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Ringneck Reunion to build on 2018 opener

Pheasants Forever Banquet, team hunt, side-by-side rally, veterans hunt anchor weekend of Oct. 25-26

By Lori Sorenson

Building on the enthusiasm of the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Luverne, local planners are working on the 2019 Rock County Ringneck Reunion.

The two-day celebration Oct. 25 and 26 features pheasant hunting, a Rock County Pheasants Forever Banquet, live music at Take 16 and a first-ever poker run with side-by-side all-terrain vehicles.

"It's a carry-over from last year's Governor's Opener that we're turning into a pheasant hunting celebration to draw people back to Luverne and Rock County," said Rick Peterson, one of the organizers.

"I want people to think about pheasant hunting and think, 'Let's go back to Luverne.'"

Rock County Pheasants Forever

Festivities begin Friday night with the regular Rock County Pheasants Forever Banquet at Take 16.

According to club president Darin Kindt, timing the banquet with the Ringneck Reunion weekend should be good exposure for the group.

"I'm hoping it will bring a few more people into the banquet and open a few more eyes to conservation efforts," Kindt said.

"Because it's not just about hunting; it's about what we do for conservation and habitat protection."

Social hour and silent auction bidding starts at 5:30 and dinner is at 7 with live auction, raffles and games to follow.

The banquet wraps up at 9 p.m. with live "electric country" music, "The Fattenin' Frogs," under the tent at Take 16.

Contact Kindt at 507-920-7544 for banquet tickets and membership information, or they can be purchased at the door at Take 16.

Ringneck Team Hunt

Saturday begins with pheasant hunting at 9 a.m., DNR regulation start time.

The Ringneck Team Hunt involves teams of up to four hunters per team who hunt their own preferred ground (not arranged through a local committee).

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Photos and text by Mavis Fodness

Turtle power!

Turtles visit the Discovery Time classroom

Discovery Time preschoolers spent Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2, learning about turtles — what they eat, where they sleep and how they prefer to be handled. Prairie Ecology Bus naturalist Stepheney Studer from Lakefield visited the Luverne Community Education classroom with lessons that involved students coloring and assembling turtle puppets out of paper. Funding for the visit was provided by the Harvey Ordung Perpetual Fund.

Above, Naturalist Stepheney Studer encourages children to lay on their stomachs and spread their arms and legs to mimic how a turtle would warm itself on a rock in the sun.

As cold-blooded mammals, turtles use their extremities to soak up the sunshine as well as tuck into their shells for warmth and protection.

Pictured at right, Raelynn Remme (from left), Hazyl Boyenga, Genesis Bonilla-Soto and Jonah Gogue react to Dagwood, a wood turtle, as he eats an earthworm.

Below, Ajayda Rivas stretches to touch Rocky, a painted turtle.



Below, preschooler Genesis Bonilla-Soto touches the shell of Zeus, a red-eared slider turtle.



Below right, using her strong legs, Zeus pulls herself out of a plastic container.



Rural Water land easement to protect wells

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Rural Water is acquiring land in its wellhead area to improve water quality and reclaim three previously contaminated wells.

A pilot proposal funded by the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR) offers \$1.3 million to enroll 120 acres of farmland into a permanent easement.

The area would be planted into native grasses to filter nitrates and other contaminants from ground water as it makes its way through the wellhead area.

High nitrate levels from conventional crop production have kept three of the system's 10 wells from daily use.

The natural grass filtration improves water quality at a fraction of more conventional costs.

After the ground is under easement, Rock County Rural Water will purchase the ground, take it out of crop production and plant grasses.

Commissioners agreed to pursue a purchase agreement for the land and apply for a zero percent loan from the Minnesota Department of Health.

"By putting in grass, we stopped that application of nitrogen closest to the well to actually influence it to be cut in half, so now it is usable."

— Doug Bos, Land Management

Joint effort to improve water quality

Rock County Land Management Office and Rock County Rural Water have worked together on water quality improvement.

For the past five years, Doug Bos with LMO has worked with Clinton Township landowners to implement nitrogen best management practices that included lower nitrogen applications around

Rural Water land easement for grass/see page 2A

County preliminary levy set to increase by 5.41 percent

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved a preliminary levy increase of 5.41 percent or an additional \$317,500 at their Sept. 24 meeting.

The additional levy, for taxes payable in 2020, will provide \$100,000 to the highway department for road and bridge repairs, an additional \$82,600 to health and human services, and \$142,200 more for the general fund, primarily for scheduled salary increases across all departments.

Commissioners denied a request by the Sheriff's Office for an additional peace officer and squad car estimated at \$100,000.

The county budget committee suggested the levy amount, which doesn't include recommended

lighting and HVAC for the county buildings.

The upgrades are estimated at \$2 million.

"I've started looking at some alternative financing," said county administrator Kyle Oldre.

"I think there could be some opportunities for us to address that (in 2020)."

Alternative financial options include a zero interest loan through USDA or borrowing money in 2020 with payments starting in 2021.

The county is anticipating additional production tax income in 2022 from a planned solar farm near Magnolia.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the Sanford Blue Mound Room for a program by Linda Wenzel, RSVP volunteer coordinator. Call 283-2297.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Oct. 15, at Luverne Pizza Ranch for persons with MS, family and friends. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Linda Wenzel from ACE will present a program on caregivers. Call 507-530-3307.

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.

Food drive Oct. 13

Rock The Edge ecumenical youth group will canvass the community on hay racks to collect non-perishable food starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. To donate to the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf, place food in bags on doorsteps (or youth may come to the door).

Free food Oct. 17

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Bring your own box or bag. Call 283-4366.

One Warm Coat accepts donations

The Rock County One Warm Coat project is collecting clean, reusable coats of all shapes and sizes (especially children's sizes) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday through Oct. 31 at the ATLAS for Life office 201 Main Street, Luverne. Coats may also be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School. Coat drive dates are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, and from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. Call Destiny at 507-220-0030, the ATLAS office at 507-449-5777 or Lisa Dinger at school, 507-283-4497.

Hospice 'Tables and Tastings' and 'Tour of Tables' Oct. 25/26

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host its Annual "Tour of Tables" Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 26, at Grand Prairie Events. A "Tables & Tastings" evening event will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, to preview the tables and enjoy complimentary tastings.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to host and decorate a table for the event and fundraiser. Sign up for a table, purchase tickets or donate gift baskets by Oct. 14. Call Hospice at 283-1805 with questions or email helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org.

Community Ed

Register by e-mailing C.Arends@isd2184.net or calling 507-283-4724.

Register now for the local **Cardinal League Basketball** for grades 3 – 6 (no traveling involved). **Register by October 16.** Fee is \$30 (grade 3) and \$50 (grades 4-6). **Kick-off Meeting in November 4.**

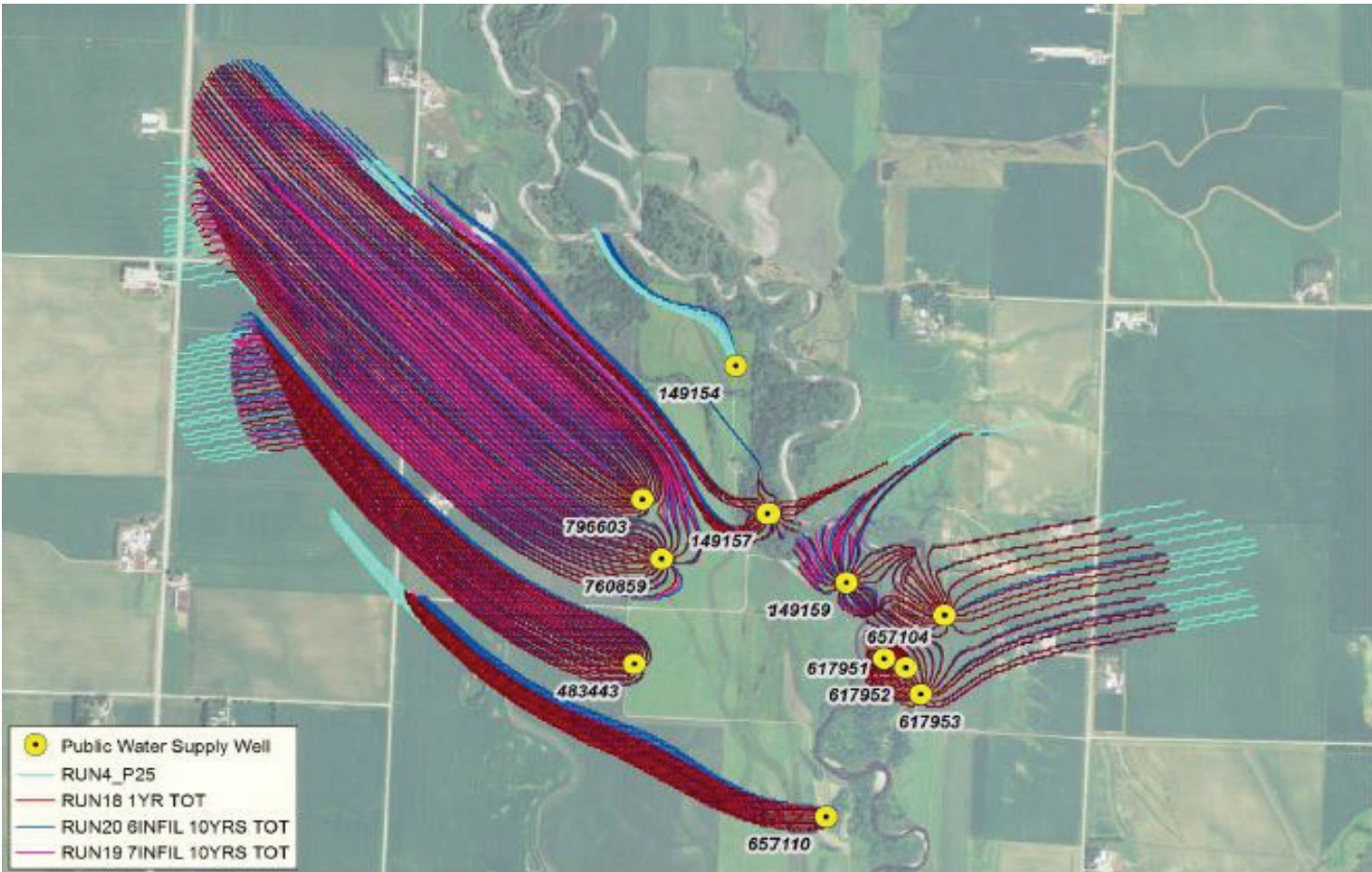
Let the experts simplify the home-buying process at the **Doers Welcome class** on Oct. 15.

Learn basic design principals for professional **Flower Arranging** on Oct. 22 when you design fall arrangement to take home. Fee is \$35 (includes all materials).

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes have openings Tuesday evening for parents with children ages 0-5 years, Thursday morning for parents with children ages 1-2 years and Mondays at 8:30 a.m. for infants birth to walking. Classes are in the preschool rooms, so children can play and parents have time to explore topics relevant to child development for all ages. Call 283-4724 .

'Operation Christmas Child' shoeboxes

"Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes are available at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. 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 online at samaritanspurse.org.



Graphic courtesy of Rock County Rural Water

Minnesota Department of Health officials created a multi-layer analytic element map to show one- to 10-year water flow paths to the Rock County Rural Water wellhead area in Clinton Township south of Luverne. An easement program to purchase 120 acres around wells numbered 796603, 760859 and 483443 (currently not in use) and plant the former cropland into native grasses is intended to naturally filtrate nitrates from the groundwater for possible use in the Rural Water system.

Rock County Rural Water land easement for grass/

the rural water wellhead areas near the Rock River.

Results of the nitrate-lowering practices have been mixed.

"They have done split application — no fall application — and we still cannot get the nitrate levels down enough to pass federal standards (in the three affected wells)," Boss said.

However, planting permanent native grass around another well proved to be a successful filter for the shallow aquifer, around 30 to 50 feet deep.

"By putting in grass, we stopped that application of nitrogen closest to the well to actually influence it to be cut in half, so now it is usable," Bos said.

Rock County Rural Water strives to keep nitrates below an average 7 parts per million on a daily basis.

The state health requirement is 10 ppm or less. Some rural water wells tested as high as 30 ppm.

The easement program requires Rock County Rural Water officials to provide \$118,000 toward the land purchase.

"It's a lot of money," Rural Water manager Ryan Holtz said about the investment from his office and local Land Management.

"Neither of us see any other choice to be able to make the water usable five years from now. We have to think ahead because Rural Water is only going to get bigger."

— Ryan Holtz, Rock County Rural Water

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Nature is less expensive water filtration option

The land purchase is an economical filtration option, Holtz said.

Locating and drilling a new well field costs \$20 to \$30 million, and building a pump station to blend the high-nitrate water with water from Lewis and Clark water system costs nearly \$2.5 million to complete.

Rock County Rural Water could utilize a 10-year, 0-percent interest loan through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Holtz said.

Each minute, more than 1,200 gallons of water flows through the RCRW filtration

plant, and 75 percent is from the system's local well field. The other 25 percent is from two connections to the Lewis and Clark water system.

The three unusable wells produce 600 gallons per minute or half of the Rural Water system's needs.

Holtz said until the Lewis and Clark line is fully completed in about six years, RCRW can use more than its contracted 300,000 gallons a day.

Need for water continues to grow in the county

RCRW serves nine of the county's 12 townships and five small cities through 775 customer connections.

Five new connections were recently added to the system with two additional connects already scheduled.

"The system just keeps growing," Holtz said.

When the three landown-

ers approached Holtz and the rural water board about purchasing 120 acres near the three unusable wells' main draw zone, a unique opportunity to pilot a natural nitrate filtration system presented itself.

The natural filtration may take several years to have a permanent effect on the well field nitrate levels or about the same time the Lewis and Clark system finishes its final connections.

