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Solar farm hearing set for Jan. 13

Public comment sought on proposed 80-megawatt solar energy project north of Magnolia

By Mavis Fodness

State officials are considering a site permit for Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County, and a public meeting Monday will offer information and consider the environmental scope of the project.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce will conduct the meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Information gathered at the meeting will help determine whether or not a site permit should be granted to the proposed 80-megawatt solar energy project.

The PUC will also decide which, if any, environmental factors should be considered before allowing the project to be built.

Geronimo Energy of Edina submitted both applications to the PUC for permission to construct the first of two solar farms.

Elk Creek I will be on 976 acres in Vienna Township, north of Magnolia.

The project will connect to the existing Magnolia substation in Section 35 of Vienna Township, adjacent to the project area. A fence will surround the entire solar farm area.

Elk Creek I, which is expected to be complete in 2021, has a power purchase agreement with Xcel Energy for the energy generated by Elk Creek I.

Application for a second solar farm will be completed later. Elk Creek II will be constructed adjacent

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Mavis Fodness photo/1212 Frosty Scene

Conditions produce frosty beauty on rural landscape

Weather conditions have been just right on recent winter mornings in rural Rock County for hoar frost to form on trees and other vegetation resulting in artistic scenery like this one in northeastern Rock County. Temperatures have remained mild in recent weeks but a cold snap is on the way this week for an abrupt reminder of January's often harsh conditions. The forecast, however, does not call for significant precipitation.

County levy set to increase 5.41 percent, raises approved

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved a $6.1 million levy for taxes payable in 2020.

That's a 5.41 percent increase ($317,577) over the current levy with some budget unknowns.

The county will have a total budget of $12.5 million in 2020 including $562,319 in state aid, an increase of $45,279 from the previous year.

Commissioners approved the 2020 levy at their final meeting of the year Dec. 23 to include the following budget items:

•2-percent wage increase for non-union county employees.

•Health and human services, $82,612 (5.96 percent increase).

•Highway department $100,000 (10.53 percent increase) for additional gravel.

•Sheriff's department $85,540 (9.13 percent increase) for employee wages.

•Library, $26,612 (8.36 percent increase) to continue a full-time children's librarian position.

•Reserves, $79,000, same amount allocated in 2019.

"We think the 5.41 percent meets our goals and the direction we want to go with the gravel and the reserves," said Commissioner Jody Reisch.

Other non-union salary increases approved included:

•Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, 5 percent, $96,959.

•Commissioners, 2 percent increase, to $19,415.

The county's three employee unions — highway department, dispatchers and deputy sheriffs — are currently negotiating contracts with the county that expired Jan. 1.

The negotiations with the deputy sheriffs' union is currently headed for mediation, according to County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Local property tax makes up 48 percent of the county's $12.5 million budget.

City prepares former Casey's building for possible tenant; public bathrooms to be ready by spring

By Lori Sorenson

Work has begun on the former Casey's building on East Main Street in Luverne to prepare the location for business and public use.

Exterior siding was removed and interior walls were gutted Monday, and plans call for a new entrance and an exterior blend of architecture with exposed rock and dark trim.

Up next will be construction of two handicap-accessible public bathrooms with separate entrances for trail users and others.

The entrance area will be monitored by security cameras and the bathroom locks will be accessible remotely for city staff to open and close on a schedule.

The council approved construction costs — estimated at $125,000 — to be paid for through the city's contingency fund in 2020. Tom Nergaard is the contractor.

The bathrooms and exterior construction will be wrapped up this summer, and remaining interior work will be put on hold until a suitable tenant is found.

The city of Luverne acquired the property from Casey's Corporation for $1 in January 2019.

Since then, city leaders have been considering the best use for the property, considering its location on the bike trail and near the river.

"We're planning whatever we can do to enhance our outdoor quality of life," Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said Monday, referencing a possible trailhead operation for bike path and river trail recreation.



Chantel Connell photo/0109 casey's building remodel

Exterior siding was removed and interior walls were gutted Monday, and plans call for a new entrance and an exterior blend of architecture with exposed rock and dark trim. Up next will be construction of two handicap-accessible public bathrooms with separate entrances and also a drinking fountain.

"It could be something that rents bikes, canoes and kayaks, and possibly a bike repair shop and other services."

On March 31, 2017, the Casey's closed its East Main Street location, boarded the windows and removed inventory and equipment.

The pumps and underground tanks were removed and the corporation received EPA clearance late in 2018 to post it for sale.

From the city's standpoint, owning the property, especially at the price of $1, is important in order to control Luverne's east "gateway" first impressions.

At that location on the city's east entrance, the property holds promise for all kinds of potential opportunities, but several non-compete restrictions are attached to the deed.

Casey's remodel/see page 5

Brain Health class focuses on medication

By Lori Sorenson

Science is steadily improving the way doctors treat and manage mental health conditions, and medications are a big part of that treatment.

Dr. Austin Spronk shared information about psychiatric medicine Monday night for a roomful of people at Luverne Community Education.

"In the same way that diabetic medications help manage sugars ... antidepressants help manage neurotransmitters ...."

Dr. Austin Spronk

His presentation was the third in a series of monthly sessions on Brain Health started last fall by local advocates with #Luv1LuvAll to end stigma and encourage conversations about mental health.

Angela Nolz, integrated health therapist at Sanford Luverne, has helped organize the classes and encourages open discussions about brain health — like physical health — toward improved quality of life.

"This is a topic I'm passionate about," she said Monday. "And I'm just glad we have resources in the community and people willing to share their expertise."

Spronk, a family practice physician at Sanford Luverne, discussed medications that are commonly

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Community calendar

Meetings

Stateline Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the Rock Rapids, Iowa, Pizza Ranch.

Vienna Townshp Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Community Center in Kenneth.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 with questions.

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

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

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

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

'Heroes Behind the Badges' blood drive set for Jan. 13 at Take 16 Brewing

The 11th annual "Heroes Behind the Badges" blood drive will be from noon to 2 p.m. and from 3-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at Take 16 Brewing.

The Luverne Law Enforcement/EMS and the Luverne Fire Department will compete to see which department can recruit the most blood donors for the Community Blood Bank. Donors are encouraged to designate their donation in honor of the department of their choice. All who donate will receive a pint of their favorite brew.

Donors are reminded to bring an ID to the donation site. For more information, go to www.cbblifeblood.org or call 1-877-877-3070.

Free food giveaway Jan. 16

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Generations building at 319 East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 507-283-4366.

Red Cross hosts area blood drives

The American Red Cross will host two area blood drives in January:

•Adrian: Adrian High School from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.

•Luverne: Grace Lutheran Church from 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20.

The Red Cross has a critical need for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O.

To make an appointment use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Compassionate Friends open meeting Jan. 20 at Coffey Contemporary Arts building

The first meeting of Compassionate Friends will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in the Coffey Contemporary Arts building on Main Street, Luverne. Especially invited are those family members who have dealt with the loss of a child or grandchild. (Teenage siblings or older are also welcome.)

The group will meet the third Monday of every month. Contact Pat Saum at email: Psaum@iw.net with questions.

Dental health clinic Feb. 5

A dental health clinic for ages 0-26 will be at Rock County Health and Human Services at 2 Roundwind Road in Luverne on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment, or stop at Rock County Health and Human Services for assistance in scheduling. Exams, X-rays, cleanings and more will be provided. All forms of insurance are accepted.

Rock County Library activities

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

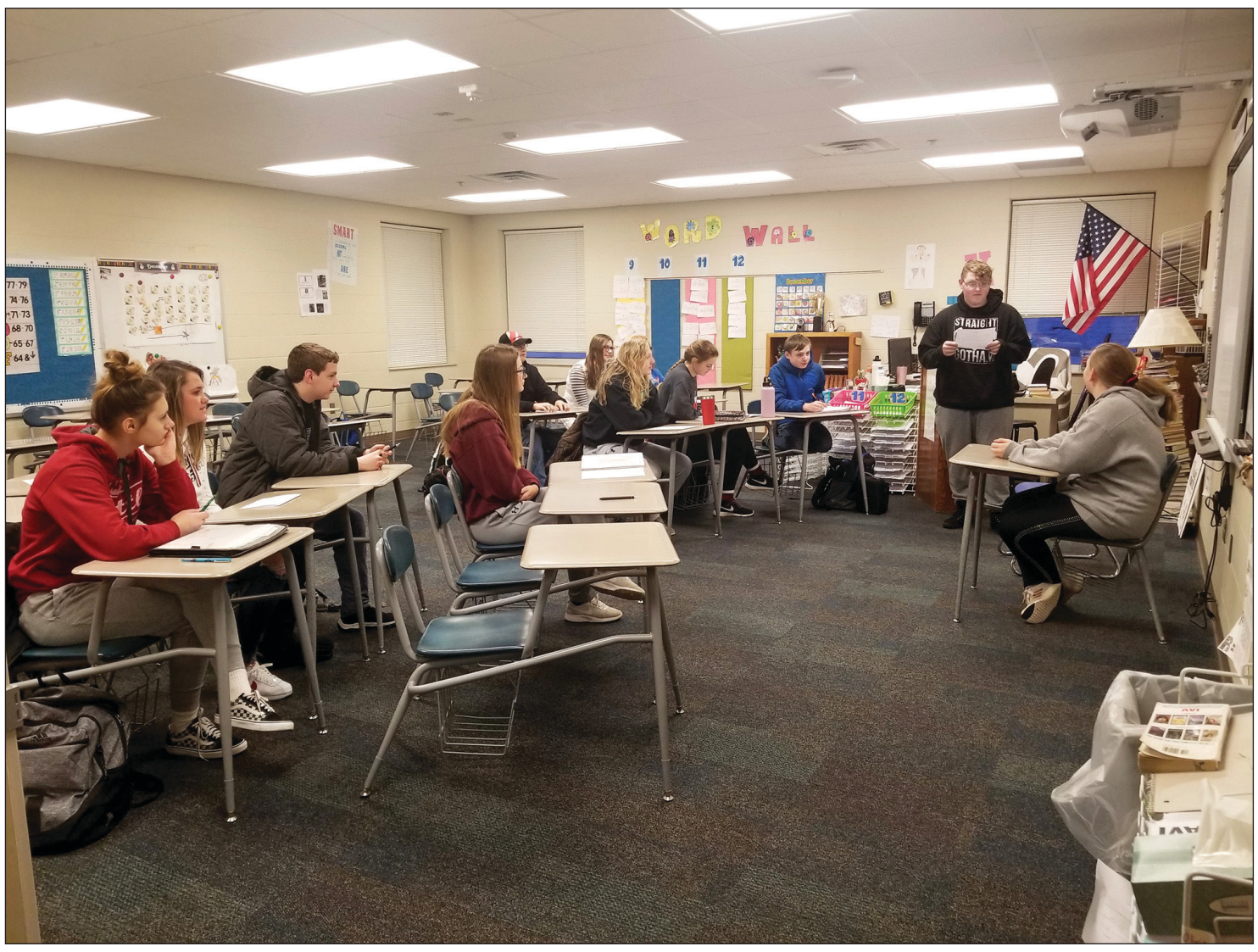
Adult winter reading program is under way. Read 12 books from the library from now until March 31 to earn a prize. Sign up at the registration desk.

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

Evening Story Time, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 21 to March 31.

Winter Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 24 to April 10.

DIY Egg Carton Flowers, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.



Hills-Beaver Creek High School Mock Trial members practice last week for their first competitive trial on Monday. Practicing (from left) are Jenifer Martinyuk, Taylor Durst, Britton McKenzie, Shayla Rainford, Carter Abels, Lauren Tatge, Abby Knobloch, Allie LaRock, Leif Tollefson, Jacob Sheppard and Lexi Drake.

New adviser takes reins of HBC Mock Trial team

By Mavis Fodness

A new adviser will guide Hills-Beaver Creek students as the 2020 Minnesota High School Mock Trial season gets underway this week.

