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City braces for another spendy year

Water treatment plant to get \$10 million upgrade; capital costs for 2019 estimated at nearly 15 million

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne City Council is considering more than \$14.7 million in capital expenses next year, according to budget estimates from city department heads.

That comes on the heels of 2018 capital spending that exceeded \$12 million and reflects a flurry of development that Luverne hasn't seen in decades.

The \$120 million tru Shrimp project and \$16 million Armory construction were announced more than a year ago, and since then city leaders have been working to prepare the industrial park with adequate streets and utilities.

This year, Premium Iowa Pork acquired the old IBP plant for what will be a 2,200-per-day hog slaughter operation. The company is planning nearly \$30 million worth of improvements and retrofits for the facility.

This put water and wastewater improvements on the fast track for completion in order to meet PIP processing demands for water and effluent discharge.

In fact, \$10 million of the city's \$14 million capital costs next year will come in the form of wastewater treatment facility improvements.

The city will bond for the \$10 million, and PIP will repay the city \$6.75 million for facility improvements necessary for pork processing at the plant.

Following is the 2019 expense list itemized by department. It includes items with an expected life of more than one year and a value of more than \$5,000.

Sewer department: \$10.57 million

*\$10.1 million for treatment facility upgrades — \$6.75 million for PIP and \$3.4 million to allow for future growth.

•\$111,000 bring sewer service to the city park (to replace an existing septic system).

•\$50,000 to replace a sewer line, if needed.

•\$22,000 to replace a 2007 Ford

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Lori Sorenson photo/0906 cover crops

Terry Aukes (left) and Tom Fick check the seed bed of soybeans planted into a cover crop of red clover near Fick's farm west of Luverne to prepare for Tuesday's Cover Crop Field Day.

Cover crops take center stage at Sept. 11 Field Day

By Lori Sorenson

Cover crops are known to protect fields from the stresses of climate — they keep the soil in place during torrential rain and they keep moisture in topsoil during blistering drought.

Local farmers are increasingly interested in planting cover crops between corn and soybeans, but the "how to" manual hasn't yet been written.

"I'm still learning," said Luverne farmer Tom Fick, who has been using cover crops for eight years.

"It's about trial and error, and you need to keep trying different things to see what works best for you."

Fick is hosting the 2018 Cover Crop Field Day on his farm west of Luverne on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The test plot field near Fick's home was corn stubble last fall. Tom planted it to oats and red clover this spring. He harvested the oats for grain and baled the straw recently.

The red clover is now several inches tall, and during Tuesday's field day, a planting demonstration will show how soybeans will be planted into the cover crop next spring.

Terry Aukes, who farms near Hills and in Iowa, will demonstrate cover crop planting at the field day event.



Planting equipment drops soybean seeds into a measured row at the Cover Crop Field Day test plot near Tom Fick's farm West of Luverne.

He and Fick did a test run Monday, Aug. 27, to prepare for the demonstration.

The 16-row planter put soybeans into the oat stubble and red clover to show how the plants emerge in cover crop conditions

The rows were adjusted to different settings to illustrate variables such as seed depth, row clearing, trench covering and more.

Eight rows were planted directly into the growing clover and eight rows (with exactly the same settings) were planted into clover that had been killed by Roundup — a standard practice in cover crop rotation.

It took longer to set the planter than it did to plant the test rows.

"We only get one shot," Aukes said, examining the rows and penciling data into his notebook.

"We want to make darn sure it's set right."

With equipment parked in the end rows, he set each row for its desired outcome, recorded the setting, lowered the planter into the dirt and pulled it a few feet.

After several adjustments, the equipment turned north and planted soybeans into the test

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Attack on thistles to start this fall

By Mavis Fodness

County road ditches will receive some extra attention this fall when Rock County Highway Department personnel try curtailing growth of noxious weeds.

County engineer Mark Sehr outlined the plan to county commissioners during their Aug. 21 meeting.

Canada thistle is the most prevalent noxious weed in the county.

"They are worse than normal (this year)," Sehr said.

A wetter-than-normal spring coupled with repair work from April's spring flood event pushed the annual spraying for the noxious weed to a later date.

"As soon as the soybeans start turning, we will hit it hard," he said.

There are 42 plant species included in the state's Noxious Weed Law, according to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's website.

The Noxious Weed Law has state, county, city and township officials inspecting land and asking owners to control and eradicate noxious weeds. The control is to keep weeds from spreading and harming neighboring lands.

Canada thistle is on the state's control list and prevention of its spread is required from all landowners.

Sehr said in the near future more county workers would be trained and certified to work with and apply the approved herbicides for use in the right-of-way areas. More available workers within the department allow more flexibility of workers during the spring season.

The spot spraying will occur this fall and continue until the first frost.

Rock County Land Management carries out the enforcement of the state's noxious weed law.

Director Eric Hartman said Rock County is not the only area experiencing excessive growth of Canada thistle.

"The problem is all over, not just here," he said.

Fall is an ideal time to aggressively spray thistles.

As a perennial plant, Hartman said Canada thistle is currently putting energy into its root system in preparation for the cold weather. Killing the rootstock will prevent the plant's re-emergence in the spring.

However, fall spraying won't kill any seeds, which will germinate in the spring. Additional spraying is required to reduce future seed production.

Suicide awareness event set for Sept. 9

By Mavis Fodness

A year after losing their daughter to suicide, a Luverne couple is reaching out to the community during National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

A community gathering will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. The event is open to the public.

Daniella "Dani," Gacke took her life in June of last year at her rural Luverne home.

In the year since then, her parents, Tony and Wendy Gacke, learned that simply talking about feelings could prevent a suicide and that other families share their grief.

"We just want to bring people and awareness (about suicide) out. It's not just us; a lot of people have been touched," Tony said. "If you don't talk about it or address it, people think it is an easy way out."

The Gackes admit they still struggle to understand why their 13-year-old daughter and soon-to-be eighth-grader at Luverne Middle School chose to end her life instead of talking about what was bothering her.

They have reached out to local youth

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Mavis Fodness photo/0906 Suicide Prevention 2018

Tony and Wendy Gacke will talk about suicide at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Catherine Church.

Wake up, Rock County; child trafficking happens here

By Lori Sorenson

Human trafficking is far more common in rural communities than people realize, according to Allan Bakke of the Southwest Crisis Center.

Many parents fear child abductions, which are statistically rare, but Bakke said trafficking is a growing threat that many communities haven't yet recognized.

He talked to parents and students Wednesday during the Luverne school open house about the dangers and warning signs of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

"You think it can't happen here," he said about small towns. "It's happening here."

Bakke is a "Safe Harbor Regional Navigator" with the Crisis Center and said he recently worked with two victims in Rock County.

"That's two that we're aware of," he said. "But we know there are way more that just haven't been uncovered."

He said victims rarely ask for help because they're ashamed of their circumstances.

Bakke described how traffickers prey on potential victims — often appearing as a potential boyfriend lavishes attention and gifts on girls who desperately want the attention.

Traffickers scan social media for teens who may be insecure or frustrated at home, searching for phrases like, "I hate my parents," or "I hate how I look" or "I feel trapped."

Predators reach out to these teens and shower them with compliments and eventually meet them in person and ask them out on a date.

A trafficker often meets the parents and presents an image of a clean-cut, albeit older man, and the relationship quickly becomes intimate, with him telling the girl he loves her.

After a dating period of buying

Human trafficking/see page 3A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at Pizza Ranch.

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in the Blue Mound Room of Sanford Luverne for a program by the Rock County Sheriff. Call Alvina, 283-2297, with questions.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in the Rock County Community Library. Bring materials for project lessons.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the Legion Post building. Call Deanna Tomlinson at 283-1934 with questions.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 10:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Luverne Senior Dining for Dancing Divas and dinner. Call Connie at 283-8470 by Sept. 12 or call Senior Dining at 283-9846 and tell them you're with the Red Hats.

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

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 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.

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

Bank Nite movie 'Dog Days' Sept. 6

The free Bank Nite Disney movie, "Dog Days," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

LCC junior club championship to be played Sept. 9

The Luverne Country Club will host a teen and kids club championship at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, for members and nonmembers ages 1-18. There will be modified formats for preschool and elementary ages. Food is provided for players, and the Vikings game will be on in the clubhouse. Ages 1-4 play for \$5 and ages 5 and older cost \$10. Call Kim Arends, 920-6621, with questions.

ACE volunteer appreciation Sept. 11

ACE of Southwest Minnesota will host a pie and ice cream social from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Living Rock Church on East Main Street in Luverne for its annual volunteer appreciation.

Cover Crop Field Talk set for Sept. 11

The 2018 Cover Crop Field Talk will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Tom Fick farm west of Luverne at 1157 110th Avenue. The event will include cover crop topics of discussion, demonstrations and experiences of local farmers. The event is free, and a free lunch is available if signed up before Sept. 7 at Rock County SWCD at 507-283-8862.

Sign up by Sept. 12 for community cantata 'Let there be Christmas'

The Carnegie Minstrels will perform Joseph Martin's "Let There Be Christmas" for the 2018 community cantata, and area vocal and instrumental musicians are encouraged to participate.

Music review and registration will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Carnegie Cultural Center. Call accompanist Janine Papik at 605-321-2055 to register.

Director is Jennifer Bakken, Richard Owen is instrumental director, and Greg Spath is narrator.

The cantata will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the American Reformed Church, Luverne, to benefit the Rock County Foodshelf.

Seven rehearsals will be scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Oct. 3.



Mavis Fodness photo/0906 town square construction

Laying the groundwork for Towne Square

Contractors work at the "elbow" of Freeman and Hatting streets Wednesday, Aug. 29, to bring infrastructure under Hatting Street. The utilities work is being done to prepare for the Towne Square development of apartments and mixed use commercial property. The apartments will be "market rate" (not "low income") to meet growing demand for housing in Luverne.

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with their message.

"Suicide is never the answer and is such a permanent solution for a temporary problem," Wendy said.

"My go-to word is — and will continue to be when talking to youth — "enough." You are pretty enough, thin enough, smart enough, strong enough, loved enough to matter."

Father Tom Jennings of St. Catherine suggested the informal gathering to remember Dani.

"Inspiration for doing this comes from a reading a couple of Sundays ago where Prophet Elijah gets discouraged and wants to die," Jennings shared in the church's Sunday bulletin.

Jennings shared new research indicating Minnesota is near the top of all states in suicide rates, and rural residents take their lives more frequently.

Last year Jennings led a community gathering just before Dani's June 20 funeral. The event featured a brief assembly followed by a candlelight walk around the courthouse square. A fellowship opportunity concluded the gathering.

A similar format is planned Sept. 9 with a focus on the First Book of Kings scripture reading.

"I like to call Elijah a patron saint of anyone with suicidal thoughts," Jennings wrote.

"Our gathering will be casual for all ages with the aim of remembering Dani and also being a support to each other, being the angel to lift anyone struggling with discouragement, stress, waning energy to live."

The Gackes also participate in the annual Out of Darkness walk scheduled for Sept. 22 at Terrace Park in Sioux Falls.

The American Founda-

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tion for Suicide Prevention based in Washington, D.C., sponsors the walk.

The AFSP raises awareness, funds scientific research and provides resources and aid to those affected by suicide.

Sioux Falls is the closest AFSP chapter to Luverne.

"Unfortunately there is no walk scheduled for the southwest Minnesota area," Wendy said.

"So Sioux Falls is the closest walk. Maybe someday in the future we can have one in Luverne but we're not ready to spearhead it yet."

For now the Gackes immerse their efforts into the upcoming faith-based community gathering.

"We want the message to be all of us (regardless of age, gender, financial wealth) will have challenges in life and have bleak periods but to know we are loved and that it's okay to ask for help or talk about our problems," Wendy said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Blue Mound Church Fall Festival planned for Sept. 16 in rural Rock County

The Blue Mound Lutheran Church Fall Festival will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, celebrating 146 years at the rural church located northeast of the Blue Mounds State Park. A noon meal will be catered by the Blue Mound Cemetery Association. The Rev. Eldon Thurow, pastor from 1972-1976, will be the guest pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

Optimist Club kids' annual fishing derby set for Sept. 16

The Luverne Optimist Club is hosting a kids' fishing derby for ages 5-15 at the Minnesota Veterans Home pond from 2-5 p.m. (fishing from 2:30-4:30) Sunday, Sept. 16. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult and bring their own fishing equipment. (Call to reserve a pole.) The event is free and hot dogs and beverages will be served following the event. Over \$500 in prizes will be given out. Call Stan Steensma at 507-227-0681 or Travis Pierce at 507-220-5191 with questions.

