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Tri-State Band Fest to attract 29 schools

*Sixty-ninth event
features most
entries in years*

By Jason Berghorst

The 2019 Tri-State Band Festival, scheduled for Sept. 28, will be the largest festival in years.

Twenty-nine bands from three states are scheduled to participate in the 69th annual marching band competition.

"We will have a great festival," said Jane Wildung-Lanphere, executive director of the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the Tri-State festival each year. "This is the most bands in many years."

The Northern State University Marching Wildcats from Aberdeen, South Dakota, will march in exhibition in both the parade and on the field.

Lanphere said there are some bands returning in 2019 that have not competed in the festival in recent years, including Waseca, which has won the sweepstakes trophy a number of times.

"Our festival chairman, Dale Nelson, has been visiting with directors. Being a longtime band director himself, that might have encouraged a few more bands into coming," she said.

The parade competition on Luverne's Main Street begins at 9:30 a.m. Eighteen bands will march in the parade this year.

The field competition, with 17 bands performing, begins at 12:30 p.m. at Luverne High School's Cardinal Field.

Lanphere said the number of large school bands competing at Tri-State is also increasing.

"This year we have 4 Class AAAA bands in field competition. Last year we only had one," she said.

Minnesota high school bands competing this year include Adrian, Murray County Central, Pipestone Area, Stewartville, Waseca, Tracy Area and Worthington.

Schools coming from South Dakota include Brandon Valley, Brookings, Dell Rapids, Garretson, Huron, Lennox, Madison, Mitchell, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Sioux Falls Christian, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Sioux Falls Washington, Tea Area and West Central.

Iowa bands competing include Boyden-Hull, George-Little Rock, Sibley-Ocheyedan, Sioux City East and West Lyon.

The Luverne Middle School and

Band Festival/see page 2



Luverne drone operator Ryan Gee shared this image of East Main Street and Luverne's City Park under a flooded Rock River Thursday.

Upriver deluge prompts Rock County flooding

By Lori Sorenson

Severe thunderstorms caused wind and water damage last week in Rock County, uprooting trees and flooding roadways and properties.

Travel was difficult Thursday morning after Wednesday's 8-inch rainfall in Pipestone County sent floodwaters raging southward.

The Rock River spilled into the city park, Redbird Field and nearby neighborhoods early Thursday morning.

County Road 4 east of Luverne was temporarily closed to traffic, as was County Road 7 west of Hardwick and many other township and county roads affected by Rock River flooding.

The Split Rock Creek rushed through the Jasper area and northwestern Rock County neighborhoods Thursday afternoon,

flowing over major roadways, including State Highway 23, and county and township roads and bridges.

Seventeen miles east of Hardwick, the bridge over Split Rock Creek on 201st Street in Rock County was completely submerged, as was the road and driveway leading to Arden and Mary Ellen Sorenson's acreage.

By the time a DNR rescue boat arrived to evacuate them, they were standing in six inches of water on the main floor of their house, which was ruined by floodwaters.

"We've lived here 63 years and never had water in the house," Mary Ellen said.

After waters receded, more than 40 family members, friends and neighbors converged on their

Flood damages/see page 3



DNR Conservation Officers Andrew Dirks, Luverne, (standing) and Derek Daniels navigate an airboat along a submerged driveway toward the shoulder of 201st Street in northwestern Rock County Thursday afternoon. The boat was used to evacuate Arden and Mary Ellen Sorenson (seated) from their house after the Split Rock Creek flooded their acreage and home.



At far left, flood water closed dozens of roadways in Rock County Thursday morning, Sept. 12, including County Road 2 in Rock County's Battle Plain Township, the north-south passage to Edgerton. Many roadways remained under water for several days.

At left, the Rock River floods into nearby cornfields east of Hardwick along County Road 7. Last week's deluge contributed additional woes for farmers in an already challenging growing season.

Mavis Fodness photos/0919 flood Sept. 12

Henning buys lot in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Henning Construction, Adrian, purchased two lots in Luverne's industrial park to accommodate its local construction projects.

"It was available, and it seemed like it would suit us," Brent Henning said. "Right now we park a lot of equipment at our gravel pit ... It just seemed like a good idea."

The Luverne Economic Development Authority conducted a public hearing last month for the sale of the lots for \$45,000.

The lots are fully developed with water, sewer and electrical services, and Walnut Avenue is now a county 10-ton road, which will meet the needs of Henning's heavy equipment.

"We bought it when it was a gravel

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*— Brent Henning,
Henning Construction*

road, but we knew it was going to be a blacktop, and we knew it was in a good area for us," Henning said.

At their August meeting, LEDA members approved the development agreement that calls for Henning Con-

Henning Construction/see page 2

New armory to have community focus

By Mavis Fodness

More than 30 architects, county officials, community leaders and military personnel spent four days in Luverne last week discussing the new Minnesota National Guard Readiness Center.

The group wrapped up the pre-design meetings Thursday morning, Sept. 12, with a finished concept.

"Overall it went well," said Paul Kempton, project manager with the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs.

"We had good communication with guard members, community leaders and design staff."

The design staff, TKDA of St. Paul, will develop a schematic design and unveil the results in late December.

"Our goal is just to have a place where they (kids) can go and play during the winter months."

*— John Sichmeller,
Basketball Association*

Last week's meetings changed the building's shape from a rectangle to an L-shape, adding distinction between the readiness and community areas, according to TKDA project manager Jay Wiederholt.

Discussions also led to a second, more visual driveway off of Koehn

Avenue that brings visitors to a south building entrance and adjoining parking lot.

The building design will now have an inviting lobby connecting directly to a public assembly hall that features two basketball practice courts. Classrooms areas will also be located off the lobby area.

With the change in footprint shape, the rest of the building can be cordoned off for the equipment storage and administrative offices of the Minnesota National Guard.

"Once it's built, it (the building) would be open to other organizations and the general public to use," Wiederholt said.

Guard officials and architects

Armory plans/see page 5



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at George and Sharon Bonnema's home for a garden soup cook-off. Bring your favorite soup and the recipe to share and your husband or guest. Please RSVP to Sharon at 507-283-4376.

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.

Library book sale Sept. 19-21

The Friends of the Library annual fundraising Book Sale is Sept. 19-21. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 20, and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (\$3 bag sale) Sept. 21. Donations of books and other library materials may be dropped off at the Rock County Library on Main Street Luverne.

Free food Sept. 19

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Generations building (former Senior Center) at 319 East Lincoln Street for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 283-4366.

Blood drives Sept. 23

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule. Bring an ID.

The Community Blood Bank will host a drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at the EMS Hall in Adrian. Visit www.cbblifeblood.org or call Sanford Adrian Clinic, 507-483-2668.

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.

'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.

Pick up 'Operation Christmas Child' shoeboxes after Oct. 1

"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 with questions. Shoeboxes may also be ordered 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.



Plastic bags are among a long list of items commonly placed in recycling that shouldn't be, according to local officials.

No bags, please

Residents should toss plastic bags; no longer recyclable through Millennium

By Mavis Fodness

A change in the recycling market means more expense to taxpayers if they dispose of plastic bags in recycling bins.

On Oct. 1 the county's recycler, Millennium Recycling, will charge up to an additional \$75 per ton if plastic bags are found among the other single-stream recyclable materials.

Typically, recyclers place recyclable materials inside a plastic bag and toss the bag and the materials in the recycling container.

For the county to avoid paying the surcharge, residents should empty the bags into the recycling containers and throw the plastic bags in the garbage.

An exception is the use of plastic bags to contain shredded paper for recycling.

County officials are currently renegotiating the five-year recycling contract with Ketterling Services, Luverne, who transports the materials to Millennium in Sioux Falls, to include payment of the surcharge if plastic bags are found in the recycling containers.

Ketterling transports recyclable materials from the Ketterling facility on South Cedar Street as well as from the



This graphic display shows a list of acceptable recyclable materials that should be rinsed well.

"Plastic bags and film have always been a problem in the recycling industry. They wrap around equipment and get jammed in our screens, slowing down the entire process and making it very difficult to cut them loose. With no market, it no longer makes sense for us to collect them."

— Shannon Dwire, Millennium Recycling president

eight recycling sheds located in the small cities outside of Luverne.

Current market conditions no longer make recycling plastic bags viable, according to Millennium Recycling Inc. President Shannon Dwire.

"Plastic bags and film have always been a problem in the recycling industry," she said. "They wrap around equipment and get jammed in our screens, slowing down the

entire process and making it very difficult to cut them loose. With no market, it no longer makes sense for us to collect them."

Some grocery stores will accept plastic bags for recycling.

But Millennium officials suggest using paper bags or bringing a reusable bag to stores.

"The average plastic bag is used for just 12 seconds," said

Marissa Begley, director of outreach and communications for Millennium.

"By removing them from our recycling program, we hope people realize the overall negative impact they have on the environment in our increasingly throw-away society and avoid them altogether."

A list of plastic bag drop-off locations is available at Millennium's website, www.MillenniumRecycling.com/BYOB.

Band Festival/from page 1

High School marching bands perform as hosts for Tri-State.

Lanphere said although construction at Luverne High School will impact this year's festival, the festival committee is working hard to plan for parking, home rooms for bands, and other logistics.

"It will be challenging, but we are working on being creative to figure it all out," Lanphere said, referring to finding space for over 2,500 band members and thou-

sands of fans amid significant construction.

"We are going to need all the help we can get to direct the bands and the public both in the school and outside the school," she said.

"If people want to volunteer, we would give them a band festival booklet and button and be in their debt," Lanphere said.

"Nothing will be as usual this year, but that's what makes it exciting."

Henning buys lot/from page 1

struction to build a structure on the property within a year.

The agreement calls for a 60-by-100-foot building on the property, and Henning is responsible for connecting utility services from the property line to the building.

Construction will begin within a year. According to EDA director Holly Sammons, the city's investment in the industrial park is paying off as businesses are buying the lots, building on them and increasing the local tax base.

"The goal of the council was to have shovel-ready lots,"

Sammons said. "My hands were tied before when people came in with ideas and wanted to do something."

She said a 100-acre available parcel that needed to be prepared with streets and utilities made for cumbersome lot sales.

"There's nothing quick about a utility infrastructure project, and most businesses didn't want to wait for that; they'd made a decision and they wanted to get started," Sammons said.

"Now we can turn around on a lot sale in a matter of days."

County considers 7- percent levy hike

By Mavis Fodness

Commissioners received 2020 budget requests from the various county departments, and if the requests would be granted, the county levy would increase by 7.11 percent.

Requests over \$10,000 include an additional \$100,000 to the highway department for road and bridge repairs, \$82,000 to human services, \$26,000 to the library in support of a full-time position, and \$185,000 requested by the sheriff's office for an additional peace officer and membership to the drug task force.

Commissioner Stan Williamson wasn't in support of increasing the sheriff's office budget.

He said constituents have not called about law enforcement services but have talked to him about road conditions.

His rural district is also concerned about current state of the farm economy.

"We need to tighten our belts because everything else is tight," he said.

The budget committee will meet to discuss the requests and make recommendations coming back to the board.

Commissioners have until Sept. 30 to set the preliminary levy.

In other business, commissioners were informed the deputy Shelley Douty submitted her resignation. She'd been an officer in Rock County for 12 years.



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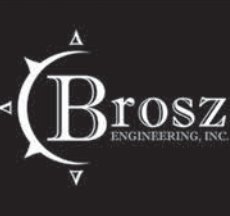
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USDA Sept. 12 report lowers expected yields

By Kent Thiesse
Farm management analyst

The Sept. 12 USDA Crop Report slightly lowered the projected U.S. average corn and soybean yields for 2019, as compared to the August National Ag Statistics Service (NASS) yield estimates.

The USDA yield estimates were based on U.S. crop conditions as of Sept. 1; however, the NASS projections do not agree with that analysis of U.S. crop conditions by many private crop and marketing analysts.

Many of the private analysts cite excess moisture and poor early season growing conditions in portions of southwest Minnesota and South Dakota, along with a large portion of the Eastern Corn Belt, as reasons for concerns with the 2019 USDA corn yield projections.

The Sept. 12 USDA Report projects the 2019 national average corn yield at 168.2 bushels per acre, which is a decrease of 1.3 bushels per acre from the August estimate.

At this yield level, the 2019 U.S. corn yield would be well below the 2018 national average corn yield of 176.4 bushels per acre, as well as the record U.S. average corn yield of 176.6 bushels per acre in 2017.