Megan Klumper is a fifth-year teacher at H-BC High School with 15 years of classroom experience. She currently instructs secondary English classes.

Advising the 16-member Mock Trial team is Klumper's first extra-curricular assignment and she stepped forward for the students.

"Some students who are in Mock Trial are not in other extracurriculars," she said. "When the previous coach said she was retiring, I knew that H-BC had to keep Mock Trial going for those students."

For decades, H-BC business manager Glenda Kuehl coached the team. Last year she advised two teams. Kuehl retired in October.

"(Kuehl) is always available for questions as well as our volunteer attorney Randy Sample, who has been to most meetings to give advice," Klumper said. "The students have done a wonderful job helping me learn."

H-BC competed in the first of four regular season Mock Trial events Monday with a contest against Lakeview High School.

The Minnesota Bar Association organizes the high school program and selects the topic and the mock trial for each season.

This season's topic is the opioid epidemic and, specifically, the state of Minnesota charging Sam Soto with third-degree murder. The state said Soto was responsible in the opioid overdose death of Brandon Weber, who attended a party Soto hosted.



(From left) Jacob Sheppard, Jenifer Martinyuk, Taylor Durst, Shayla Rainford and Britton McKenzie watch attentively at last week's Mock Trial team practice.

Twelve students make up a mock trial team that includes the three-member prosecution and defense attorney teams and the three prosecution and defense witness teams.

H-BC's prosecution attorney team is senior Bryn Mongeau, juniors Jacob Sheppard and Shayla Rainford.

The defense attorney team members are juniors Allie LaRock and Abby Knobloch and freshman Leif Tollefson.

Prosecution witnesses are freshmen Lexi Drake, Jenifer Martinyuk and Britton Mckenzie.

Defense witnesses are juniors Hannah Fick, Mikael Mess and Lauren Tatge.

Team alternates are juniors Erika Dysthe and Thomas Dysthe, sophomore Taylor Durst and freshman Carter Abels.

H-BC competes in Region 4, which includes teams from Luverne, Springfield and two from Lakeview.

H-BC's competition schedule is as follows:

•A bye for the week of Jan. 13.

•H-BC prosecution versus Lakeview Jan. 24.

•H-BC defense versus Lakeview White Feb. 4.

The top two teams from Region 4 go head-to-head during the week of Feb. 10 for a trip to the state tournament March 5-6 in St. Paul.

The MBA has organized the law-related education program for high school students since 1986.

The program introduces students to the American legal system and provides a challenging opportunity for personal growth and achievement.

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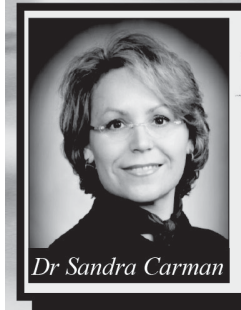

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Mock Trial season opens with Luverne defending its regional titles

This year's Mock Trial case focuses on the opioid epidemic and the state's third-degree murder statute,

By Mavis Fodness

Each year since 2015 Luverne High School has competed at the state Mock Trial tournament by achieving the best regional record.

This week, as the 2020 season gets underway, 16 Luverne students are aiming for a sixth-straight Region 4 title.

Third-year adviser Jason Berghorst is confident the students can return to the state tournament.

"The students pretty much coach each other during practice and during the trial," Berghorst said. "That allows them to take ownership and pride in the whole process from start to finish, which I believe has led to the success of this team over the years."

Leading this year's team are four seniors: Alexa Chesley, Gunnar Oldre, Sophie Lanoue and Jordan Winter.

Chesley and Oldre are the longest-serving team members. They joined as eighth-graders and participated as alternates at the 2015 state tournament.

This year they return as defense and prosecution attorneys respectively.

Both are nervous as the two-month season begins.

"There is a streak to keep up," Oldre said. "It's not like a sport that you've planned out because the team has been the same every time — we have a brand new case to plan every year."

Mock Trial is a law-related education program organized by the Minnesota Bar Association.

The program is meant to introduce students to the American legal system through participation in a mock trial consisting of 12 student members.

Team members are broken into attorney-witness prosecution and defense teams.

For Luverne the prosecution attorneys are Oldre, juniors Kaitlyn Anderson and Lauren Ver Steeg.

Prosecution witnesses are juniors Solveig Tofteland and Xavier Carbonneau, and sophomore Chance Tunnissen.

Chesley and Lanoue, in her fourth year, head the defense attorney team along with junior John Miller.

Defense witnesses are Winter, junior Seno Chanthalangsy and sophomore Luke Thorson.

Lawyer alternates are sophomore Griffen Jarchow and freshman Parker Carbonneau. Witness alternates are freshmen Ella Lanoue and Ross Bergman.

This year's case focuses on the opioid epidemic and the state's third-degree murder statute, which has been used to prosecute those who unlawfully provide drugs to others when death results from the use of the drug.

Specifically, the trial centers on the state of Minnesota bringing charges against Sam Soto, who hosted a party in which Brandon Weber died of a drug overdose.

Winter portrays addiction medicine physician Morgan Holloway, a witness for the defense. This is his third year on the team.

All witnesses must follow the information provided in the depositions in the case.

Judges presiding over the mock trial give each team points to determine a winner.

Students are careful not to add information outside the depositions to their mock trial performances, information the opposing side may use in their arguments and earn more points.

"It's really important that we know that," Winter said.

"It's all about presentation, so if I am presenting as an addiction medicine physician, I need to look the part and speak the part."

This year the team is receiving assistance in the correct pronunciation of the drug names included in the case from Chesley's mom, Judy, a physician.

"My mom knows all about this stuff but we can't ask her to explain it all so we can use it," Chesley said.

"We have to use only the materials provided in the case. We can't bring out any other explanations."

Helping students object to improper procedures is returning attorney coach Jeff Haubrich.

Legal advice is also being provided by Alex Miller, a team parent and former attorney coach.

Team leaders have sights on returning to the state tournament.

"We know we can definitely achieve it as long as we stay focused and keep up the same methods we have in the past four years," Oldre said.

Other high schools competing in Region 4 are Hills-Beaver Creek, Springfield, and two teams from Lakeview.

LHS Mock Trial schedule is:

- Defense versus Springfield, today, Jan. 9.
- Prosecution versus Lakeview, Jan. 17.
- Defense versus Hills-Beaver Creek, Jan. 24.
- Prosecution versus Springfield, Feb. 7.

The top two teams with the best records compete against each other the week of Feb. 10.

The winner moves on to the state competition March 5-6 in St. Paul.



Mavis Fodness photos/0109 Mock Trial 2020 LHS

Senior Sophie Lanoue addresses the judge (Jeff Haubrich) at the Mock Trial Parents Night, giving the defense's opening statement.



Bailiff Parker Carbonneau swears in prosecution witness Xavier Carbonneau in the high school media center.



Defense attorneys (from left) John Miller, Alexa Chesley and Sophie Lanoue listen to testimony as prosecuting attorney Gunnar Oldre (standing) and his team of Lauren Ver Steeg and Kaitlyn Anderson listen to testimony during Parents Night exhibition Monday night..



Senior Sophie Lanoue questions a witness as Lauren Ver Steeg (far right) objects. Lanoue defense teammates John Miller (far left) and Alexa Chesley listen.

Elk Creek Solar Farm public hearing set for Monday, Jan. 1, in Luverne /continued from page 1

to Elk Creek I on 980 acres in Vienna and Magnolia townships.

Written comments on Elk Creek I can also be made for the environmental review.

Comments are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment or to bill.storm@state.mn.us Refer to the project's PUC docket numbers 19-351 or 19-495. Comments should address one or more of five questions:

- What potential human and environmental impacts should be considered in the environmental assessment?
- Are there any methods to minimize, mitigate or avoid potential impacts of the proposed project?
- Are there any unique characteristics of the proposed project site that should be considered?
- Are there other ways to meet the stated need for the project; for example, a different size project or a different type of facility?
- Are there any items missing or mischaracterized in the certificate of need or site permit application?

Later this year, a public hearing will be conducted locally about the completed environmental assessment report. A final decision by the commission is expected this fall.

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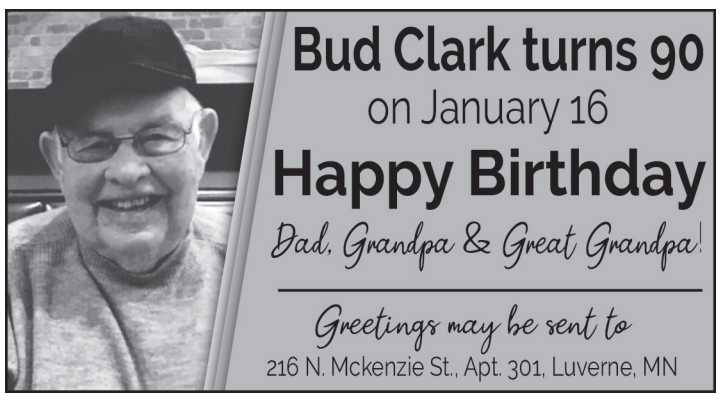
Chiropractor Codie Zeutenhorst and his business, Luverne Health and Wellness, was accidentally omitted from the decade's list of businesses that appeared in the Jan. 2 Star Herald.

Zeutenhorst started his practice in Luverne in 2012 when he moved to the community with his wife, Jana.

The list, compiled by the Luverne Chamber office, was intended to chronicle local businesses that started up, closed down or changed hands between 2010 and 2019.

The Star Herald regrets the omission.

We strive for fairness and accuracy in all our reporting. Correspond with editor@star-herald.com to report errors.











'Fear of Missing Out' costs



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Growing up, I often heard the phrase "Keeping up with the Joneses."

Now, I didn't have any neighbors named Jones, but I knew the saying referred to buying something just because someone else already had the same item.

By owning the item, you were at the same high social level, and those who didn't have said item were somehow at a lower socio-economic scale.

Decades later the "Keeping up with the Joneses" phrase is replaced by the "Fear of Missing Out" notion. Interestingly FOMO was officially added to the dictionary in 2013.

I am fighting that FOMO urge right now as I look to replace the family car with a newer model.

My younger self would have already made the decision for a new car. After all, the old one has more than 200,000 miles, and more importantly, its body is starting to rust (gasp!). The embarrassment of the rust alone would have caused me to ditch my current vehicle.

However, my older self is not so sure a new car is needed.

Sure, it has a lot of miles (I drive a lot), and while there are a few rust spots (three are noticeable), the vehicle still gets me from here to there in relative comfort. (The heated seats still work.) And it still looks good on the inside and outside.

My hesitancy comes from a financial standpoint. There is no loan on the vehicle and the payments that would go to a new car instead are put into an emergency fund to cover a few months of household expenses if necessary.

I recall the stress that my younger self felt trying to get a paycheck to stretch to the next. The stress was created because I thought I needed to purchase certain things even when the bank balance said I couldn't afford them.

It appears I am not alone seeing the cost FOMO has created and couponing101.com has quantified the amount.

In Minnesota alone, research found that one-third of Minnesotans say they overspend on payday and their finances are "stretched for the rest of the month."

One-third (or 39 percent) of Minnesotans spend an extra $227 a month on items they don't need, just to satisfy the envious feeling that other people are having more fun or experiencing better things than they are.

Two out of three people say Facebook causes them the most "Fear of Missing Out" sensations.

Many FOMO sufferers (17 percent) also use loans to purchase items they cannot afford or need, causing them to struggle to pay monthly bills. Credit cards are the most common source of loans.

My younger self definitely used credit cards for the FOMO items, thinking I would pay the credit card balance the following month. But that credit card balance was not paid in full, and the interest would grow —sometimes to an amount greater than what was originally purchased.

My older self cringes at the thought of not paying credit card balances off each month. I've found that the fewer payments I make each month, the less stress I experience when paying bills.