Hospice Cottage 20th Anniversary Open House Sept. 17

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host a celebration in appreciation of the generosity shown to the Cottage in the past 20 years. The Open House and Community Appreciation Barbecue will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, with a 6 p.m. butterfly release. The free meal will be served under the tent until gone. The Cottage is located at 217 N. Oakley Street in Luverne.

Schultz featured at Backpack and Child Guide fundraiser Sept. 19

Mark Schultz, a contemporary Christian singer, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. The concert is a fundraiser for the Backpack and Child Guide programs at Luverne Public School. Tickets are available at Wildflowers Coffee Boutique or at ARC for \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

Additional financial support is being sought by becoming a sponsor. For more information contact Don Dinger at 507-993-1747 or Lisa Dinger at 507-220-0809 or email lisadinger@hotmail.com.

Donate books to Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are collecting books, DVD movies and CDs for their upcoming sale. Donations can be brought to the Rock County Community Library during normal business hours until Monday, Sept. 17. Encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest books and VHS movies will not be accepted. Call Holly Anderson at 605-413-5415 with questions.



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FSA offers important grain loan reminders

By Fraser Norton
County Executive
Director Rock and
Pipestone County Offices

Since many Rock and Pipestone County producers have a Marketing Assistance Loan, or as it is more commonly called, a Grain Loan with the Commodity Credit Corporation, here are a few important things to remember. When you use farm-stored grain as collateral for a loan, you are responsible for maintaining the quality of the grain through the term of the loan.

Bins are ideally designed to hold a level volume of grain. When bins are overfilled and grain is heaped up, airflow is hindered and the chance of spoilage increases.

Always call before you haul any grain under loan. Prior to removing grain from a bin, you must either pay off the loan or request and receive authority from the FSA Office to move the loan collateral. Authority can be requested in person or over the telephone.

We will need to know the name of the buyer, as well as whether you prefer a 15 or 30-day delivery period. FSA will give approval over the telephone.

Form CCC-681-1 Authorization for Delivery of Loan Collateral for Sale will then be mailed to you for your signature. We will notify the buyer immediately of the approval, so that they can submit the funds to the FSA Office to repay the loan.

If grain under loan is go-

ing to be fed, the loan must be repaid before the grain is removed from the bin.

Financial penalties will be severe when loan grain is disposed of through selling, feeding, or other means without prior written authorization from the FSA Office.

Your name will also be placed on a loan violation list for a two-year period.

Loans may be repaid at any time during the loan period, at a rate that is the lesser of the loan rate plus interest, or a 30-calendar-day method, or an alternative method. With prices at their current level, the only option available is the loan rate plus interest.

Grain loans mature on demand, but no later than the last day of the ninth calendar month after the month in which the loan was disbursed.

For example, a loan disbursed on Nov. 5, 2018 will mature on Aug. 31, 2019.

For more information, please contact the Rock County FSA Office at (507) 283-2369, or the Pipestone County FSA Office at (507) 825-5478.

Important Dates

Sept. 10 - County Committee Election Workshop at 11:00 a.m. at FSA Office

Sept. 15 - CRP Managed Harvesting ends - remove all bales

Sept. 25 - CRP Managed Harvesting reporting deadline

Sept. 28 - 2018 MPP premium payment deadline

September 30 - CRP Routine Grazing ends - remove all livestock

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concert tickets, clothes and other gifts, he'll start to remind her that she owes him for all the money he's spent on her, and then he'll suggest she perform a sexual favor with another "friend" in order to get some cash.

"Then it's with someone else, and then others, and pretty soon she'll be trafficked for profit," Bakke said.

"And because the victim believes she owes her 'boyfriend,' she's afraid to tell him 'no' and she's too embarrassed to ask for help."

By the time it reaches this point, Bakke said, victims have typically turned against their parents or others because their "boyfriends" have convinced them their families are trying to break them up and need to be avoided.

"And here's the most heart-breaking thing," Bakke said. "The victims blame themselves. They tell themselves, 'I made this bed, now I have to lie in it.'"

Bakke said he urges families to be aware of their children's online activity and nurture their children's emotional health — because girls who feel unloved are the most vulnerable to the attentions of a potential trafficker.

"I really believe that we need to teach boys to start taking care of those who other

boys are hurting," Bakke said. "Taking care of everyone, but especially those who are hurting. ... It's about how we respect people and how we encourage healthier relationships and peer networks."

Bakke speaks to people in settings like the one Wednesday night during Luverne School District's open house because he wants families and communities to be aware of sex trafficking — to recognize the warning signs and to prevent it from happening.

"Trust your instincts," he said. "If something feels wrong, it probably is. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is."

He's returning to Luverne on Sept. 27 to share information with local law enforcement and the broader community.

The Southwest Crisis Center and #Luv1LuvAll will sponsor Bakke for two sessions on sex trafficking.

From 9 to 11 a.m. he'll address managers of local restaurants, bars, convenience stores, grocery stores and hotels.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. Bakke will present a session for the public. The sessions are free and registration is not required, however sign-ups are appreciated by calling ATLAS at 449-5777.



Lori Sorenson photo/0906 loop photo

Carol Kephart, North Mankato (left), and her sister, Cindy Kurtz, Luverne, enjoy a walk on the new section of the Luverne Loop Wednesday, Aug. 29, near Luverne Flowers. The city plans to spend \$768,000 on the LOOP in 2019.

Luverne capital outlay estimates for 2019/from page 1A

F150 pickup (to be shared with the water department.

- \$73,000 for possible replacement of a jetter, which is used to clean lines.
- \$15,000 to update and replace waste water plant equipment, if necessary.
- \$75,000 for tuckpointing and brick sealing on sewer department digester.
- \$75,500 for a 50-by-50-foot addition to the existing sewer building for storage.

Electric department: \$1.985 million
Nearly \$2 million in electric costs next year in the electric department are also related to growth.

- A \$1.55 million transformer will be added to the new substation to provide an additional 22 megawatts of power that will be needed as the city expands and as others need to be replaced due to inadequate sizing and equipment failure.
- \$150,000 worth of distribution upgrades are planned for system reliability and new substation ties.
- Older primary cables will be replaced and radial feeds will be reduced by making loops.
- \$100,000 will cover a vacuum excavator to expose gas lines, wires, etc. It's also used to suck up water during water main breaks or groundwater in a trench.

It will be used by all city departments.

- \$50,000 for light pole fixtures.
- \$75,000 for power plant building work (tuckpointing, windows, roof).
- \$60,000 to replace 120 three-

phase meters that are outdated and inaccurate.

Luverne Loop: \$768,000

Capital purchases for the Luverne Loop hiking and bike path next year include:

- \$293,000 for wayfinding signs
- \$325,000 for road construction to The Lake
- \$50,000 for a shelter at The Lake
- \$100,000 for hard surface parking at The Lake

Water department: \$262,500

- \$125,000 for a backup generator for the north booster station at the north water filter plant with paint left over from the north tower painting project.
- \$40,000 for upgrades to production or distribution systems.
- \$40,000 for water main looping, if needed.
- \$35,000 to paint pipes and metal in the north water filter plant with paint left over from the north tower painting project.
- \$22,000 to replace a 2007 Ford F-150 pickup to be shared with the sewer department.

Refuse department: \$275,000
The city plans to buy a \$275,000 garbage truck next year to replace a 2007 model with 8,000 hours.

Fire Department: \$700,000
A \$700,000 heavy rescue vehicle will replace the 1994 rescue squad used for both city and rural fires. The

cost will be shared 25 percent by the Rural Fire Association.

Civil defense: \$20,000

The city will spend \$20,000 to replace a civil defense siren as part of its ongoing plan to replace one every year until they're all replaced.

Airport: \$65,000

The airport has budgeted for a \$65,000 fuel system upgrade.

Pool and Fitness center

- \$14,000 on an ultra violet disinfection system for spa.
- \$10,000 for exercise equipment.

Plans for a \$3 million facility expansion are on hold while the city addresses infrastructure needs related to growth.

Capital expenses factor in levy proposal

The 2019 capital improvement plan is part of a five-year plan that helps the city council with long-term budgets. The list can be a moving target, with some purchases delayed or expedited, depending on needs.

These expenses are taken into account when the city approves a proposed levy for taxes payable the following year. (See the related levy story.) On a flow chart of capital budgets over a five-year period, 2018 and 2019 will be off the chart with its \$12 million and \$14 million totals

Luverne's capital budgets have typically hovered around \$2 to \$3 million per year.

HILLS-BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Quotes

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 671, also known as Hills-Beaver Creek School District, will receive sealed firm quotes for delivery of 13,000 Gallons of Heating Fuel Oil at its Elementary Site in Beaver Creek 404 S 4th St (2,000-gallon tank capacity) and delivery of 25,000 Gallons of Liquid Propane delivered to two District Sites in Hills, MN—301 N Summit Ave and 205 E 2nd St.

Quote must indicate that delivery service company is able to furnish trained and certified LP gas service within 24 hours.

All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 3:00 P.M., Friday, September 7, 2018 at the District Office. Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes in whole or in part. The Board also reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders.

Hills-Beaver Creek District No. 671
Lois Leuthold, Clerk of the Board

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- pay online with PayPal

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CONTACT BETH AT RCO 507-283-4582
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Open House Bridal Shower
Jennifer Fick
Please bring a recipe to share with the Bride!
bride-to-be of
Eric Gaul

Saturday, Sept. 15
10 a.m. - Noon
Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne
registered at Menards, Bed, Bath & Beyond & Amazon

Open House Bridal Shower
Racquel Winters
bride-to-be of
Tanner Paulsen

Saturday, September 8
10 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Hills, MN
Couple is registered at Target

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How lazy are we?

First came 'Uncrustables,' now meal kits; what's next?

Apparently meal kit delivery is a thing. It's not quite restaurant delivery in that you still have



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

to cook it, and it's more than grocery delivery, because you don't have to plan the menu.

The meal ingredients are delivered to your doorstep to be cooked in your own kitchen. They're already cleaned, chopped, portioned and ready to throw in the pan or oven — one complete meal at a time.

And there are subscription options for daily or twice weekly deliveries on a schedule of your choice, with delicious and sometimes gourmet entrees of your choosing.

Online video advertising shows juicy grilled meat, bright green vegetables and steaming roasted potatoes — the kind of food any self-respecting mom would be proud to put on her family's table.

But there's a cost, of course, for this convenience and for this quality, and it got me wondering who these subscribers are and how much "disposable income" they have.

People who are willing to pay for meal kit delivery subscriptions aren't willing — or in some cases physically able — to do their own grocery shopping. ... Or meal planning, for that matter.

Meal kits are the latest in trendy food convenience, but they signal a troublesome trend for us as consumers — or human beings for that matter.

I thought Smucker's peanut butter and jelly in a jar called "Goober," was lazy. We can't open two jars to make a basic peanut butter and jelly sandwich?

Then came Smucker's "Uncrustables," premade PB&J sandwiches with crusts

removed and "packed with love." The plastic-wrapped soft bread sandwiches are marketed as "perfect on-the-go mealtime sidekicks" in strawberry, grape or raspberry jelly.

What's next? Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches cut into bite-sized pieces? Or "Goober Soup," for those too lazy to chew their food?

I'm lazy, too.

I sometimes buy Stouffer's family size lasagna for twice what the original ingredients would cost. But then, I can't make it as well as Stouffer's does, and it would take me two hours to even try.

But I'm also Dutch.

The average price of a delivered meal kit is nearly \$20 per plate, including delivery charges.

Granted, it may include exotic, organic, non-GMO, gluten-free and antibiotic-free ingredients, but for less than \$5 per plate, I can assemble roughly the same meal (plus leftovers).

We all know my math isn't great, but for this kind of savings, the Dutch girl will be inconvenienced to shop for her own food (which may or may not contain gluten, GMOs or antibiotics).

Meanwhile I wonder what's next.

Are we headed for a Jetsons'-style conveyor belt that delivers us to be washed, dressed, fed and out to our cars for work?

