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Premium Minnesota Pork gears up for Spring 2020 production start

By Lori Sorenson

Forty-three oceangoing vessels are headed from the Netherlands to the East Coast with specialized equipment for Luverne's former IBP plant.

Premium Iowa Pork is investing \$30 million to retrofit the 50-year-old facility for pork processing, and the company has developed a preference for certain manufacturers.

The Netherlands provides harvest line equipment that PIP prefers, and additional cut floor equipment is

coming from Quebec, Canada, according to company president Dan Paquin, Hospers, Iowa.

He admits it's not easy to build a highly specialized operation that runs on the latest technology designed for safety, quality and efficiency.

"The question I get the most is, 'How do you figure out how to put all this stuff in here?' And the answer is, 'We have a lot of good people,'" Paquin said.

"It's a combination of a lot of

people with a lot of knowledge and talents."

He led Luverne City Council members and community leaders on a site tour Oct. 22 to see progress since they last toured in June. "It's a good time to see the progress," he said.

Places that once had only poured footings are now enclosed, and key components of the operation are taking shape. But interior spaces are still vastly empty, waiting for equipment deliveries.

"They'll be surprised at what it looks like in six months when everything is in, compared to what it looks like now," Paquin said.

"It's just really rewarding to come back later and see it all working."

Production starts in April; name becomes Premium Minnesota Pork

Premium Iowa Pork has been providing private-label, antibiotic-free pork to grocery stores across the country since 2005.

All antibiotic-free pork comes from Midwest farms, and all products are currently prepared, processed, and packaged at the Hospers, Iowa, facility.

Starting early in April 2020, the Luverne facility will join the production ranks, at first with 1,200 hogs per day, and working up to the plant's permitted 2,200 hogs per day once wastewater treatment processes are

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Trick or treat!

Chamber members sponsor downtown Trunk N Treat Halloween event

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Chamber and participating businesses will host the 18th annual Trunk N Treat on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Participating merchants will hand out Halloween treats from 4 to 5:30 p.m. from the backs of decorated cars, SUVs and pickups.

"This is a great time for kids of all ages to make their way up and down the street seeing each other and collecting candy," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

The Chamber and its member businesses started the downtown Halloween tradition 18 years ago as a way to offer a safe venue for trick-or-treaters and families.

Several years ago the format changed from Main Street merchants dispensing candy outside their doors to a Trunk N Treat setup that invited a broader group of businesses and organizations to set up downtown.

As of Monday, more than 30 businesses and organizations were signed up, and Lanphere was expecting several more.

"Let's make it a fun Halloween for children," she said in a Chamber email Monday. "Thanks for supporting all the great things happening in Luverne."

Chilly weather is forecast for Thursday and participants are advised to dress warmly.



Mavis Fodness photo/1031 LMS Walking Ditches

Students (from left) Dominic Barnett, Hunter Cope, Isaac DeBates, Tucker Banck and teacher Gavin Folkestad walk ditches south of town Friday.

Walking on sunshine

Students learn lessons in environment, public service with adopted highway near Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Middle School students completed their annual highway cleanup Friday under clear, sunny skies.

For the past two decades eighth-graders have walked the 10 miles of ditches along South Highway 75 picking up garbage each fall and spring.

About half the class walks in the fall, and the other half walks in the spring. "Every eighth-grader does it at some time," said middle school principal Jason Phelps.

He said Tom Lanoue talks to students during his earth science classes about caring for the environment and about the importance of

community service.

About 50 students donned reflective safety vests and split into five groups, each collecting garbage — mostly food wrappers — from two miles of ditches.

State highway workers later picked up about 50 bright yellow bags filled by the students.

Phelps, who walked with one group of students, said drivers slowed down as they approached the students, and some honked in approval. "Drivers were very respectful," he said.

Thirty-six students in the high school peer helping program also completed garbage pickup Friday afternoon along a two-mile stretch of North Highway 75.

"Ditch walking is a simple way for student to give back to their community and promote all of the great work the organization does in the community," said adviser Amy Cook.

The ditch cleanup program is part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program and takes its origin from the federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

The state program began in 1990 and centers on volunteers collecting litter from the roadside ditches. A similar county program began in 1991.

More county roads are available. Interested groups can contact the Rock County Highway Department for more information. Their phone number is 283-5010.

LHS students bring 'Footloose' to stage Nov. 7-9

By Mavis Fodness

Second-year play director Shawn Kinsinger noticed something special about students at Luverne High School and for the future of performing arts in Luverne.

"I knew they were capable of handling a larger production," he said. "This, along with the generosity of voters in approving a new performing arts center, was the driving factor behind the decision to go bigger."

Kinsinger chose "Footloose the Musical" earlier this year.

"Most of the (band and choir) students who were getting awards for leadership and achievement were the same students who were involved in theater," he said.

"They were also the same students who were leading speech and mock trial to state and finding success."

Since early September, 27 students have been rehearsing the Rodgers and Hammerstein production.

The performances are scheduled for Nov. 7-9 at the Palace Theatre on Main Street in Luverne.

Industrial arts students build set

The school's new performing arts center, which opens in 2021, will be to be next to the current industrial arts department.

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Mavis Fodness photo/1031 LHS Footloose Musical

Luverne High School students perform "Footloose the Musical" Nov. 7-9 at the Palace Theatre in downtown Luverne. Cast members include (front, left) Nicole Hoogland, McKenzie Van Grootheest, Josie Golla, Sophie Holmberg, Ann Dara, Sadie Reisdorfer, Ainslie Robinson, (second row) Myles Trimble, Ashlyn Johnson, Anita Cole-Kraty, Seno Chanthalangsy, Hannah Ehlers, Egypt Forrest, (back) Parker Carbonneau, Kaitlyn McDowell, Alexa Chesley, Jordan Winter, Xavier Carbonneau, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Rylee Gee, Pierce Cunningham, Meagan Hansen, Stepan Orletsky and Mia Wenzel.

Brain Health session on Nov. 4 deals with basics of general health

By Lori Sorenson

The second in a series of monthly sessions on Brain Health will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at Luverne Community Education.

The series started Oct. 7 as an effort by local advocates with #Luv-1LuvAll to end stigma and encourage conversations about mental health — like physical health — toward improved quality of life.

The first one addressed depression, and the next one is about "Basics of Brain Health," led by Angela Nolz, integrated health therapist at Sanford Luverne.

"We'll talk about signs and symptoms of the most commonly diagnosed brain health conditions, like anxiety and depression," Nolz said.

"And we'll provide information on things you can do to help yourself and support someone else with a brain

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Generations organizational meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at the Generations building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne to discuss the new building and to vote on property acquisition. The meeting is open to anyone interested in joining Generations.

People First, Luverne, will host a Minnesota Olmstead office listening session at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4 at the Luverne Pizza Ranch to discuss what is working well for people with disabilities and what needs to change to help them live their best lives. Call Lee Ann at the Arc, 507-236-5892.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, in the Rock County Library to sew pillowcases. Bring supplies and 12 finished exchange blocks. Call Sharon at 507-227-3821.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, in the Blue Mound Room. Program will be making rice socks. Call 283-2297 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, in the township hall.

