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Cardinal girls' hockey team earns birth in Feb. 19 state tourney

The Luverne girls' hockey team won the Section 3A championship for the second time in program history by defeating Mankato West 4-1 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter Feb. 11.

The Cardinals open the Minnesota State Class A Girls' Hockey Tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul Wednesday (Feb. 19) by taking on the Breck School at 6 p.m. Breck is the No. 1 seed and the defending state champion.

Team members pictured at right include (front row, from left) Brenn Siebenahler, Rozilyn Oye, Claire Baustian, Regan Feit, Reghan Bork, Anika Boll, Kamryn Van Batavia, Cheyenne Schutz, (middle row) Morgan Ahrendt, Shelby Kracht, Rylee Gee, Mallory Von Tersch, Mallory Nelson, Brynn Thier, Krystyn Skindeliem, Sophie Holmberg, (back) Billi Connell, assistant coach Ellen Wenninger, Isabel Smeins, coach Tony Sandbulte and student manager Alyssa Campbell. Missing is student manager Jocelynn Mann.



Rock County Star Herald photo by John Rittenhouse/0220 girls team

Local voters receive mail ballots for March 3 presidential primary

By Lori Sorenson

Hundreds of registered voters in Rock County received mail ballots through the U.S. Postal Service over the weekend for Minnesota's primary for presidential candidates — a first for the state in decades.

Only six of Rock County's 24 precincts host in-person polling places: the four precincts in Luverne, the city

of Hills and Martin Township, and all of which will be open to voters on primary election day March 3 (see the sample ballot on page 13 for details).

Any voters, whether they live in a mail ballot district or not, can vote early in person at the Rock County Courthouse or can call to request a mail ballot.

Early voting started Jan. 17.

Caucuses still happen; they no longer determine candidates

Minnesota used to rely on caucuses to determine which candidates for each party should be on the ballot for the general election.

But after the 2016 elections, the Legislature determined the state would switch to a primary system, which was regarded as a simpler way

for more people to cast a vote.

According to Rock County DFL Chairman Dale Moerke, it's mostly a good move.

"I think the primary will allow more people to participate in the selection of the potential presidential candidate and that is a good thing," Moerke said.

"The caucus system was limited

to those who could and would take the time to participate in an often confusing system. The precinct caucus is still a good way for people at the local level to discuss issues and to help shape their party's platform."

Precinct caucuses will still happen Feb. 25, but they won't play a

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State-worthy court performance

Luverne High School students earn sixth-straight appearance at state mock trial competition

By Mavis Fodness

For the sixth straight year, Luverne High School is sending a mock trial team to the state tournament.

Luverne students earned the return trip Friday, when the defense team took on the plaintiffs from Lakeview High School at the Murray County Courthouse in Slayton.

The 235-224 win takes LHS to the March 5-6 state tournament in St. Paul. The Region 4 champions will compete against 15 other teams from across Minnesota in the state tournament.

Three court officials oversaw Friday's state-qualifying mock trial event.

Presiding judge was Fifth Judicial District Judge Gordon Moore, who would cast the final vote in the case of a tie.

"It was very, very impressive," said Moore, Worthington, a former mock trial adviser.

"I told my court reporters 'These kids are really putting the judge to work today.'"

Judging the trial were Eric Oldenkamp from Marshall and Oliver Ashworth from Worthington.

They unanimously scored Luverne the winner of Friday's contest.

"All of you looked very good, very smart," Ashworth said.

"Everyone is very articulate and polite and presented well. The only advice I think I could give is to sometimes slow down (when you talk) and take a moment and think."

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Mavis Fodness photo/0220 LHS Mock Trial 2020 State Bound

The LHS mock trial team makes its sixth-consecutive state tournament appearance March 5-6 in St. Paul. The team includes (front, left) Kaitlyn Anderson, Solveig Tofteland, Ella Lanoue, Lauren Ver Steeg, Sophia Lanoue, Alexa Chesley, (second) Parker Carbonneau, Ross Bergman, Gunnar Oldre, John Miller, Jordan Winter, (back) Chance Tunnissen, Griffin Jarchow, Seno Chanthalangsy, Xavier Carbonneau and Luke Thorson.

Two more new houses planned for Beaver Creek

New construction abatement saves builders thousands

By Lori Sorenson

Two more homes in Beaver Creek will be built with the benefits of the city's tax abatement on new housing construction.

At their Feb. 12 meeting, Beaver Creek City Council members conducted a public forum for two building permit requests with subsequent tax abatement requests.

One was for Tom and Heidi Freese for a new home to be built on two lots at 600 and 602 2nd Avenue in the Spring Brook Addition.

The other was for Tyson Metzger for a new home at 202 Ridgeview Road in the Spring Brook Addition.

Both homes will be built as single-family dwellings with estimated construction values over \$474,000, and both will benefit from five-year tax abatements through the city of Beaver Creek (and Rock County and Hills-Beaver Creek School District, if applications are also made to the school and county).

The Freeses are building their home with an extra suite to accommodate her mother. They are both schoolteachers in Sioux Falls.

Metzger is a 2003 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School and is a fifth-grade teacher in Brandon.

He and his wife, Jenna, are moving from Sioux Falls to Beaver Creek with their three children, ages 5, 3 and six months.

Chris and Eric Harnack, who are starting their own construction business, are building the Metzger home.

At Wednesday night's meeting, the council took action on approving the building permits, and a public hearing will be scheduled to act on the tax abatement requests.

The county and school district will need to take similar action

Beaver Creek housing/see page 3

Local LHS grad on construction crew for school project



Jim Loose

By Mavis Fodness

After 12 months of construction and about 18 more months to go, staff and students at Luverne Middle-High School are familiar with hardhat-clad workers roaming the halls.

One worker, though, gets more attention than the others. "There is always someone saying, 'Hi,'" said Jim Loose, an equipment operator with Gil Haugen Construction.

Loose is an LHS Class of 1978

graduate and lives in Luverne.

He also sees one or more of his six stepgrandchildren at the job site. "I hear 'Hi, Grandpa' almost every day," he said. "That's kind of cool."

He's worked for Sioux Falls-based Gil Haugen Construction for 27 years, since 1993, which means he was on the job for the 1999 opening of the Luverne Elementary School.

The grandkids weren't old enough to be in school back then,

but 20 years later, he's working to update the middle-high school and the youngsters are taking notice.

Senior Justice Brandt and seventh-grader Morgan McTigue often cut their visit with friends short to say 'hi' to Loose.

His other four stepgrandchildren are at the elementary school, but they occasionally see him operate the

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Caregivers Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the conference room at the Mary Jane Brown Home. Meetings are open to all. Call 507-283-5064.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the home of Lloyd Prins.

Compassionate Friends meets at 6:30 p.m. every third Monday at Coffey Contemporary Arts Luverne for those dealing with the loss of a child. Especially invited are parents, grandparents and siblings (teens or older). Contact Pat Saum at psaum@iw.net with questions. See Facebook for weather-related changes.

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. the second and fourth Thursdays in the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. Call 507-449-1246 with questions.

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

A.C.E. offers nutrition assistance

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20. Call Linda at 507-283-5064.

Memory Café Feb. 24

Good Samaritan Society and Rock County Dementia Network will present a Memory Café from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at WildFlowers Coffee Boutique in Luverne. The event — coffee, friendship and support — is for anyone with memory-related issues and their caregivers. Call 507-283-1996 with questions.

Generations activities

Generations is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with activities and refreshments.

Drawing with Cloyce will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, and the movie “Sound of Music” will be shown at 1 p.m. Friday, March 28. Call 507-283-9856 with questions.

‘Night of Prayer and Worship’ March 1

A special faith community gathering of Christians will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds donated to a local charitable cause.

Next dental health clinic March 4

The next dental health clinic providing dental care for children and young adults from 0-26 will be Wednesday, March 4, at Rock County Health and Human Services building. To schedule an appointment, stop in or call 612-746-1530. All forms of insurance are accepted. (Organized by #Luv1LuvAll’s Rock County Oral Health Task Force.) Another dental health clinic is scheduled for April 1.

Farmers: Modifying Existing Equipment workshop March 6

Farmers are invited to sign up for a free workshop at Harlan Spronk’s Shop at 1445 251st Street, Edgerton, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 6, to learn how to modify existing equipment to implement strip till, no till and cover crops practices. Sign up before Feb. 28 for no cost and free lunch. Call Rock County SWCD at 507-283-8862.

Free tax help at library

Free tax preparation for all low-income and the elderly will be available at the Rock County Library through April 15. Call 507-449-5040 for appointments.

Community Ed

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

Defensive Driving refresher classes will be March 26 and March 30, and **Defensive Driving first-time class**, an 8-hour class, will be offered in two sessions, April 20 and 27, four hours each evening.

ACT Prep Class for area juniors and seniors will meet five nights beginning Feb. 24. Fee is \$125. Register by Feb. 14.

Managing Your Low Back Pain will be at noon Feb. 19. Bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided. Cost is \$5.

Pizza, Pizza, Pizza will be Feb. 24 for students in grades 1-5 who want to learn how to make a pizza from the pros. Class will be at Pizza Ranch. Cost is \$15 to cover pop, pizza and an apron to take home.



Mavis Fodness photos/0220 LHS Mock Trial 2020 State Bound

Sophia Lanoue (far right), an LHS senior, gives the opening statement for the defense and looks to teammate and timekeeper Ross Bergman while presiding judge Gordon Moore watches from the bench Friday at the Murray County Courthouse, Slayton.

LHS Mock Trial heads to state competition/continued from page 1

Oldenkamp agreed with Ashworth adding, “It was great to hear objections come up and then for pretty much all objections there was a response and an explanation as to why that question was being asked in the first place,” he said.

The mock trial season consists of four regular season rounds with the fifth round reserved for the two teams with the best records. The Round 5 winner moved on to state competition.

Lakeview entered Round 5 undefeated.

Luverne was 3-1, having lost to Lakeview in Round 2.

Friday’s rematch had teams switching sides and Luverne’s defense competing.

Luverne’s defense team consists of attorneys Sophia Lanoue and Alexa Chesley, both seniors, and junior John Miller. Defense witnesses are senior Jordan Winter, junior Seno Chanthalangsy and sophomore Luke Thorson.

Timekeeper was freshman Ross Bergman and the bailiff was freshman Parker Carbonneau.

Both are also alternate witness and attorney respectively.

The defense team had two regular season wins prior to Friday’s contest.

They won against Springfield 220-211 on Jan. 9 and against Hills-Beaver Creek 223-175 on Jan. 24.

Luverne’s prosecution team is made up of attorneys Gunnar Oldre, a senior, and juniors Kaitlyn Anderson and Lauren Ver Steeg. Witnesses are sophomore Chance Tunnissen and juniors Solveig Tofeland and Xavier



Alexa Chesley (far right) gives the closing argument for the Luverne High School defense team during Friday’s state-qualifying mock trial event.



Luverne High School seniors Jordan Winter (left) and Alexa Chesley were chosen outstanding Round 5 mock trial witness and attorney respectively by the Lakeview High School prosecution team.

Carbonneau. Lawyer alternate is sophomore Griffen Jarchow. Freshman Ella Lanoue is an alternate witness.



LHS freshman and timekeeper Ross Bergman (left) shows the Lakeview prosecutor that 15 seconds are left in her closing argument. Presiding over the mock trial is Fifth Judicial Judge Gordon Moore (center).

The prosecution team competed in two meets this year.

They lost 210-214 against Lakeview’s defense team Jan. 28. The meet was moved from Jan. 17 due to a blizzard.

They won the Feb. 7 meet 216-208 against Springfield.

This year’s mock trial case, State of Minnesota versus Sam Soto, 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.

Soto hosted a party in which Brandon Weber died from a drug overdose.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School ends with a 1-2 mock trial season

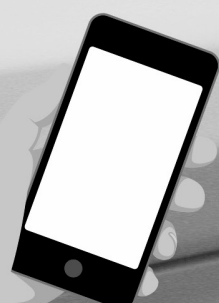
Hills-Beaver Creek High School ended the mock trial season with one win and two losses under first-year adviser Megan Klumper.

The 16-member team lost against Lakeview High School 236-225 on Jan. 6 and to Luverne High School 223-175 on Jan. 24.

The team had a bye in the second round.

Their win, 230-226 came against Lakeview’s second team Feb. 4.

H-BC team members include seniors Bryn Mongeau, juniors Jacob Sheppard, Shayla Rainford, Allie LaRock, Abby Knobloch, Lauren Tatge, Hannah Fick, Mikael Mess, Erica Dysthe, Thomas Dysthe, sophomore Taylor Durst, freshmen Lexi Drake, Leif Tollefson, Carter Abels, Jenifer Martinyuk and Britton Mckenzie.



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Producers, beat the rush; make an appointment now at Rock County FSA

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages agricultural producers to enroll now in the Agriculture Risk (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. March 15, 2020, is the enrollment deadline for the 2019 crop year.

Although more than 200,000 producers have enrolled to date, FSA anticipates 1.5 million producers will enroll for ARC and PLC. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

"FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs; and to ensure we meet your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce.

"I cannot emphasize enough the need to begin the program election and enrollment process now. Please call your FSA county office and make an appointment soon to ensure your elections are made and contracts signed well ahead of the deadlines."

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

The programs cover the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, drypeas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

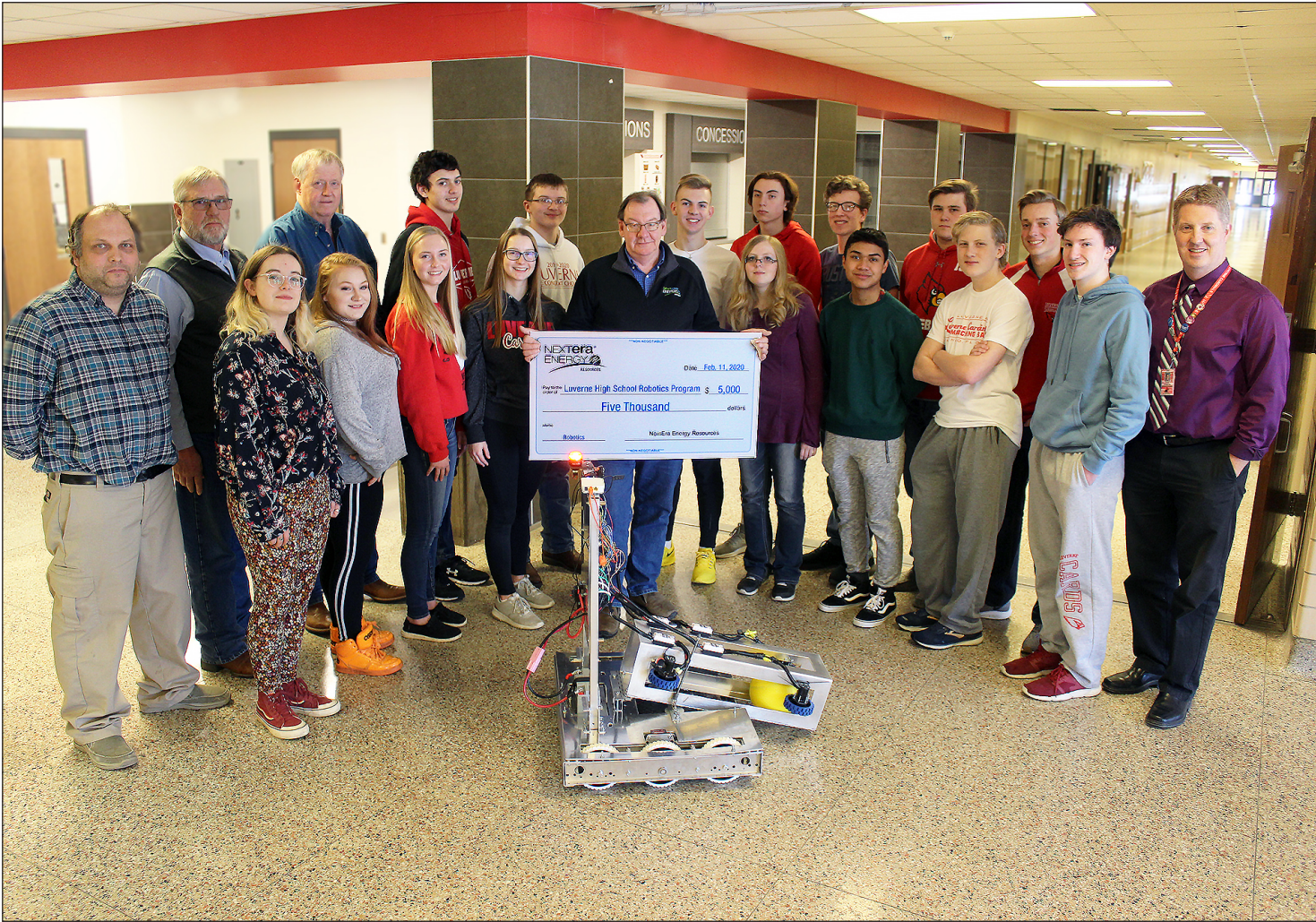
Until March 15, producers who have not yet enrolled in ARC or PLC for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office unless yield updates are requested.