That depends on how lazy we become — or how much we're willing to pay for convenience.

create a receipt that contains the buyer's contact information and date of sale. This will serve as proof of when you sold the vehicle and to whom.

When purchasing a vehicle from a private party it is important that the vehicle title is transferred as soon as possible. Minnesota state law says that you have to transfer the vehicle's title within ten days of the date of sale,

My Grandpa Anders used to wonder, "When you dig a hole, put a post in it and then fill the hole back in, why is there never enough dirt to fill the hole?"

This puzzled both of us for years. It wasn't until a few years after he passed away that I discovered the answer: Disturbing the soil structure, by digging or tilling, destroys the pore space in the soil and reduces the volume of the soil.

We had an over-simplified view of soil and its structure. Soil is more than just sand, silt and clay matter. Soil is more than just nutrients. Soil is also composed of water, airspace and soil life.

Plants 'love the soil life'

Life in the soil plays an important role in developing good soil structure that plants love. Plants "love the soil life" because soil life makes life easier for plants. The microbiology and earthworms create pores that help water infiltrate to the roots of the plant. The life in the soil also helps process nutrients for plants. Finally, it takes less energy for a plant's roots to grow when the ground isn't like a brick.

Digging or tilling creates an unnatural situation for the soil. Tillage destroys the healthy structure of

'Love the soil life'

How do we love our soil? Let us count the ways, starting with cover crops

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Michael Walgrave, Rock County SWCD Engineering Technician

the soil and collapses the air space in the soil. Tillage also destroys the organic "glue" (glomalin) that keeps soil structure from breaking apart when water does enter the soil. Finally, tillage disrupts the soil life that builds healthy and mature soil structure, so plants do not necessarily love tillage.

Farmers 'love the soil life'

A debate has been waged at the local coffee shops for decades on what kind of tillage and how much tillage is good for farming. Some farmers took a lot of pride in the 20th century in grinding their fields to dust after harvest.

Turns out, tillage is one of the worst things you can do for soil structure, long-term profitability and soil conservation.

Over-tillage is a bad agribusiness decision.

In areas like Rock County that have a lot of clay in the soil, wind

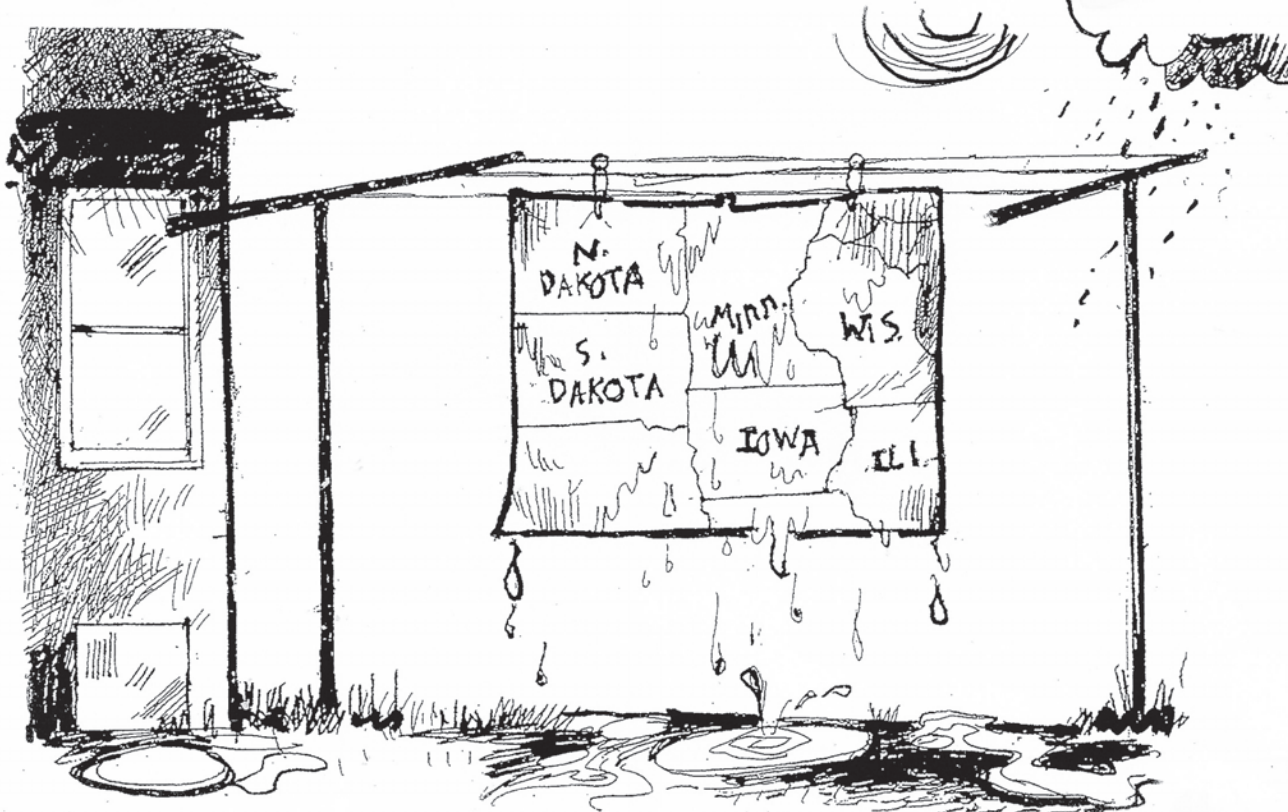
speeds as low as 7 mph will start stealing dislodged and unprotected soil particles from a freshly plowed field and blow them into the next county, the city or the Rock River.

Soil life is important for healthy soil structure, strong plant growth and decreasing the addiction to off-farm inputs such as pesticides and fertilizers. When plants do not have optimal soil conditions they get stressed.

Stressed plants from poor-soil structure are more susceptible to disease, drought and weed pressure. Stressed plants require more chemical inputs to amend problems caused by tillage. These commercial inputs cost the farmer money. A healthy soil structure, created by soil life, means a more profitable life for farmers.

Farmers also realize that by not

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Protect oneself when selling vehicle by properly registering sale; report violations within hours

Question: If I sell my vehicle to a private party, what do you recommend I do to protect myself in the event the new owner gets into a crash or is arrested prior to them transferring the title into their name?

Answer: If the vehicle you sold is involved in a hit and run or pursuit and the driver flees the scene, law enforcement will contact the registered owner in an attempt to locate the driver. The steps below will help protect you as the seller or buyer of a vehicle from a private party.

When you sell a vehicle, you (owner/seller) are responsible for filing the "Notice of Sale" within ten days of the sale. This is located in the lower portion of the Certificate of Title. Doing this in a timely manner protects you and helps law enforcement to have access to the most current registered owner information. It is also helpful to



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

other than a sale by or to a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

New residents have a 60-day grace period in which to register their cars, passenger vans, 3/4 ton or less pickups, motorcycles, utility trailers, or house trailers as long as the displayed license plates are current. If your registration expires before the 60-day grace period is up, you must obtain Minnesota

registration at the time of expiration. For additional information visit: https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/documents/buyingorsellingmotorvehicle_just_the_facts.pdf.

Question: Can a state trooper write a traffic ticket for an infraction that they did not witness?

Answer: A peace officer may arrest or issue a citation for some traffic violations and a number of misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor offenses even if the officer didn't witness it.

The traffic infractions include:

- Driving through columns of school children (within 4 hours).
- DWI.
- Failure to stop at a railroad crossing (within 4 hours).
- Failure to yield to an emergency vehicle (within 4 hours).

- Railroad crossing violation (within 4 hours).
- School bus stop arm violations (within 4 hours).
- School cross walk violation (within 4 hours).

If you witness any of the above violations, please report it to your local law enforcement agency, and it will be investigated.

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

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 24

- Deputy assisting with a car search in Adrian.
- Deputy reported a minivan with the tailgate wide open.
- Complainant reported a vehicle blocking the roadway on Barck Avenue.
- Complainant found a wallet near Estey Street.
- Complainant reported harassment in Sioux Falls.
- Complainant reported a calf out of fence on 161st Street.
- Complainant reported debris on the roadway on County Road 4.
- Complainant at location on South Kniss Avenue reported use of drugs.
- Complainant reported an individual that is possibly intoxicated at Kniss Avenue and Maple Street.
- Complainant reported one of their oversized trucks hit a bridge on Highway 75 in Iowa.
- Complainant reported a trooper not answering status.

Aug. 25

- Deputy out with vehicle in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant requested to speak with deputy about a parking issue on West Main Street.
- Complainant reported people outside her house in Magnolia. She has had break-ins.

Aug. 26

- Complainant requested a welfare check.
- Extra patrol on Fairview Drive.
- Complainant reported poor driving conduct on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant requested a welfare check.
- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported theft.

Aug. 27

- Complainant reported debris on the roadway of Hampshire Circle and James Street.
- Runaway reported on Pine Drive.
- Complainant reported two pedestrians at JJ's.
- Alarm activation reported on Oak Dr.
- Deputy conducted a follow-up on previous CFS.
- Suspicious activity on 151st Street.
- Complainant found a bike on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant reported manure on the roadway in Hardwick.
- Complainant on 131st Street reported theft.
- Complainant reported narcotics and a disorderly male in Beaver Creek.

Aug. 28

- Complainant reported he is being threatened by someone.
- Severe thunderstorm warning for Rock County.
- Burglary reported at location on North Cedar Street.
- Suspicious activity reported in Bishop Street.
- Sergeant spoke with complainant regarding a previous CFS.
- Complainant reported a gas smell by the water tower.
- Complainant reported a girl from Rock Rapids is harassing his son.
- Complainant reported cows on the road in Magnolia.

Aug. 29

- Complainant reported he is dropping people off on South Kniss Avenue and they won't get out of the car. Threats are being made.
- Complainant requested a vehicle unlock on Brown Street.
- Complainant reported a vehicle accident in Valley Springs. No injuries.
- Complainant reported abandoned house in Kenneth with animal inside.
- Complainant reported two males attempting to kick down door on South Estey Street.
- Complainant reported a vehicle window was broken out on South Estey Street.
- Complainant reported subject has his vehicle and will not return it.
- Complainant requested to speak with deputy about a renter in Magnolia.

Aug. 30

- Complainant reported possible fraud.
- Complainant reported unlicensed driver.
- Complainant reported a vehicle for erratic driving by the water treatment plant.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a civil issue.
- Complainant reported a drunk driver on Kniss Ave.
- Deputy reported vehicle not stopping in Beaver Creek - pursuit.
- Complainant reported a burglary alarm on Kniss Ave.

In addition officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 transport, 7 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 2 burn permits, 7 permits to purchase/carry, 26 traffic stops, 5 abandon 911 calls, 1 background check, 4 paper services, 2 fingerprint requests and 1 test.



To prepare for Tuesday's Cover Crop Field Day, organizers plant test rows of soybeans into a field of red clover on Aug. 27 in hopes the plants emerge for the Sept. 11 event. Above (from left) Derek Fick, Tom Fick, Orlie Aukes and Terry Aukes adjust settings on the planter to demonstrate different planting techniques. Below, Orlie Aukes, Hills, checks the planter setting after a test run in the end rows of the cover crop test plot near Tom Fick's farm west of Luverne.

Cover Crop Field Day/ from 1A

plot — some rows into live clover, some into killed clover, each with its own recorded variables.

"We're hoping it comes through in time for the field day," Fick said on Aug. 27.

The test crop won't be intended for harvest, but if enough of the soybeans come through, testers will be able to compare rows and determine which variables are best to try on a larger scale.

And they'll run the planter through a similar exercise during the field day to demonstrate how the test rows had been planted.

Test results and field day demonstrations depend on the weather — not unlike farming in general.