Springwater Township Board will will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the new township hall.

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

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

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

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

No school at H-BC Friday

Classes at Hills-Beaver Creek elementary and secondary schools are canceled for Friday, Nov. 1, due to the football team's appearance at the Section 3 Nine-Man Football championship in Marshall. The game begins at 11:30 a.m. at Southwest Minnesota State University.

Honor Society ceremony Nov. 5

Luverne High School will induct 12 new students to the National Honor Society at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the high school. Kevin Kessler, a 1993 LHS graduate and director of bands at South Dakota State University, Brookings, is the scheduled guest speaker.

Veterans invited to attend open house

Luverne Elementary School student council is hosting a Veterans Day Coffee Open House from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the elementary school commons for all veterans. Parking is available in the bus lanes in front of the elementary school.

Warm Coat donations through Oct. 31

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

Bible Talks dates

Non-denominational Christian Bible Talks will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Sundays Nov. 3 and 10 in Grand Prairie Events, Luverne. All are welcome. Call 605-988-4446.

LWML Rally Nov. 2

The Worthington and Pipestone Lutheran Women's Missionary League Bi-Conference Rally will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the program at 9:30 a.m. Presenter is the Rev. Fred Hinz. Call Elaine Muller, 507-348-3177.

Red Cross blood drive Nov. 6 in Adrian

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Adrian High School. Donors of all blood types, especially platelet donors and those with type O blood, are urged to give. For more information or to make an appointment download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-733-2767.

Library offers 'Scary Stories' at pumpkin patch

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Library will host Halloween Scary Stories on Oct. 31 at the Verhey Pumpkin Patch on East River Road.

From 7:30 to 8 p.m. children's librarian Bronwyn Wenzel will read Halloween-themed picture books to little ones, ages 2 to third grade, in the pumpkin patch at sunset.

Then, as the moon comes up and darkness settles in, Scary Stories for big kids will start around 8 p.m.

Without ruining the surprise — Rock County librarian Calla Jarvie said the evening will involve more than just storybooks in keeping with a spooky Halloween theme.

"We're going to warn everyone so that they know it's going to be a little scary," Jarvie said.

"It will involve some fake blood and some people running around in the woods. ... It will be dark with some sound effects."



Lori Sorenson photos/1031 scary stories tombstones

A not-so-scary Rock County librarian Calla Jarvie shows off a haunted graveyard that's part of an elaborate spooky setup at the Verhey Pumpkin Patch for Thursday night's "Scary Stories" on East River Road. Monday's daylight masked the frightful effect of darkness, sound effects and fake blood that will create an appropriate Halloween atmosphere for the 8:30 p.m. readings.



Lori Sorenson photos/1031 premium iowa pork construction

The sign on the building still says "Premium Iowa Pork," but the Luverne operation will be called Premium Minnesota Pork.

Premium Minnesota Pork to begin production in April/from page 1

in place.

Meanwhile, the Luverne plant will be called Premium Minnesota Pork, a decision endorsed by the parent company, Lynch Livestock.

"We'll still be a subsidiary of Premium Iowa Pork, but we do raise a fair amount of pork in Minnesota," Paquin said.

"We decided it made sense to name our Luverne plant Premium Minnesota Pork."

Construction began late in 2018 to retrofit the local 78,000-square-foot plant, which first operated in Luverne as Iowa Beef Processing, to modern hog slaughter operations.

The company expanded the east side of the building by roughly 12,500 square feet for a total area of 90,500 square feet.



Hogs will be lowered into a 30-foot deep CO2 chamber to be euthanized before they enter the building for processing.

Changes to the property conform to the existing uses permitted by the zoning.

Paquin said the company has aspirations to one day expand the Luverne facility with

new construction to process 4,500 hogs per day if market demand continues.

He said energies will focus initially on plant startup and hiring — first with about two-dozen management personnel, and then production workers.

Employees in Iowa currently start at \$13 per hour, but Paquin said the company will consider market forces and economic data before setting Luverne's salary range.

"We want to be attractive for employees," he said.

"I feel pretty good about where we're at for hiring."

Initial production will require 200 workers (at somewhere between \$13 to \$20 per hour) in Luverne.

That number could grow to more than 300 employees, depending on growth.



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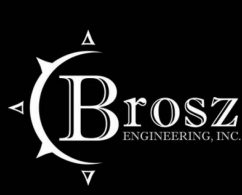
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County approves first abatements for new home initiative

By Mavis Fodness

A little over a month after Rock County commissioners adopted the “Rock County Home Initiative,” the first tax abatement public hearing took place Oct. 24.

The commission approved abatements totaling \$1,361.

Of that amount, \$721 is for a new home in Magnolia Township and \$640 is for a new home in the city of Beaver Creek.

Greg and Marilyn Uithoven plan a new home on 35 acres in Section 10 of Magnolia Township.

An abatement of \$721 was approved for the home, which has an estimated market value of \$340,800.

The new house raises the county portion of property taxes on that parcel from \$339 paid in 2019 to \$1,060.

Chad and Tami Rauk are building a home on two residential lots in Beaver Creek.

The estimated market value is \$350,500, and with the Rock County Home Initiative, taxes of \$640 will be abated.

The new house raises the county's portion of property taxes from \$83.23 paid in 2019 to \$723.

The Rauks are also eligible for abatements through the city of Beaver Creek and the Hills-Beaver Creek School District, which are joining the home initiative program.

Eligible county residents can apply for a five-year tax abatement on the county portion of their property taxes.

Public hearings are also required for tax abatement

applications to the city and to the school district.

Homeowners pay both the first and the second half of property taxes due each year. However, for the next five years, the homeowners will receive the payment of the county's portion back at the end of the year.

The home initiative is similar to programs in Pipestone and Nobles counties.

Rock County commissioners began discussions in 2016 about incentives for Rock County residents to build new homes locally instead of moving across state lines.

On Sept. 3, commissioners adopted the Rock County Home Initiative.

Commissioner Jody Reisch, who was an advocate for the tax abatement program, said, “I am glad we are now able to do something to encourage people to build in Rock County.”

Rock County's program is available to residents until Sept. 1, 2024.

All applications are on a first-come, first-served basis. The program limits an annual abatement of \$200,000 or not to exceed 10 percent of the county's net tax capacity, whichever is greater.

Home initiative forms are available at the county's website, www.rock.mn.us or at the Land Management Office at 311 W. Gabrielson Road in Luverne.

Each application undergoes a public hearing before commissioners vote whether or not to approve the proposed abatement.



Mavis Fodness photo/1031 Jerry Benson Books

Community members peruse the collection of hardcover books of former Luverne Middle-High School teacher Jerry Benson Thursday afternoon, Oct. 24, in the garage of Keith and Joan Erickson on North Cedar Avenue. A majority of the collection has been sold to the public or given away to schools. The sale continues through Sunday.

