

Remember:
Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday March 8. Set clocks ahead one hour.



Rock County STAR HERALD

Rock County's oldest business, printing since 1873

Thursday, March 5, 2020

U.S. Census letters start arriving March 12 inviting residents to participate online

By Lori Sorenson

The U.S. Census Bureau will begin mailing its first invitation letters to the 2020 Decennial Census next week ahead of Census Day, which is April 1.

Between March 12 and March 20, each residence will receive an invitation to participate in the census, and the letter will include a code to respond online.

"Dear Resident," the letter reads. "This is your invitation to respond to

the 2020 Census. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all adults, children and babies living or staying at this address."

They're asked to respond by April 1 by visiting a website and entering their Census ID, which will be unique to the residential address the letter arrives at. Residents will also have the option to respond by phone in 12 languages as well as English.

The letter assures residents their

information is secure at the website and encourages them to respond online to save paper, taxpayer money and make data collection more efficient.

"If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks for you to complete and mail back," the letter states.

If there's no response to the reminder letter with a mailed census

form, residents will get a knock on the door by a credentialed Census Bureau interviewer to collect answers in person. (See the Census 2020 advertisement on page 8 for details.)

Census data helps communities receive federal dollars, ensures representation in government

Members of the local Complete Count Committee have been working for the past year to educate the community about the importance of

participating in the census.

The U.S. Census counts every person in the United States every 10 years, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution.

The data collected determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than \$675 billion in

U.S. Census/continued on page 3



Premium Minnesota Pork is nearing completion on its \$30 million expansion and retrofit of the former Gold'N Plump facility on the west edge of town.

Premium Minnesota Pork to start production May 4

Plant construction on track to receive first 2,200 hogs

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

In a matter of weeks, Premium Minnesota Pork will accept its first delivery of antibiotic-free hogs for processing at its Luverne plant.

"The pigs that are coming here are already on the ground (born)," company president Dan Paquin said during a recent tour of construction progress.

May 4 is the production start day in the former Gold'n Plump facility.

The Hopsers, Iowa, company will process up to 2,500 hogs in the facility that's undergoing a \$30 million retrofit and expansion.

As construction nears completion and as key processing equipment falls into place, tours are getting more frequent to track the rapid progress.

City Administrator John Call and Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian toured Feb. 13 and Rock County Commissioners toured Feb. 18, and Paquin has been speaking to local civic groups about the company.

"This is one busy area," Paquin said Feb. 13 leading a hard-hat-clad group through a maze of construction workers and heavy equipment.

A sloped roof is now in place over the barn that will receive up to 2,500 hogs per day at the south end of the property. The animals are finished in outdoor facilities in the tri-state area on privately owned family farms that regularly audited for PMP standards.

Paquin noted that all operations are indoors. Hogs are delivered directly from trucks to the barn where they are allowed to relax before being gently ushered onto a carousel that lowers them 30 feet below ground into a CO2 chamber. Moments later they emerge in a permanent



Premium Minnesota Pork president Dan Paquin leads a local group on a plant tour pointing out the automated rail system in the coolers. At left, he and plant engineer Scott Johnson and Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian are in the control room, the "brains" of the plant.

slumber to be sent through a finely tuned production line with unique efficiencies for each step along the way.

"Pigs come in one end and pork goes out the other," Paquin said. Hair removal is an important

and time-consuming part of the process, and that's why the company invested two large dehair machines, weighing roughly 40,000 pounds each.

Premium Minnesota Pork/continued on p. 9

Board sets calendar for 2020-21

Schedule keeps 8 a.m. start, but day ends at traditional 3:15

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members accepted a hybrid of previous school calendars to determine hours of operation and start and end dates for the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

Classes begin 8 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8. Classes will end at 3:15 p.m.

School will be in session for 168 days with teachers working 176.5 days, including eight in-service days.

Board members voted 6-0 (treasurer Reva Sehr was absent) for the hybrid calendar at their Feb. 27 meeting.

Board members were presented three options at their March 6 work session.

After the work session, teachers were surveyed and board members based their vote on the teachers' preference, according to Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

The approved calendar keeps the 8 a.m. start time instituted the past school years to accommodate construction in the middle-high school and ends at 3:15 p.m.

This is a change from the current ending time of 3:30. Prior to construction, the district had traditionally ended the school day at 3:15.

Commencement exercises were set for Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Board members considered setting graduation in June but opted for the earlier timeframe.

"I think people are going to work with what they have, no matter what it is," said director Katie Baustian.

If necessary, snow days will be made up at the end of the year, instead of four possible days during the school year.

May 28, 2021, is the last day of school.

"It is almost easier to put them (snow days) at the end because people make plans — sometimes you need to (take a) break," said director Colleen Deutsch.

The board left the determination of in-service days to staff and administrators.

School calendar 20-21/see page 3

March weather comes in like a ...

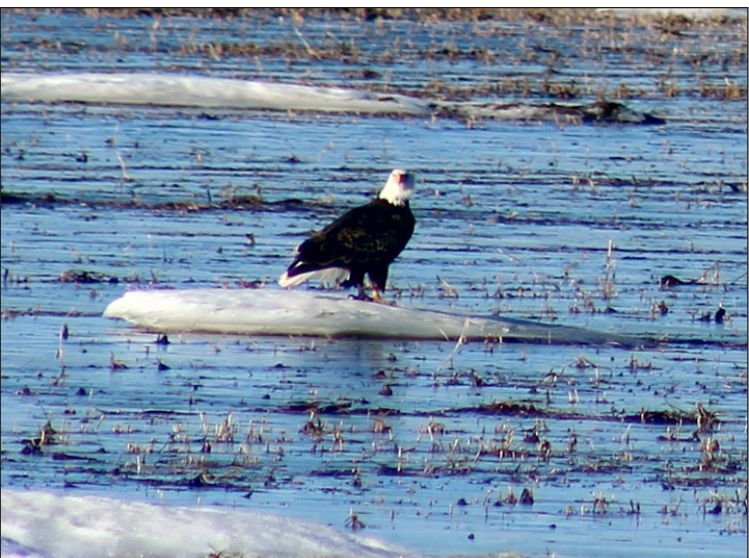
Mild weather prevailed over the weekend with high temperatures reaching the mid-40s to begin the month of March, which is known for its abundant snowfall and precipitation.

On Tuesday morning, however, plenty of robins are seen in Luverne with a bald eagle making his presence known in a crop field near Hardwick.

The temperatures are allowing existing snow to melt slowly exposing the bare ground underneath.

A 10-day forecast contains some light rain/snow showers with continued mild daytime and evening temperatures.

Mavis Fodness photo/0305 spring eagle



Local parties caucus ahead of March 3 primary

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County Democrats and Republicans, along with Minnesotans statewide, gathered for precinct caucuses Feb. 25, one week ahead of this week's Presidential Nomination Primary.

The Democrats met in the Generations building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne, where 22 people participated.

Rock County Republicans met at the Luverne Elementary School commons, where 25 participated.

Both local parties saw smaller crowds for this year's caucuses,

compared with the 2016 presidential election, which drew more than 100 to cast preferential ballots.

Now Minnesota uses a presidential nominating primary election for voters to select preferences for presidential nominations, eliminating the ballot process at caucuses.

According to Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz, as of Saturday her office received 570 mail ballots and 25 absentee ballots ahead of the March 3 Minnesota primary.

The Star Herald sent pages to

Local parties caucus/see page 5



Opinion Page 4 Sports 11
Obituaries Page 7 Public notices 14

www.star-herald.com

Volume 145, Number 10

Luverne, MN 56156 USPS 468-040

How to reach us

507-283-2333 PO Box 837
editor@star-herald.com Luverne, MN 56156

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the home of Randy and Kathy Remme.

Beaver Creek Township monthly meeting will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the township hall.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Kenneth Community Center.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the meeting room at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Call 507-283-1934 with questions.

Luverne Lady Red Hats will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 13, at Sterling's in Luverne. At 2:15 p.m. we will sponsor bingo at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Call Donna by Wednesday, March 11, for reservations, 507-283-8019.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

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 at 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 Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

Kessler, Phelps lead clinics March 14

Guest clinicians with local ties will provide an all-state experience to Luverne High School's band and choir students next week.

The public can hear the results during the 45th annual Instrumental and Choral Clinic and Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the high school gym. Admission is free.

Former Luverne choir teacher Bruce Phelps and LHS graduate Dr. Kevin Kessler will provide the all-state experiences.

Modifying equipment workshop

Farmers can 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.

World Day of Prayer March 6

The United Methodist Church of Luverne invites the public to a "World Day of Prayer" service at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 6. This year's program features the theme, "Rise! Take your mat and walk," based on John 5 and focuses on the history and rich culture of Zimbabwe.

Community Blood Drive March 9

The Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the Adrian EMS Hall. Call Sanford Adrian Clinic at 507-483-2668. Donors will receive T-shirts.

Rock County history trivia at Take 16

Rock County is 150 years old this year, and the Rock County Historical Society and Rock County Library are teaming up to celebrate with Take 16 Brewing Co. for Thursday night trivia. Contests (with prizes awarded) are at 7 p.m. March 12, April 16 and May 14 at the brewery.

To prepare, visit the History Center displays or see the History Center on Facebook. Also, read Betty Mann's "Bits by Betty" column in the Star Herald and visit www.rockcountyhistorical.com.

'Snake' Patrick's Day March 14

Blue Mounds State Park naturalist Amber Brooks will offer a "Snake Patrick's Day" program about snakes from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the picnic shelter. Learn about snakes and meet a live snake at the come-and-go event. The event is free, but a park vehicle sticker is required. Call 507-283-6057.

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.

Popcorn Fridays bring students, RCO together

By Mavis Fodness

Popcorn is bringing students and adults together at Luverne Middle-High School.

"Popcorn Friday" is a once-a-month activity between students in grades 6 through 12 and clients at Rock County Opportunities in Luverne.

After an initial trial run in January, the first official Popcorn Friday took place Feb. 21.

Jennifer Radtke spear-headed the activity.

"For most people with physical and intellectual disabilities, their lives are based on exclusion — having the same opportunities as able-bodied individuals is a daily fight," she said.

"All the clients at RCO have amazing talents and abilities. They need more opportunities to show them."

Radtke serves on the RCO Board of Directors and is a learning disabilities teacher at LHS.

She wanted to encourage an activity within the school between students and clients.

Her son, Eli Radtke, is the sophomore class president, and he brought the idea to council members to come up with a possible ice-breaking activity.

"It's going to help RCO and bridge the gap with clients and students," he said.

Construction of the middle-high school's new concession stand was recently completed and the new popcorn machine was installed.



Mavis Fodness photo/0305 Popcorn Friday

Above, Luverne students Regan Mehlhaff (left), Kendra Thorson, Jace Rozeboom and Gracie Nath receive bags of popcorn from Jolene Hunt (left) and Jeannine Vastenhout.

At left, Jolene Hunt (far right) receives a "thank you" from sixth-grader Landyn Lais as she hands him a bag of popcorn as (from right) Jeannine Vastenhout and Jenna Coffman prepare bags and Jennifer Radtke (in background) operates the popcorn machine.



Eli's late uncle and Jennifer's brother, Todd Simon, was an RCO client and brought forth Popcorn Fridays because he loved popcorn.

"I was pretty close to my uncle, and from him I understand the world needs more empathy — put yourself in someone else's shoes."

Simon died in 2013, and Popcorn Fridays have become a tribute to the 49-year-old.

"Eli didn't see any disability, he just saw Uncle Todd," Jennifer said.

The Radtkes hope the same acceptance is developed between students and RCO clients.

On Feb. 21, RCO clients Jolene Hunt and Jeannine Vastenhout arrived early with RCO employees Jenna Coffman and Ariel Larson to assemble the estimated 400 popcorn bags.

Hunt and Vastenhout, along with other RCO clients, handed out the freshly popped corn during the school's two lunch periods.

Students acknowledged the adults' efforts by saying "thank you" as they clasped the small, white bags.

The interaction positively affected Hunt and Vastenhout. "It feels great," they said in unison.

The middle and high school student councils paid for the trial Feb. 21 Popcorn Friday. RCO will sponsor the March event.

Additional sponsors are sought for the April and May events.

Decision 2020

Ask these three questions before making crop insurance decisions

By Barb Anderson

Cattnach Insurance, Luverne

We said goodbye to a troubled 2019 crop season and are looking forward to what 2020 will bring.

After a year of record rainfall that forced many producers to plant late in unfavorable conditions, or not plant at all, many are predicting a repeat in the spring. The weather, however, is unpredictable and we need to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us.

It's time to protect your crop against an uncertain future.

Ask yourself these three questions before you make that all-important crop insurance decision:

- What are my costs of production?
- What perils do I want to protect myself from?
- Have I done my research and understand the options available to me?

What are my costs of production?

How much coverage does a producer really need? The cost of land is the largest expense. Whether you rent or are a landowner, consider the cash rent value of your land in



Barb Anderson

your expenses.

Seed, chemical and machinery vary a lot from one producer to another.

Am I hiring labor to plant, harvest and spray? Will I include a wage for myself? Do I work for free? Insurance cost is also a consideration.

What perils do I want to protect myself from?

Multi-peril Crop Insurance coverage protects against natural causes of loss such as drought, excess moisture, hail and wind.

Hail insurance includes coverage for hail, vandalism, transit and storage. In many cases you can add wind endorsements to your hail insurance plan.

Wind coverages available include green snap, lodging, loss of production and extra harvest expense.

There are many different ways to build your plan of protection for the upcoming crop year.

Have I done my research and understand the options?

Finally, research is the key to protecting your investment. I contact each of my clients to review their coverages for the upcoming season.

It is vital for the producer to understand the options available to cover expenses and protect against the weather.

Insurance is supposed to give you peace of mind, and that is only possible if you understand the coverage that you signed up for.

Do you have a need for increased prevent plant coverage? Maybe you would like to extend the planting season by 10 days without taking a hit on your guarantee. Do you need coverage beyond the 85-percent level offered by the Multi-peril crop insurance?

All Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) offer the same coverages and the premiums

are identical, but all named peril and hail policies are not created equal.

You need a coverage level that will protect you and your family, but not a premium that eats all of your profits, in a year that you are able to produce a normal crop. Evaluate your risk and decide which products suit you best.

March 16 is deadline to make decisions and adjustments

Now you are ready to start the decision-making process. If you've already chosen your coverages for 2020, it's not too late to make a change.

The deadline to sign up for spring planted corn and soybeans in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa is March 16, 2020 (the deadline is March 15, but it falls on a Sunday so it is extended to Monday this year).

My advice is to know what you need and then go out and get it. An experienced agent is key to understanding the options available, and how to put a plan together that does what you need.

Remember, ask questions, understand your options and make the decision that meets your needs.

Have a safe and successful 2020.



Dial-A-Specialist

Your One Stop Guide to Local Businesses



DR. MICHAEL SMITH
Most Insurance Accepted



• Men, Women & Children's Health
• Custom Orthotics • Kinesiotape • Athletic Care • Massage Therapy • Work & Auto Injuries • Postural Restoration
WWW.ROCKCOUNTYCHIROPRACTIC.COM
283-2561 • 103 E. MAIN, LUVERNE
Monday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Tuesday 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• Chiropractic



Chantel Connell
Sales Representative



STAR HERALD
Luverne ANNOUNCER



Rick Peterson
General Manager

117 W. Main, Luverne, MN
507-283-2333

• Advertising



LUVERNE HEALTH & WELLNESS
Codie Zeutenhorst, DC
LuverneChiro.com

☑ Chiropractic ☑ Acupuncture ☑ Massage
☑ Auto, Work, and Sports Injuries
109 S Freeman Ave Luverne, MN
507.449.4400

• Chiropractic



Dr. Sandra Carman



Rock County EYE CLINIC
507-283-2345
104 N. Freeman Ave.
Luverne, Minnesota

• Eye



Viking Electric LLC
Tim Gangestad
Owner
(507) 290-2595

Conquering all of your electrical needs!
Residential • Commercial • Agricultural

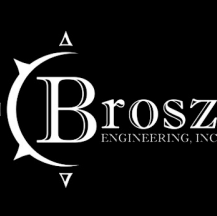
• Electrician



Luverne MINNESOTA
Love the life!