In fact, this year's Cover Crop Field Day follows an

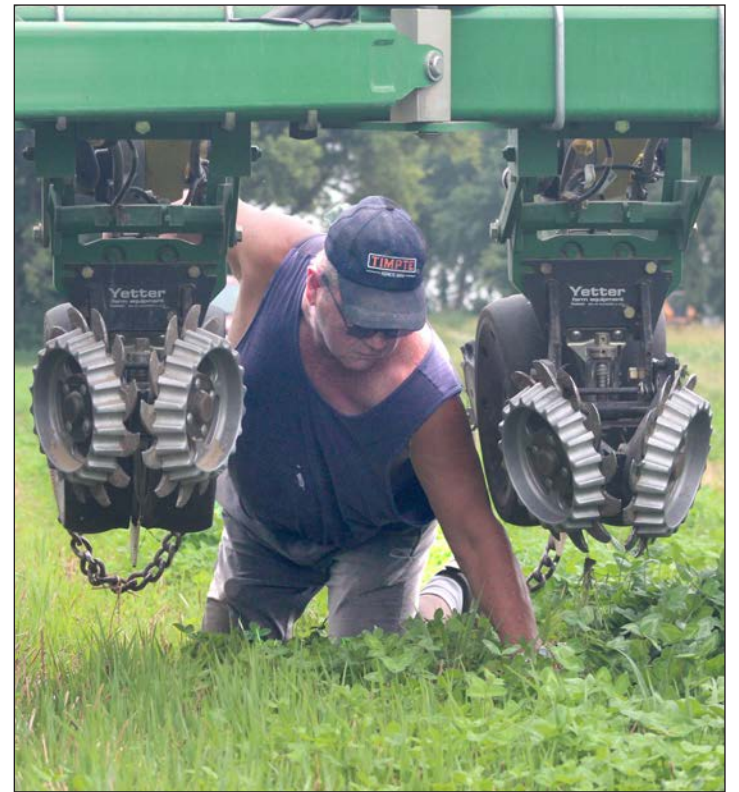
unusually wet 2018 growing season, which is affecting the test plot.

"Most often this time of year excess moisture is a distant memory," Fick said, adding that rain delayed his final straw cutting on the test plot oats.

"I cut it on July 26 and ended up raking it seven times before we could bale it," he said, noting that he lost about 200 square bales in the process. "Meanwhile the red clover was coming up through the oats."

The 2018 Cover Crop Field Talk will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Fick's farm at 1157 110th Avenue.

The event is free, and a free lunch is available if signed up before Sept. 7 at Rock County SWCD at 507-283-8862.



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disturbing the soil with tillage they save money in labor, gas and equipment maintenance. Fall tillage is generally not needed, so this practice tends to be a waste of money and time. Also, leaving the field covered in the fall helps the farmer prevent erosion during the spring thaw and preserves the farm's soil resources.

Citizens 'love the soil life'

You don't need to be a plant, a farmer or a soil biologist to understand what's to love about soil life. Soil life prevents erosion because it helps with the soil's ability to hold water and water infiltration.

Water infiltration not only helps the plants, but also helps recharge water in the ground. Soil life is important for both ground and surface water resources.

Tillage destroys what soil

life creates and makes the land more susceptible to erosion. Aside from blowing away, when the finer grains of clay and silt are disturbed by tillage and/or precipitation, the dislodged particles clog pore spaces in the soil developed by soil life.

Clogged pore spaces create a barrier for water to infiltrate the ground. Instead of water infiltrating the ground, water starts moving across the surface of the ground and carries sediment and nutrients into the surface water.

Soil life loves no-till and cover crops

No-till and cover crops are the best way to "love the soil life." The USDA and agriculture universities have recognized that no-till and cover crops are the "low hanging fruits" for soil and water conservation.

No-till and cover crops are two cost-effective best management practices for farmers. Soil life prefers minimal soil disturbance. Vegetative cover holds soil in place, moderates ground temperatures, and exchanges nutrients with soil organisms to build healthy soil biology.

Finally, no-till and cover crops are very important when it comes to protecting the land against extreme storm events.

Cover crop roots help with water infiltration. Cover crops also act as a preventive "armor" against the force of rain. Cover crops reduce gully-lying. Soil life is happier when it isn't constantly rebuilding soil structure.

How to 'love the soil life'

There are a few ways a farmer or gardener can learn more about cover crops and no-till.

- Contact your local NRCS office (283-2369) to get information on USDA-sponsored programs and cost-share support.
- Talk to farmers who are already using cover crops and no-till to find out what works for Rock County.
- Search for soil-health experts such as Ray Archuletta, Allen Williams, and Gabe Brown on YouTube.com.
- Check out the Rock County Conservation Facebook page for ongoing information on soil health.
- Attend the Rock County SWCD cover crop "Field Talk" Sept. 11, 2018. A local panel of farmers will discuss their experiences with cover crops and no-till farming practices.
- If you are interested in this free event or would like to sign up for the event, please contact the Rock County SWCD at 507-283-8862.



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Local dairy princess poses for butter sculpture

By Mavis Fodness

Calissa Lubben, the 2018 Rock-Pipestone County Dairy Princess, spent Labor Day sitting in a cooler watching her likeness emerge from a 90-pound block of butter.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lubben posed in a 40-degree glass enclosed cooler as artist Linda Christensen scraped, smoothed and created Lubben's likeness and that of the 11 other finalists for the Princess Kay of the Milky Way crown. Christensen completed one sculpture for each day of the Minnesota State Fair.

Lubben was the last finalist to sit in the cooler. "Honestly those six hours just flew by," she reflected Tuesday. "I was looking forward to this since I was a little girl."

The glass enclosure rotated 360-degrees to give State Fair goers a close-up view of Lubben and the progress of the butter sculpture.

As fair-goers watched the carving, Lubben watched them.

She saw many viewers mouth words that Lubben wasn't wearing a dress, the typical outfit of the princess finalists. Due to the cold, Lubben wore a black and red parka to keep warm as she sat still for the artist.

Family members brought snacks to Lubben during the scheduled breaks.

She said as a young girl growing up on the family dairy farm in Battle Plain Township she dreamt about one day being a dairy princess.

Now it's bittersweet to have it end in a couple of months. She will continue



Submitted photos

Calissa Lubben poses with the butter sculpture of herself completed Monday at the Minnesota State Fair. Lubben was one of 12 finalists for the Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest. Each finalist had her likeness sculpted from a 90-pound block of butter, which they get to keep for use at a later date.

to represent local dairy producers until next March when a new county princess is selected.

"I am proud of how far I made it," she said.

Lubben is the first Rock County Dairy Princess to be selected as a finalist to Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest under the new selection process begun in 1980. The Princess Kay is the spokesperson for the state's dairy industry.

This is the first year Rock and Pipestone counties combined to select a dairy princess to compete at the state level.

Lubben is the daughter of Cal and Char Lubben of rural Edgerton. She is a sophomore at South Dakota State University in Brookings studying dairy production and ag business/marketing.

Her butter sculpture will be saved for use at upcoming events.



CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Racquel Winters**, bride-to-be of **Tanner Paulsen**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card showers

Virginia (Pat) Demuth will celebrate her 85th birthday on Friday, Sept. 14. Greetings may be sent to her at 317 E. Barck, Luverne, MN 56156.

Dallas Bowron will celebrate his 104th birthday on Friday, Sept. 7. Greetings may be sent to him at Poplar Creek Room 306, 201 Oak Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Al Berning will celebrate his 90th birthday on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Greetings may be sent to him at Centennial Apts., 120 N. Spring St. Apt. 202, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Sept. 10: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, pineapple.

Program: Grandparents Day; Pinochle.

Tuesday, Sept. 11: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, cranberry garnish, bread, fruit shortcake.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Those Blasted Things.

Wednesday, Sept. 12: Mandarin chicken salad, orange, cucumber salad, muffin.

Thursday, Sept. 13: Lasagna, country blend vegetables, lettuce with salad dressing, garlic bread, bar.

Friday, Sept. 14: Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean bake, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Program: Red Hats 11 a.m. Dancing Divas; Half-Price Day.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

1952: Corn crop converted to \$1,000,000 in cash since harvest

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on December 18, 1952.

Half Million Dollars In Corn Loans Made Here

Another Half Million Bushels Sold This Fall

Rock County farmers have converted their 1952 corn crop into more than \$1,000,000 in cash since the crop was harvested this fall.

This was revealed in a check made this week on the number of corn loans made with the Commodity Credit



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

Corporation, and the purchases of corn made by grain dealers in the County.

Up to yesterday, 230 loans had been made with the Commodity Credit Corporation on

375,615 bushels, at the loan rate of \$1.51 per bushel. Total amount of the loans, according to the L.A. Arp, county PMA chairman is \$567,178.65 to date. Only one purchase agree-

ment, covering 500 bushels of corn, has been made.

A check with grain elevators revealed that about 500,000 bushels had been sold by farmers of the county, at process ranging from 41.38 per bushel. At the former figure, this would mean that the amount paid to farmers for their corn would exceed \$625,000.

Mr. Arp said that while it might be expected that the number of commodity loans granted this year would exceed that of other good corn years for the same period of time, this was not the case

this year. He said he believed that more corn found its way to the market faster immediately after it was harvested this year than in other good corn years, even though the market price was less than the loan price. He said he based his belief on the number of cob piles that dotted the countryside and from the conversations he has had with grain buyers throughout the country.

CCC corn loans and purchase agreements may be made any time up to May 1, 1953, Arp said. All papers must be completed by that date.

Loans or purchase agree-

ments on small grains and soybeans will be available up to January 31, 1953. As all papers must be completed by that time anyone wishing to borrow on these crops or to obtain purchase agreements should make arrangements as soon as possible.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Local 4-H'ers compete at 2018 Minnesota State Fair

By Mavis Fodness

Fifty-four local 4-H'ers represented Rock County at the 2018 Minnesota State Fair during the Aug. 23-26 livestock encampment and the general project judging Aug. 26-28.

Receiving champion or reserve ribbons during the livestock encampment were:

- Tommy Norman, Willing Workers 4-H Club, reserve champion foundation Simmental heifer; third overall breeding heifer.

- Drew Fick, Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club, champion all other breeds registered barrow.

- Tyler Fick, Magnolia Juniors, reserve champion market gilt advanced showman.

- Dylan Mente, Magnolia Juniors, third-place senior prospect calf showman.

- Justin Mente, Magnolia Juniors, third-place intermediate breeding heifer showman.

- Caleb Raak, Denver Go-Getters, champion Guernsey cow; champion Guernsey net merit.

- Joshua Raak, Denver Go-Getters, champion crossbred and other breeds milk production.

The following exhibitors, with club names and project areas, earned purple ribbons:

Tacey Baustian, Willing Workers, black face market

lamb; Trey Baustian, Willing Workers, black face market lamb; Trista Baustian, Willing Workers, swine crossbred market barrow; Cassie Flanagan, Denver Go-Getters, goat senior meat breeding doe kid; Dylan Mente, Magnolia Juniors, beef prospect heifer calf; Justin Mente, Magnolia Juniors, beef breeding heifer maintainer registered summer yearling; Caleb Raak, Denver Go-Getters, dairy Guernsey 3- or 4-year-old.

Blue ribbons were awarded to Whitney Elbers, Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, beef market heifer; Tyler Fick, Livewires 4-H Club, swine market gilt; Moriah Flanagan, Springdell 4-H Club, goat senior yearling meat breeding doe; Halle Hough, Magnolia Juniors, swine market gilt; Gavin Johnson, Willing Workers, sheep black face market lamb; Michael Kinsinger, Magnolia Juniors, beef prospect steer calf; Tory Knobloch, Blue Ribbon, beef market steer crossbreds and other breeds; Christian Kruse, Magnolia Juniors, sheep black face market lamb; Leah Kruse, Livewires, beef breeding heifer Hereford registered junior yearling; Dawson Leenderts, Blue Ribbon, beef market steer crossbreds and other breeds; Dalton Popkes, Livewires, beef steer slick-shorn; Jacob Raak,



Tommy Norman, reserve champion foundation Simmental heifer. **Above:** Tyler Fick, reserve champion market gilt advanced show person. **Top right:** Drew Fick, champion swine all other breeds registered barrow. **Below far left:** Justin Mente, purple ribbon beef breeding heifer maintainer registered summer yearling and third-place beef breeding heifer intermediate showman. **Below center:** Joshua Raak, champion crossbred and other breeds milk production. **Below far right:** Josie Scholten, purple ribbon performing arts.



Denver Go-Getters, dairy Ayrshire 2-year-old; Joshua Raak, Denver Go-Getters, dairy crossbred and other breeds 3- or 4-year-old; Breanna Richters, Livewires, goat junior yearling meat breeding doe; Dennie Sandbulte, Magnolia Juniors, rabbit Mini Rex senior



doe; Grace Sandbulte, Magnolia Juniors, rabbit Mini Rex junior buck; Aleck Schoeneman, Willing Workers, swine market barrow.