While Minnesotans spend an average of $2,853 a year on FOMO items, nationally that average is $3,912. Rhode Islanders spend the most at $13,354 a year.

At that Rhode Island amount, resistance to FOMO spending would allow me to buy that newer car I've seen on Facebook.

Resolve to be a better and safer driver in 2020

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety recently released its 2019 traffic data, and it appears there are many ways we can improve our driving habits and resolve to be safer in 2020.

Preliminary reports show there were 364 traffic deaths on Minnesota roads in 2019, compared with 381 in 2018.

Recent fatalities in 2019 include:

•A 17-year-old passenger killed when the vehicle he was riding in collided with a semitrailer in southeast Minnesota.

•A 33-year-old man killed in Pine County when a pickup struck the pedestrian who was walking near or on Highway 48.

•A 55-year-old man killed in Plymouth when a semitrailer ran a red light at an intersection and struck an SUV.

•An unbelted 69-year-old man killed in Wilkin County when he veered into the opposite lane of traffic, striking an oncoming car head-on on an unlit, icy roadway. Alcohol is suspected in the crash.

The DPS report provided a whole slew of data ranging from the numbers of deaths per month (summer months are more deadly) to the numbers of DWI arrests already in 2020.

State officials didn't offer much commentary for the statistics, but the facts speak for themselves: Crashes continue to take lives of Minnesotans, and sadly, many are preventable.

Preliminary numbers show that of the 364 deaths in 2019:

•At least 27 are known to be distraction-related, compared with 29 in 2018.

•71 were speed-related, compared with 113 in 2018.

•102 were alcohol-related, compared with 123 in 2018.

•72 were not wearing their seat belts, compared with 96 in 2018.

•44 were motorcyclists, compared with 58 in 2018.

•11 were bicyclists, compared with seven in 2018.

•50 were pedestrians, compared with 45 in 2018.

•235 were males (65 percent) and 129 were females (35 percent).

What can we do?

Law enforcement officers and public safety officials are doing what they can to make the roads safer, but it's up to all of us to do better behind the wheel.

To prevent crashes the DPS offers the following advice:

•Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use a safe, alternative transportation option, or stay at the location of the celebration.

•Offer to be a designated driver, or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.

•If you see a person who has had too much to drink, speak up and find them a safe ride home.

•Buckle up – wearing your seat belt is the best defense against a drunk driver.

•Report drunk driving – call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

•If you are with a driver who is distracted, speak up. Tell them to put the phone down and offer to text for them.

•Insist all passengers buckle up.

•Slow down — trying to save a few minutes off your drive isn't worth causing a crash.



Take the time to clean snow, ice from vehicles before driving on roadways



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I see many vehicles driving down the road with ice and snow coming off of them. What is the law about clearing ice and snow from your vehicle prior to driving?

Answer: The law states that **n**o vehicle shall be moved on a roadway, unless the load is secured to prevent any leaking, blowing, shifting or falling debris. Ice or snow that may fall from a vehicle could be considered an unsecured load.

Drivers should always take the time to remove all snow and ice from the vehicle so it does not become a hazard on the roadway. It is also important to always clear all frost, snow and ice from all windows so vision is not obstructed.

Drivers should be aware of civil liability if they fail to take reasonable steps to remove snow and ice that result in property damage or injuries from a crash.

When traveling behind a vehicle with an unsecure load or ice/snow falling from it, give yourself plenty of room to avoid any obstacles that may fall off and strike your vehicle. Pass the vehicle only if it is safe to do so.

If your vehicle is damaged and/or crashes due to falling debris, try to get a license plate number and report it to law enforcement and your insurance company.

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On the record

Dispatch report

Dec. 27

•Complainant on Lincoln Street and N. Freeman Street reported a male walking.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant on W. Hatting reported a theft.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a man that refuses to leave.

Dec. 28

•Complainant on Elm Street and Elm Cove reported a possible water main break at location.

•Complainant on W. Luverne reported a hit and run.

•Complainant turned in a found wallet at law enforcement center.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a deputy at location for juvenile who is out of control.

Dec. 29

•Complainant reported a runaway on 241st Street and along the South Dakota state line.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported harassing communications.

•Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported property was found at location.

Dec. 30

•Deputy stood by for court.

•Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported subject in custody with Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a car break-in.

•Complainant on E. Christensen Drive reported a burglary.

•Complainant on 81st Street and 10th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a missing person.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a missing person.

Dec. 31

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported threats.

•Complainant reported a theft.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported assault and property damage.

•Complainant reported a stolen phone at Great Bear in Sioux Falls.

Jan. 1

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported his son isn't home.

•Complainant on N. Oakley reported a car is parked in her driveway and has been left running.

•Complainant on W. 3rd Street, Hills, reported vandalism.

•Complainant reported a smoking car eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek.

•Law enforcement attempting to make contact at location on West Mead Court.

Jan. 2

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a possible trespass.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a burglary.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported theft from her motor vehicle.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a trespasser.

•Complainant reported two vehicles for driving conduct on Main Street and Freeman streets.

Jan. 3

•Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported drug use.

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported someone rifled through their vehicle.

•Complainant on Lindale Street reported a woman's ring was found.

•Assistance provided to another department at W. Mead Court.

In addition, officers responded to 3 vehicles in ditch, 1 transport, 7 escorts, 26 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 17 burn permits, 2 vehicles from impound, 1 log/alarm sheet, 11 purchase and carry, 13 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out and 1 OFP.



Lori Sorenson photo/0109 brain health class spronk

Dr. Austin Spronk shares information about psychiatric medicine Monday night for a roomful of people at Luverne Community Education as part of #Luv1LuvAll Brain Health Initiative to reduce stigma surrounding mental health.

Brain Health class focuses on medications/from page 1

prescribed for certain diagnoses, and he talked about common side effects and drug interactions associated with them.

He explained how brain health works — about serotonin and dopamine and their effect on mood, concentration, sleep and daily living.

If the brain's neurotransmitters aren't firing properly, Spronk said, it can affect brain health and it's important to seek help — whether through counseling, medication or both.

"Medications can be a helpful part of treatment for mental health conditions, whether it is depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, ADHD or something else," Spronk said.

"In the same way that diabetic medications help manage sugars in addition to diet and exercise, antidepressants help manage neurotransmitters in addition to counseling and or therapy."

He shared data on the significance of mental health on the general population.

For example, 17 percent of all people are diagnosed with depression at some point in their life. Five percent of the population is diagnosed with anxiety at some point and 7 percent of children are diagnosed with ADHD.

He said he was encouraged by the diversity of Monday night's attendees, who ranged in age from students to seniors and professionals to interested residents.

"I feel like we had an older generation here and I'm encouraged by that, because this was not a conversation that was had generations back," Spronk said after the class.

Nolz said this is precisely the goal of the Brain Health series, to shift attitudes about mental health to practical approaches to brain health.

"I really do think it is about increased dialogue about the fact that it's OK to not be OK," Nolz said about the series. "That way we can move toward treatment options to be well."

Evidence shows that people are less likely to seek treatment for anxiety or depression than they would for asthma or some other physical ailment. That's what Nolz and #Luv1LuvAll are working to change.

"What I get excited about is we have community members and local professionals who see this as worth their time to share their expertise," she said.

The first class in the series featured a personal account of living with depression. The November class addressed the Basics of Brain Health and the third class Monday focused on medication.

The February session will be about healthy relationships, and future classes will address chemical awareness and mindfulness.

Community members can attend monthly sessions at the Community Education office.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is requested in order to plan adequate space and accommodations. Call 507-283-4724. Certificates of attendance will be available.

Casey's remodel on East Main Street/continued from page 1

For 15 years whoever buys the lot will not be allowed to sell products similar to those offered by Casey's.

This includes fuels, tobacco products, groceries, alcoholic beverages and prepared foods, such as sub sandwiches, pizza and donuts.

A bike repair shop or recreation rental business, however, would conform to this restriction.

Meanwhile, Papik Motors has donated a small bike repair station on the north side of the building for the public to use.

Luverne leaders are eyeing that corner for the next upgrade in their goal to improve aesthetics at each of the community's gateways to town.

The East Main Street corner will be widened to allow easier corners for truck traffic, and plans are being drawn up to match landscaping to the other "four corners" features at the intersection of Highway 75 and Main Street where there's a Flag Park, lighted signage, Sioux quartzite boulders and prairie grasses.

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Celebrations

Card showers

Bud Clark will celebrate his 90th birthday on Thursday, Jan. 16. Greetings may be sent to him at 216 N. McKenzie Street Apt. 301, Luverne, MN 56156.

Menu

Monday, Jan. 13: Chicken a la king, biscuit, broccoli cuts, peaches, cookie.

Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Sloppy Joe on a bun, red potato wedges, baked beans, mandarin oranges, cream puff dessert.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church. Open 1-4 p.m. for card making.

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Meatloaf, butter boiled potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 12:45 p.m. Site Council.

Thursday, Jan. 16: Chicken and noodles, winter blend vegetables, pineapple, breadstick, pudding.

Food Give Away. 1-3 p.m. NAPS Giveaway. Pastor appreciation. Open 1-4 p.m. for "Fast Track" games.

Friday, Jan. 17: White chicken chili, half cheese sandwich, pickled beets, banana, bar.

9 a.m. Bone Builders. Birthday party kitchen band. Half-Price Day sponsored by County Commissioners and staff.

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.



'Frosty Tracks' by Linsey Duffy

Linsey Duffy's photo of railroad tracks surrounded by foliage covered with frost was one of the winners for the Luverne Area Chamber/Convention and Visitors Bureau 2019 Prairie Photo Contest. More pictures are on page 14.

College News

Minnesota West announces dean's list

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has released the Fall 2019 semester dean's list. To be named, students must be enrolled in at least 12 graded credits and earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average.

The following area students have been named to the dean's list:

Luverne: Courtney Gonnerman, Michelle Kramer, Ashley Monier, Stacey Renken.

Beaver Creek: Avery Van Roekel.

Hills: Joslyn Birger, Easton Harnack, Dana Huisman, Jax Wysong.

Adrian: Autumn Drahota, Tahj Schroeder, Emily Zemler.

Steen: Whitney Elbers.

Lismore: Sydney Knips.

School News

H-BC students chosen for SWBDA Honor Band

Eleven Hills-Beaver Creek middle and high school students were chosen to participate in the Southwest Minnesota Band Directors Association honor band.

H-BC band instructor Steve Olson said the students will participate in a day of rehearsals and perform at the 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, concert at Marshall middle and high schools.

The following is a list of students, the instruments they play and the band they were selected for:

•Seventh/eighth grade band: Mazzi Moore, clarinet; Jaci Stubbe, alto saxophone; Rebekah Swenson, percussion.

•Ninth/tenth grade band: Mackenzie Voss, flute; Tess Van Maanen, trumpet; Lexi Drake, tuba; Tara Paulsen, percussion.

•Junior/senior band: Michaela Abels, clarinet; Abby Knobloch, baritone saxophone; Josie Bartels, trumpet; and Allison LaRock, percussion.

1905: Cemetery association meeting doesn't draw crowd

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on January 13, 1905.



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Barely a quorum of the members of the Maplewood Cemetery association turned out Monday evening to attend the annual meeting held in J. H. Furlow's office.

While this fact indicates the implicit faith and entire satisfaction of the lot owners in the present board, the officers would much prefer to have seen a large turnout.

The directors whose terms expired were Messrs. A. D. LaDue and W. E. E. Greene, and both were re-elected for the term of three years.

The financial affairs of the association, as indicated by the statement published in these columns last week, is in excellent condition. The association now has a balance of $1,802.87 on hand, with no indebtedness.

In this connection it is proper that credit should be given to the Ladies' Cemetery association for their part in aiding the association in a financial way. During the past year the ladies have raised their own efforts and donated to the association $500 for the purpose of assisting in the construction of a chapel and vault at the cemetery.

