Cooper Arends, Rebecca Austin, Trinity Carson, Bailey Cowell, Tyrcia Davis, Sophia Eisma, Cassie Flanagan, Rylee Gee, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Katarina Horn, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, Anthony Kramer, Hailey Kruger, Destiny Matthesen, Nathan Meeker, John Miller, Carlton Oftedahl, Siyara Reese, Sadie Reisdorfer, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Paige Sandbulte, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Ethan Teunissen, Leslie Van Engelenhoven, McKenzie Van Grootheest.

Sophomores: Rylee Anderson, Christopher Aning, Jase Arp, Heath Austin, Ayden Bonnett, Reghan Bork, Luke Bosch, Billi Connell, Sam Emery, Kyle Ferguson, Blake Frahm, Jordan Friedrichsen,

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H-BC middle, high school students reach honor status

Quarter 1 'A' Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Beau Bakken, Isabella DeBoer, Gracie Fagerness, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Mazzi Moore, Jack Moser.

Eighth Grade: Grace Anderson, Peyton Bennett, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Tahlia Kruger, Ty Leuthold, Brynn Rauk, Larissa Steinhoff, Avril Susie.

Freshmen: Devon Dysthe, Brayden Metzger.

Sophomores: Austin Allen, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen.

Juniors: Annie Bos, Chase Bosch, Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Lauren Tatge, Brandon Taubert, Austin Wilhelmi.

Seniors: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom.

Quarter 1 'B' Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Emma Deelstra, Jackson Gacke, Lukas

Hubbard, Harli Rozeboom, Kadence Rozeboom, Jaci Stubbe, Rebekah Swenson, Johnathan Tiesler, Lexus Wessels, Amber Wiersema, Ava Zomer.

Eighth Grade: Cooper Gehrke, Kyler Hartz, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Damion Meinerts, Justin Roelfs, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

Freshmen: Olivia Bork, Jennifer Martinyuk, Britton McKenzie, Cody Moser, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

Sophomores: Leanna GAugler, Josephyne Klosterbuer, Ethan Kruger, Donavon Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Mackenzie Voss.

Juniors: Tryce Bennett, Tyson Bork, Thomas Dysthe, Ethan Gray, Tory Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Abigail Olson, Taryn Rauk, Jacob Sheppard, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Avery Vis, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

Seniors: Michaela Abels, Kivrak Batuhan, Joslyn Birger, Eve Burgers, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Kiara Honken, Kyle Kueter, Bryn Mongeau, Jax Wysong.

Rosetta Van Marel

Rosetta Jane Van Marel, of South Dakota School of Medicine and later a secretary for the State of South Dakota Disability Determination Service. In 2008 she retired.



Rosetta was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. She was a member of the Women's Guild and served several years as the president and treasurer. She taught catechism and Sunday school for 18 years. She was an accompanist for the Junior Choir for 17 years. Rosetta was a teacher's aide at the Beaver Creek Elementary School.

In her spare time, she enjoyed playing the piano and sewing. She even sewed her own wedding dress. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Van Marel of Beaver Creek; children Douglas (Esther) Van Marel of Three Rivers, Michigan, Brian (Amy) Van Marel of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and Nyla (Stephen) Schwartz of Vicksburg, Michigan; 13 grandchildren, (Douglas): Sarah, Abigail, Rebekah, and Rachel, (Brian): Sophia and Ethan, (Nyla): Zachary, Caleb, Lydia, Elizabeth, Joshua, Jonathan, and Jeremiah; siblings Clarella (Alvin) Van Marel of Boyden, Iowa, Elberta DeJager of Edgerton, Joyce (Merle) Klosterbuer of Worthington, and Alvin (Alvina) Kooiman of Sioux Center, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother-in-law, John DeJager; and a daughter-in-law, Kimberly Van Marel. Memorials are preferred to the Gideons. Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1205 F)

Rosetta entered the workforce once again as a bank employee for First National Bank, which later became Minnwest Bank and First Farmers and Merchants Bank, all in Luverne. In 1993 she furthered her education by attending Worthington Community College in Worthington and received her associate's degree in 1993. She continued her education at the University of Sioux Falls in South Dakota and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in business, graduating cum laude in 1996. She was a secretary at the State

Ruth McClure

Ruth Mildred McClure, 90, and counted monthly offerings. She enjoyed volunteering for R.S.V.P. and was a member of the Pink Ladies and the Red Hats. She also enjoyed playing cards and embroidering dishtowels, which she would give as gifts.



Ruth is survived by three children, Jeff McClure, Brandon, South Dakota, Arla (Buz) Cousins, Marshall, and Sandra (Greg) Johnson, Luverne; eight grandchildren, Nicole (Chris) Miner, Erin (Casey) Helbling, Tanner (Cassie) McClure, Jessica (Terry) Vandrovec, Monica Cousins, Amanda (Brent) Pederson, Heath Wallenberg, and Jeremy (Tara) Wallenberg; 24 great-grandchildren; a brother, Marvin (Margaret) Gonnerman, Luverne; and a sister-in-law, Margie Anderson, Moorhead.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arlyn, on Sept. 27, 2016; a grandson, Christopher; a granddaughter, Angela; a great-granddaughter, Breley; two brothers, LeRoy and Doug Gonnerman; and two sisters, Marlis Kleinke and Dorothy Koens. Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (1205 F)

Ruth Gonnerman was born Feb. 25, 1929, to Roy and Florence (Pieper) Gonnerman in Rock County. She was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne on Aug. 18, 1935. She was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church on June 24, 1944. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1947. Ruth married Arlyn McClure on Sept. 4, 1949, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She worked as a check-out person for Counsel Oak Store until she started working for the Rock County Bank. She stayed home and raised her children until 1960, when she went back to work for the Rock County/Minnwest Bank. Ruth later worked for Rock County Oil until she retired. She worked part time at school with the lunch program and later at JC Penney until it closed.

Ruth was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where she served as a greeter, helped with the monthly newsletter

DEATH NOTICE

Leon Siebenahler

Leon Francis Siebenahler, 86, Luverne, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center. A funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (1205 DN)

MENU

Monday, Dec. 9: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, pineapple. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Egg and sausage bake, cheesy hash browns, fruit cocktail, muffin. Program: 9 a.m. Half-price day sponsored by McClure Electric. 1 p.m. Christmas Craft Day.