Additionally, farm owners have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields that take effect beginning with crop year 2020. If the owner accompanies the producer to the office, the yield update and enrollments may be completed during the same office visit.

For more information on ARC and PLC, download our program fact sheet or our 2014-2018 farm bills comparison fact sheet.

Online decision tools are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

To enroll, call FSA 507-283-2369 in Rock County.



Mavis Fodness photo/0220 Donation NextEra Robotics

NextEra Energy donates to school robotics program

Tom Von Bische, senior project manager with NextEra Energy (center) presents a \$5,000 check to the newly organized Luverne High School robotics team. Pictured are (front, left) students Lola Peterson, Katarina Horn, Lauren Ver Steeg, Solveig Tofteland, Von Bische, Melanie Rittenhouse, Seno Chanthalangsy, Burke Johnson, John Miller, (back) adviser Aaron Perkins, commissioner Stan Williamson, commissioner Gary Overgaard, students Mattheus Dobbe, Tanner Terrio, Graham Cunningham, Nicholas Rogers, Xavier Carbonneau, Carlton Oftedahl, Jordan Winter and principal Ryan Johnson. The money was used to purchase the robot (pictured in front). The 25-member team, called Mighty Morphing Banana Slugs, competes at its first meet later this month in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Presidential primary election information/continued from page 1

major role in the presidential race.

In Rock County, the DFL caucus is at the Generations building on East Lincoln Street, and the Republicans will meet in the Luverne Elementary School commons. Both start at 7 p.m.

The caucus process will help voters learn about candidates, debate resolutions for the party platforms, elect new precinct chairs and select delegates for the upcoming national conventions.

However, the party-run caucuses in Minnesota will no longer include or influence the presidential nomination question.

Mail ballot voters received two ballots — one for the DFL and one for the Republican primary. They must choose only one.

Voters participating at the polls will need to request either a DFL or a Republican ballot, and their choice is not private.

Moerke said this raises concerns.

"The Minnesota State legislature should address the legitimate concerns of privacy that have been raised with Minnesota's Primary Ballot," he said.

The presidential primary is different from the state primary for other offices in August when one ballot that includes both parties, as well as nonpartisan judicial and local races.

DFL ballot has 15 names, only eight of which are still in the running

In the March 3 presidential primary, there are actually two separate ballots.

For Republicans, Don-

ald Trump's name will be the only one on the ballot.

There will be 15 candidates on the DFL ballot but only eight remain in the race.

They include Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer, Elizabeth Warren, Joseph Biden, Michael R. Bloomberg, Pete Buttigieg and Tulsi Gabbard.

There will be no write-in option for Democrats, but there will be a choice for "uncommitted," which is a vote for a delegate to be sent to the Democratic National Convention who is not committed to supporting any single candidate.

Early voters whose candidates drop out after ballots are cast can change their votes until a week before the March 3 election.

To do this, they need to go to the place they sent their ballot (in Rock County that's the courthouse in Luverne) and request that it be "spoiled." Election officials will then track down the old ballot and issue a new one.

Minnesota is one of 14 states holding primaries on March 3, also known as "Super Tuesday," to determine the state's presidential nominating contest.

Unlike most statewide elections, a winner isn't declared. Rather, the allocation of votes will determine how the bulk of Minnesota's delegates to national conventions will have to vote when they get there.

More information can be found at the Minnesota Secretary of State Office at sos.state.mn.us or by calling the Rock County Auditor Treasurer's Office.



Submitted photo

Students sing in honor choir

Luverne choral director Seana Graber and students (from left) Averill Sehr, Tori Hemme and Ethan Nath attended the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota honor choir event for grades 9-10 at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Sehr was in the SSAA choir (soprano 1, soprano 2, alto 1, and alto 2), and Hemme and Nath were in the SATB choir (mixed choir of soprano, alto, tenor and bass singers).



Submitted photo/0220 bluestem donation to LSM

Bluestem 'Community Cash' supports Luverne Street Music

Skyler Hoiland of The Bluestem restaurant, Luverne, donates an \$838 check to Dianne Ossenfort and Janine Papik of Luverne Street Music Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Carnegie Cultural Center.

Hoiland raised the money through a new "Community Cash" menu option at The Bluestem that automatically donates \$1 dollar to a local charity when patrons order certain entrees during a given month.

Luverne Street Music will use the funds to support the ongoing educational efforts of its non-profit music school. Papik said the string department is expanding with openings in Suzuki violin lessons with Sharon Neufeld and in cello with new instructor Andrew Travers, both of Sioux Falls.

"Both of these fine teachers have exceptional resumes and are most excited to provide lessons and ensembles right here in Luverne," Papik said, adding that instrumental teachers Erica Bierman and Alex Kisecker have also joined the LSM staff, and there are lesson openings in piano. Papik announced Tuesday that the LSM Children's Choir will return this spring, starting in March under the eight-week direction of Morgan Smith, who also offers private voice lessons. The Children's Choir Spring Showcase will be Saturday, March 2. LSM is the second local organization to benefit from The Bluestem's "Community Cash" menu option.

Generations was the first to receive a donation to support the new building project on East Lincoln Street.

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once the builders request abatements through those government entities.

The new homeowners will continue to pay taxes on the full value of the improved properties, and then the city, county and school reimburse them the difference between the original and improved values.

The Freeses and Metzgers join a growing pool of homeowners constructing new houses that will benefit from the city's tax abatement program.

In December, the council approved a tax abatement for planned construction at 805 Ridgeway Road in the Spring Brook Addition.

The couple, Elbert and Dianne West, currently live and work in Sioux Falls and said they were looking for a place to build a new home when they heard about Beaver Creek's incentive for homebuilders.

They told the council the lot was more spacious and more affordable than what they could find in Sioux Falls, and they said they like what they saw and learned about Beaver Creek.

The first homeowners to be approved for the new incentive were Chad and Tammy Rauk, who are also building a new home near the golf course.

Background

Rock County officials approved a countywide housing tax abatement on Sept. 3, 2019, and Beaver Creek followed suit on Sept. 18.

"It's for economic growth," Mayor Josh Teune said last fall. "We're hoping to bring more people to town and to the school district."

The new housing tax abatement program is

for anyone building a new house in Rock County, and it lasts five years, commencing with occupancy.

Abatement applications will be accepted until 2024.

The amount of tax savings varies, depending on the value of construction and the taxing entities involved.

In Beaver Creek where the tax rate is comparably high, the savings is significant for new homebuilders.

To illustrate, using rough figures based on 2019 tax rates, homeowners building a \$500,000 home in Beaver Creek's Spring Brook Addition could save nearly \$20,000 over a five-year period.

This includes county, city and school district tax abatements on improvements to a \$35,000 lot.

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Taste-testing chili is serious work; next year invite beer, chocolate and coffee samples

I enjoyed taste-testing chili last week at Schomackers Home Galleries where family members (who happen to be business partners) competed for bragging rights to the best recipe.

Brothers Joe and Tony Schomacker and their dad, Randy, were chili cooks, and Sharon baked sweets to sell on the side. The whole thing raised money for local charity.

To make it more interesting, the three Crock-Pots of simmering chili were labeled A, B, and C to discourage voting along party or friendship lines.

Unencumbered by personal or professional loyalties, my taste buds were free to speak their preference, one Styrofoam cup at a time

Option A had a creative texture with chunks of beef and pork among the lentils. The flavor had a hint of what I described as dill that at first caught in my throat. While I liked the meaty texture, it reminded me more of a hearty goulash than chili.

Option B had a rich, smoky taste at first sip, but after a couple more bites, the back of my neck began to perspire. In terms of texture this pot, with finely ground beef and sparse lentils, lacked the visual appeal of its competitors.

Option C was nothing like options A and B.

It was more diverse, with big chunks of unbroken ground beef – almost like mini meatballs. Visible among them were roughly cut onions and tomatoes in a sauce noticeably redder and much sweeter than the other two.

Having never been a chili cook-off judge, it occurred to me halfway through Option B, that I might be violating unwritten rules.

For example, I used the same ladle to dip from crockpots B and C ... did it cross-contaminate the entries?

Also, we were supposed to taste *samples*, like the splash of



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

wine in the bottom of glass at wine tasting.

After the first two samples (which were closer to serving sizes), I hoped I had left enough for others to try.

There was a lot more to this process than I anticipated, and when I was finished, I realized there was something expected of me.

A vote.

Despite all the tasting, I found myself at a loss for a favorite. Would I vote for A, B or C? Why did I have to choose just one? Each was so unique and different, like comparing apples and oranges.

Ultimately, I cast my ballot for Option C, but then stuffed some extra cash in the donation box and took two full Styrofoam cups — one with C and one with B — and mixed them together.

While enjoying the perfect combination of sweet and smoky chili, I jotted down ideas for Schomacker's next chili cook-off.

1. Invite Take 16 to introduce new brews to cleanse palettes between chili comparisons. ...

2. Invite Larry Lanphere and Dave Smith to compete for best local truffles.

3. Invite Wildflowers Boutique to introduce new coffee blends to wash down the chocolate.

By the way, Take 16 is hosting a chili cook-off Saturday for anyone who wants to bring a Crock-Pot of their best recipe.

Text Jacki at 605-228-0142 to sign up and visit take16beer.com for details.

Results from Schomacker chili cook-off are: Option A (Tony) garnered 50 percent of the votes, Option C (Randy) took 24 percent and Option B (Joe) got 16 percent. In all, they raised roughly \$450 for local nonprofits.

We are an agricultural community, and what's good for the farm economy is what's good for the Main Street economy.

This isn't news.

Especially not to those of us who live in Rock County or even grew up here.

And lately, agriculture has been a rapidly changing industry, in terms of technology, farm practices, global economy and other aspects.

The temptation, then, can be to focus so much on the present — catching up with the latest and working to keep our heads above water — that we forget to notice who's watching.

And who's going to take our place behind the wheel in the combine or feed truck.

It's the kid in the hand-me-down overalls scooping out the bunks or sweeping out the bin.

These youngsters are watching. And they're wondering if this is the life for them.

Today's role models in farming don't have it easy. It's hard to stay positive when markets are collaps-

It's National FFA Week. Thank a chapter adviser, thank a farmer and support a future farmer

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ing and Mother Nature is destroying their hard work.

But one organization is working to inspire our farm kids — FFA.

And there's a chapter in nearly every rural school. Thank goodness.

According to its motto, "The primary goal of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of its members by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education."

This week is National FFA Week, and the back page of the Star Herald this week honors the program that began in 1928. Ironically, it originated from a time when kids were losing interest and leaving the farm.

There have been many hard times, and good ones, too, since then, but it doesn't hurt to remind

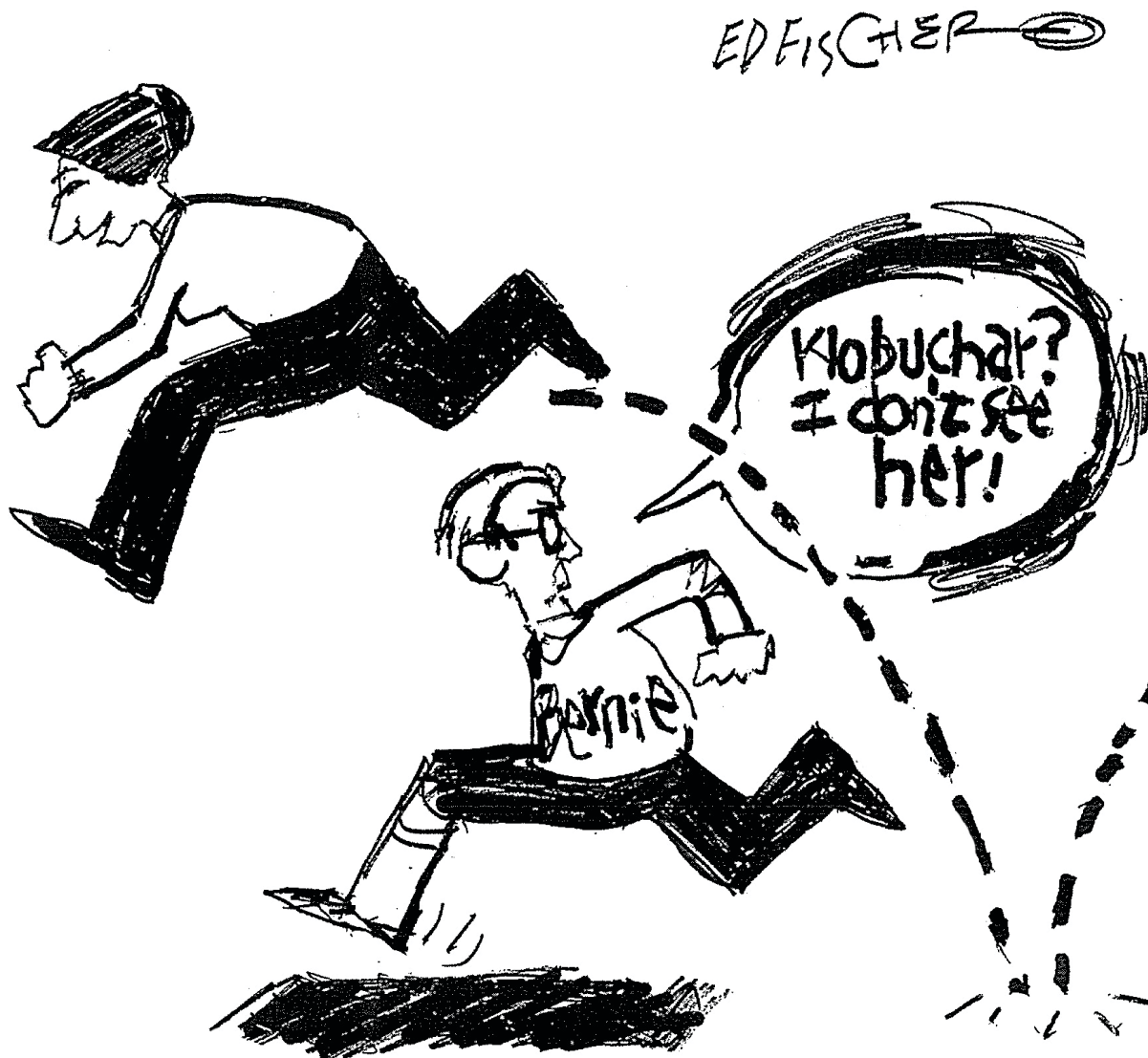
our young future farmers why their work is so important.

And that, dear readers, takes a village. It takes a community of supportive teachers, business mentors, neighbors and other nurturing adults.