At this meeting it was decided to advertise for bids for the construction of the chapel above referred to. The vault was completed last fall and is now in use and the chapel will be built to join it in accordance with the plans drawn before the vault was built.

The report of J. S. Joles, actuary, shows that thirty-five bodies were interred in the cemetery during the past year, and that the vault now contains four bodies.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



New Year baby arrives at Sanford Luverne

Lauren Joy Klosterman entered the world Jan. 1 as the first baby of 2020 born in Sanford Luverne. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Her parents are Kelly and Calvin Klosterman, Lismore, and she has a 13-year-old sibling, Jaden Russell. Her grandparents are Dale and Lori Klosterman, Adrian, and Warren and Teresa Kooiman, Edgerton.

Wrap trunks of young trees now to prevent winter weather and 'critter' damage



Know it and grow it

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

... those cute little bunnies don't care how much you paid for the tree.

In response to the problems we are encountering with our popular and reliable shade trees, it is important to make sure the new trees we plant are getting the best care we can give them.

Young trees like linden and maple have smooth bark and are very prone to sunscald damage during the coldest part of winter.

This problem usually affects the southwest side of the tree trunk and is the result of the sun warming that side of the stem. When the sun sets, the temperature differential causes damage to the cells in the bark.

You will not see that damage until the tree begins growing in the spring. The affected bark is dead and cannot accommodate the expansion of the layers beneath, evidenced by the bark splitting open. This is not a death sentence for the tree, but neither is it something to ignore.

Nature has a built-in healing process whereby that bark will heal over the wound. The problem is that the new bark is even more susceptible to damage for the same reason as the problem to begin with.

The damage can be prevented by wrapping the stem from the ground up to where the trunk begins to branch. Paper tree wrap works well for larger trees.

For smaller diameter trees, spiral plastic wraps work great and can be reused until the tree is too big to accommodate the spiral. Sunscald is no longer a threat once the bark matures enough to begin to furrow.

Another reason to wrap young trees is to prevent "critter" damage. When we have a uniform snow cover, those cute little bunnies don't care how much you paid for the tree. If they are hungry and it looks like something good to eat, they are not going to ask permission to have lunch. They tend to chew all the way around and that is called girdling. ... That, my friend, is a death sentence.

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

Remember when

10 years ago (2010)

•The Magnolia Steak House's service has been staked on family ownership for 71 years.

Now called the Magnolia Restaurant and Bar, the dining facility will continue in the tradition with a new family.

Tim and Dawn Rohrbach purchased Magnolia Steak House from Brad and Amy VerSteeg on Friday, Nov. 13.

The VerSteegs previously took over the business from Amy's parents, Tim and Sue Dispanet, in 2000.

About that time, the Rohrbachs had their first taste of Magnolia Steak House dining.

Living in Brandon, S.D., Tim and his family were looking for a place to eat, away from the busyness of Sioux Falls.

They had decided on Sharkee's but stopped at the steak house out of curiosity.

A decade later, Tim is hoping more drivers off Interstate 90 can enjoy their full-service restaurant and bar.

25 years ago (1995)

•According to a study on government spending conducted by Minnesota Planning, St. Paul, law enforcement and correctional services cost the state nearly $800 million of the total justice bill in 1991.

The cost rose 21 percent between 1985 and 1991. Minnesota's total justice price tag has surpassed the $1 billion mark and is expected to consume a growing portion of public resources, according to Minnesota Planning.

Since local govern-ments shoulder nearly three-quarters of the spending for the state justice system, local government agencies are experimenting with some programs designed to cut costs in the long run.

Considering today's children are tomorrow's leaders, Rock, Nobles and Pipestone counties recently completed a Family Intervention Program, which targets the families of problem adolescents and tries to fix small problems before they get bigger.

50 years ago (1970)

•"I couldn't breathe — I thought I was going to die."

That's the way 18-year-old Bob Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cook, 726 N. Freeman, Luverne, described the sensation he felt when his car went off the bridge, and through the ice at the east edge of Luverne's city limits on old U. S. 16 on New Year's Day. ...

Young Cook had taken his friend, Kenny Frey, who had stayed at the Cook home New Year's eve, to his home, located about a mile east of Luverne. Bob was driving back into Luverne about 12:30 p.m. when the car skidded on the icy surface of the paving, caused by snow which had just fallen early that morning.

"I came around this slight curve, see," said the youth. "I remember a car passed me and I looked at my speedometer and I was doing about 45. I turned the wheel a little as I came around the curve, but the car didn't turn, it just skidded, and next thing I remember seeing what looked like the side of the bridge coming toward me. I remember hitting the bridge, and that must have knocked me out for a little while.

"When I came to, I couldn't breathe, and there was water all around me, and it was pitch dark. I thought to myself, I'm going to die here. Then I started swimming around. I didn't know what way was up even. Then, I felt the ice above me. I felt my way around, and found the edge, then got my head out of water.

"I tried to crawl up on the ice, but my legs were wedged between the car and the ice. Then, I felt the car start to sink, as it filled with water, and I was loose. I crawled out, and climbed the bank on the west side of the bridge and up on the road. Bub Walgrave just happened to be coming along and he picked me up."

Now, as he looks back on the accident, he believes that the door on the driver's side was torn off or broken off when the car hit the bridge. The impact changed the car's direction and it nosed down to the ice in an overturned position. The fact that the door was off is believed to have made it possible for the youth to get out as fast as he did.

He was taken to the Community Hospital where he was confined overnight.

The car was demolished, and it took about two hours to pull it from the water. The door was not found.

He was released from the hospital in time so he could join his music group which played for a Jaycee dance at the Armory here on Friday evening.

75 years ago (1945)

•John Hagedorn, Hardwick fire chief, has nothing but praise for the members of his fire department, who fought a blaze that threatened his business establishment Friday afternoon.

He, together with most of the fire department members, had just come out of Hardwick hall where they had attended the Johansen memorial services before the alarm sounded. Dressed in their "Sunday best", they soon had the Hardwick fire truck at the scene of the blaze. Wading around the premises in the icy slush was no sport for the busy firemen, some of whom were wearing low shoes and no overshoes, but because they put forth every ounce of effort they had, and used their equipment to the best advantage they saved the building and prevented what might have been one of Hardwick's most disastrous fires.

Just what started the fire is not known, but when it was first noticed, smoke was rising from the rear porch of the Emil Hagedorn liquor store. From its point of origin, the fire had traveled to some cobs which were stored on the porch, and the conflagration was centered there. For a while, it appeared that the fire fighters might have difficulty in preventing flames from spreading, so the Luverne department was summoned to the scene, just in case additional help and equipment were needed. However, the Hardwick men brought it under control, saving the main part of the building, and preventing a serious loss.

There was considerable smoke and water damage, especially in the apartment, and minor damage by smoke and water to the interior of the liquor store below, but the stock was unharmed.

100 years ago (1920)

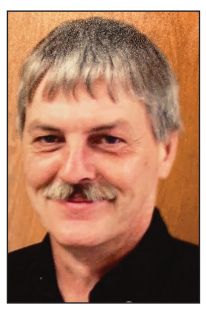
•The records in the office of Clerk of Court O E. Ferguson disclose that there was a total of ninety-seven marriage licenses issued during the year of 1919, which is forty-one more than were issued in 1918, and fifteen more than average for the previous twelve years.

In fact, the number of licenses issued during the past year is greater than during any previous year since 1907, with the exception of 1914, when there were 101 licenses taken out, and 1915, when all records were broken, 109 licenses being granted.

During 1919 December proved the most popular month for marriages, 15 licenses being issued; November and October came second, each with 13 licenses to their credit, and September held third place with 12 licenses.

Obituaries

Bryan Boelman



Bryan Edward Boelman, 62, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, formerly of Luverne, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019, at the Royal C. Johnson Veterans Memorial Hospital in Sioux Falls.

A celebration of life gathering will be at a later date. Burial of cremains will be in the future Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Bryan Boelman was born to Edwin and Enore (Wessels) Boelman on July 30, 1957, in Luverne. He was baptized and confirmed at Ebenezer Presbyterian Stateline Church in rural Ellsworth. He attended school in Luverne, graduating from Luverne High School in 1976.

Bryan served in the U.S. Air Force from 1978 to 1982. He was employed for 31 years with Schaaps RV Traveland in Sioux Falls.

Bryan is survived by his daughter, Darcy Boelman; his mother, Enore Boelman; seven siblings, Barb (Lary) Nelson, Bruce (Carol) Boelman, Brenda (Norm) Hurley, Becky (Steve) Sehr, Bobbie (Tracy) Boelman, Beth (Cory) Chambers, and Bridget (Grady Nelson) Connell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Boelman, and his grandparents, Fred and Jennie Wessels and Rudolph and Tillie Boelman.

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

(0109 F)

Darlene Hessel



Darlene Hessel, 85, Luverne, died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, in Luverne.

Darlene chose to be cremated and requested a private service.

Darlene Hessel was born Sept. 11, 1934, to Melvin Hunt and Esther Madison in Magnolia.

She married David Hessel on Nov. 27, 1954. They had five children.

She enjoyed spending time with her children, cross stitching, quilting and gardening. She was an avid reader and a whiz at crossword puzzles.

Darlene is survived by her children Mike (Irene), Diane, Jon (Kris), Dena and Elizabeth; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters; nieces and nephews; four step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David; her parents; a brother; two nephews; and a son-in-law.

Arrangements are provided by Benson Funeral Home of Worthington, www.bensonfh.com.

(0109 F)

Betty Cashin



Elizabeth "Betty" Cashin, 90, Albert Lea, died on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, at St John's Lutheran Home in Albert Lea.

A memorial service was Saturday, Jan. 4, at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Albert Lea. Interment was in St. Theodore's Cemetery.

Elizabeth Gabriel was born Nov. 10, 1929, to Edward and Madeline (Gerke) Gabriel in St. Paul. Her mother died in childbirth and her father married Lucile Brache two years later. Betty remained the only child in the family. Betty's father was a railway postal clerk, and therefore the family moved often. Betty attended grade school in St. Paul and LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She attended high school in Winona and then moved to Austin, where she graduated in 1947.

Betty entered nurses training in Rochester and after two years returned home to Austin to work as a secretary in the Hormel Corporate Office.

Betty married Don Cashin on Nov. 11, 1950, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Austin. Their lives revolved around a growing family and Don's career in banking. They were transferred from Austin to Albert Lea in Don's banking position in 1953, and in 1981 they transferred to Luverne, where Don took on the position of president of the bank.

Betty was president of the Mrs. Jaycees and president of the Naeve Hospital Auxiliary while in Albert Lea. Betty loved to entertain. She enjoyed cooking, playing the piano, reading, and particularly she loved to knit. She especially enjoyed being home and being involved with their large family.

In Luverne Betty began a knitters group, and the four friends enjoyed knitting projects, dinners and traveling together, books and golf. Betty worked as a teacher's aide at the school, volunteered at the church and she and Don enjoyed hiking and cross-country skiing.

Betty and Don enjoyed traveling, including several trips to San Francisco to visit their youngest son's family. They vacationed in Hawaii to celebrate their 4oth anniversary with their family. They also enjoyed several winters in Arizona and trips abroad.

Betty is survived by her husband, Don Cashin; two sons, Tim (Holly) Cashin of Tonka Bay and Tom Cashin of San Francisco; daughters Kathy Cashin of New Hope, Mary (Ken) Sutherland of White Bear Lake, Nancy (Rol) Hoium of Albert Lea, Peggy (Roger) DeWild of Austin, and Maureen (John Storm) Cashin of Hackensack; 16 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, her mother, her stepmother, and two grandsons, Timmy Cashin and Spencer DeWild.

Arrangements were provided by Bonnerup Funeral Service of Albert Lea, www.bonnerupfuneralservice.com.