City Offices
PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156
507-449-2388 (24 hour voice mail)
www.cityofluverne.org

• City



Brosz ENGINEERING, INC.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING & LAND SURVEYING SERVICES
2309 W 50TH STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105
P (605) 334-4882
F (605) 334-5745
www.broszengineering.com

FOR OVER 35 YEARS, PROVIDING QUALITY ENGINEERING, SURVEYING & ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

• Land Surveying

Rock County aggregate tax hits 10-year high in 2019

By Mavis Fodness

Seven aggregate and gravel pit operators paid \$146,373 in taxes in 2019.

Rock County Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz released the amounts at the Feb. 18 commissioners meeting.

Theself-reportedamounts are the highest total collected since 2010 and are \$7,378 higher than taxes collected in 2018.

Operators are taxed 15 cents per ton of removed material.

The collected tax was split as follows: county road and bridge fund, \$59,098; special reserve fund, \$20,858; townships, \$59,098; and administrative fees, \$7,319.

The townships amount of \$59,098 is split by six townships based on where the aggregate originated.

Mound Township received the highest amount (\$20,260), followed by the townships of Denver (\$14,367),

Luverne (\$8,431), Vienna (\$7,504), Battle Plain (\$7,129) and Clinton (\$1,404.)

The remaining townships of Beaver Creek, Kanaranzi, Magnolia, Martin, Rose Dell and Springwater each received \$500 from the administrative fund to offset the gravel tax expenditure.

Northern Con-Agg paid the highest tax (\$45,302) followed by Bremik Materials (\$35,584), W&N Construction (\$20,883), Buffalo Ridge Concrete (\$17,659), Henning Construction (\$14,676), Reker Construction (\$9,249), and Central Specialties (\$3,016).

In other business, commissioners also:

- appointed Kurt Wenzel and Dave DeBoer to the Board of Planning and Zoning and the Board of Adjustments.

The appointments replace Gawaine Dekievers and fill a longtime vacancy on the boards.



Mavis Fodness photo/0305 AAA Recipient Gunnar Oldre

Gunnar Oldre (center) receives the sub-region Triple 'A' award from Luverne High School Principal Ryan Johnson (far left) while receiving a standing ovation from audience members during a Feb. 18 recognition ceremony.

Luverne High School senior named sub-region Triple 'A' winner

By Mavis Fodness

Basketball action paused in the Luverne High School gym Feb. 18 when a Luverne High School senior was recognized for his involvement in academics, arts and athletics with a Triple 'A' award.

Gunnar Oldre, son of Kyle and Sara Oldre, Luverne, is the sub-region 10 Triple 'A' recipient for 2020.

He received a certificate, a plaque and a medal from Luverne High School Principal Ryan Johnson, chairman of the Region 3A Committee.

"Gunnar has always been a very respectful and outgoing person who is willing to help out whenever asked," Johnson said.

Audience members and the Luverne basketball team gave the 17-year-old a standing ovation during the presentation with many of the players offering Oldre handshakes, words of congratulations and high-fives as he left the court.

The Triple 'A' award is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League.

Each year MSHSL member high schools nominate one male and/or one female senior who excel in the classroom, in sports and in the fine arts.

While Oldre was the LHS male nominee, Claire Baustian was the female nominee.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School nominated Kailey Rozeboom as its Triple 'A' representative.

As a sub-section winner, Oldre vied with three other area students for a possible Region 3A designation.

Patrick Green and Shelby Erickson, both of Windom High School, were the Region 3A winners and will vie for state recognition later this month.

Oldre maintains a 4.0 grade point average, is a member of the National Honor Society and the Luverne Student Council, and is a longtime participant in choir, speech, drama and mock trial, as well as football, golf and clay target shooting.



LHS senior Gunnar Oldre holds the sub-region awards he received Feb. 18 from the Minnesota State High School League in a ceremony during the Pipestone-Luverne boys' basketball game.

As he participates in each event, Oldre's focus is rarely on himself but on the team and the process it takes to build success.

For instance, mock trial is his favorite activity. He joined the team five years ago as an eighth-grader, following his brother, Knute, on the team.

The mock trial team recently earned its sixth consecutive trip to state competition, where Oldre is a lead prosecuting attorney.

"You practice for so long that you grow as a team and learn so much about the case," he said. "We've had a lot of success ... with others passing down that success."

The success-building- success mentality was experienced during Oldre's speech team participation, where he is a six-year member.

His start as a seventh-grader found him as the only Luverne student in the humorous category. Now he is a mentor to several students who are

Oldre maintains a 4.0 grade point average, is a member of the National Honor Society and the Luverne Student Council, and is a longtime participant in choir, speech, drama and mock trial, as well as football, golf and clay target shooting.

placing at competitions and contributing to the team's success.

However, not all of Oldre's activities involve winning.

In choir, where Oldre sings tenor, focus is on harmonizing with the other sections and solidifying as a group during performances.

"Giving that great concert is fun," he said.

The same group cohesiveness can be seen in his participation in fall and spring play productions.

"It's really fun to develop that character, see their flaws and how that relates to the other characters," he said.

In athletics, Oldre's focus is on having fun and being a good team member rather than standing out as an individual.

On the football field, the lineman found himself for the past three years in a unique position as the team's "coin flip captain," a position Oldre assumed because he understood the rules from his referee dad.

"I won nine out of 10 coin flips," he said.

Oldre's future plans are to attend a four-year college (his preference being University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana), participate in the college's Reserve Officer Training Corps and major in finance.

After college, Oldre's ROTC involvement requires four years of active military duty followed by four years in the Army Reserve.

H-BC finds extra \$300,000 in school district budget

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board received good news Feb. 25 that their anticipated budget deficit won't be as large as first projected.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus told board members Tuesday night that a combination of additional state revenue and fewer than expected expenses since July 1 have decreased the projected \$476,827 deficit to \$26,360 for the 2019-20 school year.

"A large portion of the back payment (\$300,000) has to do with the under-reporting of enrollment numbers, which the district does to budget conservatively," Holthaus said after the meeting.

"In this case, quite conservatively."

Under the revised budget, H-BC expects revenue of \$4.951 million with \$4.977 in expenses.

"It is a feeling of relief to know that those dollars came in at a time when the district was projecting to spend from a deficit position," Holthaus said.

The projected deficit was the result of a \$360,000 roof project at the elementary school combined with scheduled salary increases and added part-time position to the district.

In other business, board members:

- agreed to spend \$3,950 with Sports Graphics of Clarion, Iowa, for window graphics to cover a portion of the glass entrance at the high school entrance. The graphics allow people to see out the windows but limit visibility looking into the building.

- accepted the resignation of Chris Harnack as building, grounds and transportation director effective March 31.

- approved spring coaching assignments of golf coach Dan Ellingson, volunteer assistant golf coach Caleb Ellingson, track head coach Rex Metzger, assistant track coach Dalton Bass, and junior high coach Darin DeBoer.

- moved the regular March 9 meeting to March 11 at 7 p.m.

School Board sets calendar/ continued from page 1

In other business, School Board members:

- accepted a retirement request from Karen Willers, Community Education and Early Childhood director, effective the end of the current school year.

- accepted the resignation of Bonnie Behr, paraprofessional, effective Feb. 28.

- accepted the resignation of Community Educa-

tion paraprofessional Angela Sneller effective March 6.

- approved the girls' softball team coaching changes of Danielle Kneip as middle school coach and the move of Avery Van Roekel from middle school coach to B-squad coach.

- hired Rudi Vennard as speech/language teacher beginning the 2020-21 school year for a salary of \$58,029.

U.S. 2020 Census begins with invite letters/continued from page 1

federal funds is meted out to communities across the country based on population. That breaks down to roughly \$2,800 per person per year, based on the 2010 census figures.

In Luverne census participation is especially important because the town's population is just shy of 5,000 people—the threshold to qualify for more federal support programs.

In 2010, Luverne's population grew by 2 percent to 4,745 people. However, census officials estimate 15 percent of Rock County residents didn't participate, and 11 percent of Luverne residents weren't counted.

If there are indeed more people living in Luverne today, the local census committee members are determined to make sure each and every person is counted.

That's why they've been sharing information about the census process with schools, landlords, housing authorities, nursing homes and other groups to familiarize residents with the process ahead of time.

In particular, they've identified certain groups that tend to be under counted due to

various barriers.

For example, elderly people may be leery of sharing information with potential scammers. Others are skeptical of government ("it's nobody's business") and many others will either overlook the questionnaire or misunderstand its importance.

But the committee is hammering away at the message that being counted in the census is good for everyone, it's safe to participate in and it's mandated by law.

Library to assist

The invitation letters include a phone number to call for help, and the Rock County Library will serve as

a Questionnaire Assistance Center, which means library staff can assist residents with their online census response.

Library computer stations and additional iPads, plus extended hours and an accessible building, mean that

anyone needing assistance can get it. The library's phone number is 507-449-5040.

Information available on the City of Luverne website, cityofluverne.org. Click on the "government" tab to find the "2020 census" link.



Claude Van Driel

90th Birthday

March 3

Greetings may be sent to:
215 Cashin Drive
Luverne, MN 56156

Happy 91st Birthday

Joyce Wessels

March 10

Greetings may be sent to
106 S. Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156



open house

BRIDAL

card shower

Erin Doherty

Bride-to-be of

Ryder Reed

Saturday, March 7
9:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
Luverne, MN

Monetary Gifts Preferred - Thank you.



NOTICE

Students of Luverne High School
Take Notice

**The Scholarship Committee of the
A.R. Wood Educational Trust**

is currently accepting applications for initial or renewal scholarships from seniors and previous graduates of Luverne High School.

To be eligible for consideration candidates must:

1. Be graduates of Luverne High School
2. Rank in the upper fifteenth percent (15%) of his/her graduating class; and
3. Have maintained a 3.0 GPA or better grade point average.

Requests for applications should be directed to:

First Bank & Trust
Wealth Management Services
Attn: A.R. Wood Educational Trust
P.O. Box 1347
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1347

All requests for applications must be received by First Bank & Trust no later than May 1, 2020. All completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to First Bank & Trust by June 1, 2020.

In accordance with the A.R. Wood Educational Trust, decisions regarding recipients, amounts and number of awards will be made at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Feb. 29

What did you do
on this year's extra day?

Leap Day rolls around every four years, and I was excited about this year's Feb. 29.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Similar to daylight saving time, when we push our clocks back an hour in the fall, I see the 2020 Leap Day as a 24-hour bonus because it occurred on a weekend.

What would I do with a whole extra day? Not only that, but a day where temperatures were predicted to reach 50 degrees, an outdoor warmth we hadn't experienced since Nov. 25.

In my excitement I reached out on social media to friends and family, asking what they planned to do on Leap Day.

Thirty-one of you responded, listing a plethora of activities. I noticed a theme with the suggestions: they all involved family.

And as I look back, my day also included family.

I had lunch with my husband, Bryan, and my daughter, Lyndsey, worked outside cleaning up the barn for Charlie the Horse (the gelding thinks he is family) and ended the day participating in an event with a new "family" that recently adopted me.

Last summer I met members of the Pipestone Motorcycle Club.

They planned a trip to the Schell's Brewery in New Ulm, and I rode behind my husband, Bryan, on the 244-mile round trip.

It was my first motorcycle ride that lasted more than 15 minutes and I was admittedly nervous. But I understand why people get hooked on the

two-wheeler experience.

There is nothing like the rumble of 15 Harley Davidson motorcycles, the open air and the feeling of freedom the vehicles afford riders — and in my case, a passenger.

The club members accepted this horse-riding newbie into their group, and on Saturday my new "family" organized a fundraiser for a member who is fighting cancer.

The outpour of kindness on Leap Day means he will not have to worry about household expenses and he can focus on himself.

My heart swelled with pride at what this group accomplished and that I could have a small part in supporting a fellow family member.

Saturday also had Ryan Tofteland's family embracing one another.

As readers recall, I did a story with Ryan about his ALS diagnosis in 2018. He succumbed to the disease on Friday.

His wife, Martha, shared the news via Caring Bridge over a series of days.

In her Leap Day entry titled "Heaven is a Beautiful Place," she writes, "For us, today is about quiet, enjoying family, and reflecting on what is and isn't. It is about finding some joy in a time also full of sorrow."

Leap Day 2020 will be memorable for different reasons, but I'm glad I decided to get out of my comfort zone and enjoy what life has to offer.

#Luv1LuvAll works to make our
community better — they still need help

In this week's paper we have a story on page 6 about Dental Day in the elementary school. This happens to be a puff piece about kids having fun learning about oral health, but it's part of a broader effort to bring dental health care to an underserved community.

Rock County's 9,000-plus residents are served by one local dentist office and we're darn lucky to have it, considering other communities don't have one at all. But it's open four days per week and doesn't accept state dental insurance.

What this means is that families on Medicaid have to travel two to three hours for dental care, requiring missed school for students and missed work for parents, creating financial and educational stress on families.

As a result, they put off dental appointments and children develop oral health issues, which affects their learning with distracting pain and frequent visits to the school nurse.

Statewide studies show 37 percent of ER visits in rural areas are related to oral health, likely because of poor access to care and insurance.

With nearly 60 percent of Min-

nesota children on Medicaid as their primary insurance, oral health has suffered. For example, more than half of Minnesota third-graders experience dental decay and 18 percent have untreated cavities.

So ... dental care is important, especially for kids.

That's why #Luv1LuvAll formed its Rock County Oral Health Task Force to find ways to address the problem. And there are all kinds of really creative solutions they've implemented.

#Luv1LuvAll, which grew out of a Blandin Foundation "Leaders Partnering to End Poverty" initiative, and dental health access is one piece of that poverty puzzle.