Private grain marketing analysts have been predicting the average U.S. corn yield to be near 166-167 bushels per acre.

Interestingly in 2018, USDA projected the average U.S. corn yield at 181.3 bushels per acre on Sept. 12, and the final national average yield was 176.4 bushels per acre. Total U.S. corn production for 2019 is estimated at 13.8 billion bushels, compared to 14.4 billion bushels in 2018.

The USDA Report on Sept. 12 estimated total 2019 U.S. soybean production at just over 3.63 billion bushels, which would be a 20-percent reduction from the 2018 soybean production of 4.54 billion bushels.

USDA lowered the projected the 2019 U.S. average soybean yield to 47.9 bushels per acre, compared to 48.5 bushels per acre in August.

The 2019 NASS soybean yield estimates compare to 51.6 bushels per acre in 2018, 49.1 bushels per acre in 2017, and the national record yield of 52 bushels per acre in 2016.

The USDA 2019 soybean yield projection is just slightly above the yield estimates by grain trading analysts.

USDA is estimating Minnesota's 2019 average corn yield at 171 bushels per acre, which is well below the 2018 yield of 182 bushels per acre and record state average corn yield of 194 bushels per acre in 2017.

USDA is projecting Iowa's 2019 average corn yield at 191 bushel per acre, which is also below the average yield of 196 bushels per acre in 2018, and well below the 202 bushel per acre yield in 2017 and the record state average corn yield of 203 bushels per acre in 2016.

The 2019 USDA corn yield estimates for the other major corn-producing states are Illinois at 180 bushels per acre, compared to 210 bushels per acre in 2018; Indiana at 161 bushels per acre, compared to 189 bushels per acre in 2018; and Nebraska at 186 bushels per acre, compared to 192 bushels per acre in 2018.

South Dakota's projected 2019 corn yield is 156 bushels per acre, compared to 160 bushels per acre in 2018; North Dakota at 145 bushels per acre, compared to 153 bushels per acre in 2018; and Wisconsin at 163 bushels per acre, compared to 172 bushels per acre in 2018.

USDA is projecting Minnesota's 2019 average soybean yield at 45 bushels per acre, which compares to 50.5 bushels per acre in 2018, 47 bushels per acre in 2017 and the record state soybean yield of 52.5 bushels per acre in 2016. Iowa is projected to have a 2019 soybean yield of 54 bushels per acre, compared to 57 bushels per acre in 2018, 56.5 bushels per acre in 2017 and the state record of 60.5 bushels per acre in 2016.

Other projected 2019 yields in major soybean producing states include Illinois at 53 bushels per acre, compared to 65 bushels per acre in 2018; Indiana at 49 bushels per acre, compared to 58.5 bushels per acre in 2018; and Nebraska at 58 bushels per acre, compared to 59 bushels per acre in 2018.

The estimated 2019 soybean yield for South Dakota is 44 bushels per acre compared to 46 bushels per acre in 2018, with North Dakota at 35 bushels per acre compared to 35.5 bushels per acre in 2018, and Wisconsin at 47 bushels per acre compared with 49 bushels per acre in 2018.

Total 2019 harvested soybean acres in Minnesota, North and South Dakota is estimated at 15.9 million acres, which is down considerably from over 20 million acres in 2018.

Sept. 12 WASDE report

The updated USDA World Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) released on Sept. 12 included the projected decrease in the 2019 U.S. corn yield and the total 2019 U.S. corn production.

The report also showed slight increase in expected corn usage for ethanol during 2019-20 marketing year, but a slight decrease in corn used for feed and in corn exports, as compared to 2018-19 levels. Corn ending stocks for 2019-20 are now projected at 2.19 billion bushels, which is down from over 2.4 billion bushels in 2018-19.

Interestingly, USDA projected the 2018-19 corn ending stocks at just under 1.8 billion bushels a year ago in September.

The 2019-20 corn stocks-to-use ratio is now estimated at 15.5 percent, which would be down slightly from the previous two years.

USDA is projecting the average on-farm corn price for the 2019-20 marketing year, which runs from Sept. 1, 2019, through Aug. 31, 2020, to be near \$3.60 per bushel, which is the same as the August price estimate.

The 2018-19 national average corn price, which will be finalized on Sept. 30, 2019, is also estimated at \$3.60 per bushel, which compares to national average prices of \$3.36 per bushel for both 2017-18 and 2016-17, \$3.61 per bushel for 2015-16, and \$3.70 per bushel for 2014-15. The recent WASDE report projected 2019-20 soybean ending stocks at 640 million bushels, which is a decline of 115 million bushels from the August estimate.

The projected 2019-20 soybean ending stocks would represent a 36-percent decline from the estimated 2018-19 ending stocks of just over 1 billion bushels; however, the 2019-20 level would still be well above the 2017-18 ending stocks of 395 million bushels.

Both soybean crush bushels and soybeans for export in 2019-20 are projected to increase slightly compared to a year earlier; however, total soybean demand for 2019-20 is only expected to increase by 24 million bushels, compared to 2018-19 levels.

The projected reduced level of soybean carryover would result in an estimated stocks-to-use ratio of just over 15 percent, which is down significantly from near 25 percent for the 2018-19 marketing year.

USDA is now projecting the average on-farm soybean price for the 2019-20 marketing year to be near \$8.40 per bushel.

Even though the September soybean ending stocks numbers were somewhat positive, the September price estimate stayed the same as the August national average estimate of \$8.40 per bushel.

The 2018-19 final national average soybean price estimate is \$8.50 per bushel, which compares to national average prices of \$9.33 for 2017-18, of \$9.47 per bushel for 2016-17, \$8.95 per bushel in 2015-16, and \$10.10 per bushel in 2014-15.



Luverne drone operator Ryan Gee shared this image of Luverne's east side under a flooded Rock River Thursday.

Pipestone County rain causes Rock County flooding/

acreage Saturday morning to salvage what they could.

"My gosh, people are good," Mary Ellen remarked about volunteers who worked well into the evening. "What would we have done without them?"

The couple is staying with family until they can find a new place to call home.

According to Rock County Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre, Wednesday's storm system arrived with tornadoes — three of which touched down in Sioux Falls.

That prompted tornado sirens in Luverne.

"We did not actually see a tornado, but we had reports from the National Weather Services that there was tornadic activity in the area," Oldre said.

Sirens also sounded in Hills where large trees were downed, causing minor property damage. No tornadoes were spotted in Hills.

Rock County declared a local emergency Thursday afternoon when the Rock River was expected to crest at 17 feet near Hardwick and at 8 1/2 feet at the Luverne City Park.

Estimated damages to county roads and bridges are \$100,000 to \$150,000, and the city of Luverne, which declared an emergency Tuesday evening, also estimated \$100,000 to \$150,000 in damages.

Most of the city costs are incurred due to flood cleanup in the park and Redbird Field, which had similar water depths as the June 2014 flood, but damage was far less.

"This was other people's rainfall coming down the river," said Luverne City Administrator John Call. "In 2014 we had other people's rainfall plus our own 8 to 10 inches."

That meant that last week's flood waters receded quickly and didn't deposit as much debris.

"In 2014 we had to reseed both sides of the park and re-sod Redbird Field," said Luverne Public Works supervisor John Stoffel.

"This time we had some damage to the concession stand and some river ero-



Flood water from Split Rock Creek flows over the top of the 201st Street Bridge Thursday. In the foreground to the left is Arden and Mary Ellen Sorenson's mailbox just above water.



The Luverne City Park waits for flood waters to recede Friday evening, Sept. 12.

sion, but the sediment didn't come through this time."

He and Call both noted that the berm installed south of the Rock River after 2014 has done its job in redirecting water flow to slow damage from rising water.

"It has saved a lot of destruction at Redbird Field," Stoffel said. "And it really helped out a lot of residents in that area, too."

The local emergency declarations will put the county and city in line for state and federal disaster aid, should a broader area be declared at a later date.



Traffic navigates through flood waters on North Highway 75 two miles north of Hardwick Thursday morning, Sept. 12.

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Close quarters nurture close family ties that live on after floodwaters recede

My husband's parents, Arden and Mary Ellen, said good-bye this week to their little house on the banks of Split Rock Creek.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

And it's how they built a lifetime of relationships with family, friends and neighbors ... who know what to do when disaster strikes.

When the waters receded Saturday morning, help arrived in the form of cookies, bars, sandwiches, pizzas and coolers of beverages.

The farmyard became a staging area for trailers, a roll-off dumpster and an army of workers who removed, cleaned and dried what could be saved from the flooded house.

Which, sadly, could not be saved.

For most of their 65 married years, Arden and Mary Ellen lived and worked on the scenic green acreage, raising four children — three girls and a boy.

The family of six shared three small bedrooms and one tiny bathroom that was a pantry converted in 1963 when indoor plumbing arrived.

My husband, the baby, claimed his closet-sized space behind a curtained doorway just off the dining room.

As boxes of photographs and heirlooms were carried out, the siblings chattered about memories of their beloved home.

The close ties nurtured within those close quarters now thrive today with their own children and grandchildren.

Today the soggy old home sits empty and abandoned, but those treasured family ties remain afloat — alive and well.

Good-bye, little house near the Split Rock Creek. The floodwaters won in the end, but we'll cherish the memories forever.

Want to be part of the biggest band festival in the region?

Consider helping the local committee

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converging on our town.

The Tri-State Band Festival Committee organizes an army of volunteers for heavy lifting in the areas of concessions, button sales, parade route signage, transportation, hospitality and a whole host of other areas.

This year the committee is coming up a bit short in light of the bigger event, particularly in the afternoon at the field competition at the school.

Due to the massive school construction project, extra help is needed with street and gate control along with help directing people to the field.

Volunteers will receive a band festival button and a booklet along with the committee's thanks.

To help, call the Chamber office, 507-283-4061, or email luverne-chamber@co.rock.mn.us.

It's wonderful to be part of the fun and to see what makes the legendary event tick.



Best way to determine vehicle speed is by the speedometer

Question: I'm writing to you to ask a question regarding whether or not you might know where the signal is that I can only assume is the method to tell current "smarter" cars what the speed limit is on the road or highway they are currently driving. I wonder how accurate they really are.

Answer: Never rely solely on the displayed GPS speed reading. Your vehicle's speedometer is the best way to determine how fast you are traveling.

AGPS is a positional speedometer. It will show your speed based on the average distance traveled in the last few seconds. The speed readings could be inaccurate if there is a temporary loss of signal.

Always be alert and aware of the posted speed limit signs while driving. Remember that the speed limits start and end at the location of the sign.

Be sure to program your destination on your navigation system prior to driving and remember that the new hands-free law is currently being enforced in



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Minnesota.

The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single touch activation without holding the phone.

Question: Can you give out information about fog lights? I notice a lot of people have them on and when I am meeting them on the road in the evening or at night, some are very bright and make seeing the road very difficult. Some of them appear to

be out of alignment and are blinding. I hope that having people read this will help make a difference. Thanks.

Answer: There are some specific requirements for those lights, but if the fog lights are aimed too high and/or are too bright then they are not legal, even if they are in compliance with the rest of the law. All lights for vehicles have to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety and they have to be allowed (or required) by statute.

MN State Statute 169.56 Sub 2 says, "Any motor vehicle may be

equipped with not to exceed two fog lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than 12 inches nor more than 30 inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands and so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle shall at a distance of 25 feet ahead project higher than a level of four inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes. Lighted fog lamps meeting the above requirements may be used with lower headlamp beams. ..."

Another relevant law is MN State Statute 169.63(b), which also tells us that, "When a motor vehicle equipped with headlamps, as (herein) required, is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps, spot lamps or any other lamps on the front thereof projecting a beam of intensity greater than 300-candle power, not more than a total of four of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway."