Retired teacher's books and collectibles return to classrooms, find new homes

By Mavis Fodness

For more than four decades in education, Luverne social studies teacher Jerry Benson collected books and keepsakes of historic figures.

Benson retired in 2017 due to cancer, and more than 6,000 books in his collection are now finding new homes, thanks to former LHS history teacher Keith Erickson.

Family members and former school colleagues began moving books on Oct. 17 to Erickson's garage at 746 N. Cedar Avenue where the books are being sold for \$1 or given away to interested parties.

“Anyone who is a teacher gets books for free,” Erickson said.

Within days hundreds of books left the Erickson garage to find new homes at area schools, former students' homes and even back to the Luverne classroom where Benson spent the last years of his teaching career.

The book sale is open daily from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Erickson garage through Sunday. All proceeds — \$2,000 so far — are going back to Benson.

Passion for history

Through his 47 years of teaching, Benson would often purchase books at discount stores and read them from cover to cover.

“I didn't realize I had so many,” Ben-



Social studies teacher Canaan Petersen now works in Jerry Benson's classroom. The “museum” includes items Benson collected, such as a Teddy Roosevelt poster and bobble heads of Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee and Roosevelt.



Jerry Benson retired in 2017 from 47 years with Magnolia and Luverne.

son said Friday from his new home in The Oaks in Luverne. “I am so happy they are finding new homes.”

Benson said his dad sparked his interest in reading during his childhood in Silver Bay. However, he credits an elementary teacher for helping him overcome a reading disorder and nurture his love of stories about people and human conflict.

All this, he said, contributed to his large book collection.

“They were my pride and joy,” Benson said. “I spent many a winter's night reading.”

Back to the classroom

Benson began teaching in 1970 in the Magnolia school district. When the high school merged with the Luverne district 11 years later, he joined the Luverne staff as a social studies teacher.

Canaan Petersen now teaches social studies and geography in the same classroom and is displaying some of Benson's collectibles and presidential statues once again.

“It's very special to have stuff of Jerry's even though he wasn't a teacher of mine,” said Petersen, who graduated from LHS in 2003.

“Jerry is very much in here, and it's very cool.”

Petersen was a sophomore when Benson transitioned from teaching high school to middle school social studies.

Petersen has his own collection of items accumulated during 11 years of teaching history in Colorado and South Dakota, and he jokingly calls his room a “museum” of hundreds of interesting pieces.

Expanded to other schools

While Benson's historic collectibles made their way back to his former classroom, nearly 1,000 hardcover books have been given to local schools and students.

His former Magnolia school (now Southwestern Youth Services) received book donations, as have Central Lyon in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

At H-BC, media paraprofessional Lexi Moore chose many non-fiction military books and many biographies from Benson's collection.

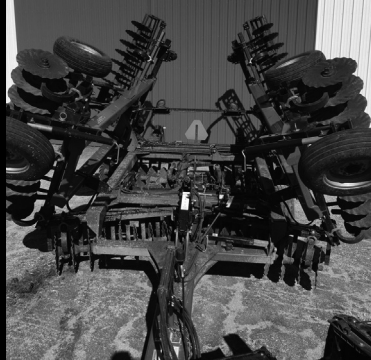
“Due to limited budget funds our school's non-fiction collection suffers,” she said.

“(Now) we've added lots of newer books on the politics of the last 20 years as well as great titles of important historically significant people and events.”

Benson's books will join the H-BC library collection next year, and each will have a sticker on the inside cover recognizing the donation.

“I feel it will not only recognize the generous gift, but hopefully inspire my students to see the value in making donations,” Moore said.





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From candy corn to goggly-eyed owl ... best part was our little lamb

It was Grandparents Day at Little Lambs Preschool Tuesday.



Grandpa and I woke up early in breathless anticipation of the wonderment to come. I put on my best necklace. Grandpa put on his favorite flannel shirt and off we went to Grandparents Day.

To forever remember our first Grandparents Day, Grandpa and I took a selfie in the parking lot. He looked grandfatherly, but I continue to maintain the youthful look that comes with chubbiness. Welcomed by a sign featuring Jesus holding a little lamb, we descended down the church basement stairs for — Grandparents Day!

A kind and special lady invited us to wait at a table for our bundle of joy and a snack. It wasn't just any snack, it was a Grandparents Day snack.

Construction paper faces adorned cellophane-encased Little Debbie snack cakes. Bowls of candy corn decorated each table. Glasses of juice (or water) were available to the honored guests and their miniature hosts.

Grandpa and I waited with the other old people making small talk about old people things, when suddenly, we were joined by a flock of little lambs.

Our lamb is the firstborn of four. (She has a sister and two girl cousins.) Her eyes lit as she looked beyond Grandpa and me to the bowls of candy corn. Then she ran and hugged her mom who was a serving lady for the party.

She joined us and we

THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

‘... Grandparents Day is just 45 minutes long and not an actual day?’

removed our scarecrows from their beautifully appointed bags and ate their heads.

Next it was off to assemble a foam owl. Grandpa, who always reads the directions, read the directions, which stated, “Assemble the owl.”

So we did.

The foam feet were first. Followed by the foam tummy, hands and beak. Attaching the goggly eyes was the tricky part.

Last, we visited the game room and were given a tour of a box of rice with rubber bugs in it.

Then we played games.

Grandpa won handily at “Peanuts in a Bag” but our little lamb owned us at “Cookies on a Plate.”

Before we knew it, the kind and special lady was thanking us for coming and sending us out the door. Every moment of the day had been special — from the candy corn to the foam owl to the peanut game. The best part was watching our little lamb bounce around the room and do her thing.

But did you know, Grandparents Day is just 45 minutes long and not an actual day?

I do now.

Star Herald applauds ‘color, creativity and character’ of Luverne’s Trunk N Treat

The Star Herald will send its photographers into the streets — or just Main Street, actually, — on Halloween to capture the color, creativity and character of Luverne’s 18th annual Trunk N Treat adventure.

By the time our readers turn to this page of their print edition, Main Street will be packed with parents and children, most of them in costume, making their way up one side and down the other of the three blocks closed off for the event.

Thousands of pieces of candy are dispensed to hundreds of children, from the back ends of dozens of pickups and SUVs.

And it is always a remarkable sight to behold, on many levels.

For one thing, it puts all the trick-or-treaters in the same place at the same time for their costumes to be displayed to each other and to others participating downtown.

For those who care about the latest in Halloween trends, it’s a great

opportunity to enjoy the Halloween “parade” that they can’t enjoy during typical trick-or-treating in neighborhoods all over town.

Also, for those who enjoy people-watching, it’s a great time to observe interactions between the young ghosts and goblins who bump into each other and recognize faces behind masks and friends in princess gowns.

Parents have also been great about dressing the part, often coordinating their grownup costumes with their kids’ décor. For example, Cat Woman may accompany a child wearing kitten whiskers and fuzzy ears.

If this isn’t entertaining enough, many participating businesses go out of their way to outdo each other for best Trunk N Treat setup.