(0109 F)

Death Notices

Lucille Belau

Lucille Belau, 89, Pipestone, formerly of Jasper, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Communities of Pipestone.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper. Burial will be in the Jasper City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Hartquist Funeral Home-Foster Chapel in Jasper.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0109 DN)

Jean Deutsch

Jean Deutsch, 91, Ellsworth, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth.

A funeral Mass was Monday, Jan. 6, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with burial at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Ellsworth.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0109 DN)

Marvin Kroontje

Marvin Walter Kroontje, 77, Magnolia, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at his home.

Arrangements are pending with Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0109 DN)



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2020 CENSUS: WHAT TO EXPECT

By April 1, 2020, households will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

You will have three options for responding to the Census:

- **Online**
- **By Mail**
- **By Phone**

Starting in March 2020, you'll receive in the mail either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or a paper questionnaire. The option to respond in Spanish will be available online or by phone.

Every household that doesn't respond will receive reminders in the mail and eventually, a paper questionnaire will be mailed to you. If no response is received by the end of April 2020, a census worker will follow up in person. The enumeration period will end in July 2020. The Census Bureau will begin transmitting population totals in 2021.

For more information, visit www.cityofluverne.org/2020census.

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Friday, Jan. 10: 10 a.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Saturday, Jan. 11: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 12: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Children's Liturgy. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. 3 p.m. RCIA at St. Leo. Tuesday, Jan. 14: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. 7 p.m. Finance Council. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Catechists meetings. 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Thursday, Jan. 16: 7 p.m. Pastoral Council.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Noon Potluck dinner. Monday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Perk-Up at Minnesota Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, Jan. 14: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 7 p.m. GEMS/Cadets.

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

Thursday, Jan. 9: 6 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 12: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Monday, Jan. 13: 7 p.m. Union Gospel Mission service (Leave FBC at 6 p.m.). Tuesday, Jan. 14: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 7 p.m. Deacon meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Double share friend night. Thursday, Jan. 16: 6 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 9.: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Noon Sarah Circle at the Camelot. Friday, Jan. 10: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 11: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Jan. 12: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, Jan. 13: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting and Executive Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship; Exaltation Team rehearsal. 7:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal. Grades 6-9 confirmation/mentor night. Thursday, Jan. 16: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9 a.m. Pastor's conference meeting in chapel/library.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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Sunday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, Jan. 13: ELS Pastors meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

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

Thursday, Jan. 9: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Jan. 10: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 8 a.m. Justice for All. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6 p.m. Commons reserved. Sunday, Jan. 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion; 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, Jan. 14: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team; Craft Night. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 4:30 p.m. Multipurpose room reserved; REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle. Thursday, Jan. 16: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 9: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 10: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Monday, Jan. 13: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 17: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 9: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 11: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 13: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 14: Noon Homeschoolers. 6:30 p.m. W&M meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 16: 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, Jan. 9: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, Jan. 14: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Home communion. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle. 1:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle. 4 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Feast and Fellowship meal; Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Session; Easter Circle. Thursday, Jan. 16: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
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Thursday, Jan. 9: 10:30 a.m. DCE meeting in Sioux Falls. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans Home. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild. Saturday, Jan. 11: 9 a.m. Lay Leader Retreat in Fulda. 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 2 p.m. Second Sunday Fun Day. Monday, Jan. 13: 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Jan. 14: 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir; Teacher training. Thursday, Jan. 16: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS.

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.

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

Sunday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. 10 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran. Tuesday, Jan. 14: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Council Meeting.

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

Thursday, Jan. 9: 7 p.m. Palisade Lutheran council meeting. Sunday, Jan. 12: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church.

First Presbyterian Church
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Ph. 507-935-5025
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
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Pastor Nancy Manning
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Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Bible study.

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.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

Resolved, to live in light of Christmas

Built on a Rock

By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

Read Matthew 2:1-12 (The journey of the Magi/ Wise Men)

Welcome to 2020! A new year and even a new decade! When a new calendar year arrives, people get inspired to make (and try to keep) resolutions: to eat better, exercise more often or give up a vice or bad habit — be a better person in some way.

One of the most influential figures in American church history, Jonathan Edwards, once penned a number of resolutions. He actually came up with more than 70 resolutions in 1722-23. Here are a few examples:

Resolved, never to do any manner of thing, whether in soul or body, less or more, but what tends to the glory of God.

Resolved, to strive to my utmost every week to be brought higher in religion, and to a higher exercise of grace, than I was the week before.

Resolved, frequently to renew the dedication of myself to God, which was made at my baptism.

Resolved, to be endeavoring to find out fit objects of charity and liberality.

All of the 70+ statements begin with the word "Resolved." As I was thinking about resolutions and being resolved, I began to think about the Wise Men in Matthew 2 and the long journey they made to find the Christ child. This past Monday was the day of Epiphany when many Christian churches reflect on those Wise Men from the East.

They provide a great example of being resolved in faith. For one thing, they kept on looking for Jesus. We don't know for sure where the Magi came from, but it's certain that it was a long journey for their day. They were struck by a vision that Jesus was of utmost importance. They knew that they needed to draw nearer to him.

When they end up in the wrong city (Jerusalem), they continue to persist until they arrive in Bethlehem. They continue to journey because they were summoned by God to see one greater than themselves; they have a vision of Christ's universal Lordship. Resolved, to draw nearer to Jesus.

The Wise Men were also resolved to worship. When they enter the house where Jesus is, they don't conduct an inquiry of Mary and Joseph. They don't ask to see proof. The only recorded act is that they worship Christ and present gifts. The moment seems to be a quiet, holy one. The Magi are overjoyed! We can take a cue from them. Resolved, to worship Christ with heart, soul, and mind!

Finally, the Wise Men follow a new direction after seeing Jesus. Herod had wanted them to return to him, but a divine dream warned the Wise Men to return home by another way. After Christmas, a return to life is necessary, but hopefully we return different — changed by God's intervention in our world in Jesus Christ.

Resolved, to live in light of Christmas as people who know Christ has come, and lived, and died and risen.

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

Sunday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Jan. 14: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Council meeting; Circle of Hope.

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Dragon boys take first meeting against H-BC Friday

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of boys' basketball teams from the Star Herald coverage area met for a Red Rock Conference battle in Hills Friday.

Hills-Beaver Creek entertained the Adrian-Ellsworth Dragons for the first of two meetings between the teams during the regular season.

Round 1 of the series went to the Dragons, who outscored H-BC in both halves of a 65-53 victory.

A-E sported a 30-26 advantage after 18 minutes of play.

The Dragons went on to outscore the Patriots 35-27 in the second half to secure a 12-point victory.

Ian Stamer (19 points, five rebounds and four steals) and Noah Reyne (12 points, five rebounds and three assists) led A-E offensively.

Peyton Lewis grabbed 11 rebounds and charted four assists, while Lance Luettel collected five caroms for the 5-3 Dragons.

Jax Wysong (15 points and six rebounds) played a strong game for H-BC.

Oliver Deelstra netted 13 points for the hosts, and Kyle Kueter nabbed five rebounds for the 2-4 Patriots.

Box score
A-E
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 3 0 6-9 12, Vortherms 0 2 0-0 6, Stamer 2 3 6-8 19, Lewis 1 0 7-10 9, Jansma 1 1 0-0 5, Lenz 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 1-2 1, Luettel 4 0 1-1 9, Nave 2 0 0-0 4.
H-BC
G.Wysong 2 0 0-0 4, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 4 0 5-9 13, Baker 1 1 0-0 5, Z.Wysong 0 2 2-4 8, J.Wysong 7 0 1-4 15, Kueter 4 0 0-2 8.

Team statistics
A-E: 19 of 53 field goals (36 percent), 21 of 30 free throws (70 percent), 36 rebounds, three turnovers.
H-BC: 21 of 42 field goals (50 percent), eight of 19 free throws (42 percent), 21 rebounds, eight turnovers.



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Adrian-Ellsworth senior Ian Stamer scored a game-high 19 points to lead the Dragons to a 65-53 win in Hills Friday.



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Luverne goalie Colton Schutz made 27 saves during a 3-2 win over Faribault Dec. 31 at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Cards take two of three games

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team went 2-1 during a stretch of playing three games in four days last week.

The Cardinals posted home wins over Faribault and New Ulm Dec. 31 and Thursday respectively before dropping a game to Minnesota River Friday in St. Peter.

Luverne, 9-4 overall, hosts Willmar Saturday.

MR 3, Luverne 2

The Cardinals had a run of four consecutive wins come to an end when they took on the Bulldogs in St. Peter Friday.

Luverne netted a pair of goals in the first 7:34 of the third period to gain a 2-1 lead, but Minnesota River scored twice in the final six minutes of the game to secure a one-goal win.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw through the first 17 minutes of play before MR's Shawn Lehtinen scored 7:33 into the second period to make it a 1-0 game.

Luverne's Colby Crabtree tied the game 40 seconds into the third period and Cade Wenninger gave the Cards a 2-1 edge with 9:26 remaining in the game.

The Bulldogs settled the issue as the third period progressed.

Lehtinen's second goal of the game knotted the score at two with 5:15 left to play.

MR's Charlie Weick produced the game-winning goal with 4:53 remaining.

MR sported a 32-18 advantage in shots on goal.

Colton Schutz made 29 saves in goal for the Cards, while Tyler Roberts, Easton Braun and Mason Steensma recorded one assist each.

LHS 5, New Ulm 2

The Cardinals saddled the Eagles with their first conference loss of the season when the teams squared off at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

New Ulm led 2-0 after 10:03 of play, but the Cardinals countered by scoring the next five goals to secure a three-goal victory.

Roberts ignited the rally by netting a power-play goal with 4:07 remaining in the first period before adding another tally 12 seconds later to knot the score at two.

Brock Behrend scored 2:13 into the second period to give the Cards a 3-2 lead that was doubled when Crabtree found the net in the final minute of the second stanza.

Jacob Von Tersch capped Luverne's five-goal run when he wrapped up the scoring in the game nine seconds into the third period.

New Ulm's goals came from Braxten Hoffman and Glavine Schugel early in the first period.

The Eagles sported a 30-29 edge in shots on goal in the game.

Shaid Shearer made 28 saves in goal for the Cards, while Von Tersch, Austin Watts-Boll, Ethan Langseth, Nathan Nekali and Roberts charted one assist each.

LHS 3, Faribault 2

The Cardinals wrapped up the Open Division championship of the Herb Brooks Holiday Classic by nipping the Falcons by one goal at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Dec. 31.

The game featuring a pair of 2-0 tournament teams was rescheduled from Dec. 28 when poor weather conditions kept Faribault from traveling to Blaine that day.

LHS overcame a two-goal deficit early to claim the division championship on the final day of 2019.

Faribault gained the upper hand early in the contest as Brody Pavel and Zach Siegert netted goals 37 seconds apart to give the Falcons a 2-0 advantage with 4:31 remaining in the first period.

Luverne sliced the difference in half (2-1) when Behrend recorded a power-play goal with 9:33 remaining in the second period.

The Cards completed the

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Luverne senior forward Claire Baustian delivers a pass in front of Prairie Centre's Brenna Bick during Saturday's game in Luverne. Baustian netted a pair of goals during a 6-3 victory.

Cardinal girls place second in Open Division at Holiday Classic

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team went 2-1-1 during a stretch of playing four games in six days.

The Cardinals went 1-1-1 and placed second in the Open Division during the Herb Brooks Holiday Classic Dec. 30-Jan. 1 in Blaine.

LHS skated to a three-goal home victory against Prairie Centre Saturday.

The 13-3-1 Cardinals entertain Morris-Benson Thursday.

Luverne 6, PC 3

The Cardinals opened play in 2020 by posting a three-goal win over Prairie Centre Saturday at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne outshot the Bulldogs 47-15 in the game and received two-goal efforts from Claire Baustian and Kamryn Van Batavia.