Also, some of the lights you are seeing might actually be "daytime running lights." Many of those are on automatically and are installed by the manufacturer. The driver may not always have the ability to turn them off. They cannot be used in lieu of headlights, but sometimes they are, which would be a violation. It is a good practice to keep your lights on at all times on the road to make yourself more visible to other drivers. It's the law to have headlights (and tail lights) on during rain. I hope this information helps.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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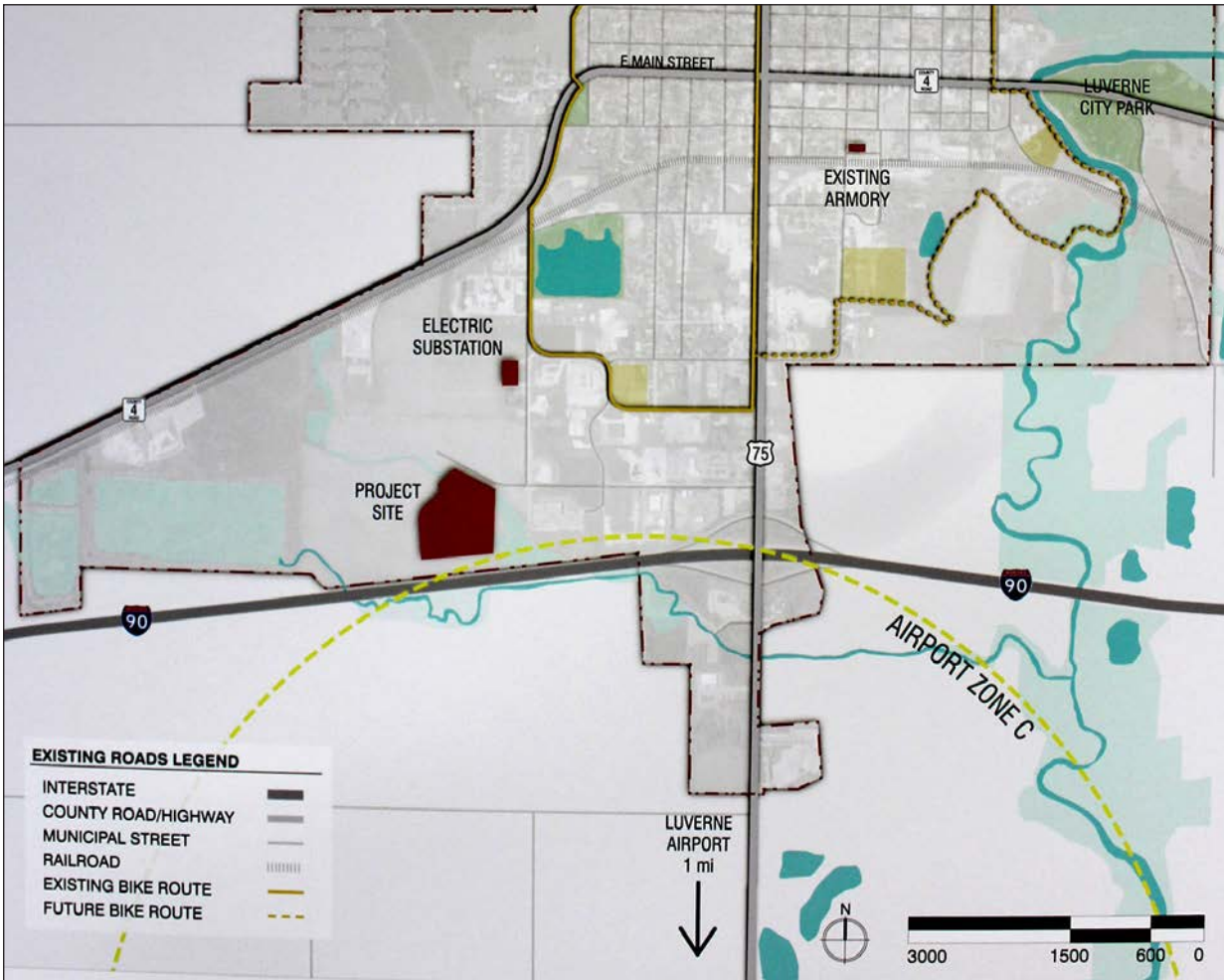
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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 6
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported burglary alarm.
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a felon has guns.
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Luverne Street reported an elderly lady trying to flag down cars.
•Complainant on S. Fourth Street in Beaver Creek reported a vehicle parked in front of his mailbox.
•Ambulance on standby at football game.
•Fire department on standby at football game.
Sept. 7
•Complainant on 71st Street near Beaver Creek reported a vulnerable adult.
•Complainant reported an intoxicated driver from Luverne to Magnolia.
•Complainant on Central Lane reported vandalism to fence.
•Complainant on Fairview Drive reported resident is throwing stuff at her roommate.
•Complainant reported four dead geese left at location of the 24-hour parking lot.
•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported an accident.
•Fire department out at the fairgrounds in Luverne.
•Ambulance out at the fairgrounds in Luverne.
Sept. 8
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a theft.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a suspicious guest.
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported loud music all the time at location.
•Complainant on W. Main Street reported an abandoned vehicle.
•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported loud music.
•Complainant on W. Main Street reported a stolen vehicle.
Sept. 9
•Property was found at location on S. Walnut Street.
•Accident was reported at location at S. Kniss Avenue.
•Vandalism was reported at location on S. McKenzie Street.
•Complainant on E. Veterans Drive requested we notify subject of inmate release.
Sept. 10
•Complainant on W. Main Street reported suspicious activity.
•A driving complaint was reported on County Highway 4.
•Report of a tent blocking traffic on Freeman and Cedar.
•Accident was reported at location on W. Warren Street.
•Suspicious activity was reported on E. Christiansen Drive.
•Complainant on 134th Avenue and 131st Street requested property use check.
•A tornado warning was issued for southwestern Rock County.

Sept. 11
•Complainant on 140th Avenue near Steen reported a tree on fire.
•Complainant on County Road 4 and 160th reported road construction signs down.
•Complainant on Interstate 90 to Sanford in Luverne reported traveling to emergency room with patient.
•Complainant on High-way 23 and County Road 7 near Jasper reported a single round hay bale on fire.
•Complainant on 121st Street reported a tree down.
•Complainant on E. Brown Street requested a deputy.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a found wallet at location.
•Complainant on N. Spring Street requested assistance in locating subject.
•Complainant at Court-house Square reported subject with Rock County warrant be arrested.
•Complainant on High-way 23, mile marker 11 near Jasper reported a hay bale on fire.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested the fire department.
Sept. 12
•Complainant reported road closed on Highway 51 between 211th and 221st.
•Complainant on 141st Street reported lagoon overflow due to rain.
•Complainant in Jasper reported lift station pumping due to rain.
•Complainant reported road closure on County Road 21 from County Road 2 west to 170th Avenue.
•Complainant reported road closure on 110th Avenue from 251st to 241st.
•Complainant on Barck Avenue found a cell phone.
•Complainant on S. Spring Street reported harassing communications.
•Complainant reported road closure on 191st Street from 100th to 110th Avenue.
•Complainant reported road closure on 211th Street from 110th to 120th Avenue.
•Complainant reported road closure on 241st Street from 140th Avenue to 150th Avenue.
•Complainant on 31st Street and 10th Avenue near Hills reported goats out.
•Complainant on northwest corner of S. Oakley Street and E. Maple reported fire hydrant out of service.
•Complainant on County Road 8 from 150th to 170th avenues reported road closed.
•Complainant reported weather-related flood warning for Rock County, Hardwick.
In addition, officers responded to 1 complaint of cattle out, 1 transport, 4 welfare checks, 8 escorts, 26 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 4 alarms, 3 burn permits, 1 drug court test, 2 purchase/carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 8 traffic stops, 5 water over roadway reports, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test and 2 curfew checks.



Mavis Fodness photo/0919 Armory Plans Finished

A new Minnesota National Guard Readiness Center is planned for a 15-acre project site in the Luverne industrial park, located in the southwest portion of the city.

New National Guard Armory/continued from page 1

worked with members of the Luverne Basketball Association on court design in the assembly area. “Our goal is just to have a place were they (kids) can go and play during the winter months,” said association member John Sichmeller at the Sept. 9 project briefing. The large assembly hall, which will be used by guardsmen during monthly trainings, is possible due to \$5 million in private funding through the K.A.H.R. Foundation. Foundation founder and re-

tired Minnesota National Guard Brevet Colonel Warren G. Herreid II approached guard officials in early 2017 with a joint-funding proposal for the new armory to be built in Luverne. In October 2017, a 15-acre site was chosen in the Luverne industrial park near Interstate 90. Building size was predetermined at 47,902 square feet with a budget set at \$16.5 million. As the Minnesota National Guard organization updates

buildings around the state, officials try to tap into needs at each armory location. “Each community has a different composition in how they use the facility,” said Dennis Arntson, Minnesota National Guard architectural supervisor. While Luverne’s need focused on a large assembly space, other cities have attached armories to fire stations, schools or city offices. Luverne’s armory is slated for May 2022 completion.

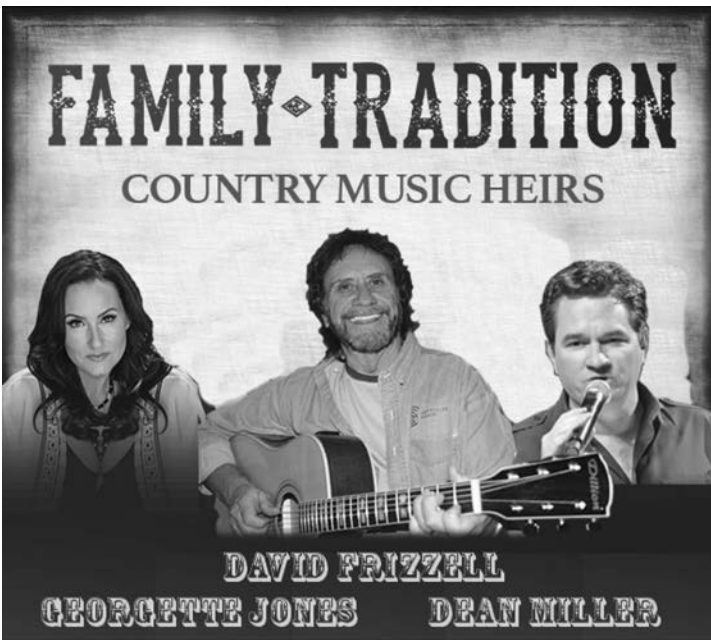
Musicians needed for Christmas Cantata

Luverne Street Music invites all interested musicians, vocal and instrumental, to join Carnegie Minstrels as they present the cantata “Sing Christmas.” The choir will be directed by Jennifer Bakken, instrumental director is James Jarvie and Janine Papik will be the accompanist. Open House and registration is at the Carnegie Cultural Center on Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 5-7 p.m. Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings from 8:15-9 p.m. Performances will be Tuesday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 7. A freewill offering will be collected at the Saturday concert for the Rock County Food Shelf. If you are unable to attend the open house, contact Janine Papik at 605-321-2055 or email janinepapik@hotmail.com, or stop at the Luverne Chamber office for a registration card.

Rock County Library announces activities

Contact the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register for events. Mah Jongg is from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Fall Story Hour for preschoolers ages 4-5, is from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 21. Fall Lap Time is 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 27 through Nov. 22. Evening Story Time is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 26. Antiques Appraisal with Mark Moran is at noon Monday, Sept. 30. Trivia Night at Take 16 is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. DIY Book Spine Centerpieces is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. Vampire Murder Mystery is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29. Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Luverne Public School open doors for 2019-20 school year amid construction

By Mavis Fodness

Monday was a memorable first day of school for staff and students at Luverne Middle-High School.

Some were challenged to find the correct classroom. Others were happy to have one.

The school building is currently undergoing a \$23 million renovation and won't be finished until 2021.

For the next year construction workers, students and educators will co-exist as the project progresses through the building.

Currently workers are finishing the renovation of eight classrooms on the second floor of the west wing. Teachers who would have normally taught in those rooms have been assigned rooms elsewhere in the building.

Once the classrooms are finished in the next month, eight teachers will move into them, and other teachers will be moved to temporary rooms as the renovation process continues in other areas around the school.

One newly renovated classroom was available Monday for the first day of the new school year.

Inspectors presented the district with an occupancy certificate this weekend for the new band and choir suites.

They are located in the former auditorium or what was commonly called the "Little Theater."

Band instructor James Jarvie is the first teacher to use one of the district's new classrooms.

"It's awesome," he said about the expanded area.

On Tuesday the choir room was open to students after they spent Monday meeting in the gymnasium.

Classes were last conducted in Luverne 120 days ago.