The talent and creativity that go into the displays are truly remarkable and definitely worth the trip downtown, even for those who don’t have trick-or-treating children.

Kudos to the Luverne Chamber for coordinating the event and to participating businesses for sponsoring the safe and entertaining venue for our signature Halloween celebration.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page and Twitter feed for event photos, and see our website, www.star-herald.com for full coverage of the event.



Law recommends wearing motorcycle helmet to prevent serious injuries, death

Question: As we are ending the motorcycle season, I heard of an individual near Rochester who was killed by going off the road and striking a sign head on. He was not wearing a helmet. Being an individual who has been in a motorcycle accident with the helmet likely saving my life, why are helmets not required in the state of Minnesota for all two- and three-wheel bikes?

Answer: There is not a helmet law in Minnesota, unless the operator is under 18 years of age or is operating with a permit. Even though there is no helmet law, it is recommended that one is worn to help prevent serious injury or death.

The benefits helmets offer are clear; they protect the head in the event of a crash. In 2018 only sixteen (28 percent) of the 58 motorcycle riders killed were known to be wearing a helmet. Of the 913 motorcyclists injured, only 416 (46 percent) were known to be wearing a helmet.

In 2018 550 (55 percent) of



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

motorcycle crashes were single-vehicle crashes. In these crashes, the factors that reporting officers list most often are run off road (14 percent), careless/negligent/erratic driving (13 percent) and driver speeding (9 percent).

Just under half of all motorcycle crashes involve a collision with another vehicle. In many crashes, the driver never saw the motorcyclist — or did not see the rider until it was too late.

It is important for everyone to pay attention and avoid all distractions

while driving. We need to be 100-percent attentive when driving any type of motor vehicle.

I have investigated far too many serious injury and fatal motorcycle crashes where a helmet could have made a difference. My advice is to always wear an approved helmet, along with proper high visible clothing to help reduce injury if involved in a crash.

Question: I had a question for the “Ask a Trooper” segment you do. I’ve noticed that school buses all have the words “School Bus”

written at the top of the windshield on the front of the vehicle. Similarly, when the bus is used for a different purpose other than school, the words are scraped off or it says “Charter Bus” or something to that effect. What is the reason for that?

Answer: Minnesota law requires the School Bus sign be covered when it is not being used as a school bus. This helps identify which buses are being used for which purpose. It also is a way to signal to the public that the bus will not be making any student stops.

More children are killed outside of a school bus than they are as bus occupants. Motorists must anticipate children in a school bus “danger zone” — the area around a bus where most injuries and deaths occur.

Follow the law and keep children safe:

- Stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear or from the opposite direction on undivided

roads.

- Remember that red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus.

- State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended. Red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus. In 2017 the fine for a school bus stop arm/red lights violation in Minnesota increased from \$300 to \$500.

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

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Oct. 18
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue gave deputy drivers license that was left at location.

•Subject in Mankato ready for pickup on Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on County Road 4, Magnolia, reported driving and signaling misconduct by another driver.

•Complainant on 41st Street and 50th Avenue, Hills, reported train blocking.

•Complainant near Magnolia reported a vehicle parked partially on the roadway.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant found wallet at Colbert Park.

•Complainant on S. Second Street, Beaver Creek, reported a possible scam phone call.

Oct. 19
•Military honors to be fired in parking lot at location on N. Cedar Street.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported a vehicle is parked blocking garage.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported neighbor is burning in city limits.

•Assisted Sioux Falls police department with found property.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street requested deputy to look at something.

•A water truck was requested in Larchwood.

Oct. 20
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported kids just went into his backyard.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vandalism.

•Super 8 requested deputy for a loud motorhome in lot.

•Vehicle on S. Kniss Avenue reportedly taking time lapse pictures of clouds.

•Possible water main break on E. Lincoln Street.

•Complainant on 211th Street, Hardwick, requested warrant check.

Oct. 21
•Drug use was reported at location on S. Church Street in Hills.

•Trooper reported an abandoned/stolen vehicle on State Highway 23, mile marker 7, Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue reported slashed tires.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and Dodge Street reported erratic driving of a

school bus.

Oct. 22

•Report of debris on roadway at location on County Road 7, 1/2 mile from Hardwick.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported kids throwing things into the roadway.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported theft.

•Subject from Worthington turned himself in on Rock County warrant.

Oct. 23

•Complainant on Highway 75 and Dodge Street reported a two-vehicle accident with no injuries.

•Complainant reported a railroad block at Kniss and Fletcher.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported possible vulnerable adult.

•Complainant requested a gas voucher.

•Complainant requested a background check for employment.

•Complainant near Hardwick reported a burglary.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant within a 5.5-mile radius of Beaver Creek reported a suicidal female.

Oct. 24

•Deputy out with abandoned vehicle on S. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant on W. Harting Street requested deputy to assist with no trespassing.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported wrong way driver.

•Complainant reported train blocking at county roads 11 and 14.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported suspicious activity.

Oct. 25

•Complainant on 180th Avenue, Edgerton, reported garbage was on fire.

In addition, officers responded to 5 complaints of cattle out, 4 deer accidents, 1 transport, 1 follow-up, 9 escorts, 14 ambulance runs, 3 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 5 paper services, 3 purchase and carry permits, 4 alarms, 1 parking violation, 7 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, and 1 O/P.



Lori Sorenson photos/1031 ringneck reunion

The Ringneck Reunion Side-by-Side Rally involved nearly 30 machines and about 60 riders who picked up poker chips at establishments all over Rock County Saturday afternoon. They reconvened that night for an After Crow Party at Take 16 where prizes were awarded for the Ringneck Team Hunt and the Ringneck Rally Poker Run.

Ringneck Reunion features hunting, riding, Pheasants Forever Banquet and more



Above, John Jarchow and his 8-year-old lab, Fred, stopped at the Howling Dog Saloon for the Ringneck Rally Side-by-Side Poker Run Saturday afternoon before pheasant hunting between rally stops. Jarchow was at the Rock County Pheasants Forever Banquet Friday night and remarked Saturday that he won Fred (a puppy from Steve Heitkamp's registered labs) at a local Pheasants Forever banquet eight years ago. "So we have a lot of history at these things," Jarchow said.

At right, Paul and Brenda Scott of Hidden Hills Café in Hills accept the "We Love Pork Challenge" trophy from Rock County Pork Producers President Kevin Barnhart Saturday night at Take 16, Luverne. The Hills restaurant received the most votes during Pork Month for its "Hidden" pulled pork sandwich.

The Ringneck Reunion weekend wrapped up Saturday night at Take 16 with live music under the tent by the band, Too Drunk To Fish.



Duane Mulder auctions a 9 mm pistol at the Pheasants Forever Banquet Friday night under the tent at Take 16 where about 150 people gathered at the annual fundraiser for wildlife habitat preservation. It was the group's most successful banquet in many years.

At right, Rock County Pheasants Forever volunteer Arlyn Gehrke sells raffle tickets for items on the Ringneck Raffle ahead of the banquet Friday night.