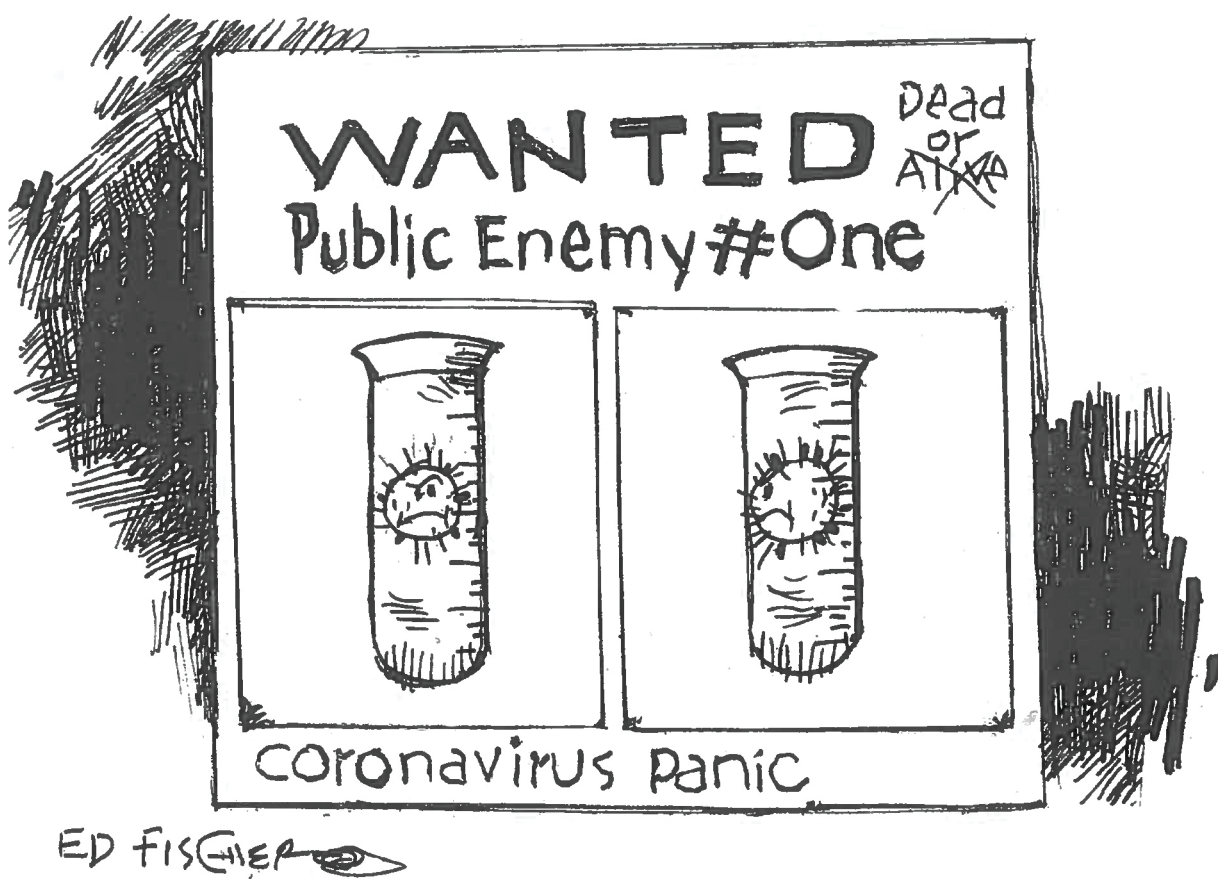
But it's part of an even broader local effort to improve the lives of our local families who are facing barriers associated with being poor,

and #Luv1LuvAll is working on many fronts to make our community better.

Anybody who follows community news in the Star Herald knows they make frequent headlines with work to end brain health stigma, improve options for seniors and generally spread awareness of ways to make life better for all of us.

The group is watching for unmet needs it can work on in the community, as it stated in a recent online message. "Do you have an idea for how a group can try to help solve — or improve — a need to help those in our community? We want to hear from you," the message read.

"Luverne is an amazing community and is always making improvements to the town, but there is still so much that can be done to help those that are in need." Call 507-227-1978 or email luv1luvalluverne@gmail.com.



Too bright, too high fog lights illegal in state

Question: I see a lot of people that have their fog lights on, and when I am meeting them on the road, some are very bright and make seeing the road very difficult. Some of them appear to be out of alignment and are blinding. What is the law that covers this?

Answer: If the fog lights are aimed too high and/or are too bright, they are illegal, even if they are in compliance with the rest of the law. All vehicle lights allowed by statute must also be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

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



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

headlamp beams.

Minnesota law also states that when a motor vehicle equipped with headlamps, as (herein) required, is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps, spot lamps or any other lamps on the front thereof projecting

a beam of intensity greater than 300-candle power, not more than a total of four of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway.

It's the law to have headlights and taillights on during rain/snow and when visibility is reduced, but best practice is to keep your lights on at all times to make yourself more visible to other drivers.

Anytime your vehicle's height is altered by adding larger tires/rims or any type of suspension lift, your headlights and fog lights may need to be adjusted so they are not blinding to other motorists.

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

Attend Township Day

To the Editor:

Attend Township Day on March 10 — you have a direct voice and vote!

Nearly one million township residents in Minnesota will have the opportunity to participate in their local government by attending their township's upcoming Annual Meeting.

On Township Day, held this year on Tuesday, March 10, citizens attending their local township meeting will discuss issues with their town board and vote on their annual tax levy. Many townships hold their township officer elections on Township Day as well.

This is true grassroots government, as township residents have an annual face-to-face meeting with their locally elected officials and the right to vote up or down the tax levy proposed by those officials.

If you are a township resident, I encourage you to take advantage of this exercise in participatory democracy. Mark your calendar, find the location and time by checking your local newspaper or contacting your township clerk, and bring your neighbors to your annual meeting on Township Day, March 10.

**David W. Hann, Executive Director,
Minnesota Association of Townships**

E-mail: editor@star-herald.com Web site: star-herald.com
Phone: 507-283-2333 Fax: 507-283-2335

Published Thursdays by Tollefson Enterprises, POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to 117 West Main, P.O. Box 837, Luverne,
MN 56156. Periodicals postage paid at Luverne, Permit #33 and at
additional mailing offices.

General manager: Rick Peterson

Office manager: Deb Lusty

Office assistant: Jennifer Nelson

Advertising: Chantel Connell

Production: Heather Johnson

Production: Danae Meinerts

News staff:

Lori Sorenson, editor

Mavis Fodness, reporter

John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Esther Frakes, copy editor

Rock County
STAR HERALD
Rock County's newspaper since 1873

(ISSN 0889-888X)
SUBSCRIPTION RATES

\$74 per year in Rock County; \$91 per year all other areas. Single copies \$1.25

Entire contents copyrighted by
Tollefson Publishing Roger Tollefson, publisher

The *Star Herald* encourages letters to the editor expressing the opinions of readers and intends to print all letters. Letters not meeting the guidelines will not be printed. The *Star Herald* will verify the authenticity of all letters. Letters must have the name of the writer, a signature and address.

Unsigned letters will not be considered. The *Star Herald* will edit for grammar, spelling and clarity. Any letters containing offensive language, libelous or slanderous material, or misleading or false information will be rewritten before being published. The *Star Herald* will not publish letters written with the sole intent to advertise or serve as a thank-you. Letters with more than 300 words may be edited. The deadline for letters is Monday 10 a.m. They may be delivered or mailed to the editor, *Rock County Star Herald*, P.O. Box 837, 117 W. Main St., Luverne, Minn. 56156.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 21
•Complainant on County Road 3, Kenneth, reported another vehicle failed to stop at stop sign.
•Complainant on W. 1st Street, Hills, reported theft of a propane tank.
•Vehicle parked at location at Blue Mound Chapel.
•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported a vehicle throwing glass bottles on Interstate 90. One hit a car.
•Complainant on W. Main Street reported subject possibly driving with revoked license.
•Complainant reported scam phone calls.
Feb. 22
•Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported a garage and two vehicles inside were entered overnight.
•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a hit and run overnight.
•Complainant on 91st Street, Beaver Creek, reported possible intoxicated driver.
•Complainant in Hardwick reported ex-girlfriend is selling his personal items online.
•Complainant on I-90 westbound, mile marker 14, reported a possible drunk driver.
Feb. 23
•Complainant on W. Hatting reported an assault.
•Complainant on Highway 23 and 161st Street, Garretson, reported a visibly large fire.
•Complainant reported harassment.
•Complainant on N. Linden Street reported a water main break.
Feb. 24
•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported offensive odor in his apartment building.
•Complainant on N.

Kniss Avenue requested deputy for disorderly student.
•Complainant on N. E. Stey Street reported trespassing issue at location.
Feb. 25
•Complainant at N. Kniss Avenue reported students left school unexcused.
•Subject was picked up in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on our warrant.
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street requested assistance to unlock a door.
•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street requested deputies remove a disorderly person.
Feb. 26
•Report of subject with a felony warrant at location on S. Main Avenue, Hills.
•Complainant on W. Crawford Street reported her dad is missing.
Feb. 27
•Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle on Highway 75.
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported the public restroom at location is not open.
•Complainant on N. Summit Avenue in Hills reported threats.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle for driving conduct.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported drug paraphernalia.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on County Road 3 and 161st Street, Kenneth, reported an abandoned vehicle.
In addition, officers responded to 1 follow-up, 7 escorts, 24 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 13 burn permits, 2 impound vehicles, 3 logs/alarms, 6 purchase and carry permits, 31 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests and 3 background checks.

Land management agencies host work group meeting March 16

The Rock Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will convene a local work group meeting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 16, in the Land Management Office conference room.
The point of the meeting is to provide guidance and discuss local resource concerns and NRCS programs in Rock County.
“The emphasis I hope we have producers bring forward (and I will, definitely) is to provide better support of cover crops and strip till or no till,” said Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office.
“We have had farmers apply for cost share for cover crops but very limited rank high enough. So this is an opportunity to raise the ranking points for EQIP cost share dollars awarded for these practices.”
The local work group includes representatives

Goal is to discuss local concerns and prioritize resources in Rock County
Call 507-283-8862 to join.
from cooperating federal, state and local agencies, conservation organizations and the public to provide localized information on natural resource priorities in the Rock SWCD.
Local Working Group meetings are open to the public.
Anyone interested in becoming a work group member and participating should contact the NRCS District Conservationist for an application or contact Doug Bos at 507-283-8862 for information.

Notice To All Bidders
Rock County Rural Water is accepting bids for the 2020 season for mowing the well field plant and two out buildings. Bids should be per mowing. Bidder will furnish their own equipment and fuel. The Rural Water board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
A certificate of insurance **MUST ACCOMPANY** all bids! Bids must be submitted before **Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00 am** to:
Rock County Rural Water
P.O. Box 507, Luverne, MN 56156



Sen. Bill Weber addresses a gathering of residents at the Rock County Republican Caucus Feb. 25 at the elementary school.

Rock County political parties host caucuses/continued from page 1

press Tuesday afternoon, so primary results aren't included in this edition, but they'll be posted online at www.star-herald.com.

DFL caucus produces 20 resolutions
The DFL caucus participants voted on 20 resolutions, including expanded health care coverage, statewide broadband, equitable public education funding, support for small and mid-sized farmers, sentencing reform and drug policy that prioritizes public health.
Carol Svingen read a letter from Dan Feehan, Mankato, who is seeking the DFL endorsement to Congress in Minnesota's First Congressional District, currently represented by Republican Jim Hagedorn, Blue Earth.
“I'm running for congress because we need politics that puts people first... by making sure health care is affordable and accessible and high quality for every single person,” Feehan said in the letter.
“We put people first by making sure that our ag economy is strong and our farmers have markets for their crops. We put people first by making sure incomes rise faster than the cost of tri-care, housing, health care and everyday goods for working families. We put people first by making sure regular people don't have their voices drowned out by corporate special interests.”
He said corporate donations to campaigns are putting the interests of pharmaceuticals, insurance companies and oil corporations ahead of voters.
“I reject this type of politics, which is why I'm refusing all money from corporations and their PACs,” Feehan said,



Rock County DFL Chairman Dale Moerke addresses a gathering of 22 people at the Generations building during caucus activities Tuesday night, Feb. 25.



Beaver Creek farmer Nick Sjaarda and his children, Nicole, 12, and Jonathon, 14, visit with Sen. Bill Weber (standing) at the local Republican caucus.

encouraging Rock County DFL members and residents to support his campaign.
Among the DFL caucus participants was Luverne resident Jesse Booker who said he attended Tuesday's DFL caucus out of a sense of duty.
“We're in a representative republic and we're in a unique position in the world to directly determine how we're governed,” he said. “I think it's important to be involved in that process.”

Republicans support status quo
There are five presidential candidates still seeking the DFL endorsement, but the Republicans are counting on a Donald Trump re-election, and the Rock County caucus was all about maintaining status quo.
“There are times when he's said things I wish he wouldn't say, and there there times when I wished he wouldn't say anything at all. But at the end of the day, quite frankly, I don't know any other person who could



Joyce and Clarence Fluit, (left) Martin Kruger (Luverne Township) and Becky and Randy Lorenzen (Magnolia Township) participate in the Rock County Republican Caucus Feb. 25.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER
water softening
Salt Sale
Sponsored by **Bill's Water Conditioning**
Delivery will be March 21, from 9am-3pm or through prior arrangements
FREE IN-TOWN DELIVERY
2 FOR \$15 (50 pound bags - minimum 2 for delivery)
If you pick up at Bills Water, price is \$6.50 per bag
Bags may be picked up March 21 at 606 E. Dodge St.
10 bags or more for out of town delivery
Pre order & prepay by March 21
Orders will be door to door (starting March 9), or you may stop at Bill's Water Conditioning or Call Bill's Water Conditioning at 283-4448 or Coach Wenninger at 220-0110 or Coach Mauer 320-212-0041
Call 283-2333 to advertise

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Class 5, pit run and screened gravel to be spread on Rose Dell Township roads.
Submit bids by
Saturday, March 14th to Elroy DeSchepper
2150 State Hwy. 23
Jasper, MN 56144
612-807-6663

Spring is coming soon!
If you need more storage, now is the time to start planning your Northland building! But hurry, Northland's Spring Build Schedules fill up fast!
Think Spring! Get on Northland's build schedule!
50 year snowload warranty!
Local Sales Rep
Michael Luft
Worthington
1-800-736-4510
northlandbuildings.com

Say aah!

Sophia Remme peers into a “mouth” constructed of paper plates and marshmallows to detect cavities on the pretend teeth. Lori Sorenson photo/0305 dental days at school



Luverne Elementary students learn about oral health through interactive dental displays

By Lori Sorenson

About 600 Luverne Elementary School students played games in the gym last week to learn about oral health, thanks to the Rock County Oral Health Task Force under #Luv1LuvAll.

February was National Children's Dental Health Month, and students celebrated “dental days” on Feb. 25 and 26 with interactive games and presentations in the north gym. Under the direction of Cris Gilb, executive director of the Minnesota Oral Health Project, they learned about proper brushing techniques, how to detect a cavity, the importance of fluoride and more.

When it was over, students received dental goodie bags (toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, coupons from Adrian Family Dental).

The goodie bags were purchased with donations from Adrian Family Dental, Colgate, and Wilson Orthodontics. Living Rock Church youth assembled the goodie bags as a community service project.

#Luv1LuvAll leads oral health project in Rock County

The project is part of a broader effort to improve local access to dental care led by #Luv1LuvAll, which grew out of a Blandin Foundation “Leaders Partnering to End Poverty” initiative.

Access to dental care was identified in the fall of 2018 as a priority for improving the lives of local families. Rock County's 9,000-plus residents are served by one local dentist office that's open four days per week and doesn't accept state dental insurance.

What this means is that families on Medicaid have to travel two to three hours for dental care, requiring missed school for students and missed work for parents, creating financial and educational stress on families.

As a result, they put off dental appointments, and children develop oral health issues affecting their learning with distracting pain and frequent visits to the school nurse.

Statewide studies show 37 percent of ER visits in rural areas are related to oral health, likely because of poor access to care and insurance.

With nearly 60 percent of Minnesota children on Medicaid as their primary insurance, oral health has suffered. For example, more than half of Minnesota third-graders experience dental decay and 18 percent have untreated cavities.

Recognizing dental care as a

priority, #Luv1LuvAll formed its Rock County Oral Health Task Force to find ways to address the problem.

In addition to last week's oral health exercise, the group:

- piloted a tooth-brushing program for second-graders.
- arranged for a district-wide dental screening that flagged 125 students for dental concerns.
- arranged for a mobile dental clinic to stop in Rock and Nobles counties monthly.

The next clinic will be April 1. Call 612-746-1530 to make an appointment. All insurance is accepted, and discounts are offered for income-eligible families.

“The task force is working to alleviate the burden many families on medical assistance face in having to travel hours to locate dentists who take their insurance,” said Wanda Jarchow, a #Luv1LuvAll local leader.