The longer-than-normal summer break (four



Mavis Fodness photos/0919 LHS First Day of School 2019

Luverne High School students (from left) Carter Davis, Elliot Stoltenberg, Chris Aning and D.J. Swenson look at the materials stacked in the former locker areas as they walk to class Monday. **Below left:** Luverne High School band instructor James Jarvie (far left) greets students in the new band room Monday. The band room is located in the former school auditorium and adjoins the new choir room (pictured below, right), which students used for the first time on Tuesday.



months instead of three) was to accommodate the construction schedule.

"Everyone worked really hard to get this far," said site superintendent David Mulert with ICS Consulting of Blaine, Minnesota. "If we push the next couple of weeks, we will move a long way toward finishing."

Part of the work will be sealing the building in order for the building's new heating and air conditioning system to be operated.

Currently floor fans circulate air throughout the building.

"It gets a little warm," said teacher Becky Rahm.

Luverne is in the second year of an expanded school day.

The extra 30 minutes a day will allow the school year to end May 10, 2020.

The district's renovation project also includes the construction of a \$7 million performing arts center between the elementary and middle-high school facilities.

The performing arts center is not scheduled to be ready for use until 2021.

SCHOOL NEWS

DSU CyberCorps scholars

Logan Stratton, Luverne, is one of nine students at the Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, to be named a CyberCorps scholar for the 2019-2020 school year.

The program, funded by a National Science Foundation grant, is intended to increase and strengthen the cadre of federal information assurance professionals that protect the government's critical information infrastructure.

All tuition and fees are covered for students in the program. The students receive a yearly stipend, \$25,000 for undergraduate students and \$34,000 for graduate students. They also receive \$6,000 in professional development funding, books and supplies.

Students complete paid summer internships with government agencies and are guaranteed a job in the security field following graduation, either in federal, state, local or tribal government.

Sandbulte attends state shoot invitational

By Mavis Fodness

One Rock County youth participated in the 2019 Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife Invitational Sept. 6-8 in Alexandria.

Dennie Sandbulte of Kenneth competed in two events at the invitational.

She placed 12th in intermediate BB gun and 21st in intermediate .22 rifle.

Sandbulte is the daughter of Derek and Angie Sandbulte.

In order to qualify for the state meet, 4-H'ers must complete a minimum of eight hours of wildlife education, 15 hours of discipline instruction and a conservation education exhibit.



Submitted photo

Six Rock County 4-H'ers compete at the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show Sept. 13-16 in St. Paul. Pictured are Gavin Johnson (left), Lizzie Chapa, Kallie Chapa, Kennedy Safar, Joni Vander Beek and Ayden Bonnett. The youth rode in game or pleasure events.

Rock County team excels at herdsmanship

By Mavis Fodness

Six Rock County 4-H'ers competed at the 2019 Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show Sept. 13-16 at the state fairgrounds in St. Paul in both individual and group events.

Attending the four-day event were Ayden Bonnett, Lizzie Chapa, Kennedy Safar, Joni Vander Beek, Kallie Chapa and Gavin Johnson.

As a group, Rock County achieved the ideal herdsmanship standards and was placed in a drawing for an additional 4-H'er to show a horse at the 2020 state show.

Under the new herdsmanship program, each county was evaluated on animal care, respect to others, safety and

presentation to the public.

The new program lessens the competitive focus of herdsmanship, according to Rock County 4-H Program Coordinator Kelsey Maeschen.

"Instead of critiquing all the small things, they made their requirements a little bit easier," she said. "They encourage youth to work together to make their stalls look presentable and that their animals are taken care of."

Individually, Rock County had five 4-H'ers place in the Top 10 in their respective classes.

Kallie Chapa, grade 11, competed in the game events and earned three ribbons: seventh in key race and fourth

in both barrels and jumping figure eight.

Kennedy Safar, grade 10, also competed in the game events and placed sixth in poles and tenth in jumping figure eight.

Joni Vander Beek, grade 12, rode in the western and English riding events. She placed fifth in western showmanship.

Lizzie Chapa, grade 12, competed in the western riding events and finished fifth in western horsemanship.

Gavin Johnson, grade 7, also competed in the western riding events. He placed tenth in western showmanship.

Ayden Bonnett competed in grade 10 game events.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Stop by Lewis Family Drug to wish **Michelle Munk** a happy 50th birthday Friday, Sept. 20.

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. 23: Hamburger, oven-browned potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb slice. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Sept. 24: Taco salad (taco meat, cheese, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream), dinner roll, fresh fruit, bar. Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank. Generations board meeting.

Wednesday, Sept. 25: Chicken in cream sauce on biscuit, peas, bread, cream puff dessert. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Pastor of the Month.

Thursday, Sept. 26: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, angel food cake with fruit sauce. Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial. "Wear Your Favorite Hat Day!"

Friday, Sept. 27: Italian meat sauce over spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, green beans, garlic bread, ice cream. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

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BCHS Class of 1959 celebrates 60th class reunion

Eight graduates of Beaver Creek High School Class of 1959 (denoted by an asterisk after the name) gathered recently for their 60th class reunion. The classmates were also joined by spouses and several other BCHS graduates. Pictured (seated from left) are Stan Olson*, Barb (Bruxvoort) Bork*, Ruth (Berghorst) Roemeling, Marilyn (Gibson) Swenson, Elaine Tatge, (standing, from left) Orville Bork, Connie (Hofelmann) Olson, Chuck Matus, Autumn Gaspar, Dottie (Sandstede) Matus, Gordon Aaker*, Pat DeVries, Mary (Bruxvoort) DeYong, Dave DeVries, Muriel DeVries, Bob DeVries*, Richard Bakken, Linda Bakken, LeRoy Vanden Bos, Verlys Van Roekel, Susan (Tatge) Vanden Bos, Don Van Roekel*, Evelyn (Boeve) Sandstede, Carol (Arp) Hadler, Jim Tatge, Phyllis (DeVries) Lunstra, Jay Lunstra*, Rodney Hadler*, and Don Sandstede*.

Submitted photo

1967: Soybean yields vary

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

Soybean Yields Run From 13 to 36 Bu. Per Acre in County

Rock County's corn crop will be some down from last year's record crop, but from the looks of things, it's still going to be a good one, everything considered.

And the soybean crop is much better than was expected.

This was the opinion expressed yesterday by County Agent Laverne Forest, and substantiated by reports from grain dealers in the county.

"I'd say that the bean yield, based on reports I've had, will average about 18-20 bushels per acre. Some fields, I understand, are making 30 bushels per acre, or more, but I don't hear of too many of them. Nevertheless, the crop is tremendous, considering the shortage of rain. The bean harvest is now in full swing," Forest said.

"Silo filling is also in full swing, and the tonnage yield



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

isn't quite as heavy, generally, as it was last year." But those who are equipped to put up silage are really getting some good feed."

Next week: Lower Corn Yield Expected.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iwn.net.

Time to acclimate those indoor plants spending vacation time outdoors

Just a reminder that if you have had some indoor plants



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

vacationing outdoors for the summer, now is a good time to begin acclimating them to being indoors for the winter.

Place the plant in the spot you intend for it to grow for the winter season. Keep it in for a week and then bring it back out for a week. Repeat this a few times and the plant will have acclimated to its new home without experiencing a major shock.

Many plants show that they are unhappy with a move by shedding leaves.

Of course there is the temperature variation from very cool nights, which our furnace corrects indoors

producing more of a constant temperature.

And then there is the light issue. Outdoors, these plants are surrounded with daylight even if they are sitting in shade. Indoors, the only light they receive is what comes through a window, and that is a limited amount augmented by our day length getting shorter. Considering that the amount of daylight a plant receives is what determines how much foliage it will retain, low light is usually the reason a plant aborts foliage when it comes back indoors.

Over-or-under-watering

will result in the same leaf loss. And then if you invited some hitchhikers along indoors, those critters will also cause leaf drop.

Conclusion: acclimating the plant to indoors gradually will help it adjust to the lower light. Check soil moisture before watering. As the days get shorter, the plant growth diminishes so it uses less water. The soil surface should feel dry to the touch before you add water. I recommend maintaining a weekly schedule so you have a routine to guide you.

Use an insecticide spray on upper and under leaf

surfaces to ensure you're not bringing in unwanted guests (insects). Bonide brand Eight is a good all-purpose broad range insecticide.

Don't get generous with fertilizer. The plant is going into a rest period and will not need or use those nutrients. If not utilized by the plant, the fertilizer accumulates, becoming a form of salt in the soil... that's not a good thing.

If your plant is a hibiscus, enjoy the ongoing bloom display indoors. Any blooming plant, versus a green foliage plant, has a higher light requirement to maintain its energy as it continues to develop flower buds, so locate that plant where it will receive direct light.

Wait with cutting it back until early March when we are back to lengthening days.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowergb@iwn.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

Sam Kruger and his daughter, Emily Kruger, beat the odds when they both brought home the two "victory" saddles from the Summer Series barrel racing finals.

The race took place Sunday in Vermillion, S.D., where 70 to 100 horses ran the course.

Emily is a junior at Hills-Beaver Creek High School. The Kruger family lives in Beaver Creek.

In Vermillion the Krugers won their divisions, which put both in the running for the saddle prizes. Other division winners were awarded belts. Only two saddles were given away. Both went home in the Kruger vehicle. "It was really cool," wife and mother Deb Kruger said.

25 years ago (1994)

Finding childcare in the 1990s is a challenge. For parents who want a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for their children at a reasonable cost, childcare — or the lack of it — can decide whether they can hold a job.

Some businesses are starting to play a role in the daycare shortage because they are losing employees due to that shortage. According to surveys completed by employees of several minor employers in Luverne, the city has a childcare shortage.

To address the local situation, a non-profit corporation is planning to start a daycare center in the city. If all goes according to plan, the center will open in June 1995 in the current Berkley Information Services building and will care for up to 72 children.

50 years ago (1969)

Another first has taken place at Luverne High School. This time in the girls' physical education department.

Swimming lessons are now being offered by a qualified instructor as part of the sophomore girls' education program.

"When I first started teaching in Luverne this fall, I asked the administration if it would be possible to start a swimming program for the sophomore girls. The administration said the school had no objections if the city didn't. I asked Richard Stevens, city administrative assistant, if the school could use the pool. He said the school could but the city wouldn't be liable. On Sept. 2, the first day of school, we started the program," Phyllis Hager, swimming instructor and a girls' physical education instructor at Luverne High School explained.

75 years ago (1944)

One of the biggest sale crowds in years was present at the C.S. Rollag farm auction Monday, buyers having come from

three states, according to reports.

All items sold brought good prices.

A team of geldings sold for \$160 each. Five head of Hereford bulls sold for an average of about \$200 each. There was a good demand for the machinery items, as well as for hogs and sheep sold.

100 years ago (1919)

Approximately \$250 worth of "swag" in the form of cash, automobile casings, tubes and tractor spark plugs was secured by thieves who gained entrance to the Luverne Vulcanizing Works plant early Wednesday, and thoroughly ransacked the place.

Entrance was secured through a door on the east side of the building, for which the thieves apparently had a key, but that they did not discover this fact until frightened away from the front door is indicated by the fact that the screws of the front door lock had been partly removed.

The thieves were equally successful in opening the safe, which was locked, but it was necessary to pry open the drawers of the safe. The only clue left was a screw driver that had been broken in forcing the drawers open.

From the cash register about \$27 was secured, but there was not money in the safe. Three automobile casings, a dozen automobile tubes and four tractor spark plugs were taken, so far as O.N. Hegge could ascertain up to Wednesday noon.

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Luverne junior Ainsley Robinson posted a pair of 6-0 victories at third singles during a home win over Worthington Sept. 10. The Cardinals bested the Trojans by a 7-0 tally before posting a 5-2 home win over Pipestone Thursday.

Cardinals slay BSC opponents

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team raised its Big South Conference record to 3-0 by posting a pair of home victories last week.

The Cardinals rolled to a seven-point win over Worthington Sept. 10 before topping Pipestone by three points Thursday.

Luverne, 12-3 overall, plays in Redwood Falls Thursday.

LHS 5, Pipestone 2

Luverne remained perfect in conference play by upending the Arrows by three points Thursday in Luverne.

The Cardinals claimed three of the four singles contests and went 2-1 in doubles to up their

league mark to 3-0.

Luverne's singles wins came in straight sets.

