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Rock County goes to Washington, D.C.

Delegation comes back with news of \$14.4 million federal railroad improvement grant

By Mavis Fodness

Three Rock County officials spent three days in Washington, D.C., at the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the March 4 National Rail Day on Capitol Hill.

Their trip garnered a \$14.4 million federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program grant that will bring the Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad up to today's transportation safety standards.

Local commissioners Stan Williamson and Sherri Thompson, along with County Administrator Kyle Oldre, traveled as part of BRRRA with Nobles County Commissioner Gene Metz and Ellis & Eastern Railroad business development representative Dan Kippely.

The trip was the first for a Rock County delegation to personally travel to the nation's capital to ask for help in funding the necessary railroad improvements.

"We need to be active in supporting Ellis & Eastern," Thompson said. "And hopefully create opportunities for economic development and jobs locally along the way."

The BRRRA is an eight-member authority between Nobles and Rock counties that owns the 41-mile short rail line between Manley in Rock County and Org (outside of Worthington) in Nobles County.

No local tax dollars are used in the railroad operations.

Instead, the BRRRA has leased the rail line to other entities.

In 2017 the BRRRA began leasing the rail line to Ellis & Eastern Railroad, owned by Sweetman Construction Co. of Sioux Falls.

E & E also operates the connecting rail line from Manley to Ellis, South Dakota, portions of which will be rehabilitated under the proposed grant improvements.



Mavis Fodness photo/0312 BRRRA Grant Approved

Since 2017 Ellis & Eastern Railroad, Sioux Falls, (pictured coming through Luverne this fall) has leased the Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad from Rock and Nobles counties and recently received a \$14.4 million federal grant to rehabilitate the rail line from outside of Worthington through Rock County to Ellis, South Dakota. The \$33.9 million project will take five to seven years to complete.

In three years E & E has increased traffic on the Minnesota portion of the line, but future growth is capped by the rail line's poor condition, limiting the speed of trains and the number of cars that can be pulled in a day.

The recently acquired federal grant combined with the \$19.5 million that E & E will contribute will improve the entire 65.5 miles of track in Minnesota and South Dakota.

Much of the track dates back to 1905 and is insufficient in handling the new industry standard 286,000-pound tanker cars.

Focus in Rock County will be on rebuilding six miles of line near Magnolia.

Many of the 11 bridges along the rail line consist of wooden pilings and contribute to limiting speeds to 10 mph or less.

News of the approved federal

grant will shift improvement planning into gear this fall.

"This is great news for our little railroad," said Clark Meyer, president of Sweetman Construction.

"It's very exciting," Meyer said the entire rehabilitation of the rail line will take five to seven years to complete.

Work will begin with the neces-

Railroad grant/see page 2A

LIFT Gala offers annual report on local progress

Premium Minnesota Pork, NextEra Energy, Elk Creek Solar, school construction and others to speak at event

By Lori Sorenson

Community leaders will host the annual LIFT Gala and Community Report Friday, March 20, in Grand Prairie Events, Luverne, with a 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. program and 7 p.m. dinner.

LIFT — Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow — was established in 2010 as a collaboration of public and private sectors brainstorming about how to improve the Luverne community.

The annual meetings are a chance to celebrate accomplishments and review goals yet to be reached, according to Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"I think that this is a very important meeting when we talk about more than \$100 million in investments," she said. "These projects have the potential of being game-changers for community growth, similar to the Veterans Home coming to Luverne."

The meeting provides an opportunity for community members to meet the people responsible for work that's been done and opportunities on the horizon.

The 2020 meeting will touch on highlights in the following areas:

- Midwest Dry Cast, Aaron Waldner
- Nextera Energy Resources, Thomas Von Bische
- Generations building project,

LIFT Gala March 20/see page 3A

March 13 is Minnesota 'Text Our Snowbirds Day'

Local residents are urged to remind friends and relatives who are south for the winter to respond to Minnesota Census questionnaires

By Lori Sorenson

Minnesota is home to over 44,000 snowbirds, people who call this state home but live elsewhere for part of the year, and the State Demographic Center is hoping they're counted as Minnesotans for the 2020 Census.

To raise awareness, March 13 is Text Our Snowbirds Day, and the local Complete Count Committee is asking Rock County residents to help out.

"Our goal is to make sure we count each and every resident who primarily lives in Luverne and throughout Rock County, and that means con-

necting with those who might miss the mailing when it arrives," said Jessica Mead, Complete Count Committee chairwoman.

"Our snowbirds spend most of their time here, but because of the timing of their spring return, they might miss their Census mailing in March if they're still at their winter homes."

For Minnesota to achieve a full and accurate count for the 2020 Decennial Census on April 1, a complete response from snowbirds is needed.

Friends and relatives of snow-

'Text Our Snowbirds Day'/see 3A

Trivia contests highlight Rock County 150th celebration

By Lori Sorenson

The first settlers to Rock County saw nothing but prairie grass and a few tree-lined rivers and streams when they arrived in the early to mid-1800s.

The Blue Mounds and surrounding Sioux quartzite outcroppings were the most notable geographic characterization, so when the county formally organized in 1870 it made sense to name it Rock County.

This information might come in handy at the first Rock County History

Trivia Contest at Take 16 Brewing Co. at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

Shirley Klosterbuer is working on the questions and format and shared a couple of sample questions.

"Which early town in Rock County was called Virginia?" (Steen) and "In 1917, 143 men shipped to active duty training where?" (Camp Cody, New Mexico)

The Rock County Library has long been hosting Trivia Night at

Rock County history trivia/see 3A



Mavis Fodness photo/0312 GEP Games Afoot

A séance during the Green Earth Players upcoming production of "The Game's Afoot" ends when Anissa Vis, portraying Madge Geisel, appears to have been stabbed and left on the coffee table.

'The Game's Afoot' coming to Palace stage under veteran director Carol Ceynowa

By Mavis Fodness

Three things drew Carol Ceynowa to direct her 25th play, "The Game's Afoot," and her ninth production with the Green Earth Players in Luverne.

First of all, the cast needed to be small. "The Game's Afoot" has eight characters. Secondly, the script had to be well written.

"The Game's Afoot" play is authored by Ken Ludwig, who also wrote the comic play, "Moon Over Buffalo," specifically for Carol Burnett's comeback to Broadway in 1995.

And the play also needed small character parts for her and her husband, Tim, to perform. The Ceynowas' appearances occur within the first five

minutes of the play, where the "play within a play" takes place.

The eight cast members are all veterans of previous GEP productions. Several worked with Ceynowa in previous GEP productions and also in plays she directed for Luverne High School. "They are all like family," she said.

The cohesiveness of the smaller cast was evident as the group rehearsed last week at their GEP location on Main Street Luverne.

The lead is portrayed by Casey McKenzie as William Gillette, an admired actor all over the world

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at St. John Lutheran Church. 507-530-3307.

Caregivers Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the conference room of MJB Good Samaritan Home. The meetings, sponsored by A.C.E. of Rock County, are open to all. Call Linda at 507-283-5064.

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 Sanford Luverne. Call 507-449-1246.

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

Spring weight restrictions in place

Spring weight road restrictions are in place on Rock County roadways. Ending dates are variable, and drivers must check for updates throughout the spring. Call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

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.

Generations activities

Generations is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with activities and refreshments. Thursday, March 12, is bingo/fast track at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, is travel talk with Roxie at 1 p.m.

Sanford blood drive March 16

Sanford Luverne Medical Center will host a blood drive with the Community Blood Bank from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, March 16, at Sanford Luverne. Donors are reminded to bring an ID.

Hospice Charity Dinner/Auction

Tickets are still available for the Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction set for Saturday, April 18, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Tickets for \$55 may be purchased at the Hospice office at 304 N. McKenzie Street, or call 507-283-1805. The deadline to advertise in the program booklet or donate items for the auction is **March 13**.

‘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.

Conservation work group March 16

The Rock Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service 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. Contact the NRCS District Conservationist for an application or contact Doug Bos at 507-283-8862 for information.

Kindergarten Round-Up March 19

Luverne Kindergarten Round-Up will be Thursday, March 19, at the Luverne Elementary School for children 5 or older by Sept. 1, 2020. Session 1 at 5:30 is for new kindergarten parents, and Session 2 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. is for a “meet and greet.” Call 507-283-4497 to register.

Free food giveaway March 19

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Generations building at 319 East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 507-283-4366.

Guest conductors, LHS grad and director, enhance music experience for Luverne students

By Mavis Fodness

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

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.

“I believe it is important for all my students to have the opportunity to work with renowned conductors just as if they were in an honor choir or all-state experience,” said LHS choral teacher Seana Graber.

“Not every one of the band and choir students has those experiences, so I really appreciate the Music Boosters hosting this event.”

The event began in 1975. Phelps began his career in choral instruction in Luverne in 1970.

The Alexandria, Minnesota, native taught at LHS for two years before spending a year in Wayzata, only to return to Luverne in 1973. He left for Anoka in 1976, retiring from the position in 2004.

Over the years, Phelps was named to the hall of fames with Minnesota Music



Former Luverne choir teacher Bruce Phelps (left) and LHS graduate Dr. Kevin Kessler will provide the all-state experiences at Friday and Saturday's music clinics with students.



“Music education is not just about music. I learned how to focus on tasks, become a better steward of my time, be detail oriented, and I came to expect more of myself. I always felt valued as a member of musical ensembles — I never ‘sat on the bench’ in band and choir.”

— LHS grad Kevin Kessler, director of bands at South Dakota State University, Brookings

Educators Association and Minnesota State High School League.

He's returned three times to Luverne as a guest clinician. Next week will be his fourth.

Phelps wants to pass on to the 115 Luverne concert choir and ninth-tenth grade girls' choir students the passion and joy music has brought to his life.

“I want them to feel the

power music has to calm the storms of life, express the beauty of life, and provide a way of expressing themselves,” he said.

Dr. Kessler, LHS Class of 1993, chose his career in music due to due to his own school experiences with music professionals including Phelps.

“Music education is not just about music. I learned how to focus on tasks, be-

come a better steward of my time, be detail oriented, and I came to expect more of myself,” he said. “I always felt valued as a member of musical ensembles — I never ‘sat on the bench’ in band and choir.”

Kessler is the director of bands at South Dakota State University in Brookings including the Pride of Dakotas Marching Band.

As a guest clinician, Kessler wants the 62 concert band students to come away from the rehearsal hours and the final concert with a clinician remembering one thing: “The hard work is worth it.”

Graber and band instructor James Jarvie chose the music performed at the clinic and have been rehearsing the music prior to the clinicians' arrival on March 13.

“When the clinician comes in, they get to be solely the resident artist and can focus on making the music come to life,” Graber said. “It opens the students' eyes to other possibilities and usually brings out the very best in their performances.”

Graber and Jarvie will direct the choirs and band at the March 17 Large Group Contest in Pipestone, building on what was learned from the clinicians.

“I see this as a growing opportunity not only for the students, but for myself as a director,” Jarvie said.

Grain quality concerns prompt Minnesota Farm Bureau to urge grain safety in farm bins

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Board of Directors focused considerable discussion Monday on grain quality concerns and related farm safety measures.