Thanks to our FFA advisers in our local high school chapters. It's not easy to wrangle a large group of restless students who have a diverse set of goals under the heading of "farming." Your job isn't easy but it's more important than ever before.

Thanks to our Rock County farmers for all your hard work and for modeling positive attitudes when tough times are anything but positive.

And above all, thanks to our future farmers. We're counting on you to learn more and be better and more business-savvy than your dads are ... in order to continue feeding America.



Operate vehicle headlamps from sunrise to sunset

Question: I have noticed cars that can't be seen in the day when they fail to turn on their lights when it is snowing, raining or foggy. Can you please explain how dangerous it can be and what the law is that covers this?

Answer: Minnesota law states that every vehicle on a roadway shall display lighted headlamps, lighted tail lamps, and illuminating devices from sunset to sunrise. The law also applies when it's raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing and at any time when visibility is impaired by weather or insufficient light, at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

During the recent snow event, I noticed many vehicles without their lights on during the heavy snowfall. This can create a very dangerous situation, especially when visibility is reduced. Being seen can help reduce your chances of being involved in a crash.

Basic automatic headlights work through sensors which detect the amount of light outside.

ASK A TROOPER

These sensors are located on the dash of the vehicle. The headlights turn on when the sensors detect a certain level of darkness or the level of ambient light. The problem can be the limitations to automatic headlights. Sometimes they do not turn on during heavy rain, snow or fog, as the light sensor still detects light.

Most vehicles retained the conventional headlight switches, which allow drivers to turn lights on or off to bypass the sensors. Many drivers fail to physically turn on their headlights, which will also activate the rear

taillights and marker lights. Drivers might assume the sensors will activate all of the vehicle's lights in reduced visibilities, but that is not always the case.

If your wipers need to be on, you should also turn on your headlights, taillights and marker lights. When lights are required, manually turn on your headlights to know that all your lights will be on. Also, make it a habit to check your lights often to ensure they are properly working.

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

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

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Glaze: Thanks for the messages from home

To the Editor:

Thank you for the care package with letters from my hometown!

It is amazing to see the support that Luverne has to give to all the soldiers that are currently deployed. The small gesture is a friendly reminder of all the good people in this world who take the time out of their busy day and write a letter to a service member.

A simple letter goes a long way and always puts a smile on the faces that are deployed.

Emmy (Bush) Glaze
LHS Class of 2002

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Mavis Fodness photos/0220 School Build February 2020

All the walls are gone from the superintendent’s office through the end of the building on the first floor of the west wing.

Loose on school construction crew/continued from page 1

telehandler between the two schools. Kadia Brandt and Joshua Brandt are second-graders and Jaxson McTigue and Destiny Brandt are third-graders. Destiny recently wrote her grandfather a note with some misspellings that read, “Thank you for helping as bilding stuf in the school.” The pencil-on-paper note hangs on the refrigerator in his and his wife, Sandy’s, home in Luverne. “I thought that’s pretty cute,” he said. Loose said he expects to be at the school site through June 2021, when construction is expected to be finished. He’s found the familiarity with the school’s layout an asset as he and his co-workers demolished the former auditorium, band and choir rooms and rebuilt the spaces into new classrooms. However, one element of the school construction did surprise him.



Workers began demolishing the first floor of the Luverne Middle-High School west wing (including the superintendent’s office) recently and, as of Friday, were almost complete. This is a look down the hallway, facing west.

“I never knew there were tunnels under the hallways,” Loose said. Those tunnels contained various

utility lines but they’re no longer safe for use. The new utilities are now routed through the main floors and walls of the building. “It was time for an update,” Loose said. Last week workers began demolishing the superintendent’s office and classrooms on the first floor of the west wing. In the remodel, the superintendent’s office will expand in the same location on the south side, but the new middle-high school offices will relocate next to the superintendent. Across the hall, where classrooms were originally located, the new counselor suites and a portion of the new kitchen will be built. The west wing’s second floor houses finished remodeled classrooms. The west wing will flow into the new commons and performing arts center, which will connect the elementary to the middle-high school building. Construction on the new additions will resume this spring.



Gil Haugen workers remove tile from the front of the former bathrooms on the first floor of the west wing. This picture is taken facing east.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- Feb. 7**
 - Deputy at location on 40th Avenue in Hills for a residence check.
 - Complainant on 40th Avenue, Hills, reported a flat tire.
 - Complainant conducted a warrant check on Scholten Drive, Steen.
 - A warrant check was conducted on W. Church Avenue, Steen.
 - Complainant on Main Street reported the smell of week.
- Feb. 8**
 - Complainant on 90th Avenue, Steen, reported drunkenness.
 - Complainant on 170th Avenue reported a runaway teenager.
 - Complainant on E. Fairway Drive reported an electrical outage.
 - Complainant on W. Main Street reported a found cell phone.
 - Complainant on Main Street requested to speak with deputy about managed property.
 - Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported open garage door.
 - Rock County issued a weather update.
 - Complainant on Interstate 90 near Beaver Creek reported a tan car in the median.
- Feb. 9**
 - Complainant on Brandenburg Street reported a sudden death.
 - Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported a neighbor dumping snow on their property.
 - Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, reported a single vehicle accident.
 - Complainant on E. Main Street reported deposit box malfunction.
 - Rollover accident was reported at location on County Road 4, west of Magnolia.
 - Outage reported at location.

- Feb. 10**
 - Deputy out for community policing on N. Kniss Avenue.
- Feb. 11**
 - Complainant reported a 911 outage.
 - Complainant on 251st Street reported an accident.
 - Deputy assisted MSP eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, Magnolia.
 - Deputy assisted party at impound.
 - Complainant on 100th Avenue and County Road 4 reported an accident.
 - Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
- Feb. 12**
 - Deputy reported a rowdy patron on S. Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant on E. Main Street reported a water leak.
 - Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported suspected drug use.
 - Deputy reported front gate open at location of W. Koehn Avenue.
- Feb. 13**
 - Complainant on W. Lincoln requested deputy for a vehicle repo.
 - Complainant on 141st Street and Highway 75 reported a parked vehicle but not blocking.
 - A warrant check was conducted on E. Luverne Street, Magnolia.
 - A warrant check was conducted on E. Luverne Street, Magnolia.
- Feb. 14**
 - Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Beaver Creek, reported speeding.

In addition, officers responded to 4 vehicles in the ditch, 3 transports, 9 escorts, 20 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 6 paper services, 3 fingerprint requests, 7 burn permits, 7 purchase and carry permits, 40 traffic stops, 3 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, and 1 welfare check.

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GRAVEL BIDS:
BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Class 5, pit run, and screened to be spread on Beaver Creek Township roads. Bids will be expected on, before or at the monthly meeting
Tuesday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m.
at the township hall. Bids may be sent to:
Beaver Creek Township
JoEllen Benson, Clerk
PO Box 67
Beaver Creek MN 56156

JoEllen Benson
Township Clerk

GRAVEL BIDS:
VIENNA TOWNSHIP

Class 5, pit run, and screened to be spread on Vienna Township roads. Bids will be expected by
Monday, March 9, 2020 .
Bids opened Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the community hall in Kenneth. Bids may be sent to:
Vienna Township
Brad Skattum
1397 160th Ave
Luverne, MN 56156

Brad Skattum
Chairman

SPRAYING BIDS
VIENNA TOWNSHIP

The Township will be accepting bids for spraying of the road ditches. Submit bids by Monday, March 9, 2020. Bids will be opened Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the community hall in Kenneth. Bids may be sent to:
Brad Skattum
1397 160th Ave
Luverne, MN 56156
Vienna Township Board

REQUEST FOR BIDS
VIENNA TOWNSHIP IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR
Road Grading

Please submit bids by Monday, March 9, 2020. Bids will be opened Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the community hall in Kenneth. Bids may be sent to:
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A REMINDER FROM
THE CITY OF
Luverne
STREET DEPARTMENT

It is the responsibility of all motorists to arrange for off-street parking so the Public Works Department can plow the city streets.

Please remove all vehicles from the street if it's snowing or snow is in the forecast.

Vehicles not removed from the street may be ticketed.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Cornie and Darlene Bosch will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 23. Greetings may be sent to them at 3008 E. Aspen Blvd #608, Brandon, SD 57005.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Feb. 24: Egg bake with sausage, oven-baked potatoes, apricots, bread, coffee cake.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 25: Pork riblet on a bun, potato salad, broccoli florets, fruit cocktail, cookie.

Program: 9 a.m. Generations Board. 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. BP drawing with Cloyce S. Half-Price Day sponsored by United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Lemonpepperfish, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, corn muffin, peaches.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Feb. 27: Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce

salad, pineapple, garlic breadstick, pudding.

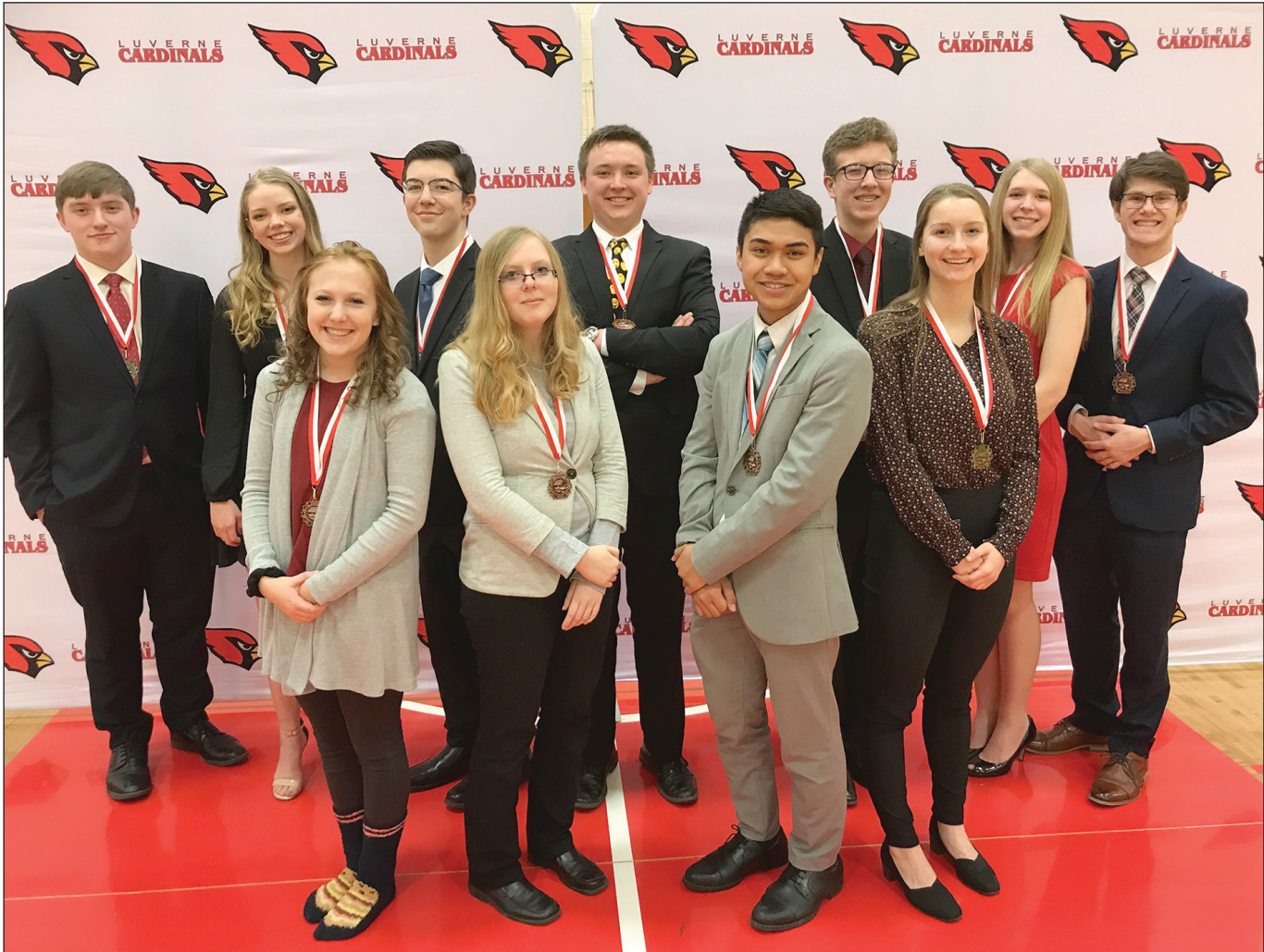
Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial. Movie Day: 1 p.m. "The Sound of Music."

Friday, Feb. 28: Salmon loaf, macaroni and cheese, pea and cheese salad, tropical fruit salad, bar. 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

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.



Submitted photo

Eleven Luverne High School speech students earned medals at their invitational Saturday. Pictured in front, from left, are Hannah Baker, Melanie Rittenhouse, Seno Chanthalangsy, Solveig Tofteland, (back) Chance Tunnissen, Alexa Chesley, Parker Carbonneau, Gunnar Oldre, Xavier Carbonneau, Nicole Hoogland and Luke Thorson.

Eleven Luverne High School students place at home speech meet

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School speech team hosted their home invitational Saturday amid cordoned-off construction areas.

Nineteen schools attended the local event with 244 competitors.

Twenty-three LHS students competed but, as hosts, didn't participate in the team competition.

Murray County Central High School in Slayton took home the large-school team trophy. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton High School won first place among small-schools team.

Results for Luverne speech team members placing individually were

as follows:

•Creative expression: Solveig Tofteland, first.

•Discussion: Alexa Chesley, second; Melanie Rittenhouse, fourth.

•Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, first.

•Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first; Parker Carbonneau, third.

•Humorous: Seno Chanthalangsy, third; Gunnar Oldre, fourth; Luke Thorson, fifth.

•Storytelling: Xavier Carbonneau, third; Hannah Baker, sixth.

In addition to competing, Luverne students helped fellow competitors find their performance rooms and answer questions.

"This year there was more to deal with due to the construction taking place," said coach Caroline Thorson. "We had to use rooms and space that we usually try to avoid."

Luverne will host its junior high tournament Thursday.

Varsity team members will compete Saturday in Adrian.

"It's always fun to be able to host our tournament, but it requires a great deal of work and a great deal of support," Thorson said. "We are so appreciative to the speech parents who took care of the food and the concession stand and the organization of that part leading up to the meet."

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2000)

•Longtime local hospital employee Tammy Loosbrock will be Chief Executive Officer of Sanford Hospital in Luverne.

Her appointment was announced this week, and her duties as CEO will begin March 24.

"I'm excited," Loosbrock said Tuesday. "This will be a great opportunity."

Brad Schipper, vice president of Sanford Health Network, said Loosbrock brings a wealth of local experience to the position.

"As CEO, Tammy will build on her demonstrated management assignments in Luverne," he said.

Loosbrock has been manager of Rehab Services, Ancillary Services Director and Chief Operating Officer in Luverne.

"Tammy has also provided successful leadership with system assignments," Schipper said.

Loosbrock, who lives in Adrian, has been with Sanford Luverne since August 1996, and Schipper said her background experience will serve her well as CEO.

Specifically, he mentioned her strong clinical experience — she was director of physical therapy — and her educational background — she has an MBA.

25 years ago (1995)

•Cedar Street residents know these slushy days of February mean Minnesota's second season is just around the corner: road construction season.

Luverne Public Water Director Darrell Huiskes, County Highway Engineer Dick Wegner and City Engineer Butch Doorenbos explained the scope of the Cedar Street project and answered questions at the Luverne City Council meeting Monday.

It's a good news and bad news scenario.

Huiskes said because Cedar Street is a County State Aid Street,

residents will not be directly assessed for the reconstruction of the street and curb and gutters between Lincoln and Barck streets. The street will be widened by a total of four feet.

The city will replace storm sewers, sanitary sewers and water lines at no direct cost to residents. Some portions of sidewalks not included in the project costs will be redone during the project, and property owners will pay half of the cost. ...