Elise Jarchow (6-3, 6-2 over Mataya Douty at No. 2), Ainslie Robinson (6-1, 6-2 over Olivia Lapthorn at No. 3) and Liz Kelm (6-2, 6-2 over Hannah Minet at No. 3) prevailed in singles for the Cards.

Luverne's Solveig Tofteland and Lauren Ver Steeg handed Taryn Woelber and Emma Stahl 6-3 and 6-1 setbacks at second doubles, while Jacey Smith and Olivia Wieneke notched a pair of 6-2 wins against Emma Czech and Jenna Boeke at No. 3.

Pipestone's Paige Ahrendt bested Rozilyn Oye by 6-3 and 6-2 tallies at first singles.

The Arrows' No. 1 doubles team consisting of Skylar Mendro and MacKenzie Manderscheid saddled Brynn Thier and Mela Jarchow with a pair of 6-3 losses.

LHS 7, Worthington 0

The Cardinals dominated play during a home win over the Trojans Sept. 10.

Luverne won all seven matches in straight sets to register its second conference win of the season.

Rozilyn Oye (6-0, 6-2 over Kelsey Aljets at No. 1), Elise Jarchow (6-1, 6-0 over Ivy Jensen at No. 2) and Ainslie Robinson (6-0, 6-0 over Marah Darling at No. 3) posted convincing singles wins for the Cards.

Liz Kelm drew a tough test from Worthington's Taya Oberloh at fourth singles, but the LHS athlete met the challenge by notching 6-4 and 7-5 wins.

Luverne's Jacey Smith and Olivia Wieneke secured a 6-0, 6-1 conquest over Neveah Schreiber and Perla Rodriguez at third doubles, while Solveig Tofteland and Lauren Ver Steeg topped Kya Nickel and Jasmine Riley by 6-0 and 6-4 tallies at second doubles.

Luverne's Brynn Thier and Mela Jarchow pulled out a pair of 7-5 wins over Maggie Putnam and Cynthia Souksavath at first doubles.

Luverne grabs Battle Axe trophy in Pipestone

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal football team gained possession of the coveted Battle Axe Trophy for the first time in three years Friday in Pipestone.

In what was a hard-fought, tightly contested struggle, Luverne edged the Arrows 13-12 to win the annual Battle Axe game for the first time since the 2016 season.

For the Cardinals, it was their second consecutive challenging game after falling to Maple River in overtime seven days earlier.

The game in Pipestone wasn't decided until the final play as well, but it had a better ending for LHS coach Todd Oye and his Cardinals.

"It was a very entertaining game for the second consecutive week," Oye offered.

"The only difference was we won this one against our arch rival to the north. It was a scary game, but it was a rewarding win for our kids."

Both teams had their moments during the intriguing showdown.

Pipestone drew first blood by recording a touchdown in the first quarter, but LHS scored the next 13 points to gain a 13-6 advantage.

The Arrows trimmed the difference to one point in the fourth quarter and threatened to add another touchdown in the final seconds, but the Cards kept the home team out of the end zone.

LHS received the game's opening kickoff and moved the ball to the Arrows' 36-yard line before being forced to punt.

Pipestone took over on its own eight-yard line and advanced the ball to the 32, where Arrow quarterback J.T. Tinklenberg broke free for a 68-yard touchdown run to make it a 6-0 game at the 4:45



Cowell

mark of the first quarter. LHS answered the challenge quickly.

On the fourth play of Luverne's second possession, Cardinal quarterback Bailey Cowell turned a broken play into a 60-yard touchdown run.

Shaيد Shearer added the extra point to give the Cards a 7-6 edge with 3:05 remaining in the opening quarter.

"We were supposed to run a middle trap play," said Oye, when summing up his team's first touchdown.

"The handoff got messed up, so Bailey took the ball to where the play was supposed to go and scored himself. It was a nice way for us to answer their touchdown."

LHS had some chances to pad its lead after recovering a pair of fumbles in the second quarter, but the Cardinals were unable to cash in on the opportunities.

The Cards did pad their lead early in the second half.

After forcing the Arrows to punt three plays into the third quarter, the LHS offense gained possession on its 40-yard line.

Cowell, who ran the ball for 119 yards in the game, capped a six-play drive with a 26-yard run to make it a 13-6 game with 7:05 remaining in the third stanza.

The Arrows made a bid to score late in the third quarter before losing their third fumble of the game on the LHS 10.

The Cards picked up a few first downs with their ensuing possession before being forced to punt.

The way things played out, Luverne's Nick Feit didn't get the chance to punt the ball as the snap sailed over his head. Feit recovered the ball on Luverne's nine-yard line, where

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John Rittenhouse photo/0919 lvb 2

Luverne senior Maren Schaap turned in a 14-dig effort during a five-set home loss to Southwest Christian Sept. 10.

Spikers post victories in Jackson Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team picked up two wins during a three-event stretch.

The Cardinals dropped a five-set home decision to Southwest Christian Sept. 10 before falling to Windom in three sets Thursday in Windom.

LHS went 2-2 and placed seventh at the Carolyn Hummel Invitational in Jackson Saturday.

The 7-8 Cardinals host Pipestone Thursday.

JCC tourney

The Cardinals split four

matches during Saturday's Carolyn Hummel Invitational in Jackson.

Luverne met Litchfield in the opening round and came up on the short end of 28-26 and 25-19 decisions.

The Cardinals collected their first win by topping Westbrook-Walnut Grove 25-13, 25-23 in the second round.

Triton, however, handed LHS 25-13 and 25-22 setbacks in the third round.

Luverne upended New Ulm 25-8, 25-19 in the final match to place seventh in a 12-team

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Patriots pummel Edgerton Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots took advantage of their athleticism during a football showdown with Edgerton Friday in Hills.

In what was a clash between a pair of 2-0 teams, H-BC's multitude of athletes overcame the brawn of Edgerton to secure a 52-0 victory.

H-BC ran 21 offensive plays in the game and produced touchdowns with seven of them during what turned into a one-sided contest.

"Edgerton is a big, physical team that can run the football, but our offense is pretty explosive," said Patriot coach Rex Metzger.

"Our speed outmatched their size in many instances, so we were able to expose them in a couple of different areas."

Edgerton did run the ball for 250 yards and racked up 14 first downs in the game, but the Flying Dutchmen had no answer for H-BC's quick-strike offense.

H-BC ran 11 plays and scored 24 points with three offensive possessions in the first half.

EHS received the game's opening kickoff and found some rushing success before the sixth play of the game resulted in a fumble that was recovered by H-BC's Easton Harnack on the Patriots' 30-yard line.

H-BC tailback Tyson Bork, who ran for 178 yards in the game, exploded for a 68-yard touchdown run during the second play of the ensuing series and Gavin Wysong carried in the two-point conversion to make it 8-0 3:59 into the contest.

Edgerton's second possession turned into a 12-play series that ended with the Flying Dutch-



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Hills-Beaver Creek junior Zander Wysong hauls in a pass in front of Edgerton's Jeffrey Burvee during Friday's football game in Hills. Wysong produced two receiving touchdowns during a 52-0 win over the Flying Dutchmen. H-BC is 3-0 overall.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0919 hfb 9

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Jax Wysong fights off a block to pressure Edgerton quarterback Keegan Fey during Friday’s football game in Hills. H-BC rolled to a 52-0 victory over the Flying Dutchmen.

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men losing the ball on downs at the H-BC 36.

Five plays later, Gavin Wysong hooked up with Zander Wysong for a 23-yard touchdown pass at the 11:16 mark of the second quarter.

Gavin Wysong toted in the ensuing two-point conversion to up the lead to 16-0.

Edgerton’s third possession of the game resulted in a fumble that Gavin Wysong recovered on the H-BC 45.

Four plays later, Bork scored on a one-yard run and Gavin Wysong ran in the two-point conversion to cap the scoring in the first half with 5:45 remaining.

Edgerton did make a bid to score late in the first half, but

time expired after the Flying Dutchmen moved the ball inside the H-BC five-yard line.

“We would bend but we didn’t break on defense,” Metzger said.

“Our defense caused some key turnovers at crucial times, and we were able to capitalize on them offensively.”

H-BC put the game away with a pair of quick strikes in the third quarter.

The second play of H-BC’s opening possession of the second half resulted in a 51-yard touchdown run by Bork.

Chase Bosch added his first of two extra points following the touchdown to give the Patriots a 31-0 lead.

The score was 38-0 after

Gavin Wysong delivered a 57-yard touchdown pass to Zander Wysong during the third play of H-BC’s second offensive possession of the third quarter.

H-BC’s reserve tailback Liam Raymon produced a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown runs to cap the scoring.

Shortly after H-BC’s Troy Durst recovered a fumble, Raymon scored on a 27-yard run.

Oliver Deelstra hooked up with Ty Bundesen for a successful conversion pass following the touchdown.

Raymon capped the scoring in the game with a 42-yard run later in the final stanza.

The 3-0 Patriots play 3-0 Mountain Lake Area Friday

in Mountain Lake.

Team statistics
H-BC: 342 rushing yards, 88 passing yards, 430 total yards, five first downs, one penalty for five yards, zero turnovers.
Edgerton: 250 rushing yards, 15 passing yards, 265 total yards, 14 first downs, four penalties for 20 yards, three turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Bork 8-178, G.Wysong 5-68, Raymon 5-96.
Passing: G.Wysong 3-3 for 88 yards.
Receiving: Z.Wysong 2-80, Bork 1-8.
Defense: G.Wysong 22 tackles and one fumble recovery, Harnack five tackles and one fumble recovery, Bosch nine tackles, Jax Wysong six tackles, Bork five tackles, Cole Baker three tackles, Casey Kueter six tackles, Calvin Erickson 12 tackles, Tory Knobloch seven tackles, Bundesen four tackles, Z.Wysong eight tackles, Alex Harris three tackles, Donovan Leenderts nine tackles, Durst one fumble recovery.

Cardinals trot at annual Worthington meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls’ cross country team placed second and the boys fourth at the Worthington Turkey Trot Thursday.

The short-handed Cardinal girls finished second with 46 points in a nine-team field led by Murray County Central, which claimed the team title with 41 counters.

The LHS boys turned in a 115-point effort to place fourth in a nine-squad field led by St. James (41 points).

Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Luverne’s No. 3 runner at meets earlier in the season, was unavailable to compete in Worthington.

That worked against the Cardinals, who came up eight points short of the MCC Rebels in the team standings.

Tenley Nelson led the Cards by placing second with a time of 18:59.

Regan Feit, Elizabeth Wagner and Jenna DeBates finished 10th, 11th and 12th with respective 21:00, 21:03 and 21:04 efforts, while Grace In-

gebretson placed 19th in 21:50.

Tiana Lais (21st in 22:07), Claire Baustian (74th in 27:31) and Madigan Flom (76th in 27:34) also ran in the varsity race.

Brayden Jacobsma set the pace for the LHS boys by placing sixth in 18:38.

Jonah Friedrichsen (21st in 18:38), Camden Janiszkeski (26th in 18:51), Brady Bork (32nd in 19:10) and Ethan Curtiss (40th in 19:31) made contributions to Luverne’s team tally.

Griffin Jarchow (44th in 19:57), Brody DeBates (59th in 20:43), Carsen Tofteland (64th in 20:56), Camden Hoven (66th in 21:00), Sam Emery (81st in 22:05), Ethan Rahm (82nd in 22:09), Burke Johnson (95th in 23:01) and Nicholas Rogers (124th in 26:01) also competed in the varsity race.

The Cardinals run at the Jackson County Central Invitational Thursday.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne’s results during the Turkey Trot.

Junior high boys: Sage Viessman, fifth,



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Luverne’s Elizabeth Wagner placed 11th individually at the annual Worthington Turkey Trot Thursday.

6:38; Ryan Fick, 12th, 6:55; Evan Bumgardner, 16th, 6:58; Owen Janiszkeski, 17th, 7:01; Leif Ingebretson, 22nd, 7:11; Levi Gonnerman, 41st, 7:45; Kaleb Hemme, 44th, 7:51; Eli McLendon, 49th,

8:05; Matthew Rogers, 58th, 9:24.

Junior high girls: Kayla Bloemendaal, first, 7:38; Maria Rops, sixth, 7:58; Andrea Luitjens, 45th, 11:05.

Adrian thwarts HL-O-F’s upset bid Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team received a scare from Red Rock Conference foe Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda when the teams squared off in Okabena Thursday.

The Dragons and Coyotes split the first four sets of the match to set up a decisive

fifth set.