"We can put all the money in the world in the system, but if we don't have the water to put through the pipes, it's not any good," Holtz said.

The water quality pilot grant program is a result of an official state tour legislators completed in southwest Minnesota including Rock County last year.

LMO and RCRW officials explained the county's rural water project and landowner incentives for managing nitrogen applications and planting cover crops in the wellhead areas.

LMO will continue working with surrounding landowners to continue best nitrogen management practices within two miles of the well field.

"Farmers have helped but they need to continue to do so because it still influences the nitrate levels," Bos said.

County Board sets preliminary levy/continued from page 1A

For 2020, the county receives an additional \$45,000 in state aid.

For the first time in five years, county revenues in 2018 exceeded expenditures, according to an audit report presented Sept. 24.

Revenues in 2018 were \$16.8 million with expenditures of \$15.3 million over the same timeframe.

County reserves became depleted in 2014 due to extensive flooding across the county.

Since then commissioners have dedicated money toward rebuilding the county's financial reserves.

This year commissioners budgeted \$79,000 toward reserves, the same amount proposed for reserves in 2020. The county currently has

4.96 months of reserves in all its funds, according to the audit report. The Minnesota Office of the State Auditor recommends no less than five months.

"We are starting to see some incremental movement to see that corrected," Oldre said.

Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz pointed to the general fund exclusively

as to a better overall picture of the county's financial health.

Without the highway department, general fund reserves are at 9.9 months.

"I feel that is a better picture of where we are sitting financially," she said.

Commissioners will finalize the 2020 levy after their Truth In Taxation hearing scheduled for Dec. 10.



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Rock County Library announces activities

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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 through Nov. 21.

Fall Lap Time is 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays through Nov. 22.

Evening Story Time is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 26.

DIY Book Spine Centerpieces is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

Vampire Murder Mystery is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Halloween Scary Stories, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at Verhey Pumpkin Patch.

DIY Vinyl Painting is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

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

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.

Brain Health series continues

#Luv1LuvAll is sponsoring a series of monthly Brain Health classes from 7 to 8 p.m. the first Monday of the month continuing through May (no December class) at Luverne Community Education. The next one is Nov. 4.

The goal is to end stigma and encourage conversations about mental health — like physical health — toward improved quality of life. Certificates of Attendance will be available. Sessions are free but registration is appreciated to plan for accommodations. Call 507-283-4724.

Luverne Lions bring new technology, volunteers to streamline elementary school vision screening

By Lori Sorenson

For a typical vision screening at Luverne Elementary School, students view a chart and read the smallest letters their eyes can focus on.

For those still learning the alphabet or who have language barriers or are nervous about testing, the process can take several minutes or longer.

That's why school nurse Phil Paquette welcomed new technology last week that screened for vision deficits in a matter of seconds.

Even better, the equipment was manned by Luverne Lions Club members who were trained to operate the cameras.

"It's really an impressive piece of technology," Paquette said Wednesday during the first round of student vision screenings.

"Rather than each one taking minutes, it now takes only seconds. And when we're screening 520 kids, that's a real time savings."

The equipment and volunteers were courtesy of Minnesota Lions District 5M3 KidSight, which uses Welch Allyn Spot Vision systems to screen children for several eye problems.

In a single shot, the camera measures for nearsightedness, farsightedness, crossed eyes, unequal pupil size, lazy eye, unequal refractive power and astigmatism (two focus points).

Paquette said that's far more than the traditional screenings test for.

"All they have to do is look at the camera," he said.

After each screening, the device prints out a report of the results for students to share with their parents. The screening, like all school health screenings, isn't meant to take the place of a professional eye exam, but it does indicate if an eye exam is required.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 2 and 3, Luverne Lions Club volunteers operated two cameras to check elementary students during their regular gym class session.

Paquette said it typically takes the whole class session to get through all the students, but last week the students had extra time for gym games.

By the end of the two-day vision screening, the Spot Vision system caught 45 deficits in 520 students, who were referred to eye doctors for treatment and/or corrective lenses.

"I think that it is great that we are able to catch these visual deficits



Luverne Lions Club volunteers Codie Zeutenhorst (left) and Chuck Egland assist Debbie Kneip with a student about to be screened. In the background, Lions Club volunteer Larry Harms directs students to their stations.

early so that the issue can be recognized and corrected for our students," Paquette said.

"The Lions Club volunteers did amazing work during the two days of screening. I am very grateful for their help and their visual screening equipment."

For more information about the KidSight Lions Club program or to support the cause, see lionskid-sightusa.org.



Luverne Lions volunteers LeRoy Schomacker (left) and Gordon Mulder perform a visual screening on Luverne Elementary School student Eden Perez.

At left, Lions Club volunteer Codie Zeutenhorst focuses the camera on student Owen Brockberg to screen for potential vision deficits. All students received printouts of their results to bring to parents.



Teals Market becomes Sunshine Foods

By Lori Sorenson

In an agreement announced Aug. 7, Teal's Market and its Highway 75 convenience store in Luverne have been sold to Sunshine Foods, based out of Sioux Falls.

Sunshine Foods General Manager Brent Bosch said the store was closed several days during the transition but reopened

Wednesday, Oct. 9, officially as Sunshine Foods.

Luverne native Jason Oye is the store manager — moving here from the Sunshine Foods he formerly managed in Jackson.

The new storefront was painted to cover the white Teals wording behind Sunshine letters after this photo was taken on Monday, Oct. 7.

(Chantel Connell photo)

District levy to increase less than 1%

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board officials adopted the maximum levy increase of .75 percent at their regular meeting Sept. 26.

The amount was recommended by district administration, but the percentage could change when the state issues the final levy amount by December.

"It comes down to enrollment," said business manager Marlene Mann. "This could change significantly ... as an impact for the future."

At three-quarters of a percent, district property owners would pay an additional \$29,091 in 2020 or a total of \$3.884 million.

As of Sept. 20, enrollment was 1,205 students, a decrease of 33 students from a year ago.

"It may not seem like a huge issue, but from the funding side that means approximately \$200,000 less revenue," said superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

According to latest audit information for the district, revenue generated for the 2017-18 school year was \$16.5 million. The district spent \$17.5 million.

The final levy amount will be approved after the district Truth in Taxation meeting on Dec. 19.

In other business, the board:

- accepted the snow removal contract submitted by Ver Steeg Construction of Luverne. Last year the district spent \$16,650 on snow removal.
- gave permission to compile a list of excess school property. Items will be offered for sale or disposed of at a later date.
- approved hiring Jodi Nelson as part-time elementary teacher, assistant cross county and assistant track coach for a salary of \$25,213 beginning Sept. 5; and Alannah Lendt as long-term substitute elementary teacher for Brooke Van Essen from Sept. 5 through Oct. 25.
- granted medical leave to Nyla Sohl, paraprofessional, from Sept. 10 to Oct. 1. They also granted leave for Dana Wolf, elementary teacher, for six weeks maternity leave, six weeks family and medical leave and four weeks of unpaid childcare leave from Dec. 26 through April 27.

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A newspaper 1,200 miles away opens our eyes to our neighbors

Thirty years ago I was a junior reporter at the Worthington Daily Globe.



I remember well the changing demographics of the then community of almost 10,000 residents.

There was considerable skepticism and unfriendly bias toward the darker-skinned immigrants wanting to call Worthington home. The state provided grants to the community intended to bring new and old residents together.

It appears the immigration that I saw in the late '80s and early '90s has only increased.

Worthington is now a growing community of 13,000. A Sept. 22 story in the Washington Post put a spotlight on the turmoil today that has only grown with Worthington's population.

According to the Washington Post reporter, Worthington is a popular immigrant destination, and more unaccompanied children are moving there than anywhere else.

Thirty years ago they came from Ethiopia and Laos, but immigrants today are from Guatemala and Honduras.

The children's move to Worthington has caused a surge in school enrollment at a time when most communities are experiencing steady or declining populations.

The newspaper article cited a report by the Office of Refugee Resettlement that revealed more than 400 unaccompanied immigrant minors have been placed in Worthington since 2013, the second-most per capita in the country. No. 1 is Texas County, Oklahoma.

The local reporter interviewed local immigrants, officials within Worthington, the churches and schools, opponents to the upcoming school bond referendum, politicians and local residents.

One resident, a farmer,

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

We just need to be open to the idea of new residents and show a little compassion ...

shared his resentment of paying higher taxes to support Worthington's education system. He is adamantly against the possible school facility building expansion to house the children who immigrated to Worthington and want to learn.

He appears in the article as unfriendly and resentful to immigrants, and the children have no business being in the community. He thinks they should be sent back home.

Interviews with the immigrants find that the youngsters fled their homelands due to violence or extreme poverty, and as teenagers they want to go to school — some of them for the first time in years.

The Washington Post article exposed a nerve, and I don't have all the answers. I do believe we need new people to become homeowners, to fill job openings, to fill our schools with the next generation of students.

Our small communities are dwindling and maybe these new immigrants are the answer to rejuvenate and preserve the towns and schools our great-grandparents started.

We just need to be open to the idea of new residents and show a little compassion to those who may not have had as good an upbringing as our own.

It's newspaper week — here's why we should care ...

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

This week is National Fire Prevention week, National Domestic Violence Awareness Week and Homecoming Week in Luverne and H-BC schools, in addition to Pork Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and other important observances.

Amid all these causes vying for ink in the Star Herald is National Newspaper Week, which typically gets little mention, because news organizations typically aren't the subject of news.

But this week we pause to remind you, our readers, why we should all care about the value of local news and how the Star Herald contributes to our community health.

So here are some facts to consider:

Newspapers are more than a medium

Paper and ink is increasingly replaced by online news delivered by cell phone and computer.

What can't be replaced, however, is the primary function that newspapers have traditionally performed: Sending trained reporters to cover everything from natural disasters to city council decisions to a community band festival.

They're paid to get the news, check the facts with legitimate sources and correct inaccuracies if they make it into print.

This takes an investment of real resources, even if the stories aren't printed with ink on paper.

You never paid for news

The dollar and change you plunk on the counter for a newspaper

doesn't come close to covering what it costs to produce news.

The high cost of public service journalism has always been subsidized by advertisers, but the Internet has driven down newspaper advertising revenue to levels that are less than one-third of what they were in 2005, according to a study from the Pew Research Center.

The result is all too predictable: Newspapers employ fewer than half the number of people today that they did at the beginning of this century, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Social media does not equal news. And it's not free.

Readers might not notice the hollowing out of newsrooms because today, we have, if anything, too much information at our disposal.

The same digital revolution that blew a hole in newsroom budgets and turned Craigslist and eBay into advertising behemoths also created new paths to publication.

According to a 2018 survey by the Pew Research Center, more Americans now get their news from social media than from newspapers.

The price we pay for this seemingly free news is sacrificing our personal data every time we log on. ... and, we have to ask, what are we getting in return?

Chances are, if we're not discerning news consumers, we're getting a barrage of "news-like" content that amounts to peddlers of propaganda, disinformation and dissension.

What can we do about it?

For starters we need to become more mindful about our information diet.

According to the Minnesota Newspaper Association, a lot of us are living on nutrition-free "news" that might satisfy our biases but it's not the balanced diet we need in order to be informed citizens to participate in democracies.

Here are some ways MNA suggests we can recognize *real* news:

- Do they sometimes make you a bit uncomfortable by raising doubts about what you thought to be true?

- Do they make it easy for you to reach a real human being if you have a question or a complaint?

- Do they correct mistakes? Do they ask you to subscribe? Because gathering facts costs.

For Newspaper Week this week, we at the Star Herald are grateful for your readership, and we encourage you to enrich your information diet with other trusted news sources.

An investment in a free press supports our American democracy and is therefore worth the cost of a subscription.



You might be a ringneck if you enjoy hunting, own a dog, etc.

This weekend I will be attending the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Austin. This will be the ninth year for the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. The annual event has done a great job promoting the sport of pheasant hunting.

As you may recall, Luverne was the host city last year for the event, and by all accounts Luverne set the bar so high that Austin will have to pull out all the stops to top last year's event.

While the Governor's Opener has helped put the spotlight on pheasant hunting, the growth in popularity would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Minnesota Pheasants Forever. There are 71 local chapters across the state,



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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and Rock County Pheasants Forever is one of them.

The annual Rock County Pheasants Forever banquet Friday, Oct. 25, will kick off the first-ever Ringneck Reunion celebration. The banquet begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 at Take 16. To

purchase tickets to the banquet, you may stop down at the Star Herald office.

Through the efforts of the Rock County Pheasants Forever, nearly 1,600 acres of land have been set aside for public hunting access in Rock County.

Of course, it takes people power. So if you're not sure if joining Pheasants Forever is right for you, I would like you to ask yourself a few questions and then maybe you'll realize you should get involved.

Have you ever been on a walk and a flock of geese flies overhead or maybe you flush a pheasant along a country road, and when that happens, you pull up an imaginary over-under and click off a round or two? You should join Pheasants Forever.

Do you own a hunting dog? You should join Pheasants Forever.

If blaze orange is your favorite color, you should join Pheasants Forever.

If your spouse hunts pheasants but has never invited you to go along,

you should join Pheasants Forever.

If you know the difference between a 12, 16, 20, or 28 gauge, you should join Pheasants Forever. If you don't, you should join Pheasants Forever and we'll teach you.

If you don't own a hunting dog, a shotgun, or have any blaze orange apparel but enjoy the outdoors, you should join Pheasants Forever.

If you have enjoyed hunting on a WMA or walk-in land, you should join Pheasants Forever.

So now all you have to do is ask yourself, "Why haven't I joined Pheasants Forever?"

