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Luverne to host 69th annual Tri-State Band Festival this weekend

By Mavis Fodness

A dozen former Luverne High School music educators are parade marshals for the 69th Annual Tri-State Band Festival on Saturday.

Eight of the 12 former teachers will lead the event that begins at 9:30 a.m. on Main Street Luverne, according to Luverne Area Chamber Executive Director Jane Lanphere.

Lanphere said Tri-State Band Festival committee members wanted

Former LHS music educators honored as Band Fest parade marshals

to recognize the positive impact music educators have in cultivating the interest, passion and talent of student musicians.

"For most of us, our first exposure to music education was in school," Lanphere said.

"Students throughout the world benefitted from talented musicians

dedicating their lives to sharing their love for music and performance through teaching."

Tri-State Band Festival Parade marshals and former Luverne educators are:

- Beth Behal, choir teacher, 1993 to 2003.
- Ann Stauffer Flis-trand, band

instructor, 1966 to 1970.

- Tom Haugen, band instructor, 1965-1971.

- Mary Goheen, music teacher in Magnolia and later Luverne, 1983 to 2011.

- Jesse Miller, band instructor, 2007-2010.

- Dale Nelson, band instructor,

1988 to 2007, is the current band festival chairman.

- Patti Nelson, general music instructor, 1996 to 2006.

- Richard Owen, band instructor, 2013 to 2019.

- Bruce Phelps, choir instructor, 1970-1976.

- Myrna Norton Phelps, choir instructor, 1968 to 1995.

Tri-State Band Festival/see page 2

Bomgaars to expand into Shopko

Transition set for mid-summer 2020

By Lori Sorenson

Bomgaars is under contract to purchase the former Shopko building for expansion south of I-90.

"We're too small for what the community needs," said Luverne store manager Darrel Nielsen. "We need a bigger building to serve our customers better."

In Luverne, the move will more than double the space for Bomgaars, which operates out of 22,000 square feet in its current West Hatting Street location.

The Shopko building offers more than 42,000 square feet and adds significantly more parking opportunities.

"We're going to fill 'er up," Nielsen said about plans for the new space. "We're going to have a lot more products that we don't have right now."

In particular, there will be more clothing and shoes, and all departments — including toys — will have expanded offerings with more selection.

Virgil Christensen, Luverne, and The Christensen Corporation developed the property over 20 years ago for Pamida, which was subsequently purchased by Shopko.

After Shopko stores filed for bankruptcy earlier this year, the company's lease with Christensen Corporation was terminated in June.

Bomgaars is under contract to buy the former Shopko buildings in both Pipestone and Luverne, and Nielsen said relocation won't happen until next summer, considering similar transactions are underway in several other communities.

Bomgaars is a family-owned and operated supplier with 92 stores in Iowa, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming, employing nearly 3,000 people.

The corporate office and distribution center are in Sioux City, Iowa, where the company began in 1952.

Bomgaars buys Shopko/see 14



Mavis Fodness photo/0926 Silage Harvest 2019

Poor growing conditions lead to light yields

Denny Reese (left) and Chuck Egland and Duane Nieuwboer chop silage Monday east of Hardwick where yield is lighter than normal. Several times this summer corn stalks and leaves were bent and/or shredded from high winds and heavy rains. According to the USDA crop progress and condition report released Monday, area crops continue to lag behind last year and the five-year average. Corn maturity is averaging 16 days behind 2018 and two weeks behind the five-year average. Soybeans are nine days behind last year and a week behind the five-year average. Corn harvested for silage is 13 days behind the average and is 21 percent complete. Last year at this time, silage chopping was 83 percent complete. The five-year completion average is 61 percent.

Hardwick to implement Rural Service District in city

Ordinance allows tax system that accounts for urban vs ag property

By Lori Sorenson

Hardwick City Council members conducted a public meeting last week to hear potential concerns about an ordinance that could have a noticeable effect on property taxes.

The ordinance, which was approved after the Sept. 18 public hearing, creates a tax system that considers benefits for city dwellers using city services versus agricultural landowners in city limits who are not benefiting from city services.

The city limits for the town of 222 residents includes 1,100 acres, 997 of which are classified as agricultural.

Hardwick's levy in 2019 was \$55,138, and nearly half of that — \$26,000, was paid by six agricultural property owners.

The farm land inside city limits is essentially taxed a much higher rate than nearby township ag land.

For example, Barb and Robert Loosbrock own two similar quarter sections of farmland, one within Hardwick city limits and the other outside the city border.

The Loosbrocks paid \$5,270 for taxes on the tract inside Hardwick's city limits and \$223 in township taxes for the tract outside the border.

Attorney Don Klosterbuer has used this example at previous meetings to illustrate the Hardwick's tax system.

At Wednesday's hearing, city clerk Tammy Johnson said the council had done its own comparison of taxes on parcels inside and outside city limits.

"It was like an 'aha' moment," she said. "We were shocked to see the numbers. ... but we didn't know where to start or where to begin."

For the past three years

Hardwick tax ordinance/see page 5

Keeping it local

H-BC friends venture into meat locker business in Hills

By Mavis Fodness

A strong desire for success grips two Hills-Beaver Creek High School friends as they venture into a business together.

Jim Susie and Brad Schoneman opened S & S Locker Service on Main Street in Hills this spring after purchasing the Hills Meat Locker from Tedd and Diane Larson.

Susie and Schoneman see themselves as different from other meat processors.

"There is nobody young doing this anymore," Susie said. "It's not an attractive job."

Susie is a 1998 H-BC graduate and Schoneman received his diploma a year later in 1999.

S&S Locker Hills/see page 5



Mavis Fodness photo/0919 S and S Locker

Brad Schoneman (left) and Jim Susie entered the meat processing business this spring with S & S Locker Service on Main Street in Hills.

Council awards bids for Ellsworth City Hall rebuild

City shop to be re-bid, recreation center on hold

By Mavis Fodness

Ellsworth City Council accepted the lowest bid from Swift Contractors of Sioux Falls to rebuild its city hall at a special meeting Monday night.

Council members accepted the bid of \$874,000 from Swift Construction officials.

The company stated at the Sept. 5 bid opening they were prepared to begin immediately. The construction would take 270 days to complete.

The council rejected all bids to build a new maintenance shop. Council members will call for re-bids at a future date.

Bids for the recreation center to be attached to the new city hall

were also not accepted, according to Ellsworth City Clerk Dawn Huisman.

Swift Construction was among eight interested construction companies submitted bids by the Sept. 5 deadline, and council members met in special session to open bids the same day.

The large number of competing bids surprised architect Jeff Nelson with Falls Architecture Studio in Sioux Falls.

"I can't tell you when I have had eight bids on anything," he said. "We certainly had a lot of bidders."

The council called for three sepa-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the new township hall.

American Legion Auxiliary will have a special meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in the Dell Hogan Post. Contact Dianna Tomlinson with questions.

Blue Mound Quilters Guild will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at the Rock County Library for a Double Strip Ruler program by Diane Karlstad and Verla Fick. Call Mary Crawford at 605-212-3219 with questions.

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

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

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

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

Grief support meetings begin Sept. 30

Sanford Luverne Hospice is offering a five-week Grief Support Group beginning on Monday, Sept. 30, for five consecutive Mondays (Sept. 28-Oct. 28) for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Meetings are from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center and facilitated by Jill Roemen, LSW. Call Sanford Luverne Hospice at 507-283-1805 to pre-register.

Coffeebreak begins Oct. 1 at CRC

Coffeebreak will kick off the year at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Luverne Christian Reformed Church. The event will feature a speaker, food, fellowship and registration for the new year.

Bible study will start with "Esther" on Oct. 8. Women of all ages are invited and no prior Bible knowledge is necessary. A nursery and story hour is available. Call Kristi Stroeh at 507-227-5105 with questions.

Chuckwagon Oct. 1

The 68th Annual Rock County DFL Chuckwagon Feed will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Take 16 Brewing Company, Luverne, Minnesota.

'Warrior Heart Yoga Night' Oct. 2 at library

Southwest Crisis Center and the Rock County Library are teaming up for "Warrior Heart Yoga Night," a one-hour yoga session designed to help participants find the strength of warrior heart. The event is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the library.

'Superstar' Oct. 4 at Palace Theatre

The Palace Theatre will host "Superstar: The Songs, the Stories, the Carpenters" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Tickets are available at the Palace Theatre box office or by calling 507-283-4339.

'Operation Christmas Child' shoeboxes

"Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes will be available at the American Reformed Church in Luverne after Oct. 1. Fill a shoebox with gifts to share with a child at Christmas. Collection week is Nov. 18-25. Call Karen Bosch at 605-413-9676 or Charla Sandbule at 507-227-1722. Shoeboxes may also be ordered online at samaritanspurse.org.

Shredding event Oct. 5

The Dakota Shred-It shredding truck will be at the Laundry Room parking lot at the corner of Main and Highway 75 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, and will shred your important papers while you watch. No need to remove staples or paperclips. A freewill offering will be accepted for St. Catherine Carmelites fundraiser.

Fire department movie

Luverne Fire Department members will be selling movie tickets door-to-door on Oct. 7 for their annual firemen's show, "The Secret Life of Pets 2" which will be at the Palace Theatre Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 16-18.

Next dental clinic set for Oct. 9

The next dental clinic for children 0-26 is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Rock County Health and Human Services. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted.



Ellsworth City Council members accepted bids for the new city hall, but will rebid the city shop portion of the plans. Also, the council decided to put on hold their plans for a community center to be built as part of the city hall and city shop project.

Ellsworth City Council accepts city hall bids/continued from page 1

rate bids for a city hall, community recreation center and maintenance shop.

City hall bids ranged from \$874,000 to \$1.24 million for a 3,583-square-foot wood-framed structure to be located where the former 115-year-old city hall once stood. The new hall plans include a 1,689-square-foot community room and kitchen.

Recreation center bids ranged from \$1.006 million to \$1.258 million for a 60- by 125-foot pre-engineered structure attached to the city hall. A fire wall would separate the two structures.

Maintenance shop bids ranged from \$419,000 to \$564,200 for the 48-by-70-foot structure. The shop would be built on a bare lot next to the city's existing fire station on the southeast edge of town.

Construction timeframe ranged from 180 to 365 days for the city hall and recreation center. Companies indicated 90 to 275 days to build the city shop.

Nelson told council members after the Sept. 5 bid opening he will verify bid numbers with contractors and determine what elements drove costs higher than anticipated.

At the regular Sept. 9 council meeting, council members tabled a decision to award bids on the three projects.

At an Aug. 29 public information meeting, Nelson and council members outlined each project and the potential budget.

The city has more than \$1.5 million in available funds for the new city hall and maintenance shop.