Thiesse: Improving crop prices may affect crop insurance results for producers

By Kent Thiesse
Farm Management Analyst

Since Sept. 1 there has been some noticeable improvement in both the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) and local corn and soybean prices in the Midwest.

The price improvement has certainly been welcomed by producers who were facing crop prices well below break-even levels in early September.

Obviously, with the below-average crop yields in many areas, there are still likely to be some significant financial challenges once the harvest season is completed.

The CBOT 2019 December corn futures price improved from below \$3.60 per bushel in early Sept. to over \$3.90 per bushel during October. The CBOT price improvement, together with a tighter local basis in many areas, resulted in improvements in the local cash corn market of over 50 cents per bushel at some locations, and slightly less at locations that did not see the basis improvement.

The CBOT November

soybean rose from near \$8.60 per bushel in early September to near \$9.35 per bushel during October.

Local cash soybean prices for fall delivery have improved by similar levels during that time frame, as the soybean basis levels have not changed significantly in recent months.

While the overall reaction and results from the recent corn and soybean price improvements have been very positive for crop producers, one negative has been the impact of the rising CBOT prices on potential crop insurance indemnity payments.

The final harvest prices for Revenue Protection (RP) insurance policies is the average price for CBOT December corn futures and CBOT November soybean futures during the month of October, with prices finalized on Nov. 1, 2019. The harvest price is also used to calculate the value of the actual harvested bushels for all RP insurance policies. Over 90 percent of the crop insurance policies for corn and soybeans in the Upper

Midwest are RP insurance policies.

As of Oct. 28, the crop insurance harvest price estimates were \$3.90 per bushel for corn and \$9.26 per bushel for soybeans. At the beginning of October, the crop insurance harvest price estimates were approximately \$3.70 per bushel for corn and \$8.80 per bushel for soybeans. The increase in the estimated corn harvest price in early October until the final corn harvest price for crop insurance calculations at the end of October will likely lower comparable crop insurance indemnity payments by about one-third. Similarly, the soybean harvest price enhancement during October will reduce potential soybean crop insurance indemnity payments by about 20 percent.

For example, assume that a producer with an RP insurance policy has an APH corn yield of 190 bushels per acre with an average 2019 corn yield of 150 bushels per acre. Based on the Oct. 1 corn harvest price of \$3.70 per bushel, the gross crop insurance indemnity payment

(prior to premium deductions) would have been about \$91 per acre. However, when the corn harvest price is increased to the current estimate of \$3.90 per bushel, the gross indemnity payment is reduced to \$61 per acre.

With Federal Crop Insurance, every year is different, and with the multiple options available to producers, there are many variable results from crop insurance coverage at harvest time. The 2019 crop year will be no different, with some producers choosing Yield Protection (YP) policies (yield only) versus Revenue Protection (RP) policies (yield and price), and producers having different levels of coverage on various crops. The crop insurance results will also vary depending on if a producer has "optional units" versus "enterprise units" for their crop insurance coverage. Some producers also enhanced their coverage with "buy-up" insurance policies through their local insurance provider.

Producers that have crop revenue losses in

2019, which could result in potential crop insurance indemnity payments, should properly document the yield losses, regardless of their type or level of insurance coverage. A reputable crop insurance agent is the best source of information to make estimates for potential 2019 crop insurance indemnity payments and to find out about documentation requirements for crop insurance losses. It is important for producers who are facing crop losses in 2019 to understand their crop insurance coverage and the calculations used to determine crop insurance indemnity payments.

Farm operators that are in areas with delayed or difficult harvest conditions for corn and soybeans should be aware that they may need to request additional time to complete harvest, in order to maintain their crop insurance coverage.

The 2019 crop insurance period ends on Dec. 10, 2019, which is also the deadline to have 2019 corn and soybeans harvested for crop insurance purposes.

Producers that can not meet this deadline due to excessive moisture and poor field conditions should contact their crop insurance agent to be allowed extra time to complete corn and soybean harvest. This will allow for 2019 crop insurance coverage to be maintained.

Kent Thiesse has prepared an Information Sheet titled "2019 Crop Insurance Payment Potential," which is available by contacting: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com. The University of Illinois FarmDoc website also contains some good crop insurance information and spreadsheets to estimate crop insurance payments. The insurance information on the FarmDoc website is located at: <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/cropins/>

For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Senior Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal. (Phone: 507-381-7960; email kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com; website: www.minnstarbank.com)

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Lori Sorenson photos/1031 kuehl retirement

H-BC teachers, staff and school board members gather around district business manager Glenda Kuehl in the high school library Friday to celebrate her retirement, which starts Oct. 31. Kuehl has been using a wheelchair for the past few weeks after suffering a fractured kneecap in a fall.

After 25 years with Hills-Beaver Creek, Kuehl retires from business manager duties

By Lori Sorenson

Hills-Beaver Creek teachers, staff and school board members gathered around Glenda Kuehl in the high school library Friday afternoon to celebrate her retirement.

Kuehl has been with the district for 25 years, first in the elementary library and since 2001 as business manager.

She said it's been hard to let go of a job she's cared about for so many years.

"It's my baby," she said Friday, sporting a shiny sash that read, "Retired."

She said she enjoyed the variety of work — running reports, ordering supplies and books and helping her office co-workers.

But the long list of responsibilities will also be difficult for a new business manager to learn.

Attention to details

She's been working with her replacement, Amanda Rozeboom, since Oct. 7, and Kuehl said she's confident the district will be in good hands.

"She pays attention to details, and that will help," she said about Rozeboom. "I just don't want her to get overwhelmed at first."

Her advice to the new girl? "Be patient with yourself as you are learning the job," Kuehl said.

"It can be overwhelming and ever-changing, but I am confident you will succeed."

But she also encouraged Rozeboom to enjoy her workplace environment.

"Enjoy your time with the staff," Kuehl said. "That's the best part about this job."

Rozeboom, who graduated from H-BC in 1995, said that's a big reason why she applied for the position.

"I've always loved being at the school, and the teachers and staff are very caring and helpful," she said. "I like knowing that I'm helping out the community and being part of it."



Hills-Beaver Creek School District business manager Glenda Kuehl passes the adding machine to her replacement, Amanda Rozeboom, Friday afternoon during a retirement party in the high school library. Rozeboom has been training since Oct. 7.

Rozeboom said she's grateful to have had training time with Kuehl. "It's going to be some hard shoes to fill," she said. "Hopefully I can follow in her footsteps."

Rozeboom has spent most of her professional career as an accountant with Eisma Law Office in Luverne, and Holthaus said the district is fortunate to have found someone with Rozeboom's skills who cares about H-BC.

"She was a known commodity," he said. "She's local, she's worked in the district previously as a paraprofessional and she has skills in numbers and working in a law office."

'I'll miss her wisdom'

Kuehl's last day is Oct. 31, and Holthaus said he will miss her.

"I'll miss her wisdom," he said. She was very knowledgeable in the craft of

'[She] has been a great asset to the Hills-Beaver Creek School District ... and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the district finances are in order.'