#Luv1LuvAll tackling poverty from all angles

At a Feb. 24 regroup meeting, members of #Luv1LuvAll reviewed dental health and other community efforts, such as access to resources for seniors (the Generations project) and access to mental health (the Brain Health series to decrease stigma).

The group will continue watching for unmet needs it can work on in the community, as it stated in a recent online

Say ahh/continued on page 7



Cris Gilb (right) of the Minnesota Oral Health Project shows students how hard-boiled eggs protected by fluoride can withstand staining after soaking in Coke (the dark one wasn't treated with fluoride).



About 600 Luverne Elementary students played games in the gym last week to learn about oral health.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Erin Doherty**, bride-to-be of **Ryder Reed**, will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. The couple requests monetary gifts.

Joan Fransman will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Hills United Reformed Church, 412 S. Central Ave., Hills.

Card showers

Claude Van Driel celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday, March 3. Greetings may be sent to him at 215 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Joyce Wessels will celebrate her 91st birthday on Tuesday, March 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 106 S. Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, March 9: Pizza casserole, green beans, peaches, cheesy bread. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, March 10: Chicken brown rice bowl, mixed Oriental vegetables, pears, bread, fruit crisp.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Ron and Cathy Honken. 1 p.m. Card making with Connie.

Wednesday, March 11: Meatloaf, potatoes, beets, bread, mandarin oranges. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Bird Talk and Walk (weather permitting).

Thursday, March 12: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, dinner roll, cookie.

Program: Half-Price Day. 1 p.m. Bingo and Fast Track.

Friday, March 13: Fish sandwich, mixed greens salad, sweet potato fries, ice cream

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 6:30 p.m. Alaska Movie, Part 2 with desserts. Cost: \$5; \$3 for members.

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.

Spring is in the air and means time to rejuvenate those indoor plants

Hooray, it's March and spring has arrived on the calendar! That's good enough for me at least for today.



Day length is increasing and the solar power of the sun feels wonderful.

So, along with my enthusiasm for the coming season comes the urgency to rejuvenate our indoor plants, as well as the outdoor plants that earned redemption.

Blooming indoor plants like African violets often sort of hibernate during the short

days of winter. The short days, in addition to cloudy days, diminish the energy available for the plant to initiate flowering.

Well, that is changing, and the plants readily recognize that, so they are ready for a burst of energy!

Understanding that energy cycle means that now is the time to do the repotting, dividing or trimming back of

our indoor plants.

When shifting a plant to a larger pot, do not increase the pot size by more than 1 or 2 inches.

As you remove the root mass from the current pot, if the roots are densely coiled around the soil ball, use a sharp or corrugated knife to cut away those circling roots, set the plant in the new larger

pot and fill in with fresh potting mix, making sure the surface of the soil remains the same as it was before.

Depending on how much or the root mass you prune away, you could possibly put the plant back into the same pot. I frequently do this with plants that have been in large pots because there is enough root mass left to support the top growth, and I don't want to have to lug around a washtub-size pot.

For plants headed back outdoors like geraniums or hibiscus, the root pruning is key to getting success for the coming season. Along with the root pruning comes top pruning.

Generally, cut the top growth back by at least half. Cutting back the top reduces the stress caused by pruning the root mass, and when done together, that plant gets a whole new lease on life.

The reason to do it now is like I said before ... more light, more available energy. People often want to do this in the fall when they bring the plant indoors, but the results are poor because of diminishing light.

If you want to take cuttings of your indoor plants, this is also the very best time to do that. Stem tip cuttings 4 to 6 inches long will root the easiest because that is what we refer to as soft wood. Us-

ing a rooting hormone will speed up the process. Keep the cuttings in the same light as the plant was in before so they don't have to acclimate to a new environment.

Increased growth because of more light might mean the plant will require more water than it needed during the winter. Also, adding plant food to the water will encourage that flush of new growth.

Courage, my friends ... plants are amazingly forgiving!

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

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist



Submitted photo/0305 all state choir

Three participate in All-State Choir performance

Luverne High School choral director Seana Graber and students Josie Golla, Rylee Gee and Jordan Winter attended the Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Choir performance Feb. 15 at Orchestra Hall in downtown Minneapolis. The LHS students were selected by audition last year and attended a weeklong All-State choir camp in August 2019 before reuniting for rehearsal and the final concert at Orchestra Hall.

1871: Clinton Township named after NY town

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 02-27 edition)

Grant (Clinton)

Grant township, embracing the present precincts of Clinton and Kanaranzi, was created by the commissioners February 18, 1871, two days after the organization of Luverne township had been authorized. The organization of the township was perfected soon after, but it was organized under the name of Clinton, after the town of Clinton, New York, and upon the suggestion of one of the residents. Upon the petition of the settlers of the new township, dated October 11, 1871, the territory now comprising Martin township was given to Clinton, making that precinct include the southern tier of townships. It retained these dimensions until Kanaranzi and Martin townships were created early in 1873. Those who received title to government lands in Clinton township.

Colin J. Estey (2-11), Daniel Wilmot (36), George W. Kniss (14), Thomas J. Clark (35), Ben Even (22-30), Christopher C. Berg (28), Albert E. Thompson (36), John McCollum (36-34), Charles W. Hillman (2), Joseph W. Warner (3), Abraham E. McMurphy (12), James B. Shawver (18), John B. Martin (2), Bridget McKeon (8-14), Jonathon H. Loomis (36), Zelora Bailey (12), Perry L. Fassett (4), Franklin S. Mason (26), John H. Ferguson (26), Morris C. Smith (23-24), William F. Brown (14), Henry



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

Martin (2), John A. Spaulding (34), William A. Spracher (6), Amos Estey (24), Leroy B. McCollum (26), George E. Dike (20), Thomas Olsen (22), John McKeon (8), George H. Olds (10), Donald McNab (12), Hans Olsen (28), Chauncey H. Frost (10), Peter McKeon (8), Julius Zellmer (6), Nathan C. Estey (24), Joseph Knight (12), Frank B. Frost (10), Ole Finkleson (22), Erick Evens (28), Sylvester Johnson (10), William W. Brown (14), Christian Clemetson (18), Ole P. Steen (32), Emmett S. McCollum (34), John J. Fassett (4), Clinton S. Moe (30), Abraham Stahl (20), A. Sanderson (22), Joseph T. Woodrow (20), Charles Holter (32), Benson S. Bullis (14), Ole O. Rue, Jr. (20), Tobias Aanenson (4), Niels Clemetson (18), John J. Thompson (34), John P. Steen (32), John C. Peterson (20).

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@iuv.net.

Say aah/ from page 6

message.

“Do you have an idea for how a group can try to help solve — or improve — a need to help those in our community? We want to hear from you,” the message read.

“Luverne is an amazing community and is always making improvements to the town, but there is still so much that can be done to help those that are in need.”

Call 507-227-1978 or email luv1luvalluverne@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Larry Tweet

Larry Gene Tweet, 76, Luverne, died Sunday, March 1, 2020, at his home.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 6, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Interment will follow at the Kenneth Cemetery in Kenneth.

Larry Tweet was born on July 13, 1943, to Rasmus and Bertha (Shelstad) Tweet in Luverne. He grew up on a farm southeast of Kenneth. Larry was baptized and confirmed at the Kenneth Lutheran Church.



He attended Kenneth Grade School and graduated from Magnolia High School in Magnolia in 1961. After high school, he entered the Army, achieving rank of Specialist. He served three years and was based mainly in Fort Polk, Louisiana. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Kenneth to start farming. He also had several trucking jobs and drove for Southwest Tours. Larry lived on the home place all his life until November of 2019, when

he moved to the Blue Mound Towers in Luverne.

Larry was a member of Kenneth Lutheran Church until its closing. He was a dedicated member of the Hardwick American Legion, marching in every parade or event that would require the military honors. Larry served on the Vienna Township Board for over 38 years. He loved his animals especially cats and dogs. He also took care of feeding the deer and pheasants in the area. He could frequently be found at the Kenneth Center having coffee and visiting with friends. He also frequented the afternoon coffee group

at McDonald’s in Luverne and enjoyed visiting with his neighbors at the Blue Mound Towers. He was a caring uncle to his nieces and nephews and will definitely be missed at future family events.

Larry is survived by his brothers, Roger (Barb) Tweet of Luverne and Leroy (Sue) Tweet of Kenneth; nieces and nephews Paul, Tonya, Mark, Kayla, Arica and Melissa; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

(0305 F)

Dick Visker

Dick Visker, 94, Ellsworth, died on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

A funeral service was Friday, Feb. 28, at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. Burial followed at Grand Prairie Cemetery near Ellsworth.

Dick Visker was born July 1, 1925, to Jullo and Winnie (Mulder) Visker in Ellsworth. He grew up on a farm east of Ellsworth and attended country school. He graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1943. Dick married Elaine Nolte



on Sept. 14, 1950, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth.

He then entered the U.S. Army and was stationed in Battle Creek, Michigan, until he was deployed to Germany in April of 1951. He received his honorable discharge in September of 1952.

The couple began farming west of Ellsworth. Dick farmed his entire working life until he retired. After retirement he helped various farmers in the area.

Ryan Tofteland

Ryan Arlyn Tofteland, 40, of Orono, passed away peacefully at home February 28, 2020, after more than three and a half years with ALS. He was surrounded by his family in a room overflowing with love.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Martha; son, Finn (8); daughter, Liv (5); parents, Steven and Julie Tofteland of Luverne; siblings, Jason (Kate), Rachel (Brandon) and John; grand-



mother, Marguerite Johnson; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

At the peak of his career in software development, Ryan was proud to launch Toftware Consulting. In 2016, he joined a great team at General Mills.

Becoming a father was perhaps Ryan’s greatest

achievement. His devotion to his kids was immeasurable — he will be remembered as the best dad ever!

Ryan’s loves also included unlimited time with family, basketball and downhill skiing, cotton candy and peanut M&Ms, happy hours with friends, Halloween, traveling, and watching MN Vikings and Twins games.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 7, at 3 p.m. (visitation at 2 p.m.) at Trinity Lutheran

Church, 2060 Cty Rd 6, Long Lake, MN 55356.

In honor of Ryan’s personal battle with ALS and advocacy on behalf of other patients, memorial donations can be made to the ALS Association MN/ND/SD Chapter at 1919 University Ave W, Suite 175, St. Paul, MN 55104.

Arrangements were provided by David Lee Funeral Home www.davidleefuneralhome.com.

(0305 V)

DEATH NOTICES

Shirley Christianson

Shirley Christianson, 89, Luverne, died Monday, March 2, 2020, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Arrangements are pending through Hartquist Funeral Home, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0305 DN)

Suzanne Ness

Suzanne Ness, 53, Monroe, South Dakota, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at her home of natural causes.

A funeral was Wednesday, March 4, at Calvary Reformed Church in Monroe. Arrangements were by Hofmeister Jones Funeral Home in Parker, South Dakota, hofmeisterjones.com (0305 DN)

Donald Halverson

Donald “Baily” Halverson, 63, Kenneth, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at his home.

A funeral service was Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Interment followed at the Kenneth Cemetery in Kenneth.

Arrangements are by Hartquist Funeral Home www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0305 DN)

Charles Kerr

Charles “Chuck” Kerr, 61, Pipestone, died Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are pending through the Hartquist Funeral Home, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0305 DN)

COLLEGE NEWS

Area students named to MSU dean’s list

Several area students have been named to the Fall 2019 dean’s list at Minnesota State University Mankato. To be named, students must earn a 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Luverne students named to the Honors List are Griffin Ahrendt, Janae Kopp, Matthew Schmuck, Emilie Staeffler and Sierra Wieneke.

Also named were Colin Varley and Nathan Varley, Adrian, and Dylon Taubert, Beaver Creek.

Ver Steeg makes dean’s list at BSU

Cade Ver Steeg, Luverne, was named to the Bemidji State University dean’s list for the Fall 2019 semester. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Rock County EYE CLINIC

Rock County Eye Clinic, locally owned, community involved, clearly different.

507-283-2345

104 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN

www.rockcountyeyeclinic.com

50% off frame with purchase of lenses

*some restrictions apply

LIKE US ON facebook

March 2 - March 31, 2020

507.283.4339 • WWW.PALACETHEATRE.US

LUVERNE, MN 56156

Blue Mound Area Theatre Annual Meeting Notice

Thursday, March 12 6 p.m. at The Bluestem Public welcome

TRANSFORM YOUR BATH OR SHOWER IN AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY

CALL NOW

Payments as LOW as \$149 per month

And Receive a **FREE** Premium Shower Door Upgrade Offer Expires 03.31.2020

877-378-0529

*Includes product and labor; bathtub, shower or walk-in tub and wall surround. This promotion cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply. This offer expires March 31, 2020. Each dealership is independently owned and operated. **Third party financing is available for those customers who qualify. See your dealer for details. ©2020 BCI Acrylic Inc.

• Over 850 Authorized Dealers

• Factory Trained & Certified Installers

• Lifetime Warranty

• Made in the U.S.A.

H-BC FFA’ers move on to state competition

Fick’s placement, Hartz’s entrepreneurial projects will be evaluated this month

By Mavis Fodness
Two Hills-Beaver Creek High School FFA’ers will be judged later this month on their supervised agricultural experiences.
Junior Hannah Fick and sophomore Carter Hartz earned first-place in their proficiency areas at the recent Region VI competition.
Fick’s SAE is in agricultural sales placement.
She works part-time at Campbell’s Supply in Sioux Falls.
“My job description is cashier, but my job entails much more than just being a cashier,” Fick said.
In addition to greeting customers, Fick answers questions and assists customers with merchandise in the clothing department.
“I walk around and ask customers if they need help with anything,” Fick said.
Hartz’s SAE is fiber and/or oil crops.
He works on a farm that produces CBD oil or cannabidoil.
“My responsibilities in the beginning included spraying vermiculite onto the help starts and watering them,” Hartz said. “As time progressed



Hannah Fick



Carter Hartz



Submitted photo

The Hills-Beaver Creek High FFA wildlife team finished in seventh place at the recent regional competition. Team members include (from left) Calvin Erickson, Austin Allen, Cole Baker, Gavin Wysong and Parker Gehrke. Erickson placed 14th individually.

I was asked to help plant in the field and to help move the starts from the greenhouse onto the planter.”
In region team competition the wildlife judging team placed seventh out of 17 teams. Team members included Calvin Erickson,

Parker Gehrke, Austin Allen, Gavin Wysong and Cole Baker. Erickson placed 14th individually.
The top six teams move on to state competition during the MN FFA Convention April 19-21 in the Twin Cities.

LHS speech team takes third place

By Mavis Fodness
A smaller Luverne High School speech team competed Saturday at the Redwood Valley Invitational in Redwood Falls.
Eighteen students were among the 247 speakers from 23 schools that competed.
The team received a third-place trophy.
“We were missing at least four from the team due to the robotics competition in North Dakota,” said coach Caroline Thorson.
Nine members earned individuals awards. Red ribbons were given to speakers finishing two places out of the medals.
Results from the Redwood meet were as follows:
•creative expression: Solveig Tofteland, first place.
•discussion: Alexa Chesley, first.
•duo interpretation: Josie Golla and Mia Wenzel, sixth place.
•extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, fourth; Destiny Matthiesen, red ribbon.
•extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first.
•humorous interpretation: Gunnar Oldre, second; Seno Chanthalangsy, third; Luke Thorson, fifth.
The next varsity competition is Saturday in Montevideo.