Adrian rose to the occasion by rolling to a 15-8 win to secure a 3-2 victory.

The Dragons posted 25-19 victories in the first and third sets, while the Coyotes notched 25-20 and 25-23 wins in the second and fourth sets.

Kasie Tweet (51 set assists,

24 of 25 serving with six aces and 18 digs), Brianna Reckamp (19 kills and 16 digs), Shawna Rogers (10 kills, 10 digs and 18 of 19 serving with one ace) and Mayssa Tweet (32 digs and 18 of 18 serving with two aces) played solid all-around matches for the winners.

Marissa Lehnhoff and Bailey Lonneman dominated at the net by recording 22 and 19 kills respectively, while Julia Bullerman added six.

Jennifer Preuss chipped in 10 digs for the 13-0 Dragons, who host Garretson, South Dakota, Thursday.

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Pipestone took over when the play was complete.

Arrow Eric Lange scored on a one-yard run three plays later to make it a 13-12 game with 8:46 left to play, but two Pipestone penalties kept the hosts from scoring a two-point conversion.

LHS came up with a crucial drive following Pipestone’s second touchdown that eventually stalled on downs at the Arrows 13 with 2:03 left to play.

The Arrows moved the ball 85 yards in seven plays, setting up a second-and-goal situation at the LHS two with 10 seconds remaining.

Pipestone attempted a trick play at that point that resulted

in a fumble that was recovered by Luverne’s Jacob Von Tersch with three seconds left.

“Our kids played hard,” Oye stated.

“We had a few miscues, but we played well overall on defense. We were able to run the ball offensively and we made some plays in the air when we needed to.”

The 2-1 Cards open District play with a road game against 0-3 Norwood-Young America Friday.

Team statistics
Luverne: 244 rushing yards, 45 passing yards, 289 total yards, 16 first downs, four penalties for 45 yards, zero turnovers.
Pipestone: 255 rushing yards, 81 passing yards, 336 total yards, 15 first

downs, five penalties for 50 yards, four turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: LaShad Smith 18-60, Cowell 14-119, Ashton Sandbulte 7-57, Von Tersch 3-8.
Passing: Cowell 4-11 for 45 yards; Casey Sehr 0-4 for zero yards.
Receiving: Von Tersch 1-5, Isaiah Bar-

tels 2-20, Matthew Sehr 1-20.
Defense: Jaimie McCarthy six tackles, one fumble recovery and one sack, Feit five tackles, Zach Ahrendt five tackles, Colby Crabtree 4.5 tackles, Smith three tackles and two fumble recoveries, Nathan Nekali three tackles, Cade Wenninger three tackles, Von Tersch one fumble recovery.

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Dragons record second road win of 2019 season

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian football team won its second consecutive road game when the Dragons traveled to Sleepy Eye Friday.

AHS registered four touchdowns during its first five offensive possessions of the game and blanked the Indians through three quarters before surrendering a pair of meaningless touchdowns in the fourth quarter of a 29-13 conquest.

“I think we played well,” said a satisfied AHS coach Randy Schettler.

“We had to overcome losing one of our players (Marshall Wagner, who broke his collarbone) early in the game, but the kids stayed focused and played hard. Our offensive line did a great job of giving us room to run and time to pass. Our defense played well, too. About 100 of the 188 yards we gave up came in the fourth quarter.”

AHS made sure the game was out of reach before the final stanza.

The Dragons opened a 22-0 halftime advantage by scoring points with three of their first four offensive possessions.

AHS added a touchdown early in the third quarter to cap a 29-point run that gave the Dragons control of the contest.

The Dragons received the game’s opening kickoff and promptly put together an eight-play, 67-yard drive.

The possession concluded with quarterback Ian Stamer tossing a 53-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Schnoor 2:27 into the game.

Schnoor carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

The Dragons made a bid to pad the lead with their second offensive possession, but a lengthy drive stalled on downs at the Indians’ one-yard line.

AHS didn’t squander the scoring opportunities it received in the second quarter.

Adrian’s third offensive possession developed into a seven-play, 53-yard march.

Logan Taylor capped the drive with an eight-yard touchdown run and Brady Vortherms added his first of three extra points following Taylor’s run to make it 15-0 at the 7:12 mark of the second quarter.

AHS got the ball back late in the first half and scored with one second remaining.

Schnoor, who carried the ball for 140 yards in the game, punched the ball into the end zone from one yard away.

The touchdown completed an eight-play, 65-yard drive that left the Dragons sporting a 22-0 lead at the intermission.

AHS iced the win with the help of a little trickery in the third quarter.

The Dragons pulled off a successful onside kick that was recovered on the 50-yard line by Taylor to start the second half.

Three plays later, Stamer fired a 50-yard touchdown pass to Grant Jansma to make it 29-0 59 seconds into the third quarter.

Sleepy Eye produced two touchdowns and recorded one successful extra point against Adrian’s defensive reserves in the final four minutes of the game.

Jackson Huiras scored on a 22-yard run with 3:04 remaining and Colten Myers added a four-yard touchdown run with nine seconds left.

The 2-1 Dragons host 2-1 Tracy-Milroy-Balaton for their annual Homecoming game Friday.

Team statistics
Adrian: 219 rushing yards, 142 passing yards, 361 total yards, 20 first downs, six penalties for 40 yards, zero turnovers.
Sleepy Eye: 188 rushing yards, 59 passing yards, 247 total yards, 13 first downs, two penalties for 10 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Schnoor 23-140, Isaac Bullerman 6-48, Taylor 7-26, Preston Nelson 3-13, Wagner 2-13, Andrew Bolluyt 1-8, Quentin Wolf 2-4, Stamer 1-0, Rilee Heidebrink 2-0.
Passing: Stamer 4-10 for 142 yards.
Receiving: Schnoor 3-92, Jansma 1-50.
Defense: Taylor 11 tackles, Wolf seven tackles, Scot Edwards five tackles, Tylor Hix five tackles, Vortherms five tackles, Nelson five tackles, Bullerman three tackles, John Heidebrink three tackles, Schnoor three tackles, Stamer three tackles, Axel Martinez three tackles.

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Panther girls place second at S-O Tournament

By John Rittenhouse
The Ellsworth volleyball team produced a pair of wins during a two-event stretch. The Panthers lost a three-set home match to Southwest Christian Thursday, but EHS bounced back to go 2-1 and place second at the Sibley-Ocheyedan Tournament Monday in Sibley, Iowa. Ellsworth, 4-8 overall, travels to Forest Ridge, Iowa, Thursday.

S-O tourney
The Panthers won two of three matches and placed second in a four-team field during Monday's tournament in Sibley. EHS experienced a rough start to the tournament by taking 21-19 and 21-15 setbacks

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Ellsworth freshman setter Claire Popkes attempts to keep a ball in play during Thursday's home volleyball match against Southwest Christian. SWC handed EHS a 3-0 setback.

AHS girls compete as team for first time Thursday

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian girls competed as a team for the first time this season at the Worthington Turkey Trot Thursday. After being one runner short of fielding a cross country team that could produce points at the first three meets of the season, AHS had five

girls participate in Thursday's event. AHS registered 200 points to place seventh in a nine-team field led by Murray County Central, which claimed the team title with 41 points. Moriah Bullerman led the charge for Adrian by placing ninth with a time of 21:00.

Hiltyn Heitkamp (49th in 24:32), Gracia Elias (56th in 25:39), Taya Elias (79th in 27:40) and Alysha Wieneke (89th in 28:59) made contributions to Adrian's team tally. Dylan Graff and Ky Ruppert competed in the boys' varsity race for the Dragons, placing 90th and 129th with respective

22:51 and 27:32 times. Here is a look at the rest of Adrian's efforts during Thursday's meet.

Junior high boys: Bruce Farinella, 37th, 7:44; Cam Hinsch, 61st, 9:35.

Junior high girls: Hunter Penning, 10th, 8:13.

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Luverne senior Maren Schaap turned in a 14-dig effort during a five-set home loss to Southwest Christian Sept. 10. Luverne won a pair of matches in Jackson Saturday.

Windom 3, Luverne 0
The Cardinals couldn't notch their first Big South Conference win of the year when they took on the Eagles in Windom Thursday. LHS put up a good fight in two of the three sets, but the hosts sported a 75-58 scoring advantage for the night to secure a three-set victory. Windom prevailed 25-21 in the first and third sets and came out on the winning end of a 25-16 decision in the second set. Mallory Thorson (eight kills, nine digs, 11 blocks and nine of 10 serving with one ace) and Tacey Baustian (eight digs, 16 set assists and nine of nine serving) turned in strong individual efforts for Luverne. Elise Ferrell led the Cards with nine kills, while Maren Schaap recorded eight digs and Gracie Zewiske notched seven blocks.

SWC 3, Luverne 2
The Cardinals let a potential win slip away when they entertained the E-Gals for a match Sept. 10. Luverne won the first two sets of the contest and was in position to claim the third and fifth sets, but it was SWC that earned the crucial points to collect a five-set victory. The Cardinals rolled to an 8-2 lead in the first set and opened an eight-point advantage (21-13) when Zewiske delivered a service point. LHS prevailed by eight (25-17) when Schaap delivered a set-ending service point.

Both teams sported three-point leads in what was a competitive second set. The Cardinals sported a 22-19 advantage when Tacey Baustian recorded a service point, but the E-Gals countered with a 4-1 spurt to knot the score at 23. LHS thwarted the challenge to prevail 25-23 when Zewiske served the final point of the set. Luverne led 17-13 in the third set after Trista Baustian delivered a service point before SWC went on a 9-3 run to move in front 22-20. An ace serve from Luverne's

Elise Ferrell knotted the score at 22, but the E-Gals scored two of the next three points to prevail 25-23. SWC scored the first five points on the way to building an 8-2 lead in the fourth set. LHS trimmed the difference to two points (11-9) when Thorson recorded a service point, but the E-Gals countered with a 14-5 run to ice a 25-14 win. The fifth set, which featured the score being tied on 12 occasions, appeared to be Luverne's to win when a service point from Tacey Baustian

gave the Cards an 11-9 advantage with a service point. SWC, however, rallied to knot the score three more times before registering the final two points of a 15-13 victory. Ferrell (10 kills, 13 digs and four ace serves), Thorson (16 digs and seven kills), Tacey Baustian (16 digs and 15 set assists) and Trista Baustian (eight blocks and five set assists) played strong matches for the hosts. Zewiske led the Cards with 15 blocks and Schaap added 14 digs to the effort.

Use least amount of correction necessary to get dog compliance

This is the last of my series on the four rules of dog ownership if you want an obedient dog.



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

Rule No. 1: Don't issue a dog command unless you are in a position and of a demeanor to enforce that command. Rule No. 2: Don't issue a dog command repeatedly. Rule No. 3: Whatever is OK today has to be OK tomorrow and vice versa; whatever is not OK today has to be not OK tomorrow.

That brings us to the fourth and final rule in the series. Rule No. 4: Always use the least amount of correction necessary to get compliance from the dog, but in the end use whatever level of correction is necessary to get compliance.

I will give you an example. I want my dog to walk at heel by my side. I use a non-stretch leash and a chain collar. I give the command "heel" and start walking. If the dog pulls hard on the leash, I will repeat the heel command and give a moderate tug on the leash. For many dogs this level of correction might be enough to get them to walk gently by your side.

What happens if this does not work? I will repeat the command and give a stronger tug on the leash. There are a certain number of really strong-headed dogs out there that might need a really big tug on the leash and need that tug administered aggressively multiple times in order to get the message that compliance is required, not requested. If you can get by with a little tug, that's great. Use the least amount of correction you can, but in the end you need the dog to walk by your side.

Let's say you give up because the dog is just pulling too hard. In this situation the dog wins. He got what he wanted and that was to be the leader of the pack and to walk ahead of you. The dog became the leader of the pack and you became an underling. This is a poor place for the human to occupy in the human/dog pack. The same situation exists if you are using an

electronic collar to reinforce a known command. For the record, an electronic collar never taught a dog a single thing. They are only used to reinforce the compliance to known commands, like "here," "sit" or "heel." The dog needs to understand the basics of "here," "heel" and "sit" before you can introduce a collar for reinforcement. I was hunting with a guy who had his own dog on a collar, and each time the dog walked ahead of him he would repeat the command heel and administer a light correction. The dog complied for about 20 steps and then was out in front again. He repeated the same procedure as before and the dog returned to heel. This went on for a great distance. He was getting compliance but not for very long.