The Cardinals assumed control of the contest by putting together a four-goal first period.

Rozilyn Oye opened the scoring 4:47 into the game and Van Batavia registered an unassisted tally 1:02 later to make it 2-0.

PC's Megan Och trimmed the difference to one goal (2-1) with 6:43 remaining, but the Cards scored twice in the final six minutes to open a 4-1 advantage.

Mallory Nelson pounded the puck into the net with 5:27 remaining in the opening stanza, while Baustian added a power-play tally with 1:21 left.

Van Batavia capped her two-goal showing by netting the lone goal for the second period at the 4:48 mark.

PC's Kayla Sayovitz snapped Luverne's three-goal run 4:53 into the third period, but Baustian countered for Luverne at the 7:43 mark.

Robyn Gierke capped the scoring for the Bulldogs with

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Luverne splits weekend set

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team returned to action after a two-week playoff by playing a pair of games over the weekend.

The Cardinals posted the first league victory of the season when they topped Worthington by 11 points Friday in Luverne.

LHS lost a three-point game to Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook Saturday.

The 4-5 Cardinals host Windom Friday.

W-WG 68, Luverne 65

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a three-point decision during a competitive game against the Chargers Saturday in Westbrook.

After falling behind early in the first half, LHS rallied late in the stanza to trail 34-31 at the intermission.

LHS moved in front by four points in the second half before W-WG regained a three-point lead late in the contest.

The Cardinals put up a potential tying three-point shot with two seconds left, but the ball didn't find the basket.

Isaiah Bartels tossed in 26 points to lead the Cardinals in scoring.

Nick Feit and Matt Sehr netted 16 and 11 points respectively.

Box score
Cowell 0 2 0-0 6, Sehr 3 1 2-2 11, Bartels 4 5 3-4 26, Ahrendt 1 0 0-0 2, Feit 4 2 2-4 16, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Luverne: 24 field goals made, seven of 10 free throws (70 percent).
W-WG: 27 field goals made, six of 12 free throws (50 percent).

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Luverne freshman Gannon Ahrendt netted 18 points during Friday's 11-point home win over Worthington.

Starting to look a lot like 1987



From the sidelines

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

If one asks a typical Minnesota sports fan what they remember the most from 1987, the response will be overwhelming for good reason.

That was the year the Minnesota Twins defeated the St. Louis Cardinals to claim their first World Series title.

It was a glorious season for our Twins, and the memories of that magical season are fond ones that I'll never forget.

Ask the same fan what type of season the Minnesota Vikings experienced that year, and I have no idea what the response would be.

I would assume most people, for good reason, wouldn't have very much positive to say about the 1987 NFL campaign.

If you don't recall, that was the year the NFL players went on strike after Week 2 of the regular season.

All of the Week 3 games were canceled, and replacement players took the field to play the games in Weeks 4-6.

I don't remember much about those replacement player games, but I do recall one thing.

Our team was absolutely horrible for those three weeks.

After starting the season with two wins, what I call the Vikings C team lost consecutive games to Green Bay, Chicago and Tampa Bay by a combined score of 70-33.

What some fans may not recall, that season turned into a pretty decent one for the Purple and Gold.

After the replacement players were sent away, the Vikings rallied.

After going 2-3 to start the year, Minnesota won six of their final 10 games to earn a berth in the playoffs as a sixth seed.

That may mean little to our readers right now, but that's not what I'm trying to point out.

What has captured my attention is the fact that this year's Vikings squad will be following a playoff path similar to the one faced by the 1987 team.

I was feeling pretty good when the Vikings beat the Saints in overtime on Sunday, but I was stunned when the 1987 team rolled to a convincing 44-10 win in New Orleans to open the playoffs.

I was even more shocked the next week, when Minnesota traveled to San Francisco and saddled the top-seeded 49ers with a 36-24 setback.

If you don't know already, the sixth-seeded Vikings will be making a trip to San Francisco on Saturday to play the top-seeded 49ers.

The matchup may be the result of a strange coincidence, but I've long believed that history has a way of repeating itself.

I don't know if we will win Saturday's game, but I didn't think we had much of a chance to beat the Saints and 49ers on consecutive weeks 32 years ago.

What I do know is that it is starting to look a lot like 1987, and I'm hoping we can go to San Francisco and stage another upset.



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Luverne freshman defenseman Mallory Nelson swipes at a puck controlled by a Prairie Centre player during Saturday's hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Nelson produced one goal in a 6-3 win.

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5:49 left to play.

Mallory Von Tersch turned in a 12-save effort in goal for the Cardinals.

Reghan Bork led the Cards with two assists, while Regan Feit, Rylee Gee, Baustian and Shelby Kracht notched one assist each.

Luverne 2, USM 2

The game will go down as a draw in the record book, but the Cardinals won a shootout to secure second place in the Open Division during their tournament finale in Blaine Jan. 1.

LHS and the University School of Milwaukee Wildcats skated to a draw at two through regulation play and an eight-minute overtime session.

Luverne, however, received shootout goals from Van Batavia and Bork, and LHS goalie Cheyenne Schutz made two saves in the shootout to give the Cards second place in the division.

The Cardinals led 2-0 when Nelson and Van Batavia registered goals in the first and second periods.

Nelson's goal came with 3:46 remaining in the opening stanza, and Van Batavia's came with 21 seconds left in the second period.

The Wildcats tied the score at two with goals from Zoe Neudorfer (3:45 into the third period) and Jordan Bonk (a power-play tally with 9:19 remaining in regulation play).

Oye and Bork registered one assist each for the winners.

Schutz played the entire game in net, but her save tally was unavailable.

NL 4, Luverne 1

A nine-game winning streak came to an end when the Cardinals met the Northern Lakes Lightning during the second round of the tournament Dec. 31.

Van Batavia gave the Cards a 1-0 lead 44 seconds into the game, but the final four goals went to the Lightning.

Caitlyn Gutzman, who registered a hat trick for NL, knotted the score at one when she recorded a power-play goal with 9:36 left in the first period.

Gutzman scored twice in the first 3:48 of the second period to make it 3-1 before Riley Fogarty netted the final goal of the game with 12:53 left in the third period.

Luverne, which received an 18-save effort from Von Tersch in goal, outshot the Lightning 26-22.

Bork charted one assist.

Luverne 3, ML 1

Luverne opened the tournament by posting a two-goal victory over Moose Lake Dec. 30 in Blaine.

The Cardinals scored all three of their goals in the final two minutes of the first two periods to upend the Rebels.

The teams were on the verge of skating to a scoreless draw in the first period before Van Batavia and Baustian put pucks in the net 15 seconds apart to give the Cards a 2-0 cushion with 1:07 remaining in the stanza.

Gee capped the scoring for Luverne when she made it a 3-0 game with 1:59 left to play in the second period.

ML's Jarnie Benzie registered the game's final goal with 5:16 left in the third period.

Luverne, which sported a 35-32 advantage in shots on goal during the contest, received a 31-save effort from Schutz.

Gee and Van Batavia charted two assists for the winners, while Feit chipped in one.

Cardinal girls slip past .500 mark with weekend wins in Worthington, Westbrook

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team nailed down a pair of weekend wins on the road.

Luverne nipped Worthington by one point Friday in Worthington before rolling to a 62-21 conquest of Westbrook-Walnut Grove Saturday in Westbrook.

The 6-5 Cardinals host Windom Friday.

Luverne 62, W-WG 21

The Cardinals turned in a commanding performance during Saturday's game in Westbrook.

LHS outscored the Chargers by comfortable margins in both halves of a 41-point victory.

The Cardinals gained control of the contest by opening a 42-12 lead in the first half.

Luverne went on to outscore W-WG 20-9 in the second half to win handily.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg and Mallory Thorson pumped in 15 points each to lead LHS offensively.

Averill Sehr added 13 points to the winning effort.

Box score
C.Wagner 3 0 1-2 7, Beyer 0 0 3-4 3, Ver Steeg 4 1 4-4 15, Sehr 4 1 2-2 13, E.Wagner 2 0 0-0 4, Thorson 4 1 4-4 15, Hart 0 0 0-0 0, Van Grootheest 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0, Hansen 1 0 0-0 2, Nath 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 22 of 48 field goals (46 percent), 14 of 16 free throws (88 percent), 27 rebounds.
W-WG: six of 27 free throws (22 percent), nine of 19 free throws (47 percent), 25 rebounds.

Luverne 64, WHS 63

The Cardinals evened their Big South Conference record at 2-2 with a one-point win in Worthington Friday.

LHS sported a 32-24 lead at the intermission and led by as many as 16 points in the second half, but the Trojans didn't go down without putting up a fight.

The hosts started to hit some key shots late in the game to trim the difference to three points before Luverne's Ver Steeg drained one charity shot with eight seconds left to make it a 64-60 game.

The Trojans hit a late three to make it a one-point difference at game's end.

Ver Steeg (24 points and nine rebounds) and Thorson (22 points and seven rebounds) turned in standout efforts for LHS.

Box score
C.Wagner 2 0 0-0 4, Ver Steeg 4 3 7-16 24, Sehr 0 1 0-0 3, E.Wagner 0 0 2-4 2, Thorson 5 3 3-3 22, Hart 2 0 0-1 4, Nath 1 0 1-3 3, Ferrell 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 22 of 49 field goals (45 percent), 13 of 27 free throws (48 percent), 34 rebounds, three turnovers.
Worthington: 23 of 53 field goals (43 percent), 11 of 20 free throws (55 percent), 34 rebounds, three turnovers.



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Luverne's Cooper Arends sticks the puck into the Faribault zone during a Dec. 31 game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

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comeback by scoring twice in the third period.

Braun knotted the score at two 3:37 into the final period before Watts-Boll registered a power-play goal with 4:41 remaining to give LHS the victory.

Schutz made 27 saves in net for an LHS team that was outshot 29-27 in the game.

Crabtree registered three assists, Von Tersch two assists and Roberts one assist.

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Luverne junior guard Bailey Cowell drives to the basket during Friday's 84-73 home win over the Worthington Trojans. It was Luverne's first Big South Conference victory of the season.

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Luverne 84, WHS 73

The Cardinals picked up their first Big South Conference victory of the season when they posted an 11-point home win over the Trojans Friday.

Luverne trailed by as many as 10 points in the game's first half before putting together an outstanding second half to win the game handily.

The second-half rally featured a 15-0 run by the hosts, which ultimately sealed Worthington's fate.

LHS trailed by one point (40-39) at the intermission before taking a 42-40 lead when Sehr canned a three-point shot 30 seconds into the second period.

Worthington did move in front by three points moments later, and the Trojans sported a 56-55 edge with less than 12 minutes remaining.

Luverne, however, took over the contest at that point.

Feit converted a three-point play at the 11:09 mark to give the Cards a 58-56 lead.

The three-point play ignited Luverne's 15-0 run that ended with the hosts sporting a 70-56 advantage after Bartels drained a field goal with 5:16 left to play.

A 13-6 surge by the Trojans trimmed the difference to seven points (76-69) with 2:19 remaining.

LHS countered by outscoring WHS 8-4 the rest of the game to win by 11.

Bartels gave the Cards a 4-0 lead after canning a pair of free throws in the first minute of the first half.

WHS moved in front 14-8 at the 13:16 mark, but the Cards closed the margin to two points (21-19) when Kaden DeSollar drained a three-point shot at 9:51.

The Trojans answered the challenge by going on a 17-9 run to open a 38-28 advantage with 3:22 remaining.

LHS countered with an 11-2 run ending with Bartels converting a field goal with 21 seconds left to make it a 40-39 game at the break.

Bartels (21 points and eight rebounds), Gannon Ahrendt (18 points and 15 rebounds), Feit (10 points) led the Cards offensively.

Bailey Cowell grabbed seven rebounds for the winners.