STATE PARK EVENTS

The Blue Mounds State Park is offering early spring family-friendly programs from March to May 2020.
The three main Saturday programs are called “mini events,” two-hour programs complete with multiple activities, flexible arrival/departure times, and crafts to take home.
All events are free, but entrance to the park requires a vehicle permit.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
1-3 p.m., Snake Patrick’s Day Celebration
Meet at the picnic shelter. St. Patrick may be rumored to have led the snakes out of Ireland, but here at Blue Mounds our snakes have a very important job to do. Come learn all about snakes with our naturalist, make snake crafts, and meet a REAL live snake at the Picnic Shelter! Drop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
1-3 p.m., Bunny Hop in the Park
Meet at the picnic shelter. Rabbits, rabbits everywhere! It’s time for the first-ever Bunny Hop at Blue Mounds. Come join us for a fun-filled

adventure through the world of rabbits, enjoy some rabbit crafts, and scout for signs of our furry friends on the bunny hop trail. Meet at the picnic shelter at the cart-in campsites. Drop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
4:30-6:00 p.m., Arbor Day Tree ID Hike
Meet at the amphitheater in main campground. Join our park naturalist for a tree ID hike through the park to learn more about the trees of Blue Mounds State Park. Study leaf shape, bark, and make your very own identification book. This hike will require stepping down, walking both up and downhill, and walking along a trail that may be wet or muddy.

SATURDAY, MAY 9
1-3 p.m., Outdoor Moms
Meet at the north picnic area. Come and see all that Blue Mounds State Park has to offer for your next family adventure! Learn about animal moms, make your own “mom and me” craft, and participate in “mom and me” activities. Drop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. This event is a come and go as your please adventure.

10 years ago (2000)
•Voters head to the polls on Tuesday to cast their ballots on the proposed \$9.9 million Hills-Beaver Creek bond issue.
The bond for a new high school building will affect taxpayers for the next 25 years and house students as early as the 2011-12 school year.
The H-BC School Board voted unanimously during a meeting in January to put the bond to a vote. In early February the board presented the project plans at a public meeting, and another meeting is scheduled for tonight (Thursday, March 4).
The district began exploring building options following a visit from a representative of the Minnesota Department of Education. That individual toured the current high school building and determined the district would not be approved for a remodeling project to the current building.
After hearing the news, the board members decided to pursue building a new high school.
They hired Gil Haugan to act as their construction manager and Koch Hazard to be the architect on the project.

25 years ago (1995)
•To encourage construction of new houses in Evergreen Addition, agreements are still under consideration by the Luverne Economic Development Authority.
Administrative Services Director Bryan Kienholz said both a Sioux Falls builder and a local group are working to come up with plans and proposals for housing in that area.
While details are still under discussion, the final agreement will probably involve a loan guarantee and purchase by LEDA, if houses aren’t sold within a specified period of time. ...
Following a recommendation by the Luverne Community Economic Development Corporation, Kienholz and city staff will assemble the preliminary materials and submit them to the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

50 years ago (1970)
•Rock county sheriff’s department is investigating a break-in which occurred sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning at the Ripco Station on Highway 23.

REMEMBER WHEN

Thieves had gained entrance through a window and made away with around \$18 in cigarettes, approximately \$4 in cigars, and an estimated \$10 in change.
The theft was first discovered around 7:30 a.m. Monday by Alvin Ringes, Garretson, who manages the station.

75 years ago (1945)
•Rock county’s weed eradication program for 1945 was given a boost this week when the county board of commissioners authorized E. J. Willroth, county weed supervisor, to buy several carloads of borax for resale to farmers in the county for weed control purposes.
According to Mr. Willroth, very little, if any, sodium chlorate will be available for weed eradication this year, and borax, another mineral, proves an excellent substitute. In some ways it has been found superior to chlorate. Although it has never been used in Rock county, it has been used elsewhere with good success, and the cost of application is about equal to that of chlorate.
Its use is preferable to chlorate, he pointed out, because it is non-inflammable and non-poisonous. Sodium chlorate will burn, and is poisonous if taken internally by livestock. Borax may be applied on weeds in pastures, whereas chlorate was not suitable for that purpose because of its poisonous properties.

100 years ago (1920)
•The Windom-Worthington-Luverne high school triangular declamatory contest will be held this evening.
In this contest each school will be represented by two teams. Worthington will send a team to Windom, while her other team will contest with a team from Luverne at Worthington, one Windom team is contending at home with Worthington and the other team will come to Luverne to the contend with Luverne, this contest being held at the Palace theatre.
Each team will be made up of six contestants: Two each in dramatics and humorous selections, and one each in oratorical and extemporaneous speaking classes.
The contests will be decided by points, first place in dramatics, humorous and extemporaneous speaking counting five points, second place in dramatic and humorous classes one point each.



Luverne Baseball Traveling Team SIGN UP

Monday, March 9
5-7 p.m.

Take 16
Serving Burgers & Chips
(free for families who sign up)

Traveling baseball team sign up and parent meeting for anyone grades 3-6 interested in playing traveling baseball, Legion / Jr Legion and Community Education Baseball

Gear Swap
Bring used equipment - gloves, bats, baseball pants (in good condition) and pass it on to someone who can use it.



How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census either in the mail or from a census taker.

95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.

Almost 5% of households → will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in dorms, people living in nursing homes, or people experiencing homelessness.

2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape your future START HERE >

United States Census 2020

D-FS-GP-EN-135

What to expect in the mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail. Every household will have the option of responding online, by phone, or by mail.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking them to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We are working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter invitation and paper questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their package. The package will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

We understand that you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- If you don't respond online, by phone, or by mail, we will follow up in person.

What we will send you in the mail:

- March 12-20**
An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
- March 16-24**
A reminder letter.
- March 26-April 3**
A reminder postcard.
- April 8-16**
A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
- April 20-27**
A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.



The coolers represent about 17,000 square feet of the 128,000-square-foot plant, and they involve the most automated aspect of production. The coolers are divided into two bays, each with 100-foot-long rails designed to carry a total of 2,500 hogs. (Lori Sorenson photos)

Premium Minnesota Pork begins production May 4/continued from page 1

Heated water and a series of metal paddles remove most of it without damaging the hide, which is also sold.

Paquin talks a lot about temperature when he explains hog processing.

The coolers represent about 17,000 square feet of the 128,000-square-foot plant, and they involve the most automated aspect of production.

“The cut floor really appreciates when they come out the same temperature,” said engineer Scott Johnson, “not too cold, or too soft, because it makes it more difficult to cut.”

Because meat is best handled at 36 to 38 degrees, cooling a 102-pound carcass is a big step.

“We’ve got to remove almost 70 degrees of heat and we do it in about 15 hours,” Paquin said. “And you use the balance of the time to keep them regulated so that people on the cut floor can do their jobs.”

The coolers are divided into two bays, each with 100-foot-long rails designed to carry a total of 2,500 hogs, each separated by just the right distance for efficient cooling.

“It’s all computer driven” Paquin said. “In theory nobody should need to be in here.”

There are 10 rails in one cooler, and eight in the other. The meat chills rapidly and then equalizes toward a temperature of 37 degrees.

The cooling process takes about 15 hours. “They hang in



As Premium Minnesota Pork nears completion on its \$30 million construction, President Dan Paquin is leading more frequent tours.

there overnight, so what we harvest today, we cut tomorrow,” Paquin said.

Cut floor employees work in a 40-degree environment.

Large hoppers receive hams for grading, and the shoulders,

bellies, hams, ribs all get processed and broken down.

Some are packaged with store labels for direct shipment to shelves, others get vacuum packed and boxed for loading on refrigerated trucks.

On a large screen in a small conference room, the whole process is mapped in a computer-aided drawing with a gold line showing the travel path of the product.

“It should flow ... this is



Maintenance manager Cody Gehrke is the first full-time local employee at the plant.

wide open and everything should just flow,” Paquin said. “It comes in from the south and goes out through the north.”

He talked about most every aspect of the animal getting utilized by an end market, from the blood and intestines to the skull and hooves.

Rendering is trucked away, and wastewater is treated on site before effluent heads to the city’s wastewater treatment facility.

Two 250,000-gallon tanks remove solids and kill bacteria with microscopic “bugs.” A good share of the remaining solids are used for compost.

The company plans to hire 250 production workers (at \$13 to \$20 per hour) in Luverne. That number could increase to more than 300 employees, depending on growth.

In addition, the company paid \$6.76 million for necessary upgrades to Luverne’s wastewater facilities due to the plant’s effluent load into the city’s system.

Paquin said a community grand opening celebration is being planned ahead of the plant’s startup on May 4.



Hair removal is an important and time-consuming part of the process, and that’s why the company invested two large dehair machines, weighing roughly 40,000 pounds each.

I don't have the help I need.

Do.

Whether you want to invest in new technology, buy new equipment, add acreage, or just need a little help stretching your finances from this season into next, Minnwest bank is here to help.

We're a family-owned operation that knows the ag industry like our own—because it is our own.

As your local agribusiness experts, we've got the know-how and the financial power to support you and your operation.

Don't let DON'T win. DO.

MINNWEST BANK

Doers Welcome™

MEMBER FDIC

» minnwestbank.com/agri-business-loans

Masonic Cancer Center

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Minnesota, the

Masonic Cancer

Center is your

cancer center.

yourcancercenter.umn.edu

Gala

LIFT Luverne

Area Chamber & CVB

A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE LUVERNE & BENEFIT THE WORK OF LIFT

Friday - March 20, 2020

\$40 per person

GRAND PRAIRIE EVENTS | Luverne, Minnesota

RSVP at the Chamber by March 16

5:00 p.m.

Social Hour

6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Midwest Dry Cast

Nextera Energy Resources

Generations Building Project

Elk Creek Solar Farm

Ellis & Eastern Railroad

Tallgrass Guitar Benefit

Luverne Public School Building Project

Premium Minnesota Pork

7:15 p.m.

Dinner by Bluestem Catering

Pork provided by Premium Minnesota Pork

centerpieces from member businesses & organizations

community & business displays available

around event center

Star Herald CHURCH

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

Thursday, March 5: Head Start. Friday, March 6: 10 a.m. Mass at Poplar Creek. 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Sunday, March 8: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Children's Liturgy. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. 3 p.m. RCIA at St. Leo. Monday, March 9: Serve at Banquet in Sioux Falls. Tuesday, March 10: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, March 11: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Thursday, March 12: 1-4 p.m. Fun Day. 7 p.m. Finance Council.

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

Sunday, March 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism. 12:30 p.m. Potluck dinner. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, March 9: 9 a.m. Perk-up at Minnesota Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Friendship. Youth group fundraising supper at Sterling's. Tuesday, March 10: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, March 11: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study.

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, March 5: 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, March 8: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek Estates. 6 p.m. Evening service. Monday, March 9: 7 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service (depart from FBC at 6 p.m.). Tuesday, March 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting. Wednesday, March 11: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, March 12: 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, March 5: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, March 6: 1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer at the United Methodist Church. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 7: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, March 8: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:10 a.m. First Communion Class. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. 1:30 p.m. Shetek Conference Assembly in Slayton. Monday, March 9: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, March 10: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry Meetings. 8 p.m. PPC Meeting. Wednesday, March 11: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Lenten meal; Exaltation Team rehearsal. 6:45 p.m. Lenten service. Thursday, March 12: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

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

Sunday, March 8: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service Holy Communion. Monday, March 9: 9:30 a.m. ELS Pastors' meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, March 11: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class. 6 p.m. Soup supper. 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers. Thursday, March 12: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

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

Thursday, March 5: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, March 6: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, March 7: Noon Youth room reserved. Sunday, March 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Tuesday, March 10: 8 a.m. F Hall reserved. Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting; Tribe (youth room). Wednesday, March 11: 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. 4:30 p.m. Multipurpose room reserved; REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle. Thursday, March 12: 9 a.m. Classis Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

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

Thursday, March 5: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Friday, March 6: 1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service at UMC. Saturday, March 7: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, March 8: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Prayer Warriors after service. 11 a.m. CMA Pancake Breakfast. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. PD – LLP Review/Retreat. Monday, March 9: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, March 10: 1-4 p.m. Homeschoolers. Wednesday, March 11: 6 p.m. Wednesday Education classes. 7 p.m. Lenten service at First Presbyterian. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, March 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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.

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

Thursday, March 5: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, March 8: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, March 10: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, March 11: Youth Club; Bells; Choir. 7 p.m. Committee meetings. Thursday, March 12: 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, March 5: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Youth trip registration deadline. Saturday, March 7: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Sunday, March 8: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 2 p.m. 2nd Sunday Fun Day. Monday, March 9: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, March 10: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, March 11: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Worship; Supper (Missionary Guild). 7 p.m. Catechism; KFC; HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, March 12: 10:30 a.m. DCE Meeting in Sioux Falls. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelibration@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, March 5: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, March 8: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Monday, March 9: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, March 11: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Service with bars and coffee to follow. Thursday, March 12: 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, March 8: 10 a.m. Combined worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Wednesday, March 11: 7 p.m. Lenten Worship at Palisade Lutheran.

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

Sunday, March 8: Combined worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Wednesday, March 11: 7 p.m. Lenten Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Thursday, March 12: 7 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting.

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.

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

Friday, March 6: World Day of Prayer. Basement reserved. Sunday, March 8: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. 6:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, March 10: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, March 11: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Lenten dinner and worship service. Council meeting following service.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

Blessed to be a banquet guest

(Read Luke 14:1-24)
For many people meal times are the best times of the day. Food is a big part of life.

According to Luke, food plays a major role in the life and teachings of Jesus. One-fifth of the sentences in Luke's Gospel are connected in some way to eating a meal. In Luke, meals, food, and drink serve as occasions for many of the teachings of Jesus.

Robert J. Karris wrote a book called "Eating Your Way through Luke's Gospel." It is not a collection of recipes based on Bible verses. It does not teach you how to cook with mustard seeds or how to prepare a fattened calf. Rather, Karris says that throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus "is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal."

In fact, Jesus was killed because of the way he ate — or rather what he said when he was dining and the company he usually kept when he ate.

To the annoyance of his critics, Jesus pointed out the vanity of seeking the best seat at a banquet and the gracelessness of excluding those who were neither popular nor influential.

We see this in the story of Jesus having a Sabbath dinner at the home of an unnamed but influential Pharisee. Jesus makes a reference to the resurrection and one of the guests says, "Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" (14:15).

Jesus then tells the dinner guests a parable. Jesus says that someone decided to hold a great feast and invited many people. But when the day came, and the servant was sent to the invited guests to tell them the feast was ready, they all made excuses as to why they could not come. Excuses happen.

I came across a collection of excuse notes sent to schools from parents:

- Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
- Dear School, Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.
- Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
- Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday. To our modern ears it seems like all the excuses in the parable are reasonable. So we don't understand the reaction of the host.

However, the original listeners would have found the excuses lame, even humorous, until they figured out that, in Jesus' eyes, this was how they were treating God's invitation to them.

In Jesus' time, when a person hosted a feast, the day was announced ahead of time, but not the hour.

When the day came and the banquet was ready, then servants would contact the guests and let them know. But the servants only went to people who had already made a commitment to come. To accept the invitation beforehand and then to refuse it when the day came was a grievous insult.

So the invitation went out to the outcasts of society. The outcasts in the parable represent people in life who never in their wildest imaginations thought that God really cared about them.

Verse 23 has historically been misunderstood: "Go out and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled." The phrase "compel people to come in" refers to a winsome and grace-filled invitation marked by intense kindness. This is the grace of God!

And one more thing! It is highly significant that Jesus thought of his kingdom as a feast. A feast represents, in the broadest sense, the most joyful experience a human being can know.

Sometimes people approach religion the way my grandmother used to describe medicine: "The worse it tastes, the better it is for you."

But this does not describe what it means to be a Christ-follower. A Christ-follower is like one who is forever at a wedding banquet.

These weekly church page messages are contributed to God's Work through the Church and by these concerned and responsible citizens & businesses:

Call Rick or Chantel to place your ad!