With his permission, I took the control from him and when the dog proceeded to move out ahead of the owner yet again, he said heel and I administered a much higher level of correction and the dog let out a pretty good yelp. Guess what? The dog did not move out in front of the owner for the rest of that day. He was getting a small amount of compliance, but a bigger jerk on the leash or a higher correction with collar will get compliance that lasts longer and sinks into the dog's permanent memory bank. Always use the least amount of correction necessary to get compliance, but in the end make certain you make obedience mandatory and not a request. These tips will help you have the kind of dog that is welcome anywhere. If you would like more information or help with a dog problem, you can reach out to me at scottarall@gmail.com or if you are interested in conservation and habitat tips, you can check me out on Instagram or Twitter at @habitat-champion.

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Ellsworth’s Linkin Bossert placed 34th individually during the boys’ varsity race at the Windom Invitational Monday.

Area squads test skills in Windom Monday

By John Rittenhouse

Cross Country runners from Adrian and Ellsworth high schools gathered in Windom Monday for the Windom Invitational.

Neither school fielded a complete team for varsity competition, but a total of 10 athletes did test their skills at the varsity level during the meet.

Adrian’s Moriah Bullerman turned in the top effort by placing fourth with a time of 22:00 in the girls’ varsity race.

Hiltyn Heitkamp (15th in 23:56), Gracia Elias (24th in 26:25) and Taya Elias (32nd in 28:01) also represented Adrian in the varsity race.

Adrian’s Dylan Graff registered the top performance in

the boys’ varsity race by finishing 24th in 20:36.

Fellow Dragon Ky Ruppert ran in the race as well, finishing 69th in 28:12.

Robby Armstrong registered Ellsworth’s best effort by placing 26th in 20:51.

Linkin Bossert (34th in 21:21), Micah Onken (61st in 24:16) and Cole Boltjes (67th in 25:26) competed at the varsity level as well.

Here is a look at the rest of the results turned in by EHS and AHS athletes during Monday’s meet.

Junior high boys
Adrian: Bruce Farinella, 18th, 7:13.
Ellsworth: Zach Onken, 20th, 8:22.

Junior high girls
Ellsworth: Brynn Boyenga, 20th, 8:22.

EHS competes in Iowa

By John Rittenhouse

Ellsworth athletes made an appearance at the Sibley-Ocheyedan Cross Country Invitational Sept. 10 in Sibley, Iowa.

A total of seven Panthers competed at the meet, including entries in the boys’ varsity race.

Robby Armstrong turned in the top effort for Ellsworth by placing 37th in 20:04.

Linkin Bossert and Micah Onken placed 47th and 70th with respective 20:18 and 23:40 efforts.

Here is a look at the rest of the results turned in by Ellsworth athletes at the meet.

Junior varsity boys: Cole Boltjes, 42nd, 24:57.

Junior high boys: Zach Onken, 28th, 14:47; Logan Bossert, 33rd, 15:08.

Junior high girls: Brynn Boyenga, 37th, 17:53.

Dragons run at Marshall invite

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons tested their running skills at the Marshall Cross Country Invitational Sept. 20.

AHS fielded a squad that was one runner short of a complete team for the girls’ varsity race.

Moriah Bullerman set the pace for the Dragons by finishing 15th in 21:47.

Hiltyn Heitkamp, Gracia Elias and Alysha Wieneke finished 39th, 45th and 54th with respective 24:48, 25:49 and

28:05 efforts.

Dylan Graff ran in the varsity race for the Dragon boys, finishing 30th in 20:26.

Here is a look at the rest of Adrian’s results from the Marshall meet.

Junior varsity girls: Taya Elias, 20th, 27:57.

Junior varsity boys: Ky Ruppert, 61st, 26:22.

Junior high girls: Hunter Penning, seventh, 9:03.

Junior high boys: Bruce Farinella, 16th, 8:24; Cam Hinsch, 45th, 11:20.

Patriots best Dutchmen in Edgerton

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team broke even when it played a pair of road matches.

The Patriots lost a four-set test to Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday in Westbrook before notching a four-set win at Edgerton Public School Monday.

H-BC, 6-8 overall, travels to Mountain Lake Area in Comfrey Thursday.

H-BC 3, Edgerton 1

The Patriots picked up their sixth win of the season when they bested the Flying Dutchmen in four sets Monday in Edgerton.

It looked like H-BC might have an easy night after the Patriots claimed the first two sets, but Edgerton turned things around late in the match.

EHS claimed the third set and led by two points late in the fourth set before H-BC rallied to win by two.

Edgerton sported a pair of one-point leads early in the first set before H-BC went on a 15-5 run ending with a service point from Taryn Rauk to open a 19-10 cushion.

The Flying Dutchmen trimmed the difference to six points (20-14) before the Patriots turned a 5-3 spurt into a 25-17 win.

EHS led 3-1 early in the second set before H-BC responded by mounting a 14-6 run to gain a 15-9 advantage after Kailey Rozeboom delivered a service point.

H-BC outscored the Flying Dutchmen 10-6 the rest of way to win 25-15 after Rauk registered a set-ending kill.

After H-BC’s Whitney Elbers registered a kill to start the third set, Edgerton dominated play by going on a 20-9 run to open a 20-10 lead.

H-BC closed the gap to two points (20-18) with a kill from Elbers, but the hosts outscored the Patriots 5-2 the rest of the set to secure a 25-20 victory.

Edgerton sported a pair of three-point advantages early in the fourth set before H-BC rallied to take a 16-15 lead with a service point from Rozeboom.

The Flying Dutchmen battled back to regain the lead at 23-21, but H-BC countered with an 8-4 surge to clinch a 29-27 win with an ace serve from Kenadie Fick.

Rozeboom (15 of 15 serving



John Rittenhouse photo/0919 hvb 1

Hills-Beaver Creek junior Abby Knobloch delivers one of her five kills during Monday’s 3-1 road victory over Edgerton. Knobloch also charted four digs during the contest.

with four aces, four digs and 16 set assists), Joslyn Birger (20 of 20 serving and four digs), Annie Bos (14 of 15 serving and seven set assists), Elbers (eight kills and four blocks), Rauk (five kills and two blocks) and Abby Knobloch (five kills and four digs) played well in the win for H-BC.

W-WG 3, H-BC 1

The Patriots were unable

to turn a strong start into a successful finish when they squared off against the Chargers in Westbrook Thursday.

H-BC gained an early edge by collecting a 25-20 win in the opening set.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, the rest of the match belonged to W-WG.

The Chargers nailed down consecutive 25-23, 25-11 and 25-21 wins to claim a four-set

victory.

Knobloch (16 of 16 serving with two aces and eight kills), Birger (18 of 19 serving with one ace and six digs), Elbers (nine kills and six blocks) and Rauk (seven digs and three blocks) led H-BC statistically.

Fick led the Patriots with eight digs, while Rozeboom and Bos added 15 and nine set assists to the winning performance.

Adrian posts four-set league victory over H-BC

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of volleyball teams from the Star Herald coverage area locked horns for a Red Rock Conference clash Sept. 10.

Unbeaten Adrian entertained Hills-Beaver Creek for the league tilt.

The visiting Patriots did secure one set win, but the

home-standing Dragons came out on the winning end of a 3-1 decision.

AHS nailed down 25-18 and 25-16 victories before H-BC extended the match with a 25-20 win in the third set.

Adrian bounced back to take the fourth set by a 25-20 tally.

Briana Reckamp (nine kills and 13 digs), Mayssa Tweet

(25 digs and 16 of 16 serving with one ace), Kasie Tweet (three ace serves and 19 set assists) and Shawna Rogers (two ace serves and 13 set assists) played key roles for AHS.

Marissa Lehnhoff and Bailey Lonneman led the Dragons at the net with 13 kills, while Morgan Neuenburg completed 13 of 14 serves.

Whitney Elbers (15 kills and four blocks), Abby Knobloch (13 kills and 13 digs), Taryn Rauk (nine kills and seven digs) and Annie Bos (15 of 15 serving and 11 set assists) played strong matches for the Patriots.

Kailey Rozeboom led H-BC with 22 set assists, while Joslyn Birger chipped in seven digs.

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from Trinity Christian during the opening round.

The Panthers regrouped to produce three-set victories over Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn and the host team.

EHS came out on the winning end of a 21-19, 16-21, 15-13 tally against H-M-S.

The Panthers upended S-O 21-19, 14-21, 19-17.

SWC 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers were unable to stage an upset when they entertained the E-Gals for a Red Rock Conference match Thursday in Ellsworth.

EHS turned in better show-

ings in every set, but it wasn’t enough to keep SWC from posting a three-set victory.

The E-Gals scored the first seven points of the night on the way to building a 12-1 lead in the opening set.

Ellsworth trimmed the difference to 10 points at two different occasions as the set progressed, but SWC pulled away late to post a 25-10 win.

The Panthers registered the first point of the second set and trailed by one (8-7) when Morgan Dreesen delivered a service point.

SWC reeled off eight of the next 10 points to build a 16-9

advantage, but the Panthers closed the gap to five points (17-12) with another service point from Dreesen.

The E-Gals went on to outscore EHS 8-3 the rest of the set to secure a 25-15 win.

SWC scored the first three points of the third set only to fall behind 13-12 when Ashlyn Meester recorded a service

point for the Panthers.

The Panthers trailed by one point (18-17) when Kendra DeBeer delivered a service ace, but SWC countered with a 7-4 surge to ice a 25-21 victory.

DeBeer turned in a 32-dig, four-kill effort for EHS.

Meester recorded nine kills and Dreesen charted six set assists for the Panthers.

FALL STANDINGS

South Central District Silver Division football

Luverne	0-0
Belle Plaine	0-0
Fairmont	0-0
N-YA	0-0
T-C U	0-0
Sibley East	0-0

Southwest District East Sub-District football

Springfield	2-0
T-M-B	2-0
Adrian	1-1
MCC	1-1
NUC	1-1
Wabasso	1-1
MVL	0-2
Sleepy Eye	0-2

South District West Division football

H-BC	3-0
RCW	3-0
MLA	2-0
Edgerton	2-1
Nicollet	2-1
Madelia	2-1
RRC	2-1
HL-O-F	1-2
BL-H-S	1-2
G-H-EC-T	0-2
SESM	0-2
W-WG	0-3
Cedar Mountain	0-3

BSC West volleyball

RWV	2-0
Marshall	2-0
Windom	1-0
Pipestone	1-0
JCC	0-1
Worthington	0-2
Luverne	0-3

BSC West tennis

Luverne	3-0
Marshall	1-1
Worthington	1-1
St. James	0-0
RWV	0-1
Pipestone	0-2

RRC volleyball

Adrian	3-0
SWC	2-0
MCC	1-0
RRC	1-1
F-H-O	1-1
W-WG	1-1
MLA	0-1
Edgerton	0-1
Ellsworth	0-1
H-BC	0-3



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605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

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. 19: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 22: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:45 a.m. Missions Committee meeting. 6 p.m. Evening service. Monday, Sept. 23: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Tuesday, Sept. 24: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Music/Worship Committee meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 25: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Sept. 26: 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. 19: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9 a.m. Pastors Conference Meeting. 1:30 p.m. GLCW meeting. Friday, Sept. 20: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 21: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Sept. 22: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. 10:15 a.m. Adult study and Sunday School. 6:30 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Session. Monday, Sept. 23: 1-7 p.m. Bloodmobile at Grace. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Sept. 24: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Grace Notes Assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Vets. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Grace Lutheran. Wednesday, Sept. 25: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30-5 p.m. Faithweavers. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship. 7:15 p.m. 6-9th grade confirmation. 7:45 p.m. 10th grade confirmation. 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.