Red ribbons were given to Tianna Doppenberg, Denver Go-Getters, dairy crossbred and other breeds

winter or fall calf; Hannah Kruse, Livewires, livestock demonstration; Carly Kruse, Livewires, beef breeding heifer Hereford registered junior yearling; Donavon Leenderts, Blue Ribbon, beef market heifer; Trevor Mente, Magnolia Juniors, beef breeding heifer commercial spring



calf; and Chloe Schoeneman, Willing Workers, poultry chickens brown egg layers.

In general projects, purple ribbons were earned by Elisabeth Kelm, County K-9s, consumer education; **Results/continued page 7A**

OBITUARIES

Clifford Boom

Clifford J. Boom, 70, Beaver Creek, Minnesota, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Funeral service was Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors was at the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Clifford James Boom was born on Feb. 9, 1948, to Louis and Anna Marie (Bouwman) Boom in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He grew up on the family farm near Lester, Iowa, and graduated from West Lyon Community School in 1966.

On Feb. 21, 1968, he was drafted into the United States Army and served at Fort Lewis in Washington and Fort Huachuca in Arizona before being sent to Vietnam on July 4, 1968. He was honorably discharged from service on Sept. 10, 1969.

On Jan. 1, 1970, Cliff moved near Beaver Creek where he started farming. On Oct. 27, 1972, Cliff was united in marriage to Carrie Van Maanen. They sold their farm on Jan. 1, 1973, and moved into Beaver Creek where Cliff worked for the Beaver Creek Coop Elevator until Sept. 1, 1974, when he then enrolled into the Agricultural Banking program at Pipestone Technical College in Pipestone, Minnesota.

On July 1, 1976, he graduated from school and on Aug. 24, 1976, the family moved to Slayton where Cliff began his employment with the Production Credit Association. On Nov. 1, 1978, they moved to Luverne where he began working for the U.S. Bank System which became First Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

On Aug. 1, 1985, the family returned to Beaver Creek where Cliff continued



to work for First Farmers and Merchants National Bank for 39 years.

He was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma on Feb. 13, 2017, and he retired on Aug. 1, 2017.

Cliff was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. He served on the Rock County Fair Board, Beaver Creek Sportsman Club, Luverne Optimist Club, and was one of the original members of the Beaver Creek Recreational Club. He also held the office of mayor of Beaver Creek, and served on the Beaver Creek City Council. He was a lifetime member of the Luverne VFW Post 2757 and the Dell Hogan Luverne American Legion Post 123. Cliff enjoyed his grandchildren, golfing, fishing, hunting, and watching the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

He is survived three children, Randy (Brenda) Van Maanen of Hills; Rhonda Meester of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Ranae (Jason) Johnson of Luverne; six grandchildren, Jared Van Maanen, Hills, Justin (Amanda) Van Maanen, Hills, Dalton and Ashton Meester, Sioux Falls, and Chase and Sydne Johnson, Luverne; four great-grandchildren; special friend, Cheryl Edstrom, Luverne; a brother, Chris (Carol) Boom of Larchwood, Iowa; a sister, Judy (Wayne) Cope of Ankeny, Iowa; a brother-in-law, James Van Maanen of Beaver Creek; and six nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Carrie Boom; his parents, Louis and Anna Boom; and his parents-in-law, Albert and Fannie (Reurink) Van Maanen.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0906 F)

Francis "Tony" Haper

Francis "Tony" Haper, 86, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, formerly of Luverne, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, at the South Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Sioux Falls.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday Sept. 6, at Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne. Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne.

Francis "Tony" Louis Haper was born Nov. 16, 1931, to Henry and Anna (Brandt) Haper in Moody County, South Dakota on the family farm. At age 4, his family moved just outside of Ward, South Dakota, where he later attended country school and helped on the farm until 1953 when he was drafted into the Airborne Military Police in Augusta, Georgia. He was honorably discharged in July of 1954.

Tony was united in marriage to Loretta O'Toole on Dec. 30, 1957, at St. Dionysus Catholic Church in Tyler, Minnesota. They moved to Luverne where they made their home and raised their children.

Tony worked at IBP from 1961 to 1980. He then bought the Adrian Mini Mart in Adrian, where he worked with his wife for 38 years. He also owned a pizza place in Fulda,

Minnesota, and a store in Ash-ton, Iowa. The couple bought a home on Lake Shetek in 1991 and in 2008 they left their home of 36 years in Luverne to move full-time to the lake home. In April 2015, Tony and Loretta moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Tony enjoyed the outdoors while hunting, fishing, golfing, and gardening. He also loved to play the stock market and games. Traveling was one of Tony's passions and he appreciated the time he was able to spend in Arizona with his daughter. He especially enjoyed simply sitting outside in the sun.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta; children, Steven (Glen-da Bremer) Haper, Luverne, Deborah Smith, Sioux Falls, Diane of Luverne, and Deb of Fulda; six grandchildren, Anna, Elizabeth, Ben, Charles (Stephanie), Molly (Keith), and Abby, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathy McBride; son, Gary Haper; granddaughter, Mary Haper; parents, Henry and Anna Haper; brother, Ralph Haper; and three sisters, Vera Mersch, Margaret Gelderman and Betty Haper.

Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne, handled arrangements. Visit www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0906 F)

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

Rock County Commissioners Tuesday approved the preliminary tax levy for next year, with only Commissioner Ron Boyenga voting against the 3.9 percent increase.

Boyenga said he realizes the levy may be lowered before it is finalized, and that he hopes commissioners "seriously consider taking it down."

Commissioner Jane Wildung was not present at the meeting. The 3.9 percent increase is the maximum allowed by the state, which amounts to \$3.66 million.

Ontop of the maximum levy, the county is allowed to collect a special levy for its debt to pay for projects in the courthouse and the former law enforcement center as it is being turned into the Rock County Heritage Center.

25 years ago (1993)

Traffic jams and tour buses in downtown Luverne may become a problem of the past. The Blue Mound Opry is scheduled to close after the October show.

The poor economy and lack of local support have made it impossible to continue the monthly shows, according to Luverne entrepreneur Charlie Walhof, the man behind the scenes at the Palace Theatre.

"I can't do it and run in the red," Walhof said Tuesday. "I've got 300 tickets left for tonight's show."

Season ticket holders will be reimbursed for the November and December shows, Walhof said.

50 years ago (1968)

A piece of newspaper, tucked between the studding of a Springwater township farm home, brought to light the little-known fact that Luverne once had a newspaper known as the Luverne Times.

Walter Vanden Bussche, who lives 11 miles northwest of Luverne, made the discovery when he was razing the old farm dwelling which has just been replaced by a new, all-modern farm home. The paper was dated June 24, 1886.

Not only the paper's age qualifies it as a rarity, but also its name. The Times was not long for this world, according to

historians. It was founded as a democratic newspaper and appeared for the first time on February 18, 1886. Founders were the Buchanan Brothers, sons of a well-known Iowa journalist. W.T. Buchanan was in charge of the publication, but it did not prove to be a financial success. It bowed out of existence with the April 28, 1887 issue. It was, in fact, the second paper to "fold" in the then-new county. The Gazette, the second paper to be published in the county, failed in 1885. The Herald, predecessor to the present Star Herald, was the first paper founded in the county, and has continued without interruption up to now.

75 years ago (1943)

The Chaz Paree night club, the storm center of controversy and target for enforcement officials for several years, is "no more," having been hit by a "two front" drive by County Attorney Skewes.

A board and all inclusive restraining order, drawn by the county attorney to be signed by District Judge Flinn, forever enjoins Robert C. Morris who has operated the place since its beginning, his wife, Emma J. Morris and Chez Paree Corporation from conducting the club or any amusement on the premises. Further, the place is abated forever as a "public nuisance," and the defendants, which includes not only the owners, but "servants and agents" as well, are commanded never to operate a night club, or any other club on the premises; are forever enjoined from operating a dance there or permitting the sale of liquor upon the premises.

100 years ago (1918)

Rock county is not to be called upon to furnish any men for the first quota of the national army, according to a telegram received Sunday morning by County Auditor Olaf Skyberg, clerk of the local exemption board, from Governor J.A.A. Burnquist. By the change the first men to go from Rock county will be called on the next mobilization date, which is Sept. 19th.

Under the last ruling of the war department 5 per cent of the men called in the first draft were to be sent to the training camp at Des Moines on Sept. 5th, 40 per cent on Sept. 19th 40 per cent on Oct. 3rd and the remaining 15 per cent at a later date not stated.

State Fair results/continued from page 6A



Josie Scholten, Blue Ribbon, performing arts; and Sage Ver Steeg, Livewires, youth leadership.

Blue ribbons were awarded to Krista Burkman, Blue Ribbon, elements of photography; Geraldine Fry, Springdell, Global Connections; Morgan Gonnerman, Willing Workers, clothing and textiles non-garment; Gretchen Jacobsma, Magnolia Juniors, foods and nutrition; Ashlyn Johnson, County K-9s, crafts and fine arts; Burke Johnson, County K-9s, computer; Quentin Johnson, Willing Workers, crafts and fine arts; Austin Ossefoort, Magnolia Juniors, shop - primarily wood based exhibit; Kaylie Ossefoort, Magnolia Juniors, home environment; Alex Reker, Springdell, engineering design; Kris Severtson, Denver Go-Getters, crafts and fine arts; Sarah Stegenga, Willing Workers, foods and nutrition; Zach Uhl, Springdell, tractor; Kellie VanDerBrink, Blue Ribbon, veterinary science; and Joshua Wiersema, Blue Ribbon, self-determined.

Red ribbons were given to Egypt Forrest, County K-9s, clothing and textiles non-garment; and Alexandra Hartman, County K-9s, quilting.

Joy Fry, Springdell, and Sophie Holmberg, County K-9s, earned yellow ribbons for their participation in the fashion review clothes you make and clothes you buy projects respectively.

For club banners, Springdell 4-H Club earned a blue ribbon and Blue Ribbon 4-H Club received a red.

Top left: Trey Baustian, purple ribbon black face middleweight market lamb. Top right: Caleb Raak, champion Guernsey cow and champion net merit. Center left: Cassie Flanagan, purple ribbon meat goat senior kid breeding kid. Center right: Dylan Mente, third-place prospect beef calf senior showman. Bottom left: Sage Ver Steeg, purple ribbon youth leadership. Bottom center: Tacey Baustian, purple ribbon black face lightweight market lamb. Bottom right: Elisabeth Kelm, purple ribbon consumer education.

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Luverne airport awarded \$470,000 for infrastructure improvements

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Sen. Tina Smith and Rep. Tim Walz announced last week that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded Quentin Aanenson Airport in Luverne a grant of \$472,500 for infrastructure improvements.

"This grant award will help the Quentin Aanenson Airport become more self-sufficient and support sustainable, good-paying jobs," Klobuchar said Wednesday, Aug. 22.

"This will benefit all who travel through the airport for years to come."

The infrastructure grant funds will support the construction of a double-pump jet fuel and aviation fuel station to help the airport generate revenue.

The City of Luverne will be building the new airport fueling system

at the airport, with the help of this grant from the federal government.

"Investing in our airports means investing in our state's economy," said Smith.

"Strong infrastructure is at the core of Minnesota's long-term prosperity, and investing in the Quentin Aanenson Airport helps spur growth and create jobs."

Walz said it's about supporting Greater Minnesota development.

"The future of our small-town Minnesota communities relies on the investments we make today," Walz said.

"Local jobs and economic growth are the positive impacts that result from investments like this one in Quentin Aanenson Airport, Luverne and the surrounding area."



Lori Sorenson photos/0906 tractor ride

2018 event attracts 70 riders

More than 70 people participated in the Third Annual Tractor Ride that departed from the Luverne City Park Friday morning. Drivers and riders young and old, male and female, putted along on tractors young and old, red and green, and many other colors in between. Pictured here, the lineup stretches as far as the eye can see as tractors make their way south on County Road 9 near the County Road 1 intersection where they turned west toward Steen.



Above, Connor Mann waves from his make-shift buddy seat alongside his dad, Derek Mann.

At left, Todd Faber serves as the official flag keeper of the 2018 Tractor Ride across Rock County.



The parade, organized by Ken Vos, Rodger Ossenfort and Jerold Mann, stopped in Magnolia for breakfast and in Steen for lunch before making its way back to Luverne via Old 16 and through downtown's Main Street.