But there is bad news. The street will be completely torn up for longer than two months. Even if all goes well, Huiskes estimated it will probably take about 70 days to complete all of the work. During that time the street will be impassable except for emergency vehicles.

50 years ago (1970)

•A few residents of the villages of Rock County, who have had to walk to the post office to get their mail all these years, will be able to have their mail delivered to their homes under the Post Office Department's decision to expand rural delivery service.

Second District Congressman Ancher Nelsen notified the Star-Herald last week that under the new program, persons living more than a quarter of a mile but less than a half mile from the post office are now eligible to receive home delivery. Towns affected in Rock county will include Beaver Creek, Hills, Hardwick, Kenneth, Magnolia and Steen. However, the number who live more than a quarter of a mile from the post office will be relatively few in any of the villages in this county because all are small in area.

"The only requirement to obtain the delivery service," Congressman Nelsen said, "was that they must make a request for it to their postmaster, and that a majority of those living in the area must desire it. The expansion will be achieved through route extensions, revisions and additions."

75 years ago (1945)

•A gain in the amount of insurance in force of \$15,072,633.00 in 1944 over 1943 was reported this week by W. E. Norelius, assistant secretary, of the Tri-State Mutual Grain Dealers Fire Insurance company of Luverne.

In the mutual annual financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1944, the company reported \$138,204,638.00 in insurance in force as compared to \$123,132,005.00 a year ago. Assets of the company jumped from \$861,621.14, an increase of \$48,877.12. Losses paid by the company during 1944, amounted to more than \$100,000.00 for the first time in the firm's 43-year history, the figure for 1944 being \$106,763.11. The company's surplus at the end of the year was \$637,649.84.

100 years ago (1920)

•The residence on the J. W. Stammen farm, the north half of section 9, Denver Township, together with a large part of its contents, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire started from a defective chimney.

The farm has been owned since last fall by Lored Ladd, of Rock Rapids, and is operated by P. J. Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan were at home when the fire was discovered, but it had then gained such headway that practically nothing could be removed from the second floor, although the larger part of the household furnishings on the first floor were saved.

The residence was insured for \$1,000 in the Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Co., and Mr. Ryan had a policy on his personal property in the Rose Dell Mutual Fire Insurance Co.; but had neglected to pay the last assessment amounting to \$6.05, which invalidated the insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan's loss is estimated at \$935.

1870: Rock County divided into three commissioner districts

Rock County will celebrate its 150th Anniversary this year. The news will be the history of Rock County, townships, and communities. The following appeared in the Rose History of Rock County, printed in 1911.

County and Township Organization — 1870-1878
(continued from 02-13-2020 edition of Star Herald)

The commissioners named by the governor met for the first time at one o'clock on the afternoon of October 17, 1870, at the home of H. A. Gregory. Daniel Wilmot was chosen chairman and P. J. Kniss clerk of the board pro tem. Election officers were chosen for the approaching election and the county was divided into three commissioner



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

of county commissioners and other county officers taking oaths of office January 7, 1871.

Immediately following the organization, about fifty residents of the county met at the county seat and duly celebrated the event. The day's festivities wound up with a grand dance at the home of Philo Hawes, at which Ole P. Steen and Dudley Whitehead

officiated as musicians.

At the time of organization the settlement was confined almost wholly to the southern half of the county and there was no immediate call for the organization of townships in the northern part, but immediately after perfecting the county organization steps were taken to bring about township organization in some of the more thickly settled portions. Between the years 1871 and 1878 all of the townships were created and were governed by township officers. While the story of the creation of the several townships under one chapter head will break into the chronological order of events in the general history of the county, it seems best to treat the matter in this place

and take up the other items following the county organization at the beginning of the next chapter. The seniority of the several townships as created by the board of county commissioners is as follows: Luverne, Grant (Clinton), Beaver Creek, Magnolia, Kanaranzi, Martin, Gregory (including the six northern townships), Vienna, Albion (Springwater), Mound, Riverside (Battle Plain), Rose Dell and Dover (Denver).

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.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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

Book Versus Movie: A Winter Book/Film Club, "The Outsiders" 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20; and "Everything Everything" 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

DIY Flower Boxes, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Take 16.

iPhone and iPad 101 Class, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17. Call Luverne Community Ed, 507-283-4724, to register.

DIY Cassette Pencil Holder, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26.

OBITUARIES

Bernice Aukes

Bernice Aukes, age 93, of Hills, Minnesota, died peacefully on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage. Visitation was Sunday, February 16, from 2-5 p.m. at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Funeral service was Monday, February 17, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. To view obituary or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.



Bernice Hoff Aukes was born October 13, 1926, near the Iowa border by Steen, Minnesota. She was the second child of five to parents John and Jenny (Teune) Hoff. She attended various country schools and often drove the pony and buggy to attend classes, completing her eighth grade education in the Steen area.

During her teen years, she helped many neighbors and friends tending to their babies and housework, alongside working with her parents on the farm. She enjoyed roller skating and square skipping with her friends and going barefoot. She soon met her future husband Orrin. On October 15, 1946, Bernice married Orrin W. Aukes at the Pleasant View Church north of Steen. They began their married life living with his parents for a short time on the family farm west of Steen. They became parents of five children – Bonnie, Orlie, Nancy, Mary, and Jeffrey. They worked alongside each other on the farm raising chickens, milking cows, and cherishing many pets.

Bernice was a quiet humble soul, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and loved by many. Her contagious laugh brought many smiles and great memories over the years as well as her delicious atomic

cake and lemon pies. She was always ready for a good cup of coffee and a cookie, especially while working the daily Jumble. She worked hard on the farm over the years. Selling the dairy cows brought joy as she had begun to struggle with carpal tunnel in her hands. She had a green thumb in the garden and flowerbeds. Oh how she loved her flowers! Her African violets bloomed with glee. Many of her days involved canning and freezing her bountiful produce. Orrin and Bernice celebrated over 60 years on the farm and in 2006, it received the Century Farm distinction. The couple enjoyed a day of fishing together, watching the Minnesota Twins, attending many Steen softball games, and supporting their grandchildren's activities.

Bernice was a devoted faithful member of the Evangelical United Brethren (E.U.B.) church in Steen and later the United Methodist Church in Luverne, where she belonged to Hannah Circle, Bible Study, and United Methodist Women. She was an active member of the Steen Opportunity Extension Club for over 40 years.

Bernice visited her husband Orrin faithfully at the various nursing homes until he passed on December 5, 2009. They were married for 63 years.

Following a second knee replacement, she moved from the farm to independent living in Hills, Minnesota, on January 1, 2012. She became a resident of Tuff Home on May 15, 2013. She enjoyed the activities, the care she received and singing hymns by memory until her final days. In her quiet demeanor, she held by example and was the solid rock of the family providing unconditional love to all. On Thursday, February 13, 2020

Bernice died peacefully at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage at the age of 93 years and four months.

Surviving and cherishing her memory are her five children, Bonnie (Fred) Weninger, Scottsdale, Arizona, Orlie (Linda) Aukes, Hills, Nancy (Steve) Willers, Fairmont, Minnesota, Mary (Clair) Crawford, Beaver Creek, Minnesota, and Jeff (Sheila) Aukes, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; ten grandchildren, Brian (Janna) Aukes, Beaver Creek, Terry (Christy) Aukes, Larchwood, Iowa, Dan (Amy) Aukes, Valley Springs, South Dakota, Shilo Willers, Fairmont, Tess (Tom) Linn, Caledonia, Minnesota, Gina (Brent) Root, Truman, Minnesota, Dustin (Sarah) Willers, Fairmont, Erin (Michael) Brandt, Ramsey, MN, Isaac (Amanda) Crawford and Lance (Wendi) Crawford of Valley Springs, South Dakota; 23+ great-grandchildren, Taylor Telford and Sadie Herman, Jaren and Braden Aukes, Logan (fiancée Alicia), Dylan, Katelyn, Megan, and Brooklyn Aukes, Autumn and Devin Aukes, Paislee and Tanner Linn, Wyatt and Matilda Root, Gavin, Jaxon, and Hudson Brandt, Beau Wilson, Rubie, and Ralph Crawford, Adyson, Henry, and baby-in-waiting, Crawford; two brothers, Peter Hoff, Hills, and Jerry (Mary) Hoff, Luverne; a sister-in-law, Reva Hoff, Hills; sister and brother-in-law, Con and Vera Rozeboom, Clara City, Minnesota; and many nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Orrin; a granddaughter, Lisa Telford; a brother, Cornelius Hoff; sister Gladys and Otto Van Wettering; sister-in-law Pearl Hoff; and eight Aukes brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, as well as their spouses.

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

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Elden Reyelts

Elden Claus Frederick Reyelts, 90, Beaver Creek, died on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



A funeral service was Monday, Feb. 17, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery in Beaver Creek.

Elden Reyelts was born on Jan. 13, 1930, to John Heinrich and Christine Margaretha (Funck) Reyelts on the family farm in Beaver Creek Township, Rock County. He was baptized on Feb. 16, 1930, at their home and confirmed on June 24, 1945, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. He attended first through 12th grade at Beaver Creek High School, graduating in 1947. He

had perfect attendance and was never late once to school in all 12 years.

He was deferred from the United States Draft one time in order to help his father during harvest season and was then drafted into the United States Army in December of 1953. He was honorably discharged and

returned home to continue to farm on the family farm. He also attended Veterans Agriculture School while farming for a time.

He continued to live on the family farm until his retirement in 2015. He lived there until he entered the care of the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne on Jan. 15, 2020.

Elden was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne where he enjoyed ushering and greeting

people with a smile. In years past he was on the Beaver Creek Elevator Board and also the Beaver Creek Lumber Yard Board. He was also a Funk Seed dealer for many years.

He is survived by his two sisters, Florence Fick of Beaver Creek, and Lorna Hill of Jasper; special friend Luella Loges of Boyden, Iowa; two nieces, Marilyn (John) Doppenberg and Connie (Chuck) Schuster; three nephews, Tom (Eldora) Hill Jr., Allen (Chris) Fick and Marlin (Amie) Fick.

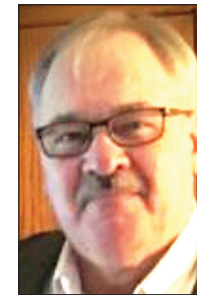
He was preceded in death by his parents; one infant sister, Anna Dora Reyelts; brothers-in-law, Arthur Fick and Thomas Hill Sr.; one niece, Laurita (David) Shelstad; one nephew, Cyril Hill; and special friend Hilda Krug.

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

(0220 F)

William Butzer

William John “Bill” Butzer, 67, Luverne, died on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at his home.



A private family service was Friday, Feb. 14, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

William Butzer was born on Aug. 1, 1952, to Robert and Betty (Lehman) Butzer in Marshallville, Ohio. Bill was raised on the family farm outside of Marshallville where he spent his days doing chores and helping his family. He loved helping out on the farm and going to cattle auctions with his father. He also loved riding his motorcycle. He graduated from Orrville High School in 1970.

After high school, he continued to help with the family business until enlisting into the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1974.

He married Mary Jane (Hudson) Butzer on Nov. 9, 1979. The couple made their home in Orrville, Ohio, where

Bill continued to work with his family at Sun Valley Farm and as a cattle buyer for Butzer & Sons Inc.

In 2007 they moved to Minnesota where Bill worked as a cattle buyer for JBS, Packerland and Tyson. Wherever Bill lived, he embraced the community and enjoyed visiting the local shops and restaurants. Even though his health had recently declined, he continued his livestock career and was passionate about the cattle industry.

Bill attended Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He enjoyed watching John Wayne movies, loved watching sporting events and taking afternoon naps in his favorite chair. He was notorious for quoting movies like “Christmas Vacation,” John Wayne and “Smokey and the Bandit.”

Bill enjoyed telling stories and hardly got through it with-

out breaking down in laughter. Above all, Bill loved his family and made sure each member knew it. If anything went wrong for someone in his family, he was always there to help.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, of Luverne; his children, Tracie Nolder of Columbus, Ohio, Annissa Furr of Peoria, Arizona, Chad Furr of Wooster, Ohio, Tammy Case of Luverne and Matthew (Dawn) Butzer of Alcester, South Dakota; nine grandchildren, Torrey Fike, Ryan Nolder, Riley Nolder, Colton Furr, Peyton Case, Sommer Case, Gage Furr, Beau Butzer and Barrett Butzer; one great-grandchild, Oliver Fike; siblings Brenda Butzer of Massillon, Ohio, Robert “Bobby” (Margie) Butzer of Orrville and Barry (Jan) Butzer of Versailles, Kentucky; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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(0220 F)

David Groen

David Joe Groen, 58, Ken-neth, died on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, at his home.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. Interment was at the Leota Cemetery in Leota.

David Groen was born on March 5, 1961, to Carl and Dora (Timmerman) Groen in Onawa, Iowa. He was raised in Midland Township, Iowa, and attended Central Lyon High School in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He was baptized on Nov. 25, 1962, and confirmed on May 15, 1977, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Ellsworth, and went on to be a member of the Reformed Church Youth Fellowship group. Prior to his high school graduation on May 15, 1977, he was active in the 4-H Club where he had the opportunity to earn the title of Grand Champion Beef Heifer at the state fair. He also enjoyed participating in wrestling and playing the drums and piano. However, his mechanical abilities were evident at an early age as he



began tinkering with small engines.

On Oct. 17, 1981, Dave was united in marriage to Bonnie Frederick at Bethel Reformed Church. The couple made their home in Ellsworth, where he began putting his mechanical skills to use at George Bruns Farms. They relocated to Sheldon, Iowa, while Dave was employed at Vogel Tire Company and later lived in Round Lake, where he worked at Sather's. He also helped at Rock County Implement and M & M in Luverne, before Dave and his family made one last move to Kenneth. Dave opened his own shop in 2003 and continued to operate Dave Groen Repair for the following 12 years.

Dave was a current member of Bethel Reformed Church in Leota, where he took great pride in his role as a valet service assistant. He also volunteered with the Kenneth Fire Department, Kenneth First Rescue Responders, and Kenneth City Council.

In his spare time, he en-

joyed tinkering with machinery while restoring vintage lawnmowers or making recycled art tractors. He enjoyed time outdoors, whether he was mowing his lawn, fishing, hiking, or planting flowers in his wildflower patch. He liked to take side-by-side rides on a nice day with his dog Minnie. Dave was caring, kind, and hard-working. He never hesitated to help those in need.

Dave is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of Kenneth; his children, Kristy (Phil) Vander Ziel of Leota, Rebecca (Kevin) Van Batavia of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Matthew (Renae) Groen of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Michael Groen of Brookings, South Dakota; grandchildren Ty, Benjamin, Nevaeh, Amelia and Emma; and siblings Karen (Michael) of Worthington, Ken (Rhonda) of Ellsworth, and Deb (LaVearl) of Luverne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Allen Dean; his father-in-law, Lee Frederick; and a granddaughter, Hattie Vander Ziel.

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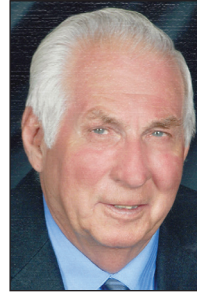
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Richard Smook

Richard “Dick” Smook, age 78, of Luverne died Saturday, February 15, 2020, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

He was born September 2, 1941, in Adrian, to Harm and Rosalia (Reiffenberg) Smook. He attended school in Adrian and Magnolia before graduating from Luverne High School in 1960. After graduation, Dick entered the United States Navy advancing to the rank of Radioman 1st Class. He was discharged honorably in 1969 to care for his three children.