“It's always hard to store higher moisture grain. Combine this with low-test weight, and we are having a perfect storm of grain quality issues in our bins,” said Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) President Kevin Paap.

“Our state board of directors want farmers to know to never go in the bin alone especially when we are having

quality concerns.”

Beaver Creek farmer Peter Bakken urges producers to be aware of grain clumping and crusting and not to take chances.

“Most importantly, farmers need to remember that your family and friends want you home safe at the end of the day,” said Bakken, chairman of the MFBF Promotion and Education Committee.

During a grain bin safety incident, it's important to turn off the power so the equipment stops running, but don't shut off all the power.

“We really want those fans on. It's very important to turn the aeration fan on, get air up to the person submerged in the grain,” said MFBF Vice President Dan Glessing.

“If you are caught in this situation, remember to cover your mouth and nose with your hands to keep your airway open to help your chances of survival.”

The MFBF Board of Directors encourages farmers to take proper safety precautions working with grain to include using proper respiratory equipment especially with the

increased chances of mold with this year's grain quality.

“We encourage our county Farm Bureaus to reach out to their county Farm Bureau members and to their local fire and rescue,” said Nathan Collins, MFBF District IV board representative.

“Work with them to ensure they have adequate understanding of potential issues relating to grain quality to ensure people are aware and prepared.”

Minnesota Farm Bureau provides more information online at fbmn.org/safety.

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sary environmental studies followed by more detailed engineering studies and plans.

Only conceptual plans and cost estimates were used for the grant application for the entire \$33.9 million project, Meyer said.

At first, local leaders thought the federal Department of Transportation had already awarded the rail line improvement grants prior to their visit.

“We thought we were

rejected but just getting ready for the next round (of funding),” Oldre said.

The group found out on March 4, their last day in Washington, D.C., that the BRRRA project received the entire requested amount.

The delegation happily shifted gears.

“It went from a ‘Help Us’ tour to a ‘Thank You for Your Help’ tour,” Oldre said.

The local delegation met with available U.S. representatives and senators and/or their

staffs from both Minnesota and South Dakota.

They reiterated the need to preserve and improve the railroad infrastructure and the potential economic benefits the improved railroad will afford both counties and southwest Minnesota.

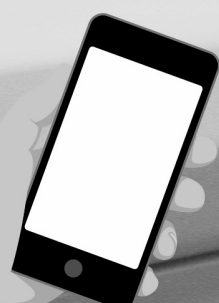
“It was nice to look them in the eye and tell them why we need this,” said Commissioner Williamson.

First District Congressman Jim Hagedorn verified for the local delegation that

the BRRRA's \$14.4 million federal grant request was accepted in this year's CRISI funding cycle.

“These rail infrastructure improvements will allow for faster, safer and more cost-effective transportation of products like ethanol and make our rural communities in Rock and Nobles counties more prosperous,” Hagedorn said in a press release.

More than \$244 million was available in federal CRISI grants for fiscal year 2019.



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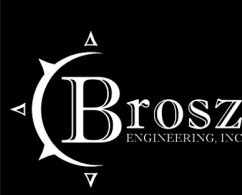
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Census ‘Text Our Snowbirds Day’/continued from page 1A

birds can help spread the word by taking part in Text Our Snowbirds Day on March 13 — shortly after the first Census mailings were sent.

Participants will send text messages to snowbirds, encouraging them to respond to the census and to report their Minnesota address as their usual residence, even if they are elsewhere when they respond.

Census Bureau guidelines require that you identify your “usual residence” in your census response as the place you live most of the time.

For example, if you primarily live in Minnesota but stay in Florida for three months in the winter, your “usual residence” is your home in Minnesota. Under these circumstances, you should use your Minnesota address when you answer the census, even if you are in Florida when responding.

“By accurately reporting your usual residence to the Census Bureau, you help ensure that your home state gets the funding it needs for hospitals, schools, and roads,” said Dr. Susan Brower, Minnesota’s State Demographer.

“Census responses will also impact the state’s congressional representation. Minnesota is at risk of losing a seat in Congress, but a complete and accurate census count can help us maintain our current level of representation. Every Minnesota snowbird counts.”

In early March, the Census Bureau will send mail to households across the country, inviting residents to respond to the census online or by phone. In mid-April, forms will be mailed to people who have not yet responded.

• Starting March 12, snowbirds can easily respond to the census online by visiting my2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020.

• Respondents will be asked for the Census ID

Snowbirds often receive census forms at both their usual and their seasonal addresses. Minnesota snowbirds who prefer to respond to the census in writing should complete the questionnaire delivered to their Minnesota residence instead of the one at their seasonal address.

printed on mail they received from the Census Bureau, or to provide their address if they do not have the ID. It is important to understand that the unique tracking code will be tied to the address to which it is mailed.

• Snowbirds should use the Census ID from Census Bureau mail delivered to their usual residence, or enter their usual address if they do not have access to that ID. They should NOT use the Census ID from mail delivered to their winter home.

Snowbirds often receive census forms at both their usual and their seasonal addresses. Minnesota snowbirds who prefer to respond to the census in writing should complete the questionnaire delivered to their Minnesota residence instead of the one at their seasonal address.

If they use the form that was mailed to their temporary seasonal residence, they could be counted as a resident at that address — even if they write their Minnesota address on the form.

To learn more, visit mn.gov/admin/demography or follow MN2020Census on social media.



Mavis Fodness photo/0312 GEP Games Afoot

DJ Luethje (right) fires a gun during the March 5 rehearsal for “The Game’s Afoot” at the Green Earth Players’ rehearsal hall on Main Street Luverne. On stage (from left) are GEP actors and actresses Nicole Henrichs, Casey McKenzie, assistant director Tim Ceynowa, Shawn Kinsinger and GEP director Carol Ceynowa.

Green Earth Players present ‘Game’s Afoot’/from page 1A

for his leading role in the play, “Sherlock Holmes.”

In December 1936 he is recovering at home after someone shot him in the arm during a cast call. For Christmas he invites his fellow actors and actresses over to his Connecticut castle for a weeklong celebration.

The cast includes Aggie Wheeler (played by Nicole Henrichs), Simon Bright (David Vis), Madge Geisel (Anissa Vis), and Felix Geisel (Shawn Kinsinger).

DJ Luethje is Gillette’s mother, Martha Gillette, and Katie Walgrave is the gossip and play critic Daria Chase, who has written several scathing reviews about everyone in the cast.

When the week of anticipated Christmas cheer is interrupted by one of the guests being



stabbed to death, Inspector Henry Goring (Jim Harsma) is called in. As the investigation gets underway, Gillette assumes his

Sherlock Holmes persona to track down the killer before the next victim appears.

The plot has many twists and turns, an element that Director Ceynowa enjoys.

Lots of movement takes place in “The Game’s Afoot,” along with witty lines delivered in rapid succession.

The GEP production is on stage March 20-22 and March 26-29 at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for students. The Palace Box Office is open on Main Street Luverne from noon to 5 p.m. weekdays or call 507-283-4339 for tickets.

Tickets are also available online at www.palacetheatre.us.

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George Bonnema

• Elk Creek Solar Farm, Jordan Burmeister

• Ellis & Eastern Railroad, Clark Meyer

• Tallgrass Guitar Benefit, Dan Mahar and Scott Johnson

• Luverne Public School building project, Craig Oftedahl

• Premium Minnesota Pork, Dan Paquin

“It might not seem like a lot is happening in Luverne and Rock County on a day-to-day basis,” said Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian about the annual LIFT updates.

“But when you add all of them up over the last year, you

can see that we have a vibrant community with much to be proud of and a chance to recognize all of it.”

The 2020 meeting will feature a catered Bluestem meal for \$40 per person or \$300 per table of eight as a fundraiser for LIFT.

The meal features non-GMO organic pork provided Premium Minnesota Pork. Luverne’s new “Love the Life” promotional video will be shown during the social hour.

Tickets are available at the Chamber, 507-283-4061 or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us. Reservation deadline is March 16.



Above, Aggie Wheeler (played by Nicole Henrichs) reads a secret message in the plot line of “The Game’s Afoot.”

At left, Casey McKenzie’s character, William Gillette (sitting, arm in sling), makes various gadgets like the wireless remote he can use to record discussions in his living room. McKenzie rehearses March 5 with fellow Green Earth Player actors (from left) Anissa Vis, David Vis, Nicole Henrichs and Shawn Kinsinger.

Rock County history trivia/ continued from page 1A

the brewery, but for the next several months, the theme will be Rock County History to celebrate Rock County’s 150th anniversary.

Rock County Historical Society and Rock County Library are teaming up to host the Thursday night contests (prizes will be awarded) on March 12, April 16 and May 14.

Klosterbuer said there will be five rounds of play with a distinct theme from Rock County history for each round (maybe schools or businesses) and 10 questions for each round.

Anyone can play, but the most informed and best-prepared contestants will have an advantage.

Teams are encouraged to “research” by visiting the History Center, checking the History Center Facebook page and reading Betty Mann’s “Bits by Betty” column in the Star Herald.

Telling Rock County history, one community at a time

Rock County Trivia Night is just one piece of the broader 150th celebration, according to Betty Mann, Rock County Historical Society president. She said celebrating

milestone anniversaries is an important way to learn about our past, and that’s always a goal for any historian.

“You can’t live in the past, but you need to learn from it,” Mann said, when asked why history is important.

“Those of us who are older realize what a great past we’ve had. There were ups and downs, but it’s all part of what makes us who we are.”

Mann is leading a local committee to coordinate with all Rock County communities planning special events in honor of the anniversary.

Hardwick will observe its place in Rock County history during its annual Jubilee Days weekend in late June. Ash Creek and Kanaranzi will team up to celebrate at the Palace, since those towns don’t have their own public gathering spaces.

Other towns are making their arrangements and will firm up dates and details Monday night at the Rock County 150th Committee meeting where other anniversary plans will be discussed.

For more anniversary information, visit www.rock-countyhistorical.com.



KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

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‘Paws for Cause’ at ‘Howling Dog’ features ‘Yappy Hour’ on March 21

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” Paul McCartney further said, “You can judge a man’s true character by the way he treats his fellow animals.”

If this is true, it’s safe to say we have a great community blessed by people of solid character, given the outpouring of support for the upcoming “Paws for a Cause” event.

Anyone who knows Beth Capistran in Luverne knows about her passion for saving troubled animals and matching them with forever homes. It’s a taxing job that’s never done.

As soon as one pet is on its way to “happily ever after,” another one shows up forlorn ... and often injured or sick.

... which means some don’t have happy endings.

Sometimes Beth and her small army of volunteers pour their hearts and souls (and money) into nursing an animal to health only to see it perish. It’s heartbreaking.

And it’s expensive.

Last year the organization racked up more than \$115,000 in veterinary bills. That’s why they’re asking for donations to keep their efforts afloat.

They’re planning a great fundraising event at the Howling Dog Saloon in Luverne on March 21. In addition to staging it at “The Dog,” and naming it “Paws for a Cause,” the creative planners have all kinds of other fun references to pets ... like “Yappy Hour” at 5 p.m.