— Superintendent
Todd Holthaus

school finance. ... She was very efficient and proficient."

He sang Kuehl's praises at the July 8 School Board meeting when the board accepted her resignation.

"[She] has been a great asset to the Hills-Beaver Creek School District ... and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the district finances are in order."

He said he often noticed Kuehl's dedication to the district.

"I appreciate Mrs. Kuehl's positive get-it-done attitude that she always displays," Holthaus said.

"Mrs. Kuehl is motivated by doing the right thing for H-BC students, and I wish her well as she moves on to a different life focus. She will be missed."

Board member Dan LaRock expressed similar sentiments.

"H-BC has benefited from Glenda's leadership in her role as business manager," he said. "She's definitely going to be missed."

Kuehl said last week that she's looking forward to retirement and the free time it will bring.

"My plans are to spend more time with family, friends, travel and hobbies," she said.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Cleo Kjenslee will celebrate his 100th birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Greetings may be sent to him at 100 Dublin Road #2218, Mankato, MN 56001.

MENU

Monday, Nov. 4: Creamed chicken, rice pilaf, country blend vegetables, fruit cup, pudding.

8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 12:30 p.m. Generations Organizational meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Hamburger, baked beans, coleslaw, bun, oatmeal cookie bar.

Half-Price Day sponsor: New Life Celebration Church; music by Carol Zwaan.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pea and cheese salad, crackers, cookie.

9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Nov. 7: Beef stroganoff with noodles, mandarin oranges, mixed vegetables, cake.

Friday, Nov. 8: Pork loin with gravy, whole potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, lemon mousse.

9 a.m. Bone Builders. 11 a.m. Bingo. Half-Price Day sponsor: Anonymous.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

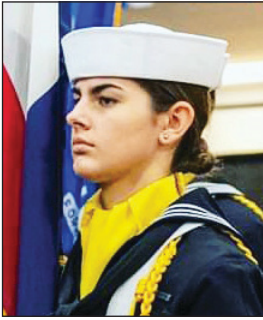
Ferrell graduates from boot camp

Luverne High School graduate Gabrielle Ferrell graduated from Navy boot camp Oct. 18 at the Great Lakes Naval Station in North Chicago, Illinois, with honors.

The Class of 2019 graduate is a member of Division 950. She performed flag drills and presented the Colorado flag at several graduations including her own.

Ferrell, an active duty enlisted sailor, will complete her training in Monterey, California.

She is the daughter of Travis and Jacqueline Johnson of Luverne and James Ferrell, Minnetonka.



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

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

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

Fall Story Hour for preschoolers ages 4-5, is from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays through Nov. 21.

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

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

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

Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, Take 16.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FFA News

Luverne-Adrian FFA'ers attend Greenhand, officer day

Nineteen members from the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter attended the Region 6 FFA Greenhand and Chapter Officer Day Sept. 25 in Windom.

First-year Greenhand members attending included Tori Hemme, D.J. Swenson, A.J. Ossefoort, Harrison Uithoven, J.T. Remme, Luke Hansen, Nick Hansen, Cole Mann, Jacob Henning, Jacob Hansen, Ross Bergman, Lilly Ehlers, Claire Hoffman and Sophie Holmberg.

Members participated in various mini contests and listened to Region 6 FFA officers and state FFA officers talk about leadership opportunities, travel opportunities, official dress, and which Region 6 activities are available to each member.

Officers who attended included Cassie Flanagan, Destiny Matthiesen, Gretchen Jacobsma, Justin Dohlmann and Chase Overgaard. They learned about teamwork, setting goals and planning a program of activities for their chapter.

Trap shoot contest results

Two Luverne-Adrian FFA chapter members participated in the Mountain Lake FFA Trap Shoot Invitational.

Eric Somnis placed 23rd with a score of 21 out of 25.

Destiny Matthiesen finished 43rd with a score of 19 out of 25.

Top shooter was Andy Baumann of Springfield

with a perfect 25 out of 25. The invitational had 124 FFA'ers completing the competition.

Horse team places seventh

Five members attended the Region 6 FFA horse evaluation contest on Oct. 15 in Fairmont.

The team of Kaitlin McDowell, Sophie Holmberg, Gretchen Jacobsma, Destiny Matthiesen, and Cassie Flanagan placed seventh out of 16 teams.

Individually, Flanagan placed third and Matthiesen placed 22nd.

H-BC FFA'ers compete at contests

Two Hills-Beaver Creek FFA judging teams will compete at the state convention.

The two teams qualified at the Region 6 judging competitions in Fairmont Oct. 15.

The poultry team of Joslyn Birger, Kenadie Fick, Jacey Vandenhoeck, Ashlee Kelderman and Avery Vis placed seventh and will compete at state. Fick finished in 10th place individually.

Also eligible for state contest is the soils team of Donovan Leenders, Max Scholten, Kyle Kueter, Zander Wysong and Troy Durst who also placed seventh in the team competition.

The forestry team placed sixth. Members included Easton Harnack, Austin Allen, Calvin Erickson, Gavin Wysong and Parker Gehrke.

Horse evaluation team members of Kellie Vanderbrink, Kathleen Kiers and Tyrae Goodface placed 14th.



Submitted photo

State FFA officers visit Luverne

Two Minnesota State FFA officers visited ag students at Luverne Middle-High School. Briton Fuglseth, state reporter, and Savannah Aanerud, state sentinel, talked to students in the rural studies and introduction to ag classes. The officers led discussions about FFA and organized team-building activities. The rural studies class posed for a picture with officers Fuglseth (front left, kneeling) and Aanerud, students (from left) Addison Huiskes, Will Serie, Chloe Schoeneman, Morgan Ahrendt, Roselynn Hartshorn, Zoe Perkins, Kiesli Smith, Brooklyn Wicks, Mitchell Sauer, Tori Serie, Maya Limones-Gonzales, Tyler Arends, Mason Kracht, Emma Lusty, Tyler Rolfs, Cash Bonnett, Ian Bumgardner, Spencer Kracht, Zach Terrio, Mason Churchill, Tucker Dammann and Jack Voorhees.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Heartland Express drivers, administration and buses moved into their new building near the Highway Department Monday. The 5,300-square-foot building includes about 1,700 square feet of office space, and the remainder is garage space. Heartland Express has four buses, but the new building has room for eight. This would accommodate growth and plans for an indoor wash bay, if future budgets allow. The new building cost roughly \$600,000 with 80 percent of that cost covered by a federal grant through the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

25 years ago (1994)

•Luverne High School's new gymnastics head coach is Phoebe Johnson. At their Oct. 27 meeting, Luverne School Board members approved hiring Johnson for the 1994-1995 season at a \$2,800 salary. Johnson, a 1987 Luverne High School graduate, is one credit short of completing her education degree, but she does have her coaching certificate. The state has granted the school a variance to hire her minus the degree, but they can only do so at one-year commitments. Johnson's position includes coaching varsity and junior varsity gymnastics.