Aaron Hoffman enjoys his view from the fender with his dad, Bob Hoffman.



Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

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Audrey Aanenson, MHS Class of 1960, dons homecoming pins "Go You Bulldogs" and "Magnolia Homecoming MAGNOLIA vs. HILLS Oct. 16, 1959." Memorabilia from various classes from Magnolia High School displayed in Magnolia City Hall included a cheerleading uniform, letterman's jacket, twirler's uniform and T-shirt. A sticker "Bulldogs Are Gr-r-r-reat 1980-81," celebrates the last graduating class before the district merged with Luverne beginning in the fall of 1982.



Cheer, Cheer For Magnolia High!

Smiles and memories prevail at three-day Magnolia All-School Reunion

Story and photos
by Mavis Fodness

After three days of reunion activities, the graduates of Magnolia High School are still hearing the school's fight song in their heads.

"Cheer, Cheer For Magnolia High," continues to ring in Judy Kruger's ears, she said.

"I had a lot of fun," said the MHS 1976 graduate. "(It was) good seeing people and it was awesome ... wish it wasn't over yet. All of us bulldogs rocked it."

Activities began Friday night with a sit-down dinner and dance at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Organizer Lisa Dohlmann Fischenich said 208 graduates and former faculty from 20 different states attended the event.

"It all went really, really well," she said. "Everybody had such a good time."

The number of graduates and their families grew as the Saturday and Sunday events unfolded in Magnolia.

Saturday featured a breakfast at the Magnolia Café followed by an hour-long morning parade, which began and ended at the former high school parking lot.

The Magnolia Fire Department hosted a pork feed after the parade and MHS 1977 graduate Tommy Binford provided live music for an afternoon street dance.

Also Saturday afternoon graduates toured the former high school, which is now Southwestern Youth Services, and current students led some tours.

The residential youth treatment facility barely resembles the former school, with only the kitchen, stage and gymnasium recognizable by former students.

"It's nothing like the (former) school," said Fischenich, who was in high school when Magnolia merged with Luverne School District beginning in the 1982 school year.

Sunday began with a reunion worship service at Magnolia Methodist Church.

Lori Von Holtum, wife of the last MHS graduate to receive a diploma in 1981, officiated the service.

A golf scramble featuring 14 graduates closed out the reunion activities.

Kathy Meyer McArthur, MHS Class of 1969, organized the scramble and said the feeling of camaraderie was prevalent at each of the events.

McArthur pointed to the relationships developed through 12 years of living in a small community and attending a small school.

"You don't get this kind of love and like for another any other place," she said.

Respect for the elder graduates added to family-like atmosphere, McArthur said.

Specifically Dallas Bowron, Class of 1932, Alvie Boomgaarden, Class of 1941 and Annabelle Frakes, Class of 1944, influenced younger classmates who attended the reunion.

Magnolia All-School Reunion/continued on page B2



Dallas Bowron (center), the oldest living graduate of Magnolia High School, waves to the crowd as parade marshal of the Magnolia Bulldogs All School Reunion parade Saturday morning. Bowron graduated MHS in 1932. His son, John, graduated in 1964 and was MHS homecoming king and for the parade drove a 1954 Packard convertible. The 1964 homecoming queen Cheryl Iveland Heikes rides in the back seat.



The original Magnolia High School banner is the first of 50 entrants in the all-school reunion parade Saturday morning down Broadway Street in Magnolia. Carrying the black and orange banner are Lisa Tutsch (left) and Susan (Vande Velde) Skattum.



Coleen Cauwels (back from left), Pat Olson and Scott Olson help Judy Kruger pin a "Class of 1976" sign to her back. Kruger joined the parade lineup Saturday morning riding a 1956 Simplex Automatic motorized bicycle.



Cheyenne Dohlmann of Magnolia almost filled her pail with candy from the all-school reunion parade.



Classmates Kathy Meyer McArthur and Wes Boomgaarden, MHS Class of 1969, ride a tandem bike past the former Magnolia High School Saturday morning after the two finished in the all-school reunion parade. The school has been a residential youth treatment facility since 1995.



Magnolia All-School Reunion continued from page 1B —

"We respect what they have done for the community and for Rock County," McArthur said.

Because of the age of the MHS graduates (Bowron will soon be 104 years old and the youngest graduates are age 55) McArthur said she doubts a reunion like this one will happen again.

The last all-school reunion was in 2006.

Fischenich said she's optimistic about a future reunion, and social media and on-line registration will make the next event easier to organize.

"I think it will happen again," she said. "I just don't know when."

Portions of County Road 4 through Magnolia were closed Saturday morning as the honor guard lead the Magnolia Bulldog All-School Reunion parade. Honor guard members are five Magnolia High School graduates (from left) Bruce Wilson, Diane Strassburg, Gary Hassebroek, Jerry Hoff and Keith Schmuck. They represented Luverne VFW Post 2757, Hardwick American Legion Post 478 and Adrian American Legion Post 32. **Below left:** The MHS Class of 1981 sports the sign "The Best for Last" as final graduating class of Magnolia High School. They rode in a 1973 M35 military truck owned by Lon Remme. The MHS Class of 1981 sports the sign "The Best for Last" as final graduating class of Magnolia High School. They rode in a 1973 M35 military truck owned by Lon Remme.



MHS Class of 1975 float honored their late classmate, Daniel Kopp, and others who couldn't be at the all-school reunion. Pictured (from left) are Marilyn Lithoven, Kevin Kraetsch (hidden), Kevin Smook, Janet Nath, Carla Ennenga (hidden), Lynn Remme, Joyce Schmidt, Pat Rust (hidden), Rick Behr and Collette Springman. Also riding was former band director Janine Papik (hidden).

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Adrian spikers sweep H-BC to open season

By John Rittenhouse

Two volleyball teams from the Star Herald coverage area opened the 2018 season by playing each other Aug. 28 in Adrian.

The Adrian Dragons entertained two-time defending Red Rock Conference champion Hills-Beaver Creek in a match that featured two first-year head coaches.

Adrian plays for Brittany Jackson this season, while Amanda Rozeboom leads the H-BC squad.

The night belonged to the host Dragons, who pulled out two tight decisions and rolled to one victory during a 3-0 conquest.

Adrian came out strong and coasted to a 25-16 win in the opening set.

H-BC played better in the

final two sets, which made for tight battles.

Adrian, however, prevailed 25-22 in the second set before completing its sweep with a 25-21 win in the third set.

Miah Kunkel and Bailey Lonneman led the Dragons at the net by registering 17 and 12 kills respectively, while Avery Balster paced AHS with seven digs.

Kasie Tweet charted a match-high 28 set assists for the winners, while Mayssa Tweet chipped in eight set assists and three ace serves.

Sidney Fick led H-BC with eight kills and charted four blocks.

Whitney Elbers led the Patriots with five blocks.

Abby Knobloch served two aces and matched teammate Grace Bundesen with six kills.



John Rittenhouse photo/0906 lcc 10

Luverne senior Madison Reisdorfer (center) looks for an opening to pass a pair of runners during the Mountain Lake Invitational Aug. 29 in Mountain Lake. Reisdorfer and the Cardinal girls captured the team title.

Luverne girls capture title, boys second in Mountain Lake

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne cross country teams turned in strong performances at the Mountain Lake Invitational Aug. 29 at the Mountain Lake Golf Club.

The Cardinal girls remained perfect for the season by winning their second consecutive team championship.

After placing fourth during their 2018 debut in Beresford,

South Dakota, the Cardinal boys registered a second-place effort in Mountain Lake.

The Cardinal girls had three runners place eighth or better individually to set the stage for their team championship.

Luverne scored 39 points to best second-place finishing Fairmont (64 points) and the rest of the squads that made up a nine-team varsity field.

Tenley Nelson, Regan Feit

and Brooklynn Ver Steeg led the Cards to victory.

Nelson and Feit placed second and fourth with respective 18:35 and 19:50 efforts, while Ver Steeg finished eighth in 20:30.

Elizabeth Wagner and Tiana Lais capped the team scoring for LHS by tying for 12th place with respective 21:34.6 times.

Other Cardinals competing in the varsity race include

Gabrielle Ferrell (21st in 22:47), Madison Reisdorfer (38th in 24:11), Claire Baustian (42nd in 24:39), Mallory Oye (75th in 27:23) and Madigan Flom (76th in 27:52).

The Luverne boys turned in their best performance of the young season by placing second in a nine-team field with 71 points.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0906 avb 3

Adrian junior Kasie Tweet recorded 28 set assists during a 3-0 victory over H-BC in Adrian Aug. 28.

Cardinals receive volleyball setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team dropped three matches during the second week of the regular season.

LHS lost a three-set match to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Aug. 28 before falling twice at a triangular meet in Tea, South Dakota, Thursday.

The 1-3 Cardinals play in Redwood Falls Thursday.

Tea triangular

Luverne came up empty in two attempts to register a victory Thursday at the Tea Triangular.

Iowa school West Lyon and the host team registered 3-1 wins over the Cardinals during the event.

The Cards came up on the short end of a 25-15 decision in the opening set against WL before evening the match with a 25-23 victory in the second set.

The Wildcats bounced back to register 25-23 and 25-13 victories in the next contests to win in four sets.

Tacey Baustian completed all 14 of her serves and charted 14 set assists against WL.

Alyssa Nattress led the Cards with 18 set assists, Mackenzie Petersen registered eight kills and Greta Ahrendt recorded four solo blocks in the opening match.

Tea registered 25-18 and 25-10 wins over LHS in the opening sets of the second match before the Cards came up with a 25-19 victory in the third set.

The hosts settled the issue by securing a 25-16 win in the fourth set.

Baustian had 15 set assists and was nine of nine serving with two aces against Tea.

Mallory Thorson charted 15 digs in the final match, while Gracie Zewiske chipped in seven kills and two blocks.



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Luverne senior Mackenzie Petersen tips the ball away from Southwest Christian blocker Isabella Niemeyer during a volleyball match in Edgerton Aug. 28. SWC posted a 3-0 victory.

SWC 3, Luverne 0

The Cardinals received their first loss of the season when they took on the E-Gals in Edgerton Aug. 28.

SWC controlled the match from beginning to end during a three-set sweep of the Cardinals.

The E-Gals outscored LHS 75-49 during the match and didn't surrender more than 18 points in a single set to the Cards.

SWC registered the first

five points of the opening set on the way to building a 7-1 advantage.

Luverne trimmed the difference to three points (8-5) with a service point from Reghan Bork, but SWC countered with a 10-2 run to open a commanding 18-7 advantage.

LHS trailed by eight (22-14) when Sydney Bieber recorded a block at the net before SWC scored three of the next five points to prevail 25-16.

The E-Gals registered the first three points of the second set as a part of an 8-1 run.

SCW's lead swelled to 13 points (17-4) as the set progressed before Luverne put together an 8-2 spurt ending with a service point from Baustian to make it an eight-point (20-12) difference.

The E-Gals thwarted the challenge by scoring five of the next eight points to clinch

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Patriots prevail in 2018 football debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team experienced a successful 2018 debut Friday in Morgan.

Taking on the Cedar Mountain-Comfrey Cougars on their home field, H-BC scored the first 28 points of the game to set the stage for a 28-6 victory.

H-BC quarterback Easton Harnack tossed two touchdown passes to Jax Wysong and Wysong added a rushing touchdown to highlight what Patriot coach Rex Metzger believes is a quality win.

"We beat a good football team," Metzger said. "They have 14 seniors and a big roster of 38 players. They have a big, physical team."

H-BC's defense, which limited the Cougars to 154 total yards and four first downs in the game, came up with a crucial stop near the end of a scoreless first quarter.

After H-BC's initial offensive possession of the contest ended with an interception inside CM-C territory, the Cougars took over and moved the ball inside the H-BC 10-yard line before the Patriots recorded a stop during a fourth-and-eight situation on the eight.

H-BC's offense returned to the field and put together an eight-play, 92-yard drive ending with Tyson Bork scoring at the end of a 42-yard run.

Harnack flipped a successful conversion pass to Luke LaRock following the touchdown, giving the Patriots an 8-0 cushion early in the second quarter.

"What I thought was the big play of the game was our defensive stop on the eight-yard line late in the first quarter," Metzger stated.

"Being able to put points on the scoreboard first was a big thing for us."