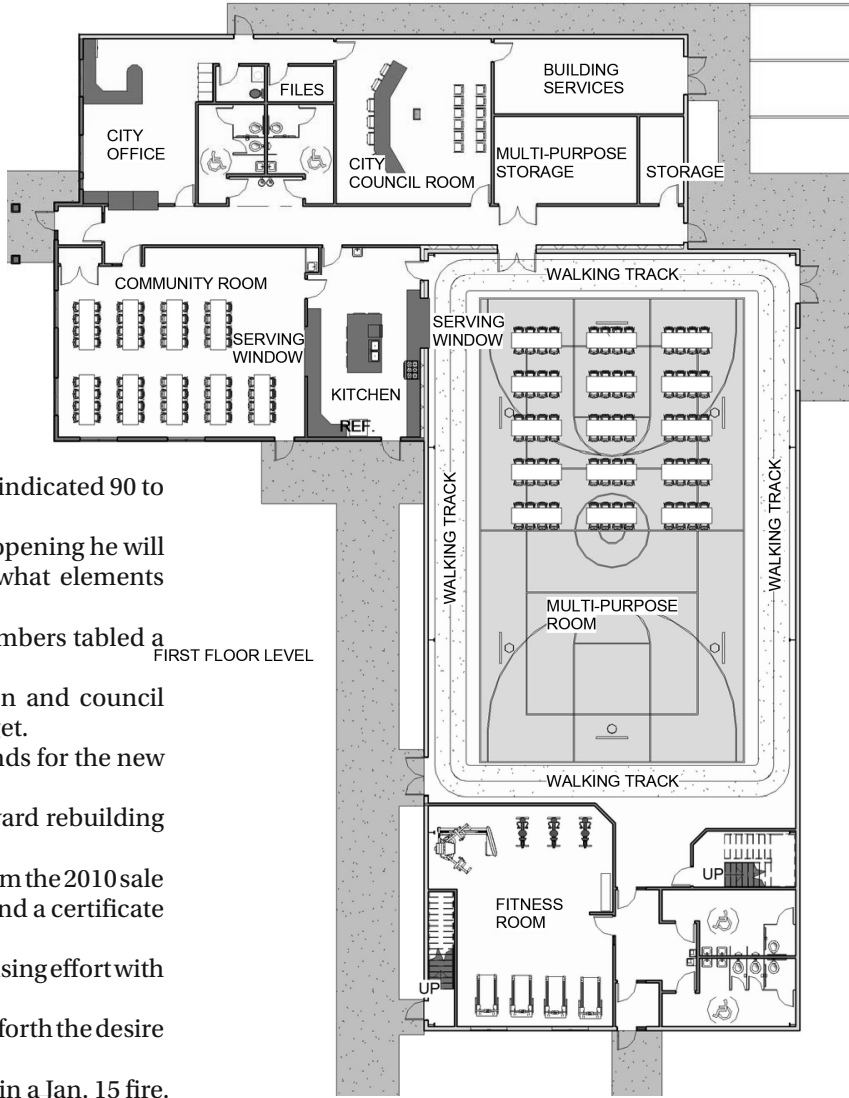
This includes insurance claims up to \$687,000 toward rebuilding the city hall and maintenance shop.

It also includes \$470,000 in reserves and \$280,000 from the 2010 sale of the city-owned liquor store, grants totaling \$10,000 and a certificate of deposit for \$134,000.

The recreation center would be a community fundraising effort with possible funds appropriated from the state legislature.

A community meeting conducted in March brought forth the desire for a recreation center.

The city hall and maintenance shop was destroyed in a Jan. 15 fire.



Tri-State Band Festival/ from page 1

- Dolly Talbert, choir instructor, 1970 to 1993.
- Bob VanMaasdam, choir teacher, 1972-1973.

This year's event features 28 high school bands participating in the parade and/or field competitions.

The Luverne middle and high school bands do not compete in the festival but perform in exhibition only.

Festival guests include the Northern State University Marching Wildcat Band from Aberdeen, South Dakota. The group will perform exhibitions in both the parade and field events.

The field competition begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday on the Luverne High School Cardinal Field. Announcement of awards is scheduled for 5:15 p.m.

Band festival buttons serve as entrance to the field competition. Children 10 and younger are free.

Superintendent receives passing marks in annual evaluation

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Schools Superintendent Craig Oftedahl received passing grades during his annual evaluation by School Board members.

Each of the seven board members rated Oftedahl on four performance and two professional development goals set last year.

Each goal was rated as 1 for unsatisfactory, 2 for satisfactory, 3 for excellent or 4 four distinguished.

The four professional goals and the board ratings include:

- Provide leadership for the district at the school level as well as the community level: 3.5 — between accomplished and distinguished.
- Maintain school finances according to school policy, maintain a fund balance of 30 to 40 percent, and secure credit cards for the district and promote proper use through policy: 2.5 — satisfactory to accomplished.
- Maintain effective communication with school board members, staff and community: 3 — accomplished.
- Cultivate community partnerships to maximize resources and enhance student

opportunities such as Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities and medical careers class: 4 — distinguished.

Board chairman Jodi Bosch read the evaluation results at the Aug. 22 school board meeting.

"Mr. Oftedahl continues to excel in his leadership role in the school and community," Bosch read.

"His work on the CEO and medical careers class has helped make these programs successful.

"His leadership has been appreciated on the building project also. We look forward to continued communication and teamwork as we move forward."

Ratings for the two personal development goals included:

- Continue training and working with all of those involved in the building project; maintain communication with the various stakeholders necessary in moving the project forward: 3 — accomplished.
- Support and communicate developments in standards based grading and continue to move the district to full implementation: 2 — satisfactory.



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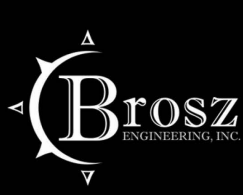
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Uithoven Addition shapes up on West Dodge Street; 15 twin homes to provide 30 residences on former Uithoven acreage

By Lori Sorenson

Uithoven Addition lots are shaping up on the city's west side with curbs being poured Tuesday morning.

The future twin home subdivision is on the west edge of town on the south side of Dodge Street.

Three cul-de-sacs will provide 15 lots for twin homes to provide a total of 30 residences.

Henning Construction submitted the low bid at \$851,744.15 for 1,200 linear feet of sanitary sewer line, 2,000 feet of water main, 2,200 linear feet of curb and gutter and 1,200 tons of paving.

However, a \$36,000 change order was approved at the Sept. 10 council meeting to cover additional costs related to wet soil conditions.

Stabilization rock needed to be used in place of existing spongy soil material to support sewer and water lines in trenches.

According to discussion at this week's City Council meeting, water and sewer infrastructure is now installed and the trenches have been fortified with rock and trench fabric.

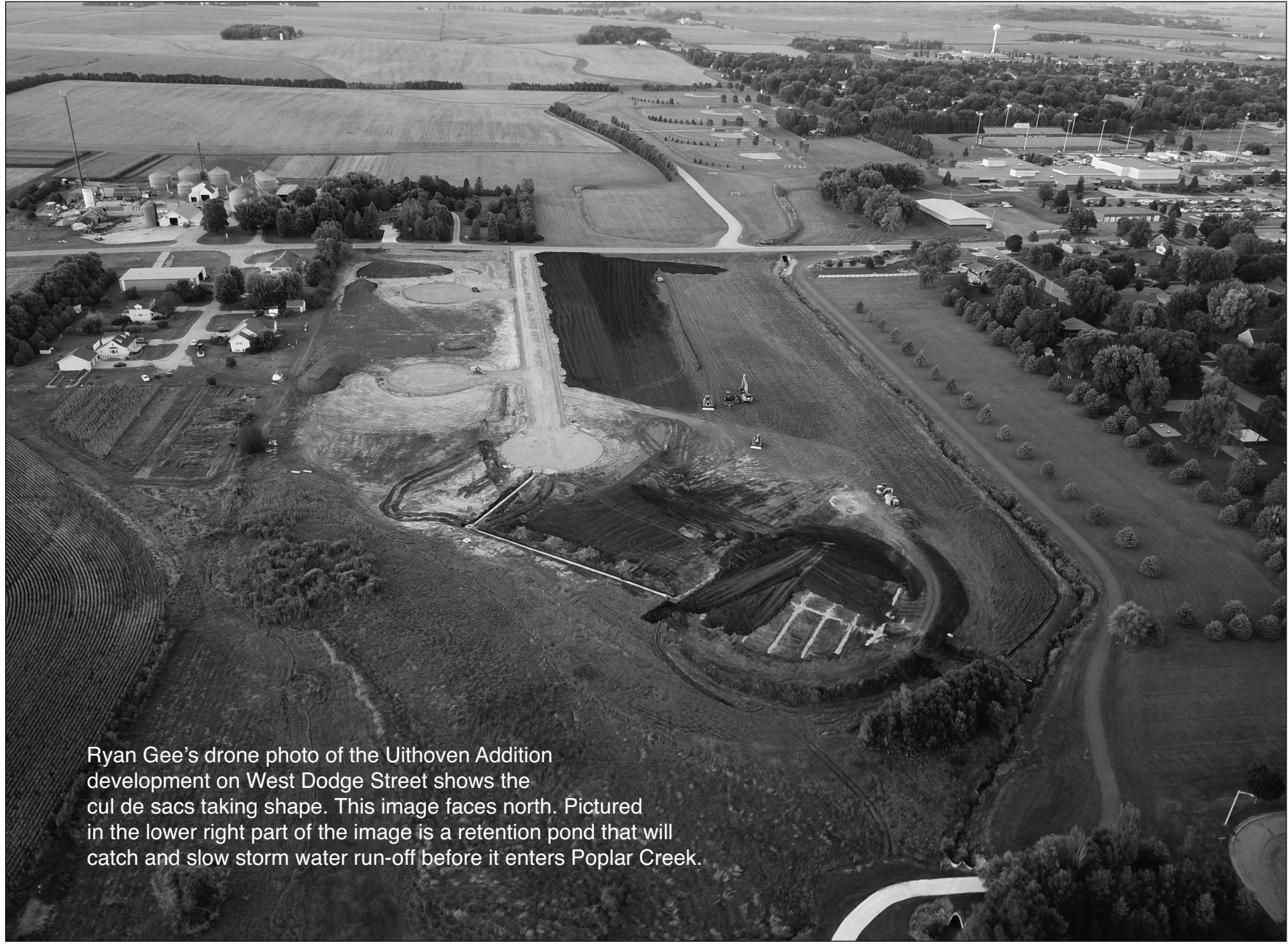
Streets have had subgrade material put in place and are getting ready for concrete and curb and gutter. Paving may start later this week or next.

Henning is also working on the retention pond southeast of the development that will hold back storm water before it drains into Poplar Creek.

The new subdivision is on schedule to be finished this construction season, and the city intends to seek bids this fall from developers interested in building the twin homes next year.



This image captured by Ryan Gee's drone is a south-facing angle of the Uithoven Addition development on West Dodge Street, which is pictured at the bottom.