50 years ago (1969)

•Two boys have admitted starting the garage fire at the Neil Dohlman residence in Magnolia last Wednesday afternoon, according to Magnolia's fire chief Paul Donth. "The boys were playing in the garage and poured gas on three tires, which were stored in a corner. The boys then went home and watched television and returned to the garage later and started the fire," Donth told The Star Herald. Magnolia's postmaster Bob Davis noticed smoke coming from the garage and turned in the alarm. Only the shell of the garage remains and the building is considered a total loss.

75 years ago (1944)

•Dedication of the newly acquired church home, the former Jones residence on the corner of Estey and Bishop streets, will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. Paul De Koekkoek, acting pastor of the Luverne Christian Reformed congregation, announced. Rev. A. Wassink, pastor of the Inwood Christian Reformed church, will give the dedication address. The congregation purchased the building this summer, and since that time, the first floor has been remodeled into an auditorium. The second floor will be used as a parsonage as soon as a permanent pastor is secured.

100 years ago (1919)

•The \$50,000 damage suit brought by A.C. Finke in United States district court against twenty-one residents of Rock county has been dismissed and presumably abandoned. The case was cited for trial at the federal term of court which opened at Mankato Tuesday, but when the case was called Tuesday afternoon Finke's attorney entered a motion to dismiss the suit and the motion was granted. Finke's suit was based on his removal from Hills to Sioux Falls last summer, he claiming in his complaint that he was forced to sell his banking and other interests in Hills and move form the county because the defendants had injured his business and standing in that community. The case grew out of the loyalty campaigns conducted during the war, when Finke's loyalty was questioned and public sentiment in his community was so strong against him that his place of business was painted yellow one night early in 1918 by unknown persons. Finke charged in his complaint that the sentiment against him was due to the activities of the defendants, the majority of whom are residents of Luverne.



Glenda McGaffee photos/1031 Opheim halloween

Mark and Marie Opheim's front yard in Hills features an assortment of Halloween decorations.

Opheims crazy about Halloween

By Glenda McGaffee

Marie Opheim's favorite holiday of the year is Halloween.

She loves to decorate her home in Hills on 413 East 4th Street inside and out.

Opheim lived in the country until she married Mark in 2008.

"I love decorating in town where people can drive by and see it," she said.

"Every year I add something different to my Halloween decorations. I have totes filled, but every year I buy something new."

This year she added witches to her outside display that she started working on during the first week of October.

"Halloween is such an awesome holiday," she said. "It's for everybody; you don't have to be a kid. This is the only holiday everybody can be a kid. Just put on face paint and stop at my house on Halloween and I will give you candy."

She said her Halloween joy started in her childhood.

"When I was a kid, my brother Greg (Ox) Johnson and I would go trick-or-treating in Magnolia," she said.

"We stopped at every house in town and would be out until 10 p.m.



Marie Opheim (left), Kaitlynn Kooistra, Mark Opheim and Kirsten Kooistra pose amid Halloween decorations on the Opheim front lawn.

We lived in the country so my parents would hang out at the old Magnolia Steak House until we were done."

Her husband helps with the

decorating but prefers not to hang what looks like humans from the house. "I have nothing against things climbing on the house. It just freaks me out," he said.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Lens

Patricia "Pat" Lens, 84, Brandon, South Dakota, formerly of Valley Springs, South Dakota, and Hills, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2019, at the Dougherty Hospice Home in Sioux Falls.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon. Inurnment will follow at Holy Name Catholic Cemetery in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Visitation with family will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at the church with a Rosary prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Pat is survived by three children, Michael (Jeanne) Lens, Brandon, Kimberly (Bruce) Pedersen, Dakota

Dunes, South Dakota, and Kathleen (Jose) Nunez, Eagan; seven grandchildren, Brock (Jessica), Tim, Amanda, Tony, Kaitlin, Leslie and Nicole; four great-grandchildren, Hollis, Parker, Baylor, and Paisley; and her only sibling, Karen Lens, Dakota Dunes.

Pat was preceded in death by husband, Ed, and her parents, Leonard and Grace (Spies) Brandt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were provided by Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon, www.heartlandfunerals.com. (1031 F)

Robert Larson

Robert "Bob" Glenn Larson of Luverne, Minnesota, passed away on Friday, October 25, 2019, after a long stay at Avera McKennan hospital in Sioux Falls.

Bob was born on July 21, 1950, in Winnebago, Minnesota. He was the fifth child, and only son of Genevieve and Richard Larson. Bob spent most of his life in the trucking business, both as a long-distance driver and operating a freight brokerage business.

Bob took pleasure in spending time visiting with his family and close friends. In his spare time he enjoyed watching football in the fall, listening to his Elvis records, and watching John Wayne movies. Above all, Bob enjoyed spending time with

his daughter Lindsey whom he loved very much.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Larson, Genevieve Tomlinson, his stepfather Elden Tomlinson, his sister Bonnie Lyles, and his brothers-in-law Bill McCaw and Neil Lugge.

Bob is survived by his sisters Dara-Lee (Richard) Tillquist, Kathleen Lugge, Linda McCaw, his daughter Lindsey (Patrick) Higgins, his granddaughter Nora and many nieces and nephews.

Bob will be buried during a private family ceremony.

Bob's family would like to thank all of his friends and neighbors who had helped him over the years.

(1031 V)



DEATH NOTICES

Valerie Lange

Valerie Jean Lange, 60, Brandon, South Dakota, died Friday, Oct. 18, 2019, at the Palisades Manor in Garretson, South Dakota. A memorial service was Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Trent Baptist Church in Trent, South Dakota.

Arrangements were provided by Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon, heartlandfunerals.com. (1031 DN)

Gary Steinhoff

Gary Steinhoff, 59, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, formerly of Pipestone, died unexpectedly on Friday, Oct. 25, 2019.

A Mass of Christian burial was Wednesday, Oct. 30, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Burial was in St. Adrian Cemetery in Adrian.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, Pipestone Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1031 DN)

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The Holiday Season will soon be upon us. It is not only a time for families to share memories, but also a time to create new ones. In an effort to help, we would like to invite you to our annual:

“Service of Remembrance”

Sunday, November 3, 2019
1:00 PM
Hartquist Funeral Home

We ask that you R.S.V.P. with the number that will be in attendance from your family by Thursday, October 31, 2019. We may be reached at 507-283-2777.

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Neighbors helping neighbors

Neighbors and friends of Aaron and Heather Erickson gathered Saturday, Oct. 19, to harvest 150 acres of the couple's beans in three hours. Pictured (from left) are Ashley Esselink, Dave Esselink, Chase Bosch, Cory Meinerts, Alan Baker, Tim Baker, Aaron Erickson, Josh Rheault, Allen Nuffer, Chris Nuffer, Seth Nuffer, Justin Esselink, David Tilstra, Debbie Tilstra and Dennis Erickson. Not pictured are Isaac Tilstra, Zach Scholten and Jon Finke trucking employees. The Ericksons' son Ethan died at age 12 Sunday, Oct. 13, after an 18-month battle with Burkitt's Lymphoma.