If you're interested in joining Rock County Pheasants Forever, give me a call at 507-283-2333 or send me an email at rick@star-herald.com.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 27
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on 71st Street, Beaver Creek, reported a scam call.
•A civil issue was reported at location on E. Fletcher Street.
•Theft was reported at location on W. Mead Court.
•Complainant reported a subject with warrant in Luverne.
•Deputy on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, conducted a probation check.
•Hit and run accident was reported at location on N. Oakley Street.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a woman with a knife.
•Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported a car on fire.
Sept. 28
•Deputy moved cones on Freeman Avenue and Main Street.
•Deputy on E. Luverne Street reported two juveniles fleeing from him on foot.
•Parking complaint on Main Street was reported.
•Extra patrol was requested at location on W. Warren Street.
•Assistance from another department was requested on N. McKenzie Street.
•Complainant reported theft.
•Complainant requested to look at a stolen bike.
Sept. 29
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported threats.
•Vandalism was reported at location on N. Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported locks were changed on his home.
•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported smoke detector going off at location.
•Disorderly subject was reported at location on S. Kniss Avenue.
Sept. 30
•Complainant on First Avenue reported subject with a Rock County warrant in custody.
•Complainant reported a 911 outage.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported threat of

physical violence.
•Complainant requested to speak with deputy on N. East Park Street.
•Deputy assisted with state patrol arrest.
•Complainant reported theft from location in Hardwick.
•Complainant in Fletcher area reported street lights out.
Oct. 1
•Complainant on W. Harrison Street reported a bicycle was found at location.
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a disturbance and possible trespass.
•Complainant requested a background check for liquor license.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported children running in front of traffic at location.
Oct. 2
•Complainant on W. Mead Court requested deputy to post notice.
•Complainant on County Road 13 reported a possible drunk driver coming into Minnesota.
•Complainant reported a vehicle all over the road on County Road 13, Hills.
•Complainant northbound on Highway 23, mile marker 8, Jasper, reported a possible drunk driver.
Oct. 3
•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported a stolen vehicle.
•Complainant on S. Ross Street, Hardwick, requested a deputy.
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a fight.
Oct. 4
•Reservation for investigating information.
•Complainant on W. Main Street reported a lost wallet.
•Complainant requested a background check for a liquor license.

In addition, officers responded to 1 complaint of cattle out, 2 deer accidents, 2 stalled vehicles, 1 transport, 2 welfare checks, 7 escorts, 23 ambulance runs, 4 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 3 burn permits, 5 paper services, 5 drug court tests, 18 traffic stops, 19 abandoned 911 calls, 2 curfew checks, 2 vehicle impounds, and 1 test.



Mavis Fodness photo/1010 Vet Home Project

Getting a smooth surface

A new bituminous surface will be in place in the visitor and employee parking lots in the front and back of the Minnesota Veterans Home on North Highway 75 Luverne in the near future.

On Friday, workers with Musch Construction of Pipestone poured concrete next to the rear employee parking lot. Musch also made necessary curb and gutter repairs.

According to administrator Luke Schryvers, the project will be completed, weather permitting, Oct. 18.



Towne Square project on Highway 75 on track for groundbreaking this year/continued from page 1A

bringing jobs to Luverne, but she understood the need to reassure lenders.
“They needed the updated numbers to confirm the data and demographics that supports this project,” she said.
That data — all 165 pages — was delivered to city officials last week, and the executive summary confirms what local officials already knew: There’s a shortage of workforce housing in Luverne, and the Towne Square project will go a long way toward meeting that need.
“So now we give that data

to the investors, and then we wait,” Sammons said Friday.
Commercial and housing neighborhood is goal
Luverne’s Don Jahnke is the developer for the project, and the overall plan is to transform the entire 6-acre area over the next five years into a commercial and housing neighborhood known as the Towne Square Addition.
Property will be sold off as it is developed into housing and commercial property in the mixed-use development.

Because of the more immediate need for housing, Jahnke and investors will first build a 27-unit, one- and two-bedroom apartment building.
Deadline for DEED grant
Sammons said it’s unclear whether investors are pursuing Opportunity Zone incentives, but a three-year deadline exists for the project to utilize a \$680,000 grant through the Department of Employment and Economic Development.
The grant required a

matching investment from the city, which fulfilled that role with a \$469,000 investment in improvements (water, sewer, electric, etc.) to the four-acre site.
Sharkee’s and Mert’s were demolished and the two properties are now part of a single Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District that was created in order to recapture some of the acquisition and demolition costs.
The city paid \$220,000 for the condemned Sharkee’s property and \$160,000 for

the piece that housed Mert’s Repair (that moved to a new shop built on a city lot in the industrial park).
The costs for acquisition, demolition, and site improvements of both lots (nearly \$500,000) will be recouped with future tax increments.
What that means is whoever buys the bare lot will pay full taxes on the improved property, but the difference between the current tax amount and the new tax amount will pay down the TIF debt. After the TIF expires in 25

years, local governments will collect taxes on the full value of the developed lots.
The multi-phased project could produce up to \$10 million in market value once the whole area is developed.
Sammons said it’s possible that footings could still be poured this fall on the site, but if need be the group could file for an extension of the grant timeline. “DEED wants us to utilize that grant, and they (developers) want the grant more than we do,” she said. “But we all have something at stake.”



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Esther Frakes photos/1010 nutcrackers in Leavenworth

Luverne's Betty Mann (left) and Arlene Wagner, Leavenworth, Washington, have a combined nutcracker inventory of more than 11,000 pieces for the world's largest and possibly second-largest nutcracker collections in the world. They're pictured Sept. 25 in the Nutcracker Museum in Leavenworth.



For the love of nutcrackers

Mann finds kindred spirit of history, collecting in Leavenworth, Washington

By Lori Sorenson

Betty Mann has met her match. Her name is Arlene Wagner, and she lays claim to the world's largest nutcracker collection, which is on display in Leavenworth, Washington. It has more than 7,000 pieces, and each is a functioning nutcracker, capable of cracking nuts.

At 95, Arlene is six years Betty's senior, and like Betty, she shows no signs of slowing down. The two women met last week when Betty was vacationing out west with Esther Frakes and her brother and his wife, Henry and Linda Huh-

nerkoch.

Betty is Rock County's long-time Historical Society president and founder of Luverne's famed 4,000-piece nutcracker collection, which she donated to the museum. Just as Arlene donated hers in Leavenworth.

"When we walked into the place, I asked for Arlene and introduced myself as Betty Mann from Luverne, Minnesota. I hardly had the words out of my mouth and the women behind the counter threw up their

Nutcrackers/continued on page 8A

4-H News

4-H'ers compete at state Western Heritage, dog shows

By Mavis Fodness

Five Rock County 4-H'ers competed in the Minnesota State 4-H Western Heritage contest this summer in Pipestone.

The 4-H'ers competed in several events. The results included:

- Senior pen to pen, Joni Vander Beek and Kennedy Safer, seventh out of 25 teams.
- Intermediate pen to pen, Gavin Johnson and Cash Bonnett, fourth out of 13 teams.
- Senior round pen roping, Safer third out of eight.
- Senior goat tying, Ayden Bonnett, seventh out of 26 teams, Kennedy Safer, ninth.

Austin competes at state dog show

Rebecca Austin participated in the Minnesota State 4-H Dog Show Sept. 21-22 in St. Paul.

Austin's ribbon placings included:

- Intermediate agility, red.
- Novice obedience, red.
- Agility jumpers, white.

1929: Hills picnic features address by former senator

The following appeared in *The Rock County Star* on September 20, 1929.

Hills Picnic Is Successful Event

Former Senator Magnus Johnson Delivers Feature Address of Day

Nearly a thousand people are estimated to have turned out for the annual picnic of the Hills Co-operative Creamery Association held at Hills Saturday and the event was a successful one from every standpoint. Weather conditions were good and the season was opportune enabling the farmers to be present.

The feature of the day's program was an address by former United States Senator Magnus Johnson, who talked on agricultural problems and emphasized the necessity for co-operation among farmers in order to place them on a par with other industries. The former Minnesota senator compared farmer to the roots of a tree furnishing nutriment for the success of the central trunk or the agricultural industry as a whole.

Other features of the day's program were a variety of field sports and a baseball game between Brandon and Valley Springs. Music for the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

event was furnished by the Hills band.

The Women's Civic League of Hills dispensed food to those who did not bring their lunches to the grounds. The Hills Co-operatives Creamery boasts a membership of nearly 500.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

10 years ago (2009)

•The Rock County Sheriff's Department is investigating a trio of break-ins that occurred last week in Luverne churches.

According to Sheriff Even Verbrugge, break-ins were reported on Thursday, Oct. 1, by the American Reformed Church and Grace Lutheran Church. ...

On Friday, Oct. 2, First Baptist Church on Jackson Street in Luverne reported a similar break-in.

At Grace Lutheran, someone removed the air conditioner to gain access to the building, but it didn't appear that anything was taken.

The other two churches reported that someone entered the buildings through unlocked doors and then broke into locked offices.

There was damage to office doors and an insignificant amount of cash had been taken.

The break-ins are under investigation and the Sheriff's Department encourages the public to call with information that may lead to an arrest.

25 years ago (1994)

•During Elmer Menage's first season as Luverne head football coach in 1967, one player caught his attention during the practices prior to the start of the season.

Tom Dahlberg, a 6-3, 190-pound junior, was that player. According to Menage, Dahlberg was the type of player who would go the extra mile on the practice field and in games. Because of the way he approached the game, Dahlberg became Menage's starting fullback and linebacker in 1967 and 1968.

"He was a big, strong kid, and he was a great student and a great athlete. He was good in every sport (football, basketball and track). What I remember most about him was his work ethic. He was a very hard worker," Menage said Monday.

It was Dahlberg's work ethic which allowed him to continue playing football after he graduated from Luverne High School in 1969 and extended his career at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

On Saturday night, Dahlberg got the chance to rekindle some memories of his days as a Gustie player when he was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

50 years ago (1969)

•Most Rock County farmers are saying today: "This has been my best year for corn, my best year for corn silage, my best year for beans, my best year for hay, and an average year for oats."

"Almost everything has been ideal this year in Rock County. Rock County has a reputation for having some of the best land in Minnesota if proper moisture is received. This year the farmers had moisture when needed and hot, dry weather when needed," Kent Ringkob Rock County agent explained. ...

According to the county agent, this year's corn crop should average, county-wide, 90-100 bushels per acre. The average county yield runs about 70 bushels. Recorded figures from 1963-67 show a county average of 62.8 bushels.

75 years ago (1944)

•Little did J. Rex Laviano know when he brought his Aeronca cabin plane down in a field on the E.J. Willroth farm last Thursday that he'd cause as much excitement as he did. Rumors that there had been a terrible plane crash spread like wild fire, and within four hours after the accident, the rumor had spread to Minneapolis, where the Associated Press heard of it, and notified the Worthington Globe to check to see if it was true. As it was, the flier, en route from New York to Anchorage, Alaska, had engine trouble, and made a forced landing, nosing the plane over after he hit the rough ground. He escaped unhurt, and only slight damage was done to the plane.

100 years ago (1919)

•The question of issuing county bonds in the sum of \$300,000 for road improvements was carried at the special election Tuesday by the narrow margin of 9 votes. The total vote was 523 in favor of issuing the bonds to 514 against the issue.

The vote represents about 50 per cent of the total number of votes in the county, and indicates a surprising lack of interest among the voters. This in part was undoubtedly due to overconfidence in the popularity of the bond issue, a great many voters feeling so confident that the bonds would carry that they failed to take the trouble to go to the polls to vote.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Don Lorenzen will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Wilmont Community Center. Greetings may be sent to him at P.O. Box 23, Wilmont, MN 56185.

Jeanne Woodley will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

Card showers

Janice Schei will celebrate her 80th birthday Friday, Oct. 11. Greetings may be sent to her at 1277 170th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

Lyle Graff will celebrate his 95th birthday on Friday, Oct. 18. Greetings may be sent to him at 108 S. Oakley Street, Luverne, MN 56156.



Lori Sorenson photo/1010 homecoming pancakes

Tim Cook with Chris Cakes Pancake Catering, Sioux Falls, flips a series of pancakes into the air for Matthew Rogers to capture on his plate. Also pictured are (from left) Burke Johnson, Pierce Cunningham, Regan Feit and Nicholas Rogers.

Luverne Student Council hosts Saturday night pancakes

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Student Council members served about 190 people for an all-you-can-eat pancake supper Saturday night featuring Chris Cakes Pancakes Catering from Sioux Falls.

Pancake chef Tim Cook entertained diners and those waiting in line by flipping pancakes from the griddle high into the air and onto paper plates of those waiting for their food.

Most of them hit their targets; some did not.

Those that hit the floor were collected into a small pile that later were used as playful Frisbees to sail across the room at unsuspecting students or parents.

The event served as a Homecoming Week kickoff, with Homecoming king and queen candidates working in the serving line.

It was also a first-time fundraiser for their Luverne Student Council organization.

Student Council adviser Jason Berghorst said the group didn't make significant profit over expenses, but it was a good experience for students.

"It was a good outreach activity," he said. "Just not a big money maker this year."

MENU

Monday, Oct. 14: Ginger citrus chicken, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, apricots, cookie. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Oct. 15: Lasagna, spiced pears, California blend vegetable, bread, cake. Program: Half-Price Sponsor: Security Savings Bank. 11 a.m. Pumpkin Painting.

Wednesday, Oct. 16: Cubed beef with mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, peaches, bread, cookie. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 11:30 a.m. Duets with Dolly and Lynette. 12:30 p.m. Site Council.

Thursday, Oct. 17: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, dinner roll, fruit crisp. NLCC food giveaway and NAPS food giveaway.

Friday, Oct. 18: Lemon pepper fish, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, pie. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day sponsored by family of Loretta Baker. Birthday party; kitchen band.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

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

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Soto receives scholarship to continue professional development courses

Carrie Soto, Luverne, recently received a \$1,000 scholarship through the Care Providers of Minnesota Foundation.

Application for the annual scholarships is open to members who've shown dedication to the field of long-term health.