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Meatloaf, red potatoes, stewed tomatoes, mandarin oranges. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Bruce Bolte ceramics display through Friday.

Thursday, Dec. 12: Ham steak, broccoli, au gratin potatoes, cornbread, bar. Program: Half-price day sponsored by Security Savings Bank. Bruce Dysthe music and dancing.

Friday, Dec. 13: Meatballs, potatoes, squash, bread, lemon sponge cake. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Bingo; Dulcimer music.

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

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.



Submitted photos/1205 hills post office decorated

Service with a Santa

Brandi Ludwig in the Hills Post Office is providing holiday cheer for postal patrons like Alicia Kelderman, who shared photos of her recent post office stop. She said special touches like a fully decorated Christmas tree, a scented Santa candle and daily baked goods offer warm sentiments in an otherwise business-only setting.

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Glenda McGaffee photos/1205 hills appreciation day

Holiday Appreciation Day in Hills features Santa Claus, lighting of Unity Tree

Monday, Nov. 25, was Holiday Appreciation Day at the American Legion in Hills. The event was sponsored by Helping Build Communities Stronger and the businesses in the Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen area. Photographs with Santa were a highlight of the event, with visitors of all ages posing with the man in the red suit (worn by Randy Beyer).



Santa is pictured with Raylan and Boyd Leuthold, above, and at right with Santa is Simon, son of Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, who was fascinated with Santa's beard.

At the lighting of the Community Unity Tree on Main Street, Howie Vis welcomed the group and Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church read scripture and led the group in prayer.

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Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Kayetin Huiskes, Kyle Kephart, Matthew McClure, Noah Mehlhaff, Justin Mente, Emely Montes Rodriguez, Catalina Oakes, Chase Overgaard, Silvia Recuero, Ethan Roemeling, Ashton Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Lacey Saker, Colin Schoeneman, Brenn Siebenahler, Jacey Smith, Macie Swenson, Mia Wenzel.

Freshmen: Gannon Ahrendt, Justis Ahrendt, Mariam Alinzi, Micah Andersen, Abigail Anderson, Brady Bork, Marcus Feit, Sarah Gehrke, Lesly Gomez-Salvador, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Lauren Hansen, Grace Ingebretsen, Katharine Kelm, Tiana Lais, Cole Mann, Jocelynn Mann, Priscilla Muehr, Mallory Nelson, Austin Ossefoort, Lola Peterson, Joseph Remme, Travis Schempp, Krystyn Skindeliem, Ryenn Stegenga, Bonita Tiesler, Myles Trimble, Harrison Uithoven, Cedar Viessman, Kaylee Voorhees, Ryan Vos.

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ment in the 4-H program, providing leadership to younger members, and being a wonderful role model, the Outstanding Youth Leader Award was presented to Gretchen Jacobsma of the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Doug and Erin Jacobsma of Luverne.

Other youth and adults were recognized as well.

Scholarship recipients were Michael Kinsinger, Hannah Kruse, Kaylie Ossefoort, Joshua Raak, Josie Scholten and Trevor Mente.

Graduating members were Dawson Leenderts and McKenna Westphal of BR; Tyler Fick and Sage Versteeg of LW; Brooke Feit, Brianna Jonas, Dylan Mente, Michella Sandbulte, and Cody Saker of MJ; Trey Baustian and William Stegenga of WW; and Emily Malsom of SD.

Project disk awards

Project disk awards are given in each of the project areas in 4-H based on the

project records that the youth complete and submit for judging.

The following are the top record winners:

Animal Science Projects

Beef: Karly Kruse, LW; Leah Kruse, LW; Justin Mente, MJ; Jacob Raak, DGG; Joshua Raak, DGG.

Dairy: Caleb Raak, DGG; Jacob Raak, DGG.

Dog: Rebecca Austin, K9s.

Horse: Gretchen Jacobsma, MJ.

Poultry: Caleb Raak, DGG.

Rabbit: Keisha Veldkamp, SD.

Sheep: Keisha Veldkamp, SD.

Swine: Nathan Kinsinger, MJ; Kailey Moser, BR.

General Project Areas

Aerospace: Zach Uhl, SD.

Clothing and Textiles: Krista Burkman, SD; Morgan Gonnerman, WW; Brianna Kinsinger, MJ; Myles Trimble, K9s; Amber Wi-

ersema, BR; AnnMarie Wiersema, BR.

Communication Contest: Klarissa Burkman, SD; Krista Burkman, SD.

Computer: Burke Johnson, K9s.

Consumer Education: Samantha Moser, BR.

Crafts & Fine Arts: Klarissa Burkman, SD; Fox Forrest, K9s; Alexandra Hartman, K9s; Gretchen Jacobsma, MJ; Austin Ossefoort, MJ; Kaylie Ossefoort, MJ; Jacob Raak, DGG; Joshua Raak, DGG; Myles Trimble, K9; Zach Uhl, SD; Amber Wiersema, BR.

Crop Science: Justin Mente, MJ.

Electric: Zach Uhl, SD.

Fishing Sports: Aaliyah Stensland, SD.

Flower Gardening: Klarissa Burkman, SD.

Food and Nutrition: Lanae Elbers, BR; Quentin Johnson, WW; Lillian Malony, SD; Lizzy Pitz, SD; Larissa Steinhoff, BR; AnnMarie Wiersema, BR.

Home Environment: Emily Malsom, SD; AnnMa-

rie Wiersema, BR.

Indoor Gardening: Klarissa Burkman, SD.

Needle Arts: Gracie Fagerness, BR; Claire Knobloch, BR.

Performing Arts: Krista Burkman, SD; Fox Forrest, K9s.

Photography: Klarissa Burkman, SD; Krista Burkman, SD; Brianna Kinsinger, MJ; Joshua Raak, DGG; Grace Sandbulte, MJ; Amber Wiersema, BR; AnnMarie Wiersema, BR.

Potato: NaVeah Stensland, SD.

Quilting: Klarissa Burkman, SD; Amber Wiersema, BR.

Self-Determined: Caleb Raak, DGG.

Shooting Sports/Wildlife: Whitney Elbers, BR; Grace Sandbulte, MJ.

Shop/Wood Science: Justin Mente, MJ; Amber Wiersema, BR; AnnMarie Wiersema, BR.

Video: Fox Forrest, K9s.