Ryan Gee's drone photo of the Uithoven Addition development on West Dodge Street shows the cul de sacs taking shape. This image faces north. Pictured in the lower right part of the image is a retention pond that will catch and slow storm water run-off before it enters Poplar Creek.

Background

In March of 2018, the city paid \$170,000 for the two acres that formerly housed the Mike and Vi Uithoven residence. The structures have since then been removed and the ground was prepared for development.

The plat shows a potential street from the west edge of the development that could connect with Main Street near RCO, but that plan has been abandoned.

Engineers determined that bridges and culverts would be too costly through this wetland area, which is better left untouched.

Reisch Addition update

The stub street of Walnut Avenue near RCO will be developed as three residential lots known as the Reisch Addition, named for the late Marcel Reisch whose farm acreage once occupied that ground.

The city had tentatively sold the lots at \$29,000 per lot to local developers Melissa Sterrett, Dan Serie and Diane Weick, doing business as SW Design Build Inc.

Plans were to construct three single-story twin homes (six units total), 1,400 square feet per unit, with attached two-stall garages.

Per the agreement, construction and payment on the first twin home was to have started in May 2019 with all three completed and lots paid for by November 2020.

However SW Design Build did not pursue building or payment, so council members took action at their Sept. 10 meeting to repeal the sale.

The area will remain available for developers to submit proposals.

H-BC sets preliminary levy

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members took action at their Monday meeting to set the district's preliminary levy at \$1.462 million for taxes payable in 2020.

It amounts to an increase of 3.61 percent over the current levy, but by statute, the board can revise the levy downward (not up) between now and the end of 2019.

"With the sale of the bonds — refunding of the bonds — this will be adjusted down," Superintendent Todd Holthaus said.

The exact decrease amount will not be known until after Monday's bond sale.

Last month, board members agreed to refinance the district's original 25-year building bond of \$8.325 million. The district pays about \$750,000 each year on that debt.

Refinancing at a lower interest rate for a new 16-year bond is estimated to save the district about \$100,000 annually.

Results of the Sept. 23

bond sale will be reviewed at a special board meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 30.

Board members also set 7 p.m. Dec. 9, for the district Truth and Taxation hearing. At the hearing, the public may ask questions about the district budget for 2020.

After the hearing, the board will adopt the final levy, which must be certified by Dec. 28.

In other business, the board:

- approved Oct. 14, Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day as a non-school holiday, allowing the school board to

meet that night.

- declared the high school kitchen steamer as excess district property and directed Holthaus to place the item for sale.

- hired Amanda Rozeboom of Hills out of 20 applicants as the district business manager. She will begin Oct. 7. Current business manager Glenda Kuehl will retire at the end of October.

- approved the salary lane change for industrial arts teacher Chris Louwagie to a Master's Degree level.

- set the next regular board meeting for Oct. 14.

USDA opens Market Facilitation Program signup now through Dec. 6

Signup is ongoing for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program to assist farmers who continue to suffer from damages because of unjustified trade retaliation from foreign nations.

Through MFP, USDA will provide up to \$14.5 billion in direct payments to impacted producers, part of a broader trade relief package announced in late July. The sign-up period runs through Dec. 6, 2019.

MFP payments will be made to producers of certain non-specialty and specialty crops as well as dairy and hog producers.

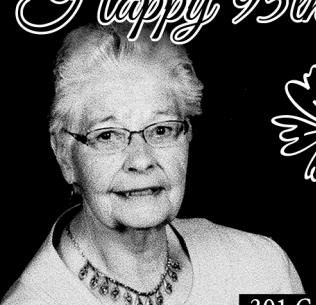
MFP payments will be made to producers of alfalfa hay, barley, canola, corn, crambe,

dried beans, dry peas, extra-long staple cotton, flaxseed, lentils, long grain and medium grain rice, millet, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rye, safflower, sesame seed, small and large chickpeas, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, triticale, upland cotton, and wheat.

MFP assistance for 2019 crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm's total plantings to the MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019. Those per acre payments are not dependent on

USDA signup for MFP/continued on 14

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Thank goodness for storm sirens ... or poorly-tuned saxophones

Unlike some, my husband and I heard the tornado sirens loudly and clearly when they blasted a severe weather alarm around midnight on Sept. 11.

We were asleep. Deeply, blissfully, soundly asleep. When suddenly, a low whining, blaring, horn-like sound filled our bedroom.

It was the sound of someone playing a poorly tuned saxophone, or perhaps it was a beagle in pursuit of a rabbit. Perhaps a beagle with a sore throat chasing many rabbits.

It had been a gorgeous summer evening. We'd gone to bed with the windows open. Wide open.

We live about a block from the severe weather siren so to say the sound filled our bedroom would be an understatement.

With the sound of now what seemed like many beagles chasing rabbits playing poorly tuned saxophones reverberating through my head, I wondered the obvious.

"Why are they testing the sirens in the middle of the night?" I put a pillow over my head and went back to sleep ...

... until the siren blared again.

"What's wrong with these people? For the love of God, can't they test the sirens during business hours?"

After the second round of poorly tuned, saxophone-playing beagle noises shook the room, my husband and I sat up in bed with that "Why are they testing the sirens in the middle of the night?" look on our faces.

Other than the sirens, it was calm. The curtains barely fluttered in the breeze.

"Is this the work of a



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

'Is this the work of a disgruntled city employee? Is it national-storm-awareness-in-the-middle-of-the-night month? Why is this happening?'

disgruntled city employee? Is it national-storm-awareness-in-the-middle-of-the-night month? Why is this happening?"

The fog of sleep began to clear. A soft breeze began to blow but in an instant it became a gale-force wind.

Rain pounded the windows. The house shook.

Finally, I understood.

The severe weather sirens were announcing the approach of severe weather. It was time to seek shelter in the basement or an interior room.

With this insight, my husband stepped on to the front porch to see how bad it really was while I pressed my face against the large picture window overlooking the back yard.

"Wow, this is bad," we agreed as we crawled back in to bed and fell soundly asleep.

Thank goodness for sirens.

It's the Law Not a Suggestion

With the new school year beginning, I thought that it would be a good idea to review the driver's responsibility for when they see children getting on or off a school bus, as well as the Hwy Pedestrian Crossing Lights.

The Law states in MN Statute 169.444 Safety of School Children: Duties of Other Drivers.

Subdivision 1. Children getting on or off school buses. When a school bus is stopped on a street or highway, or other location where signs have been erected under section 169,443, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights. The driver of a vehicle approaching the bus shall stop the vehicle at least 20 feet away from the bus. The vehicle driver shall not allow the vehicle to move until the school bus stop-signal arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing.

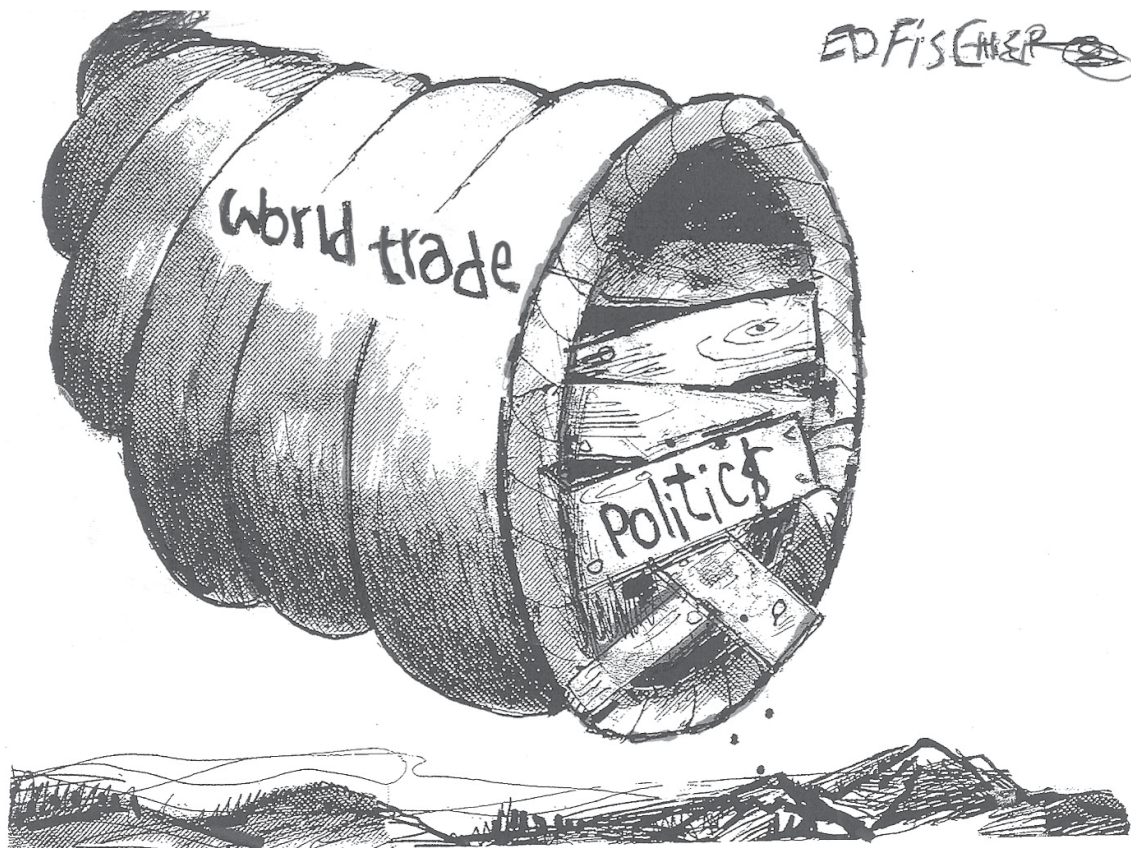
Subd. 1a. Passing on Right. No person may pass or attempt to pass a school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand, passenger-door side of the bus when the school bus is displaying the prewarning flashing amber signals as required in section 169.443, subd. 1.

Subd. 2 Violation by drivers; penalties. (a) A person who fails to stop a vehicle or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who

violates subd 1a, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$300.00. (b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person fails to stop a motor vehicle or keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subd. 1a, and commits either or both of the following acts: (1) Passes or attempts to pass a school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand, passenger — door side of the bus; or (2) Passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle when a school child is outside of and on the street or highway used by the school bus or on the adjacent sidewalk.

On the Law for the Pedestrian Crossing MN Statute 169.21

Subdivision 1. Obey traffic-control signals. Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic-control signals at intersections as heretofore declared in this chapter, but at all other places pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions stated in this section.



Trouble-free adventure with the granddaughters ends in foreign model SUV

It's been a while since Grandma Mary and I watched the granddaughters for an overnight stint.

The granddaughters' mom and dad were headed to Minneapolis to celebrate their wedding anniversary and take in a Vikings game, so Mary and I were recruited for overnight childcare duties at their home in Hartford.