Patti Cullen, president of Care Providers of Minnesota, presented Soto with the scholarship during a special ceremony at Poplar Creek. Thirty tenants and staff attended the event in Soto's honor.

Soto, the senior living manager for Good Samaritan Society — Luverne for the past five years, will complete coursework for a graduate certificate in health care management through the University of Sioux Falls beginning in



Carrie Soto (center) received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Care Providers of Minnesota Foundation. She's pictured with Care Providers president Patti Cullen (right) and Beth Callahan, Good Samaritan Society — Luverne campus administrator.

January 2020.

She was among 52 applicants, 14 of whom received scholarships.



Class of 1959 meets for 50th reunion

The Luverne High School Class of 1959 gathered for a 50th reunion Sept. 14 in The Bluestem restaurant, Luverne. Pictured are (front, from left) Pat Phillips, Carol Wulf, Sandra Winter, Sharon Mulvihill, Judy Smeins, (second row) Curt Dooyema, Steve Hoiland, Fred Cook, Bill Mulligan, Eleanor Van Guilder, Jim Rolfs, Fred Steins, Dave Connell, (back) Rich Cronberg, Jerry Britt, Jim Ahrendt, Everett Van Engelenhoven, Paul Aukes, Tom Getman and George McKay.

Pick tomatoes now before predicted frost occurs; other vegetables will tolerate the cold

The inevitable frost is predicted for this week so that means if you want to savor the flavor of a few more tomatoes, you will want to pick as many as you have good intentions for.

Fairly mature green tomatoes can be ripened off the vine by wrapping them individually in paper or putting several in a paper bag and storing them at



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

room temperature. The enclosure captures the ethylene gas that fruit gives off as it ripens and helps speed the process while minimizing dehydration during the process. To speed up the ripening, add an apple

to the bag. Be sure to select blemish-free tomatoes.

Cole crops like cabbage, broccoli, kale, kohlrabi, Brussels sprouts, and cauliflower will tolerate considerable frost without damage. For most

of these vegetables, the cool weather actually enhances the flavor.

The flavor of some apple varieties improves with a light frost. The cold temperature converts starch to sugar and the apple flavor becomes sweeter. Haralson, an old favorite, is a great example of this conversion. Temperatures below 28 degrees will do some damage to the fruit that will not be apparent immediately but will definitely shorten the storage life of the apple.

We are harvesting some of the best apples of the season

right now. I know people are thrilled with the flavor and crispness of Honey Crisp, but there are other varieties that far surpass that flavor while still giving that crisp texture. Honey Gold, Connell Red, Fireside, Cortland, and Regent are all excellent for both cooking and fresh eating. Each variety has its own distinct flavor and all are great... some just plain sweet, some with a sweet tart combination.

When cooking with apples, using a combination of several varieties always produces the best flavor. That's not

saying using just one variety is bad, but I'm saying that using several in combination will be better as each variety adds its uniqueness to the mix. Honey Crisp is my last choice for cooking.

Check these varieties out at the Farmers Market on Thursday nights ... and if you think the season is over, you haven't checked out the market.

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

OBITUARIES

Paul Witte

Paul Stanley Witte Jr., 62, Luverne, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at his home.

A funeral service was Saturday, Oct. 5, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Paul Witte Jr. was born on March 10, 1957, to Paul and Sarah (Jones) Witte Sr. in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was raised. He was baptized on Oct. 6, 1957, at the Second Presbyterian Church. He attended school in Memphis and graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 1975. He furthered his education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where he was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration in 1979. He then entered the United States Navy where he honorably served his country for the next 20 years and 15 days.

On July 29, 1989, Stan was united in marriage to Lori Ask at Kenneth Lutheran Church in Kenneth. The couple made their home in San Diego, California, and in 1999 they moved to Oak Harbor, Washington, on Whidbey Island. In September 2004 Stan was diagnosed with fibrosing mediastinal histoplasmosis, and on June 29, 2005, he retired due to his health. In August 2005 he and Lori moved to Luverne.

Stan was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, where he was active in Men's Bible Study. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV),



VFW, VFW Honor Guard and the Lions Club. He was an American history buff and enjoyed war movies, trains, sports, walking, hiking and taking care of his lawn. He loved watching his daughters, Lauren and Meghan, compete at gymnastics and cheer on all the Luverne Cardinal sports. He enjoyed attending his son Paul's theater experiences. When his older children left for college, he grew to love the U of M Gopher and NDSU football teams, but nothing could take the place of his love for BAMA. He was passionate about his alma mater football.

His children describe him as a man with great perseverance and passion. Even though Stan's health was a struggle for him later in life, he was always ready and willing to serve others.

Stan is survived by his wife, Lori Witte of Luverne; children Lauren of Nashville, Tennessee, Paul S. III of Fargo, North Dakota, and Meghan of Luverne; siblings Cindy (David) Newman of Memphis, Tennessee, and Barry (Kimberly) Witte of Coral Springs, Florida; parents-in-law Loren (Lucy) Ask of Kenneth; brothers-in-law Les (Rachel) Ask of Luverne and LeRoy (Laura) Ask of Brandon, South Dakota; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

(1010 F)

David Lorenzen

David Allen Lorenzen, 70, rural Hardwick, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. Burial will be in the Trosky Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

David Lorenzen was born on Feb. 26, 1949, to Elvin and Betty (Schmidt) Lorenzen in Luverne. He was baptized on June 12, 1949, at the United Methodist Church in Lake Benton. He received his confirmation on June 2, 1963, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. David graduated from Luverne High School in 1967.

David played college basketball and graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 1971. He taught physical education and health at high schools in Biwabik and Lakefield and served as head boys' basketball coach at both schools. David had the opportunity to play basketball in Europe, and upon his return, he moved to Kenneth in 1975 where he worked for Moorman's Feed and farmed. He later moved to Hardwick.



David was a member and past elder of Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. This is where on Aug. 26, 2001, he made his profession of faith.

David loved the game of basketball and played on countless ball teams in his younger years. He enjoyed the horses and cattle that he raised and riding around the countryside to check out the crops and visit with everyone along the way.

David served on his township board and delivered the Luverne Announcer for many years.

Survivors include his daughters, Shawn Lorenzen of Omaha, Nebraska, Heather VanArsdale of Bellevue, Nebraska, and Naomi (Aric) Gordon of Lakefield; three sets of twin grandchildren, Derek and Emily Pederson, Owen and Audra VanArsdale, and Evan and Avah VanArsdale; a sister, Dianne (Rodger) Ossenfort of Luverne; and two nephews, Matthew (Shawn) Ossenfort of La Vista, Nebraska, and Monti (Shannon) Ossenfort of Foxborough, Massachusetts.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Dick Kracht

Dick Kracht, 94, Luverne, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial was at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Dick Kracht was born Sept. 15, 1925, to Ben and Jennie (Boeve) Kracht in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

He married Alice Veldkamp on Dec. 21, 1949, in Rock Rapids. After their marriage the couple farmed with Dick's parents southwest of Rock Rapids. In 1951 they moved to the farm near Steen. They began farming near Garretson, South Dakota, in 1960 and farmed there for 25 years before retiring in 1985. In 1989 they moved to the acreage south of Luverne. Dick became a resident of the Tuff Memorial Home in October of 2017.

He enjoyed farming and playing the harmonica, which he learned to play while herding cattle in the pasture.

Dick is survived by four children, Harold (Janalee)



Kracht, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Helen (Gene) Noll, Beaver Creek, Everett (Grace) Kracht, rural Garretson, and Mary Ann (Steve) Carlson, Garretson; 10 grandchildren, Jill (Jordan) Stipp, Jamie (Eric) Schuller, Justin (Claudia) Kracht, Tory (Jill) Noll, Renee (Joe) Swi-

atek, Adara (Luke) Wix, Tyler Kracht, Shane (Beth) Carlson, Jordan Carlson and Dylan (fiancée, Michelle) Carlson; 16 great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Parker, Nolan, Audrey, Trenton, Emmet, Brooklyn, Brycen, Jaxson, Hailey, Madden, Hayden, Bo, Lola, Poppy and Harper; a brother, Pete (Bernice) Kracht, Rock Rapids; and two sisters, Alberta Flatberg, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Henrietta (Lowell) Wirtjes, Brandon, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice, on Jan. 31, 2012; a brother, Bert (Priscilla) Kracht; and a sister, Jeanette (Carmi) Braasch.

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

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DEATH NOTICE

Doyle Toering

Doyle Toering, 42, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019. A funeral service was Friday, Oct. 4, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home & Crematory in Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com.

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Rain slows harvest season in many areas

**By Kent Thiesse,
Farm management
analyst**

Continued wet, rainy weather has slowed harvest progress in many areas of the Upper Midwest. Harvest progress across the region varies considerably, depending on the amount of rainfall received during September and early October, and the level of soil saturation that existed in given locations.

Generally, soybean harvest has barely started in most areas of the Upper Midwest, and virtually no corn has been harvested other than for livestock feed.

The early yield reports from the soybean harvest across the region, which are quite limited, have been fairly mixed. There have been some yield monitor, weigh-wagon, and test plot soybean yields of 60 bushels per acre or higher reported in southern Minnesota.

Of course, it should be pointed out that “whole field” yields are determined by dividing total bushels harvested by the total acres in a field that were planted last spring.

When using this yield

calculation, whole field yields of 50 to 60 bushels per acre have been more common, with lower yields in areas that were hardest hit by excessive moisture earlier in the 2019 growing season.

There are many farms or fields with significant drowned out areas, or portions of fields that are not harvestable. The crop acres that are not harvestable need to be factored in to the final “whole field” yield calculations. In some cases this will significantly lower the final “whole field” yields.

For example, a soybean field with a weigh wagon yield of 60 bushels per acre, measured in an area with no drown-out damage, would see the “whole field” yield reduced to 48 bushels per acre if 20 percent of the field is not harvestable.

There will be numerous soybean fields across the region that will have 10-20 percent or more of the total acres that are not harvestable this year. Most experts expect a wide variation in final soybean yields, once harvest is completed.

Corn harvest has also been initiated in very limited

areas of the region, where that corn has reached maturity and is drying down in the field. Once corn reaches physiological maturity, or “black-layer,” the corn begins to dry down naturally in the field.

Field dry-down rates of one-third to one-half percent per day are typical for corn during the first half of October with normal temperatures, and slightly higher on warm, sunny days.

Much of the corn in the field is still 25-30 percent moisture or higher. Ideally corn needs to be dried down to about 15-16 percent moisture, either naturally in the field or with supplemental drying, for safe storage in on-farm grain bins until next spring or summer.

The slow dry-down of the corn in the field in 2019 will likely result in significantly higher corn drying costs this year.

Stalk quality and strength has been a major concern with the 2019 corn crop in many areas of the Upper Midwest, with significant stalk breakage and ear droppage already occurring in some fields.

A high amount of “green snap” in some corn hybrids resulting from strong winds in July, together with some incidence of corn diseases late in the growing season, is leading to weakening of corn stalks in some areas of southern Minnesota.

The consistent standing water in some areas in recent weeks is likely to result in weaker stalks, as well as more development of stalk rots, which could result in additional corn lodging.

Fall tillage and manure applications could also be challenging in many locations this fall, due to the extremely saturated topsoil conditions. This type of soil situation makes it difficult for quality tillage and may require leaving portions of fields without fall tillage or manure applications.

Producers are also reminded that soil temperatures should be 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower for fall applications of nitrogen fertilizer for the 2020 crop year in order to avoid significant losses. Soil temperatures at Waseca were still above 60 degrees F. in early October.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1010 Party in Pink

‘Party in Pink’ benefits breast cancer research

Nora Wysong and Stephanie Page participated in the Ninth Annual “Party in Pink” vendor event to benefit breast cancer Saturday, Oct. 5, at the home of Lila and Rick Tatge in Beaver Creek. “This year’s event is special and a very tough one,” said Lila Tatge. “I started this in honor of my mom, Leah Doorneweerd, who was first diagnosed and had a mastectomy in 1996, again in 2000, and then in 2009 it went into her jawbone. She had plastic surgery and a plate to replace the jawbone. She died Feb. 4, 2019, at the age of 91 after this long battle. She was one tough lady.” Vendors participating in the event were Tupperware, Norwex, Tastefully Simply, Page Designs, Mary Kay, XYNGULAR, Origami Owl, Thirty One, US BORNE, Scentsy, Color Street, Pink Zebra, Pampered Chef and Young Living Oils. A bake sale and lunch was served and provided by the H-BC After Prom Committee. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Nutcrackers bring Minnesota and Washington State women together/continued from page 6A



Betty Mann, Rock County Historical Society president, poses for photograph outside the front of the Nutcracker Museum in Leavenworth, a Bavarian-themed village in Washington State.

hands and said, ‘Oh, we know all about you,’” Betty said.

“It was kind of fun.” Both collectors saw the tourism potential in their nutcrackers after many years of requests from the public for private viewings of the collections in their personal homes.

Frakes said it was a joy to observe last week’s meeting between the women who live thousands of miles apart but share the same passion.

“It was really neat to watch them,” said Frakes, who video-recorded a piece of their conversation in which Betty told the story of her History Center dream come true.

Arlene, too, dreams of a bigger, more accessible space for her collection, which draws hundreds of visitors — many on tour buses — to the town of roughly 2,000 people.

“She has endless energy,” Frakes said about the Leavenworth woman.

Not unlike Betty. Of course, timeless energy is necessary when organizing big plans.



The Leavenworth nutcracker collection includes a Hitler nutcracker with an arm that moves up and down to open and close the mouth for nut cracking.

Arlene and her community have already cultivated the nutcracker image as a tourism draw. The Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum was founded by Arlene and her husband, George, in 1995. It showcases nutcrackers from over 50 countries and has been visited by residents of over 70 countries.