Youth Leadership: Quentin Johnson, WW.

and Greg Uithoven; 15 years Darrin and Nancy Popkes; 10 years were Judy Chesley, Sherri and Jim Ladd, Chris and Bobbi Safar, Lee Sells, and Amy and Brad Versteeg; and for five years of service were Jason Braucht, Dorene Chapa, Andrea Johnson, Heather Johnson, Alysha Kientopf, Chad and Bonnie Meinerts, Lucas Nath, Angie Sandbulte and Meagan Stueven.

Club leaders were also recognized. They included Dawn Leenderts from BR, Diana Hensley, K9s, Theresa Raak, DGG, Michele Kruse and Lori Oechsle, LW, Erin Jacobsma and Amanda Sandbulte, MJ, Anna and Michael Uhl, SD, and Andrea Johnson, WW.

Recognized as a Friend of 4-H for his years of supporting the 4-H program and years sponsoring the Premier Showmanship Trophy was Leonard "Shorty" Leenderts of Hills.

Receiving the 4-H Alumni Award for her many years of giving back to 4-H through being a club leader and volunteering on many committees was Theresa Raak of Jasper.

For more information about the 4-H program contact Kelsey Maeschen, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Rock County, at 507-283-1302 or klmaesch@umn.edu.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bakken to serve as MFBBF committee chairman, state board member

Peter Bakken of Beaver Creek was elected to a one-year term on the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBBF) Board of Directors as the Promotion and Education Committee chair during the 101st Annual Meeting in Bloomington on Nov. 22.



Peter farms with his brother, Jay, together owning BLAC-X Farms where they raise beef and crops on their fourth-generation farm.

"It's a privilege to serve on the board of directors representing the Promotion and Education (P&E) Committee and giving back to Farm Bureau," said Bakken.

"The P&E Committee is committed to engaging with consumers about what we do on our farms and why we do it and conducting agriculture in the classroom and safety education."

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Dec. 6 - 7 7 p.m. Dec. 8 2 p.m.		Movie "Ford v Ferrari"
Dec. 13 7 p.m. Dec. 15 2 p.m.		Movie "Frozen II"
Dec. 14 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.		Luverne Street Music presents "The Sounds of Christmas"
Dec. 22 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.		Marlene & Darlene present "The Nutcracker" A fundraiser for Generations.
Saturday Dec. 28 7:30 p.m.		"The Zeppelin Experience" Tickets - \$15 Tickets are on sale now.

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Six Patriots rack up football honors

By John Rittenhouse

Six members of the Hills-Beaver Creek football team picked up postseason honors early this week.

Four H-BC athletes made the 2019 All-South District Western Division Football Team and two others drew honorable mention from the District coaches.

Making the 20-player All-District roster for H-BC are senior Jax Wysong and juniors Zander Wysong, Gavin Wysong and Tyson Bork.

H-BC juniors Chase Bosch and Tory Knobloch are two of 26 players listed on the honorable mention list.

Mountain Lake Area and Renville County West led all teams with five All-District selections.

Seniors Abraham Stoesz, Adam Karschnik, Brett Wilaby and Isaac Grev and junior Mace Herrig made the squad from MLA.

Stoesz was named the district's Offensive Player of the Year, and Grev was pegged the Lineman of the Year.

Making the list from RCW are seniors Jack Howard, Tyler Rice and Connor Aalderks and juniors Jaden Kolker and Brandon Hoberg.

Kolker is the district's Defensive Player of the Year.

RCW's Ryan Hebrink and MLA's Tim Kirk were named the district's Coaches of the Year.

Nicollet, Red Rock Central and Sleepy Eye St. Mary's matched H-BC by landing four All-District selections.

Seniors Jonathan Mans, Avery Northquist, Ben Radke and Riley Hulke represent Nicollet, while seniors Jonah Hansen, Hayden Determan and Derek Werner and junior



Six members of the Hills-Beaver Creek High School football program received postseason honors this week. Zander Wysong (back, left), Gavin Wysong (front, middle), Jax Wysong (back, middle) and Tyson Bork (front, right) made the All South District Western Division Football Team. Chase Bosch (front, left) and Tory Knobloch (back, right) drew honorable mention.

John Rittenhouse photo/1205 hbc football

Mason Irlbeck cracked the roster for RRC.

Senior Nick Lebat, junior Caleb Schumacher and sophomores Jacob Stevens and Trent Steffensmeier made the team for SESM.

Egerton and Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart landed three All-District selections.

Juniors Gabe Gilbertson and Mason Gilbertson and sophomore Nolan Buckridge made the team for Edgerton, while BL-H-S seniors Zachary Reu-

ber, Dylan Maiers and August Bergstrom grace the lists as well.

Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman, Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda and Madelia placed two athletes each on the All-District roster.

G-H-EC-T senior Carter Spear and junior Owen Walter, HL-O-F senior Tyler Madison and junior Matt Madsen, and Madelia senior Luke Hennis and junior Ethan Arndt made the squad.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove

senior Jace Paplow and Cedar Mountain junior Cade Schiller round out the roster.

Other players drawing honorable mention include MLA senior Kade Kremmin and sophomore Kade Wassman, RCW seniors Zac Rice and Axel Zaragoza, Nicollet senior Logan Shay and junior Tyler Laven, Edgerton juniors Jacob Ockenga and Austin Roskamp, RRC juniors Lule Willhite and Damon Holmen, SESM senior Kyle Fischer and junior Patrick

Hoffman, BL-H-S seniors Sutton Melberg and Kaden Zanoth, G-H-EC-T senior Bryant Berhow and junior Matt Heckman, HL-O-F juniors Eli Fast and Zach Thier, Madelia junior Ramiro Zamora and sophomore Ja'Sean Glover, Cedar Mountain senior Vince Ochs and sophomore Caden Kleinschmidt, and Westbrook-Walnut Grove juniors Gabe Krick and junior Ethan Mischke.

H-BC bests Knights

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys experienced a successful start to the 2019-20 basketball season Monday in Tyler.

The Patriots squared off against a Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton squad that handed H-BC a pair of losses last winter.

H-BC turned things around against the Knights during the season debut for both squads by saddling R-T-R with a 69-49 setback on its home court.

H-BC struggled on the offensive end of the court during the game's first half.

R-T-R took advantage of the situation to sport a 27-22 deficit late in the stanza, but the Patriots closed the half with an 11-0 run to sport a 33-27 lead at the intermission.

H-BC continued to play well offensively in the second half, when the visitors outscored the Knights 36-22 to complete a 20-point conquest.