The granddaughters, Brooke and Ellee, are ages 4 and 2 respectfully, so one might think we're going to have our hands full. Therefore, preplanning was important.

We took them to Brookings, South Dakota, to the children's museum. I figured with drive time from Hartford to Brookings and back that would take up two hours and maybe we would spend an hour or two at the museum.

I had the travel time pegged, but having never been to the museum I underestimated the time spent there by two hours. The museum is a grandpa's dream. Not only did the girls have a great three-plus hours



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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there, I found it to be awesome myself.

On the ride back to Hartford the girls fell asleep, so the ride home was a piece of cake. Grandma Mary and I decided to press our luck and make a couple of stops in Sioux Falls before heading back to Hartford.

Have you ever been to Costco and Wal-Mart on a Saturday?

I know what you're probably saying to yourself, "WHY, WHY, WHY would you do that?"

As it turns out, we have the perfect granddaughters. The free samples at Costco and picking out a toy of their choice at Wal-Mart might have helped,

and in my book, the money spent on toys was worth every penny.

So all in all the day was stress-free and as close to perfect as possible — Close.

To make things easier for us when we went anywhere, we drove Jenna's vehicle because it was equipped with the girls' car seats.

As any grandparent will tell you, we would rather have a root canal than have to transfer car seats from one vehicle to another.

Once we had the girls safely fastened into the car seats, I got behind the wheel and backed Jenna's foreign

model SUV out of the garage. That is where the stress-free day was about to end.

Grandma Mary and I never did find the button to shut the garage door. Never mind the button I thought was the button to shut the door turned out to be some sort of emergency call for help button.

Thank goodness I stopped just short of pushing that button. So I did the next best thing I took my index finger and pushed into Mary's shoulder; of course she gave me that what the heck was that for look.

I told her she just became the garage door button. Thankfully she obliged, and with the door closed we were on our way.

Having limited experience driving Jenna's vehicle, you can imagine the trouble I was going to have finding out how to turn on the windshield wipers when it started to rain.

Not only was it starting to rain, I was about to enter a construction zone on I-29's northbound lane. The rain was picking up and so far I was only

able to activate the rear window wiper.

With the stress level elevating minute by minute, I finally found the lever to activate the windshield wipers.

Well at least I thought so. The rain was causing a visibility issue and with the orange construction cones flashing on the side window I had to make do with flicking up the wiper level to manually wipe the windshield free of rain.

Once out of the construction zone, I devoted my efforts to figuring out how to turn the darn wipers on.

In every American-made vehicle, at least in my world, you turn everything on by turn of the knob, the dial, the twisty thing at the end of the lever to the right.

I came to find out in foreign vehicles, that's not so much the case. They seem to favor turning things to the left. Finally I got the wipers on just after the sun came out.

Vehicle issue aside, the day spent with the granddaughters was about as good as it gets.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0926 Linda Wenzel ACE

Linda Wenzel began as the Rock County of A.C.E. aging and volunteer services coordinator July 1.

Wenzel views acceptance of A.C.E. coordinator position as a ‘calling’

By Lori Sorenson

Linda Wenzel started July 1 as the new “aging and volunteer services coordinator” for the Rock County office of A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota.

That’s her job title, but to

Wenzel, the position is more of a calling.

“I just feel like I’m serving the Lord through this,” she said. “It’s a joy.”

That’s a predictable response from the one who greets each day with gratitude.

“Every morning I recite things I’m grateful for,” Wenzel said.

Her job description carries a long list of responsibilities for the 28 hours a week required, but she essentially matches local needs with resources and finds volunteers to fill those needs.

For example, Monday started with a scramble to find

volunteers for the Red Cross blood drive after long-time volunteer coordinator Delores Mulligan passed away unexpectedly.

Wenzel is also working to find new volunteers for the BackPack Program, which requires heavy lifting for the 15 to 18 totes of food that get delivered for back-packs.

A.C.E. stands for Advocate, Connect, Educate. The Rock County position is an expansion of the former Retired Senior Volunteer Services Program (RSVP) and now is responsible for the Caregiver Respite and Counseling pro-

gram and the new dementia education component.

Wenzel said Greta Van Der Brink, who held the position for many years, is her inspiration.

“She could always find a way to get it done,” Wenzel said. “Where there was a will there was a way.”

She said the Sept. 11 A.C.E. volunteer appreciation event was an opportunity to thank the nearly 180 of the 411 senior

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota volunteers in the Rock County office create handmade thank you cards that are attached to donations in order for recipients to acknowledge their gifts.



volunteers who logged more than 46,000 hours in the past year.

“When you put that into a monetary perspective it is huge what these folks are giving to our community,” Wenzel said.

She has a long professional history of working with older individuals and said that’s what drew her to apply for this position.

“They’re the most wonder-

ful generation — so appreciative,” Wenzel said. “They’re the generation we want to model ourselves after. They can bless us beyond anything this world can ever offer.”

Her previous position was activities director for Poplar Creek and The Oaks of the Good Samaritan Society. “It was senior care and home care, and I loved

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Ethel Ossefoort will celebrate her 95th birthday, Saturday, Sept. 28. Greetings may be sent to her at 301 County Road 6, Apt. 104, Hills, MN 56138.

MENU

Monday, Sept. 30: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, pineapple. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Oct. 1: Honey mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake. Program: 9 a.m. Half-price day. Sponsored by First Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Wednesday, Oct. 2: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas, dinner roll, fruit crisp with whipped topping. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Oct. 3: Tator tot hotdish, broccoli raisin salad, mixed vegetables, break, bar. Mary Laackmann Birthday of the Month.

Friday, Oct. 4: Swedish meatballs, paprika potatoes, country blend vegetables, bread, cookie. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-price sponsor: Family of Loretta Baker.

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

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

SCHOOL NEWS

Students graduate from SDSU

Several area students graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings at the end of the Spring 2019 semester.

From Beaver Creek: Amanda Crawford, Bachelor of Science, education and human sciences.

From Ellsworth: Cole Meester, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science, engineering; Megan Jo Popkes, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, agriculture, food and environmental sciences.

Lismore: Megan Tweet, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, natural sciences.

Luverne: Tanner Baustian, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science, agriculture, food and environmental sciences; Hilary Deragisch, Doctor of Pharmacy; Jennifer Lindsey, Bachelor of Science, humanities and social sciences; Dalton Smeins, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture; Brenton Thompson, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, engineering.

Magnolia: Lexi Rust, Bachelor of Science, education and human sciences.

1967: Lower corn yield expected across county

Second of two parts.

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on October 5, 1967.

Lower Corn Yield Expected

Forest said that last year’s county corn crop yielded an average of 64 bushels per acre. He estimated the yield would be down to about 55 bushels on the average this year, but one has to take into consideration that the 1966 crop set an all time yield record.

“There’ll be a lot of 100 bushel per acre corn,” Forest said, “but there will also be some 35-40 bushel yields, too. It all depends on where it rained and when. The well-fertilized fields are coming through the best. In fact, it appears that the big increase in the use of fertilizer is what made this year’s crop what it is.”

Corn Moisture Drops Sharply

Charles Zoellner, of the Kanaranzi Elevator Co., reported bean yields in the Kanaranzi area to be running from 22 to 35 bushels per acre, which is three to four bushels per acre below last year’s yields. He said he had tested some 1967 corn with 25 1/2 per cent moisture. A week ago, this same corn tested 34 per cent, indicating that the weather the past week had been ideal for drying the corn in the field.

Vance Ebert, of the Farmers Co-op Elevator in Luverne reported bean yields down in the Luverne area. Average yield,



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

he estimated, would be 22-23 bushels per acre. The beans are somewhat smaller than they were a year ago, and the quality is a little below 1966. At Kenneth, he said, the yield reports were less than Luverne, with 17-18 bushels being average. Corn yields, based on reports from Luverne area farmers, will be much better than anticipated a month or six weeks ago, Ebert said.

Some Stands Uneven

Darrell Lester, Magnolia Farmers Co-op manager, reported bean yields in his area ranging from 13 to 32 bushels per acre. Planting time, he said, had a bearing on the crop. Some of the later planted beans lay in the ground for a while before coming up, due to moisture shortage, and

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•First- and second-graders at Luverne Elementary have unearthed a stone in the playground that has even the grownups scratching their heads.

Elementary boys were playing with trucks and tractors in the dirt along the fence line where the playground slopes downhill to the west.

At first, the top of the stone surfaced, and the students noticed it was carved like a book with a partially visible message engraved. The words appear to say, “Sacred to ... of the infant & daughter of Mr. & ... Asa.”

As the students, one recess at a time, continued to dig away at the rock, they found writing on the side as well. The partial message on the side appears to say, “Our infant daughter.”

Elementary Principal Stacy Gillette said she attempted to leave the stone undisturbed where the students found it, but it wasn’t long before they dug it out entirely.

“They were just like little archeologists,” Gillette said. “They were out there scraping away at the dirt with little sticks.”

The stone is likely a grave marker or headstone, and Gillette has contacted the Rock County Historical Society for more answers.

25 years ago (1994)

•Rock County prides itself on being the “Gateway to Minnesota” with its strategic location on I-90 in the corner of the state.

Now, thanks to the Rock County Heartland Express and its director Deb Fick, Rock County will soon be known as the “Gateway Out of Minnesota” in terms of transporting passengers to medical facilities in Sioux Falls.

One of the primary functions Heartland Express serves is to transport elderly and disabled people from their homes to doctor appointments. ...

Fick said Heartland Express could transport 15 patients for the price of one, thus saving taxpayers money.

50 years ago (1969)

•A total of \$172,061 will be distributed next year from sales tax receipts to Rock County in two equal installments, one on June 15 and one Nov. 15. The sales tax receipts will be used to help finance the operations of municipalities and school districts within Rock County.

Most of the payment, \$142,667, will result from 1970 sales tax revenues and represents a 24 per cent increase of \$26,970 over the 1969 distribution.

The balance of the payment will come from amounts collected

but not previously distributed of \$10,243 for 1968 and \$19,151 for 1969. The revenues for 1968 and 1969 were actually higher than originally estimated.

75 years ago (1944)

•A farewell banquet, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. H. Calvin Knock was given by the Luverne Rotary club Monday evening at the Manitou hotel. Other guests included wives of Rotary members.

Rev. Knock, who has served as secretary of the organization for a number of years, was presented with a wallet, bearing the Rotary insignia.

The Rev. Mr. Knock has resigned his office, as he will move soon to Scottsbluff, Nebr. M. C. Munson has been elected secretary in his place.

100 years ago (1919)

•That Geo F. Duffee, the roof repairing crew foreman who was arrested here the latter part of last month by Deputy Sheriff Carver, of Martin county, on a serious charge preferred by a young lady of that county, is still at liberty is the information given out this week by a representative of the St. Louis paint company in whose employ Duffee was. ...