He returned to Luverne with the children and worked briefly in Sioux Falls before working at Terrace Park Dairy ice cream plant in Luverne. His future wife, Rita, began working in the TPD office in the fall of 1972. They married on November 2, 1973, in Luverne. Their marriage was blessed by Fr. Thomas Ploof on December 1, 1978. They lived their entire married lives in Luverne. Terrace Park Dairy was sold to Land ‘O Lakes and the TPD plant was closed, and Dick took early retirement at age



55. He then began work at the LOL Creamery where he worked until his retirement in 1996. In 2014 he began delivering the Star Herald to the businesses in the area.

He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church where he served as an usher, Eucharistic

Minister, CCD teacher, Ministry of Care Director, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, where he had served as Grand Knight, and received The Bishops Medal on October 7, 2018. Dick devoted a great deal of time in the service to others. He volunteered at the Luverne Senior Dining, the Mary Jane Brown Home, Sanford Hospice Cottage, the Sanford Luverne Hospital valet and the Back Pack Program for over ten years.

Dick is survived by his wife, Rita Smook, Luverne; four children, Sharon Smook, Adrian; Suzanne Ness, Monroe, South Dakota; Jeff (Virginia) Smook, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Tony (Marie) Smook, Muskego, Wisconsin; fourteen grandchildren, Ben Smidstra, Christina (Jose) Gri-

jalva, Bethany (friend, Brandon) Smidstra, Melissa (friend, Fadyi) Smidstra, Erin (friend, Jordan) Smidstra, Michael Zimmer, Larry Zimmer, Misty Smook, Chrystal Smook, Kristin (fiancé, Chris) Smook, Katelyn (friend, Jordan) Smook, Kennedy Smook, Alex Smook and Evan Smook; several great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ron (Lois) Smook, Mankato.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Courtney.

Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, with parish prayers at 7 p.m., at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Visitation was also one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Funeral Mass was 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, officiated by Monsignor Gerald Kosse and Father Thomas Jennings. A private family burial will be later at the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

To view an online obituary or order flowers, please visit www.dingmannandsons.com

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Gerald Kosse, Monsignor

Friday, Feb. 21: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Sunday, Feb. 23: 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. Catherine. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 5 p.m. Mass at St. Leo. 7 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Thursday, Feb. 27: Head Start.

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

Sunday, Feb. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. Perk-up at Edgerton. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. Pinewood Derby for the Cadets/GEMS.

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, Feb. 20: 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, Feb. 23: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 6:30 p.m. Awana Grand Prix. Thursday, Feb. 27: 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, Feb. 20: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9 a.m. Pastor's conference in Jasper. 5:30 p.m. Executive Ministry meeting. Friday, Feb. 21: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Feb. 23: 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. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 6-8 p.m. Cosmic Bowling for grades 6-12. Monday, Feb. 24: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Grace. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service. Thursday, Feb. 27: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. Noon Naomi Circle at Poplar Creek. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace Lutheran. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Dianna Spath's.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class. 7 p.m. Lenten Worship with Holy Communion.

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

Friday, Feb. 21: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Feb. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 11 a.m. Fellowship Halle reserved. Tuesday, Feb. 25: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting; youth room reserved. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 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.

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.

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

Thursday, Feb. 20: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 22: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Feb. 24: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Homeschoolers in afternoon. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at First Presbyterian Church. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Feb. 27: 9:30 a.m. RCMA Meeting — PD. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 20: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Monday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. Quilting group. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 26: Youth club. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. 7:45 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Feb. 27: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, Feb. 20: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, Feb. 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 4 p.m. Junior LYF — Live Clue. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Assembly. 6 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 6:40 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 27: 9:30 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at LHS. 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; email: 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: newlifeceleration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

Thursday, Feb. 20: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 21: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Worship Service; Sunday School will sing. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Monday, Feb. 24: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. Thursday, Feb. 27: 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.

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

Sunday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. 10 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran.

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

Thursday, Feb. 20: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Palisade. Sunday, Feb. 23: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Palisade Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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.

Jesus draws sin to himself so that we can be clean

In large earth-moving equipment, like dump trucks and loaders, there is often a magnet in the transmission. The purpose of this magnet is to catch the metal filings that wear off the gears in the transmission.

If those little pieces of metal were to stay in the fluid, they would cause greater wear on the gears. The magnet helps keep the transmission fluid clean by drawing the "dirty metal filings" to itself. The magnet is in the fluid to clean it.

Jesus is like that magnet. He isn't in transmission fluid, and he doesn't attract metal filings. The fluid that he cleanses is water. The "dirt" that he draws to himself is sin. Let me explain.

God sent John the Baptizer to prepare people for Jesus and to point to Jesus as the Savior from sin. While many were going out to John to be baptized, Jesus went and was baptized too.

This may seem unusual because John's baptism was for sinners. Matthew wrote, "They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins." (Matt. 3:6)

John prepared people for Jesus by showing them their sin and calling them to turn from their sinful ways. When they were baptized, they were cleansed of their sins through faith in Jesus.

If baptism is for sinners, why was Jesus baptized? He never sinned.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Andrew Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

Jesus explained when John objected, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." (Matt. 3:15)

Jesus wasn't baptized to be cleansed. He entered the water to cleanse it for you and me. He was drawing all people's sins to himself. And he carried those sins to the cross. There he suffered and died as if those sins were his. He offered the payment necessary to satisfy God's judgment against us.

Through Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Now when we enter the waters of baptism, it cleanses us and takes our sins away. Baptism could not do the great things that it does unless Jesus entered and cleansed those waters by drawing all sin to himself.

Jesus wants you and me to be clean. He has paid for all your sins and mine too. You're invited and encouraged to come to God's House each Sunday and on Wednesdays during Lent to learn more of what our loving Savior Jesus has done for us so that we can be with him in heaven!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. 2 p.m. Flowerfield-Bethlehem Cemetery Annual meeting at Bethlehem church. 6:30 p.m. 6th-8th grade Youth Night. Tuesday, Feb. 25: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Feb. 26: 9 a.m. Quilting. 1 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Tuff Chapel. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday church service. Thursday, Feb. 27: 7 p.m. Game Night in church basement.

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Girls capture second 3A crown

By John Rittenhouse
Luverne's Claire Baustian enjoyed a fantastic start to the 2019-20 girls' hockey season. Baustian, a senior captain for the Cardinal squad, scored 14 goals in the first 16 games for a high-flying team that finished the month of December with a 12-3-1 record. The month of January proved to be another good one for the Cardinals, but Baustian's knack of putting the puck in the net on a consistent basis sagged a bit. The team leader did net four more goals in the final nine games of a regular season that ended with Baustian ranking second on the team with 18 tallies, but she wasn't finding the same type of success she was experiencing early in the season. Timing is everything in the sport of hockey, and it was Baustian who came through in a big way when the Cardinals faced Mankato West for the Section 3A championship at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter Feb. 1. In what was the biggest game of the year for the Cardinals, Baustian found her groove by putting the puck in the net twice to lead an LHS team to a 4-1 victory and a berth into the Minnesota State Class A Tournament for the second time in program history. "I think my last goal came two weeks ago against Worthing-



John Rittenhouse photo/0221 lgh 1
Luverne junior defenseman Shelby Kracht clears the puck away from Cardinal goalie Cheyenne Schutz during the Section 3A championship game in St. Peter Feb. 11.

ton," said the LHS senior. "I think I have around 20 goals, but I know I was scoring a lot more goals earlier in the season." Baustian scored the all-important first goal of the game during a power-play situation in the game's first period and gave the Cards a crucial two-goal cushion in a decisive three-goal run late in

the third period. She poked a rebound into the net created by a save made by Mankato West junior goalie Sarah Olsen with 2:05 remaining in the opening period. Rylee Gee and Regan Feit received assists for the scoring opportunity. "It was a case of being in the right place at the right time," Baustian said of her first goal.

"The rebound came close to me and I was able to drop it in the net." The Scarlets erased Luverne's 1-0 lead in the game's second period. MW's Molly Grundhoffer knotted the score with an unassisted effort that came at the 11:52 mark of the stanza.

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Cardinals face top-ranked Breck to open tourney

By John Rittenhouse
Followers of the Luverne girls' hockey team found out which team the Cardinals will play first when they make their second appearance in the Minnesota Class A Tournament Wednesday (Feb. 19) at the Xcel energy Center in St. Paul. Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they didn't receive a favorable outcome as one of three unseeded teams that were involved in a random draw. LHS faces the Breck School, the state's No. 1-ranked team and the No. 1 seed for the eight-team tournament. The 22-4-1 Cardinals square off against the 22-6 Mustangs at 6 p.m. Breck is the defending Class A champion. Breck is one of six teams ranked among the state's top 10 squads participating in the tournament. Along with Breck and LHS in the lower half of the bracket are Rochester Lourdes and South St. Paul. Fifth-ranked South St. Paul (19-7-1) is the fourth seed, while eighth-ranked Roch-

ester Lourdes (17-10) is the fifth seed. An upset win for LHS in Game 1 would pit LHS against the winner of the South St. Paul-Rochester Lourdes game at 11 a.m. Friday at the Xcel Energy Center. An opening-round loss for LHS would send the Cards to the TRIA Rink in St. Paul at noon Thursday, where they would face the loser of the South St. Paul-Rochester Lourdes game in the consolation semifinals. Three ranked teams are members of the tournament's upper bracket. Warroad (18-8-1) is the state's second-ranked team and the tournament's No. 2 seed. The Warriors face Willmar (18-8-1), another unseeded squad. Wednesday's 1 p.m. game pits Hutchinson (21-7) against Cloquet-Esko Carlton. Hutchinson is the state's 10th-ranked team but is unseeded for the tournament. C-E-C is ranked third and seeded third for the event.



Star Herald file photo
Luverne's Amira Cowell (above) qualified for state competition in the vault at the Section 3A meet in Worthington Saturday. Ella Reisdorfer (below) moves on to compete on the bars.

Seventh-grade gymnasts break ice by qualifying for state

By John Rittenhouse
It's been 16 long years since the last Luverne High School athlete competed at the Minnesota State Class A Gymnastics Championships. That run ends on this weekend as two members of the 2019-20 LHS squad qualified for state competition during the Section 3A Gymnastics Championships in Worthington Saturday. Amira Cowell and Ella Reisdorfer, a pair of seventh-graders competing at the section event for the first time, punched their tickets into state competition with their efforts in different individual events. Cowell advances by placing fifth in the vault with an 8.95 effort, and Reisdorfer moves on by earning a share of fifth place with a tally of 8.1 on the bars. Both LHS girls will compete at the state classic at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul. Reisdorfer and Cowell join a short list of six LHS athletes to qualify for state competition individually. Saturday will mark the second time that more than one LHS athlete will compete at the state event since 1989. Callen Bosshart was the last Cardinal to advance to state back in 2004. Heather Iverson was a three-time qualifier from 1988-90. Kelley Tollefson and Kelli Heidebrink qualified for the state meet along with Iverson in 1989.



Reisdorfer

Qualifying for the state meet at the section level has changed since Bosshart advanced in 2004. The top four individual finishers in each event and the top four all-around participants moved on back then. Now the top three all-around finishers at the section automatically advance to state competition, and so do three others with the top scores in each individual event. While Cowell earned fifth place outright on the vault, Reisdorfer was among four girls to register scores of 8.1 on the bars. Meghan Witte, an LHS senior, is one of four girls to post a score of 8.1. Based the section's preset

scoring procedure in place for the meet, Reisdorfer qualified for state, but Witte did not. Athletes capturing Section 3A individual titles on Saturday include Worthington's Mekyla Nystrom (9.2 on the vault), Marshall's Sophi McFarquhar (8.875 on the bars and 9.175 on the beam) and Martin County Area's Sabrina Segar (9.225 on the floor). The top three all-around competitors include Worthington's Gracia Elias (35.65), McFarquhar (35.6) and Redwood Valley's Avery Wilson (35.025). Worthington advances to the state meet as the Section 3A team champion after posting a score of 142 points. Luverne placed fifth in the nine-team field with 130.475 points, capping a 15-10 season. LHS topped Marshall (126.575), Pipestone (122.1), Windom (121.575) and Russell-Tyler-Ruthon (106.275) in the team standings. Other teams finishing above LHS in the final standings include RWV (134.3), Jackson County Central (133.025) and MCA (126.575).

Individual scores
Vault: Cowell, 8.95; Witte, 8.8; Reisdorfer, 8.575; Meghan Mollberg, 8.525; Tiana Lais, 8.4.
Bars: Reisdorfer, 8.1; Witte, 8.1; Cowell, 7.45; Anna Huisman, 6.7; Madigan Flom, 6.45.
Beam: Reisdorfer, 8.8; Sydney Wicks, 8.1; Huisman, 7.75; Flom, 7.75; Witte, 7.525.
Floor: Reisdorfer, 8.65; Witte, 8.55; Mollberg, 7.95; Huisman, 7.725; Wicks, 7.55.

Cards split to cap regular season

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls' basketball team finished a 17-9 regular season by splitting a pair of games last week. The Cardinals rolled to a 39-point home win over Edgerton Feb. 11 before falling by eight points in Windom Thursday. Luverne opens the Section 3A Tournament with a home game Saturday.

Windom 69, LHS 61
Luverne's five-game run of wins came to an end when the Cardinals paid a visit to Windom Thursday. The Cardinals posted a 72-64 win over the Eagles when the teams met in Luverne Jan. 10, but Windom returned the favor by saddling LHS with an eight-point setback in the rematch. Luverne was in a position to sweep the season series with the Eagles when it opened a 31-26 advantage in the game's first half. Windom didn't let that happen. The Eagles sported a 43-30 scoring cushion in the second half to secure the victory. Luverne, which ends Big South Conference play with a 6-6 record, received a big effort from senior Mallory Thorson. Thorson scored 20 points, charted four steals and registered five assists and five rebounds. Elise Ferrell netted 14 points and secured five rebounds for the Cards, while Brooklynn Ver Steeg tossed in 12 points and grabbed five rebounds. Christina Wagner and Elizabeth Wagner finished the game with seven and five rebounds respectively.

Box score
C. Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 3 1 3-8 12, E. Wagner 3 0 1-5 7, Thorson 6 1 5-7 20, Hart 3 0 0-0 6, Ferrell 6 0 2-2 14.
Team statistics
Luverne: 24 of 55 field goals (44 percent), 11 of 22 free throws (50 percent), 34 rebounds, 22 turnovers.
Windom: 23 of 60 field goals (38 percent), 21 of 30 free throws (70 percent), 42 rebounds, 22 turnovers.

LHS 90, Edgerton 51
The Cardinals extended their season-long winning streak to five straight games by routing the Flying Dutchmen by 39 points Feb. 11 in Luverne. Luverne set the stage for a big win by rolling to a 61-28



Star Herald file photo
Mallory Thorson exploded for 58 points when the LHS girls capped the regular season with two games last week.

cent), 11 of 22 free throws (50 percent), 34 rebounds, 22 turnovers. Windom: 23 of 60 field goals (38 percent), 21 of 30 free throws (70 percent), 42 rebounds, 22 turnovers.

Patriots complete perfect RRC slate Thursday

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek girls wrapped up a 20-2 regular season by posting a convincing victory in Westbrook Thursday. Westbrook-Walnut Grove stood in the way of H-BC and a perfect Red Rock Conference showing during the regular season. The Patriots were not to be denied as they outscored the Chargers in both halves of a 72-33 victory, which capped H-BC's 16-0 league slate.

H-BC rolled to a 47-15 lead in the first half before outscoring the Chargers 25-18 in the final 18 minutes of play. Taryn Rauk (19 points and six steals), Abby Knobloch (16 points and four steals) and Whitney Elbers (15 points and 11 rebounds) paced H-BC offensively. Kenadie Fick (four steals and three assists and Sam Moser (six rebounds) also played strong games for the Patriots, who open the South Section

3A Tournament by taking on Edgerton at 11 a.m. Saturday in Worthington.