The museum has been featured on television with the Food Network, Arts and



The nutcracker cobbler has a lever in his back that opens his mouth to crack nuts.

begin. Luverne’s nutcrackers have their own billboard on I-90, and hundreds of curious travelers make their way downtown each month to find the possibly second-largest nutcracker collection in the world.

And it now includes a rare, signed Steinbach nutcracker that Betty purchased at a special rate from her new friend, Arlene, who knew the world-renowned German artist Christian Steinbach.

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What you need to know:
•The census has not yet started. If you are contacted before March of 2020 by someone claiming to be with the Census, it’s very likely a scam.

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invitations will start arriving in March and will give you three options for completing the form: online, by phone, or in the mail.

•The census will never ask for your Social Security number.

•From the end of April through August 2020, census takers will go door-to-door to collect information from people who haven’t yet completed their census forms.

•The door-to-door census takers will all have official badges and a verifiable identification number so you can ensure you’re not giving your information to a scam operation.

For more information about the census and why it’s important, visit mn.gov/admin/2020-census/.



H-BC students participate in VikeSing choir

Hills-Beaver Creek students (from left) Britton McKenzie, Eli Taubert, Leif Tollefson, Elliot Morris and Wyatt Shimp participated in the third annual VikeSing Men’s Festival Choir at Augustana University in Sioux Falls Tuesday, Oct. 1. In the afternoon, the ninth- through 12th-grade and sixth- through eighth-grade men’s choir rehearsed and performed an exchange concert with the Augustana Choir. Amy Comp is the K-12th vocal music instructor at Hills-Beaver Creek.

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Dragons take first losses in Marshall

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team took its first two losses of the season at the Jimmy John's Invitational in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

AHS went 3-2 at the annual tournament.

Prior to the tournament, the Dragons swept a three-set match at Edgerton Public School on Oct. 1 before winning a five-set match from Pipestone in Adrian Thursday.

The 22-2 Dragons play in Westbrook Monday.

Adrian fell from volleyball's unbeaten ranks during the Jimmy John's Invitational in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

The Dragons went 2-0 in pool play Friday, but AHS went 1-2 in divisional competition on Saturday.

Adrian got off to a great start on Friday by sweeping two-set matches from Worthington and Central Minnesota Christian.

The Dragons topped the Trojans by 25-22 and 25-14 tallies before notching 25-15

JJ invite

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Tennis team completes 2019 season Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The 2019 tennis season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinals during the opening rounds of the Section 3A Individual Tournament in St. Peter Friday.

Two LHS singles players and Cardinal doubles teams had hopes of advancing to the tournament's semifinals Wednesday (Oct. 9) in St. Peter, but it didn't turn out that way.

One doubles team and one singles player did reach the quarterfinals by winning their opening matches.

Ainslie Thomsin notched 6-1 and 6-0 wins over Sleepy Eye's Kaydince Thoms in singles play before falling to Fairmont's Briana Joseph by 6-0 and 6-3 tallies in the second round.

Rozilyn Oye and Elise Jarchow advanced to the doubles quarterfinals by handing Pipestone's Mataya Douty and Skylar Mendro 6-0 and 6-1 setbacks in the opening round.

The LHS team was eliminated by Maple River's Abby Bruegger and Olivia Pfeffer, who handed the Cards a pair of 6-1 setbacks in the second round.

Luverne's Mela Jarchow came up on the short end of 6-1 and 6-0 scores in the opening round of singles play against St. James' Luci Kulseth.

United South Central's Trinity Seedorf and Allyson Swanson topped Solveig Tofeland and Lauren Ver Steeg by 6-3 and 6-2 tallies in the opening round of doubles play.



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Luverne runners (from left) Elizabeth Wagner, Brooklynn Ver Steeg and Jenna DeBates turned in point-earning performances to help the Cardinal girls win the team title of the Luverne Invitational Thursday.

Girls win Luverne invite

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' cross country team kept its perfect home record intact during the annual Luverne Invitational Thursday.

Luverne, which won the Bruce Gluf Classic team title back in early September, completed its 2019 home slate by hosting the Luverne Invitational.

The Cardinals won their second consecutive team title in front of their home fans by pacing a field of four complete teams with 19 points.

Canby finished second to LHS with 40 points.

Luverne won the meet in commanding fashion by having its top five runners place seventh or better during the meet.

Tenley Nelson claimed the individual title with a time of 19:03, while Regan Feit and Brooklynn Ver Steeg placed third and fourth with respective 20:37 and 20:48 efforts.

Jenna DeBates and Elizabeth Wagner completed Luverne's conquest by finishing sixth and seventh with 20:54 and 21:05 times.

Grace Ingebreton (14th in

22:11), Kayla Bloemendaal (15th in 22:42), Makena Nelson (21st in 23:14) and Madigan Flom (42nd in 26:15) also represented LHS in the varsity race.

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

Girls' junior high: Maria Rops, fifth, 14:57; Andrea Luitjens, 14th, 17:56.



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Adrian sophomore Isaac Bullerman is surrounded by two New Ulm Cathedral defenders during Friday's football game in Adrian. Bullerman ran for 45 yards during a 34-0 win.

Adrian gridders blank Greyhounds

By John Rittenhouse

A stout effort on both lines of scrimmage lifted the Adrian football team to a 34-0 home victory over New Ulm Cathedral Friday.

The AHS defense limited the Greyhounds to 46 total yards and one first down, and the Dragon offense ran for 298 yards and five rushing touchdowns to highlight a lopsided contest.

"We were physically domi-

nant. Our boys showed up ready to play this game," said Adrian coach Randy Schettler.

"Our line blocked well and our backs ran hard offensively. We didn't have to make any offensive adjustments because we could pound the ball when we had to. We played well defensively, too. The guys made their reads and got their jobs done."

With every thing clicking, AHS basically had the game

locked up at halftime.

The Dragons scored touchdowns with four of their first five offensive possessions of the game to open a commanding 27-0 lead.

AHS made a statement early by forcing the Greyhounds to punt three plays into the contest.

The Dragon offense took the field and moved the ball 71

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Tiebreaker falls in Luverne's favor

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' cross country team turned in a strong showing at the Luverne Invitational Thursday.

One of five complete teams in the varsity field, the Cardinals won a tiebreaker to claim the team championship.

Both Luverne and Pipestone registered 49-point efforts when the points were tallied for the top five finishers for each squad.

It was sixth runner Ethan Curtiss who lifted the Cardinals to victory by placing 18th in 19:05.

Pipestone's sixth runner placed 26th.

Brayden Tofeland won the individual title for LHS with a time of 16:57, while Jonah Friedrichsen ran a strong race to place eighth in 18:14.

Camden Janiszkeski (10th in 18:26), Griffin Jarchow (14th in 18:55) and Brady Bork (16th in 18:58) made contributions to Luverne's 49-point team tally.

Other Cardinals running in the varsity race include Brody DeBates (25th in 19:22), Sage Viessman (26th in 19:24), Ryan Fick (30th in 19:42), Ethan Rahm (35th in 20:02), Evan Bumgarden (37th in 20:03), Camden Hoven (39th in 20:19), Owen Janiszkeski (43rd in 20:27), Carsen Tofeland (45th in 20:32), Burke Johnson (49th in 21:17), Graham Cunningham



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Ethan Curtiss clinched the team title for the Cardinal boys during the Luverne Invitational Thursday. Curtiss, Luverne's sixth finisher, won a tiebreaker to lift the Cards to victory.

(51st in 21:34), Sam Emery (53rd in 21:42), and Nicholas Rogers (69th in 24:11).

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

meet.

Boys' junior high: Levi Gonnerman, eighth, 13:34; Kaleb Hemme, 13th, 13:52; Matthew Rogers, 16th, 14:26; Eli McLendon, 19th, 19:40.

LHS Cardinals coast to 47-8 football victory in Montgomery Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal football team made short work of the Tri-City United Titans Friday in Montgomery.

Luverne scored 20 first-quarter points on the way to building a 33-0 halftime advantage.

LHS went on to score the first 14 points of the second half before settling with a 47-8 victory.

"The guys executed pretty well in this game," said Cardi-

nal coach Todd Oye.

"Our defense kept on getting off the field and giving our offense good field position. It was a good win against a section and district opponent."

The LHS defense turned in an outstanding effort that featured the Cards limiting the Titans to six first downs and 125 total yards.

The Cardinal offense ran for 300 yards and registered six rushing touchdowns to highlight a 39-point conquest.

LHS assumed control of the game by scoring 20 points in a span of 5:11 in the first quarter.

Luverne's opening offensive possession covered 46 yards in seven plays and came to an end with Bailey Cowell scoring on a five-yard run at the 6:35 mark of the stanza.

Shaïd Shearer added his first of five extra points following the touchdown to make it 7-0.

Luverne's second possession started on the Titans' 43-yard line and lasted one play

as Ashton Sandbulte broke loose for a 43-yard run to up the lead to 13-0.

The Cards put together a five-play, 52-yard drive before the first quarter was complete.

LaShad Smith broke free for a 20-yard run with 1:24 remaining in the stanza to up the lead to 20-0.

Luverne's fourth offensive possession of the first half proved to be fruitless, but the Cards did score points with their next two possessions.

LHS covered 54 yards in five plays during a series that ended with Tate Baum scoring on a one-yard plunge to make it 27-0 with 4:18 left in the first half.

Luverne's Ethan Beyer intercepted a pass during the second play of T-CU's next offensive possession, giving the Cards the ball on the Titans' 30.

Three plays later, LHS quarterback Casey Sehr delivered a 27-yard touchdown pass to Cowell at the 2:29 mark of

the second quarter to give the Cards a 33-0 lead they would take into the second half.

T-CU attempted an onside kick to start the second half.

Sandbulte fielded the bouncing ball and raced 50 yards for a touchdown to pad Luverne's advantage to 40 points.

After fielding a punt on T-CU's 40-yard line, the LHS offense capped a 47-point

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Panthers, Dragons to join forces in all sports

Recent action has changed the landscape for two area schools prior to the 2019-20 winter sports season.



Based on decisions made by both boards of education, Adrian and Ellsworth schools have entered a sports pairing agreement starting with the upcoming winter season and going forward. I learned both schools were discussing the idea last spring, but I was thinking the agreement might start in the fall of 2020. When the EHS School Board approved the pairing agreement by a 5-1 vote Sept. 30 and the Adrian Board of Education accepted to enter the agreement unanimously (7-0 vote) on Oct. 2, I was proven to be wrong once again.

Ultimately, I think it was a great decision that will benefit athletes from both schools.

I'm sure it was a tough decision to make by the EHS board, but I believe it was the proper one after learning both the boys' and girls' basketball programs hurt by sagging participation rates at the varsity level.

Avoiding the prospect of forcing underclassmen to be thrust into varsity competition when they might not be ready for the challenge is a commendable decision.

I think the decision will especially benefit some of Ellsworth's older athletes, who I think will help the Adrian-Ellsworth Dragon basketball teams become competitive squads this winter.

The schools will share the costs of athletic teams on a per pupil basis, and there will be basketball games and volleyball matches played in Ells-

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

worth. Although the basketball schedule has not been finalized yet, the agreement includes three boys' and three girls' games taking place at EHS this winter. The A-E squads will wear uniforms consisting of Ellsworth's maroon and gold colors.

The teams will wear Adrian's blue and gold colors during games at AHS and in the postseason.

EHS will host one or two volleyball matches for the A-E squad in the fall of 2020.

Prior to the recent agreement, AHS and EHS already had paired for football, wrestling, baseball and softball.

Along with pairing in basketball for the first time this winter, the schools will share cross country, track and golf programs for the first time in 2020.

As far as the coaching aspects of the sports, the current AHS mentors will remain as the head coaches.

Current EHS coaches can work as assistants or as coaches at the junior varsity and B squad levels if they choose.

From what I've heard, Red Rock Conference and Minnesota State High School League officials are expected to approve the pairing agreement.

Once all of the formalities are taken care of, the era of athletics begins for two schools that were once neighboring rivals.

I hope it turns into a long and prosperous adventure for both communities as well as for the athletes involved.

Club honors 2019 champs

The Rock County Sportsman's Club offered a salute to its 2019 champions during the annual Awards Supper Sept. 27.

Team and individual champs drew honors that evening.

Slocum Taxidermy 1 and Slocum Taxidermy 2 claimed the Class A team titles.

Dave Stearns, Jon Lang, Jeff Stearns, Chris Balster, Jim Slocum, Doug Deutsch and Rick Ossefoort form the No. 1 squad, while Jeff Stearns, Jon Lang, Rick Ossefoort, Chris Balster and Jim Slocum competed with the No. 2 team.

Loosbrock Electric and Main Street Financial finished first and second in the Class B team standings.

Dave Stearns, Bruce Predmore, Del Gangestad, Steve Nath and Doug Deutsch teamed up for Loosbrock Electric, while Rich DeSchepper,

Cole Voss, Jeff Stearns, Rick Ossefoort, Jim Kaelke and Clark Stoel shot with the Main Street Financial squad.

K & R Firearms and Nergaard Construction placed first and second in Class C.

Ken Kerkaert, Jack Boomgaarden, Dave VanderVliet, Mike Gangestad, Craig Vastenhou, Jayden Knips and Dean Von Holtum are members of the K & R Firearms squad, while Bob May, Adam Ossefoort, Brent Dinger, Casey Kruger, Chris Den Hoed and Dakota Olson form the Nergaard Construction team.

Jim Slocum, who claimed the individual title in the 16-yard league, sported the high overall score (22.97) for the 2019 season.

Doug Deutsch (22.68) claimed the Class A title, Jeff Stearns (22.62) reigns in Class B and Paul Steen (22.17) took top honors in Class C.

Athletic H-BC overwhelms SESM Friday

The athleticism of the Hills-Beaver Creek football team was on display during Friday's game against Sleepy Eye St. Mary's in Hills.

SESM is a big, physical team capable of controlling the line of scrimmage, but the Knights proved to be no match for the bevy of talented athletes H-BC brings to the field.