283-2333

Read us online!

Rock County
STAR HERALD
www.Star-Herald.com

Trust in Him



 283-9171 PAPIK.COM	HILLS STAINLESS STEEL & EQUIPMENT CO., INC. 506 W. Koehn, P.O. Box 987, Luverne, MN PHONE 507-283-4405 <i>Church is Important - Please Attend!</i>
 507-283-2381 www.buffaloridgeins.com E-mail: info@buffaloridgeins.com	McClure Electric Alan M. Aanenson, owner <i>Farm, Home & Commercial Wiring</i> Luverne, MN Phone 507-283-4716
 Hills, MN • 507-962-3275	 116 East Main Street • Luverne • 507-283-2366 Hwy. 75 • 800 South Kniss • Luverne • 507-283-9131 www.minnwestbank.com • Member FDIC • MoneyLine 888-616 BANK
<i>Advertise Here</i>	

 bankwithssb.com Member FDIC	SECURITY SAVINGS BANK 507.449.6000 Luverne, MN
 Pipestone • Luverne • Lake Benton • Jasper • Tyler www.HartquistFuneral.com	HARTQUIST Funeral and Cremation Services
 110 E Main, Luverne	Pizza Ranch 507-283-2379
 Tri-State Region	CWG Business Insurance. <i>Period!</i>
 Manley Minnesota 1-800-615-3704 Open six days a week - Closed on Sundays To God be the Glory.	MANLEY TIRE & OIL SERVICE
 www.lfmbank.com	Luverne ANNOUNCER
 303 E. Main, Luverne, MN 507-283-4463 www.lfmbank.com	First Farmers & Merchants We believe in you. Member FDIC. And the community.



Star Herald file photo

Adrian-Ellsworth senior Scot Edwards placed second at 285 pounds for the second consecutive year at the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Championships over the weekend in St. Paul.

A-E's Edwards places at state tournament

By John Rittenhouse

Adrian-Ellsworth senior Scot Edwards wrapped up his high school career by placing second at the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Championships at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul Friday and Saturday. Edwards, a three-time state-qualifier who placed second at 285 pounds as a junior, matched that performance last week.

Edwards won his first three matches to reach the finals, where he lost to Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie senior Craig Orlando for the second consecutive year.

Edwards opened the tournament Friday by pinning Dover-Eyota's Spencer Welsh in 32 seconds before nipping Minnewaska Area's Jakob Swalla 3-1 in the quarterfinals.

The A-E entry met Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City's Tanner Berghuis in Saturday's semifinals, where he registered his second pin of the tournament (3:07) to reach the finals.

Edwards was unable to knock off Orlando in the championship match.

Orlando pinned Edwards in the finals in 2019 and duplicated that effort by pinning the Dragon at 3:07 of the title tilt.

Edwards ends the season with a 34-4 record.

A-E sophomore Brayan Anaya went 2-2 without placing at 106 pounds.

Anaya, who was making his second consecutive state appearance, pinned Crookston's Carter Coauette in 4:30 during Friday's opening round before dropping a 9-4 decision to A-C-GC's Jevon Williams in the quarterfinals.

Williams went on to place fifth at 106.

Anaya pinned West Central Area's Hunter Gruchow in 3:35 in his first match in the consolation bracket before his 24-4 season came to an end with an 11-3 loss to Aitkin's Marshall Larson in the next round.

Larson placed third at 106.



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 hgb 5

H-BC's Sam Moser prepares to take a shot in the paint during Friday's tournament championship game in Marshall. The Patriots dropped a 50-47 decision to SWC.

E-Gals deny Patriots again

By John Rittenhouse

Recent history was repeated at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday.

SMSU was the site of the South Section 3A Girls' Basketball Tournament championship game between Hills-Beaver Creek and Southwest Christian for the third straight year.

Unfortunately for the Pa-

triot, it's where their season came to an end after taking a setback from the E-Gals for the third consecutive year.

Top-seeded H-BC sported a six-point lead in the game's first half and led by five points with 4:11 remaining in the game, but No. 2 SWC rallied late in the contest to pull out a 50-47 victory.

The loss ends H-BC's 22-3

campaign.

H-BC defeated the E-Gals twice in the regular season, but that didn't seem to matter Friday.

SWC survived every challenge the Patriots offered and pulled out a three-point win to extend its season.

H-BC received three-point

Deny/continued on page 13

Girls drub JCC to advance to South Section 3AA title game

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team earned the right to play in a postseason championship game for the first time in 40 years Thursday in Worthington.

That became a reality during the South Section 3AA semifinals, where the top-seeded Cardinals knocked off No. 4 Jackson County Central 66-45 to earn their first appearance in a postseason title tilt since 1980.

Luverne, 19-9 overall, met No. 2 Windom for the South Section 3A championship in Worthington Tuesday (March 3).

The Cardinals had to overcome a slow start to top the Huskies in the semifinals.

JCC scored 10 unanswered points in the first 2:54 of play to put the Cards in an early hole.

The final 33:06 of the game belonged to the Cardinals, who outscored the Huskies 66-35 to secure a convincing 21-point victory.

Luverne battled back to knot the score at 14 when Averill Sehr canned a three-point shot with 6:01 remaining in the opening stanza.

Another three by Sehr gave the Cards their first lead of the game (18-16) at the 2:34 mark of the half, and the advantage swelled to five points (25-20) when Elizabeth Wagner converted a field goal with six seconds remaining to cap the scoring in the first half.

Luverne proceeded to pad its lead during the game's second half.

The Cardinals scored the first four points of the half as a part of a 24-11 run, ending with a field goal by Brooklynn Ver Steeg that gave LHS a 49-31 cushion with 6:31 left to play.

JCC took advantage of some three-point field goals and two technical fouls drawn by LHS coach T.J. Newgard to trim the difference to nine points (51-42) with 5:04 remaining.

The Cardinals answered the



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 lgb 9

Luverne senior Mallory Thorson scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds during Thursday's 66-45 victory over Jackson County Central in Worthington. It was Luverne's 19th win.

challenge with authority.

Luverne scored 15 consecutive points to open a 24-point lead (66-42) when Mallory Thorson buried a field goal at the 1:33 mark.

JCC scored the final three points of the contest to make it a 21-point difference at game's end.

Ver Steeg (22 points, five rebounds and five steals), Sehr (18 points) and Thorson (17 points, seven rebounds and four steals) played key roles in the win.

Elizabeth and Christina Wagner chipped in eight and seven rebounds to the cause respectively.

Box score
C. Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 7 1 5-11 22, Sehr 4 3 1-1 18, E. Wagner 3 0 0-0 6, Thorson 5 2 1-2 17, Hart 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
Luverne: 26 of 55 field goals (47 percent), eight of 16 free throws (50 percent), 32 rebounds, 12 turnovers. JCC: 12 of 42 field goals (29 percent), 19 of 26 free throws (73 percent), 36 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

Cards stroll into semifinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team stormed into the semifinals of the South Section 3AA Tournament by routing St. James during a quarterfinal-round game in Luverne Saturday.

The third-seeded Cardinals limited No. 6 St. James to six first-half points and outscored the Saints 47-34 in the second half to secure a 74-40 victory.

The win, which was Luverne's first postseason conquest since 2015, sends the 12-13 Cardinals to Thursday's semifinals against Fairmont at 7:30 p.m. in Windom.

Two extended runs lifted the Cardinals to a 27-6 halftime advantage.

Trailing 3-2 early in the contest, LHS reeled off 11 consecutive points to gain a 13-3 advantage when Isaiah Bartels converted a three-point play at the 11:33 mark of the first half.

The score remained the same until the Saints hit a three-point shot with 6:47 remaining, but the Cards closed the half with a 14-0 run capped by Bartels sinking a pair of charity shots with nine seconds left.

St. James was unable to challenge the Cardinals in the second half.

LHS scored the first four points of the stanza to open a 31-6 cushion before St. James trimmed the difference to 19 (40-21) left in the game.

The Cards countered with a 29-12 run ending with LaShad Smith converting a layup to give LHS a 69-33 advantage before settling with a 34-point victory at game's end.

Bartels (20 points and five



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 lbb 5 cut

Luverne freshman Gannon Ahrendt prepares to dunk the ball during Saturday's tournament win over St. James.

rebounds), Gannon Ahrendt (13 points and 8 rebounds) and Matt Sehr (five rebounds) led LHS statistically.

1 0-0 5, DeSollar 2 1 0-0 7, Smith 1 0 0-0 2, Jarchow 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 3 0 0-1 6, Dohlmann 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 1 0 1-1 3.

Team statistics
Luverne: 30 of 56 field goals (54 percent), 11 of 16 free throws (69 percent), 30 rebounds. St. James: 15 field goals made, four of six free throws (67 percent).

Box score
McLaughlin 2 0 0-0 4, Cowell 3 0 0-1 6, DeBates 0 0 0-0, Sehr 4 0 0-0 8, Bartels 6 0 8-10 20, Ahrendt 4 1 2-2 13, Feit 1



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 bsc gym
Luverne's Meghan Witte (left) and Ella Reisdorfer made the 2019-20 All-Big South Conference Gymnastics Team.

Witte, Reisdorfer grace BSC gym roster

By John Rittenhouse

Two members of the Luverne High School gymnastics team grace the roster of the 2019-20 All-Big South Conference Western Division Gymnastics squad. The list, which was released last week, included the names of 15 athletes. Luverne senior Meghan Witte and seventh-grader Ella Reisdorfer represent the Cardinals on the roster. Worthington and Redwood Valley led the league by securing three all-conference selections each. Worthington junior Gracia Elias, sophomore Mekyla Nystrom and eighth-grader Hali

Bullerman grace the list, as do RWV senior Emma Stevenson, junior Riley Franklin and eighth-grader Avery Wilson. Jackson County Central, Pipestone and Windom matched Luverne by securing two all-conference selections each. JCC senior Haley Tvinne-reim and freshman Payten Benda cracked the roster, as did Pipestone freshmen Kindra Douty and Megan Lingen. Windom junior Tatum Paulson and sophomore Brooklyn Paulson represent the Eagles. Marshall sophomore Saphi McFarquhar rounds out the all-conference team.

Luverne man aces hole in Arizona Thursday, Feb. 27

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne man spending some of the winter months in Arizona made it a memorable stay by recording a hole-in-one Thursday. Jack Hommen, who returned to Luverne in 2017 after growing up here, registered his first ace at Western Skies Golf Club in Gilbert, Arizona. Playing as a member of a foursome along with Luverne's Tom Skattum, Hommen pulled a 9-iron out of his bag to play the par-3, 123-yard fourth hole. Histeeshotclearedamound of grass located in front of the green, but the same obstacle caused Hommen to lose sight of the ball. Hommen believed his ball



Hommen

may have rolled off the backside of the green when he reached it before becoming pleasantly surprised to find it in the cup. "That was my first hole-in-one and now I can scratch it off my bucket list," he said.

Patriot boys upset Coyotes Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team staged a mild upset to open the South Section 3A Tournament in Worthington Saturday. The fifth-seeded Patriots lost a pair of games to No. 4 Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda during the regular season, including a 17-point loss to the Coyotes in Hills during the final game of the regular season. That didn't seem to matter during Saturday's quarterfinal as the Patriots registered a 50-47 victory. The win sends 9-15 H-BC back to Worthington for Thursday's semifinals, where the Patriots meet No. 1 Southwest Christian at 6 p.m. H-BC's Kyle Kueter scored five consecutive points 2:34 into the game to give the Patriots an early lead that swelled to seven points (11-4) when Parker Gehrke buried a three-point shot at the 9:10 mark of the first half. HL-O-F countered with an 11-0 run to gain a 15-11 lead with 5:04 left, but the Coyotes couldn't protect their advantage. Jax Wysong regained the lead (19-18) for H-BC with a field goal at the 2:12 mark and Easton Harnack capped the scoring in the first half when he added a field goal with 42 seconds left to give the Patriots a 21-18 cushion. The Patriots put themselves in a position to coast to victory when Oliver Deelstra capped a 16-3 run with a field goal at 11:37 that gave H-BC a 37-23 lead. H-BC, however, struggled at the charity stripe over the next 11 minutes, and the Coyotes took advantage of the situation to trim the difference to two points (49-47) with 20 seconds left. H-BC's Gavin Wysong sank one free throw with 16 seconds remaining and the Patriots blanked HL-O-F the rest of the way to win by three.



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 hbb 5

An 18-point effort from senior Jax Wysong lifted the Patriot boys to a 50-47 win over HL-O-F in their South Section 3A Basketball Tournament debut Saturday in Worthington. Jax Wysong turned in an 18-point, 14-rebound, four-assist effort for the winners, while Kueter blocked eight shots and collected seven rebounds. Box score G. Wysong 1 0 1-4 3, Harnack 2 0 2-5

6, Gehrke 0 1 0-0 3, Deelstra 1 0 0-1 2, Baker 0 0 0-0 0, Z. Wysong 2 1 2-5 9, J. Wysong 8 0 2-4 18, Kueter 4 0 1-8 9. Team statistics H-BC: 20 of 48 field goals (42 percent), eight of 27 free throws (30 percent), 27 rebounds, six turnovers. HL-O-F: 16 of 50 field goals (32 percent), six of eight free throws (75 percent), 20 rebounds, two turnovers.

Five skaters rake in hockey honors

By John Rittenhouse

Five members of the Luverne girls' hockey program raked in postseason honors last week. Three Cardinals made the 2019-20 All-Big South Conference Western Division Hockey team, and two other LHS players drew honorable mention. Making the all-league list for the Cardinals were senior Claire Baustian, sophomore Reghan Bork and freshman Kamryn Van Batavia. Junior Rylee Gee and sophomore Cheyenne Schutz received honorable mention from the league's coaches. LHS led the league with three all-conference selections. Marshall, Minnesota River and New Ulm secured two all-league selections each. Marshall juniors Emma Klenken and Kaitlyn Timm made the list, as did New Ulm seniors Molly Scheid and Alexa Steffl. Minnesota River senior Keely Olness and junior Nicole McCabe grace the list as well. Fairmont sophomore Mackenzie Householder, Waseca senior Jayde Pederson, Worthington junior Ashton



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 bsc gh

Five members of the Luverne girls' hockey program received postseason honors from Big South Conference officials last week. Reghan Bork (back, left), Claire Baustian (front, left) and Kamryn Van Batavia (back, middle) made the 2019-20 All-Big South Conference Girls' Hockey Team. Rylee Gee (front, right) and Cheyenne Schutz (back, right) drew honorable mention.

Fogelman and Windom sophomore Elly Bang round out the all-conference roster. Other players drawing honorable mention include New Ulm seniors Jayda Helget and Ally Steffensmeier and sophomore Julia Helget, Marshall senior Logan Sherman and Minnesota River sophomore Anna Pavlo.



Papik picks of the week...



2011 Chevrolet 1500 LTZ
115K • Stock #262886U
\$17,990



2019 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT
29K • Stock #557756Z
\$17,990



2015 Chevrolet Cruze LT
96K • Stock #138913U
\$8,990



2013 Kia Sorento LX
115K • Stock #405375N
\$8,990

283-9171

PAPIK.COM I-90 Luverne, MN 56156



Fishing with multiple lines should impact possession limit

How is it that you can fish with more lines per person in almost every other state than you can in Minnesota? Our neighbor states have always allowed more lines than Minnesota does.

Today you can fish with one line in open water and two lines when fishing through the ice. It varies, but I know, for example, in Nebraska you can use four lines at a time when fishing through the ice.

Many other states also have higher daily and in-possession limits. Daily limit is how many you keep and kill in a single day, and possession limit is how many you can have in total physically with you and in the freezer at home.