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Box score
Fick 1 1 2-2 7, Rauk 6 1 4-7 19, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Voss 0 0 2-2 2, Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 5 2 0-0 16, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Van Maanen 0 0 0-0 0, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 3 0 0-0 6, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 2 1 0-0 7, W. Elbers 5 0 5-6 15, L. Elbers 0 0 0-0 0.
Team statistics
H-BC: 27 of 71 field goals (38 percent), 13 of 17 free throws (76 percent), 39 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
W-WG: 13 of 40 field goals (33 percent), four of six free throws (67 percent), 20 rebounds, 22 turnovers.

Check Lab puppy for centronuclear myopathy

Choosing a new hunting companion should be all fun and no stress, but as the last two columns have shown, there are several pitfalls a puppy shopper can fall into if they do not do their homework.

Hip Dysplasia is one of those. The other is Exercised Induced Collapse. The last health issue in Labradors is not a very common one, but it is the very worst of the three.

It is called centronuclear myopathy. This disease has been reported from all over the globe, including Canada, Argentina, South Africa and Europe. CNM is a disabling disease that shows up in dogs at 2-5 months of age. The normal age to take a puppy home is about eight weeks.

At 2-5 months old, a puppy with CNM will start to lose weight and you will see a deterioration of muscle mass and muscle control.

The puppy will exhibit an awkward gait and intolerance to any kind of exercise and eventually will lose all muscle control. This condition is so bad that almost all dogs affected are put to sleep. Those that do live a short while suffer from significant respiratory distress.

You do not want to see a dog with this condition, and it is easy to avoid if you do your homework before you choose a puppy.

There is a blood test to check for the condition before breeding ever takes place. As with EIC there are three categories. CNM clear, CMN carrier and CNM affected.

CNM clear is the best if you can find a puppy in your price range with that clearance. CNM carrier is much the same as EIC carrier. This means as a carrier the dog will not be affected by the disease but has a chance of passing the mutated gene on to their offspring as potential carriers. A carrier parent will often pass the carrier gene on to 50 percent of offspring with the other 50 percent being clear.

If you ask the puppy seller if it's been screened for CNM and they don't know what it is or won't answer your question,



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

move on to a different breeder. Run away; do not walk away.

Most Labrador puppies that have had all of the necessary screening will cost north of \$1,000. This assumes that the pedigrees are at least as good as average. I cover what to look for in a pedigree and why you should at least take a pedigree into account when you purchase your next dog.

Breeding Labradors is a lot more involved than just getting two AKC registered dogs in the same place at the right time. High quality breeders will have done all of the necessary screenings and be able to talk knowledgeably about these and other health issues a Labrador might be susceptible to.

Regarding price: If a dog lives 12 years and as an unscreened puppy costs \$300 to buy, add in \$700 per year to feed and vet, your total cost per year to own that dog is \$8,700 for 12 years. This averages out to \$725 per year.

If you buy a \$1,200 puppy with all the health clearances and spend the same cost to own it, the average cost is \$800 per year of ownership.

As you can see, the difference between buying an unscreened puppy with lots of potential health problems verses a fully screened puppy is only \$75 per year more. Then you look at the total costs, the initial cost (purchase price) of the dog is almost immaterial compared to the maintenance cost over the average 12-year life span.

Do your homework ahead of time and choose wisely. Just because one puppy is across the street and the other is 150 miles away does not necessarily make the close puppy the better deal.

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Red Bulls eliminate LHS wrestlers Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The team portion of the 2019-20 wrestling season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinals during the Section 3AA Team Tournament Thursday in Sherburn.

As the No. 4 seed in the South half of the section, LHS faced a stiff challenge when it squared off against No. 1 Fairmont-Martin County West in the opening round.

The Red Bulls defeated LHS by a 75-3 margin when the teams met in Luverne Jan. 21, making them heavy favorites entering Thursday's match.

F-MCW drew seven forfeits from a short-handed LHS squad and won all six matches staged on the mat to produce a convincing 75-0 victory.

Luverne ends team competition with a 5-23 record.

Five of F-MCW's six victories came as pins.

Luverne's Riley Cowell avoided being covered during his 113-pound match against Kain Sanders, but the Cardinal came up on the short end of a 7-1 decision.

Losing by fall for the Cardinals include Noah Mehlhaff (to Lucas Jagodzinske at 120), Braydon Ripka (to Blake Jagodzinske at 132), Camden Janiszski (to Connor Simmonds at 138) and Chris Rosin (to Nathan Simmonds at 170).



John Rittenhouse photo/0220 lw mehlhaff

Luverne sophomore Noah Mehlhaff tries to take down F-MCW's Lucas Jagodzinske during a Section 3AA Team Wrestling Tournament match Thursday in Sherburn.

godzinske at 132), Camden Janiszski (to Connor Simmonds at 138) and Chris Rosin (to Nathan Simmonds at 170).

The Cardinals host the Section 3AA Individual Tournament Saturday.

ment Saturday.

Match wrap-up
106 (F) Kosbab by forfeit.
113 (F) Sanders 7-1 Cowell.
120 (F) Jagodzinske pins Mehlhaff.
126 (F) Rohman by forfeit.
132 (F) Jagodzinske pins Ripka.

138 (F) Simmonds pins Janiszski.
145 (F) Steuber pins Reisch.
152 (F) Anderson by forfeit.
160 (F) Fitzgerald by forfeit.
170 (F) Simmonds pins Rosin.
182 (F) Olson by forfeit.
195 (F) Rahn by forfeit.
220 (F) Hernandez by forfeit.
285 (L-F) open.

Boys sweep season series with Windom Eagles

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team picked up their third Big South Conference victory of the season Thursday in Windom.

The Cardinals outscored the Eagles in both halves of a 69-51 victory.

It was Luverne's second win

of the season over Windom as the Cardinals topped the Eagles 87-74 in Luverne Jan. 10.

Gannon Ahrendt lifted the Cardinals to a 30-27 halftime lead by netting 11 of his team high 17 points in the first 18 minutes of play.

Isaiah Bartels helped LHS put the game away in the

second half, when the Cards outscored the Eagles 39-24 to complete an 18-point conquest.

Bartels scored all 15 of his points in the second stanza.

Bailey Cowell chipped in 12 points to the winning cause.

The 9-13 Cardinals host Minneota Friday.

Box score
McLaughlin 1 0 0-0 2, Cowell 4 1 1-2
12, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 4 0 0-0 8,
Bartels 5 0 5-7 15, Ahrendt 0 5 2-4 17,
Feit 1 0 0-0 2, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer
0 1 2-2 5, Smith 1 0 0-0 2, Jarchow 1 0
0-0 2, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 2 0 0-1 4,
Dohlmann 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 27 field goals made, 10 of 16
free throws (63 percent).
Windom: 19 field goals made, four of
12 free throws (33 percent).

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The score remained deadlocked at one until the third period, when LHS produced three goals in a span of 3:59 to secure the championship.

Reghan Bork produced the go-ahead goal when she lifted a backhand shot into the net after being set up by Rozilyn Oye.

Baustian's second goal of the game came with 4:55 remaining in the game, a pretty play that ended with Feit and Kamryn Van Batavia receiving assists.

"It ended up being a two-on-one breakaway. Kamryn passed it to me and I was able to take advantage of the opportunity."

Van Batavia iced the win 30 seconds later.

The freshman sensation was closing in on the net when she was dragged down from behind by a MW defenseman.

Van Batavia was awarded a penalty shot for the infraction, and she cashed in on the situation with a slick move that led to a backhand goal.

LHS, which sported a 39-21 advantage in shots on goal, received a solid performance in goal by Cheyenne Schutz.

Schutz made 20 saves in the game, including 12 in the first period.

Baustian, Feit and junior Shelby Kracht were members



John Rittenhouse photo/0220 lgh 11

Luverne's Rylee Gee leads a charge into Mankato West's defensive zone during the Section 3A championship game in St. Peter Feb. 11. Gee contributed one assist to a 4-1 victory.

of Luverne's first team to qualify for the state tournament back in the 2015-16 season.

Being a senior member of this year's 22-4-1 team will make another trip to the state tournament special for the

captain.

"Just getting there is fun," Baustian said.

"I think experiencing it before should help the three of us who were there when I was an eighth-grader because we

know what to expect, but the younger girls will be fine. We just want to go there and play well together as a team, and it would be great if we get to score a few goals in the first game."

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Elizabeth Wagner and Ver Steeg chipped in 13 and 12 points respectively, while Averill Sehr contributed five rebounds and three assists.

Box score
C.Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 0 0 1-2 1,
Ver Steeg 6 0 0-0 12, Sehr 3 1 0-0 9,
E.Wagner 2 3 0-0 13, Thorson 8 5 7-8

38, Hart 0 0 0-0 0, Van Grootheest 0
0 0-0 0, Rud 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 1 1 1-2
6, Javner 0 3 0-0 9, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0,
Schmuck 0 0 0-0 0, Huiskes 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 34 of 64 field goals (53 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent), 27 rebounds, seven turnovers.
Edgerton: 21 of 44 field goals (48 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent), 28 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

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This state entry is similar to first qualifier

The Luverne girls' hockey team is making its second appearance at the Minnesota State Class A Hockey Tournament this week.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

From my perspective, the 2019-20 LHS squad looks a lot like the 2015-16 team that advanced to state after winning the school's first Section 3A title.

Both teams benefited from having quality skaters and proven scorers, but overall depth was not a friend to either team.

Tony Sandbulte, who is nearing the end of his seventh season as the head coach of the LHS girls' squad, seems to agree with my assessment.

Sandbulte, who won his 200th career game as a head coach (he also was coach and co-coach of the LHS boys' teams for five years) on Jan. 16, struggled to describe the differences between Luverne's state-qualifying girls' squads.

"That's a hard question to answer because the teams are very similar," he conceded.

"This year's team might be a little younger than the one from four years ago because we only have one senior, but we had some young skaters on that team, too. I would like to think we are a little bit better defensively this year because we have four defensemen playing regular shifts. We were rotating three defensemen on and off the ice four years ago. Other than that, I think both teams are pretty similar."

In terms of offense, both of Luverne's state-qualifying teams had explosive players.

It was Makayla Sterrett, Madisyn Dingmann, Mariah Aukes and Madison Crabtree that supplied the scoring punch that year.

Kamryn Van Batavia, Claire Baustian, Reghan Bork, Rylee Gee, Rozilyn Oye and Billi Connell have been the top point-producers this year.

Van Batavia, Baustian and Gee have formed one productive line most of the season, but a second line, formed in January,

has been crucial to the team's success over the last month.

Bork started the year as a defenseman, but she has moved to a wing position on a line with Oye and Connell.

"That move gave us two lines that can be viewed as scoring threats," Sandbulte said.

"That might be another difference between this team and the 2016 team. We have two solid scoring lines now. We had one scoring line and one defensive line in 2016."

LHS will need both forward lines as well as defensemen Brynn Thier, Regan Feit, Shelby Kracht and Mallory Nelson and goalie Cheyenne Schutz to find success in St. Paul.

Not unlike 2016, the Cardinals have drawn the No. 1 seed (The Breck School) to face in the state quarter-finals.

"It's definitely a David and Goliath situation," Sandbulte said.

"To be honest, I think Breck could win the Class AA title. They have won the last two Class A state championships, and the only losses they've had this year came against Class AA teams."

It's fairly obvious that the Cardinals face a stiff challenge, but they are embracing the opportunity.

"We're just happy and fortunate to still be playing a few more hockey games," Sandbulte said.

"The way I see it, we don't have anything to lose because we're playing in the state tournament. Breck is the best team in the state, and we're looking forward to seeing what we can do against a good hockey team. What we need to do is play well around our goalie. It all starts there. If we get some scoring chances offensively, we have to bury the puck in the net."

Cardinal boys stumble into postseason

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team wrapped up a 15-10 regular season by playing a wild game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday.

LHS and Minnesota River turned in a combined 15-goal performance that includes a nine-goal third period.

The visiting Bulldogs registered the final two goals of the shootout to secure a 9-6 victory.

Luverne drew the fifth seed for the Section 3A Tournament, which starts Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Cardinals face the fourth-seeded Tigers in Marshall.

Luverne played well early in Friday's home finale, which was billed as Senior Night at the BMIA.

With two upperclassmen doing the scoring, LHS led 2-1 after 17 minutes of play.

Easton Braun opened the scoring 37 seconds into the contest, but MR's Brady knotted the score at one with a power-play tally that came with 5:07 left in the first period.

LHS regained the lead (2-1) when Marshal Dammann netted his first of two goals with 4:04 left in the period.

The Bulldogs scored three goals in the second period as a part of a 4-0 run that gave the visitors a 4-2 advantage.

Logan Throldahl tied the game at the eight-minute mark of the second period before scoring again with 2:56 remaining in the stanza.

MR's Shawn Lehtinen added a goal with 43 seconds left in the second stanza, and Charlie Wieck found the net 35 seconds into the third period



John Rittenhouse photo/0220 lbh 5

Luverne's Colby Crabtree makes a push to advance the puck out of the defensive zone during Friday's hockey game against Minnesota River at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

to cap the four-goal run by the Bulldogs.

Luverne's Mason Steensma snapped MR's scoring run with 13:11 remaining in the game, but Seth Reicks countered for MR with 8:58 left to give the Bulldogs a 6-3 cushion.

The Cardinals, however, trimmed the difference to one goal (6-5) when Brock Beh-

rend and Dammann put pucks in the net in a span of 1:38.

MR's Brendan O'Keefe notched a power-play goal with 2:20 left to up the lead to 7-5, but Cade Wenninger countered for Luverne to trim the difference to one (7-6) with 1:37 left to play.

The Bulldogs settled the issue when Sowder and Tristen O'Brien registered empty-net

goals in the final 37 seconds of the contest.

MR finished the game with a 29-28 edge in shots on goal.

Colby Crabtree and Wenninger recorded two assists for LHS, while Dammann, Austin Watts-Boll and Steensma charted one assist each.

Colton Schutz made 20 saves in net for the Cards.

Chargers, Eagles saddle Patriots with league setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team lost a pair of road games last week.

The Patriots came up on the short end of a 32-point decision against Southwest Christian in Edgerton Feb. 11.

H-BC lost a two-point game to Westbrook Walnut Grove Thursday in Westbrook.

The 7-13 Patriots host Red Rock Central Thursday.

day in Westbrook.

The game was a tight battle from beginning to end, but W-WG outscored H-BC by two points in the first half and prevailed by that margin at game's end.

The Chargers led 27-25 after 18 minutes of play.

Both teams netted 28 points in the game's second half.

Jax Wysong burned in the nets for 20 points to lead the Patriots in scoring, while Zander Wysong turned in an 11-point, 10-rebound effort.

Kyle Kueter collected 10 rebounds and blocked three

shots for H-BC, which received a four-assist performance from Easton Harnack.

Box score
G. Wysong 3 0 0-0 6, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 1 0 0-0 2, Deelstra 2 0 0-2 4, Baker 0 0 1-2 1, Z. Wysong 2 2 1-1 11, J. Wysong 5 2 4-6 20, Kueter 4 0 1-2 9.

Team statistics
H-BC 21 of 55 field goals (38 percent), seven of 13 free throws (54 percent), 32 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
W-WG: 21 of 58 field goals (36 percent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent), 29 rebounds, six turnovers.

SWC 95, H-BC 63

The Patriots dropped their third consecutive game when they took on the conference-

leading Eagles in Edgerton Feb. 11.

SWC took an 11-0 league mark into the game and made it 12-0 with a 32-point victory over H-BC.

The Eagles gained control of the contest by opening a 56-34 lead in the game's first half.

SWC went on to outscore the Patriots 39-29 in the second half to complete the victory.

Jax Wysong (18 points) and Kueter (16 points and five rebounds) turned in strong offensive showings for the

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Canby Lancers oust A-E wrestlers Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth wrestlers bowed out of the Section 3A Team Tournament Thursday in Canby.