Jax Wysong tossed in 34 points and collected 10 rebounds for H-BC, while Oliver Deelstra turned in a 14-point, seven-rebound, five-assist effort.

Kyle Kueter led the Patriots with 12 rebounds and five blocked shots, while Gavin Wysong added five assists to the winning cause.

Box score
G. Wysong 1 0 0-0 2, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 4 1 3-7 14, Baker 1 1 0-1 5, Z. Wysong 2 0 2-2 6, J. Wysong 12 1 7-11 34, Kueter 4 0 0-1 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 27 of 61 field goals (44 percent), 12 of 23 free throws (52 percent), 36 rebounds, eight turnovers.
R-T-R: 19 of 66 field goals (29 percent), four of six free throws (67 percent), 33 rebounds, 10 turnovers.



Star Herald file photo

H-BC senior post Whitney Elbers, pictured during a game in Luverne Nov. 22, pulled down nine rebounds and scored 11 points during a 25-point win in Tyler Nov. 26.

H-BC girls stroll to big win over Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team came up with their second win of the season by posting their second road victory Nov. 25.

H-BC traveled to Tyler to take on the Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton Knights for a non-conference clash.

The night belonged to the Patriots, who outscored R-T-R in both halves of a 66-41 victory.

H-BC got off to a good start by opening a 35-19 lead in the

first half.

The Patriots outscored the Knights 31-22 in the second half to complete their 26-point conquest.

Taryn Rauk (18 points, six rebounds and five steals), Abby Knobloch (17 points and 14 rebounds) and Whitney Elbers (11 points, nine rebounds and three blocks) turned in outstanding games for the winners.

Kenadie Fick (six rebounds and five steals) and Sam Moser

(six rebounds) made key contributions to the victory as well.

The Patriots host Southwest Christian Friday.

Box score
Fick 1 1 3-3 8, Rauk 4 1 7-8 18, Birger 1 0 1-4 3, Voss 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 1 0 0-0 2, Knobloch 6 1 2-2 17, Durst 0 0 0-0 0, Tatge 1 0 2-2 4, Moser 1 0 1-2 3, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 5 0 1-3 11.

Team statistics
H-BC: 23 of 52 field goals (44 percent), 17 of 24 free throws (71 percent), 49 rebounds, 21 turnovers.
R-T-R: 17 of 59 field goals (29 percent), six of 14 free throws (43 percent), 29 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

Gifts for outdoors persons

So, the most asked question in my family circle these days is, "What do you want for Christmas?"

There is always the easy gift card way out, but we all know that the right gift is far better than a chunk of plastic, even if you can spend it anywhere you like.

The recommendations for your outdoor person have not really changed very much over the years. They start out with some lower-priced stuff and move up the cost ladder. I am no trinkets kind of guy. The stuff I need and recommend is stuff you can normally wear out in a few seasons.

The first item on the list is a tire repair kit and a 12-volt mini-air compressor.

I was driving through a small town in South Dakota a few weeks back on a Sunday morning. They had spread crushed granite into the cracks in the road and I was unlucky enough to have the space between my tire treads punctured by a rock.

There was no way I was going to get a tire fixed on a Sunday, and the spare under the back bumper was so full of mud I did not think I could get it out.

I removed the rock, and with the tire repair plug kit and the 12-volt air supply I was able to fix the tire and be on my way. It took an hour or more but I made it home to a permanent repair on Monday.

The tire repair kit is available at any parts store, as is the air compressor. The first item cost about \$10 and the latter about \$20. I did upgrade my compressor to a better one that I found at the local Napa Store, and it was \$75.

The second item I started out buying one of



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

and ended up buying about 15. This is a great \$20 flashlight I found on the counter at that same Napa store.

You no longer need to spend extensive amounts of money to get a very bright, rechargeable, high-quality flashlight. They are about \$20, and every person on my list has gotten one from me over the past five years.

The next item costs a little more, but I guarantee your outdoor person more than likely does not have one. This is either a prescription or non-corrective pair of yellow-lensed shooting glasses.

They can cost \$150-\$200 but they do two important things. I had Lasik eye surgery years ago and did not need corrective lenses so I went without eye protection until I jammed a stem of big blue stem under my eyelid and scratched my eye badly. Now I try to wear eye protection all the time.

Yellow lenses help a little with sun glare, but where they shine is on cloudy overcast days when light is not plentiful. They crisp up your sight picture and make for a much better day afield under less than perfect conditions.

They may look at you funny when they open them for Christmas, but they will appreciate them after they wear them a time or two.

My last item I would have never considered buying until I had them. They are a really amazing pair of hunting pants. They are Orvis upland softshell hunting pants.

I got my first and only pair as a gift from a fellow

hunter who had spent a few weekends camping in my heated garage as a thank-you gift. They cost \$175 a pair, but there are a few deals available. I'll get to that in a minute.

I have worn just about every kind of hunting pants or chaps they make over the past 20 years. Stuff they claim you can hand down to your grandkids I can wear out in a single season. Those claims are for the guy that only hunts three times per year.

These pants are lightweight, waterproof, bur and sticker proof, and are very comfortable. They stretch in the knees, dry in about 10 minutes and have a cuff built into the lower portion to keep the snow out when walking.

I am well into my second season, and they look like I put them on for the very first time. They are offering free shipping and some coupon discounts so my five friends that have all bought them since I got mine got them for substantially less. Every person loves them. They only come in an inseam up to 34 so they won't work for everyone.

See if one of these ideas will work for your outdoor person. If you need more ideas reach out to me. I have about 100 more.