H-BC produced 34 points in the game's first half and outscored the Knights 23-0 in the second half to post a 57-20 victory.

"They had the biggest linemen we have seen all year, and that was a concern entering the game," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

"We wanted to counter that with out speed, and I think we were able to expose them with our quickness and I think we were able to do that offensively."

The Patriots had to climb out of an early hole before they could display their offensive prowess Friday.

SESM received the game's opening kickoff and put together an eight-play, 63-yard drive to gain an 8-0 lead 3:45 into the game.

Trent Steffensmeier scored on a one-yard run and Nick Labat ran in the two-point conversion to give SESM an early advantage.

H-BC answered the challenge by scoring 28 first-quarter points with a total of eight offensive plays.

Tailback Tyson Bork, who ran for 237 yards in the contest, raced 66 yards for a touchdown during the first play of H-BC's opening possession.

Gavin Wysong, who added 213 yards to the rushing tally, carried in the two-point conversion to knot the score at eight.



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Hills-Beaver Creek junior quarterback Gavin Wysong ran for 213 yards and three touchdowns and tossed two touchdown passes during Friday's 57-20 home win over SESM.

version to knot the score at eight.

Wysong came up with a big play on defense moments later when he intercepted a pass on the H-BC 46-yard line during the third play of SESM's second possession.

Bork scored on a 32-yard run two plays later to give the Patriots a 14-8 lead at the 6:04 mark of the opening stanza.

The Knights made a bid to score again before their third possession stalled on downs at the H-BC nine-yard line.

Wysong raced 51 yards for a touchdown two plays later to up H-BC's lead to 12 points

(20-8).

H-BC came up with another key defensive play when Patriot Easton Harnack recovered a fumble on the Knights' 25 during the second play of SESM's next offensive possession.

Wysong scored on a 12-yard run two plays later before carrying in the two-point conversion that gave the Patriots a 28-8 advantage with 28 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Knights climbed back into contention by scoring 12 points in a span of 2:26 of the second quarter to trim

the difference to eight points (28-20).

Labat flipped a three-yard touchdown pass to Pat Hoffman to cap a 63-yard drive at the 8:51 mark of the second stanza.

SESM pulled off a successful outside kick after the score, setting up a 44-yard drive ending with a 27-yard touchdown pass from Joey Herzog Hoffman that came with 6:25 remaining in the first half.

H-BC regained the game's momentum by putting together an eight-play, 41-yard drive with its next offensive possession.

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run when Zach Kruse broke free for a 40-yard touchdown scamper at the 7:39 mark of the third stanza.

T-CU's Kayden Factor scored on a 27-yard run and carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to cap the scoring in the game with 3:47

left in the third quarter.

The 4-2 Cardinals entertain Sibley East for their Homecoming game Friday.

ing yards, 125 total yards, six first downs, one penalty for five yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Smith 11-90, Sandbulte 6-74, Kruse 2-36, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty 3-30, Cowell 6-24, Luke Bosch 2-16, Matthew Sehr 1-12, Brayden Ripka 3-8, Baum 2-6, Jacob Von Tersch 1-3, Trevor Halverson 4-3,

Sehr 2-minus 2.
Passing: Sehr 5-7 for 76 yards, Cowell 2-6 for 12 yards.
Receiving: Cowell 2-41, Sandbulte 1-21, Gannon Ahrendt 2-11, Isaiah Bartels 1-10, Eli Radtke 1-5.
Defense: Zach Ahrendt 4.5 tackles, Cole-Kraty 4.5 tackles, Nick Feit four tackles, Cade Wenninger 3.5 tackles, Sandbulte three tackles, Sehr one sack, Beyer one interception, Von Tersch one interception.

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yards in 10 plays with senior Brandon Schnoor capping the march with a four-yard touchdown run at the 5:44 mark of the first quarter.

Brady Vortherms added his first of four extra points following the touchdown to make it 7-0.

The AHS defense came up with a big play moments later as the Dragons forced a fumble during the second play of NUC's next possession and Adrian's Preston Nelson recovered the loose ball on the opposing 22-yard line.

AHS quarterback Ian Stamer scored on a 10-yard run five plays later to up the lead to 13-0 with 2:26 remaining in the opening stanza.

Adrian's third offensive possession of the contest resulted in a lost fumble, but Nelson got the ball back for AHS when he recorded his second fumble recovery of the game in the second quarter.

Nelson's recovery gave AHS the ball on the Greyhounds' 27-yard line, where the Dragons put together a nine-play possession ending with a two-yard touchdown run by Schnoor to make it 20-0 with



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Adrian senior Brandon Schnoor ran for 130 yards and two touchdowns during Friday's home win over NUC.

4:27 left in the first half.

AHS was able to add to its lead before the first half was complete.

The Dragon defense forced

NUC to punt after three unsuccessful plays following Schnoor's second touchdown.

The AHS offense moved

the ball 54 yards in five plays with Stamer scoring on a one-yard run with 40 seconds left in the second quarter to cap a 27-point first half.

The Dragons lost a fumble early in the third quarter before getting the ball back when the AHS defense stopped the Greyhounds on downs at the AHS eight-yard line.

The Dragon offense iced the win by advancing the ball 92 yards in 15 plays.

Nelson completed the drive with a four-yard touchdown run to end the scoring in the game with nine seconds left in the third quarter.

The 4-2 Dragons host Springfield Thursday.

Team statistics
Adrian: 298 rushing yards, 44 passing yards, 342 total yards, 21 first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, three turnovers.
NUC: 46 rushing yards, zero passing yards, one first down, zero penalties, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Schnoor 26-130, Nelson 11-49, Isaac Bullerman 10-45, Stamer 8-36, Rilee Heidebrink 2-22, Reece Carlson 1-10, Andrew Bolluyt 1-7, Carson Wolford 1-3, Quentin Wolf 1-0, Breyer Hieronimus 1-minus 4.
Passing: Stamer 1-1 for 44 yards.
Receiving: Schoor 1-44.
Defense: Nelson nine tackles, one sack and two fumble recoveries, Wolf four tackles, Bullerman three tackles, Tylor Hix three tackles.



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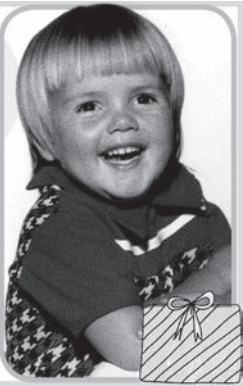
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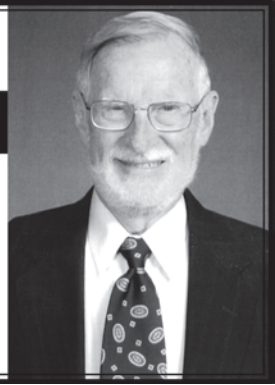
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Dragons compete at Luverne Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian cross country runners made an appearance at the Luverne Invitational Thursday.

A total of eight Dragon athletes tested their skills at the meet.

Four AHS girls and two boys competed at the varsity level, while two Dragon boys competed in the junior high race.

Moriah Bullerman ran well for the AHS girls by finishing ninth in the varsity race with a time of 21:27.

Hiltyn Heitkamp, Gracia Elias and Taya Elias placed 28th, 37th and 41st with respective 24:20, 25:24 and 26:08 efforts.

Dylan Graff turned in Adrian's top effort in the boys' varsity race by finishing 22nd in 19:17.

Ky Ruppert placed 77th in



Adrian's Gracia Elias (left) and Hiltyn Heitkamp ran together during the girls' varsity race at the Luverne Invitational Thursday. The Dragons ran as an incomplete team at the event.

26:29.
Here is a look at the rest of

Adrian's results during the Luverne Invitational.

Junior high boys: Bruce Farniella, 10th, 13:44; Cam Hinsch, 33rd, 17:47.

Panther runners return to action after extended break

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth cross country runners returned to action after nearly a three-week layoff by attending the Luverne Invitational Thursday.

Four Panthers competed at the varsity level and three others mixed it up in the junior high races at the event.

All four of Ellsworth's varsity competitors were entries in the boys' varsity race.

Robby Armstrong and Linkin Bossert set the pace for EHS by finishing 32nd and 33rd with respective 19:59 and 20:00 times.

Micah Onken placed 59th in the field with a time of 22:23, while Cole Boltjes placed 74th in 22:34.

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

Junior high boys: Logan Bossert, 21st, 14:45.2; Zach Onken, 22nd, 14:45.5.

Junior high girls: Brynn Boyenga, 10th, 17:06.



Ellsworth's Linkin Bossert (left) and Robby Armstrong match strides during the Luverne Invitational Thursday.

H-BC wins five-set thriller with Murray County Central

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team went 3-3 during a stretch of competing on three consecutive days last week.

The Patriots pulled out a five-set home win over Murray County Central Thursday before going 2-3 at the Jimmy John's Invitational in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

H-BC, 10-13 overall, plays in Luverne Thursday.

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The Patriots compiled a 2-3 record during two days of competition at the Jimmy John's Invitational in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

H-BC opened the tournament by dropping a pair of three-set decisions in pool play Friday.

Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton handed the Patriots a 25-19, 10-25, 11-25 setback.

Heron Lake-Okabena Fulda topped H-BC 23-25, 25-20, 9-15 in the final pool match.

H-BC won both of its pool matches in the White Division on Saturday.

The Patriots bested MCC 25-15, 16-25 and 15-11 before upending Worthington 25-17, 24-26, 17-15.



Hills-Beaver Creek junior Abby Knobloch recorded nine kills during a five-set win over MCC in Hills Thursday.

H-BC squared off against Springfield in the final match of the tournament pitting the White Division's No. 1 and No.

2 seeds against each other. The top-seeded Tigers topped H-BC by 25-12 and 25-16 tallies.

H-BC 3, MCC 2

The Patriots picked up a Red Rock Conference conquest when they edged the Rebels in a five-set match Thursday in Hills.

The teams swapped wins in the first four sets of play, but it was H-BC that came out on the winning end of a 15-10 decision in the fifth set to take the match.

MCC secured 25-17 and 25-23 victories in sets one and three respectively, while the Patriots claimed 25-20 and 26-24 wins in sets two and four.

Abby Knobloch (18 of 19 serving with one ace, nine kills and 11 digs), Annie Bos (15 of 16 serving with two aces and 10 set assists) and Whitney Elbers (16 kills and three blocks) turned in strong efforts for the Patriots.

Kenadie Fick (15 of 16 serving), Kailey Rozeboom (13 set assists) and Joslyn Birger (five digs) also played key roles in the win.

Don't hunt pheasants in middle of day

I can't confirm this, but I have been told that 80 percent of all roosters harvested during the entire 10-week season will be taken in the first 10 days.



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

There are many hunters who will only hunt the first few weeks and then take up deer hunting when that season opens in early November.

If conditions are right, there will be thousands of pheasant hunters hitting the field on Oct. 12.

Last season the Minnesota DNR sold about 50,000 pheasant stamps. This is a stamp that hunters have to purchase along with their licenses, and these dollars go into a special fund to benefit pheasant habitat.

It was not all that long ago that that number was 100,000.

When bad weather and habitat loss combine to deplete the pheasant population, fewer hunters are willing to shell out the money for a license.

For some it is not the money. They just don't want to drive a long distance, hunt all day and not have the chance to harvest a rooster.

In a typical early season hunt, there is always a lot of standing corn, and guess what?

The pheasants will spend all day lying in a cornfield. They will seek refuge in the corn and feed and stay safe until sunset and then fly back into the grass.

Regardless of the pheasant population, hunting is tougher when crops are still standing.

If I could give a pheasant hunter any advice, it would be advice that is really hard to hear and even harder to take.

That advice is, don't waste your time hunting pheasants in the middle of the day in the early part of the season.

Here is my take. If 90 percent of the pheasants leave the grass at sunrise, this will still leave 10 percent of the birds in grass cover that a hunter might be able to put a gun on.

After about 11 a.m. I think 95 percent of the birds are in the corn. Hunting for that 5 percent from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. is a low probability effort.

The only thing that happens when hunters bust boot all day is that they wear out their dogs and lose the energy in their step.

This leaves little energy left for both hunter and dog to capitalize in the best hour of any pheasant-hunting day — the very last hour of legal shooting time when birds move back to roosting cover.

I have seen this happen so many times where both man and dog are completely spent by 2 p.m. Even if the hunter can find a second wind, the dog is usually trashed for the day.

Hunting in the middle of the day is also the hottest temperature of that day. The dog has a much better chance of overheating and dying when hunting in midday.

It is really hard for a hunter to drive three to four hours to hunt and then spend any part of that day not hunting. So they pound the shoe leather all day and leave for home before the golden hour, because both the hunter and the dog are completely spent.

I normally hunt the first two hours of the day and then go play pool, or cards or even stretch out in the Public Lands parking lot and take a snooze.

I harvest many roosters across multiple states each year. The last hour of the day is by far the highest harvest hour.

If all you want is an exercise walk, then hunt all day. But if your intentions are to bag roosters, concentrate on the first two hours and the last hours to maximize success.

Scout new areas or do honey projects midday. More pheasant suppers will come your way if you heed this advice.

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

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H-BC junior Tyson Bork ran for 237 yards and three touchdowns during Friday's 57-20 home win over SESM.

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The series ended with Wysong tossing a nine-yard touchdown pass to Chase Bosch, giving the Patriots a 34-20 lead they would take into the second half. H-BC put the game away by scoring 23 unanswered points in the third quarter. The Patriots put together a 10-play drive ending with a five-yard touchdown pass from Gavin Wysong to Zander Wysong during the opening possession of the second half. Gavin Wysong carried in the two-point conversion to make it a 42-20 difference. SESM attempted to punt moments later, but a bad snap led to the punter recovering the ball on the Knights' four-yard line, where he was ruled down. Bork scored on a four-yard run during the next play, and Gavin Wysong hooked up with Tryce Bennett for a successful conversion pass to up the lead to 50-20. SESM's next offensive pos-

session stalled on downs at the Knights' 43-yard line. Gavin Wysong registered a 14-yard touchdown run four plays later and Bosch booted the extra point to cap the scoring. The 5-1 Patriots host Red Rock Central for Homecoming Friday.