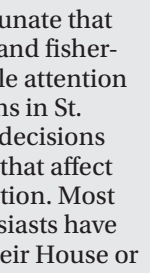
Box score
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Team statistics
Luverne: 29 of 49 field goals (59 percent), 17 of 21 free throws (81 percent), 39 rebounds.
Worthington: 28 field goals made, two of five free throws (40 percent).

Public lands are for habitat

Outdoors

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist



The 2019 pheasant season ended with a fizzle for this die-hard rooster chaser. Weather conditions made for some really tough hunting outings, although I did hear of some groups doing well if they had enough guys to surround the spot. I made a conscious decision this season not to get wet.

This kept me out of the cattails and from jumping some creeks. This gave the birds some advantage but I still had a great year overall, considering I thought this season was going to be marginal at best back in late August.

With the season closed, I turn my attentions to other outdoor adventures and start paying attention to the happenings at the Capitol.

It is unfortunate that many hunters and fishermen pay so little attention to what happens in St. Paul. Big-time decisions are made here that affect outdoor recreation. Most outdoor enthusiasts have never called their House or Senate representative on even one issue.

There is one important issue that is distant from southwest Minnesota residents, and so it does not raise very much attention. But it should. That is the continued efforts to use our public hunting lands for purposes other than wildlife habitat.

The state's new Sustainable Timber Harvest Initiative makes plans to harvest 870,000 cords of wood annually from state lands. These state lands could and would include Wildlife Management Areas. These areas are purchased and managed first and foremost for wildlife habitat. This plan was all running under the radar until a memo signed by 28 DNR wildlife managers questioning the proposal became public.

They expressed concerns that the WMA's primary purpose, wildlife habitat, was being subverted by the desire to harvest timber to meet the state's goals for money. The commissioner of the DNR defended the proposal but the resistance grew even greater. Many different conservation groups added their names to the resistance of the new timber plan. I am attending the DNR Roundtable on Jan. 24 and this will be a topic of conversation there. I have attended several roundtables over the years, and most of them are mostly sharing information, with little if any tense debate about any subject.

I think this year might be very different. The issue deepens when you add the fact that there are many federal dollars that went into these habitat acquisitions with the understanding they were going to be for habitat and not timber harvest. If the state goes forward, they may come up against some legal issues depending on what WMA's they plan to cut timber from and whether federal dollars were used to purchase them.

Timber harvest can be good for wildlife when done correctly. Many species need openings in forests and thrive when there is some young, some middle-aged and some old growth timber present. I realize that this issue is far from Rock County, but if the State puts making money ahead of habitat in northern Minnesota, they can very well put money as a priority here by using our public lands to graze livestock producers' cattle.

I am very familiar with these arrangements and the Minnesota citizen comes out on the short end of the stick each and every time, or at least every time in the 10 different cooperative grazing agreements I have seen the details on.

Sportsmen and women need to pay attention to issues like these. Conservationists have a bold voice if they choose to use it. They normally don't. The pheasant season is over and the legislative session starts soon. Make a commitment to do more, be move involved and stand up for what we all enjoy, a land full of God's creatures big and small.

The only one that can do that is you. I will try to keep you informed about other important issues at the Capitol this session.

Contact me at scottarall@gmail.com if you want more detailed information about this or any other conservation issue.

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.

Patriots open 2020 slate with win

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team opened the 2020 portion of its schedule by posting a Red Rock Conference win in Slayton Friday.

H-BC met Murray County Central on the Rebels' home court.

The visiting Patriots outscored MCC in both halves of the game to up their record to 9-0 with a 64-41 victory.

H-BC led 32-22 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the hosts 32-19 in the second half to prevail by 23 points.

Kenadie Fick (15 points and five rebounds), Whitney Elbers (14 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots) and Abby Knobloch (13 points and 12 rebounds) played strong games for the Patriots.

Taryn Rauk added 10 points to the winning effort.

H-BC hosts Red Rock Central Thursday.

Box score
Fick 3 3 0-0 15, Rauk 3 1 1-1 10, Birger 1 0 0-0 2, Voss 1 0 0-0 2, Bos 0 0 0-2 0, Knobloch 3 2 1-4 13, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Van Maanen 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 4 0 0-2 8, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 6 0 2-4 14.

Team statistics
H-BC: 27 of 65 field goals (42 percent), four of 13 free throws (31 percent), 48 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
MCC: 15 of 54 field goals (28 percent), five of 10 free throws (50 percent), 24 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

Dragons resume mat action Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth wrestling team resumed mat action after the Christmas break by participating in the Tri-City United Invitational Saturday in Montgomery.

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Ten Dragons competed at the varsity level at the tournament, where A-E compiled 44.5 points to place eighth in a 10-team field.

New Prague claimed the team championship with 246.5 points.

Five Dragons turned in place-earning efforts at the tournament.

Logan Taylor (2-2 at 145), Preston Nelson (2-2 at 182) and Jaren Winselman (0-3 at 195) placed fourth in their weight classes.

Breyer Hieronimus placed fifth at 126 with a 2-2 mark, while Cameron Wieneke went 2-1 at 170 to place fifth.

David Anaya (106), Isaac Bullerman (145), Axel Martinez (152), Quentin Wolf (160) and Max Lehmann (220) went 0-2 without placing.

The Dragons host a quadrangular meet Thursday.

BSC Standings

BSC girls' hockey

New Ulm	7-0
Luverne	7-1
Marshall	5-2
Minnesota River	5-3
Fairmont	3-4
Worthington	3-4
Windom	1-9
Waseca	0-9

BSC boys' hockey

Marshall	7-1
New Elm	5-1
Luverne	5-2
Minnesota River	4-2
Waseca	4-3
Windom	2-3
Worthington	2-7
Fairmont	1-5
RWV	1-6

BSC West girls' hoops

Marshall	3-0
Worthington	3-2
Windom	2-2
RWV	2-2
Luverne	2-2
JCC	2-3
Pipestone	1-4

BSC West boys' hoops

Marshall	4-0
JCC	4-1
Worthington	2-2
RWV	2-2
Pipestone	1-2
Luverne	1-3
Windom	0-4

Dragon girls string together consecutive victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls' basketball team posted consecutive victories at different venues.

The Dragons pulled out a one-point victory over Lakeview in Cottonwood Dec. 30 before besting Trinity Christian (Hull, Iowa) by 17 points Monday in Adrian.

A-E, 4-6 overall, plays at Edgerton Public School Thursday.



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Adrian-Ellsworth junior Shawna Rogers came off the bench to score six points during Monday's 56-39 win over Trinity Christian in Adrian. A-E notched its third consecutive victory.

A-E 56, TC 39

The Dragons picked up their fourth win of the season when they squared off against the Tigers Monday in Adrian.

The game was a competitive contest most of the night, but A-E put together extended scoring runs in both halves to set the stage for victory.

Neither team could gain separation in the game's first 10 minutes, which included the score being knotted at five different occasions.

Both teams had 14 points when the Dragons went on a 14-1 run ending with Shawna Rogers converting a field goal with 4:06 remaining to give the hosts a 28-15 advantage.

The Tigers outscored A-E 7-3 in the final four minutes to make it a 31-22 tally at the intermission.

TC scored the first four points of the second half to trim the difference to five points (31-26) 1:06 into the stanza.

A-E countered with a 15-2 run capped by a three-point play from Kallie Chapa with 10 minutes left to give the hosts an 18-point (46-28) advantage.

TC did close the margin to 11 points (48-37) with 7:45 remaining, but the Dragons outscored the Tigers 8-2 the rest of the night to win handily.

Jayden Zebe led the Dragons with a 10-point, nine-rebound effort.

Moriah Bullerman and Kristina Cauwels added six and three assists respectively to the winning cause.

Box score
Zebe 3 1 1-2 10, Dreesen 0 0 0-0 0, Chapa 1 2 1-1 9, Meester 0 2 2-6 8, Rogers 3 0 0-0 6, M.Bullerman 2 0 3-4 7, J.Bullerman 2 0 1-3 5, Preuss 0 0 0-2 0, Lonneman 3 0 1-2 7, Cauwels 1 0 0-2 2, Lehnhoff 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
A-E: 21 of 65 field goals (32 percent), nine of 22 free throws (41 percent), 38 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
TC: 16 of 38 field goals (42 percent), three of 11 free throws (27 percent), 21 rebounds, 33 turnovers.

A-E 55, Lakeview 54

The Dragons closed the 2019 portion of their schedule by pulling out a one-point win over Lakeview Dec. 30 in Cottonwood.

A tightly contested battle included A-E sporting a 26-23 lead at halftime.

A-E's Zebe hit three key free throws in the final 54 seconds of regulation play to give the Dragons a 55-52 lead, but the game wasn't over yet.

Lakeview registered a field goal with 4.6 seconds remaining and received a chance to win the game by being awarded two free-throw attempts moments later.

The Lakers missed both charity shots, giving A-E its third win of the season.

Ashlyn Meester and Zebe led the Dragons with 21 and 11 points respectively.

Bailey Lonneman grabbed nine rebounds for A-E, while Chapa recorded four steals and Bullerman charted three assists.

Box score
Zebe 1 2 3-4 11, Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, Chapa 0 0 0-0 0, Meester 3 5 0-0 21, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, M.Bullerman 2 1 0-0 7, J.Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Preuss 2 0 0-0 4, Lonneman 3 0 0-0 6, Cauwels 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
A-E: 22 of 53 field goals (42 percent), three of four free throws (75 percent), 25 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
Lakeview: 22 of 60 field goals (37 percent), nine of 14 free throws (64 percent), 41 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

A-E boys split home games with SWC, Trinity Christian

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys' basketball team split a pair of games in Adrian.

Southwest Christian handed the Dragons a 29-point setback Dec. 30.

A-E topped Trinity Christian (Hull, Iowa) by 18 points Monday.

The 6-3 Dragons face Hills-Beaver Creek in Ellsworth Friday.



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Adrian-Ellsworth senior post Brandon Schnoor scored eight points and passed for three assists during a 90-71 loss to Southwest Christian Dec. 30 in Adrian.

A-E 70, TC 52

The Dragons picked up their first home win in 2020 when they took on the Tigers Monday in Adrian.

A-E canned 56 percent of its field goals and outscored TC in both halves of an 18-point victory.

The Dragons opened a 41-26 lead in the first half before outscoring the Tigers 29-26 in the second half.

Ian Stamer (20 points and four steals), Noah Reyne (13 points, six rebounds, four assists and five steals) and Payton Lewis (13 points) led A-E offensively.

Lance Luettel collected five caroms for the Dragons.

Box score
Rahe 1 0 0-0 2, Reyne 6 0 1-3 13, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Wolford 0 0 0-0 0, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 9 0 2-5 20, Bossert 0 0 0-0 0, Lewis 3 1 4-7 13, Jansma 0 2 0-0 6, Heidebrink 0 0 0-2 0, Hornstein 0 0 0-0 0, Lenz 1 0 0-0 2, Schnoor 3 0 0-0 6, Luettel 4 0 0-0 8, Nave 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
A-E: 31 of 55 field goals (56 percent), seven of 17 free throws (41 percent), 23 rebounds, nine turnovers.
TC: 17 of 50 field goals (34 percent), 11 of 18 free throws (29 percent), 24 rebounds, five turnovers.

SWC 90, A-E 71

The Dragons took their third loss of the season when they took on Southwest Christian for their 2019 finale Dec. 30 in Adrian.

The game was competitive most of the night, but the visiting Eagles used late scoring surges in both halves to secure a 19-point victory.

A-E sported 2-0 and 5-2 leads early in the game before Brandon Schnoor converted a field goal at the 15:45 mark of the first half to give the hosts a 9-5 advantage.

SWC answered the challenge by going on a 20-6 run to open a 25-15 lead with 9:19 remaining in the stanza.

The Dragons fought back to knot the score at 27 when Schnoor hit a shot with 3:40 left in the half, but the Eagles closed the stanza with a 16-7 run to sport a 43-34 lead at the break.