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St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org

Friday, Dec. 6: 10 a.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Saturday, Dec. 7: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 8: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Children's Liturgy. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. 3 p.m. RCIA. Monday, Dec. 9: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. WWP Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission sewing. 7 p.m. Finance council. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Advent Reconciliation — 4 p.m. Adults; 4:15 p.m. Students; 6:30 p.m. Adults; 7 p.m. Students. 7 p.m. WWP Bible Study.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luverncrc.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism. Noon Potluck. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. Monday, Dec. 9: 9 a.m. Perk-Up at MN Veterans Home. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. Youth group.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Wait Moser, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 5: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 8: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 3-7 p.m. Christmas Open House at parsonage. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacons meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Store/Socks for Union Gospel Mission night. Thursday, Dec. 12: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 5: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action — Quilting and Christmas Party. 9 a.m. Ministerial meeting. 3 p.m. Endowment meeting. Friday, Dec. 6: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Dec. 8: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service with Christmas program. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 4:30 p.m. Meet for Ride and Dine to Worthington. Monday, Dec. 9: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 11:30 a.m. Naomi Circle at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship. 6:30 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. 7:15 p.m. Grades 6-9 Confirmation; Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Sunday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Monday, Dec. 9: 9:30 a.m. ELS Pastors' meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class. 6 p.m. Soup supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. Thursday, Dec. 12: Noon Ladies Aid potluck.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altana, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 5: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Dec. 6: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, Dec. 7: 7 p.m. Community Christmas Cantata. Sunday, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 11 a.m. 2020 Discussion. Tuesday, Dec. 10: Noon Staff meeting; Rebecca Circle. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting; Youth room reserved. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 4:30 p.m. Multi-purpose room reserved; REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle. Thursday, Dec. 12: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

United Methodist Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 5: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Dec. 7: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Prayer Warriors following service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group — Ice Skating. Monday, Dec. 9: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 6 p.m. F.U.E.L.; Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Dec. 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

Thursday, Dec. 5: 9 a.m. PW executive meeting. 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m. Sunday School; Confirmation class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Dec. 10: Home Communion. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Session. Thursday, Dec. 11: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 5: 9:30 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at CRC. Noon Women's Society. Saturday, Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion — Choir Cantata. Sunday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion — Choir Cantata. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Christmas rehearsal. 10:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Youth caroling at Mary Jane Brown Home. Monday, Dec. 9: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 6 p.m. Guild Christmas party. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 9:30 a.m. Bible study. 6 p.m. Advent II Worship. 6:40 p.m. Supper (Guild). 7 p.m. KFC/Catechism; High School Youth Group; Senior choir. Thursday, Dec. 12: 10:30 a.m. DCE meeting in Sioux Falls. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church

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

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

Thursday, Dec. 5: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 6: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible study. Monday, Dec. 9: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 11: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Advent worship. 7:45 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, Dec. 12: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Dec. 8: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata at First Lutheran Church. Friday, Dec. 13: 6 p.m. First Lutheran Church preschool program.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Dec. 8: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata at First Lutheran Church. Thursday, Dec. 12: 7 p.m. Palisade Council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Pastor Nancy Manning
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamumc@gmail.com

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Bible study.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net

Saturday, Dec. 7: 10 a.m. New Direction Christmas party in Brandon. Sunday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel; Sunday School Christmas practice. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. 2 p.m. Hospice Tree of Lights at Village. 6:30-8 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Nov. 11: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Council meeting. 7 p.m. Potluck Council Christmas party at parsonage. Thursday, Dec. 12: Tuff Memorial Home staff Christmas party at Bethlehem Church basement.

What a wonderful gift!

Ron Mehl tells the following story in his book, "The Ten(der) Commandments."

I love the story I heard about an eight-year-old boy who sat in class, taking a test. He became so nervous and distraught about completing the test on time that he suddenly wet his pants. Horrors! He looked down and saw a little puddle there beneath him. Sick with worry and embarrassment, he looked up just in time to see his teacher motioning him to her desk. But how could he move? What would he do? Noticing that the boy seemed frozen in his chair, the teacher got up from her desk and began walking down the aisle toward him. Oh, no, he groaned to himself. What in the world am I going to do now? She's going to see this puddle and everybody will laugh. It's going to be horrible.

What he didn't know was at that very moment one of his classmates, a little girl, was coming down the aisle from behind him carrying a large fishbowl. When she got up alongside him, she suddenly lurched and dropped the heavy bowl. It shattered with a loud crash and sent water, broken glass and displaced fish flying everywhere. Now covered by fish tank water, the boy sat there thinking, "Thank God! Thank God! There IS a God in heaven! What a wonderful gift! What a wonderful girl!"

But then it dawned on him that little boys don't even like little girls. He couldn't possibly let the incident pass. He looked at her and said, "What's wrong with you, you clumsy clod? Can't you watch where you're going?" As the class laughed at the girl, the teacher took the boy (now covered by dig-

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser,
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

nity) to the gym class to get him some dry clothes to wear.

At lunchtime, no one wanted to sit with the girl. Her friends avoided her at recess. In the unforgiving society of elementary school, she was suddenly a plague and a pariah.

When the day was over and the boy was on his way home, he walked out the door and saw her. All the kids were leaving, but she was walking by herself, along the fence. He began to reflect on what had happened that day and suddenly on an impulse walked over to her.

"You know," he said, "I've been thinking about what happened today. That wasn't an accident, was it? You did that on purpose, didn't you?"

"Yes," she said, "I did do it on purpose. I knew what had ... happened to you. You see, I wet my pants once, too."

I heard this story and thought, Lord, I don't want to ever forget what You have done for me. I, too, have wet my pants. But you covered me. You spilled your precious blood for me and covered my sins. You took all of my shame upon yourself. Now I'm clean. You have fit me for heaven, even though I deserved hell. You saw my hopeless situation and rescued me. You have given me dignity and hope and a reason to get out of bed in the morning.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Other Civil
Court File No. 67-CV-17-299
Honorable Judge Terry S. Vajrft

American State Bank of Iowa,

Plaintiff,

vs.

David DeBoer and Lisa DeBoer,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a judgment entered in the above-entitled action on the 1st day of October, 2019, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged to be due said plaintiff in the above-entitled action from said Defendants, David DeBoer and Lisa DeBoer, the Sheriff of Rock County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 12th day of December, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, in the City of Luverne, in said County and State, the land described and directed to be sold in said judgment lying and being in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Tracts located in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 SW 1/4), Section Twenty-Five (25), Township One Hundred Three (103) North, Range Forty-Six (46) West of the 5th P.M., described as follows:

The S. 570 feet of the W. 710 feet thereof;

AND that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along South Line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25 for a distance of 710.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said South Line for a distance of 58.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 570.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 58.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 570.00 feet to the point of beginning.