A-E, the tournament's fifth seed, squared off against No. 4 Canby in the quarterfinal round of the event.

The Dragons were looking to upset the Lancers, but Canby won 10 of the 14 matches to register a 48-17 victory.

The loss ends A-E's 16-7 team season.

Canby gained control of the contest by winning the first three matches of the night to gain a 15-0 lead.

The teams proceeded to split the next eight matches, but A-E never trailed by fewer than nine points during that stretch.

The Lancers won the final four matches to complete a 31-point win.

A-E received a pin from Breyer Hieronimus (2:17 over Brayden Gravdal).

Logan Taylor (8-0 over Hunter Cleveland) and Preston Nelson (14-6 over Alex Full) prevailed by major decisions, while Logan Sherer notched an 8-2 victory over Parker Viessman.

The Dragons return to Canby Friday and Saturday for the Section 3A Individual Tournament.

Match wrap-up
106 (C) Fink pins Farinella.
113 (C) Fink 9-6 Anaya.
120 (C) Wagner pins Morrison.
126 (A) Hieronimus pins Gravdal.
132 (C) Drietz 13-4 Heidebrink.
138 (A) Sherer 8-2 Viessman.
145 (C) Drietz pins I. Bullerman.
152 (A) Taylor 8-0 Cleveland.
160 (C) Greenman 13-5 Wolf.
170 (A) Nelson 14-6 Full.
182 (C) Steffen 17-6 Wieneke.
195 (C) Verhelst 17-6 Winselman.
220 (C) Noyes pins B. Bullerman.
285 (C) Noyes pins Edwards.

H-BC sweeps series against RRC rival

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls wrapped up the Red Rock Conference basketball championship Feb. 11 in Adrian.

Taking on Adrian-Ellsworth on the Dragons' home floor, H-BC posted its 15th consecutive conference win by rolling to a 73-39 victory.

The Patriots canned nine three-point shots in the first 18 minutes of play to help open a commanding 53-20 lead at the intermission.

H-BC capped a 34-point win with a 20-19 scoring edge in the second half.

Taryn Rauk (19 points and three steals), Abby Knobloch (17 points), six rebounds, five steals and three assists) and Kenadie Fick (17 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals) played solid games for H-BC.

Whitney Elbers led the Patriots with seven rebounds and charted four assists.

Ashlyn Meester tossed in 15 points to lead the Dragons in scoring.

Bailey Lonneman collected nine caroms for the hosts.

Box score
H-BC
Fick 1 5 0-0 17, Rauk 4 3 2-2 19, Birger 2 0 0-0 4, Voss 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 1 0 0-0 2, Knobloch 23 4-17, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Van Maanen 0 0 0-0 0, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 1 0 1-2 3, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 1 0 2-2 4, Elbers 3 0 1-2 7.
A-E
Zebe 1 0 0-0 2, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Dreesen 2 0 0-0 3, K. Chapa 3 1 0-4 9, Meester 3 3 0-0 15, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, M. Bullerman 1 1 0-0 5, Preuss 0 0 0-0 0, Lonneman 2 0 1-2 5, Cauwels 0 0 0-0 0, Lehnhoff 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 26 of 53 field goals (49 percent), 10 of 12 field goals (83 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
A-E: 16 of 46 field goals (35 percent), one of six free throws (17 percent), 22 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

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Patriots.

Oliver Deelstra finished the game with six rebounds and three assists, Harnack registered six assists and Gavin Wysong snared five rebounds for H-BC.

1 0 0-0 2, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 3 0 3-4 9, Baker 1 1 0-0 5, Z. Wysong 2 1 0-0 7, Erickson 0 0 0-0 0, J. Wysong 6 2 0-0 18, Kueter 6 1 1-3 16, Steensma 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
H-BC: 26 of 64 field goals (41 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 36 rebounds, 21 turnovers.
SWC: 35 of 76 field goals (46 percent), 12 of 19 free throws (63 percent), 46 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Box score
G. Wysong 1 0 0-0 2, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 1 0 0-0 2, Bennett 0 0 1-2 1, Gehrke

Adrian-Ellsworth bows to RRC foes

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped a pair of Red Rock Conference games at different venues.

The Dragons lost a 10-point decision to Murray County Central in Slayton Thursday before falling by five points to Mountain Lake Area Monday in Adrian.

The 12-11 Dragons capped the regular season with a home game against Westbrook-Walnut Grove Tuesday (Feb. 18) before opening the South Section 3A Tournament against Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda at 4 p.m. Saturday in Worthington.

MLA 61, A-E 65

The Dragons let a potential win slip away when they entertained the Wolverines in Adrian Monday.

A-E appeared to be on its way to victory when it opened a 10-point lead early in the second half, but MLA answered the challenge.

The Wolverines outscored the Dragons 44-29 the rest of the night to secure a five-point win.

The night started in a special way as A-E's Ashlyn Meester opened the scoring 1:31 into the game by sinking one free throw.

It was the one point she needed to reach the 1,000-point mark for her career.

A-E still led by one (13-12) when it started an 8-2 push ending with a field goal from Bailey Lonneman to open a 21-14 lead with 2:42 remaining in the opening half.

The Dragons increased the lead to eight points (25-17) at the intermission and led 27-17 when Kristina Cauwels sank a pair of charity shots early in the second half.



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Adrian-Ellsworth senior Ashlyn Meester releases a shot in front of Mountain Lake Area's Margo Stoesz Monday in Adrian.

MLA, however, countered with a 21-7 run to gain a 38-34 advantage with 11:04 left to play.

Meester knotted the score at 40 with a field goal that came with 9:10 remaining, and the score was tied at 44 as the game

progressed.

The Wolverines settled the issue after putting together a 13-7 surge to open a 57-51 lead with 50 seconds left before settling with a five-point win at game's end.

Meester, who charted three

Dragon boys drop third consecutive contest

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys dropped their third consecutive basketball game Friday in Mountain Lake.

The Dragons were hoping to even the score with a Mountain Lake Area squad that bested A-E in Ellsworth seven days earlier.

The Wolverines, however,

didn't let that happen.

MLA outscored the Dragons in both halves of the game to secure an 87-74 victory.

The Wolverines gained control of the game by outscoring A-E 42-32 in the game's first half.

MLA used a 45-42 scoring edge in the second half to cap a 13-point win.

Ian Stamer and Peyton Lewis tossed in 21 points each to lead the Dragons in scoring. Noah Reynen netted 11 points and led the Dragons with nine rebounds, while Grant Jansma chipped in 11 points.

Lance Luettel charted four assists for the 12-11 Dragons, who play Red Rock Central in Lamberton Friday.

assists in the contest, led the Dragons with 21 points and seven rebounds.

Moriah Bullerman (four assists and three steals) and Lonneman (five rebounds and three assists) made key contributions to the A-E effort.

Box score
Meester 3 3 6-8 21, Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, Chapa 1 0 2-2 4, Zebe 1 0 0-0 2, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, M. Bullerman 0 1 6-7 9, Preuss 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 3 0 0-0 6, Cauwels 3 0 2-2 8, Lehnhoff 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
A-E: 18 of 54 field goals (33 percent), 16 of 19 free throws (84 percent), 24 rebounds, 16 turnovers.
MLA: 25 of 42 field goals (60 percent), nine of 18 free throws (50 percent), 18 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

MCC 76, A-E 66

A big first half by the Rebels proved to be the difference in the game between A-E and MCC Thursday in Slayton.

The hosts got off to a strong start to begin the game and it helped the Rebels open a 47-27 lead at halftime.

A-E picked up steam by outscoring MCC 39-29 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Rebels from securing a 10-point victory.

Lonneman had a big game for the Dragons.

The senior post scored 23 points to go along with 16 rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Meester netted 11 points for the Dragons, while Kallie Chapa collected six rebounds.

Box score
Zebe 1 14-4 9, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Dreesen 2 0 0-0 4, Chapa 3 0 0-0 6, Meester 3 0 5-7 11, M. Bullerman 2 0 3-6 7, Preuss 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 8 1 4-23, Cauwels 2 0 0-0 4, Lehnhoff 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
A-E: 24 of 63 field goals (38 percent), 16 of 21 free throws (76 percent), 35 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
MCC: 27 of 53 field goals (51 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent), 21 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

Notice of Annual Township Meetings & Elections

Notice is hereby given that the following townships will hold their annual meeting and elections on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. In case of inclement weather, they will be held one week later on March 17, 2020.

Battle Plain Township
Justin Prins' farm - 1941 231st St., Edgerton. Meeting at 7 pm

Beaver Creek Township
Beaver Creek Township Hall. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk

Clinton Township
Business meeting at the Township Hall. 4-5pm Voting from 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk 2-year term

Denver Township
Hardwick City Hall. Meeting 7 pm

Kanaranzi Township
Kanaranzi Elevator. 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk/Treasurer 2-year term

Luverne Township
Luverne Pizza Ranch. Business Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk 2-year term

Magnolia Township
Arends Farm 1581 121st Luverne. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk 2-year term

Martin Township
New Township Building 598 51st St Hills. Meeting at 8 pm

Mound Township
Rock County Highway Building. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term

Rosedell Township
Township Hall. 4-5 pm Business Meeting

Springwater Township
New Town Hall 594 141st Beaver Creek. Business meeting 3:00 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk/Treasurer 2 year term

Vienna township
Kenneth Community Hall. Business Meeting 7 pm

Rock County Township Association
Teresa Kramer, Secretary/Treasurer

REQUEST FOR BIDS

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363 60th Ave, Hills, MN 56138
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City of Luverne seeks bids by March 4

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, at the Luverne City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 until 11:00 A.M. on the 4th day of March, 2020, for Luverne Loop Trail – Phase 3A in Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The approximate quantities of work on which proposals will be received is as follows:

5,000 S.Y. 3" Class 5 Base
37,000 S.F. Concrete Walk

And other miscellaneous items and related work.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory bond. Work shall commence on or after June 8, 2020 and completed on or before October 17, 2020.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The City also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instruction to Bidders for more details.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$20.00 by inputting Quest project #6822211 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$50.00, none of which is refundable.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
By /s/ John M. Call,
City Administrator
(02-20)

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2020. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Henning Construction
Location: W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township, T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant

Zoning District: A-1, Limited Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Spring Lake Express
Location: NW 1/4 of Section 13 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Bremik Materials, Inc.
Location: E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(02-13, 02-20)

Boler Agency assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Boler Agency**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
1021 160th Ave Luverne, MN 56156 USA
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: **Glen Lee Boler**
Address: **1021 160th Ave Luverne, MN 56156**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in the this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature : /s/ **Glen L. Boler**
MAILING ADDRESS: 1021 160th Ave, Luverne, MN 56156
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: glenbolers54@gmail.com
(02-20, 02-27)

DEADLINE FOR LEGALS is MONDAY @ 10 a.m.

Rock County	State of Minnesota	March 3, 2020
Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Rock County, Minnesota March 3, 2020 Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this:  Minnesota Election Law permits you to vote for a candidate of only one political party in a Presidential Nomination Primary election.		
Democratic-Farmer Labor Party Federal Offices President Vote for One ☐ Joseph Biden ☐ Uncommitted ☐ Cory Booker ☐ Michael Bennet ☐ Deval Patrick ☐ Tom Steyer ☐ Pete Buttigieg ☐ Amy Klobuchar ☐ Julián Castro ☐ John K. Delaney ☐ Marianne Williamson ☐ Bernie Sanders ☐ Andrew Yang ☐ Elizabeth Warren ☐ Tulsi Gabbard ☐ Michael R. Bloomberg		
Rock County	State of Minnesota	March 3, 2020
Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot Republican Party Rock County, Minnesota March 3, 2020 Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this:  Minnesota Election Law permits you to vote for a candidate of only one political party in a Presidential Nomination Primary election.		
Republican Party Federal Offices President Vote for One ☐ Donald J. Trump ☐ write-in, if any		
NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING Absentee voting will be available at the Auditor-Treasurer’s office in the Courthouse on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST The County of Rock will test the electronic voting machines to be used for the vote tabulation in the Presidential Nomination Primary Election to be held March 3, 2020. The test will be held on, Tuesday February 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, in the Auditor-Treasurer’s Office. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.		

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Mortgage foreclosure sale
set for April 2

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 11, 2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$102,116.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Michelle Ann Pick, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 15, 2015, as Document Number 186378; as modified of record by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on July 20, 2017, as Document Number 191063 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on October 24, 2016, as Document Number 189365 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A tract of land located in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 AND in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 103 North, Range 44 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 10, thence going East along the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 2391 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing East along the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 190 feet; thence going South and parallel with the West line of said Section 10 a distance of 384 feet; thence East and parallel with the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 136 feet; thence South 60 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 275.8 feet; thence South and parallel with the West line of said Section 10 a distance of 136 feet; thence West and parallel with the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 190 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said Section 10 a distance of 760 feet to the point of Beginning.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1850 181ST STREET, KENNETH, MN 56147

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$107,990.89

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 12-0013-000
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100109800002953967

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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: April 2, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, MN 56156.

To pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 2, 2020.

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.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None
Dated: February 3, 2020

TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: /s/
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
"Michael van Muelken, Esq."
Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(19-1680-FC01)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(02-13, 02-20, 02-27, 03-05, 03-12, 03-19)

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

CARDS OF THANKS

Mere words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation the compassionate care that was given to our mom/grandmother over the past few months. To the Minnesota Veterans Home and the nursing staff, especially in the Red Wing, your compassionate care shown to my mom and our family was outstanding. Everyone made us feel welcomed and my mom absolutely cherished her time while she was a part of your "home." To the staff at the Sanford Clinic and Hospital, a special thank you to Dr. Thone and Dr. Stephen Chesley, your care and comfort provided to mom over the years and at the end of her life was outstanding. To the nursing staff at the hospital, thank you for providing care and comfort to not just mom, but to our family as well. To Pastor Klatt for your home visits and arriving at the hospital so quickly that morning when we called, your words of comfort were greatly appreciated. To the team at the Hartquist Funeral Home and especially Jeff, your compassion and your professionalism is a God given gift that you share with not just your clients, but with the community, friends and your family. Thank you for the wonderful service you provided; Mom wanted to have a warm and inviting funeral for her friends and family, you provided exactly what she wanted. Lastly to all of mom's amazing friends, thank you for the cherished memories, the laughter and the fun you had together.

The Family of
Helen Krogmann
Deb and Gene Aanenson
Jen, Tom, Genna, Tyler,
Nic and Phillip
Billy and Brody
Missy, Zoey and Paige
(2.15-2.20)

CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to say a big thank you for all the well wishes for our 50th anniversary! The many expressions of congratulations in the form of calls, cards and gifts is truly appreciated. God is good! We were overwhelmed with the response.

Thank you,
Stan and Marilyn Saker
(2.15-2.20)

I would like to thank my children for putting on an 80th birthday party for me. Judy and Carol helped serve cake and coffee to the residents and for the private party in chapel. Also thank you for the birthday greetings from family and friends. May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you again.

Alice Boyenga
(2.15-2.20)

The family of Lawrence Loger wishes to say thank you to our family, friends, and neighbors, for the visits, calls, flowers, food, memorials, and the kind words that were extended to us during this difficult time. We would also like to say a special thank you to the Minnesota Veterans Home, Pastor Daren Flinck, Dingmann Funeral Home, Rolf Berg, Diane Honnerman, Terry and Darlene Miller, and the Adrian United Methodist church members who helped with the funeral. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Margaret Loger
Darlene Cathey and family
Robin and Donald
Erlandson and family
(2.15-2.20)

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The purpose of a Citizens Academy is to familiarize citizens with the operations of the Sheriff's Office. This can include classes on patrol procedures, narcotics, search and seizure, tactical operations, investigations, firearms demonstration, emergency vehicle operations and use of force issues. Applicants have the option to ride with a deputy & witness the street-activity deputies encounter on a day-to-day basis.