Tracy Area Animal Rescue (which Beth and her helpers are affiliated with) has paired dozens of humans with pets, each match with its own endearing and inspiring story.

I should know.

We adopted our beloved dog, Chance, through TAAR and our local matchmaker, Beth.

Chance is a Lab-Pyrenees mix whose face looks like a yellow Lab and whose bushy tail is curled like a Pyrenees.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor



Chance came to us three years ago as a 3-year-old Lab-Pyrenees mix whose family had surrendered him. We now can’t imagine our lives without him.

He came to us as a 3-year-old housedog whose family had surrendered him. We don’t know much about his circumstances, but we see their loss as our gain. He’s beautiful, well behaved and well mannered ... and now ours.

We can’t imagine our lives without him, and we’re grateful to TAAR and its volunteers for bringing us — and all the other matches — together.

They assisted 305 animals in 2019 and arranged adoptions for 255 of them.

Let’s help them out on March 21 at Howling Dog in Luverne. The Hills band, Six Mile Road, will provide live music, the silent auction is from 5 to 9 p.m. and there will be food and pet merchandise for sale.

See the TAAR Facebook page for details and the list of really great auction items. See you at “Yappy Hour.”

Want to know what makes us special?

Attend the March 20 gala for an inside look

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Jane Wildung Lanphere, Luverne Area Chamber director

Luverne and Rock County are unlike 95 percent of the small towns in America. While tens of thousands of small communities see businesses closing and people moving away, we are at the brink of what can be the most exciting growth in decades.

I remember in the early 1960s when Mid-Pack came to town. That plant was the “spark-plug” for community growth in both the residential and business sector. About 30 years later we witnessed the same type of revitalization when the Minnesota Veterans Home opened.

Now, within a few months we will see Premium Minnesota Pork open its doors. Businesses and services that support PMP will have the opportunity to expand, and more than 300 employees will drive the demand for housing and residential services.

Even if many employees commute here to work, they will still need food, gas and other auxiliary services and products. Large employers are the spark plug of many auxiliary businesses and services.

Premium Minnesota Pork isn’t the only bright spot driving changes in our future; there are many other factors that combine to make a big difference.

Think about the great broadband access Alliance has brought to Rock County — in areas that were previously not served or underserved. This offers the opportunity for telecommuting and the development of every location in Rock County.

Rock County is also poised to see massive investments in solar and

wind energy in our county footprint. More than 400 construction workers will most likely start working on those two projects within the next year.

The Luverne School remodeling and construction project will certainly make the district more attractive for families looking for a great education in a great facility. Just think what that will do to draw new residents!

How about the state-of-the-art Minnesota National Guard Armory slated to begin construction in a couple of years? What will a facility like that, with available community space, do to draw residents and visitors, to strengthen the local economy?

Think about the construction of two new campgrounds in and around Luverne. Imagine the visitor traffic those recreational facilities will draw.

And then there is the Luverne LOOP, where half of the last third of the LOOP is scheduled to be completed this summer/fall. What a great amenity for residents and wonderful recreational opportunity for visitors!

How about Blue Mounds State Park? Just think—potable water for the first time in sixty years, bison buggy tours and now a new nature, recreation area in the reclaimed Lower

Lake. Traffic at the park is destined to grow by thousands!

Think about the businesses in Luverne that are growing. Businesses like Midwest Dry Cast, Midwest Fire, GEVO and Hills Stainless Steel are bringing cutting edge technology, driving the growth of their businesses.

Then there is the railroad, with the Rail Authority and rail operator Ellis and Eastern cooperatively working toward improving the tracks built in 1905 to meet the current standards of rail cars. Just think about the short-line bridging rail service between the Burlington Northern and Union Pacific. Think how that can grow our local economy.

These are just a few of the things happening ... and there is more.

So, what should you do to help? Hear from people making these investments. Knowledge is power, and if you want to have power to make a difference, learn about what is and will be happening.

Make your reservation to attend the LIFT and Chamber Annual Gala and Community Report on March 20 (see the related story on page 1). You will leave the event “awestruck” at what our future can be ... if we work at it together.



‘Spring ahead’ brings about smelly migration of skunks

It’s been five days since the “spring ahead” time change, and I am now just starting to adjust. Not sure why, but I struggle with the loss of an hour. Maybe it’s because I am a morning person and the added hour of darkness in the morning messes with me.

That said, the good certainly outweighs the bad with the time change. The past weekend reaffirms that warmer days are coming.

I saw my first robin over the weekend. Motorcycles and side-by-sides are on the roads again.

I know it’s only mid March and there is a better-than-even chance the ground will be white at least one more time before we can put the snow



FOR WHAT’S IT WORTH

By Rick Peterson,
Tollefson Publishing general manager

blower away for the year.

That said, there is a light at the end of the winter tunnel. Even tulips seem to be chomping at the bit a little early, popping out of the ground.

Unfortunately the skunks seem

to be enjoying the earlier-than-normal warmer weather. Usually there are two signs of early skunk movement. On more than a couple of occasions this year, the night air has been a little offensive. Second,

you may have noticed the words of Loudon Wainwright III’s famous song, “Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road” a lot more than in years past.

On the flip side of the offensive odor ledger is the very pleasant smell of backyard barbecues being fired up for the first time this year.

We are due for a nice spring for a change. For the past few years spring has been less than stellar.

The first day of spring is just a week away, so I hope your first day of spring is skunk-free, filled with numerous robin sightings, and enjoying a backyard barbecue with that extra hour of daylight at the end of the day.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 28

- Complainant on County Road 3 and 161st Street, Ken-neth, reported an abandoned vehicle.
- A disorderly subject was reported at location on N. Kniss Street.
- Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a civil issue.

Feb. 29

- Complainant requested to speak with deputy.
- ComplainantonN.Spring Street reported possible drug use.
- Driving complaint was reported at location on Don-aldson and Warren.

March 1

- Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a man with a weapon.
- Assistance from another department was requested at location on Kniss and Craw-ford.

March 2

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported her license plate was stolen.
- ComplainantonS. Broad-wayStreet, Magnolia, reported an attempted burglary.
- Business on S. Kniss Av-enue reported a counterfeit \$20 bill.
- Complainant at business on S. Kniss Avenue reported subject checked out and want-ed to go back in the room.
- Complainantrequested a DOT breath test.
- Complainant on Main Street, Hills, reported her car was hit.
- Complainant onW. Main Street reported vandalism.
- ComplainantonE. Brown Street requested help getting her father on the bus.
- ComplainantonN. Kniss Avenue had questions about her son's drug use.
- Deputies were out on a warrant check in W. Mead Court.
- Complainant on 41st Street, Steen, reported a scam.

March 3

- Complainant on High-way 75 reported vehicle fol-lowing crossing over fog and center line.
- Complainant on Sun-shine Avenue reported vehi-cleatlocationwithdooropen.
- Complainant on N. Ce-dar Street reported someone hit their car.
- Complainant reported DOC violation.
- ComplainantonCottage Grove reported they found a Ziploc bag of cords.
- Deputies conducted a warrant check on S. Kniss Avenue.

March 4

- Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported sus-picious activity.
- Complainant on W. Bishop Street executed a search warrant.
- Complainant on Chris-tiansen Drive reported suspi-cious activity.
- Complainantrequested assistance from another de-partment.
- ComplainantonCounty Road 11 and 61st Street re-ported garbage in ditch.

March 5

- Deputy reported open garage door onN. EsteyStreet.
- Theft was reported at location on S. Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant on High-way23, mile marker8, Beaver Creek, reported vehicle for aggressive driving.

March 6

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a trespasser.

In addition, officers re-sponded to 1 follow-up, 7 transports, 9 escorts, 20 ambulance runs, 4 paper ser-vices, 4 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 21 burn permits, 1 impound vehicle, 1 background check, 12 pur-chase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 28 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests and 2 welfare checks.

USDA to open sign-up March 16 for CRP Grasslands program

Farmers and ranchers may apply to enroll grasslands in the Conservation Reserve Pro-gram (CRP) Grasslands sign-up beginning March 16. The sign-up runs through May 15.

“Through this CRP Grass-lands sign-up, farmers and ranchers can protect grass-lands, rangelands and pastures, while maintaining the land as working grazing lands,” said State Executive Director Joe Martin.

“The program emphasizes support for grazing operations and plant and animal biodi-versity, while protecting land under the greatest threat of conversion or development.”

Through CRP Grasslands, participants retain the right to conduct common graz-ing practices, such as haying, mowing or harvesting seed from the enrolled land. Tim-ing of some activities may be restricted by the primary nest-

ing season of birds.

Participants will receive an annual rental payment and may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for estab-lishing approved conserva-tion practices. The duration of the CRP contract is either 10 or 15 years. FSA will rank applications using a number of factors including existence of expiring CRP land, threat of conversion or development, existing grassland, and pre-dominance of native species cover, and cost.

The 2018 Farm Bill set aside 2 million acres for CRP Grassland enrollment. CRP is one of the largest conserva-tion programs at USDA. CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020 with 22 million acres currently enrolled.

For more information or to enroll in CRP Grasslands, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Unofficial Results Tuesday, March 3, 2020			Results Home « Previous Page		
Precincts Reporting in County: 100% 24 of 24		Last Updated: 03/04/20 1:02 PM		Voters Registered at 7AM : 5090	
Results in Rock County					
U.S. Presidential Nominee		4110 precincts in contest. 24 of 24 precincts reported in County.			
Republican	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph	
	Donald J. Trump	635	98.91%		
	Write-In	7	1.09%		
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph	
	Deval Patrick	0	0.00%		
	Tom Steyer	3	0.52%		
	Pete Buttigieg	22	3.81%		
	Amy Klobuchar	134	23.22%		
	Julían Castro	1	0.17%		
	John K. Delaney	0	0.00%		
	Marianne Williamson	0	0.00%		
	Bernie Sanders	102	17.68%		
	Andrew Yang	0	0.00%		
	Elizabeth Warren	40	6.93%		
	Tulsi Gabbard	6	1.04%		
	Michael R. Bloomberg	42	7.28%		
	Joseph Biden	223	38.65%		
	Uncommitted	3	0.52%		
	Cory Booker	1	0.17%		
Michael Bennet	0	0.00%			

The Minnesota Secretary of State shows the breakdown of Rock County voters who cast ballots on the DFL ticket.

Primary experience boosts voter participation; uncovers flaws in early ballot system

By Lori Sorenson

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon applauded the 21-per-cent statewide voter turnout in the 2020 presidential nomination primary.

“We hadn’t held a binding primary like this since 1956, and so there was no real way to predict how voters would turn out,” he said, adding that 885,000 primary voters represent a 177-percent increase compared to 2016 caucuses.

“I am thrilled that Minnesotans turned out in these numbers for our new presidential primary. The purpose of this new election was to swing the doors wide open to more participation, and yesterday we saw just that.”

In Rock County more than 24 percent of registered voters partici-pated last week, compared to 17.73 percent in the 2016 presidential pri-mary election and 7.8 percent in the 2012 primary.