AND that portion 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 Section 25 for a distance of 768.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said South Line for a distance 538.61 feet to the Southeast Corner of said W 1/2 SW 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 05 seconds East along the East Line of said W 1/2 SW 1/4 for a distance of 570.02 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 543.49 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 570.00 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT Parcel B Described as:

That part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Five (Sec. 25), Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, MN, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25; thence North 90°00'00" East (assumed bearing) along the south line of the Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Twenty-five (25) for a distance of 327.90 feet; thence North 00°05'21" West for a distance of 570.00 feet; thence South 90°00'00" West for a distance of 327.90 feet to the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 25; thence South 90°05'21" East along said west line for a distance of 570.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 4.29 acres of which .81 acres are reserved as public road right-of-way.

AND

That part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Five (Sec. 25), Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, MN, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25; thence North 90°00'00" East (assumed bearing) along the south line of the Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Twenty-five (25) for a distance of 327.90 feet; thence North 00°05'21" West for a distance of 570.00 feet; thence South 90°00'00" West for a distance of 327.90 feet to the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 25; thence South 90°05'21" East along said west line for a distance of 570.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 4.29 acres of which .81 acres are reserved as public road right-of-way.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 805 141st Street, Luverne, Minnesota, with a parcel identification number of 11-0176-300 and 11-0176-000

or so much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy said judgment, the interest thereon, and the costs and expenses of such sale; subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of confirmation of said sale. Dated this 21st day of October, 2019.

Evan Verbrugge,
Sheriff
(10-31, 11-07, 11-14, 11-21, 11-27, 12-05)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Oct. 24

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on October 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Oftung, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Jason Phelps, Jordan Winter, Joel Bornhoff (ICS/JLG), Deb Ward, Angie Hageman, Becky Rahm, Joseph Stearns, Lori Oechsle, Jennifer Engesser, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Jan Olson, Kerri Baker, Pam Christensen, Lisa Lundgren, Jason Berghorst, Theresa Graff, Chelsie Wermager, Sue Hup, Amy VonHoltum, Katie Mostad, Ann Robinson, Lynette Stensland, Debra Hoogendoorn, Susan Beers, Tom Rops, Cathy Rust, Jessica VanBatalvia, Caroline Thorsom, Canaan Petersen, Tom Lanoue, Doug Dooyema, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Mr. Phelps presented the World's Best Workforce report. This presentation will also be available on the school's website. The results of the following five goals were reviewed: All Children Ready For School, Read Well by Third Grade, Closing the Achievement Gap, All Students Career and College Ready, and All Students Graduate.

Joel Bornhoff with ICS/JLG Group gave a construction update. He also reviewed the construction budget and spending to date.

Mr. Bornhoff reviewed the bid proposal received from Wisconsin Terrazzo & Tile, Inc., for the flooring in the new commons area. Discussion was held. The original bid was for approximately \$420,000. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman,

to accept the bid proposal from Wisconsin Terrazzo & Tile, Inc, for Alternate #3 terrazzo flooring in the amount of \$239,444; breakout price for terrazzo base included in base bid of \$25,200; add for "L" logo in the amount of \$12,000; and the add for alternate #1 footage in the amount of \$25,817.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills, building project bills, and the student activity bills with the school board. Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve payment of the district bills in the amount of \$1,177,415.94; the building project bills in the amount of \$6,526,291.54; and the student activity bills in the amount of \$6,710.64. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of September 30, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the World's Best Workforce report that was presented by Principal Jason Phelps. Motion unanimously carried.

Jason Phelps reported on a proposal for a Behavioral Health and Wellness Grant through the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This grant would provide curriculum and some training of staff members for grades 7-9. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the pursuit of this grant. Motion unanimously carried.

The Pay Scale for Fall Activities Workers was presented. It was noted that adjustments to this pay scale needed to be made in order to be in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the pay scale as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

No committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. It was noted that some of the School Board members are interested in having tables set up during parent-teacher conferences.

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

Dated: September 24, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(12-05)

Commuity Transit of UCAP requests quotes

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Legal Notice

Request for Quotes: Community Transit of United Community Action Partnership is seeking quotes for the 2020 year from qualified vendors for Maintenance on their Public Transit Buses in Lyon, Rock, Cottonwood, Pipestone, Murray, Jackson, Redwood, and Lincoln Counties. Maintenance requirements can be received by contacting 507-537-7628 ext. 1126. Quotes will be accepted until December 30 at 4:30 p.m. They can be mailed or dropped off at UCAP, 1400 South Saratoga, Marshall, MN 56258. UCAP reserves the right to reject any or all quotes and is a non-profit organization exempt from sales tax.

(12-05)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 11

ORDINANCE NO. 11, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE

(REPLAT OF UITHOVEN ADDITION

CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to City Charter, Section 12.05, the City Council is authorized to sell or convey the following described real estate located in the City of Luverne, County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Replat of Uithoven Addition, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, IF ANY, OF RECORD OR APPARENT.

Luverne Economic Development Authority, Luverne, Minnesota.

SEC. 2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute such legal documents as are necessary to accomplish this sale and are further authorized to execute and deliver a warranty deed upon complete fulfillment of all terms and conditions.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(12-05)

Roberts probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of

Charline G. Roberts, a/k/a Charline Roberts,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-19-374

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of December, 2019, 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 Stephanie Hughes and Melinda L. Roberts, whose addresses are 112 S. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN, 56156 and 3165 Woodland Hills Dr. #1002, Colorado Springs, CO, 80918 respectively, as administrators 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 administrators 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 administrators 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: 11/21/2019

/s/ Terry S. Vajrft
District Court Judge

/s/ Damon T. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507)283-4828
I.D. #249269

/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(11-27, 12-05)

City of Beaver Creek sets public hearing Dec. 11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Beaver Creek, Rock County, Minnesota will hold a hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 7 p.m. to consider a tax abatement request from Elbert and Dianne West pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813. The request is to abate 100% of the City's portion of real estate taxes related to the building improvements on the subject property for a period of 5 years. The subject property is located at 805 Ridgeview Rd., Beaver Creek, MN, and is legally described as:

Legal Description: Parcel No. 13-0147-000, Lot 15 of Block 3 in Springbrook Addition and a street address of 805 Ridgeview Rd, Beaver Creek, MN

The public hearing will be held in the Beaver Creek City Council Chambers, 311 E First Ave, Beaver Creek, Minnesota. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Those unable to attend are invited to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to: Beaver Creek City Council, PO Box 74, Beaver Creek, MN 56116.