Just before his arrest Duffee had completed the task of collecting from the different owners of business properties in Luverne for whom he had done work. In all such instances checks were tendered, and later, upon advice of the St. Louis concern steps were taken to stop payment on them. But thus far none of the checks have showed up in Luverne. ...

Investigation has disclosed that after escaping from the Martin county sheriff, Duffee went to Missouri, and at some engraving house had a duplicate plate of the St. Louis paint company’s check made. He has since kept well supplied with funds by filling out checks in his favor.

The method he has been using is to fill out a check and mail it to his own address in care of a hotel in a town which he reaches a day or two later. Upon arriving there he steps into the hotel in whose care the letter was sent, and after registering casually states that he should be receiving some funds from his company, and asks if there is any mail for him. He thereupon opens the letter which is awaiting him in the presence of the hotel representative, and naturally has no difficulty in having the enclosed check cashed.

This arrangement leaves him ample time in which to make his get-away to the next point of interest before the worthless check reaches the proper source.



Adrian sophomore Isaac Bullerman attempts to elude Tracy-Milroy-Balaton's Tony Nelson during Friday's football game in Adrian. Bullerman ran for 23 yards to help the Dragons post a 20-6 win over the Panthers.

AHS wins Homecoming game

By John Rittenhouse

Homecoming festivities at Adrian High School reached a fever pitch when the Dragons posted a 20-6 win over Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Friday.

The game was up for grabs with Adrian leading 7-6 at the intermission, but the Dragons turned their first two offensive possessions in the second half into touchdowns to ice a 14-point victory.

"I thought it was a good effort by our kids," said Adrian coach Randy Schettler.

"Our seniors and our underclassmen both played well in this game. The seniors are leading the way, and the underclassmen are following them."

Three different AHS seniors registered touchdowns in the game that looked like it might turn into a defensive battle in the first quarter.

Both teams had two offen-

sive possessions in the opening stanza, but neither squad could produce any points.

Adrian broke the scoreless deadlock at the end of a short possession that started late in the first quarter and ended early in the second stanza.

After fielding a T-M-B punt, the Dragons covered 55 yards in four plays.

Quarterback Ian Stamer capped the drive with a one-yard run and Brady Vortherms added his first of two extra points 15 seconds into the second quarter, but the key play of the series came before the points were scored.

AHS tailback Brandon Schnoor, who carried the ball for 180 yards in the contest, broke loose for a 30-yard gain that came to an end at the T-M-B one-yard line.

"Brandon Schnoor ran hard and busted a lot of potential tackles. Our guys up front did

give him some holes, but he picked up a lot of yards after contact was made. That's what we need out of him," Schettler stated.

T-M-B climbed back into contention two possessions later.

The Panthers went on an 80-yard, 12-play drive late in the first half.

The possession ended with Ayden Homer scoring on a four-yard run with 1:44 left in the second stanza, but a failed pass for the two-point conversion left the Dragons sporting a 7-6 edge.

Adrian made a bid to pad its lead before the first half was complete, but the Dragons lost the ball on downs at the T-M-B 26 with 23 seconds left.

"We had a lot of penalties and just didn't play very clean football in the first half. We cleaned things up in the second half and we didn't get penalized once," Schettler said.

The Dragons settled the issue

by scoring 13 unanswered points in the third quarter.

The AHS defense stopped T-M-B on downs at the Adrian 45-yard line early in the second half.

Adrian's offense took the field and covered 55 yards in five plays.

Schnoor capped the possession with a 44-yard touchdown burst to give the Dragons a 14-6 lead 3:02 into the third quarter.

The Dragon defense forced T-M-B to punt three plays later.

Adrian's second offensive possession of the quarter turned into a seven-play, 65-yard march.

Logan Taylor capped the drive with a three-yard plunge to make it a 20-6 game at the 3:40 mark of the stanza.

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Wiertzema to be inducted Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

A 2005 Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduate will be honored for his basketball prowess Saturday in Orange City, Iowa.

Kale Wiertzema, the current head coach of the H-BC girls' basketball program, will be inducted into Northwestern College's Athletic Hall of Fame that day.

Wiertzema, a 2009 NC graduate, accomplished a lot as a member of the Red Raider men's basketball program during his college days.

He scored 19.3 points per game as a senior and was named the GPAC Player of the Year in 2009.

He also was named a NAIA first team All-American and a NACB/State Farm Insurance All-American that year.

Wiertzema was a member of NC teams that made the NAIA Division II Final Four in 2007 and 2008, and made the All-Tournament Team in 2007.

He ranks fourth in steals (155), seventh in assists (376), seventh in free-throws made (407) and ninth in points (1,576) at the Iowa college.



Wiertzema

Cardinals crush N-YA

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals registered their second consecutive football victory when they traveled to Norwood for a District clash Friday.

Visiting LHS had its way with winless Norwood-Young America by scoring at least one touchdown in every quarter of a 38-8 conquest.

The Cardinals turned in a stellar effort offensively by running the ball for 363 yards and four touchdowns.

N-YA had some offensive possessions that lasted much too long for Cardinal coach Todd Oye's liking, but the LHS defense only yielded one big play and that helped the Cardinals return home with a 30-point rout.

"Being able to run the ball was good for our offense," Oye said.

"Our offensive line had a good game. We did make a few blocking mistakes, but we came off the ball well overall."

Luverne's potent running game was on display early.

After the LHS defense forced the Raiders to punt early in the contest, junior tailback LaShad Smith exploded for a 60-yard touchdown run during Luverne's first offensive play of the game.

Shaïd Shearer added hits first of two extra points following the touchdown to make it a 7-0 game at the 7:04 mark of

the first quarter.

Smith proved to be a key weapon for LHS as he ran for 186 yards and two touchdowns and hauled in one touchdown reception.

"We scored on our first play of the game and that was big," Oye said.

"LaShad Smith had a good game for us."

N-YA countered Smith's initial touchdown run with a big play of its own.

On the first play of N-YA's ensuing offensive possession, Raider Wyatt Tordsen raced 84 yards for a touchdown.

A successful conversion pass from Noah Strickfaden to Charlie Steinhagen followed the touchdown, giving the hosts an 8-7 edge 23 seconds after LHS opened the scoring.

"I don't think we played a great defensive game. They controlled the ball a lot longer than they should have," Oye said.

"We had a hard time with their physical linemen. We tried to confuse them by showing them different looks, but it looked like we were confusing ourselves."

Ultimately, the big play that gave the Raiders an early lead didn't mean much at game's end.

Luverne scored 31 unanswered points the rest of the

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MLA spoils H-BC's perfect season Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Mountain Lake Area football team remains to be a thorn in the side of the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots.

The Wolverines saddled H-BC with its lone two losses of the 2018 season by a combined score of 61-0.

H-BC did produce some points in the first meeting between the teams Friday night in Mountain Lake, but that didn't keep the Wolverines from registering a 40-20 victory.

"They are the No. 1 ranked

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Girls claim JCC title

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls turned in a championship performance at the Jackson County Central Cross Country Invitational Thursday.

Competing in a field of five complete teams, the Cardinals produced 24 points to capture the meet title.

Martin County West finished a distant second behind LHS with 71 points.

LHS registered five top-10 finishes led by Tenley Nelson, who captured the individual title with a time of 19:52.

Regan Feit (third in 21:25), Elizabeth Wagner (eighth in 21:55), Jenna DeBates (ninth in 21:55) and Brooklynn Ver Steeg (10th in 22:13) made contributions to the winning team tally.

Tiana Lais (14th in 23:28), Kayla Bloemendaal (18th in 23:50) and Madigan Flom (47th in 28:18) also ran in the varsity race.

The Cardinal boys placed fourth as a team in a nine-squad field with 109 points.

Worthington claimed the team title with 29 points.

Brayden Tofteland ran a strong race for the Cards by placing fourth in 17:30.

Jonah Friedrichsen (17th in 19:12), Camden Janiszkeski (19th in 19:33), Ethan Curtiss (41st in 20:33) and Brody DeBates (42nd in 20:34) rounded out the team scoring for LHS.

Sage Viessman (45th in 20:56), Ryan Fick (46th in 21:01), Evan Bumgardner (53rd in 21:43), Owen Janiszkeski (56th in 21:46), Camden Hoven (62nd in 22:08), Sam Emery (65th in 22:30), Ethan Rahm (69th in 22:34), Burke Johnson (70th in 22:36), Carsen Tofteland (79th in 23:13), Graham Cunningham (81st in 23:40) and Nicholas Rogers (101st in 26:04) also ran in the varsity race.

LHS mixed it up at the St. James Invitational Tuesday (Sept. 24).

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

Junior high girls: Makena Nelson, fourth, 11:01; Maria Rops, fifth, 11:06; Andrea Luitjens, 28th, 15:25.

Junior high boys: Leif Ingebreton, 13th, 9:52; Kaleb Hemme, 20th, 10:32; Matthew Rogers, 22nd, 10:52; Eli McLendon, 24th, 11:08.

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons entertained neighboring Ellsworth for a Red Rock Conference volleyball match Sept. 17 in Adrian.

Unbeaten Adrian controlled the contest by outscoring the Panthers 75-40 during a 3-0 victory.

The Dragons registered the first nine points of the opening set on the way to building a 12-point (13-1) cushion after Mayssa Tweet registered a service point.

Ellsworth trimmed the difference to 10 points (15-5) with a service point from Kendra De-Beer, but AHS countered with a 10-2 run capped by a kill from Maritza Beltran to ice a 25-7 win. The Panthers led 3-2 when Claire Popkes recorded a service point during a competitive second set that was tied at 14 when Morgan Dreesen served a point for EHS.

AHS answered the challenge by scoring the next four points as a part of a 10-3 surge ending with an ace serve from Brianna Reckamp that locked up a 25-17 win for the Dragons.

The Dragons never trailed after scoring the first three points of the third set.

AHS gradually padded its lead to nine points (22-13) when Bailey Lonneman recorded a kill at the net.

The Dragons prevailed by nine (25-16) when Kasie Tweet delivered a match-ending ace serve.

Kasie Tweet (30 set assists and 15 of 17 serving with three aces) and Mayssa Tweet (16 digs and 10 of 10 serving) played strong matches for AHS.

Lonneman led the Dragons with 10 kills, while Shawna Rogers and Marisa Lehnhoff charted nine kills each.



John Rittenhouse photo/0926 ae vb 6

Adrian senior Bailey Lonneman attacks the ball at the net in front of Ellsworth's Madyson Bixby during a Sept. 17 volleyball match in Adrian. AHS posted a 3-0 victory over the Panthers.

Reckamp and Jennifer Preuss added 10 and eight digs respectively to the winning cause.

Ashlyn Meester (five kills and 11 of 11 serving), Kalie Chapa (four digs and 10 of 11 serving with two aces)

and Morgan Dreesen (10 set assists) led the Panthers statistically.