Team statistics
H-BC 455 rushing yards, 41 passing yards, 496 total yards, 14 first downs, two penalties for 10 yards, zero turnovers.
SESM: 131 rushing yards, 175 passing yards, 306 total yards, 12 first downs, zero penalties, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Bork 13-237, G. Wysong 18-213, Liam Raymon 2-6, Oliver Deelstra 1-minus 1.
Passing: G. Wysong 5-5 for 41 yards.
Receiving: Z. Wysong 2-28, Bosch 1-9, Bennett 1-4.
Defense: G. Wysong 13 tackles and one interception, Drew Leenderts three tackles, Harnack eight tackles and one fumble recovery, Bosch seven tackles, Bennett five tackles, Raymon five tackles, Bork nine tackles, Cole Baker five tackles, Casey Kueter 11 tackles, Tory Knobloch four tackles, Z. Wysong three tackles, Donovan Leenderts three tackles.

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and 25-19 wins over CMC. Gold Division pool play on Saturday was less kind to AHS, where the Dragons lost consecutive three-set battles to Russell-Tyler-Ruthton and Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg. AHS handed R-T-R a 25-17 loss in the opening set before falling 16-25 and 16-18 in the next two sets. KMS topped Adrian 26-24, 22-25, 15-10. Adrian completed the tournament by saddling Brandon-Evansville with a pair of 25-18 setbacks in the final match.

AHS 3, Pipestone 2
The Dragons came out on the winning end of a tight battle when they entertained the Arrows in Adrian Thursday. Adrian and Pipestone claimed two sets each to set up a decisive fifth set that fell in the Dragons' favor by a 15-11 margin. The Dragons rolled to 25-19 and 25-18 wins in the opening sets, but the Arrows bounced back to take sets three and four by 25-15 and 25-11 tallies. Kasie Tweet (36 set assists, 29 digs and 21 of 23 serving

with two aces), Mayssa Tweet (25 digs and 18 of 20 serving with one ace) and Shawna Rogers (16 digs and 15 of 16 serving) turned in strong efforts for Adrian. Morgan Neuenberg completed all nine of her serves for the Dragons, who were led at the net by Marissa Lehnhoff (19 kills), Bailey Lonneman (12 kills) and Brianna Reckamp (seven kills).

AHS 3, Edgerton 0
The Dragons turned in a commanding performance during a victory at EHS Oct. 1. Adrian outscored the Flying Dutchmen 75-33 during a three-set sweep. The Dragons posted 25-9, 25-10 and 25-14 wins. Kasie Tweet (40 set assists, 21 of 22 serving with eight aces and 16 digs), Mayssa Tweet (14 of 14 serving with two aces and 20 digs) and Reckamp (10 of 10 serving with two aces and eight digs) made key contributions to the winning effort. Lehnhoff led the Dragons with 14 kills and Jayden Zebe completed 10 of 11 serves.

Patriots sweep Panthers in Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse
Two area volleyball teams met for a Red Rock Conference match in Ellsworth Oct. 1. Hills-Beaver Creek paid a visit to EHS and returned home as a happy squad after handing the Panthers a 3-0 setback on their home court. Kallie Chapa served the Panthers to a 4-0 lead in the opening set before H-BC went on a 15-7 run ending with an ace serve by Abby Knobloch to gain a 15-11 lead. The Patriots extended their lead to eight points (22-14) after Kenadie Fick delivered a service point, but EHS scored the next four points to trail by four (22-18) when Morgan Dreesen served a point. H-BC recovered to score the next three points and prevailed 25-19 after Taryn Rauk recorded a set-ending tip. H-BC overcame a 2-0 deficit to open a 10-2 lead in the second set after Whitney Elbers registered a kill. Ellsworth closed the gap to two points (12-10) when Kendra DeBeer delivered a service ace, but H-BC put together a 13-3 run ending with an ace served from Fick to secure a 25-13 victory. Both teams sported three-point leads in the early stages of the third set, which eventually was deadlocked at 14. A service point from Fick gave H-BC an 18-15 advantage before EHS reeled off four consecutive points to take a 19-18 lead when Dreesen delivered an ace serve. EHS sported a 20-19 edge when H-BC scored six consecutive points to claim a 25-20 victory after Annie Bos produced a set-ending service point. Kailey Rozeboom (14 set assists and 13 of 13 serving with three aces) and Bos (seven digs and eight set assists) played well for H-BC. Fick (18 of 19 serving with three aces), Knobloch (13 of 13 serving with three aces), Ashlyn Meester (six kills and



John Rittenhouse photo/1010 he vb 14
Ellsworth blocker Kallie Chapa challenges a tip at the net by H-BC's Taryn Rauk during a match in Ellsworth Oct. 1. The Patriots posted a 3-0 victory over the Panthers.

Elbers (11 kills), Rauk (six kills) and Joslyn Birger (seven digs) also turned in solid showings for the Patriots. Ellsworth eighth-grader Katie Buntjer fields a serve during a home match against Hills-Beaver Creek Oct. 1.

15 of 15 serving with one ace) and DeBeer (three blocks, six digs and two ace serves) led EHS statistically. Chapa (12 of 13 serving

with one ace), Dreesen (10 set assists) and Madyson Bixby (eight digs) also produced well for the Panthers.

Cardinals split tests with MCW, JCC

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne volleyball team split a pair of road matches last week. The Cardinals lost a three-set decision in Jackson Oct. 1 before posting a 3-0 win over Martin County West Thursday in Trimont. Luverne, 10-10 overall, hosts Hills-Beaver Creek Thursday.

Luverne 3, MCW 0
The Cardinals notched their 10th win of the season when they squared off against the Mavericks in Trimont Thursday. Luverne outscored MCW 75-60 overall during a match that included three competitive sets. The Cardinals came out on the winning end of 25-20, 25-22 and 25-18 decisions. Tacey Baustian (nine digs, 19 set assists and 15 of 15 serving with one ace), Sydney Biever (11 digs and 12 of 12 serving) and Mallory Thorson (nine

kills and 11 blocks) played well in the win for LHS. Elise Ferrell added seven kills and Gracie Zewiske chipped in seven blocks to the winning effort.

JCC 3, Luverne 0
Luverne wrapped up a 1-5 Big South Conference slate by dropping a three-set match in Jackson Oct. 1. Jackson County Central didn't surrender more than 20 points in a single set during the win over LHS. The Huskies came out on the winning end of 25-19, 25-18 and 25-19 decisions. Baustian played a solid match by recording 12 blocks, 12 set assists and registering eight digs for the Cardinals. Zewiske (eight digs and eight of eight serving), Ferrell (10 of 10 serving and seven kills) and Thorson (10 blocks and seven kills) also turned in productive nights for LHS.

Bucs oust LHS girls

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Cardinals bowed out of the Section 3A Team Tennis tournament Thursday in St. Peter. Luverne, the tournament's fourth seed, took on No. 1 Blue Earth during the semifinals at Gustavus Adolphus College. The Cardinals lost a 6-1 decision to the Bucs during the regular season and came up on the short end of the same tally Thursday, ending their 14-5 team campaign. Luverne's lone win came at second doubles, where Solveig Tofte and Lauren Ver Steeg posted a 6-2, 6-7, 10-5 victory over Cali Beyer and Lyndsey

Borris. BEA's McKenna Dutton and Britt Howard topped Brynn Thier and Mela Jarchow 7-5, 6-0 at first doubles, while Addison Armstrong and Kiley Rosenau secured 6-1 and 7-5 wins over Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith at No. 3. The Bucs won all four singles matches in straight sets. Tea Armstrong (6-1, 6-0 over Rozilyn Oye at No. 1), Macie Steverm (6-2, 6-0 over Elise Jarchow at No. 2), Arika Howard (6-2, 6-0 over Ainslie Robinson at No. 3) and Marissa Benz (6-2, 6-4 over Mia Wenzel at No. 4) prevailed in singles for BEA.

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Thursday, Oct. 10: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Oct. 12: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Prayer Warriors after service. 4 p.m. Rock the Edge Ecumenical Food Drive. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Oct. 14: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 15: 7 p.m. PPR meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 16: No FUEL or Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 17: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

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

Thursday, Oct. 10: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. 1 p.m. PW Bible Study. Sunday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School; confirmation class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Oct. 15: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Oct. 16: No youth club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. Circles. Thursday, Oct. 17: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 10: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 11: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 12: 4-8 p.m. Rock County Special Olympics fundraiser at Luverne Elementary commons. Sunday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School. 5-7 p.m. Zion LWML Fall Festival soup and sandwich supper. Monday, Oct. 14: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Oct. 16: Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 17: Pastor/church workers conference at Maier. 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 13: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran Church. 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 3 p.m. Study. Tuesday, Oct. 15: 7 p.m. First Council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

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

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 10: 8 p.m. Palisade Council meeting. Sunday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran Church. Monday, Oct. 14: 9 a.m. Quilting at Palisade Lutheran Church.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Pastor Nancy Manning

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Sin tapes

Next weekend I'm going to run a half marathon in Mankato.

It's been 4 years since I ran my first half marathon, so needless to say, I had to start training from scratch.

It takes intentional training for me to be able to run a long-distance race. As I reflect back over the past few months and all of the workouts I have done, it's pretty unbelievable to me how far I've come.

At the beginning, when I could barely run more than 4 miles without giving up, it was too overwhelming to think about running 13.1. The fitness gain was rather unnoticeable to me, until one day I realized I could run over 10 miles and actually felt pretty good while doing it.

I've learned a lot about training runs; the shorter, faster workouts train your body to metabolize lactic acid more quickly, and the long runs train your mind. A lot of long-distance running is mental.

The hardest part for me is not believing the voice that tells me I can't do it — the voice that tells me I'm not good enough, or fast enough or strong enough. Each time I ran anyway, not listening to that voice, even if at first it was just a couple of feet past the point when I wanted to stop, the more I proved to myself that those voices are wrong.

For me, church is like marathon training. Because whether or not you ever run long

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

distances, we all have thoughts that tell us we are not good enough, or unworthy of love or that something we've done is unforgivable.

I had a professor in seminary who called these "sin tapes." Often we don't even realize the tapes are playing on a loop, but their soft, subtle drone can affect our relationships with ourselves and others.

When we gather for worship and hear the story of God's great and mighty love for humanity, we are proving those voices wrong. Every time we hear about God's forgiveness and mercy or receive Christ's body given for us, we hear a different message that is counter to the soft, subtle drone of the sin tapes. And then, just like one day I surprised myself by being able to run 10 miles, without our noticing, the good news that we are loved rings more loudly than the sin tapes that tell us we are not worthy.

God claims you and calls you worthy of abundant life, no matter what anyone else says. You are God's beloved, and that can take you to distances you never thought possible.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehempluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Oct. 15: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope (Marilyn Nelson's home).

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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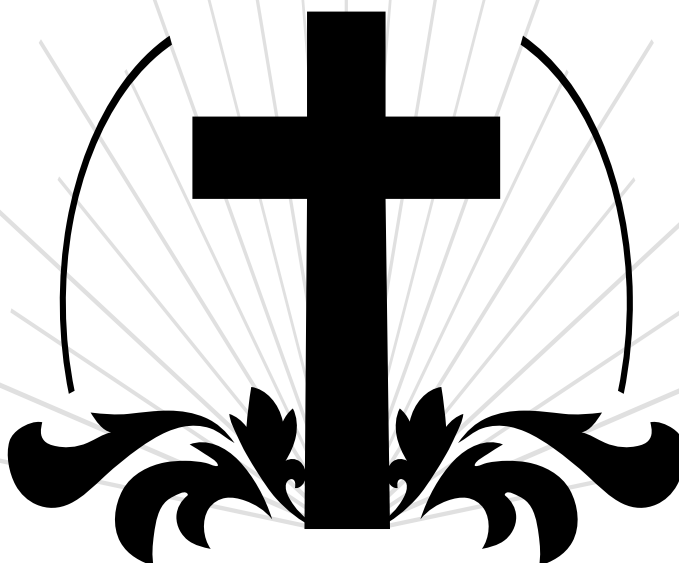
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Mortgage foreclosure sale
set for Dec. 5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 2, 2008
MORTGAGOR(S): Daniel L. Wendland and Jennifer D. Wendland, husband and wife.

MORTGAGEE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: September 3, 2008 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 169736.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated September 2, 2008 Recorded September 3, 2008, as Document No. 169737.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 603 East Park Street North, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20-1371-100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 3 in Block 2 in Thompson's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$138,265.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$155,492.89

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on June 5, 2020, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: September 26, 2019

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
135 - 19-007581 FC
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(10-10, 10-17, 10-24, 10-31, 11-07, 11-14)

Schroeder probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Paul Schroeder,
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-19-335

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 November 4, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Shelly Taylor, whose address is 935 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, MN, 56116 as 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 full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to 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.

Dated: 10/3/2019

Dated: 10/3/2019

Attorney for Petitioner
Donald R. Klosterbuer
Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP
120 N. McKenzie, PO Box 538
Luverne, MN, 56156
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Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated: 10-3-19

(10-10, 10-17)

Rock County sets public
hearing Oct. 22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is hereby scheduled at 9:05 a.m. on October 22, 2019, at the Herreid Board meeting room, located at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to be held on a proposed property tax abatement request from Chad Rauk, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction with the following location: Lot 005 Block 001 and Lot 006 Block 001 of the City of Beaver Creek. It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rock grant a Property Tax Abatement on these properties in an amount not to exceed 100 percent (%) of the County's portion of the real estate taxes related to new residential home construction on the subject properties for a period not to exceed five (5) years. The estimated value of abatement is approximately \$640 annually. This Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Property Tax Abatement as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1813, subdivision 5. The proposed abatement percentage and terms may be modified at the public hearing.