H-BC added another touchdown late in the second

stanza to make it a 14-0 game at the intermission.

After forcing CM-C to punt for the second time in the second quarter, the H-BC offense covered 57 yards in five plays late in the stanza.

The possession ended with Harnack tossing a 13-yard touchdown pass to Wysong with nearly three minutes remaining in the opening half.

The teams exchanged punts to start the second half before H-BC made some key plays to ice the win.

H-BC's second offensive possession of the third quarter covered 42 yards in three plays.

Wysong scored on a 34-yard run before carrying in the ensuing two-point conversion to make it a 22-0 game.

The Patriots scored again in the fourth quarter when Harnack hooked up with Wysong for a 37-yard touchdown pass to up the lead to 28 points.

CM-C registered the game's final points when quarterback Eli Samuelson scored on a 35-yard run with less than three minutes remaining.

The Patriots face a big test when they open their home slate Friday.

H-BC entertains defending section champion Mountain Lake Area (1-0) for a key early-season clash.

Team statistics
H-BC: 257 rushing yards, 126 passing yards, 383 total yards, 12 first downs, four penalties for 25 yards, one turnover.
CM-C: 125 rushing yards, 29 passing yards, 154 total yards, four first downs, two penalties for 10 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Gavin Wysong 14-58, T. Bork 12-91, J. Wysong 11-88, Hunter Bork 4-23, Harnack 6-minus 3.
Passing: Harnack 5-7 for 126 yards.
Receiving: G. Wysong 1-1, Bailey Susie 1-31, J. Wysong 3-94.
Defense: G. Wysong seven tackles, LaRock three tackles, Harnack two tackles, Chase Bosch seven tackles, J. Wysong eight tackles, Susie six tackles, T. Bork two tackles, H. Bork five tackles, Garrett Raymon two tackles, George Merson two tackles, Tory Knobloch one sack, Zander Wysong five tackles.



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Senior Shane Berning placed 12th individually to help the Cardinal boys place second as a team in Mountain Lake Aug. 29.

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Worthington walked away with the team championship by registering 61 points.

Dalton DeSollar and Brayden Tofeland led the charge for the Cardinals by placing sixth and 10th with respective 17:18 and 17:30 efforts.

Shane Berning, Austin Winter and Jonah Friedrichsen rounded out the team scoring for Luverne.

Berning placed 12th in 17:48, Winter 17th in 18:12 and Friedrichsen 26th in 18:56.

Other Cardinals competing in the varsity race include Jackson Golla (38th in 19:30), Abraham Hernandez (39th in 19:33), Brady Bork (41st in 19:36), Griffin Jarchow (52nd in 20:25), Hunter Hamann (53rd

in 20:27), Ethan Curtiss (70th in 21:32), Sam Emery (80th in 22:07), Ethan Rahm (103rd in 23:53), Graham Cunningham (108th in 24:20), Burke Johnson (114th in 25:00) and Nic Rogers (119th in 25:52).

The Cardinals host the Bruce Gluf Classic Saturday.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's results from the Aug. 29 meet.

Junior high boys: Ryan Fick, 10th, 8:04; Ashton Eitrem, 11th, 8:08; Camden Janiszski, 15th, 8:14; Camden Hoven, 31st, 8:47; Carsen Tofeland, 36th, 8:53; Uriel Hernandez, 52nd, 9:51. Luverne placed third with 78 points in a six-team field led by Worthington (47 points).

Junior high girls: Makena Nelson, first 8:23; Jenna DeBates, second, 8:32; Grace Ingebretson, fifth, 8:43; Kayla Bloemendaal, 10th, 9:16.

Dragons run record to 2-0 Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team ran its record to 2-0 with its second consecutive home sweep Thursday.

Two nights after registering a 3-0 win over Hills-Beaver Creek to open the season Aug. 29, the Dragons entertained Martin County West for their second challenge of the season.

The visiting Mavericks sported early leads in all three sets, but extended runs by AHS late in the contests led to a 3-0 victory.

MCW registered the first point of the night before AHS went on an 11-1 run ending with a block from Shawna Rogers to gain a commanding 11-2 advantage in the opening set.

The Dragons outscored MCW 14-7 the rest of the way to prevail 25-9 after Miah Kunkel recorded a set-ending kill.

The Mavericks led 4-1 early in the second set before Adrian went on a 20-6 run ending with a kill by Kunkel to open a 21-10 cushion.

Adrian prevailed by 12 points (25-13) after Kunkel ended the set with a service point.

MCW led 2-1 early in a third set that was deadlocked at five moments later.

Adrian appeared to be on



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Adrian junior Jennifer Preuss threads a spike between Martin County West blockers Logan Kosbab (12) and Karlee Thiesse during Thursday's volleyball match in Adrian.

the way to a convincing victory after putting together a 14-4 run ending with a service point from Avery Balster to gain a 19-9 advantage, but the Mavericks didn't give up the fight.

MCW trimmed the difference to three points (24-

21) late in the set before a serve into the net by the Mavericks clinched a 25-21 victory for the Dragons.

Kunkel and Bailey Lonneman led the Dragons at the net with 10 and seven kills respectively, while Balster led AHS with three blocks.

Rogers served four aces for the winners, while Kasie Tweet (19 set assists and six digs) and Mayssa Tweet (seven digs) made key contributions to the winning effort.

Adrian hosts Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday.

Fourth-quarter touchdowns lift Eagles over LHS

By John Rittenhouse

A short-handed Luverne football team came up on the short end of a 28-12 decision to open the season in Mapleton Thursday.

Playing the game without a number of players due to various reasons, the Cardinals faced an uphill battle when they challenged the Maple River Eagles.

The Cardinals were in a position to stage a victory when they trailed by two points (14-12) entering the second half, but Maple River scored a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns in a span of 3:09 to ice a 16-point win.

"This seemed to be a lot closer game than we played against them last year," said Cardinal coach Todd Oye, while recalling a 24-6 loss to the Eagles during the 2017 opening game in Luverne.

"We just needed to make one or two more big plays. We saw our guys do some good things on the field. We just need to eliminate mistakes we made. We got hurt by turnovers, penalties and missed tackles."

Turnovers proved to be Luverne's undoing in

Mapleton.

LHS lost three fumbles and tossed two interceptions in the game, and Maple River turned two of the turnovers into 14 points.

The Cards slipped into an early hole as the Eagles scored a pair of touchdowns in the game's first 3:35.

Maple River received the opening kickoff and advanced the ball deep into LHS territory with a 58-yard pass from Caden Ochsendorf to Matt Proehl during the first play from scrimmage.

Ochsendorf scored on a nine-yard run three plays later and Tristian Roesch added his first of four extra points following the touchdown to make it a 7-0 game at the 9:54 mark of the first quarter.

Luverne's first offensive possession of the game ended with a fumble that was recovered by the Eagles on the LHS 47-yard line.

Maple River doubled its lead (14-0) during the next play as Ochsendorf tossed a 47-yard touchdown pass to Jared Latusek at 8:25 of the opening stanza.

LHS needed a spark at that

point and received one when Brayden Jacobsma returned the ensuing kickoff 77 yards to the Maple River five.

Jacobsma scored on a one-yard plunge with 7:03 remaining in the first period, but the score remained 14-6 when Luverne's extra-point attempt hit the upright.

The Cards forced the Eagles to punt moments later, giving the LHS offense the ball on its own 32-yard line.

Fourteen plays and 68 yards later, LHS sophomore quarterback Bailey Cowell tossed a pass that was deflected in the end zone and grabbed by Colby Crabtree for a six-yard touchdown at the 10:43 mark of the second quarter.

When the ensuing pass for a potential two-point conversion caromed off the hands of an LHS receiver, the score stood a 14-12 and remained that way until the fourth quarter.

LHS was in possession of the ball when Maple River dialed up a blitz that forced a fumble during a passing play.

Eagle Tyler Maas scooped up the loose ball and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown to

make it a 21-12 game with 6:45 left to play.

LHS moved the ball into Maple River territory with its next offensive possession, but the Cards lost the ball on downs at the 22.

The hosts settled the issue during the next play as Ochsendorf tossed a screen pass to Wyatt Simon, who grabbed the ball and raced 78 yards for a touchdown to cap the scoring with 3:36 remaining.

The Cardinals play 1-0 Jackson County Central in Jackson Friday.

Team statistics
Luverne: 111 rushing yards, 61 passing yards, 172 total yards, 17 first downs, four penalties for 20 yards, five turnovers.

Maple River: 62 rushing yards, 219 passing yards, 281 total yards, six penalties for 65 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Jacobsma 17-46, Payne Bonnett 8-33, Nick Feit 3-13, Jed Dooeyema 4-12, Crabtree 1-4, Cade Weninger 1-2, Brody Bonnett 2-1.

Passing: Cowell 7-18 for 61 yards, Weninger 0-1 for zero yards.
Receiving: Charlie Reisch 3-31, Jacobsma 2-19, Crabtree 1-6, Matt Sehr 1-5, Jason Rops 1-0.

Defense: Reisch six tackles and one sack, P. Bonnett 4.5 tackles and 1.5 sacks, Max Skattum four tackles, Dooeyema 3.5 tackles and one sack, Zach Ahrendt one-half of one sack.

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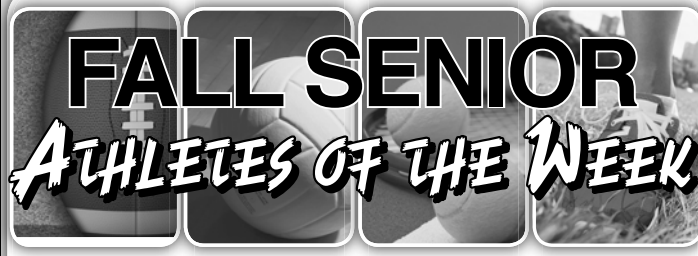
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Future Plans: Go to a taxidermy school.



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Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside
Parents: Chris & Amber Nath
Favorite Subject: Math
Extra-Curricular Activities: Volleyball, softball
Future Plans: Go to Minnesota West to get my generals done, then go to a university to get my teaching degree.



Eric Thorson

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Future Plans: Become a police officer.



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Blackjacks pull away from Adrian Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

A big third quarter for Dawson-Boyd sealed Adrian's fate when the Dragons opened the football season in Dawson Thursday.

Adrian clawed its way back into the game by registering a pair of second-quarter touchdowns to trail 20-12 at the intermission.

The Blackjacks, however,

settled the issue in the third quarter.

D-B produced touchdowns with four consecutive offensive possessions during a 31-point outburst that left the hosts sporting a 51-12 advantage.

The Blackjacks went on to outscore AHS 7-6 in the fourth quarter to secure a 58-18 victory at game's end.

"We got ourselves back in the

game in the second quarter, but they made plays and we didn't in the third quarter," said AHS coach Randy Schettler.

"They made their plays in a hurry, too. The tide turned in the third quarter and we couldn't recover from it. We just didn't do many good things in that quarter."

D-B got off to a good start by scoring 14 unanswered points

in the first quarter.

After a three-and-out series by AHS to start the game, D-B put together a seven-play, 52-yard drive that was capped by a 32-yard touchdown pass from Jake Leeto Zach Durfee during a fourth-and-21 situation.

Isaac Jang added his first of four extra points following

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Adrian races to strong volleyball start

As mentioned in a column a couple weeks ago, I had sneaky feeling 2018 could be a good year for the Adrian Dragon volleyball team.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

After seeing the Dragons in action for the first time last Thursday night in Adrian, I've become even more of a believer in the team that wears the colors of blue and gold on the court.

I know the season is only two matches deep for AHS, but the 2018 campaign couldn't have started any better for the Dragons.

Adrian entertained a pair of foes for matches Aug. 28 and Thursday, and both showdowns ended with AHS coming out on the winning end of 3-0 decisions.

The victories give the Dragons their first 2-0 start to the season since 2014.

Even more important is the fact that Adrian didn't defeat any slouches during the season's first week. Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian's first opponent this year, is a team that did lose some key players from the 2017 season.

At the same time, H-BC does have some top-notch athletes back on the court for a squad that won at least a share of the last two Red Rock Conference championships.

Martin County West, Adrian's opponent Thursday, has experienced its share of volleyball success in the past as well.

The Mavericks are coming off a winning 2017 season, but they proved to be no match for an AHS squad that put together extended runs in all three of the sets Thursday night.