“It was hard to know what to expect as this was a new type of elec-tion I have never administered before,” said Rock County Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz.

“I think in the back of my mind, I was expecting it to be a similar turnout to a primary election, so the fact that it exceeded that was great.”

She said mail ballot voters led participation rates with 38.52 percent of potential mail voters returning bal-lots, and 14.98 percent of poll voters showing up March 3.

In a primary election, voters must choose which party to participate in. Of Rock County’s 1,207 primary ballots, 640 were GOP ballots (all but seven were for Trump), and 567 voters participated on the DFL side.

The secretary of state primary results showed Rock County DFL voters cast 223 ballots (38.65 percent) for Joe Biden, 134 for Amy Klobuchar (23.22 percent), 102 for Bernie Sand-ers (17.68 percent), 42 for Michael Bloomberg (7.28) and 40 for Elizabeth Warren (6.93).

In Rock County Kurtz broke down

MAIL BALLOT	
Republican	
Donald Trump	99.40%
Write-In	0.60%
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	
Amy Klobuchar	44.66%
Joe Biden	20.95%
Michael R. Bloomberg	9.88%
Pete Buttigieg	8.70%
Bernie Sanders	8.30%
Elizabeth Warren	3.16%
Tulsi Gabbard	1.97%
Tom Steyer	1.19%
Uncommitted	1.19%
POLLING PLACE	
Republican	
Donald Trump	97.18%
Write-In	2.82%
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	
Joe Biden	52.47%
Bernie Sanders	25.00%
Elizabeth Warren	9.88%
Amy Klobuchar	6.48%
Michael R. Bloomberg	5.24%
Tulsi Gabbard	0.31%
Julian Castro	0.31%
Cory Booker	0.31%

Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz provided data that shows mail bal-lots yielded better voter turn-out.

the 690 mail (and absentee) ballots and 517 polling place ballots to show 44.66 percent of mail voters chose Klobuchar, who dropped out of the race one day before the March 3 Minnesota primary and threw her support toward Biden who garnered 20.95 percent of the DFL mail ballots.

Voters who showed up at polling place in Rock County (a day after Klobuchar dropped out) subsequently supported Biden 52.47 percent and Sanders 25 per-cent.

While early voting and mail ballot voting is proven to boost voter turnout, election officials recognize that candidates do drop out, and voters can’t change their ballots once the deadline passes seven days ahead of Election Day.



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Cardinal Boys Hockey vs. Luverne Fire Department

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Mavis Fodness photos/0312 Library Telescope

Sixth-grader Traytan Sayavong of Luverne thumbs through the constellation handbook included with the telescope currently available to check out at the Rock County Library.

New Rock County Library item encourages patrons to get outside

By Mavis Fodness

The local library is encouraging patrons to go outside.

Recently the Rock County Library added a telescope to its checkout items, thanks to the support of the local Friends of the Library group.

"It's a great opportunity for youth and adults in our community to have free access to a telescope, as it normally isn't something most people are able to purchase on their own," said Kristi Groth, a Friends of the Library (FOL) member.

Library director Calla Jarvie attended a recent conference where a telescope was available in its lending library and advocated to expand beyond books, DVDs and audiobooks.

The FOL group supported purchasing the telescope.

In addition, the FOL group added a stars/constellation backpack that could pair with the checkout of the telescope.

Inside the backpack are books and other materials for a self-guided lesson about how stars group together to form constellations.

The Orion Starblast reflector telescope is designed for beginning and intermediate astronomy enthusiasts and includes instruction booklets.

With the checkout of the backpack, patrons are able to enter the Blue Mounds State Park north of Luverne free of charge.



At left: An Orion StarBlast telescope, purchased by the local Friends of the Library group, is currently available for a two-week checkout at the Rock County Library.

Below: The telescope available at the Rock County Library comes packed in a large garbage can that may not fit easily in a passenger vehicle.



Transportation of the telescope is in a large plastic trashcan, which may not easily fit in a car, said assistant library director Barb Verhey.

Groth indicated the FOL group was interested in partnering with other organizations to showcase the telescope at a future public event.

"Having the telescope and nature-related backpacks available at our library encourages families to spend more time outside exploring nature together," she said.

Other backpack subjects include ponds, nature trail, trees, flowers and birds.

FOL used proceeds from memberships and the annual book sale. Their goal is to enhance the material collections at the library and support program offerings.

"(It's) all in an effort to enrich our community," Groth said.

This spring the library will add a metal detector to its lending library.

As with the checkout of Wi-Fi hotspots, the telescope is free to library patrons for two weeks. However, a \$25-per-day late fee is assessed if the telescope is not returned by the due date.

LHS speech brings home third-place trophy

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School speech team traveled to Montevideo Saturday, March 7, for the Thunder Hawk Speech Invitational.

The Cardinals brought home a third-place trophy.

There were 13 schools and 108 competitors at the event.

Several LHS speech team members earned individual awards at the invitational as follows:

- Creative expression: Meagan Hansen, fourth.
- Drama: Zoe Perkins, red ribbon.
- Duo interpretation: Destiny and Chase Matthiesen, sixth.
- Extemporaneous reading:

Nicole Hoogland, third; Reka Meinerts, fifth.

•Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, second.

•Great speeches: Rylee Anderson, third.

•Humorous interpretation: Gunnar Oldre, second; Seno Chanthalangsy, third; Luke Thorson, blue ribbon.

•Poetry: Hailey Boll, red ribbon.

•Prose: Josie Golla, third.

•Storytelling: Roselynn Hartshorn, second; Xavier Carbonneau, third.

The team's next competition is March 19 for the Big South Conference Tournament in Marshall.

H-BC Elementary Walk-a-thon raises \$6,300

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization's first Walk-a-thon raised more than \$6,300 for various education activities.

The kindergarten through fifth-grade students walked 346,698 steps around the elementary gymnasium on Feb. 21.

Students collected pledges from Feb. 12-20 and earned points to be used at the school's Patriot Pride Store. The online pledges were accepted through Feb. 29.

The kindergarten class, for raising the most dollars, and the fifth-grade class, for walking the most steps, earned group fundraising rewards of Patriot Pride points.

Individual fundraising

awards were given to kindergartners Remington Seachris and Raylan Leuthold, first-grader Fox Busswitz, second-grader Nora Tatge, third-grader Malachi Bush, fourth-graders Sage DeBoer and Karson Metzger and fifth-grader Hunter Leenders.

"As a thank you, the PTO wants to provide treats for all the students," said Walk-a-thon organizer Lexi Moore.

Money raised will be used to support indoor recess activities, classroom supplies for teachers, quiz bowl, Art Night, multiplication sundaes, sixth-grade field trip, Fall Festival inflatables and prizes for the Patriot Pride Store.

Another walk-a-thon is planned for the 2020-2021 school year.

H-BC choir to perform on stage with Foreigner next week

By Mavis Fodness

Next week Hills-Beaver Creek High School choral students will sing on stage with multi-platinum-selling rock group Foreigner.

They will join band members on stage to sing the chorus to their No. 1 hit "I Want to Know What Love Is."

"They were so excited," said director Amy Comp. "Foreigner is a cool band that they listen to, and they wanted the opportunity to sing on stage with them."

The H-BC choir was chosen March 5 from an audition video the group completed for a contest in late February.

The contest was sponsored by B102.7 in Sioux Falls and was helping the band search for an area middle or high school choir to join the group on stage.

"I heard about the contest from a parent who had heard about it on the radio," Comp said. "We practiced a few minutes a day ... then made a video-recording of our audition and sent it in."

The concert will be March 19 at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

A March 5 email to the Comp announced that the H-BC students won the contest.

"I was absolutely ecstatic," she said. "I couldn't stop smiling the rest of the day."

Students singing with Foreigner include Allie LaRock, Bryn Mongeau, Cole Rozeboom, Michaela Abels, Britton McKenzie, Leif Tollefson, Lexi Drake, Eli Taubert, Tara Paulson, Tahilya Kruger, Madison Gaugler, Mazzi Moore and Jaci Stubbe.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, March 16: Chicken wild rice casserole, winter blend vegetables, pears, bread, poke cake.

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

Tuesday, March 17: Beef lasagna, spinach salad, strawberry applesauce, breadstick, St. Patrick's Day dessert.

Program: St. Patrick's Day. Wear your GREEN. Half-Price Day sponsored by Minnwest Bank. BP checks at 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. Roxie Travel Talk.

Wednesday, March 18: Cubed beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, fruit.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 12:30 p.m. Site Council.

Thursday, March 19: Ham with raisin sauce, scal-

loped potatoes, squash, dinner roll, bar.

3-4 p.m. NAPS food giveaway. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Food giveaway.

Friday, March 20: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, mashed potatoes, bread, cheesecake.

9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church. Birthday party with kitchen band.

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

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

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.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2000)

•An Adrian senior became the school's ninth state champion during the Minnesota State Class AA Individual Wrestling Tournament staged at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul March 3-6. Stephen Loosbrock entered the event ranked second at 171 pounds in Class AA.

After winning four straight decisions, including three against ranked wrestlers, it was Loosbrock who was celebrating the 171-pound championship at tournament's end.

Loosbrock ends the season with a 46-2 record. "It was pretty fun," said Loosbrock, when summing up his four-day experience.

"Coming into the season, I knew I could place if I got back to the state tournament (he was 0-1 at the state class last year). Winning at state was something I didn't think a lot about."

25 years ago (1995)

•Two Luverne men survived a serious snowmobile accident last week with relatively minor injuries.

According to information from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, two snowmobilers collided at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. The accident occurred east of the Blue Mounds State Park in the ditch along County Road 8.

Injured in the accident were Matthew Curtis Smook, 19, Magnolia, and Alan Lee Hinz, 27, of Luverne. ...

Though the snowmobilers were completely ruined, the two escaped major injuries.

Hinz's injuries consisted of minor sprains and bruises and a broken left wrist. Smook was sent on to Sioux Valley Hospital with a fractured skull above his left eye and a chipped front tooth.

50 years ago (1970)

•A somewhat different trend in the ever-rising tax picture in the nation was indicated by Rock county's townships Tuesday

when four of the 12 voted to reduce their levies for 1971. Eight held the line, and voted to leave their levies the same. Only two increased their levies. Overall, the townships levied \$129,500 to operate their governments and maintain their roads in 1971. This is down from the \$137,000 they levied for this year, and up from the \$109,000 levied for 1969.

Tuesday was annual meeting and election day in the townships, and for the most part, only the usual handful of men was on hand to do the voting. The exceptions were in Kanaranzi, Springwater and Clinton townships.

75 years ago (1945)

•Superintendent of Schools M. C. Munson, and all members of the faculty of the Luverne high and grade schools, have been reelected by the board of education.

Mr. Munson was re-elected last evening, but his salary had not been fixed by the board at the time the Star-Herald went to press.

Due to increased living costs, other faculty members were given increases of \$100 per year above the regular schedule of increases which in years past has been \$100 for men and \$50 for ladies. This year, men received increases of \$200 per month, while the ladies received \$150 more than they did during a year ago.