Rival Pipestone rallies past LHS Thursday

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne volleyball team couldn't break through in Big South Conference play when the Cardinals entertained rival Pipestone for a match Thursday.

LHS got off to a strong start by taking the opening set.

Pipestone, however, out-scored the Cards 75-54 in the final three sets to secure a 3-1 win.

The loss leaves LHS with a 0-4 conference record.

Luverne fell behind 9-5 early in the first set before rallying to knot the score at 20.

The Cards opened a 22-20 advantage with a block by Gracie Zewiske and registered a 25-23 win after Zewiske produced a set-ending kill.

Luverne trailed by one (7-6) after Maren Schaap delivered a service point in the second set, but the Arrows countered with a 12-2 run to open a 19-8 advantage.

A service point from Luverne's Elise Ferrell trimmed the difference to six points (19-13) before Pipestone used a 6-2 spurt to ice a 25-15 victory.

Pipestone scored the first three points of the third set on the way to building an 11-5 lead.

A block by Ferrell closed the gap to one point (12-11), but the Arrows registered the next seven points during an 11-2 run to open a 23-13 cushion.

Luverne's Tacey Baustian



John Rittenhouse photo/0926 lrb 9

Luverne junior Gracie Zewiske tips the ball in front of Pipestone's Hannah Evans during Thursday's Big South Conference volleyball match in Luverne. LHS dropped a 3-1 decision.

trimmed the difference to five points (24-19) with a kill before the Arrows produced the final point of a 25-19 win.

LHS sported a 5-4 edge after Zewiske delivered a service point early in the fourth set before the Arrows put together a 13-5 run to gain a 17-10 lead.

Luverne's Mallory Thorson made it a four-point difference (21-17) with a kill, but the Arrows scored four of the next seven points to clinch a 25-20 victory.

Ferrell (12 kills and 16 digs), Thorson (six kills, 15 blocks and 15 digs), Zewiske

(22 blocks and 12 of 12 serving with one ace) and Tacey Baustian (11 blocks and 10 set assists) played strong matches for LHS.

Schaap charted 12 digs and Sydney Biever recorded six kills for the 7-9 Cardinals, who play in St. James Thursday.

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night to earn a lopsided win.

The Cardinals answered N-YA's challenge during their next offensive possession.

LHS moved the ball 70 yards in 13 plays with Ashton Sandbulte capping the drive with a six-yard touchdown run at the 1:20 mark of the first quarter to regain the lead (13-8).

The Cardinals were forced to punt at the end of their first offensive possession of the second quarter, but they recorded touchdowns with their fourth and fifth possessions of the game to make it a 25-8 difference at the intermission.

Luverne's fourth offensive

possession turned into an 11-play, 70-yard series ending with a one-yard touchdown run by Jacob Von Tersch at the 3:48 mark of the second quarter.

The Cards forced the Raiders to punt late in the first half, and Bailey Cowell returned the ball 70 yards to the N-YA 10-yard line.

Following an LHS penalty, Cowell delivered a 22-yard touchdown pass with 24 seconds left to complete the scoring in the first half.

LHS went on to produce one touchdown in each of the final two quarters to win the game handily.

Luverne's second offensive possession of the third stanza developed into a five-play, 66-yard drive.

Smith scored on a 35-yard run and Shearer added the extra point to up the lead to 24 points (32-8) with 5:33 remaining in the stanza.

The Cardinals covered 74 yards in six plays early in the fourth quarter.

Reserve quarterback Casey Sehr delivered a 16-yard touchdown pass to Cowell to cap the scoring with 9:16 left to play.

The 3-1 Cardinals host 3-1 Fairmont for a key district game Friday.

Team statistics
Luverne: 363 rushing yards, 65 passing yards, 428 total yards, 19 first downs, five penalties for 55 yards, one turnover.
N-YA: 164 rushing yards, 73 passing yards, 237 total yards, 13 first downs, three penalties for 20 yards, three turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Smith 18-186, Cowell 9-102, Sandbulte 9-43, Matthew Sehr 1-18, Von Tersch 2-5, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty 1-5, Trevor Halverson 1-4, Brayden Ripka 1-0.

Passing: Cowell 4-7 for 49 yards, C. Sehr 1-1 for 16 yards.
Receiving: Smith 1-22, M. Sehr 2-19, Cowell 1-16, Ethan Beyer 1-6.
Defense: Jaimie McCarthy 7.5 tackles, Nick Feit seven tackles, Cade Wenninger 3.5 tackles, Cowell 3.5 tackles, Kameron Keene 3.5 tackles, Zach Ahrendt three tackles, M. Sehr three tackles, Smith one interception.

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team in the state for a reason," said Patriot coach Rex Metzger, when talking about Friday's tilt.

"They are one of the best teams in the state and they played like it."

MLA didn't waste much time displaying its talent during a showdown between undefeated teams.

The Wolverines registered touchdowns with their first three offensive possessions of the game to open a 22-0 advantage.

MLA senior quarterback Abraham Stoesz did most of the damage by running for all of his team's six touchdowns in the contest.

"They came out in the first quarter and spread us out on defense," Metzger explained.

"Their quarterback is very elusive, and it came down to him making a bunch of big plays. He is the best nine-man quarterback I've ever seen. We made some adjustments and played better later in the game, but they hurt us early."

The Wolverines made a statement with their first offensive possession of the night, which turned into an eight-play, 71-yard series.

Stoesz exploded for a 47-yard run to cap the drive and tossed a successful conversion pass to Kolby Kremmin following the touchdown to make it 8-0.

Following a punt by H-BC, the Wolverines covered 50 yards in six plays with their second possession.

Stoesz found the end zone on a two-yard run at the end of the drive and fired a two-

point conversion pass to Brett Willaby to double MLA's lead (16-0).

It only took three plays for the Wolverines to up the advantage to 22 points with their third offensive possession.

Stoesz scored on a 22-yard run to cap the scoring in the first quarter.

H-BC's defensive adjustments kept MLA from scoring in the second quarter, which enabled the Patriots to climb back into contention late in the first half.

The Patriots advanced the ball 56 yards in 13 plays with quarterback Gavin Wysong tossing a three-yard touchdown pass to Zander Wysong to make it a 22-6 game.

H-BC was forced to punt early in the third quarter, and MLA took advantage of the situation.

Stoesz raced 55 yards for a touchdown during the ensuing possession to regain a 22-point lead (28-6) for the Wolverines.

The rest of the third quarter belonged to H-BC.

The Patriots advanced the ball 70 yards in seven plays

with Gavin Wysong capping the march with a one-yard touchdown plunge.

Gavin Wysong carried the ensuing two-point conversion to trim the difference to 14 points (28-14).

H-BC got the ball back and moved it to the MLA two-yard line late in the stanza, but a botched snap led to a fumble that thwarted a scoring opportunity for the Patriots.

"That was a big turning point in the game," Metzger said.

"We had all of the momentum after putting together some big drives, but losing that fumble really hurt us."

Stoesz made H-BC pay for the turnover when he raced 86-yards for a touchdown during a third-and-two play early in the fourth quarter to up the lead to 34-14.

H-BC countered with a 70-yard, 12-play drive during its next offensive possession.

Gavin Wysong ended the march with a three-yard touchdown run to make it a 14-point (34-20) difference.

The Wolverines iced the win when Stoesz turned a second-and-nine play into a

Nelson to enter Hall of Fame

A long and fruitful coaching career is on the verge of being recognized on the evening of October 12.



Craig Nelson, who served as a head track coach for 34 years (32 at Luverne High School and two at Waubay, South Dakota, High School), will be honored in Minneapolis that night.

Nelson will be inducted into the Minnesota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Sheraton West Hotel.

It's a fitting honor for Nelson, who ended his tenure as a track coach and counselor at LHS in 2016.

"I look it as being an honor for our program," said Nelson, when summing up his 32-year stint as the LHS girls' track coach and included him pulling double duty as the boys' coach for 25 years.

"I didn't accomplish anything by myself. I received a lot of help from some great assistant coaches, a number of very talented athletes and some great parents who helped us out at our home meets over the years. I just feel fortunate to have been a part of it for all of those years."

Nelson likes to share the credit, but there's no question that he played a key role in turning Luverne's track program into one of Minnesota's best during his tenure.

All tallied, Luverne's track teams (boys and girls) won more than 80 conference, sub-section, section, true team and state championships during his 32-year run.

All of those titles were meaningful, but the ex-coach takes special pride in five of them.

Both the LHS boys and girls won one team title at the Minnesota State High School League state meet during his time as a head coach.

Nelson is also fond of the three Minnesota State Class A True Team championships the Cardinal girls secured over the years.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Again, Nelson prefers to share the credit for all of those major accomplishments.

"No one person is responsible for all we accomplished. It was a combination of things," he said.

"I was lucky enough to have great assistants who helped make our teams the best teams we could be. We also had a lot of outstanding athletes who trusted in our vision as coaches. They bought into what we thought would be the best for our teams. Our message to every kid was that if they came out for track, they would get better individually and as members of a team. I think we accomplished that."

Although Nelson is more than three seasons removed as a head track coach, he still remains involved with the sport he loves.

He serves as a volunteer at all home meets, and he honored the request of current head Coach Pete Janiszski to work as an assistant coach in charge of Luverne's pole-vaulters in 2017.

Nelson also has served as the head referee at the state true team meets since his retirement, which he insists came at the right time.

"It was the right time and I still feel good about the decision," he said.

"I do miss the daily contact with the kids, but the stresses of the job became more than what I wanted to deal with anymore."

There will be no stress involved with accepting his nomination into the MH-SCA's HOF on October 12.

Nelson says he will be joined by family members and long-time assistant coaches Al Stokes, Gordie Hansen and Janiszski at the induction ceremony, where all of them will celebrate a long and incredibly successful coaching career.

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Make MEA memorable with youth hunt

The dove season, early goose season and first of three crow seasons are all underway. I really never understood why there is a season on crows. They should just be open year around.

The waterfowl season is a split season with the opener running Sept. 9-29 and from Oct. 12 -Dec. 1.

Pheasant Opener in Minnesota is Oct. 12, and that season ends on Jan. 1.

The archery season for deer is Sept. 14 through Jan. 1, and the firearms deer season in southwest Minnesota is Nov. 9-17.

After the firearms season is over there is the ever-popular muzzle loader deer season from Nov. 30-Dec. 15.

A new and interesting season this year is the early youth deer season that runs over the long MEA weekend starting Oct. 17 and runs for four days. MEA has always been a popular time for families to spend time together. It is often used for family vacations or fall excursions.

This year MEA can be used to allow youth 10-17 years of age to hunt in a special youth deer hunt. I researched some of the details, but please don't consider this the complete list of details about the youth hunt. You will need to do a little research on your own to ensure you are in compliance with all of the rules.

Here is the overview. All youth 10-17 years of age can participate. They must have an adult 18 years of age or older with them at all times. The adult does not need to be licensed. All hunters must comply with the states blaze orange requirements and legal shooting times.