The answer is, other states don't have near the population and the number of fishermen that Minnesota does.

If I catch six walleyes today and take them home and clean them, I cannot legally catch another walleye until I have eaten the other six. The possession limit and the daily limit are the same. Makes little sense to me, but it is the rule nonetheless.

There are two movements afoot in Minnesota this legislative session that would do these two things: For one, it would make fishing with two lines legal in the summer months if you pay an extra \$5 for your license; and two, it would reduce the daily walleye limit from six per day to four per day. I am unaware of how the possession limits might be affected. These are not tied together.

I don't have an issue if both proposals pass together. I would not support two lines and a six-walleye limit at the same time.

In most places in the state these two changes would make little to no difference if you could fish with two lines and keep six walleyes per day. In my opinion it would/could make a big difference in and around Rock, Nobles and surrounding counties.

The reason I say that is when you fish in and around my backyard, the fishing is either pretty darn good or it absolutely sucks. There are few days in the middle.

When our shallow prairie lakes turn on, the bite gets really hot and catching a limit can be done for many days in a row with little effort. When that bite turns off, you



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

might fish for 40 hours and not catch a single fish.

It is these hot bite times, and almost every lake has one or two per season, when I think the harvest would be too high and the overall quality of fishing would decline over time. Some anglers can't help themselves. They will over-limit and over-possess when the bite is good.

One angler fishing two lines is like two anglers fishing one line each. You can change colors and figure out what the fish are biting on that day much faster and more efficiently than one person with one line.

The second line in Minnesota would cost \$5 more. I think this fee should be \$25 more. All funds raised by the fee would be used to increase walleye stocking across the state. The \$5 is inconsequential. How much could the state possibly raise at \$5 a hit? The \$25 extra could actually raise significant funds and help replenish the extra fish that would be caught with more lines.

If the limit were reduced to four per day, this would also offset the expected higher harvest rates with two lines.

I love to fish. I don't love to eat fish. Keeping fewer fish for me is no big deal, but my folks just love the fish I drop off for them.

How many fish does one person need? Do you need to kill 50 fish a season? How about 100 fish per season? I would rather catch four per day and do it more often than catch six per day less often.

Walleyes in southwest Minnesota lakes are just like stock cows in a pen. When you remove one, there is one less and in almost all cases there will not be another one to replace it until a human puts one back through fish stocking.

Little natural reproduction takes place in southwest Minnesota. Think about these two changes and make your opinions known to those in charge. Decisions are made by the people who show up.

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

Late free throws clinch A-E win

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys survived a late challenge by Russell-Tyler-Ruthton to win their quarterfinal-round game of the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament Saturday in Worthington.

The third-seeded Dragons were in a position to win handily when they led by nine with 3:34 left to play, but the sixth-seeded Knights didn't go down without putting up a fight.

R-T-R rallied to pull within one point in the game's final minutes before A-E received two free throws from Lance Luettel and one each from Noah Reyne and Peyton Lewis to clinch a 66-64 win.

The victory sends 13-13 A-E back to Worthington for Thursday's semifinals, where they meet No. 2 Westbrook-Walnut Grove at 7:30 p.m.

The Dragons led 9-4 when Grant Jansma canned a three-point shot at the 13:45 mark of the first half before the Knights went on an 11-0 run to take a 15-9 lead.

R-T-R led by seven (22-15) with 3:36 remaining in the stanza before A-E went on a 9-1 run ending with Jansma hitting a three to give the Dragons a 24-23 edge.

The Knights bounced back to outscore the Dragons 8-4 in the final two minutes to sport a 31-28 lead at the intermission.

The teams exchanged leads through the first 10 minutes of the second half before the Dragons gained some separation.

Trailing 50-48, A-E put together a 12-1 run to open a 60-51 lead when Lewis converted a field goal with 3:34 remaining.

The Knights countered with a 10-2 surge to trim the difference to one point (62-61) with 37 seconds left before A-E settled the issue by making four free throws in the final 23 seconds.

Reyne (20 points, 11 rebounds and three assists), Lewis (18 points, 11 rebounds and three assists), Jansma (13 points) and Luettel (eight rebounds) led A-E statistically.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 3-3 3, Reyne 5 0 10-12 20, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 0 1 3-5 6, Lewis 8 0 2-4 18, Jansma 0 4 1-2 13, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 2 0 2-4 6.

Team statistics
A-E: 20 of 49 field goals (41 percent), 21 of 30 free throws (70 percent), 40 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
R-T-R: 22 of 50 field goals (44 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 18 rebounds, 14 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 ae bb 3

Adrian-Ellsworth's Peyton Lewis scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds during a win over R-T-R in Worthington Saturday.

Deny/continued from page 11

shots from Joslyn Birger and Taryn Rauk in the first 2:01 of the game to open a 6-0 cushion before SWC reeled off 10 consecutive points to move in front 10-6 at the 11:04 mark of the first half.

H-BC senior Whitney Elbers tied the score at 10 with a field goal at the 9:59 mark of the half, and the score was knotted at 12 moments later.

SWC, however, gained some separation by going on a 12-2 run to sport a 24-14 advantage with 4:26 remaining in the opening half.

The E-Gals were unable to maintain their comfortable lead as the Patriots went on a 13-5 run in the final four minutes to trail by two (29-27) after Kenadie Fick canned a three-point shot one second before the intermission.

Points were hard to come by for both teams in the early stages of the second half.

H-BC trimmed the difference to one point at two different occasions in the first 5:52 of the stanza before Rauk knotted the score at 33 with a three-point shot with 11 minutes left.

The teams exchanged leads over the next six minutes before the Patriots reeled off six consecutive points to open a 45-40 cushion when Fick buried a three at the 4:11 mark.

H-BC led 47-45 with 2:52 left to play, but the E-Gals scored the final five points of the game in the final 2:30 of the contest to secure the win.

Rauk (15 points) and Fick (11 points, three assists and three steals) led H-BC offensively.

Elbers blocked 14 shots and collected six rebounds for the Patriots, while Abby Knobloch charted five rebounds and three steals.



John Rittenhouse photo/0305 hgb 6

Hills-Beaver Creek junior Abby Knobloch drives to the basket during Friday's championship game of the South Section 3A Girls' Basketball Tournament in Marshall.

Box score
Fick 1 3 0-2 11, Rauk 2 3 2-4 15, Birger 0 1 0-0 2 3, Bos 1 0 0-0 2, Knobloch 2 0 4-6 8, Moser 1 0 0-0 2, Elbers 3 0 0-0 6.

Team statistics
H-BC: 17 of 46 field goals (37 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 25 rebounds, 23 turnovers.

SWC: 19 of 64 field goals (30 percent), six of seven free throws (86 percent), 20 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

WINTER STANDINGS

BSC girls' hockey	
New Ulm	14-0
Luverne	12-2
Minnesota River	9-5
Marshall	8-6
Worthington	5-9
Fairmont	4-10
Windom	3-11
Waseca	1-13

BSC boys' hockey	
New Ulm	15-1
Marshall	12-4
Minnesota River	12-4
Luverne	10-6
Waseca	9-7
Windom	7-9
Worthington	3-13
Fairmont	2-14
RWW	2-14

BSC West girls' hoops	
Marshall	11-0
Worthington	8-4
Windom	7-5
Luverne	6-6
RWW	4-8
JCC	3-9
Pipestone	2-9

BSC West boys' hoops	
Marshall	12-0
JCC	9-3
RWW	8-4
Worthington	6-6
Luverne	4-8
Pipestone	3-9
Windom	0-12

BSC West gymnastics	
Worthington	6-0
JCC	5-1
RWW	4-2
Luverne	3-3
Marshall	1-5
Pipestone	1-5
Windom	1-5

BSC West wrestling	
Marshall	6-0
JCC	5-1
Pipestone	4-2
Worthington	3-3
RWW	2-4
Windom	1-5
Luverne	0-6

RRC girls' hoops	
H-BC	16-0
SWC	14-2
MLA	11-5
A-E	9-7
RRC	9-7
MCC	7-9
HL-O-F	4-12
W-WG	2-14
Edgerton	0-16

RRC boys' hoops	
SWC	16-0
MLA	13-3
W-WG	12-4
HL-O-F	6-8
A-E	7-9
RRC	5-11
H-BC	5-11
MCC	5-11
Edgerton	1-15

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday
Mar. 5
6 p.m.

Bank Nite FREE Family Movie
Movie - "Spies in Disguise"
Sponsored by
Papik Motors and First Farmers & Merchants Bank

Mar. 6 & 7
7:00 p.m.
Mar. 8
2:00 p.m.

Movie
"The Call of the Wild"

Mar. 20-22
Mar. 26-29

The Green Earth Players Present
"The Game's Afoot"

PALACE THEATRE

104 E. MAIN ST. • PO BOX 541 • LUVERNE, MN 56156
507.283.4339 • WWW.PALACETHEATRE.US

Palace Theatre Luverne

Box office is open
Monday - Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
507-283-4339

GREAT NEWS! There is no longer a ticketing fee for online sales. Get your tickets online at www.palacetheatre.us!

Luverne
Blue Mound Liquor

Wine Tasting
March 19 at 7pm | Take 16 Event Center
tickets must be purchased by March 16 at Blue Mound Liquor by the end of the day
\$25 per person

319 W Main St, Luverne 507-449-5052

SUNDAY BRUNCH
March 8
10AM - 2PM

Spring Brooke
Events • Golf & Grill

Sausage Egg Bake
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Hash Browns
Waffles
Toast & English Muffins
Fruit
Bloody Marys
French 75 Cocktails

\$15 for adults
\$5 Kids 10 and under
CONTACT Chris for more info: 1-855-386-1275

507 GOLF COURSE LANE
BEAVER CREEK, MN

ISD #2184 School Board meets Jan. 23

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on January 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Katie Baustian and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Jason Phelps, Stacy Gillette, Jordan Winter, Joel Bornhoft, Lynn Remmers, Jennifer Engesser, Diane Kindt, Lori Oechsle, Katie Mostad, Amy VonHoltum, Lynette Stensland, Sue Hup, Beth Capistran, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Becky Rahm, Caroline Thorson, Jason Berghorst, Morgan Smith, Deb Hoogendoorn, Deb Ward, Lisa Lundgren, April Wallace, Courtney Graanstra, Doug Dooyema, Amy Sahly, Seana Graber, Gavin Folkestad, Tom Lanoue, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda and an additional work session date to add to Item 8.10. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with the addendum as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the December 19, 2019, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Joel Bornhoft representing ICS gave a construction update.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to continue with the same officers for this next year: Chairperson Jodi Bosch, Vice-Chairperson Eric Hartman, Clerk Tim Jarchow and Treasurer Reva Sehr. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the School District bills. The student activity December check listing was also distributed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,311,618.87. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of December 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

A copy of the 2019 School Board committee assignments was reviewed. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to keep the same committee assignments for 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the following:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the School District dictates that the School Board must reduce expenditures, and, WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and WHEREAS, this (reduction of expenditures) and (decrease in student enrollment) must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and, WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contract must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on requested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions; BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, as follows: That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions (to effectuate economies in the School District and reduce expenditures) and, (as a result of reduction in enrollment), make recommendations to the School Board for discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve the Commercial Building Lease with Rick Reed for 8.5 months at \$2,250 per month to be used for additional storage during construction. Motion unanimously carried. Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the required State Pay Equity Compliance report. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the Pay Equity Compliance Report. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve the purchase of two Thomas 71-passenger school buses through MN State School Bus Cooperative Purchasing at a cost estimate of \$96,000 each. Bus #52 (2004 BlueBird) and Bus #56 (2002 BlueBird) will be traded in. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the change of date for both the February and March work sessions. Superintendent Oftedahl will be attending conferences during each of the originally scheduled dates. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to have the work sessions on February 6 and March 5. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the Custodial Seniority List as of January 1, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the Paraprofessional/Food Service/Administrative Assistant Seniority List as of January 1, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the Alternative School Seniority List as of January 1, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve the EC/FE/Learning Readiness/Discovery Time Seniority List as of January 1, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the Preliminary Licensed Staff Seniority List. This list will be posted for 30 days for staff to review. A final Seniority List will be presented at the March school board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Cassie Snyders, Paraprofessional, effective January 29, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sandbulte, to approve the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Impala for a trade-in cost of \$21,500 from Papik Motors. The Ford Taurus will be traded-in. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: January 23, 2020

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(03-05)

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 by 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: 10010980002953967

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.

MORTGAGE ABANDONED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: February 3, 2020

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

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)

Fodness descent of property petition

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Milo S. Fodness, a/k/a Milo Stanley Fodness,
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-20-56

ORDER FOR HEARING
PETITION FOR DESCENT
OF PROPERTY

The Petition of Audrey Anne Fodness, dated the 10th day of February, 2020, having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting that the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That said Petition be heard on Monday, the 16th day of March, 2020, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, State of Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204. Dated: February 21, 2020

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt, District Court Judge

COURT SEAL

/s/ Denise Brandel, Court Administrator

PAUL A. VIS
Attorney for Petitioner
EISMA & EISMA
130 East Main Street
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #297550

(02-27, 03-05)

City of Beaver Creek sets Freese meeting for March 11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Beaver Creek, Rock County, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to consider a tax abatement request from Tom and Heidi Freese pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813. The request is to abate 100% of the City's portion of real estate taxes related to the building improvements on the subject property for a period of 5 years. The subject property is located at 600/602 Second Ave., Beaver Creek, MN, and is legally described as:

Legal Description: Parcel No. 13-0121-000, Lot 1 & 2 of Block 1 in Springbrook Addition and a street address of 600/602 Second Ave, Beaver Creek, MN. The public hearing will be held in the Beaver Creek City Council Chambers, 311 E. First Ave, Beaver Creek, Minnesota. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Those unable to attend are invited to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to: Beaver Creek City Council, PO Box 74, Beaver Creek, MN 56116.

(03-05)

Fransman applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Harley Fransman will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to construct a new feedlot of 720 animal units.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of Section 2 of Martin Township, T101N, R46W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The proposed construction will consist of one 2400 head total confinement barn housing finishing swine. The barn will have an under-floor reinforced concrete pit to hold the manure generated by the swine. The final animal unit capacity will be 720 animal units after the construction. The feedlot will be owned by Harley Fransman.

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

Published at the request of Harley Fransman.

(03-05)

City of Beaver Creek sets Metzger hearing for March 11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Beaver Creek, Rock County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to consider a tax abatement request from Jenna and Tyson Metzger pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813. The request is to abate 100% of the City's portion of real estate taxes related to the building improvements on the subject property for a period of 5 years. The subject property is located at 202 Ridgeview Rd, Beaver Creek, MN, and is legally described as:

Legal Description: Parcel No. 13-0141-000, Lot 9 of Block 3 in Springbrook Addition and a street address of 202 Ridgeview Rd, Beaver Creek, MN.

The public hearing will be held in the Beaver Creek City Council Chambers, 311 E. First Ave, Beaver Creek, Minnesota. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Those unable to attend are invited to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to: Beaver Creek City Council, PO Box 74, Beaver Creek, MN, 56116.

(03-05)

H-BC School Board meets Jan. 27

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
January 27, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:11 p.m. in the District Board Room (301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN).

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

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Addition or Deletions to Agenda: 5.9 Consider/Approve removal of several trees around the old Jr./Sr. High School Building 205 E 2nd Street.

No Visitors to the meeting.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

- Lily Top, H-BC 4th Grader, One of the 12 finalists for Sioux Valley Billboard Contest
- 01/17/2020 E-Learning Day Successes!
- Building and Grounds and volunteers cleaning up all the snow from 1/17 and 1/18 Snow Storm
- Paraprofessional Recognition Week January 27-January 31

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve minutes 1/13/2020. Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Student Accounts. Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve first reading of Policy 203.6 Consent Agenda.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve first reading of Policy 535 Service Animals and Form.