100 years ago (1920)

•The present week is proving a most opportune time for the people of Luverne to observe the need of and advantages that will accrue from having properly installed storm sewer systems.

When the storm sewer project came up for consideration last summer quite a number of taxpayers felt that the sewers were not a necessity, and that the city should get along with its present drainage system. The bond issue of \$24,000 for this purpose, however, carried by a big majority.

This spring, like practically every other spring, most near-surface drainage outlets were filled with ice, before the heavy snow fall last week.



Surprise performance at the Carnegie Cultural Center

Local music fans were treated to a surprise concert Sunday evening by the University of Sioux Falls wind ensemble, which performed at the Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne as part of a weekend tour. “They asked us if they could do a concert, and we didn’t have much notice to publicize it,” said Janine Papik of Luverne Street Music, which leases the Carnegie building. “But it was just beautiful. It was just so fun to see them dressed in tuxedos and all black.” She said Luverne Elementary music teacher Morgan Smith invited the group to perform in the Carnegie when she learned they were looking for a stop on the return leg of a concert tour that took them to Minneapolis Friday. Smith is a USF graduate and former member of the school’s student wind ensemble. She is also a voice instructor at Luverne Street Music.”

OBITUARIES

Gary Petersen

Gary Harold Petersen, 72, of North Mankato, Minnesota, died from acute myeloid leukemia on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, surrounded by his loving wife and family.



Gary was born July 14, 1947, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Kurt and Dorothy (Kemerling) Petersen. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1965 and Valparaiso University in 1969. After graduation he joined the Peace Corps and served in Kenya from 1969 to 1971. Upon his return to the States, Gary entered Valparaiso University School of Law, graduating in 1974.

On May 18, 1974, Gary was joined in marriage to Elizabeth Hunsberger. That summer they moved to Ashland, Oregon, where Gary practiced law with Jackson County Legal Services in Medford, Oregon, and later maintained a private practice there.

In 1978 Gary and Elizabeth welcomed their son Andrew and in 1982 their son Michael.

In 1983 Gary joined the law firm of Williams and Jackson in Boston and later joined Sentry Insurance as an insurance litigator.

In 1990 the family moved to Luverne, Minnesota, Gary’s home town. For the three months while he and Elizabeth looked for employment, they lived with Gary’s parents on their family farm. Later that year, Gary was employed with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services in Worthington, Minnesota, first as a staff lawyer and then as the Director of the Family Farm Law Project, serving 33 counties in southern Minnesota. In 2003 they moved to North Mankato, Minnesota, where Gary continued in that position at the Mankato office. In 2013 Gary retired from the practice of law. Upon retirement, Gary

and Elizabeth enjoyed two month-long trips to France, Spain, Italy, Austria and Croatia. In Germany they picked up his brand-new Audi A5. Most recently they enjoyed a trip to Alaska. In addition, they spent several months each year in Sarasota, Florida. Gary loved to play tennis and bridge,

garden, go fishing and boating with the family, and bike and play backgammon with Elizabeth. His greatest joy was to spend time with his three grandchildren. An avid reader of history and environmental issues, Gary also delighted in Carl Hiaasen and John Grisham novels, as well as his 40-year collection of National Geographic magazines. He is remembered as a kind, generous, and gentle man of integrity and quiet reflection.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Elizabeth; his sons Andrew and wife Christina, and Michael and wife Erin, as well as his cherished grandchildren, Hazel, Ivy, and Jasper; his mother, Dorothy Petersen, Luverne; brothers Bruce (Karen), Mark, Kevin (Martha), Lyle, Daniel (Dawn), Brad (Amy) and sisters Kate (John) Thomas and Ellie (Bryce) Oldre.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Kurt Petersen.

A celebration of life will be held on March 21 at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne, Minnesota, at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are preferred to the Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund in Montgomery, Alabama, (donate.splcenter.org), the Nature Conservancy (support.nature.org—memorial donation) or Dollars for Scholars in Luverne for a memorial scholarship in Gary’s name (PO Box 822, Luverne, MN 56156).

(0312 V)

Carol Sels

Carol Ann Sels, 80, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, March 5, 2020, at the Dougherty House in Sioux Falls.



A funeral service was Wednesday, March 11, at Heartland Funeral Home in Brandon, South Dakota. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Carol Kasemodel was born on Nov. 28, 1939, to Herman and Marie (Schmuck) Kasemodel in Beaver Creek. She attended a one-room school in Beaver Creek and graduated from Luverne High School.

Carol married Derrick Sels on Feb. 22, 1959, and they made their home in Sioux Falls. Derrick died in December of 1990 after a battle with cancer.

Carol worked for United Parcel Services (UPS) and retired in April of 2001. She was then able to spend more time in her vegetable garden and enjoyed canning vegetables. She liked spending time outside and loved watching the cardinals, orioles, finches and hummingbirds. She could always be found in the yard mowing the lawn, even in her later years.

Carol was a hard worker. She cherished her family and enjoyed their visits.

Carol is survived by her two daughters, Diane Meyer, Sioux Falls, and Audra Heidelberger (Mike Newman) Lennox, South Dakota; three grandchildren, Shannon (Tony) Keltens, Worthing, South Dakota, Victoria Meyer, Sioux Falls, and Derrick Heidelberger, Yankton, South Dakota; four great-grandchildren, Alivia, Kenley, Keira and Devon; a sister, Lucille Gangestad, Hills; brothers Robert Kasemodel, Escanaba, Michigan, and Albert “Gene” (Marge) Kasemodel, Renner, South Dakota; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Derrick; her parents; and seven siblings, Bernice Falcosky, Leona Wallenberg, Alvin Kasemodel, Marvin Kasemodel, Marvella Beck, Delmar Kasemodel, and Joyce Espitee.

Arrangements were provided by Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon, South Dakota. heartlandfunerals.com.

(0312 F)

Shirley Christianson

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

A memorial service was Thursday, March 5, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Shirley Ehrmann was born on March 24, 1930, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Johann and Fannie (Bretzke) Ehrmann. She was baptized and confirmed at the First Methodist Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She attended school in Aberdeen where she graduated with the class of 1948. She then attended Northern State College and the University of South Dakota where she earned an associate’s degree in elementary education.

On March 24, 1951, she married Richard Christianson at the First Methodist Church in Aberdeen. The couple lived wherever Richard’s banking career brought them including Aberdeen, Groton, South Dakota, and Mobridge, South Dakota. In 1965 Richard accepted a position in Luverne. Shirley loved being a mother and homemaker to their four children and volunteering at church and in the community.



Richard preceded her in death in 2008, and Shirley continued to reside at their home in Luverne.

Shirley was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne where she served on the Board of Trustees as an elder, Sunday school teacher, children’s choir director and member of the Mary Circle. Shirley was a past Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star, a member of P.E.O. and served as president of Beta Sigma Phi. She loved to play cards with her friends, especially gathering together for a game of bridge. She enjoyed traveling and took many wonderful vacations with her husband and friends.

Shirley is survived by her children, Rebecca (Randy) Boeve of Slayton, Cynthia (Steve) Connell of Orange City, Iowa, Richard (Donna) Christianson of Longville, and David (Kim) Christianson of Rosemount; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; her sister, Barbara (Richard) McNellis of Bountiful, Utah; and other family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; and her parents.

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

(0305 F)

Horton Staeffler

Horton Staeffler, 93, Gladbrook, Iowa, died Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Creekside Living in Grundy Center, Iowa.

A funeral service was Monday, March 9, at the Gladbrook United Methodist Church in Gladbrook. Interment followed the service in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa.

Horton Staeffler was born June 2, 1926, to Robert and Erne Staeffler. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, achieving the rank of sergeant.

Horton married Milda Nath on July 28, 1957, in Rock Rapids, Iowa. They lived in Luverne, until they moved to California in 1960. After retiring in California, Horton and Millie moved to Gladbrook. Horton was a milkman for Foremost Milk and a driver for Hamm’s Beer in Luverne. After moving to California, Horton worked for Kimberly-Clark AW Factory and retired as a carpenter, specializing in installing custom doors and thresholds. Horton enjoyed working part time for the city of Gladbrook and also as a driver for Napa Auto.

Horton was active in the Elks, in Orange, California, and the American



Legion in Gladbrook, and enjoyed bartending at both. Some of his favorite pastimes were dancing with Millie, coaching Little League baseball, playing cards with family, horseshoes, and bowling. Horton “Who” enjoyed socializing and was known for his quick wit, great sense of humor, and big smile.

Horton is survived by his stepdaughter, Sharon (Tom) Burke; daughters Cynthia Blaine and Barbara (Bill) Basabilbaso; nine grandchildren, Garth (Allie) Werner, Randy (Sheila) Lovin, Kristin Werner, Joseph (Maggie) Werner, Susan (Zach) Goldstein, Duane (Haley) Blaine, Laurel (Alaan) VanDerVeer, Christopher (Jennie) Basabilbaso, Nicholas (Kristina) Basabilbaso; eight great-grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Milda (Millie); his stepdaughter, Laurel Werner; his parents and siblings; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were provided by the Gladbrook Chapel of Anderson Funeral Homes in Marshalltown, Iowa. www.andersonfhs.com.

(0312 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Harold Ralfs

Harold G. “Harry” Ralfs, 92, Canton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Sanford Canton-Inwood Hospital.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Anderson Funeral Home in Canton. Visitation will begin at noon Saturday.

Arrangements are provided by Anderson Funeral Home of Canton, andersonandsonsfh.com.

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LHS Mock Trial ends season in 10th place at state competition

By Mavis Fodness

A 1-2 performance at the 2020 Minnesota State Mock Trial State Tournament March 5-6 put Luverne High School in 10th place among the 16 teams in the contest.

It was similar to last year's season when LHS placed 11th in 2018, the first year of the expanded 16-team format.

"Mock trial is a one-class tournament, so we face schools of all sizes," said third-year LHS coach Jason Berghorst. "The kids feel good about being competitive with much larger schools and a possible state champ."

The Ramsey County Courthouse hosted the state meet in downtown St. Paul.

Team pairings are randomly drawn shortly before each round.

LHS faced returning state champion Apple Valley when the prosecution team opened the first of two rounds on Thursday, March 5.

Judges gave the win to the Apple Valley defense by 11 points.

LHS defense took the stand in Round 2 Thursday night and won by 11 points over the Eden Prairie prosecution.

In the final round Friday morning, LHS defense lost by three points to Lakeville North prosecution.

Tournament champion was Nova Classical Academy of St. Paul.

"It is great to see that we could be competitive against these programs and even defeat a team from a school as large as Eden Prairie," Berghorst said.

Individually, seniors Alexa Chesley and Jordan Winter were named All-State attorney and witness respectively, based on their state tournament performances.

They were honored at the awards ceremony Friday in the Intercontinental Hotel in St. Paul.

This is Winter's second consecutive All-State Witness award.

In this year's case of the State of Minnesota vs. Sam Soto, Winter portrayed Morgan Holloway, an addiction medicine physician and witness for the defense.

Chesley is one of three defense attorneys with senior Sophia Lanoue and junior John Miller.