The youth will need a license. If you are 10-12 years old the license is free. Over 12 is a reduced-fee license and each of these licenses if good to harvest a deer of either sex. This means every kid gets a doe permit. The adult cannot hunt and the youth has to tag his or her own deer.

There is no party hunting like the regular season. If



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

the youth is not successful in the special youth deer season, they can still hunt deer during the regular firearms season.

Youth 12 years of age or older will need a Firearms Safety Certificate to participate in this hunt. Kids 10 and 11 years do not have this same requirement.

This sounds a little hokey. Why would a 12-year-old need it but not the 10- or 11-year-old? I am sure there is a rational for this.

There is no limit on the number of youth licenses available, so there is no chance of these special youth hunt licenses to be sold out.

I think this year will be a challenge to harvest a deer in mid-October. Crop harvest looks to be later this year and crop cover will make deer harder to find.

There is no telling how next year will look, but this youth season is another attempt by the Minnesota DNR to get more youth involved in hunting and other outdoor experiences. I think it is a great idea.

I have seen more deer this summer than last. I hope there are many parents who will participate with their youths in this special hunt.

All it takes is a little time and patience to help kids get outside. If you would like more information about this special youth hunt you can call the MN DNR at 651-296-6157.

Make this MEA weekend one to remember. A picture with a youth and their first deer will make a wildlife memory you won't soon forget.

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



Star Herald file photo

Luverne senior Mela Jarchow (above) and Brynn Thier posted a three-set win at first doubles in Redwood Falls Thursday.

Cards finish conference play with 4-1 mark

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team wrapped up a 4-1 Big South Conference schedule by splitting a pair of league matches on the road.

St. James saddled the Cardinals with a five-point setback in St. James Sept. 17. LHS bounced back to sweep a seven-point match from Redwood Valley Thursday in Redwood Falls.

The 13-4 Cardinals wrapped up the regular season by playing a BSC crossover match Tuesday (Sept. 24).

Luverne 7, RWV 0

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of RWV during Thursday's match

in Redwood Falls.

Luverne won six of the seven matches in straight sets to highlight a seven-point victory over the home-standing Cardinals.

Rozilyn Oye (6-2, 6-2 over Isabel Hillstead at No. 1), Elise Jarchow (6-4, 6-4 over Payden Beran at No. 2), Ainslie Robinson (6-1, 6-1 over Abby Gilk at No. 3) and Mia Wenzel (6-0, 6-0 over Kate Fox at No. 4) won in straight sets in singles competition.

Luverne's Lauren Ver Steeg and Solveig Tofteland notched 6-2 and 6-1 wins over Annika Gibbs and Aubrey Bidingier at second doubles, while Jacey Smith and Olivia Wieneke posted 6-2 and 6-3 victories

over Sidney Beran and Lexi Day at No. 3.

Brynn Thier and Mela Jarchow pulled out a 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Ashlyn Doering and Kia Jacobson in first doubles.

St. James 6, LHS 1

The Cardinals received their first conference loss of the season when they dropped a five-point decision to the Saints Sept. 17 in St. James.

The hosts swept LHS in singles competition and went 2-1 in doubles to win the showdown.

Luverne's win came from Tofteland and Ver Steeg, who saddled Noel Wescott and

Sailor Mohlenbrock 6-4 and 6-1 setbacks at second doubles.

St. James received a pair of 6-4 wins from Samantha Tetzloff and Gabriela Trapero over Mela Jarchow and Thier at first doubles, while Alexia Whitney and Sofia Solorzano topped Wieneke and Smith by 6-1 and 6-0 scores at third doubles.

Luverne's Elise Jarchow made Jaelyn Haler play three sets at second singles during a 6-3, 4-6, 11-9 loss for LHS.

Posting singles in straight sets for the Saints include Ellie Becker (6-0, 6-0 over Oye at No. 1), Luci Kulseth (6-2, 6-4 over Robinson at No. 3) and Mya Hanson (6-3, 6-2 over Wenzel at No. 4).

Adrian spikes Garretson to remain unbeaten

By John Rittenhouse

Adrian's impressive start to the 2019 volleyball season continued Thursday with a home victory over a South Dakota opponent.

Garretson made the trip to Minnesota to challenge the

undefeated Dragons on their home floor.

Adrian remained unbeaten by posting a 3-0 victory.

The Dragons notched 25-22 wins in the first two sets before securing a 25-14 conquest in the third set.

Kasie Tweet (28 set assists and 11 digs) and Brianna Reckamp (seven kills, 10 digs and 100 percent serving) led the Dragons to victory.

Marisa Lehnhoff and Bailey Lonneman led AHS

with 11 and eight kills, while Mayssa Tweet and Shawna Rogers charted 20 and 12 digs respectively.

Morgan Neuenberg completed 100 percent of her serves for the 15-0 Dragons, who host Mountain Lake Area Thursday.

Patriots win first set, fall in Comfrey Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' volleyball team couldn't turn a strong start into a victory Thursday in Comfrey.

Taking on Mountain Lake Area in a Red Rock Conference match, the Patriots drew first

blood by securing a 25-21 win in the opening set.

The Wolverines, however, responded to the challenge.

MLA outscored H-BC 75-64 in the final three sets to post a 3-1 victory.

The hosts notched consecu-

tive 25-22, 25-22 and 25-20 wins to take the match.

Kailey Rozeboom (22 set assists and 18 of 21 serving with two aces), Taryn Rauk (12 of 12 serving with one ace and one block) and Kenadie Fick (six kills and

13 digs) played strong matches for the Patriots.

Annie Bos (seven set assists), Whitney Elbers (15 kills), Abby Knobloch (14 digs) and Joslyn Birger (12 digs) turned in productive nights as well.

Dragons compete in Jackson

By John Rittenhouse

Five Adrian runners participated in varsity competition at the Jackson County Central Cross Country Invitational Thursday.

AHS was unable to field a complete team at the meet, but the Dragons did make a mark in varsity competition.

Moriah Bullerman turned in the top effort for the Dragons by placing fifth in 21:44 during the girls' varsity race.

Hiltyn Heitkamp and Gracia Elias placed 31st and 36th with

respective 25:08 and 26:32 efforts, while Taya Elias finished 51st in 29:29.

Dylan Graff placed fourth in the boys' varsity race with a time of 20:32.

Adrian runs at the Redwood Valley Invitational Thursday.

Here is a look at the rest of the results turned in by Adrian athletes in Jackson.

Junior high girls: Hunter Penning, eighth, 11:14.

Junior high boys: Bruce Farinella, 17th, 10:18.

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"We wanted to run the ball between the tackles in the second half. We wanted to take advantage of the guys we have on the line of scrimmage," Schettler said.

T-M-B did make some bids to score more points in the fourth quarter, but the Dragon

defense kept the Panthers out of the end zone.

One T-M-B drive stalled on downs at the AHS eight-yard line, and another possession stalled on downs at the 25.

The 3-1 Dragons travel to Wabasso for a game Saturday afternoon.

Team statistics
Adrian: 218 rushing yards, 21 passing yards, 239 total yards, 12 first downs, six penalties for 50 yards, zero turnovers.
T-M-B: 118 rushing yards, 113 passing yards, 231 total yards, 14 first downs, four penalties for 51 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Schnoor 25-180, Isaac

Bullerman 2-23, Stamer 7-10, Taylor 6-1. Passing: Stamer 2-8 for 21 yards. Receiving: Vortherms 1-17, Preston Nelson 1-4. Defense: Nelson 12 tackles, Tylor Hix nine tackles and 2.5 sacks, Taylor seven tackles, Quentin Wolf seven tackles and one sack, Bullerman six tackles, Stamer four tackles, Vortherms four tackles, Scot Edwards four tackles, Schnoor one interception and one-half of one sack.



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Saturday, Sept. 28: 5 p.m. Mass. Sunday, Sept. 29: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. K-5 Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 6 p.m. Fall Fest meeting. 7 p.m. LCCW meeting.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernrcr.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 9 a.m. Coffee break/story hour. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 7 p.m. GEMS/Cadets.

First Baptist Church

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

Thursday, Sept. 26: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 29: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Hymn sing. Monday, Sept. 30: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Double Share Friend Night. Thursday, Oct. 3: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

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

Thursday, Sept. 26: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9 a.m. Ministerial meeting. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Grace Lutheran. 1 p.m. Naomi Circle at Poplar Creek. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace Lutheran. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Grace Lutheran. Friday, Sept. 27: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Sept. 29: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service with baptism. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. 10:15 a.m. Adult study and Sunday School. Monday, Sept. 30: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Supper for confirmation students. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship. 7:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal; 7:15 p.m. 6-9th grade Confirmation — Mentor night. 7:45 p.m. 10th Grade Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 3: 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

Sunday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle. 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, Sept. 27: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 8 a.m. Justice for All. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Sept. 28: Makayla Kortleever/Dylan Voge wedding. Sunday, Sept. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 5 p.m. Senior RCYF Kickoff. Tuesday, Oct. 1: Noon staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal; Ladies Night Out. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group. Thursday, Oct. 3: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church

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

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m. Worship Service at First Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran Church.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

Saturday, Sept. 28: 9:30 a.m. Adpot-A-Highway Project at Palisade Lutheran Church. Sunday, Sept. 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Palisade Lutheran Church.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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

Thursday, Sept. 26: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Sept. 28: 9 a.m. Tri-State Band Festival. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m. Coffee hour and adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Annual bonfire — Sandy Vogt's house. Monday, Sept. 30: 6:30 p.m. Movie night. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 9:30 a.m. Folding team. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 3: 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. 26: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Monday, Sept. 30: Over 60s. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Committees. Thursday, Oct. 3: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Sept. 26: 9:30 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at St. John. 11:30 a.m. DCE Jess Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. Saturday, Sept. 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 1 p.m. LYF Corn Maze. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out; Quilting. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Youth Group; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Oct. 3: 2 p.m. Women's Society.

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

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Sept. 26: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Sept. 27: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Bible Study. Monday, Sept. 30: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 1: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 2: 4-5:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 3: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
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Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

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Word of God

“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.” Psalm 1:1-3

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Now if I’m completely honest, there are times when I don’t delight in God’s word. I get distracted, busy with life. When I think like this, I know it is my sinful-self talking. If I listen to that sinful voice then my life will suffer, I will not bear good fruit, and those around me will suffer too. We dry up spiritually without hearing and being in God’s word.

Yet the streams of living water are readily available, always flow-

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Laura Phillips, Palisade Lutheran/First Lutheran, Valley Springs

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It is in “the law of the LORD,” the True Word, the Living God, that you are blessed. Therefore, as Martin Luther explains in his Small Catechism, “hold God’s word sacred, and gladly hear and learn it”: within the church service, in the preaching of the word, in Bible study or Sunday School, and in your personal devotions. Delight in and meditate on this word, day and night. Well supplied by the life-giving Word of God, you will indeed bear the fruits of faith and be “like trees planted by streams of water.”