Kyle Oldre
County Administrator
(10-10)

City of Luverne sets
public hearing for Oct. 22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REVIEW OF
DRAFT PART 2 WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN

The City of Luverne is providing notice that a public hearing will be held on October 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota to review the draft Part 2 Wellhead Protection Plan.

The Wellhead Protection Plan is designed to continue Luverne's efforts to prevent human-caused contamination from entering the public water supply wells. The plan identifies the area of the groundwater aquifer that supplies water to the community's wells over a 10-year period. Potential sources of contamination were identified, and an action plan was developed to reduce the potential risks posed to the public water supply system.

All persons wishing to be heard should be present at the hearing or present written comments previous to the hearing to the City Administrator. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

John Call
City Administrator
(10-10)

Lange probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Robert Arthur Lange, a/k/a Robert A. Lange,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-19-319

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of November, 2019, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Jean Lange, whose address is 509 S. 4th Street, Beaver Creek, Minnesota, 56116, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 524.3-403 Subd. (a) notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Jean Lange, has reason to believe that the original will of the decedent has been lost or destroyed. Petitioner also states that an authentic copy of said will has been presented to the Court for formal probate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said administrator or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: October 2, 2019

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

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

(COURT SEAL)

(10-10, 10-17)

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CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to say thank you to my daughter-in-law, Nadine Schoep, for getting me signed up for the Midwest Honor Flight and a big thank you to my daughter, Lora Wynia, for all her hard work before, during and after the Honor Flight. Smithfield Foods sponsored this Flight and their generosity is much appreciated. I can't say thank you enough to all the people who offered well wishes, cards and support for this trip.
John Schoep
(10.6-10.10)

Thank you to my friends and family for remembering me on my 95th birthday. Your thoughtfulness made it even more special.

Ethel Ossefoot

(10.10)

Thank you to our friends, neighbors, relatives, church family and many others who offered gifts of comfort, words of compassion, thoughtful gestures and cards of condolences with the passing of Rachel Kroontje. Her life — and ours — was blessed by these relationships, and we are grateful for the memories. Rachel believed that dying well was as important as living well, and we have peace in knowing she is now with her precious Jesus.

**The family of
Rachel Kroontje,
John Kroontje and
his daughters:
Lisa and Byron Pals,
Lori and Matt Sorenson,
Linda and Eric Rice,
Lana and Glen Grabill and
Lavelle and Dave Bo-
browsky**

(10.6-10.10)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to our children for hosting our 60th anniversary party. Also to our relatives and friends for the beautiful cards, gifts and messages. It means a lot to us.

Ron and Elaine Muller
(10.6-10.10)

We would like to extend a thank you to the Mary Jane Brown Home for the excellent care Mom received while a resident. A special thanks goes to the Luverne Hospice Cottage and Staff and to Dr. Kennedy for providing such compassionate care for our mother in her final journey. We are blessed as a community to have such wonderful resources in our home town.
**The Marla Gerber Family,
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(10.6-10.10)

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HILLS FIRE & RESCUE



Glenda McGaffee photo/1026 hills fire department
Members of the Hills Fire Department include (front row, from left) Mark Top, Mike Spath, Collin Leuthold, Jared Rozeboom, Mark DeBoer, Lance Larson, Paul Page, (back) Jeff Bass, Wade Jellema, Dylan Klarenbeek, Dan Fick, Dalton Bass, Derek Bundesen and Justin Van Maanen. Missing from photo: Brian Kraayenhof and Dakota Steensma



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HARDWICK FIRE & RESCUE



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Members of the Hardwick Fire Department include (front row, from left) Tom Haas, Nic Johnson, Chief Lowell Schelhaas, Don Luitjens, Johnny Acevodo, Julie Fodness, Craig Mulder, (back) Jen Luitjens, Courtney McGuire and Joan Kindt. Not pictured are Dan Kindt, Emilee Johnson, Jason Thorson, Ethan Thorson, Tony Roos, Miles Brown and John Javner.



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Registered teams (\$100 per team) are eligible for cash prizes awarded for total weight, length of tail feather and length of right foot spur. The first place \$500 prize is sponsored by Security Savings Bank, the second-place \$400 prize is sponsored by Loosbrock Electric, and the third-place \$300 prize is donated by the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau. Longest tail feather prize of \$100 is sponsored by Take 16.

Team signup is Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Take 16 or by calling the Chamber, 283-4061. Birds must be turned in at Take 16 no later than 5 p.m. Saturday. Prizes will be awarded at the After Crow Party that night, which features food at 5:30 p.m. and live music, "Too Drunk to Fish," from 6 to 9 p.m.

Side-by-sides (no four-wheelers allowed) must be street legal, and they must be registered with the DNR. Sign-up for Saturday's Ringneck Team Hunt and Side-by-Side Rally is from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Riders can travel the course at their own leisure in which-ever order they prefer, but all cards must be turned in to Take 16 by 6 p.m. Saturday.

Veterans hunt
A special veterans hunt is planned in western Rock County, similar to the one at last year's Governor's Opener. Stan and Karen Williamson and Wayne and Jo Williamson will again host the veterans, providing land that's rich with roosters. "I really respect the military guys," said Stan Williamson. "And I've got plenty of roosters."

He said his grandpa, Emil Reese, was in World War I, and his dad, Elmo Williamson, was in World War II. Stan trained with the Army during the Vietnam era.

Two of Stan's nephews, Jason Williams and Rusty Williams, are also in the military, serving as a pilot and nuclear engineer respectively. "I hope we can get a few more Vietnam veterans this year," Stan said about the veterans hunt.

Transportation and dogs will be supplied for veterans, who can sign up at the Chamber, 507-283-4061.

More information about the Ringneck Reunion weekend can be found on the Chamber's website, www.luvernechamber.com. Or call the Chamber office (see above) or Peterson at 507-283-2333.

Ringneck Rally Side-by-Side Poker Run
Saturday evening will also feature an announcement of the Pork Challenge winner and poker winners from Ringneck Rally Side-by-Side Poker Run. Peterson said the side-by-side rally will broaden the scope of the Ringneck Reunion celebration. "You don't have to be a hunter to enjoy a side-by-side ride," he said. "It gives people a chance to ride before they put their machines away for the winter." Rally stops are at the Kenneth Bar in Kenneth, Green Lantern Bar in Hardwick, Up the Dam Creek (or the golf course) in Beaver Creek, Hidden Hills Café or Willy's Bar in Hills, Eagles Club, Howling Dog (or Sterling's or Bluestem.

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Page Eddie Edstrom and page Hannah Hess



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The 2019 Luverne High School football team and cheerleading squad include (front row from left) Cedar Viessman, Syndal Pick, Phoebe DeBates, Anna Boltjes, Hannah Baker, Paige Bruhn, Ryenn Stegenga, Isabel Smeins, Heather Huether, (second row) Jack Voorhees, Zach Overgaard, Ashton Sandbulte, Casey Sehr, Carter Baum, Trygve Gangestad, Tate Baum, Eli Radtke, Kameron Keene, Shaïd Shearer, Zach Kruse, Carter Sehr, (third row) Tony Sandbulte, Luke Bosch, Braydon Ripka, Trevor Halverson, Jamie McCarthy, Gavyn Boll, Jacob Von Tersch, Hunter Baker, Ethan Beyer, LaShad Smith, Riley Cowell, Ayden Bonnett, Ethan Roemeling, (fourth row) Todd Oye, TJ Newgard, Matthew Sehr, Ethan Teunissen, Jordan Friedrichsen, Isaiah Bartels, Nathan Nekali, Matthaus Dobbe, Jon Schmacker, Mike Wenninger, Josh Crabtree, Brooks Maurer, (back) Camron Kopp, Arekel McLaughlin, Nick Feit, Gunnar Oldre, Jayson Rops, Connor Overgaard, Zach Ahrendt, Justin Dohmann, Colby Crabtree, Peter Baustian, Carlton Oftedahl, Bailey Cowell, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Hunter Ahrendt, and Cade Wenninger.



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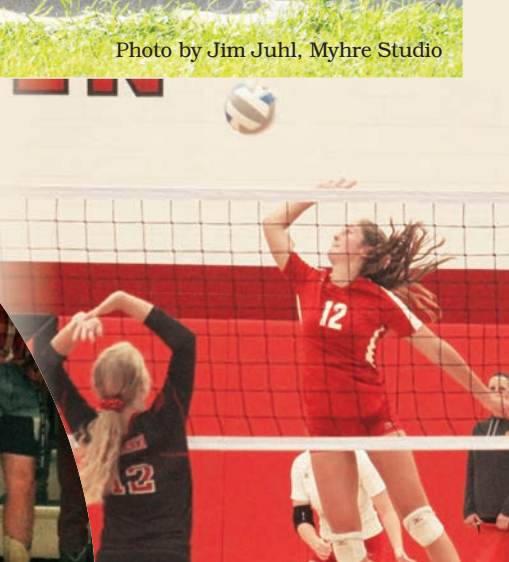
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Members of the 2019 Luverne High School volleyball team include (front row from left) Josie Golla, Morgan Gonnerman, Trista Baustian, Sadie Reisdorfer, McKenzie VanGrootheest, (second row) Tacey Baustian, Alyssa Nattress, Mallory Thorson, Sydney Biever, Maren Schaap, Ainsley Rysdam, (back) April Wallace, Avery Van Roekel, Grace Zewiske, Elise Ferrell, Reghan Bork, Paige Sandbulte and Sarah DeBeer.





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The 2019 Luverne High School boys' cross country team includes (front row from left) Evan Bumgardner, Levi Gonnerman, Ryan Fick, Sage Viessman, Eli McLendon, Owen Janiszski, Kaleb Hemme, (second row) Leif Ingebretson, Griffen Jarchow, Brady Bork, Camden Hoven, Ashton Eitrem, Carsen Tofteland, Sam Emery, Matthew Rogers, (back) Ethan Curtiss, Brayden Tofteland, Brody DeBates, Graham Cunningham, Jonah Friedrichsen, Nicholas Rogers, Camden Janiszski, Ethan Rahm and Burke Johnson

Members of the 2019 Luverne High School girls' cross country team include (front row from left) Kayla Bloemendaal, Maria Rops, Makena Nelson, Jenna DeBates, (second row) Brooklyn Ver Steeg, Grace Ingebretson, Andrea Luitjens, Elizabeth Wagner, Tiana Lais, (back) Mallory Oye, Claire Baustian, Madi Flom, Regan Felt and Tenley Nelson.



GIRLS' TENNIS

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The Luverne High School 2019 girls' tennis team includes (front row from left) Brynn Thier, Alexa Chesley, Ainslie Robinson, Lauren VerSteeg, Elise Jarchow, Bailey Anderson, Kynzie Hamann, Kacie Kracht, (second row) Katherine Kelm, Solveig Tofteland, Destiny Matthiesen, Hannah Ehlers, Olivia Wieneke, Rylee Anderson, Mia Wenzel, Jacey Smith, Liz Kelm, (back) Rozilyn Oye, Amelia Jarchow, Priscilla Muehr, Tori Hemme, Kaitlyn McDowell, Katia Proissl, Reka Meinerts, Lacey Saker, Kristin Rud and Hope Thorson.



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CHEERLEADING

Luverne High School fall 2019 cheerleading squad includes (front row from left) Isabel Smeins, Heather Huether, Syndal Pick, Phoebe DeBates, (back) Hannah Baker, Anna Boltjes, Cedar Viessman, Ryenn Stegenga, and Paige Bruhn.



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The Hills-Beaver Creek High School football team members for 2019 include (front row from left) Luke Fuerstenberg, Alex Harris, Collin Schoneman, Cole Rozeboom, Dewell Rauk, Brayden Metzger, Taylor Fredrickson, (second row) Connor Vandevoort, Brock Harnack, Jaxon Steensma, Chase Bosch, Drew Leenderts, Calvin Erickson, Austin Allen, Donovan Leenderts, Thomas Dysthe, Robbie Drake, (third row) Easton Harnack, Seth Klarenbeek, Gavin Wysong, Parker Gehrke, Zander Wysong, Tyson Bork, Andrew Harris, Liam Raymon, Gideon Taubert (back) Tory Knobloch, Joshua Wiersema, Max Scholten, Oliver Deelstra, Jax Wysong, Kyle Kueter, Cody Moser, Troy Durst, Cole Baker, Casey Kueter, Ty Bundesen, and Tryce Bennett.



VOLLEYBALL

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EDGERTON

Members of the 2019 Hills-Beaver Creek High School volleyball team include (front row from left) Allie LaRock, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Taryn Rauk, (second row) Kenadie Fick, Annie Bos, (third row) Lauren Tatge, Abby Knobloch, Kailey Rozeboom, Taylor Durst, (back) Joslyn Birger, Sadie Fuerstenberg, and Whitney Elbers.



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H-BC's royal court included (front, from left) mistress of ceremonies Eve Burgers, queen candidates Bryn Mongeau, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Larissa Kruid, queen Josie Bartels, king Jaxon Steensma, king candidates Kyle Kueter, Parker Gehrke, Easton Harnack, master of ceremonies Jax Wysong, (back) freshman Olivia Bork, sophomore Tess Van Maanen, junior Lauren Tatge, junior Zander Wysong, sophomore Austin Allen and freshman Luke Fuerstenberg.

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AND THE WINNERS ARE....



Queen Josie Bartels
King Jaxon Steensma



Dress-up day winners for Homecoming Week at Hills-Beaver Creek High School for the "Out of This World" theme are (from left) Brayden Mirth, Britton McKenzie, Taylor Durst, Allie LaRock, Zander Wysong, Jax Wysong, Devon Dysthe and Kailey Rozenboom.