Prosecution attorneys are senior Gunnar Oldre and juniors Kaitlyn Anderson and Lauren Ver Steeg.

Junior Seno Chanthalangsy por-



Mavis Fodness photos/0312 Mock Trial 2020 State Pep Fest

Luverne High School athletic director Todd Oye (standing far left) watches as the school's mock trial team members introduce themselves to the middle and high school students. Mock trial team members (sitting from left) include Sophia Lanoue, Gunnar Oldre, Alexa Chesley, Jordan Winter, John Miller, Xavier Carbonneau, Solveig Tofteland, Seno Chanthalangsy, Kaitlyn Anderson, Lauren Ver Steeg, Griffen Jarchow, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Parker Carbonneau, Ross Bergman, Ella Lanoue, adviser Jason Berghorst and attorney coach Jeff Haubrich.



For the sixth consecutive year, Luverne High School has claimed the Region 4 championship title.



Senior Sophia Lanoue (left) talks about the 2020 mock trial season at the pep fest for the team's send-off to the state tournament March 4. Lanoue stands with fellow seniors (from left) Alexa Chesley, Gunnar Oldre and Jordan Winter.

trays Sam Soto, who is charged with third-degree murder for supplying opioids to a friend and co-worker that led to his death.

Luke Thorson, a sophomore, is the third and final defense witness. He portrayed a friend of the deceased.

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

Lawyer alternates are sophomore Griffen Jarchow and freshman Parker Carbonneau. Witness

alternates are freshmen Ella Lanoue and Ross Bergman.

Also at Friday's awards ceremony LHS received their trophy as the 2020 Region 4 Champions, a feat the team has accomplished for six consecutive years.

First LHS robotics competition yields team 'Rookie' award

By Mavis Fodness

The first competition of the Luverne High School robotics team yielded a rookie team award and plenty of experience, according to coach Aaron Perkins.

Perkins, 17 students and three adult chaperones traveled to the Great Northern Regional 2020 FIRST Robotics Competition Feb. 26-29 in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The team named the "Mighty Morphing Banana Slugs" was one of 60 teams competing at the event.

They came away from the event with a 4-5-0 record and ranked 46th out of 60.

"The actual competition was rough to start," Perkins said. "We had a number of odd and rare technical issues that took some time to resolve. We eventually did resolve these issues and had a decent finish."

Judges recognized Luverne with the "Rookie Inspiration Award" for their team recruitment, outreach, commitment and understanding the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) mission.

"This award may help us move on to the Minnesota state competition," Perkins said.

In addition to the robotics competition, students learned about scholarship opportunities and made presentations about business and safety plans and engineering notebooks.

"It was a great experience, and I hope that the school and community will support this further," Perkins said.

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Life is like a difficult puzzle, you can try to solve it all, but there's always gonna be those missing pieces.



Above, Thirteen-year-old Mazzi Moore and her mom, Lexi, of Hills took first place in the 300-piece division of the afternoon session.

At right, Heather Roberts and her niece, Summer Mollberg, finished their puzzle in 34 minutes for a second-place finish Saturday. At left, Summer finds homes for remaining puzzle pieces in their entry.



Pieces fall into place for Generations first-ever Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament fundraiser

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

The dining room tables at Generations in Luverne were covered with brightly colored puzzle pieces Saturday for the Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament that involved 19 teams.

Thirteen-year-old Mazzi Moore and her mom, Lexi, of Hills took first place in the 300-piece division of the afternoon session.

They had their image of an Easter egg collage put together in 30 minutes — long before competitors had edge pieces intact.

Many wondered if the Moores practiced for the March 21 event.

"She's been practicing her whole life," Lexi said. "We love to fix puzzles ... ever since she was really little."

When they heard about the Generations Puzzle Tournament, they didn't hesitate to sign up. "We knew this is where we needed to be today," Moore said.

While they accepted their first-place prize

— a blooming spring plant and a puzzle, others around them continued in the competition for second place and third place.

Among them was Luverne native Charlotte (Green) Dammer, who now lives in Rushmore where the community booster club hosts puzzle tournament fundraisers.

"Puzzle tournaments are a thing," said Dammer, who was fixing a puzzle with her granddaughter, Kiley Dammer, in Luverne Saturday. "They've been really popular in the Cities."

Generations Vice President Renae Reu said they participated in the Rushmore tournament to bring back ideas for Luverne.

"Randy and Joyce from the Rushmore Booster Club Puzzle Organizers were very helpful in advising us and helping us choose the puzzles," Reu said.

"Jerry and I do puzzles all winter long so this is something we were interested in."

Ten teams competed Saturday morning in solo and two-person divisions with 500 and 300-piece puzzles.

Nine teams competed Saturday afternoon in a youth division for a team of two youths (grades 3-8), and a youth-adult division for a youth in eighth grade or younger paired with an adult of any age.

"We were pleased with the interest and sign-up and have been asked by contestants to do it again," Reu said. "We think Winterfest Saturday may be a good time doing a Christmas puzzle."

See the Generations Facebook page for winners in each of the divisions and their photographs.

The \$30 entry fees benefit the Generations building fund for a new facility that will be built on next-door property formerly owned by Terry and Mary Thone, who are moving the house.



Jerry and Teresa Reu organize their puzzle pieces by shapes and colors Saturday afternoon at Generations.



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At left are John Call and his Little Buddy Noah Petersen.



First-place puzzle tournament winner Mazzi Moore, Hills, accepts her prize — a puzzle and a blooming spring houseplant — from Corrine Bonnema.



At left, Jerry and Renae Reu's daughter, Sheila, and granddaughter, Celia, won third place in the 300-piece category with a time of 41 minutes.

It's always the
small pieces
that make the
big picture.

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Submitted photo
Seven Hills-Beaver Creek seventh- and eighth-grade students participated in the Celebration of Music Festival in Brandon, South Dakota, on March 4. Participants (from left) are Rebekah Swenson, Madison Gaugler, Bailey Spykerboer, Mazzi Moore, Jaci Stubbe, Sylvia Fick and Ashton Taubert.

H-BC students participate in Celebration of Music Festival

Seven Hills-Beaver Creek music students participated in the Celebration of Music Festival March 4 in Brandon, South Dakota. Students Bailey Spykerboer (playing flute) and Mazzi Moore (clarinet) were chosen for the seventh- and eighth-grade band. Rebecca Swenson, Sylvia Fick, Madison Gaugler, Jaci Stubbe and Ashton Taubert were selected for the grades seven and eight choir. Bob Goheen, former Brandon Valley High School instructor, was the band festival conductor. Lindsey Ussery with O’Gorman Junior High in Sioux Falls, was the festival chorus director. Students from 21 Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota schools participated in the festival.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

Computer breach, computer attack, phishing, online dangers, home security – learn from a bank security analyst at **Cyber Security—Educate Yourself Now!** on March 16. There are simple things you can do to protect yourself and your family. No fee (sponsored by Blandin Broadband Grant), but registrations required as class size is limited.

A new 10-week set of **ECFE classes** begins the week of March 17. These 90-minute classes offer an opportunity for parents to create memories with their children ages 0-5 with the staff and preschool rooms at school.

Beginning iPhones & iPads covers saving phone numbers, taking photos and saving them, FaceTime, downloading apps. Choose afternoon or evening time March 17 at the library. No fee (sponsored by Blandin Broadband Grant), but registration is required as class size is limited.

Pizza Pizza, Pizza on March 19 is for kids in grades 1-5 who want to learn how to make a pizza from the pros. Class will be at Luverne Pizza Ranch. Fee of \$15 covers pizza, pop, and an apron to take home.

Taco Fish Hand Building class teaches basics of working with clay on Mar. 21 and 28. Fee is \$25 plus pay \$5 material fee to instructor. (For grade 5 through adults.)

Home Alone will teach your child (grades 3-6) basic first aid, fire safety, internet safety, gun safety, storm safety, and about dealing with siblings, loneliness and boredom. Fee is \$25.

Think summer! Students in grades K-12 sign up by March 27 for **Summer Comm Ed softball, baseball, T-ball teams**. After March 27, registrations will be accepted only if there are openings, and a late fee of \$50 will be applied.

Library events

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

Rock County Trivia Night at Take 16, 7 p.m.. Thursday, March 12. *(Canceled)* **Book Versus Movie: A Winter Book/Film Club**, “Everything Everything” 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

(Canceled) **DIY Cassette Pencil Holder**, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26. **Trivia Night**, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Take 16.

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

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

1872: Beaver Creek becomes the third town to begin in Rock County

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 03-05 edition)

Beaver Creek

The third town to begin local government in Rock county was Beaver Creek.

There was quite a large immigration to this part of the county in 1872, including a colony from Wisconsin, and in the month of August of that year the settlers gathered in Eli Grout’s sod shanty to select a name and prepare a petition for the organization of the township.

There was quite a contest over the selection of a name, and many were proposed. James Comar proposed the name Beaver Creek, in honor



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

of the stream which flows through the township, and that was selected, a name which seemed to give entire satisfaction.

The petition was presented and on September 10, 1872, the board of county commissioners authorized its organization, with the boundaries it has ever since held.

On September 16 the commissioners named the following officers to conduct the first town meeting: E. T. Sheldon, chairman; C. R. Henton and A. H. Grout, supervisors; Eli Grout, clerk.

It is said that at the time

of organization there was not a frame house in the township, all living in sod shanties or covered wagons.

Following are the names of those to whom government land was granted:

Warren Howard (14), Charles Williams (28), Ira Crawford (29), Robert McDowell (9-17), William O. Crawford (20), Layton L. Hale (31), Nehemiah Marsden (2), Clarence E. Older (19), James Marshall (29-32), Leander L. Bergess (21), Lorenzo D. Vickers (2), Wallace Searles (2), Edmund T. Sheldon (22), James Comar (14), William E. Vary (12), Ben-

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Sunday, March 15: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran. Tuesday, March 17: 7 p.m. Council Meeting at First Lutheran. Wednesday, March 18: 7 p.m. Lenten Worship at First Lutheran.

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The church is smaller

A topic of great concern nowadays is the fact that the Christian church in the United States is declining in membership. According to "The Shrinking Church" article in the December 2012 issue of The Lutheran magazine, "Nearly every U.S. Christian denomination has seen membership declines in the past years, including Southern Baptists. ... Only Roman Catholics seem to be hanging on, which experts attribute to a growing Latino population."

Many reasons are given as to why the Christian church is getting smaller. For instance, our demography is changing. Traditional church-attending people marry later in life and have fewer children. A growing number of couples have no children at all. Another eye-opening observation was cited in this same article. "Eighteen to 35-year-olds aren't seeing church as really relevant to what they need to get done. They want meaning in their lives but don't necessarily see the church providing this."

We are all aware of several churches in our area that are barely hanging on as they experience elderly members die with no one to fill their places. Farms get bigger and the rural community gets smaller.

"Why don't people come to church?" we ask ourselves, church leaders, and pastors. A partial answer has to be because there are fewer people to attend church and some people simply don't see the church as meeting their needs. Many people claim to have a faith but don't feel a connection to the church. Nowadays too many other activities compete for people's



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ron Nichols, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

time and attention — and win!