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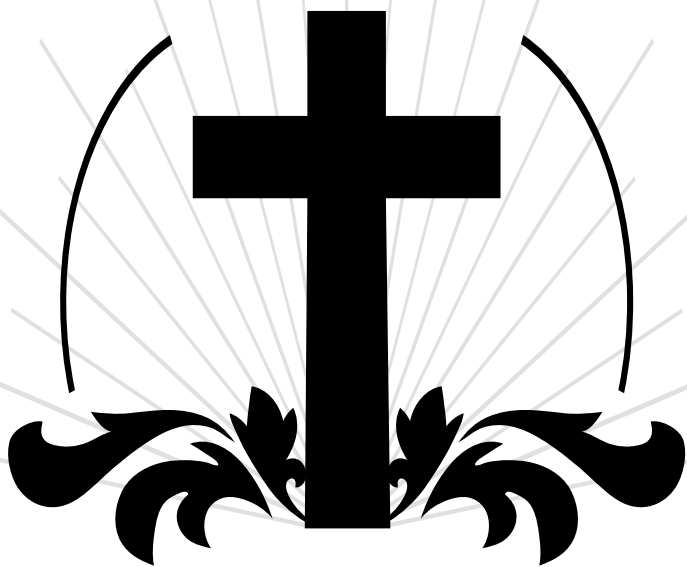
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Kramer probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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In Re: Estate of Annie Kramer,
Decedent,

Court File No. 67-PR-19-302

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 7, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated September 18, 2001, and for the appointment of Glen Kramer, whose address is 26547 481st Ave., Brandon, SD 57005, and Jennie Kramer, whose address is 500 S. Kennedy, Apt. 2, Sioux Falls, SD 57103, as personal representatives of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated: 9/9/2019

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
Dated: 9/9/2019

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(09-19, 09-26)

Notice to creditors of Nelson probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
James Howard Nelson, a/k/a James H. Nelson,
a/k/a James Nelson, a/k/a Jim Nelson, Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-19-319

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of October, 2019, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated April 22, 2019, and for the appointment of Jane E. Nelson, whose address is 838 200th Avenue, Magnolia, Minnesota 56158, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: September 20, 2019

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

(COURT SEAL)

(09-26, 10-03)

Notice to creditors of Hoiland probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Roy Hoiland, Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-19-300 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of October, 2019, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated February 24, 2017, and for the appointment of Guy Hoiland, whose address is 201 Indiana Ave., Adrian, Minnesota 56110, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: September 16, 2019

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioners
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I.D. #158343

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

(COURT SEAL)

(09-26, 10-03)

Rozeboom variance hearing set for Sept. 30

Notice of Public Hearing for Variance Request For Kevin Rozeboom

Close Proximity Owners and Local Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment

Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 30, 2019, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following application:

A request for a variance to allow the placement of a feedlot to be located less than one-half mile from an existing dwelling, with the feedlot to be located in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 section of Section 28 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota. Said property is owned by Kevin Rozeboom. The proposed feedlot would encroach upon the required setback from the nearest dwelling/residence as allowed in the Rock County Zoning Ordinance.

The property described is zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

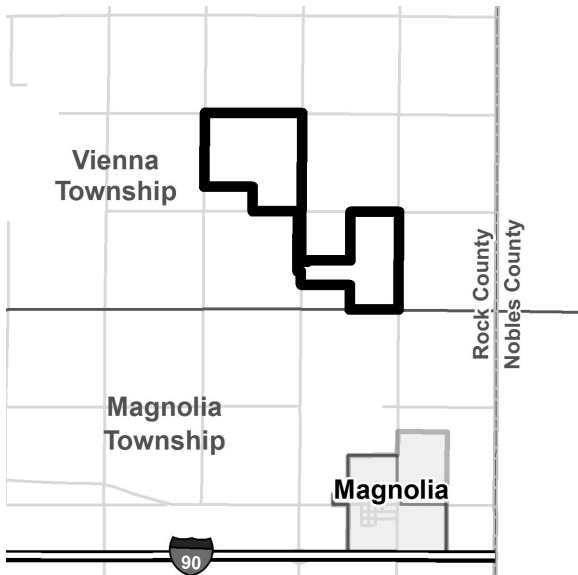
Dated: September 19, 2019
By Order of the Rock County Board of Adjustment
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(09-19, 09-26)

Elk Creek Solar files for site permit

Elk Creek Solar, LLC ("Elk Creek") filed a Site Permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") on September 13, 2019 to construct a solar energy generating system with up to 80-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) nameplate capacity, in Vienna Township, Rock County, Minnesota (the "Project"). The docket number assigned to the proceeding is IP-7009/GS-19-495.

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy has entered into a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Elk Creek and intends to use the power generated by the Project to satisfy the growing demand for Xcel Energy's customers under its Renewable*Connect Program. Elk Creek plans to construct the Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date by the end of 2021. Elk Creek is proposing to build its solar facility in Sections 27, 34 and 35, Township 103 North, Range 44 West, Rock County.



Because the Project is an electric generating plant larger than 50 MW, it meets the definition of a large energy facility and will require a Certificate of Need ("CN") prior to issuance of a Site Permit and construction.

A Site Permit from the Commission is required before the Project can be constructed. The Power Plant Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216E) and implementing rules in Minnesota Rules parts 7850.1000 to 7850.5600 establish the requirements for submitting and processing a Site Permit application. The statutes and rules also establish notice requirements for various stages of the process.

The Site Permit application is eligible for consideration by the Commission under the alternative permitting process in Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.04 and Minnesota Rules parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900. The Commission has up to six months from the time the application is accepted as complete to process and make a decision on the Site Permit according to Minnesota Statutes, Section 216E.04, subd. 7 and Minnesota Rule 7850.3900, subp. 1, but that time period is extended up to 12 months from the time the application is accepted as complete because the Project also requires a CN before it can receive a Site Permit and the process for a CN is up to 12 months.

Within 60 days after the Commission accepts the application as complete, the Commission and the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis ("EERA") unit will hold a public information and scoping meeting in the Project area to provide information and seek comments from the public. At the meeting, members of the public may ask questions, suggest issues to be studied, and propose alternatives for consideration in the environmental assessment that EERA will prepare for the Commission. Once the public meetings are scheduled, notice of the meeting will be provided to persons whose names are on the Project contact list and will be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the Project area.

After the environmental assessment has been completed, a public hearing will be held on the application in the Project area. Any person may speak at the public hearing, present documentary evidence, ask questions of Elk Creek representatives and EERA and Commission staff, and submit comments.

Elk Creek does not have the authority to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire the land necessary for the Project.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about Project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact doctracking.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (19-495), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Full Case Record: All documents filed in this docket, including the site permit application, are available on the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select "Search eDockets," enter the year (19) and the docket number (495), select "Search."

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Application: The site permit application is available for review at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne or by contacting the Southwest Regional Development Commission or the Rock County Land Management Office.

You may also contact Elk Creek (see below) to request a copy of the site permit application.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This Project is being reviewed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850, available at revisor.mn.gov.

Project Contacts

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Charley Bruce at consumer.puc@state.mn.us, 651-201-2251 or 1-800-657-3782

Public Utilities Commission Staff Analyst

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Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager

Bill Storm at bill.storm@state.mn.us, or 651-539-1844

Elk Creek Solar, LLC Representative

Melissa Schmit, Permitting Manager

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Lori Sorenson photos/0926 bomgaars buys shopko

The 40-year-old Bomgaars building, which first housed M-M Distributing on Hatting Street, will be offered for sale. The Shopko building (below) offers more than 42,000 square feet, doubling Bomgaars current space and adding more parking..

Bomgaars buys former Shopko building/continued from page 1

Karen Loosbrock, assistant store manager in Luverne, said Bomgaars has doubled its store locations in the past nine years.

“We’ve been increasing in size while others are struggling,” she said.

“It’s just taken a lot of people doing a lot of good things in company.”

She said owners Roger and Jane Bomgaars, Sioux City, are committed to customer service in their small communities and maintain positive relationships with employees.

“They’re commonsense, ordinary God-fearing people,” she said. “They visit each of the Bomgaars stores through the summer.”

Loosbrock has worked in the 40-year-old Luverne



store for 27 years, starting with the late Merlin Lopau of M-M Distributing and later with Bomgaars since 2009.

“It’s a wonderful company to work for,” Loosbrock said.

Jolene (Christensen) VerSteeg of The Christensen

Corporation said Bomgaars’ reputation and corporate values factored into negotiations.

“That was really important to us,” VerSteeg said. “Also, they’ll fill the gap with some of the merchandise that Shopko once had.”

She said there are 11 acres adjacent to the former Shopko property that remain available for development.

The current Bomgaars building will be offered for sale, and Nielsen said he’s already heard from interested buyers.

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which of those crops are planted in 2019.

A producer’s total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. [View payment rates by county.](#)

Dairy and Hogs

Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundredweight payment on production history, and hog producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

Specialty Crops

MFP payments will also be made to producers of almonds, cranberries, cultivated ginseng, fresh grapes, fresh sweet cherries, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts.

Each specialty crop will receive a payment based on 2019 acres of fruit or nut bearing plants, or in the case of ginseng, based on harvested acres in 2019.

More Information

Payments will be made in up to three tranches, with the second and third tranches evaluated as market conditions and trade opportunities dictate.

If conditions warrant, the second and third tranches will be made in November and early January.

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers.

However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000.

Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017 of less than \$900,000, or 75 percent of the person’s or legal entity’s average AGI for those tax years must have been derived from farming and ranching.

Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

More information can be found on [farmers.gov/mfp](#), including payment information and a program application.

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it,” Wenzel said. She retired 2 ½ years ago to spend time with her mother, but when the A.C.E. position opened, she felt compelled to apply.

“I feel like it was God ordained,” she said. “I knew it was supposed to be. I just knew it.”

She said she’s also enjoying working with Lynette Hoiland who manages Senior Dining in the building at-

tached to her office and with George Bonnema, Generations board president.

“These people are just wonderful to work with,” Wenzel said. “I am so blessed to be able serve in this job — and they pay me to do it.”

She said seniors are an inspiration to all ages.

“My biggest focus is helping our younger generation understand the importance

of volunteering and the awesome opportunities out there,” she said.

“There’s so much potential for this community and so many volunteer opportunities.”

At 68, she admits she’s no spring chicken herself, but she’s had a good role model for longevity in the workforce.

“My mom worked well into her 90s, and I plan to do the same. And when I’m not working I’m going to be volunteering,” Wenzel said. “We all need a purpose to get out of bed. When you are able to do it, you need to do it. ... If you’re not giving of your time, you’re not growing.”

Wenzel can be reached at 507-283-5064. For more information about services offered through the Rock County office of A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, visit [Thankswww.aceswmn.org](#).

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