I do realize that posting a pair of wins in late August is a pretty small sample size, but I couldn't help thinking the Dragons

are heading in the right direction under first-year head coach Brittany Jackson.

At the very least, the team I witnessed sweep MCW was better than I anticipated.

I knew senior middle hitter Miah Kunkel and junior setter Kasie Tweet are veteran players and some of the area's best competitors at their respective positions.

What I didn't know was how good some of the other players surrounding them would look on the court Thursday evening.

Junior Bailey Lonneman is a player in the front row that can't be overlooked by future AHS opponents, and the same can be said about senior Avery Balster and sophomores Shawna Rogers and Brianna Reckamp.

Freshman libero Mayssa Tweet may be small in stature (5-2), but she is equally as aggressive as her taller teammates are and is not afraid to hit the court in order to register digs in the back row.

I'm unsure if AHS will be able to knock off RRC powers Southwest Christian and Red Rock Central, but it will be interesting how the rest of the season pans out for the Dragons.

Thursday's home match against Westbrook-Walnut Grove and Saturday's W-WG Tournament will shine more of a light on what to expect from AHS this fall, but I've already arrived at my own conclusion.

I think the Dragons have an excellent chance to improve on their win total of 16 matches in 2017.



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Adrian senior Moriah Bullerman (right) started off the cross country season in solid fashion Aug. 29 by placing ninth individually at the Mountain Lake Invitational. The Adrian girls placed ninth as a team at the meet.

Adrian runners receive first test in Mountain Lake

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian cross country runners opened the 2018 season at the Mountain Lake Invitational staged at the Mountain Lake Golf Club Aug. 29.

The Dragon girls competed in the varsity race, giving

Adrian a complete team.

Adrian scored 199 points to cap a nine-team field.

Luverne won the team title with 39 points.

Moriah Bullerman got off to a strong start to the season by placing ninth individually with a time of 20:39.

Gracia Elias and Hiltyn Heitkamp finished 53rd and 57th with respective 25:37 and 25:43 efforts.

Halle Heitkamp and Alysha Wieneke capped the team scoring by placing 61st and 72nd in 26:16 and 27:12.

Adrian runs at the Tracy-

Milroy-Balaton Invitational Thursday.

Here is a look at the rest of Adrian's results from the Aug. 29 meet.

Junior high girls: Hunter Penning, 18th, 9:51.

Junior high boys: Bruce Farinella, 35th, 8:50.

Panthers sweep Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team opened the season in a strong way by registering a road victory Aug. 28.

Taking on the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen on their home floor, the Panthers were able to make a statement with a strong performance.

Ellsworth outscored Edgerton 75-62 during a tightly contested 3-0 victory.

The Panthers gained the

upper hand early by pulling out a 25-22 win in the opening set.

Ellsworth went on to win the next two sets by 25-20 tallies to complete a sweep of the Flying Dutchmen.

Ashlyn Meester (four kills, seven digs and one ace serve),

Lizzie Chapa (two kills, two ace serves and eight digs) and Kallie Chapa (nine kills, eight digs, two set assists and two ace serves) turned in strong individual efforts for Ellsworth.

Morgan Dreesen led the Panthers with 26 set assists.

Kendra DeBeer added eight digs and two ace serves to the winning cause, while Grace Mulder chipped in two kills and one ace serve.

Ellsworth, 1-0 overall, hosts Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

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the touchdown to make it a 7-0 game.

D-B got the ball back two plays after the ensuing kickoff by intercepting a pass.

Two plays later, Bentley Boike scored on a 55-yard run to up the lead to 14-0.

The teams proceeded to exchange possessions to end the first quarter before Adrian produced its first points of the season early in the second stanza.

After stopping D-B on downs, AHS covered 35 yards in six plays with Brandon Schnoor scoring on a two-yard plunge to make it a 14-6 game.

D-B countered with a six-play, 55-yard drive ending with a Lee-to-Josh Anyasike 29-yard touchdown pass to regain a 14-point (20-6) cushion.

The Dragons answered the challenge by scoring the final six points of a first half that ended with the hosts sporting a 20-12 cushion.

AHS moved the ball 61 yards in nine plays to score with

2:31 remaining in the second stanza.

Dragon quarterback Marshall Wagner hooked up with Ian Stamer for a 27-yard pass during a possession that ended with Wagner firing a seven-yard touchdown pass to Stamer.

Any thoughts of an AHS rally in the second half were erased when D-B registered three touchdowns and three two-point conversions to start the third quarter.

Colton Husby started the uprising with a 44-yard touchdown run three plays into the second half.

After stopping AHS on downs, Lee delivered a 42-yard touchdown pass to Durfee on the first play of D-BC's second offensive possession.

After an AHS punt out of the end zone, Boike capped a two-play possession with a 21-yard touchdown run.

Adrian lost a fumble as the third quarter progressed, setting up a 30-yard touchdown pass from Lee to

Romell Horton that left D-D sporting a 51-12 advantage.

The Dragons snapped D-B's 31-point run by putting together a 10-play, 61-yard march ending with a one-yard touchdown run by Dakota John that came with 9:11 remaining in the game.

D-B registered the final points of the game when Husby raced 56 yards for a score during the first play of the Blackjacks' next offensive possession.

Adrian makes their home debut by hosting 1-0 Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Friday.

Team statistics
Adrian: 112 rushing yards, 78 passing yards, 190 total yards, 12 first downs, four penalties for 25 yards, three turnovers.
D-B: 303 rushing yards, 133 passing yards, 436 total yards, five first downs, three penalties for 20 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: John 20-74, Schnoor 13-48.
Passing: Wagner 6-11 for 78 yards.
Receiving: Trace Kremin 3-38, Stamer 2-34, Schnoor 1-6.
Defense: Lance Luettel six tackles and two sacks, Logan Taylor five tackles, Axel Martinez five tackles, Scot Edwards four tackles, John four tackles, Wagner one interception.

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a 25-15 win.

Luverne led 3-0 in the third set when Ahrendt delivered a kill, and the score was eventually deadlocked at 14 as the set progressed.

The Cards led 16-14 moments later when Baustian notched a service point, but SWC countered with an 11-2 run to end the match with a 25-18 conquest.

Ahrendt (three kills and three blocks), Petersen (three blocks, two kills and 19 digs) and Biever (three blocks) led the Cards at the net.

Thorson recorded 18 digs and two kills for LHS, while Baustian registered six set assists and was 14 of 14 serving with one ace.

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Thursday, Sept. 6: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Sept. 7: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Sept. 9: Rally Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. 10:15-11:15 a.m. Sunday School Carnival. 5:30-9 p.m. Overgaard hosts grades 6-12. Monday, Sept. 10: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Sept. 11: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW Exec meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. Confirmation Orientations: 7 p.m. Grades 6-9. 7:30 p.m. Grade 6 Acolyte Training. 8 p.m. Grade 10. Thursday, Sept. 13: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834

pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 9: Rally Sunday. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck dinner. 3:30 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. Monday, Sept. 10: ELS Pastors Meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class. Thursday, Sept. 13: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, Sept. 7: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Sept. 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner. 12 p.m. Carnival & Games. Tuesday, Sept. 11: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs, Jr. and Sr. Youth Group. 7 p.m. Praise Team Practice. Thursday, Sept. 13: 9 a.m. Fall Classis meeting in Eagan. 2 p.m. Rebecca Circle — Mary Jane Brown Home Birthday Party.

First Assembly of God Church

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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.

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 9: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 9: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 6: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Sept. 8: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Sept. 9: 9 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult SS. 10 a.m. New United Service with communion/Pancake Breakfast. Prayer Warriors after church. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Kickoff. Monday, Sept. 10: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Sept. 11: 1-5 p.m. Homeschoolers in classrooms and Fellowship Hall. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Sept. 13: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

Thursday, Sept. 6: 9 a.m. PW executive. Sunday, Sept. 9: 9 a.m. Sunday School rally day. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Potluck. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 6 p.m. Bells, Choir. 8 p.m. Session.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005

email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 6: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, Sept. 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Sept. 9: Rally Sunday. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; Blessing of the children; Sunday School teachers installation. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior choir. 2 p.m. Cards and Games Afternoon. Monday, Sept. 10: 9 a.m. Winkel at Marshall. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Sept. 11: 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Wage/Benefits Committee. Thursday, Sept. 13: 11:30 a.m. DCE Meeting/Burnsville. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Mom's Night Out.

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@icloud.com

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Sept. 6: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Sept. 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 8: 9 a.m. LWML Delegate Board meeting. Sunday, Sept. 9: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. 11:30 a.m. Rally Day lunch in Parish Hall. Monday, Sept. 10: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors meeting. 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Sept. 11: 6:30 p.m. Elders meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Sept. 13: 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 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

Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com

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Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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.

Come, labor on!

"Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain while all around us waves the golden grain?"

So begins one of the hymns we sang at First Presbyterian on Sunday. In our master hymnal someone identified the song as "hard to sing." I guess you have to labor to sing the song.

The month of September has arrived, and we have just celebrated Labor Day. This reminded me that several places in the Bible mention laboring on behalf of the Lord or bringing the burdens we are laboring with to Jesus. The hymn mentioned above is based on Jesus' call to his followers to go out into the world with the message of the good news of Jesus Christ. In Luke 10, Jesus tells his followers that "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." And then Jesus sends his people out!

All of us as followers of Jesus Christ have a call to carry the good news along with us. We are all called to take part in the mission of the church. One thing for us to consider is "How is Christ calling me to serve him today?"

In another place, Jesus calls us to bring him the burdens that are too hard to carry — the things that seem like difficult labor: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason
Cunningham, First
Presbyterian Church,
Luverne

am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29). Here Jesus promises to be our strength and support in challenging times. Sometimes, we need to lean on Jesus Christ and his grace. It's as if Jesus is saying to us, "Lean on me when you're not strong." What life burdens do you need to bring before Jesus?

In I Corinthians 15, the Apostle Paul is writing about how the resurrection of Jesus Christ has transformed everything. He concludes by writing, "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (I Corinthians 15:58).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead brings fresh hope and inspiration along with an assurance that efforts carried out in Christ's name are never "in vain." This verse is great encouragement to any who have felt that their efforts to follow Jesus or serve in the church were helpless or hopeless. The Risen Christ is our Lord and Foundation! Come, labor on!

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethleheluth@alliancecom.net

Saturday, Sept. 8: 10 a.m. to noon Winter/Paulsen bridal shower. Sunday, Sept. 9: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Wednesday, Sept. 12: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Deacons meeting.

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ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF
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AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN
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AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated: August 24, 2018
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
/s/ Damon T. Eisma
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Luverne, MN 56156
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/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
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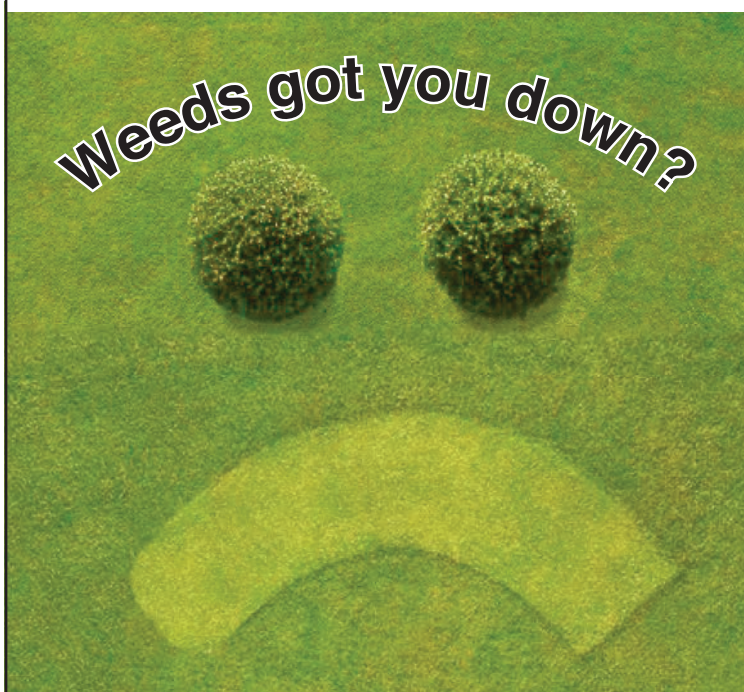
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