SWC scored the first six points of the second half to increase the lead to 15 points (49-34).

A-E chipped away the lead and made it a nine-point difference (61-52) when Lewis registered a field goal with 10:05 left to play.

SWC countered with an 11-4 spurt to open a 72-56 advantage with 6:14 remaining and never led by less than 11 points the rest of the night.

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The Luverne BackPack Progam would like to thank many members of our community for packing bags so far this year. In September the Nolz and Pick families volunteered, in October residents of the Mary Jane Brown Home volunteered, in November Main Street Financial volunteered, and in December The Tuesday Morning Coffee Group volunteered. Atlas of Luverne graciously houses the food to be packed and is where these groups meet to pack the bags. We have new tote carriers this year; they are Roger and Vicky Henderson and Bill and Gayle Stegeman. We thank them for hauling the totes to the various places. The Luverne BackPack Program Board is grateful for our volunteers! (1.9-1.12)

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 6

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE:December 15, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.

MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated December 15, 2010 Recorded December 16, 2010, as Document No. 175212.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20-0286-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The S. 7 feet of Lot 2 and the N. 65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $78,963.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $67,615.70

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: February 6, 2020 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 August 6, 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: December 5, 2019

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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Pap probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA — **PROBATE COURT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION**

COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of — **Court File No. 67-PR-19-391**
Joyce Marilyn Pap, a/k/a Joyce M. Pap, a/k/a Joyce Pap,
Deceased

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of February, 2020, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated November 24, 2015, and for the appointment of Kelly J. Pap whose address is 1506 Pheasant Hills Drive, Lino Lakes, Minnesota 55038, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: December 26, /2019

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

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

(COURT SEAL)

(01-02, 01-09)

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE:April 21, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Bradley G Moss and Dawn M Moss, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 26, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 173571.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Central Mortgage Company. Dated April 21, 2010 Recorded April 26, 2010, as Document No. 173572. And thereafter assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Dated October 19, 2015 Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. 187187. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 29, 2019 Recorded August 30, 2019, as Document No. 195483.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank N.A.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner or the NW 1/4, then east along the North Line of said Section a distance of 2,345 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing east along the North Line of said NW 1/4 a distance of 295 feet; thence south and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet; thence west and parallel to the North Line of said Section a distance of 295 feet; thence north and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $180,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $175,549.36

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: February 6, 2020 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.

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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: December 4, 2019

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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(12-12, 12-19, 12-26, 1-2, 1-9, 1-16)

City of Magnolia public hearing set for Jan. 13

NOTICE OF MAGNOLIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING

The Magnolia City Council has scheduled a public hearing for January 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall at 113 W. Luverne St., Magnolia, MN. The meeting is intended to obtain citizen input, comments, recommendations and suggestions regarding community development needs and priorities in Magnolia. The meeting will have several purposes:

1) To provide citizens with an opportunity to participate in planning and developing projects as part of an application for funding under the Small Cities Development Grant Program; to encourage citizens to offer their views and opinions and to encourage participation by low- to moderate-income persons and members of of any minority group.

2) To provide citizens with information concerning the amount of funds available for community development activities, the types of activities which may be undertaken, and other information pertaining to this (and other) community development assistance programs.

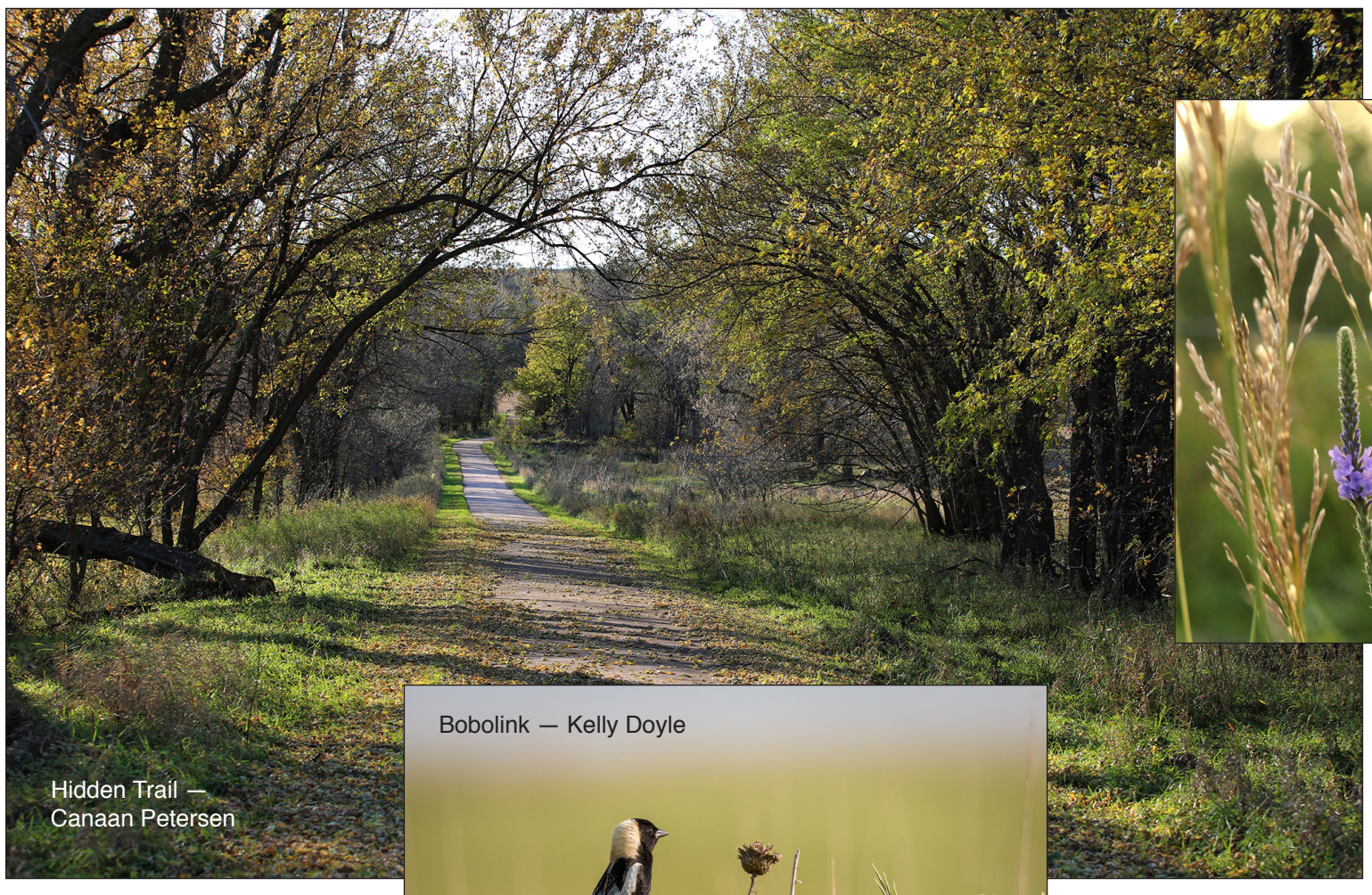
3) To offer citizens a means by which to present their views and concerns about community development and housing needs in Magnolia as well as local community development performance.

Citizens attending the meeting will have the opportunity to file written suggestions, complaints, and grievances pertaining to any matters outlined above or discussed at the meeting.

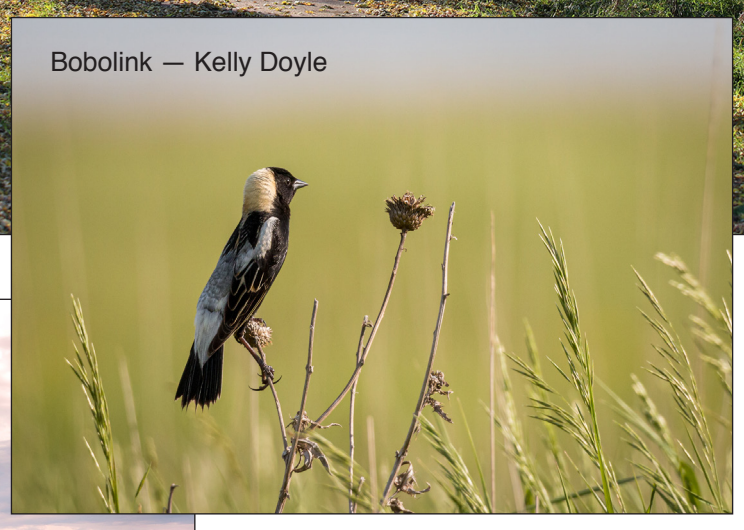
Low- to- moderate-income citizens, minorities, handicapped individuals and members of any disadvantaged classes as well as Section-3 contractors are particularly encouraged to attend.

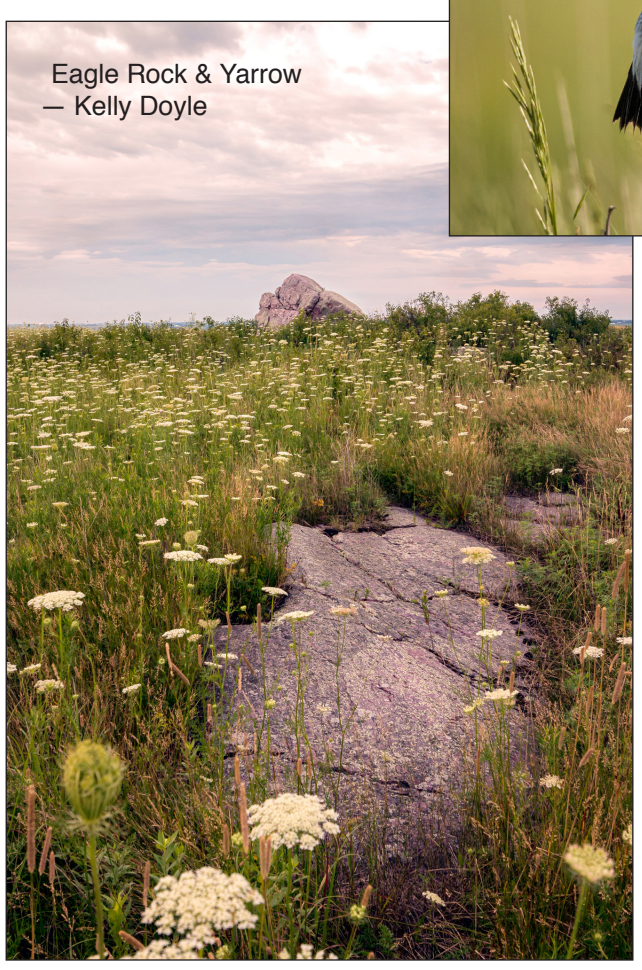
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Hidden Trail — Canaan Petersen


Hoary Vervain — Linsey Duffy


Bobolink — Kelly Doyle


Eagle Rock & Yarrow — Kelly Doyle


Sunflowers — Steve Bloemendaal

Winners named in fall prairie photo contest

By Mavis Fodness

Judges for the Luverne Area Chamber/Convention and Visitors Bureau 2019 Prairie Photo Contest recently announced winners for September-October.

"It was almost impossible for the judges to decide," said chamber director Jane Lanphere. "Every photo was wonderful and had value."

Ultimately the winning photos were selected on subject matter that the CVB did not currently have in their photo array.

Winners by category included:

•Animals: Kelly Doyle — Bobolink; Steve Bloemendaal — Peekaboo.

•Plants: Linsey Duffy — Hoary Vervain 2, Steve Bloemendaal — Sunflowers.

•Landscape: Canaan Petersen — Hidden Trail, Linsey Duffy — Frosty Tracks, Kelly Doyle — Eagle Rock & Yarrow. **See page 6 for Frosty Tracks.**

CVB committee members are currently planning the 2020 photo contest and subject areas.


Peekaboo — Steve Bloemendaal

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