What can be done to grow the church? It's a question that is often asked. I have heard people throughout our synod lay this question firmly on the doorstep of leaders and pastors. "If only we do more, they will come," is a comment often made. "Change worship times and get more programs," is also a comment I've heard more than once.

Where do we begin in an attempt to call people home to church? This has to begin with us individually. We must ask ourselves, "Do we really love God and our neighbor as ourselves?" Do our churches and communities of faith "care for the least of these and love our enemies?" These questions have to be front and center of any further conversation about what we need to do to grow the Church.

Soon we will celebrate Easter. Our sanctuaries will be full. Members and visitors will gather to celebrate our greatest gift of salvation in our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

But will these visitors and infrequent to worship members experience Jesus in us? Will they leave feeling they are always welcome and dearly missed? It's a popular question nowadays, "Why aren't people coming to church?" I believe that even before we attempt to answer this question, we must ask ourselves a few questions. "Do I really love God and my neighbor as myself?" "Is this evident in my life?"

Then, and only then, can we really begin to grow the church of Jesus Christ.

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WHS spoils Luverne's appearance in title tilt

*Last-second shot by Letcher lifts
Eagles to 54-52 victory over Cardinals*

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne's first appearance in a postseason championship game in 40 years ended with a heart-breaking loss March 3 in Worthington.

Luverne, the No. 1 seed in the South Section 3A Girls' Basketball Tournament, combined efforts with No. 2 Windom to put on a spectacular show in the championship game.

The game featured the Cardinals erasing a seven-point halftime deficit to take a one-point lead in the final two minutes of play.

Windom, however, rose to the challenge.

Eagle junior Allison Lechter hit a buzzer-beating shot to cap a game-high 19-point performance and give the Eagles a 54-52 victory.

The loss ends Luverne's 19-10 season, which matches a program record of 19 wins in a single season established by the 1996-97 team.

The Cardinals gave themselves a chance to win their 20th game of the season with a gutsy performance in the second half.

Trailing 30-23 at the intermission, Luverne scored the first six points of the second stanza to trail by one (30-29) when Emma Beyer drained one free throw at the 13:59 mark.

Windom countered with an 8-3 surge to sport a 38-32 ad-

vantage with 9:06 left to play, but the Cardinals didn't waver.

LHS trimmed the difference to three points at two different occasions and trailed by one (43-42) when Brooklynn Ver Steeg buried a pair of free throws with 5:39 remaining.

Luverne senior Mallory Thorson knotted the score at 45 by sinking a pair of charity shots with 4:49 left on the clock before giving the Cards their lone lead of the night by making a savvy play at the 1:59 mark.

Trailing by one point, LHS was facing an in-bounding situation under the basket on Windom's defensive side of the court.

Thorson was in charge of inbounding the ball, and she stunned the crowd by bouncing the ball off the back of a Windom player facing the other direction, picking up the ball with her feet in bounds and converting a layup to give the Cards a 48-47 edge.

Windom scored the next four points to move in front 51-48 and led by two with 14.8 seconds remaining before Luverne's Elise Ferrell tied the game at 52 with a field goal that came with seven seconds left.

After a Windom timeout with five seconds left, the Eagles ran a play that resulted

in Letcher fielding an inbound pass near midcourt.

Letcher advanced the ball into the lane and released the game-winning shot just before time expired.

Windom played its best basketball of the contest in the game's first half.

Both teams had four-point surges in the game's first 3:03 before the Eagles went on an 11-4 run to open a 15-8 lead at the 10:18 mark.

Luverne closed the gap to three points (18-15) when Ferrell drained one charity shot at 7:12, but Windom countered with a 10-2 run to open a 28-17 lead with 2:14 remaining.

LHS trimmed the difference to seven points (30-23) when Ver Steeg registered the final field goal of the first half with nine seconds left.

Ver Steeg turned in a 16-point, nine-rebound, three-steal effort for the Cards, while Elizabeth Wagner added 10 points and five rebounds.

Thorson pulled down five rebounds and recorded three steals.

Box score
C. Wagner 1 0 1-2 3, Beyer 0 0 1-2 1, Ver Steeg 4 1 5-6 16, Sehr 3 0 0-1 6, E. Wagner 3 1 1-2 10, Thorson 2 0 3-5 7, Hart 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 3 0 3-4 9.

Team statistics
Luverne: 18 of 46 field goals (39 percent), 14 of 21 free throws (67 percent), 31 rebounds, seven turnovers.
Windom: 18 of 46 field goals (39 percent), 12 of 25 free throws (48 percent), 34 rebounds, 16 turnovers.



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Luverne freshman Elizabeth Wagner turned in a 10-point, five-rebound performance during the South Section 3A Girls' Basketball Tournament championship game in Worthington March 3.



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Luverne senior Nick Feit tossed in nine points during a 61-59 loss to Fairmont during the semifinal round of the South Section 3AA Boys' Basketball Tournament Thursday in Windom.

Boys rally late only to fall in semifinals Thursday in Windom

By John Rittenhouse

A spirited comeback in the second half went unrewarded when the Luverne Cardinals took on Fairmont in a semifinal-round game of the South Section 3AA Boys' Basketball Tournament Thursday in Windom.

Luverne, the tournament's No. 3 seed, trailed No. 2 Fairmont by 12 points with 5:32 remaining in the game.

The Cardinals clawed their way back into contention and trailed by one point with less than 10 seconds left, but FHS withstood the challenge to secure a 61-59 win.

The loss ends Luverne's 12-14 campaign.

Luverne dropped a 61-51 decision when the same teams met in Fairmont Dec. 14, but the rematch turned into a nail-biter.

LHS never sported a lead during the contest, but the Cards were in a position to win the game in the final seconds.

The score was knotted at two

early in the first half before Fairmont went on a 9-2 run to open an 11-4 cushion.

Luverne's Isaiah Bartels made one free throw at the 11:51 mark to make it an 11-7 game before FHS reeled off eight consecutive points to lead 19-7 with 8:35 remaining.

LHS trailed by eight (27-19) when Gannon Ahrendt canned a three-point shot at 4:13, setting up a 10-5 surge ending with Jayson Rops canning a three-point shot at 1:31 that made it a 32-29 game.

Fairmont scored the final three points of the stanza to lead 35-29 at the intermission.

Luverne's Nick Feit scored the first two points of the second half to trim the difference to four points (35-31) before Fairmont scored six consecutive points to extend the lead to 10 points (41-31).

A three-point shot by Luverne's Bailey Cowell closed the gap to three points (45-42) at the 11:22 mark of the second half, but FHS countered

with a 10-1 run to open a 55-43 lead with 5:32 left to play.

The next 5:24 belonged to the Cardinals, who chipped away at Fairmont's advantage to trail by one (60-59) when Cowell canned a pair of charity shots with 8.6 seconds left.

LHS got the ball back with 2.3 seconds remaining with the ball near midcourt, but the Cardinals couldn't connect on an inbound pass that was intercepted by Fairmont.

Fairmont's Jake Hested was fouled with one second remaining after foiling Luverne's inbound play and sank one free throw to end the scoring in the game.

Bartels led the Cardinals with 24 points, while Cowell chipped in 12.

Box score
Cowell 3 1 3-4 12, Sehr 10 0-0 2, Bartels 7 2 4-8 24, Ahrendt 2 1 0-0 7, Feit 3 1 0-0 9, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 1 1 0-0 5.

Team statistics
Luverne: 22 field goals made, seven of 12 free throws (58 percent).
Fairmont: 19 field goals made, 15 of 23 free throws made (65 percent).

SWC ousts Patriots in semis

By John Rittenhouse

A team in need of an upset couldn't produce one Thursday in Worthington.

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys met Southwest Christian for the third time this season during the semifinal round of the South Section 3A Boys' Basketball Tournament at WHS.

The fifth-seeded Patriots needed a stunning effort to defeat the top-seeded and undefeated Eagles to extend their campaign.

SWC simply didn't let that happen.

The Patriots remained in contention entering the game's second half, but the Eagles dominated play in the final 18 minutes to register a 94-49 victory.

H-BC ends the season with a 9-16 record.

The Patriots needed to play flawless basketball to move past a SWC squad that defeated H-BC in Hills Dec. 19 (84-61) and in Edgerton Feb. 11 (95-63).

H-BC couldn't come up with that type of effort, but the Patriots battled hard enough to be in a position to pull off an upset in the game's first half.

After surrendering the game's first five points, H-BC's Gavin Wysong buried a three-point shot 1:56 into the contest to make the score 5-3.

The Patriots still trailed by two (7-5) when SWC scored five consecutive points to open a 12-5 advantage that was trimmed to four points (12-8) when H-BC's Zander Wysong canned a three-point shot at 13:39.

SWC extended the lead to 10 points (24-14) over the next three minutes only to have H-BC make it a six-point difference (24-18) when Jax Wysong converted a field goal with 9:16 remaining.

The Eagles regrouped to put together a 10-2 run that left them sporting a 34-20 cushion with 5:48 left in the half.

H-BC closed the gap to seven points (36-29) when



John Rittenhouse photo/0312 hbb 5

H-BC junior guard Gavin Wysong netted three points during Thursday's season-ending loss to SWC in Worthington.

Zander Wysong hit a three at the 3:23 mark, but the Eagles outscored the Patriots 11-6 the rest of the stanza to lead 47-35 at the intermission.

The Patriots were unable to challenge the Eagles in the second half as SWC outscored H-BC 47-14 to prevail by 45 points.

Senior Jax Wysong turned in a 20-point, seven-rebound effort for the Patriots, who received 12 points from Zander Wysong.

H-BC senior Kyle Kueter collected seven caroms and blocked four shots.

Box score
G. Wysong 0 1 0-0 3, Harnack 1 0 0-1 2, Bennett 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 0 0 2-2 2, Baker 1 0 1-2 3, Z. Wysong 2 2 2-2 12, Erickson 0 0 0-0 0, J. Wysong 8 0 4-5 20, Kueter 3 0 1-4 7, Steensma 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 18 field goals made (55 percent), 10 of 16 free throws (63 percent), 29 rebounds.
SWC: 33 field goals made (69 percent), 19 of 29 free throws (66 percent), 29 rebounds.

Do the right thing even when no one is looking

I was recently discussing what percentage of sportsmen and women fudge on the rules a little in terms of game and fish regulations. For some reason there is a segment of this group that does not place the same emphasis on game and fish rules as they do other regulations.

I have never had even one game violation in over 45 years spent in the outdoors. This is not meant to be a feat of any kind. This is the record all sportsmen and women should have.

I will say that over the past four decades the rules in my home state of Minnesota have gotten far more complicated.

On the flip side, over the past 10 years or so I have seen some simplification of the rules in order to motivate newer hunters and fishermen out of the house and into the outdoor world. The most recent of these has been the deer hunting regulations regarding gun calibers.

This past year the Minnesota DNR announced doing away with turkey hunting zones. Each person with a license can hunt anywhere they want as long as they abide by the season dates on their tag. This makes it easier for the hunters, but it also makes the conservation officers' job a little easier.