Motion by Wysong, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Washington DC trip for grades 7, 8, and 9 Students Summer of 2021.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve canceling the Regular Board meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.

Motion by Wysong, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Resolution MSHSL Foundation Form B Application.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve removal of several trees around the old Jr./Sr. High School Building 205 E 2nd Street.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Committee Reports:
 - Community Education 1/22
 - Building Grounds 1/23 and 1/27
 - Upcoming Meeting: Personnel Finance 1/29

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 24
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 9

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(03-05)

Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Dave Groen wishes to say thank you to our family, friends and neighbors for the visits, calls, flowers, food, memorials and kind words that were said to us during this difficult time! We would also like to say a special thank you to Pastor Reuben Sinnema, Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne Hospice and Leota Bethel Reformed Church. Your love and kindness has been greatly appreciated,
Bonnie Groen,
Kristy-Phil Vander Ziel
Family,
Rebecca-Kevin Van Batavia
Family,
Matt-Renae Groen Family,
Mike Groen Family
(2.29-3.5)

MISCELLANEOUS

HAVE A UNIQUE SERVICE OR BUSINESS? Get the word out to over 1.4 million households. Call WIDE AREA CLASSIFIEDS today, 507-359-7326. (tc)



EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Klarenbeek & Son Rendering, Corp. is in need of a daily route driver. Class B CDL with air brake. Clean driving record; paid holidays and vacation. Call Alan 507-220-5669. (tc)

The City of Hills is accepting applications and resumes for a Public Works Superintendent position for the operations and maintenance of streets, storm sewers, parks, buildings, grounds, water/wastewater system and facilities. Starting wage \$17 per hour minimum or higher depending on experience. For application and job description contact the Hills City Office, P.O. Box 172, 301 S. Main Ave., Hills, MN 56138 or call 507-962-3290. Applications and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. (2.15-3.5)

Become a Senior Companion by making friendly visits to older adults at Poplar Creek. Senior Companions must be 55 years of age or older; flexible service of 10 hours or more a week earns a small tax-free hourly stipend; plus receive mileage reimbursement and other benefits, 507-530-2295 for more information. (2.27-3.14)

RENTALS

FOR RENT

2 & 3 Bedroom Townhome

* Available Immediately
* One-stall Garage
* Updated Amenities
* Quiet Neighborhood
* \$750 (2 bed)/\$825 (3 bed)
/month. Utilities OYO
Call Schomacker's
507-227-2183 for showings.

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED SALES ASSOCIATE

DeBoer Chevrolet is growing and we are looking for a Sales Associate to join our team. Competitive compensation along with performance bonuses, 401K, healthcare assistance, paid training.

Contact Stewart Kreun at 507-442-4341 ext. 15

DeBoer
EDGERTON

Certified Service
Experts

www.deboerchev.com

507-442-4341 or 1-800-658-2395

Wed. Nights til 8 p.m. & Sat. 8-12 Open Mon-Fri 8-5
930 S Main St. Edgerton, MN 56128

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

Join our growing team!

Sanford Luverne is currently accepting applications for FT (Full-Time), PT (Part-Time) and Part-Time as Needed (PRN) positions:

- LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR – FT
- FOOD SERVICE ASSISTANT – PRN
- PARAMEDIC – FT, PRN
- PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN – FT, PRN
- PHYSICAL THERAPIST – PRN
- PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT – PRN
- RESPIRATORY THERAPIST – PRN
- MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN – FT
- RN | CLINIC – FT
- RN | HOSPITAL, CLINIC, HOME CARE – PRN
- LPN OR TMA, HOSPICE – PT, PRN
- HOME HEALTH AIDE, HOSPICE – PRN

To apply, visit sanfordhealth.jobs, search "Luverne" in the location search bar.

SANFORD

Luverne

877-673-0854

EEO/AA

Oakwood Apartments

401 Oak St., Ellsworth

• 1 Bedroom Unit Available

Unit Available

Cable, Water, Sewer & Garbage Included.

Rent Based on Income

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Van Binsbergen

& Associates, Inc.

320-269-6640 ext. 13

Equal Housing Opportunity

www.vanblc.com



VISIT US ONLINE!

news
sports
videos
opinion
columns
star-herald.com

DELIVERY AND YARD HELP PERSONS

POSITIONS OPEN

We are currently looking for help around the plant this spring and summer. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and comfortable with heights. Flexible schedules are possible.

DE KAM SEED & FERTILIZER
EDGERTON, MN

(507) 920-6894 for appointment

HILLS-BEAVER CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hills-Beaver Creek School District
301 N. Summit Avenue - PO Box 547
Hills, Minnesota 56138

Website: www.hbc Patriots.com

Email: t.holthaus@isd671.net

Telephone: (507) 962-3240 Ext. 13

Building/Grounds/ Transportation Supervisor

Position: 1.0 FTE-Building/Grounds/Transportation Supervisor, 260 days year around salaried position. Competitive benefits package.

Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED Equivalent. Ability to oversee the district's facilities, grounds and transportation. Candidate must have excellent communication and computer skills. Must be able to lift 50 pounds or more, occasionally lifting up to 100 pounds or more. Pass physical requirements evaluation. Candidate must have demonstrated ability of operating and maintaining building/grounds equipment. Candidate needs to be able to operate and maintain mowers, plows, tractors, weed trimmers, sprayers. Turf painting experience welcomed. Operation and repair of all other equipment required to complete the job of Building/Grounds/Transportation Supervisor. Supervisory experience a plus. Bus license or ability to obtain.

Starting Date: As soon as possible.

Apply To: Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 or email – t.holthaus@isd671.net. Submit a letter of application, resume, and three (3) references.

District Application: Submit a completed and signed copy of the district's employment application found on the district website at www.hbc Patriots.com under the employment tab.

- An Equal Opportunity Employer -

Come join our team

GRANDSTAY HOTEL & SUITES

of Luverne is currently seeking applicants for the following position:

PT HOTEL MAINTENANCE TECHNITION

This position reports to the Hotel Manager. Part-time position includes flexible shifts for a total of 20 hours a week, to include on call and some weekend and holiday shifts.

BENEFIT PACKAGE AVAILABLE

REQUIREMENTS:

- Troubleshooting knowledge of electricity/plumbing.
- Considerable mechanical ability
- Problem solving skills preferred.

Pick up your application at the Grandstay Hotel in Luverne today!

An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer
NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH HEGG COMPANY, INC., MUST PASS A PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION. ANY OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IS CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFULLY PASSING THE COMPANY PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING

Nutrien Ag Solutions™

We are opening a location in Luverne, MN and are hiring the following positions:

- FT Administrative Coordinator
- FT/PT Operations
- FT/PT Truck Drivers

Nutrien Ag Solutions

612 West Hatting St.

Luverne, MN 56156

Contact Tom Kellen

507-360-5621

NOW HIRING

DGR Engineering has the following positions available.

Please visit dgr.com for more information.

Electrical Power

- **Mechanical Engineer** | Rock Rapids, IA
- BSME
- **Electrical Power Engineer** | Rock Rapids, IA
- BSEE
- **Mechanical Design Technician** | Rock Rapids, IA
- Relevant associate degree or experience
- **Electrical Design Technician** | Rock Rapids, IA
- Relevant associate degree or experience
- **Project Technician** | Rock Rapids, IA
- Relevant associate degree or experience

Civil/Survey

- **Landscape Architect** | Sioux Falls, SD or Rock Rapids, IA
- BS
- **Design Engineers** | Sioux Falls, SD & Sioux City, IA
- BS
- **Engineering/Design Techs** | Sioux Falls, SD & Sioux City, IA
- Relevant associate degree or experience

Our firm offers a competitive salary and benefits package with opportunity for advancement in a challenging and professional work environment.

Qualified individuals should e-mail resume and cover letter with available start date to hr@dgr.com.

DGR is an equal opportunity employer.



dgr.com



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOUTHWESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Southwestern Mental Health Center is seeking an experienced and progressive leader for the position of Executive Director.

The Executive Director is responsible to provide clinical leadership and administrative direction to the organization and reports directly to a Board of Directors. The ideal candidate will have a combination of business and clinical backgrounds. A Master's degree is strongly preferred in business or within the human services field. A minimum of 5 years of senior level management experience within mental health services is required. The characteristics most valued in a candidate include a visionary leader who has strong relationship building skills, and can build effective teams through strong communication skills to all levels of the organization and community. We are seeking candidates who are creative, empathetic, energetic, and highly visible to staff and to the communities we serve.

Southwestern is a not-for-profit community mental health center that serves 5 counties in southwestern Minnesota. The Center's mission is to promote the mental health and total well-being of the communities we serve with respect and dignity for all. We are headquartered in Luverne, Minnesota but also have office locations in Jackson, Pipestone, Windom and Worthington, Minnesota. Highlighted services include psychiatric, psychological, and counseling services provided to individuals and groups, and in a variety of settings. Unity House is a 10 bed residential facility located in Worthington. Other services include a mobile mental health crisis response team and Assertive Community Treatment Team Services.

Southwestern is governed by a board represented by supportive community leaders from the 5 counties it serves. The Luverne headquarters and Worthington offices are in brand new buildings and shows the success of the organization and the high level of service we strive to provide our clients.

Only written or on-line applications will be considered. You can apply on-line at www.averajobs.org. Please reference Req. 2001465 when applying.



Avera Partner

Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center
Human Resources

Phone: 605-322-7850 | Fax: 605-322-7868

Email: hr@mckennan.org | www.AveraJobs.org

Avera is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer
Minority/Female/Disabled/Veteran/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity



Steve Fields
Minnesota Attorney



INJURED AT WORK? DISABILITY DENIED?

Contact Us Today
For Free Advice

Workers' Compensation
Long-Term Disability
Social Security Disability

507-923-4169

www.GetFields.com



mCAN

Minnesota Classified Advertising Network



HEALTH

FARMERS, LANDSCAPERS OR GARDENERS

did you or a loved one use Roundup Weed Killer and were diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Cancer)? You may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles Johnson 800/535-5727

DOGS FOR SALE

AKC STANDARD POODLES

Beautiful, family raised, purebred puppies. OFA Genetic health tested parents. Great hunting/companion, vet checked, UTD on shots - \$1,250 Poodlesaround.com 218/590-2050 MN Lic# 6099396

SPORTING GOODS

GUN SHOW: MARCH 6-8

Onalaska Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Road, Onalaska, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. \$7 (Under 14 FREE) 608/752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

ONLY \$279 to reach a statewide audience of 1.7 million readers!!! 1-800-279-2979

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE

FREON WANTED:

We pay CASH for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312/626-3558 or visit: RefrigerantFinders.com

SEED/FEED/GRAINS

PROTECT YOUR YIELD

from soybean white mold and SDS. Ask your seed dealer for Heads Up® Seed Treatment. Cost-effective. Proven results. headsuptst.com/plant20 or 866/368-9306

MISCELLANEOUS

A PLACE FOR MOM

The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is free, no obligation. Call 844/347-2104

DONATE YOUR CAR

truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501

MISCELLANEOUS

DISH NETWORK \$59.99

For 190 channels! Add high speed internet for only \$19.95/month. Call today for \$100 gift card! Best value & technology. Free installation. Call 855/562-4309 (some restrictions apply)

Advertise here statewide
in 230+ newspapers for only
\$279 per week!
Call 800-279-2979

AT&T WIRELESS

Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&T's Buy one, Give One offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464

MOBILEHELP

America's premier mobile medical alert system. Whether you're home or away. For safety and peace of mind. No long term contracts! Free brochure! Call today! 855/610-5151

Congratulations 2020 Mock Trial



The Luverne High School mock trial team makes its sixth-consecutive state tournament appearance March 5-6 in St. Paul. Team members include (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.



Record for 2020

State

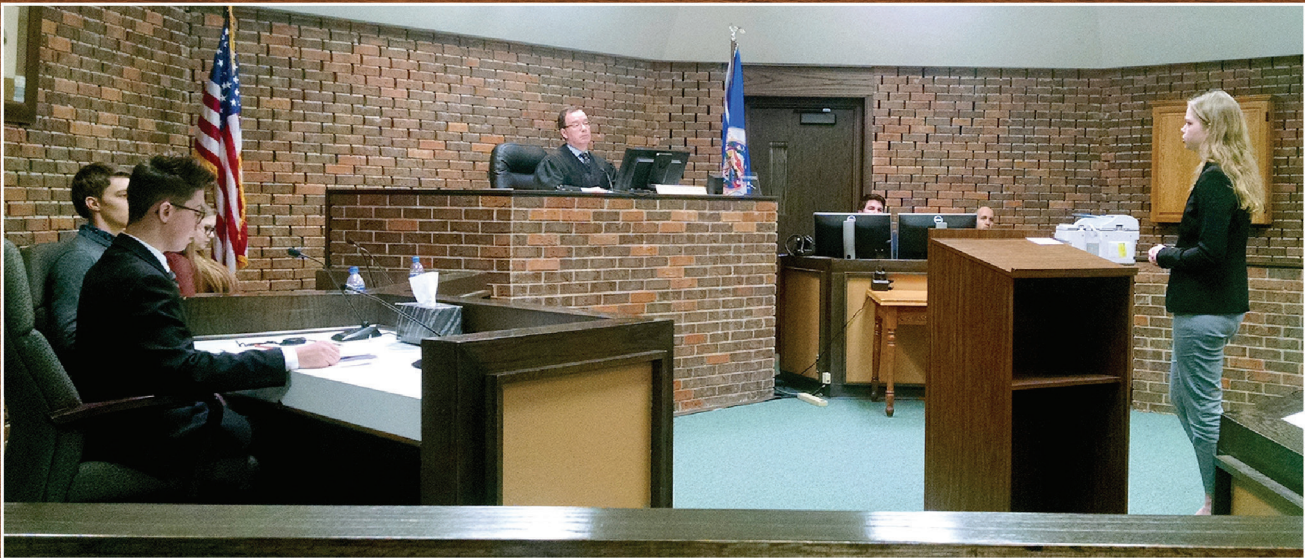
Sixth-consecutive year earning a trip to the state Mock Trial Competition
Competing against 15 teams at the March 5-6 event

Regular season

Jan. 9, Defense won vs Springfield, 220-211
Jan. 24, Defense won vs Hills-Beaver Creek, 223-175
Jan. 28, Prosecution lost vs Lakeview, 210-214
Feb. 7, Prosecution won vs Springfield, 216-208

State qualifying match

Feb. 14, Defense won vs Lakeview 235-224



Alexa Chesley (far right) gives the closing argument to Judge Gordon Moore (center) for the Luverne High School defense team during the February 14 state-qualifying mock trial event.



Luverne High School's defense team waits for the state-qualifying mock trial round to begin. Sitting in the front row from left are attorneys John Miller, Alexa Chesley, Sophia Lanoue, (back) witnesses Jordan Winter, Luke Thorson and Seno Chanthalangsy.



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.

Good Luck at State!

Mavis Fodness photos

Thank you to these law offices for taking pride in their community and sponsoring this promotional page!



EISMA AND EISMA
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

130 East Main St. Luverne MN
507-283-4828

KLOSTERBUER & HAUBRICH, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

DONALD R. KLOSTERBUER • JEFFREY L. HAUBRICH
120 N MCKENZIE
LUVERNE, MN
507-283-9111

BENJAMIN VANDER KOOL, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW

VANDER KOOL LAW OFFICES
127 EAST MAIN
P.O. Box 746
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA 56156
EMAIL: lawkooi@gmail.com
PHONE (507) 283-9546 ~ FAX (507) 283-9629