Bethany Lutheran Church
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Sunday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Monday, Sept. 23: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary Day in Mankato. Wednesday, Sept. 25: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

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

Thursday, Sept. 19: Hubbling/Bozeboom wedding. Friday, Sept. 20: 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. 21: Esselink/Heitkamp wedding. Sunday, Sept. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship — Bible Sunday for Grades 1 and 7. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 5 p.m. Senior RCYF Kickoff. Tuesday, Sept. 24: Noon staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Sept. 25: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs, Junior High Youth Group, Senior RCYF. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
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Thursday, Sept. 19: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Sept. 21: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Sept. 22: 9:15 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. Monday, Sept. 23: Messenger deadline. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Sept. 24: 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council. Wednesday, Sept. 25: 6 p.m. Confirmation Kickoff. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Sept. 26: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
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Jesse Baker, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 19: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 4:30 p.m. Food Mission at Luverne Generations (Senior Citizens) building. Friday, Sept. 20: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Bible Study. Monday, Sept. 23: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Sept. 24: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Sept. 25: Newsletter deadline. 4-5:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Sept. 26: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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302 Central Lane, Luverne
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Thursday, Sept. 19: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Sept. 24: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Thursday, Sept. 26: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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Thursday, Sept. 19: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, Sept. 21: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. National Youth Gathering reports. Sunday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; youth sing; National Youth Gathering reports. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday, Sept. 23: 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee. Tuesday, Sept. 24: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Sept. 25: 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. 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.

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110 N. Oakley, Luverne
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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 Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Combined worship service at First Lutheran with Pastor Ray Heidenson.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 22: 10 a.m. Combined worship service at First Lutheran with Pastor Ray Heidenson. No Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

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Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service.

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

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Sunday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Night for grades 9-12. Tuesday, Sept. 24: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation class. Thursday, Sept. 7 p.m. Game Night.

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In constant change, Jesus is constant

New shoes and clothes. New backpack and lunch-box. New teachers and class schedule. New family schedule with new activities to fit in. New worries and concerns.

September often brings many new things to our lives, especially if there are school children in the family. Some children are starting new schools — preschool, kindergarten, college. Some children are starting new activities — middle school or high school sports, finally being old enough to participate in certain community or church activities.

But children are not the only ones with new activities. Adults may take a community ed class for the first time this fall or join a book club, or perhaps finally join the gym. Some people get new vehicles, or new equipment, or a new place to live.

I am one of those who are beginning this school year in a new place. I moved to Luverne this summer and started my new job as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church on Aug. 1. I am new to the community and have found many new things in my first six weeks here.

I have found the football stadium and the volleyball gym to see Luverne's student athletes compete. I met some new neighbors at the National Night Out neighborhood picnic. I found the grocery store, the city hall, the library, and the farmers market. I have been to area nursing homes and assisted living residences and met lovely people there. And of course, I have started meeting some of the members of Grace Lutheran Church and the community of Luverne.

Coming to a new place is a great adventure, but it is not easy — nor are all fall-start activities. Some beginnings are nice, such as being reunited with friends and favorite teachers, pulling out the comfy sweatshirt as coolness starts to creep in mornings and evenings, picking up a pumpkin-flavored something at a coffee shop or store, bringing back the tastes, smells and memories of the past. But sometimes beginnings are scary. People of all ages are bullied. People you were looking forward to seeing again are no longer around, for whatever reason. A new grade in school brings more challenging expectations. A move from independent living to some level of

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**By Associate Pastor
Ann Zastrow, Grace
Lutheran Church,
Luverne**

assistance brings grief over the loss of independence, perhaps including in making decisions and possibly in mobility.

As human beings, we are aware of change. The change of seasons means a different wardrobe. A new stage of life may bring a newly minted driver — or the loss of car keys because driving could be a danger to self or others. Starting or finishing college, or getting married, or starting a new job may mean a move to a new location. The sun is in the sky for less time each day than even a month ago. Tree leaves and fields have lost their summertime green color. When we see or experience these sorts of changes, we know that something new is on the way.

Change just means something is not the same. There is no inherent goodness or badness in change. But change does mean something is different. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus is supposed to have said. "Change is the only constant in life."

In a world of constant change, is there anything (besides change) that remains the same, consistent over time? Yes, there is! God is that way, always the same. The writer of Hebrews (13:8) says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." There is comfort in that. I don't have to worry about Jesus changing the rules or being different from what I know and have learned.

This doesn't mean that my understanding hasn't changed over time and continues to change as I grow and learn more, but it means that God is consistent. God can be depended on to be there through the good and the bad, through the new and the familiar. I know I am not alone in this new place, in the midst of new activities and adventures, but I know that God, who keeps promises, has promised never to leave or forsake me or others who believe.

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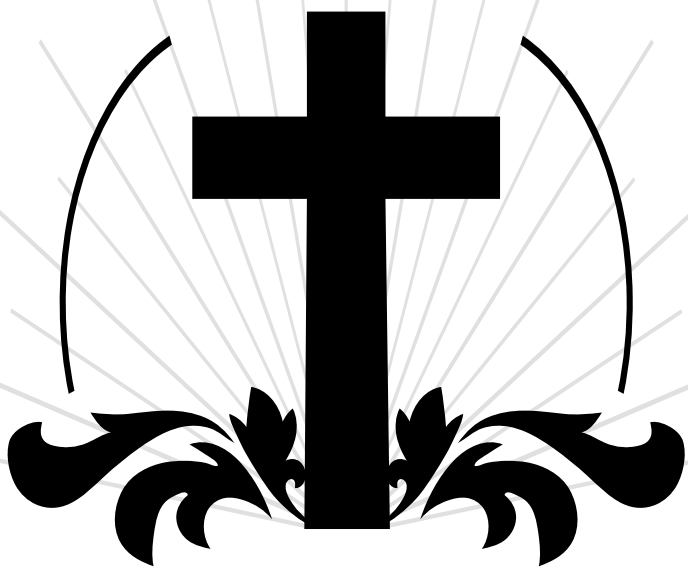
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Burtness probate

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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Carol Ann Elise Burtness, a/k/a Carol,
Burtness,

Court File No. 67-PR-19-296

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 30, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, October 21, 2003, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jeremy Paul Burtness, whose address is PO Box 2740, Ramona, CA, 92065 as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with power to administer the assets of the Estate in Minnesota including the power 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.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

Dated: 9/5/2019

Dated: 9/5/2019

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Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated: 6-3-19

(09-12, 09-19)

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
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(09-19, 09-26)

Kramer probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

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)

Rozeboom applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

Notice is hereby given that per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Kevin Rozeboom has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 28 in Battle Plain Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 990 head of finishing cattle. Using 1 animal unit per head, total animal units are 990. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 990.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(09-19)

City of Luverne sets assessment meeting Oct. 8

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will meet at 5:00 p.m. on October 8, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the City Offices Building, 305 E. Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for unpaid utility and miscellaneous charges. Adoption by the City Council of the proposed assessment may occur at this meeting.

Such assessment is proposed to be payable in one (1) installment payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2021, and will bear interest at the rate of four (4) percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. To the installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2020.

You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Luverne. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of this assessment. You may at any time thereafter pay to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given above, the rate of interest that will apply is four (4) percent per year.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$2,534.35. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The City Council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

If an assessment is contested or there is an adjourned hearing, the following procedure will be followed.

1. The City will present its case first by calling witnesses who may testify by narrative or by examination, and by the introduction of exhibits. After each witness has testified, the contesting party will be allowed to ask questions. This procedure will be repeated with each witness until neither side has further questions.
2. After the City has presented all its evidence, the objector may call witnesses or present such testimony as the objector desires. The same procedure for questioning of the City's witnesses will be followed with the objector's witnesses.
3. The objector may be represented by counsel.
4. Minnesota rules of evidence will not be strictly applied; however, they may be considered and argued to the City Council as to the weight of items of evidence or testimony presented to the City Council.
5. The entire proceedings will be taped-recorded.
6. At the close of presentation of evidence, the objector may make a final presentation to the City Council based on the evidence and the law. No new evidence may be presented at this point.
7. The City Council may adopt the proposed assessment at this meeting.

An owner may appeal an assessment to District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or City Clerk of the City of Luverne within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within ten (10) days after service upon the Mayor or City Clerk.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(09-19)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 9

ORDINANCE NO. 9, FOURTH SERIES AN ORDINANCE REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CITY OF LUVERNE ORDINANCE 5, FOURTH SERIES RELATING TO AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE (LOT 1, IN REISCH ADDITION, CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That City of Luverne Ordinance 5, Fourth Series, "An Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate (Lot 1, in Reisch Addition, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota) be hereby repealed in its entirety:

SECTION 2. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days following its publication.

(09-19)

H-BC School Board meets Aug. 26

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

August 26, 2019

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Conference room.

Board members present were Bosch, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Schilling, and Business Manager Kuehl were also in attendance.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitors to the meeting were Greg Crowe of Ehlers and Lori Sorensen with the Star Herald.

•Ehlers Presentation/Information for possible refunding of the District's 2010 A Bond.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve minutes of last meeting, 8/12/2019 as sent out.

Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Students Accounts. Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve identifying the Rock County Star Herald as the H-BC #671 official newspaper.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve resolution providing for the sale of general obligation school building refunding bonds, series 2019A; and convenanting and obligating the district to be bound by and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest on these bonds.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to accept the fuel oil bid from Popkes Oil & Propane Co.
Motion by Wysong, second by Knobloch, and carried to accept the liquid propane bid from Popkes Oil and Propane Co.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to set Special Meeting of the Board for 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 30, 2019 for approving sale of Refunding of Bond 2019A.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve CTE Exemption

licensure requirement for Kate Baustian as instructor for the shared CEO Course.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report given by Mrs. Schilling
•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report given by Mr. Holthaus

•Committee Reports: Personnel/Finance July 16

DATES TO REMEMBER:

•Staff workshop August 27 and August 28
•Elementary/Secondary Open Houses August 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 9

•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 23

Board Member Walkthrough of Secondary and Elementary Schools
Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(09-19)

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Thank you to my stepchildren and grandchildren for the fantastic birthday celebration. Also, thank you to all who were present, sent cards, flowers, gifts and phone calls. It was an awesome day, a day to remember! God bless everyone! **Erma Jessen** (9.15-9.19)

The family of Phyllis Schouwenburg would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for the cards, flowers, memorials, and the thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are so grateful that she is now at peace. Thank you also to all who visited her and Dad during her time at Prince of Peace. Your visits meant a lot even if Mom could not tell you so!

The family of

Phyllis Schouwenburg

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Prairie Photo Contest completes Round 2 of judging; winners include ...

By Lori Sorenson

The second round of 2019 Prairie Photo Contest judging is complete, and the Luverne Area Chamber announced winners Sept. 12.

“It was a difficult decision for the judges and we truly appreciate their work,” Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said.

Winners were selected in the categories of animals, plants and flowers, landscapes and general interest.

July-August winners are Pete Bouman’s “Collecting Pollen,” Lindsey Duffy’s “Foxtail,” Jim Klosterbuer’s “Bee-ing Busy,” Kelly Doyle’s “Bison Itch,” Denise Nepp’s “Thistle Blossom,” Steve Bloemendaal’s “Life Lessons,” Teddy Petersen’s “On the Edge of Takeoff,” Kelly Doyle’s “Dickissel in Yarrow,” Lindsey Duffy’s “Sunflowers,” Ray Reiffenberger’s “Pheasant Break” and Kelly Doyle’s “Quarry Walls.”

Cash prizes were



Dickissel in Yarrow by Kelly Doyle



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awarded, and the Chamber and CVB will use the photos to promote prairie visits and travel.

Area photographers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the sixth annual Prairie Photo Contest sponsored by the Luverne Convention and Visitors

Bureau.

“We’re trying to encourage people to get out and enjoy the prairie,” said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, who also staffs the CVB. “All men, women and youth are encouraged to enter. You need not be a resident of the area to

participate.”

The CVB accepts photo entries for three contest periods: May and June, July and August, and September and October (enter by Oct. 31).

Photographers may enter up to five photos per entry period, and two \$50 prizes will be awarded per category per entry period.

Contest entrants may be amateur or professional, but the CVB will retain the rights to use the winning images for the postcard promotion.

All photographs not selected as winners in the monthly judging will be retained in the pool of photos to be considered in the following month’s judging.

Photographs may be new images or selections from existing portfolios, but they must all be digitally submitted with a resolution of 300 pixels per inch or greater.

Individuals may submit up to five images per entry per month. Photos from all seasons will be accepted.

Submissions should be emailed on or by the first day of each month to luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

The photographer’s name, address, phone number and email should be submitted with each entry, along with the title of the entry.

Lanphere said the Prairie Photo Contest is a fitting way to celebrate parks and to capture the beauty of the local prairie.

“We hope it’s something the community can envision being part of,” she said.

Lanphere can be reached at 283-4061 with questions.



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