The academy is intended to open lines of communication between the community and the Sheriff's Office. Citizens will get a firsthand look at the Sheriff's Office and how its operations are handled. Citizens will get a better understanding of the Sheriffs' Office role in the community. Citizens bring a wealth of knowledge about their community and, particularly, the problems in their neighborhoods. In this way, the Sheriff's Office has a better understanding of the concerns of the citizens.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for the Citizens Academy. Applications can be picked up at the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Applicants must be at least 18 years or older. The applications will need to be returned to the Sheriff's Office by March 6th, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Applicants that are accepted for the academy will be notified on March 9th, 2020.

The kick-off night will be Tuesday March 17th, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

The Citizens Academy is 6 sessions long spanning over 7 weeks. The sessions will be held on Tuesday nights starting at approximately 6:00 P.M.

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- Establish and maintain employee/payroll records
- Process Terminations & PTO Payouts
- Reconcile Dental, Vision, Voluntary Life, & Medical Insurance Billing
- Accounts Payable
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DESIRED EXPERIENCE: Knowledge of 10-key, word processing and spreadsheet programs

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H-BC releases school honor rolls

Quarter 2, A Honor Roll

Seniors: Josie Bartels, Joslyn Birger, Whitney Elbers, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom, Jax Wysong.

Juniors: Chase Bosch, Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Lauren Tatge, Austin Wilhelmi.

Sophomores: Taylor Durst, Kenadie Fick, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen.

Freshmen: Devon Dysthe, Jenifer Martinyuk, Brayden Metzger, Leif Tollefson.

Eighth Grade: Grace Anderson, Peyton Bennett, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Tahliya Kruger, Ty Leuthold, Brynn Rauk, Justin Roelfs, Larissa Steinhoff, Avril Susie.

Seventh Grade: Beau Bakken, Isabella DeBoer, Gracie Fagerness, Lukas Hubbard, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Mazzi

Moore, Jack Moser, Harli Rozeboom, Kadence Rozeboom, Amber Wiersema.

Quarter 2, B Honor Roll

Seniors: Eve Burgers, Batuhan Kivrak, Kyle Kueter.

Juniors: Tyson Bork, Annie Bos, Thomas Dysthe, Ethan Gray, Ashlee Kelderman, Kathleen Kiers, Tory Knobloch, Taryn Rauk, Jacob Sheppard, Brandon Taubert, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Avery Vis, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

Sophomores: Austin Allen, Troy Durst, Leeanna Gaugler, Daniel Martinyuk, Max Scholten, MacKenzie Voss.

Freshmen: Olivia Bork, Tyrae Goodface, Britton McKenzie, Cody Moser, Joshua Wiersema.

Eighth Grade: Layla Deelstra, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Cooper Gehrke, Damion Meinerts, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

Seventh Grade: Jackson Gacke, Augustus Jacobson, Bailey Spykerboer, Jaci Stubbe, Rebekah Swenson, Johnathan Tiesler, Lexxus Wessels, Gracie

Wilhelmi, Ava Zomer.

Semester 1, A Honor Roll

Seniors: Josie Bartels, Joslyn Birger, Whitney Elbers, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom, Jax Wysong.

Juniors: Annie Bos, Chase Bosch, Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Lauren Tatge, Austin Wilhelmi.

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Semester 1, B Honor Roll

Seniors: Eve Burgers, Parker Gehrke, Kiara Honken, Batuhan Kivrak, Kyle Kueter.

Juniors: Tyson Bork, Ethan Gray, Ashlee Kelderman, Tory Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Taryn Rauk, Jacob Sheppard, Brandon Taubert, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Avery Vis, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

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Hospice Charity Dinner/ Auction tickets on sale

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host its annual Charity Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 18, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

This year's event features a live and silent auction including more than 300 items. The five-course meal is highlighted by cabernet grilled sirloin and stuffed pork chops. The theme of the event is San Francisco, a fitting theme as attendees will be eligible to win a trip for two to the California city and wine country.

Reserved seating dinner tickets are \$55, which includes a \$25 tax-deductible dona-

tion. Tables for eight may be sponsored for \$600. Tickets are available at the Sanford Hospice Office located at 304 N. McKenzie Street in Luverne. Tickets may also be purchased over the phone by calling 507-283-1805.

Sanford Luverne Hospice provides comfort care in the closing stages of life. The team of professionals meet the medical needs of residents while supporting the emotional and spiritual needs of all residents and family members.

The event is the largest annual fundraiser for Sanford Luverne Hospice.

Free tax preparation sites available across Minnesota

With income tax season now open, the Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that over 200 sites will be offering free tax assistance for those filing income tax and property tax refund returns. Sites are open through April 15.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide programs are two free tax preparation options where volunteers help Minnesotans prepare their federal and state returns. The Internal Revenue Service certifies volunteers from both programs to prepare basic tax returns in communi-

ties across Minnesota.

"Thousands of Minnesotans are eligible for free tax preparation services or free tax preparation software this tax season," said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. "These free services help make filing easier and can help you accurately and securely file your income tax return and claim any refund that you may be entitled to receive."

Nearest sites are Rock County Library in Luverne 507-449-5040 and Center for Active Living in Worthington 507-370-2367.



CenterPoint Energy supports BMAT

Bill Stegemann, Blue Mound Area Theatre (BMAT) board member and CenterPoint Energy retiree, presents Jim Juhl, BMAT board president, with a \$300 Volunteer Grant check from CenterPoint Energy. Pictured are board members (seated, from left) Deb Aanenson, Bill Stegemann, Jim Juhl, David Vis, (second) LaDonna VanAartsen, Louella Voigt, Shirley Connor, Lori Hallstrom, (back) Mark Van Aartsen, Chantel Connell, Lorna Bryan, Verlyn Van Batavia and Shawn Kinsinger. Not pictured are Dianne Ossenfort, Heidi Papik, Molly Carbonneau and Eugene Marshall.

Luverne names students to honor rolls

Quarter 2, A Honor Roll

Seniors: Dalwa Alinzi, Isaiah Bartels, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Madigan Flom, Kynzie Hamann, Nicole Hoogland, Ivy Hudson, Amelia Jarchow, Sophia Lanoue, Kyla Leeds, Gunnar Oldre, Stepan Orietsky, Nicholas Rogers, Jordan Winter.

Juniors: Russell Aanenson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, John Miller, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Leah Wynia, Gracie Zewiske.

Sophomores: Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Hunter Gaffaney, Trygve Gangestad, Olivia

Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Jacey Smith, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklyn Ver Steeg, Mia Wenzel, Olivia Wieneke.

Freshmen: Justis Ahrendt, Abigail Anderson, Josie Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Zachary DeBoer, Egypt Forrest, Jadyn Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszkeski, Anja Jarchow, Isabella Lanoue, Reese Louwagie, Jocelynn Mann, Lacey Morseman, Ethan Nath, Carly Olson, Logan Ommen, Isabella Oye, Joseph Remme, Alyia Renken, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Tersch, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

Quarter 2, B Honor Roll

Seniors: Martin Anderson, Michelle Arevalo, Claire Baustian, Justice Brandt, Anita

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Juniors: Zachary Ahrendt, Cooper Arends, Rebecca Austin, Hunter Baker, Bailey Cowell, Ethan Curtiss, Matthauss Dobbe, Sophia Eisma, Regan Feit, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Emma Hinz, Kameron Keene, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht,

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Sophomores: Hunter Ahrendt, Rylee Anderson, Ayden Bonnett, Reghan Bork, Luke Bosch, Jordyn Cleaveland, Billi Connell, Sam Emery, Kyle Ferguson, Jordan Friedrichsen, Morgan Gonneman, Jacob Hansen, Kayetlin Huiskes, Burke Johnson, Catalina Oakes, Chase Overgaard, Eli Radtke, Ashton Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Lacey Saker, Brenn Siebenahler, Macie Swenson.

Freshmen: Gannon Ahrendt, Mariam Alinzi, Micah Andersen, Brady Bork, Sarah Gehrke, Lesly Gomez-Salvador, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Lauren Hansen, Grace Ingebretsen, Ashlyn Johnson, Katharine Kelm, Priscilla Muehr, Mallory Nelson, Austin Ossefoort, Travis Schempp, Mason Smith, Myles Trimble, Harrison Uithoven, Kamryn Van Batavia, Kaylee Voorhees, Ryan Vos.

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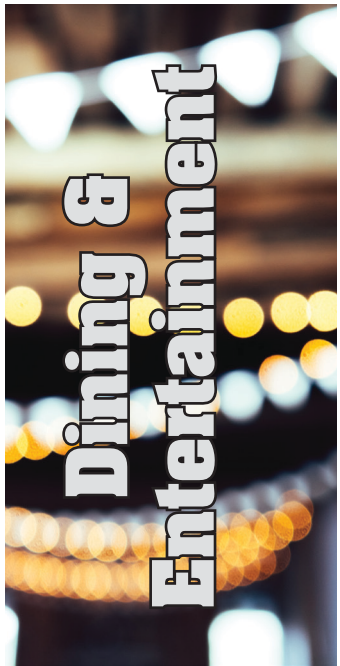
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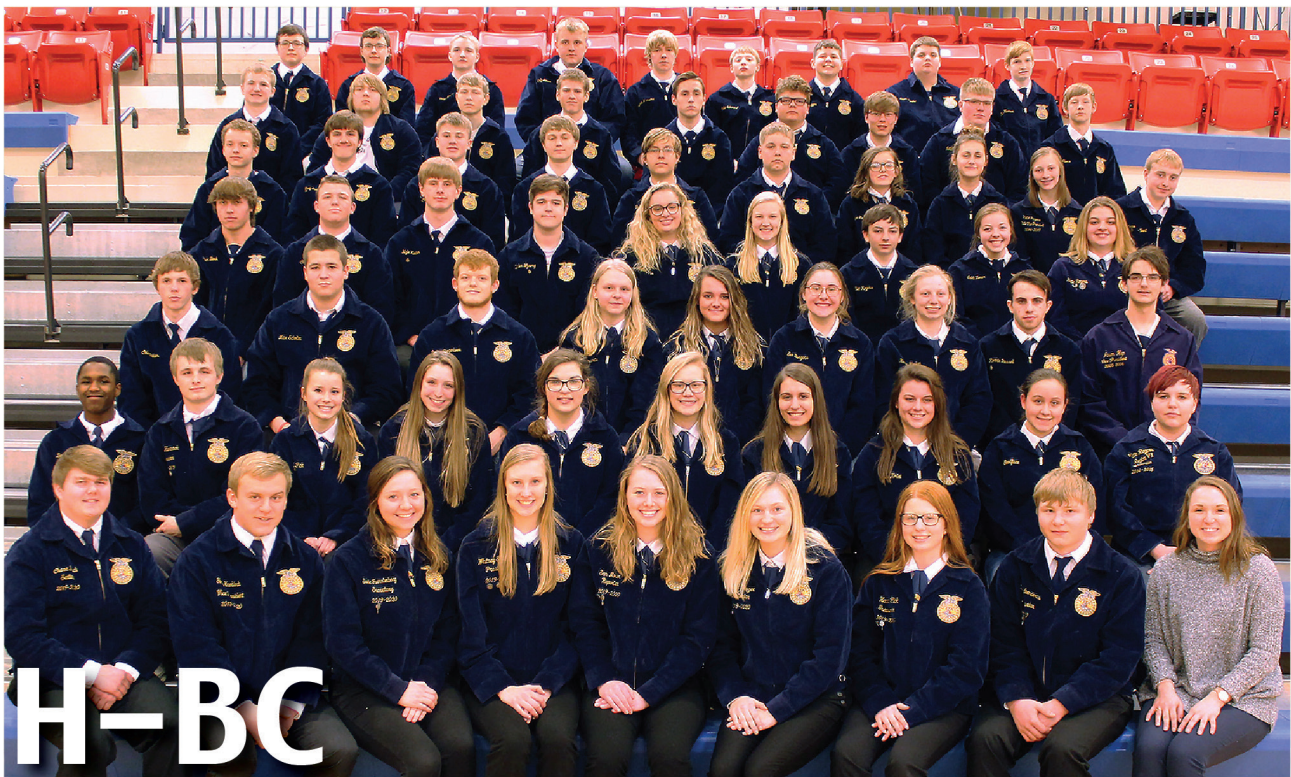


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Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter

The Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter includes (front, left) Camron Kopp, treasurer; Justin Dohlmann, historian; Eric Somnis, officer-at-large; Cassie Flanagan, president; Destiny Matthiesen, vice president; Shelby Kracht, reporter; Chase Overgaard, parliamentarian; Hunter Ahrendt; (second) Hunter Baker, Carlton Oftedahl, Drew Fick, Justice Brandt, Anita Cole-Kraty, Kynzie Hamann; (third) adviser Dennis Moritz, Mckenzie Swenson, Macie Swenson, Lacy Saker, Tori Hemme, Lily Ehlers, Kaitlyn Jacobs; (fourth) Carson Ehde, Ayden Bonnett, Meghan Mollberg, Tacey Baustian, Trista Baustian, Leah Wynia, Hunter Sandbulte; (fifth) Peter Baustian, Justin Mente, J.T. Remme, Ross Bergman, Chris Aning, A.J. Ossefoort, Jayson Rops; (back) D.J. Swenson, Cole Mann, Nick Hansen, Luke Hansen, Harrison Uithoven and Jacob Hansen.

National FFA Week February 22–29



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Hills-Beaver Creek FFA Chapter

The officers of the H-BC FFA Chapter for the 2019-20 school year are (front, left) Chase Bosch, sentinel, Tory Knobloch, vice president, Sadie Fuerstenberg, secretary, Whitney Elbers, president, Sam Moser, reporter, Joslyn Birger, historian, Hannah Fick, treasurer, Donavon Leenderts, parliamentarian, and Katie Rogers, adviser. Other members include Dewell Rauk (second, left), Easton Harnack, Kenadie Fick, Taryn Rauk, Journey Dwire, Ashlee Kelderman, Annie Bos, Emilee Kodet, Tyrae Goodface, Kathleen Kiers; (third) Cole Baker, Max Scholten, Gavin Wysong, Danette Leenderts, Taylor Durst, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kiara Honken, Ronnie Russell, Noah Swenson; (fourth) Tyson Bork, Calvin Erickson, Kyle Kueter, Zander Wysong, Avery Vis, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Taylor Fredrickson, Olivia Bork, Taylor Huisman; (fifth) Oliver Deelstra, Troy Durst, Casey Kueter, Ty Bundesen, Taylor Dolphin, Robbie Drake, Ellynor Klosterbuer, Jen Martinyuk, Sophia Vansurksum, Conner Vandevoort; (sixth) Andrew Harris, Jaxon Steensma, Drew Leenderts, Carter Hartz, Daniel Martinyuk, Austin Ripperda, Ethan Kruger, Nathan Kruid, Sean Elbers; (back) Austin Allen, Luke Fuerstenberg, Alex Harris, Cody Moser, Joshua Wiersema, Collin Schoneman, Brayden Metzger, Devin Dysthe and Brock Harnack.



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Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter

Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter includes Adrian students, (front, left) Morgan Penning, Lauren Madison, Karly Kruse, Claire Hoffman, Leah Kruse; (back) Cameron Wieneke, Austin Henning, Jacob Henning and Blake Madison.



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Ellsworth FFA Chapter

Ellsworth High School started an FFA chapter beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Members of the initial chapter include (front, left) Bailey Rempel, adviser; Madysyn Bixby, vice president; Ashlyn Meester, president; Christian Hoiland, treasurer; Kallie Chapa, Rylan Bixby; (second) Josh Jansma, Jacob Timmer, reporter Dalton Popkes, sentinel Landon Leuthold, Brynn Boyenga, Harley Blom; (back) secretary Claire Popkes, Logan Bossert, Sierra Custer, Nevaeh Auch and Grant Jansma.

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