(12-05)

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Curt and Joyce Roos

First of all, we'd like to thank Mike Stroh who noticed smoke coming from our corn drying bin and calling us. Then we'd like to extend a huge thank you to the Luverne Fire Department for all the work they did to help control the fire! Most people, fortunately, will never watch the Luverne Fire Department up close when they are at a fire. We did and we were very impressed how they worked as a well trained team. They worked their butts off from 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon until almost 3 a.m. Thursday morning. Then they had to come back again at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving morning to cool the bin down one more time. We are very fortunate to have such a great fire department in our community. Thank you so much!

Greg and Joanne Gabrielson
(12.05-12.08)

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LSS Meals at Generations is hiring and willing to train for a Cook for M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Seeking an energetic person to help Head Cook in preparing 100+ noon meals. Package Meals on Wheels and serve daily congregate dining meal. Unload and put away weekly grocery orders. Fill in for Head Cook as needed and cross-train other service positions. Awareness of food safety and sanitation preferred. Hourly wage up to \$11 per hour DOE. No evenings/weekends/major holidays, 10 paid floating holidays, paid time off, retirement plus match, Verizon and other discounts. Call Sarah at 507-822-9305 for more information or apply on-line for Cook in Luverne, job #19353 at www.lssmn.org/careers.EOE. (11.17-12.5)

Luverne Country Club is currently accepting applications for a Seasonal Full-time Clubhouse Manager. Applicant should have strengths in customer service and bartending experience. Computer knowledge and golf experience preferred but not mandatory. Duties include, but are not limited to: hiring and managing staff, event coordination, inventory management, day to day financials. If you are a self-motivated individual, who enjoys an exciting work environment and meeting new people, please send your resume to golf@luvernecountryclub.com (11.24-12.12)

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EMPLOYMENT

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Christmas Coloring Contest

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RULES

1. Contest is open to children ages 4 through 9.
2. Color the picture below with paints, markers, crayons or colored pencils.
3. Decision of judges is final.

ALL entries must be returned to the Star Herald office no later than
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Pool and fitness center expansion project/from page 1

- updated showers and more private locker rooms with family changing rooms.
- 24/7 fitness center access.

- flat space for group exercise, such as aerobics and yoga.
- more floor space for weights and aerobic machines.
- upgraded heating, cooling and ventilation.
- room for a social "coffee area."

- more space for storage and staff work areas.

The work was put on hold for the past two years while the city focused resources on infrastructure improvements, but City Administrator John Call announced this fall that the pool and fitness center project is back on track.

"One of the biggest things we have going for us right now is that there is going to be a lot of new tax base coming on for the city for the next couple of years," he said Monday night.

"That's why it makes perfect sense to do a nice construction project and it will have minimal impact on taxpayers."

Raph walked the group through drawings that showed the existing lobby connecting to a 1,500-square-foot multi-purpose cardio area and a

1,600-square-foot weight room, accessible by 24/7 key cards.