The most common infractions I see in the field are shooting just a few minutes too early or trying to bag that last rooster that jumps up right by the truck 10 minutes after sunset. The gambit of infractions is almost endless.

I have always heard that sportsmanship and hunter ethics are about doing the right thing even when no one is looking.

I could not have said it better. When you think of the total number of square miles a conservation officer is expected to cover, it makes me feel like catching lawbreakers is almost a lost cause.

There is one CO for about every two counties in southwest Minnesota. They are limited in the number of hours they can work in a week and are required by the higher-ups to spend a certain amount of those hours in the office.

A CO today has so many more responsibilities than just enforcing game and fish laws. They get called across the state and sometimes the nation



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

to lend a hand. We've had Minnesota COs helping in South Africa. So, to say they cover lots of territory and have tons of responsibilities is an understatement.

There is a way for the average Joe or Josephine outdoors person to help protect our natural resources. It is called the T.I.P. Line. It stands for Turn in Poachers. That number is 1-800-652-9093. All ethical outdoorsmen and women should have this number in their phones.

This allows you to make an anonymous tip to do your part to keep poachers and other lawbreakers from stealing Minnesota's game and fish from other law-abiding citizens.

Things to record for a T.I.P. Line call would be vehicle description, license plate number, number of people in the party, the type of infraction and the intersection road names so the CO can find the location.

The T.I.P. Line actually offers a reward if your information leads to an arrest. I was told very few folks even want the reward. They just want to do the right thing for natural resources. I have used this number at least 10 times in the last 10 years. You might imagine that there are very few lawbreakers in my hunting parties. I have said many times to different individuals that if they violate again I will turn them in myself.

This is not always easy to do. Family, close friends and others need special handling. Even if it's difficult, if all outdoors people hold themselves and others to the highest standards, our favorite pastimes will still be accepted by the millions of people in the United States that have no desire to join us.

Remember to do the right thing even if no one is looking.

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.



Von Tersch



Crabtree

Crabtree, Von Tersch represent LHS on BSC list

By John Rittenhouse

Two Luverne High School seniors received postseason honors from BigSouth Conference officials last week.

Forward Colby Crabtree and defenseman Jacob Von Tersch cracked the roster of the 2019-20 All-Big South Conference Boys' Hockey Team.

Crabtree and Von Tersch are two of 13 members of the honorary squad.

Marshall led all league teams by landing four all-conference positions on the roster.

Seniors Joe Archbold, Dominik Caspers, Kaleb Welvaert and Bryson Whyte represent the Tigers on the squad.

BSC champion New Ulm, Minnesota River and Waseca matched Luverne by placing two players on the all-league list.

New Ulm senior Glavine Schugel and sophomore Braxton Hoffman grace the list, as do Minnesota River seniors Shawn Lehtinen and Charlie Weick.

Seniors Ben Priebe and Jagger Johnson made the team for Waseca.

Windom senior Kyle Espenson rounds out the all-conference roster.

A total of seven players drew

honorable mention from the league's coaches.

Waseca senior Jack Rolling and junior Ben Diedrich, Fairmont sophomore Eli Anderson, Marshall senior Tristan VanDeVere, New Ulm Senior Ethan O'Connor, Redwood Valley junior Mason Clark and Worthington senior Kipton Jensen are the honorable mention selections.

Chargers pull away from A-E in semifinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys' basketball team wrapped up the 2019-20 season at the South Section 3A Tournament in Worthington Thursday.

The Dragons squared off against Westbrook-Walnut Grove for the third time this season during the tournament's semifinals.

A-E and W-WG split games during the regular season, with the Dragons winning in Adrian Dec. 13 (92-59) and the Chargers prevailing in Westbrook Feb. 24 (66-55).

Thursday's rubber match was a tight battle for more than 20 minutes, but the Chargers pulled away late to secure a 73-54 victory.

A-E's first season as a combined program ends with a 13-14 record.

The Dragons played with W-WG during a competitive first half.

W-WG sported a 28-25 edge



Star Herald file photo

Adrian-Ellsworth senior Grant Jansma hit one three-point shot during Thursday's season-ending loss to W-WG.

when the first 18 minutes were complete.

A-E received field goals from Noah Reyne and Peyton Lewis in the early stages of the second half to move in front 29-28.

The Chargers, however, rose to the challenge.

W-WG outscored the Dragons 45-25 the rest of the night to secure a 19-point victory.

Senior Ian Stamer led the Dragons with 21 points, while classmate Reyne chipped in 16 points.

Lance Luettel, another A-E senior, grabbed five rebounds for the Dragons.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 7 0 2-2 16, Vorthers 0 1 0-0 3, Stamer 5 2 5-7 21, Lewis 2 0 1-4 5, Jansma 0 1 0-0 3, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 3 0 0-0 6.

Team statistics
A-E: 21 of 42 field goals (50 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 20 rebounds, nine turnovers.
W-WG: 24 of 42 field goals (57 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 25 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



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Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2020. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments on the following applications for conditional use permits:

Applicant:	Buffalo Ridge Concrete
Location:	W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 28 in Battle Plain Twp., T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Mining, processing, and stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials
Applicant:	Buffalo Ridge Concrete
Location:	W 1/2 of the NE 1/4, E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 & W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 10 of Battle Plain Twp., T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Mining, processing, stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials, and the operation of a ready mix concrete batching plant
Applicant:	Buffalo Ridge Concrete
Location:	W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and portions of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3 of Battle Plain Twp., T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Mining, processing, and stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials
Applicant:	Buffalo Ridge Concrete
Location:	SW 1/4 of Section 16 of Battle Plain Twp., T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Mining, processing, and stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials
Applicant:	Northern Con Agg
Location:	Portions of the NW 1/4 and the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1 of Luverne Twp., T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Mining, processing, and stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials
Applicant:	Northern Con-Agg
Location:	E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 19 of Vienna Twp., T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Mining, processing, and stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials
Applicant:	Northern Con-Agg
Location:	E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, W 1/2 of the SE 1/4, and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36 of Mound Twp., T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Mining, processing, and stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials
Applicant:	NexTera Energy
Property Owner:	Roger Hoff
Location:	W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 35 of Beaver Creek Twp., T102N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary meteorological tower
Applicant:	NexTera Energy
Property Owner:	David Huiskes
Location:	NE 1/4 of Section 6 of Beaver Creek Twp., T102, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary meteorological tower

By order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road
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(03-12, 03-19)

Reyelts probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Elden Claus Frederick Reyelts
a/k/a Elden C. Reyelts, a/k/a Elden Reyelts,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-20-62

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of March, 2020, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated January 19, 2018, and for the appointment of Allen Fick, whose address is 463 91st Street, Beaver Creek, Minnesota 56116, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: March 6, 2020

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Damon T. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #249269

/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(03-12, 03-19)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 30

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: August 02, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$31,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Neale G. Hamann, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Peoples Bank
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: August 14, 2007 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 167229
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
•And assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Dated: August 02, 2007
Recorded: August 14, 2007 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 167230
•And assigned to: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation

Dated: March 06, 2017
Recorded: March 14, 2017 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 190262
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1003445-0001089259-6
Lender or Broker: Peoples Bank
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corp.
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 819 201st St, Hardwick, MN 56134-4048
Tax Parcel ID Number: 10-0122-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the SW 1/4, Section 25, Township 104 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, State of Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along the South Line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25 for a distance of 741.29 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes and 00 seconds East along said South Line for a distance of 746.44 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds East for a distance of 689.32 feet; thence North 83 degrees 17 minutes 46 seconds West for a distance of 169.66 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 184.58 feet; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds West for a distance of 612.69 feet; thence South 02 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 519.59 feet to the point of beginning
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THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2021, or the next business day if April 30, 2021 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: March 12, 2020
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation

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File Number: 037264F02

(03-12, 03-19, 03-26, 04-02, 04-09, 04-16)

4th Street Software assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: 4th Street Software
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Address: 805 E. Dodge Street Unit 2 Luverne, MN 56156

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Signature : /s/ Bryan Aldrich
MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: 4ss@4ss.biz

(03-12, 03-19)

Rock County road/bridge public meeting March 17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

An open meeting will be held to discuss the road and bridge replacement program for the transportation system of Rock County. The meeting will be at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center Meeting Room, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, in Luverne, MN Tuesday, March 17 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

This public informational meeting will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center. Any individual, group or agency wishing information is urged to attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting is to provide information on the planning, programming and schedule of work on the County Highway system.

Mark R. Sehr
Rock County Highway Engineer
(03-12)

Groen probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
David Joe Green a/k/a David J. Groen,
a/k/a David Groen,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-20-60

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of March, 2020, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated July 16, 2014, and for the appointment of Bonnie M. Groen, whose address is 2015 191st Street, Kenneth, Minnesota 56147, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: March 2, 2020

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
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/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

(03-12, 03-19)

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to say a special thanks to our sons and friends who surprised us on our 60th anniversary. It was a very special night and thanks for all the cards and gifts.

Don and Pat Lafrenz
(3.7-3.12)

Thank you to our friends, family and everyone for the visits, calls, flowers, food, memorials, and loving words shared about Dick with us as we said farewell to him. A special thank you to Msgr Kosse, Fr Tom, Msgr Colletti, Mitch Logeais and Kevin Akers and St Catherine's Parish for your wonderful spiritual support. Thank you to Sanford Hospice Cottage staff for the amazing care you provided for Dick and all of us during his last days. Thanks to the Dingmann Funeral Home staff for your gentle services for all our family.

All was greatly appreciated,
Rita Smook,
Sharon Smook Family,
Jeff/Virginia Smook Family,
Tony/Marie Smook Family,
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(3.7-3.12)

Thank you very much for the cards and emails sent celebrating our 70th Wedding Anniversary. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful friends and family.
Cornie & Darlene Bosch
(3.7-3.12)

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Adrian Public School has a full-time opening for a 7-12 English/Language Arts Instructor beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Coaching positions are also available. Applicants with a Minnesota Licensure or obtaining a Minnesota Licensure are preferred. Interested applicants please submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of MN License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you can email or contact Principal Koehne at c.koehne@isd511.net. Position will remain open until filled. (3.12-3.28)

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)

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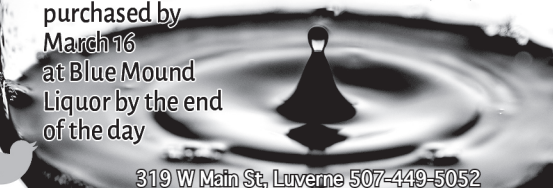
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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Tuesday - March 17- 4:30 pm
Main Street - Downtown Luverne

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No pre-registration required!
Meet in the parking lot of LIVING ROCK CHURCH between 4 & 4:30 pm.

PARADE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 4:30 PM.

Parade will end at the Palace Theatre!
Children to adults, animals...all are welcome!

Decorations don't have to be complicated...just wear some green and have some fun!

Join together and make the day special for neighbors and friends!

Everyone can be "Irish" on St. Patrick's Day!

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