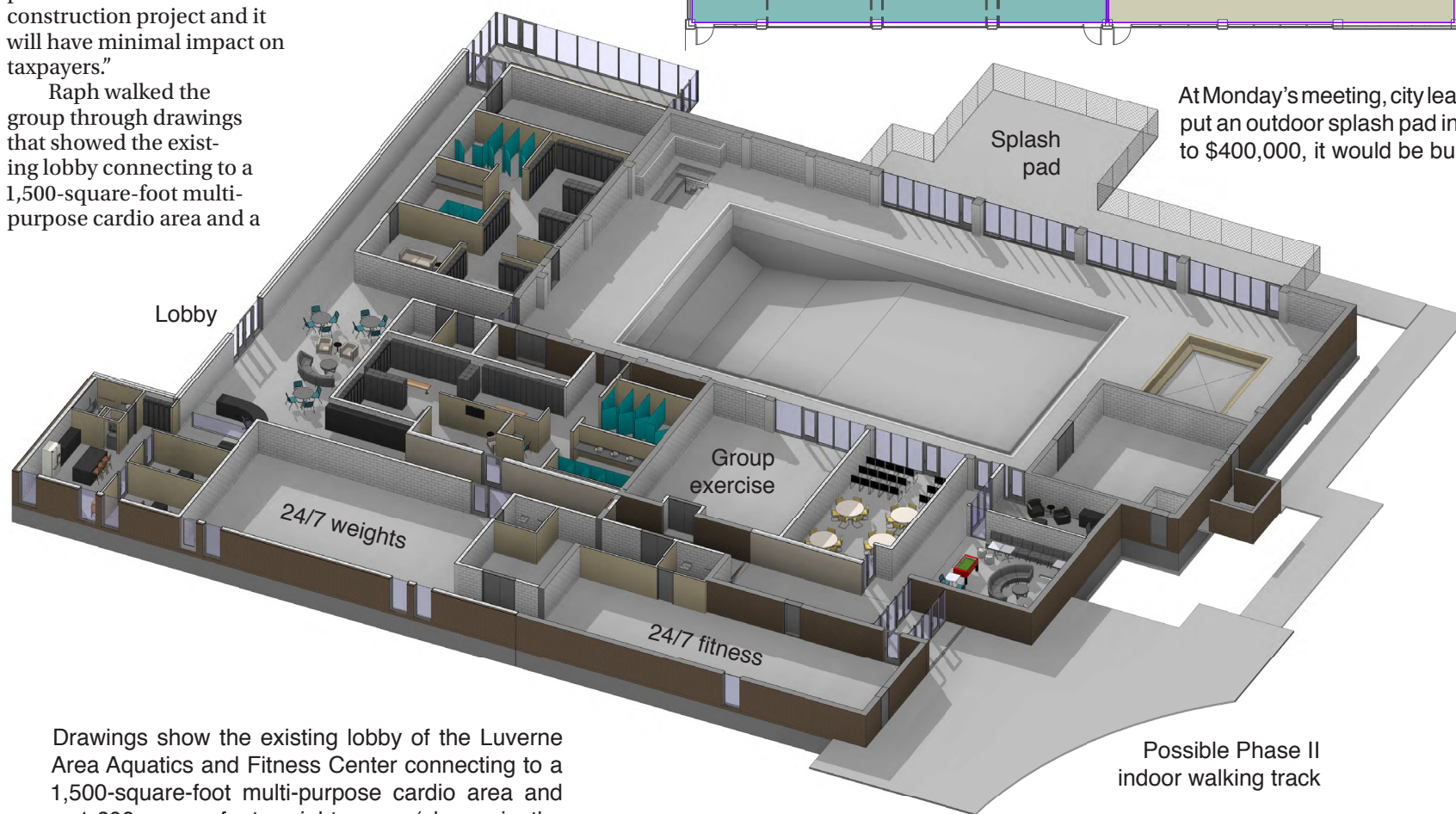
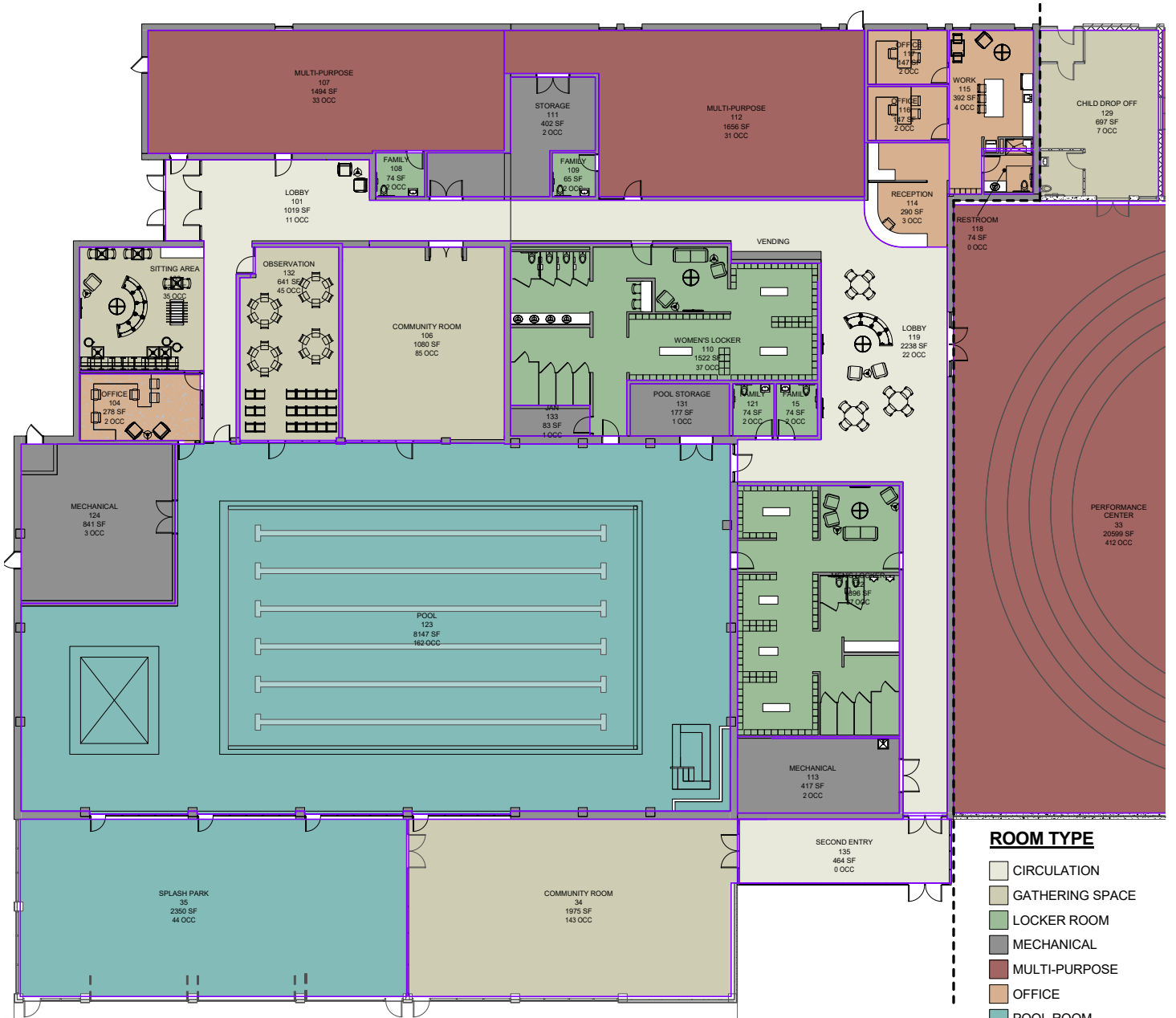
Plans call for 10,000 square feet of new space, which includes new locker rooms (with 96 lockers), several private changing areas and two family changing rooms.

"Prison locker rooms are a thing of the past," Call said. "People want privacy, and I think this is one of the things that will generate memberships."

The plans also outline a community room adjacent to the existing pool observation room, which may have a retractable wall between them for larger gatherings or exercise classes.

Raph pointed out that utilities and maintenance rooms are positioned in ways that would accommodate Phase II work down the road.

An outdoor splash pad was originally on the Phase II list, but at Monday's meeting the committee promoted it to Phase I because of local



At Monday's meeting, city leaders and steering committee members agreed to put an outdoor splash pad in the Phase 1 plans. Estimated to cost \$300,000 to \$400,000, it would be built directly south of the building.

Drawings show the existing lobby of the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center connecting to a 1,500-square-foot multi-purpose cardio area and a 1,600-square-foot weight room (shown in the foreground of this drawing), accessible by 24/7 key cards. Plans call for 10,000 square feet of new space, which includes new locker rooms (with 96 lockers), several private changing areas and two family changing rooms.

demand for an outdoor water feature. "It would answer a question the public has asked over and over again," said Pool Commission member Dianne Ossenfort. The committee rationalized that the cost of a splash pad — \$300,000 to \$400,000 — is relatively low compared to the overall scope of the multi-million dollar project. Building inspector Chad McClure said it's worth considering. "If it isn't in the cards financially, at least people know their wishes aren't being forgotten," he said. The total cost is roughly estimated at \$3.5 million to \$4 million, but figures will be refined as specific plans come into place. The city will consider Phase 1 in the 2020 budget for bid letting in the winter of 2020-21 and construction to possibly start in the spring of 2021. A Phase II list, such as an indoor track and courts for basketball and racquetball are not under consideration until Phase I is complete.

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Deadline for advertising will be Monday, Dec. 23 by 10 a.m.

OFFICE CLOSED
December 25 & 26 (Wed & Thurs)

New Year's Star Herald
January 2nd Edition
Deadline for advertising, legals, classifieds or letters to the editor will be Friday, Dec. 27 by 10am

Luverne Announcer
January 4th Edition
Deadline for advertising will be Monday, Dec. 30 by 10 a.m.

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Rock County STAR HERALD