Keep the roads safe during fall harvest

Motorists should slow down, use caution when approaching large farm equipment

Fall harvest season is underway in Minnesota, and motorists are likely to see large farm equipment on Minnesota roads as crops are transported to markets, grain elevators and processing plants.

"Motorists need to be especially alert when they share the road with farm equipment that is frequently so large and heavy that accelerating, slowing down and stopping take

more time and space than other vehicles," said Col. Matt Langer, chief of the Minnesota State Patrol.

These vehicles also have large blind spots for operators and cause them to make wide turns and sometimes cross over the center line. All these factors can and do result in serious crashes.

Motorists are urged to:

- slow down and use caution when approaching farm

equipment. Don't assume the operator can see you.

- watch for debris dropped by trucks. It's safer to brake or drive through debris than to veer into oncoming cars or off the road.

- wait for a safe place to pass.

Farm equipment operators should:

- use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.
- use slow-moving vehicle

emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.

- consider using a follow vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night.
- properly secure your load.

- ensure all lights are clean and fully visible.
- ensure all safety equipment, including brakes and tires, are well maintained.

Motorists and equipment operators alike should understand there may be mud and debris on the road and drive accordingly.

Between 2016 and 2018, there were 385 crashes involving farm vehicles resulting in seven fatalities and 154 injuries in Minnesota.

As farmers and large equipment operators work to get sugar beets, corn, soy beans and other products to market, everyone can play their part to make the roads safer.

Footloose play/continued from page 1

Plans are for the play sets to be constructed in the adjoining woodshop, and overhead doors will open to easily move sets behind the stage.

This year, however, the 12 students in the building construction class taught by Darrel VanAartsen are constructing the set and moving the pieces by pickup truck to the Palace Theatre.

"It's a good project for them," VanAartsen said. "They learn a lot of basic construction elements."

The set involves a wooden platform, stairs and a ladder.

VanAartsen split the students into groups, and each worked on a specific element. These elements included determining the height of the platform and the correct number of steps for easy climbing.

Student actors study 1984 movie

Based on the 1984 movie "Footloose," the high school musical features the classic songs "Footloose," "Holding Out for a Hero," and "Almost Paradise."

A few songs are new to the musical from those featured in the movie, Kinsinger said.

None of the high school students were born when Kevin Bacon and Lori Singer danced in the original movie, but the movie provided a learning tool for the students. "I know they get together and watch it (the movie)," said Kinsinger. "They are really soaking it in."

The musical story centers on Ren McCormack (portrayed by junior Seno Chanthalangsy), who was raised in Chicago and moves with his mom, Ethel (junior Sophie



Mavis Fodness photos/1031 LHS Footloose Musical

Luverne High School students sing the opening number, "Footloose," during Monday afternoon rehearsal.

Holmberg), to the small town of Bomont, Utah.

Ren befriends Willard Hewitt (sophomore Luke Thorson), and from him Ren learns that dancing and rock music have been banned in the town.

Ren falls in love with rebellious teenager Ariel (senior Hannah Ehlers) whose father, the Rev. Shaw Moore (senior Jordan Winter), and mother, Vi (senior Alexa Chesley), are against the senior prom Ren wants to organize.

Dance moves learned on set

Will there be dancing and rock music at the senior prom?

For Junior Luke Thorson, whose character learns to dance during the production, the dance moves have been the toughest to learn.

"I can't naturally dance," Thorson said. "In the second act I have to actually dance and I'm doing a decent job."

Other cast members in-



Luverne High School senior Tyler Roberts uses the skill saw Tuesday morning to even the sides of the platform that will be used by schoolmates in the play "Footloose" on Nov. 7-9.

clude Ariel's best friends Rusty, Wendy Jo and Eleanor (junior Rylee Gee, senior Meagan Hansen and sophomore Mia Wenzel) and Ariel's jealous boyfriend Chuck (sophomore Pierce Cunningham).

Other cast members include:

- Seniors Nicole Hoogland, Kaitlyn McDowell, Melanie Rittenhouse, Anita Cole-Kraty
- Juniors Ann Dara, Ainslie Robinson, Xavier Carbonneau, Solveig Tofteland, Sadie Reisdorfer, McKenzie Van Grootheest, Josie Golla;
- Sophomore Chance Tun-

- nisen;
- Freshmen Ashlyn Johnson, Parker Carbonneau, Myl-

es Trimble.

Egypt Forrest, a freshman, is handling stage lights, and exchange student Stepan Orletsky is organizing the props.

Kinsinger said some students who normally are involved in stage production and lighting wanted to be on stage for "Footloose."

"Those guys on stage look



Ren's mom, Ethel (right, portrayed by junior Sophie Holmberg), explains she is separated from her husband and he won't be joining her and Ren (junior Seno Chanthalangsy) in their new home in Bomont, Utah.



Ren McCormick (far right, portrayed by junior Seno Chanthalangsy) meets Ariel Moore (senior Hannah Ehlers) on Ren's first day at Bomont High School. Looking on is Ariel's friend Eleanor (sophomore Mia Wenzel).

like they're having fun," he recalls them saying.

Performances are Thursday, Nov. 7, Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre on Main Street

Luverne.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Palace Box Office, 507-283-4339, or www.palacetheatre.us. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

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Hallowe'en party, with all the trimmin's, was reached at a special session of Luverne Commercial Club, Tuesday night, at which time the club agreed to sponsor and finance this event.

Committees were immediately appointed to arrange the details of the celebration, conforming to the resolution presented to the club by its retailers' committee. The retailers' plan called for a "Witch Day," with a suitable program, featured with a barbecue using a whole beef, prepared on the city street, in an old fashioned way and served free, and enlivened by a street program, club-operated stands, bands, a dance, and what not.

To the conventional Hallowe'en surprises, the club arranged for an addition of prizes of another character — merchandising value surprises. Each and every merchandising establishment will be urged to present to visiting beef eaters special values of a character in keeping with the day in their sensational character. These values will be extensively, advertised according to arrangements, and preparation of show windows in conformity with Hallowe'en will be made throughout the city.

In addition to an entertainment program of professional character, highlighted by the first local appearance of the famous Little German Band, of New Ulm, Minn., there will be innumerable street novelties of a Hallowe'en character, including old fashioned apple ducking, fortune telling and similar events.

In order to further convey the Hallowe'en spirit the club contemplates making a witch disguise the official costume of the day and varying this dress with costumes giving wearers the appearance of various Mother Goose characters.

In the baby beef parade, presented by the 4-H clubs of the county, the committees hope to call public attention to another aspect of the celebration significance to Rock county, the committees point out, for the serving of an entire beef to the people of the community, puts a very proper emphasis upon an industry which has made Rock county famous. Not only has the community been honored by the exhibition of prize beeves of the 4-H workers and others, but, for three years, the carlot baby beef prize, awarded by the extension division with the cooperation of the livestock breeders, has gone to Rock county beeves, raised by James Ellsworth, of near Magnolia.

The evening program will be presented in the Luverne armory, as will also the afternoon program should the weather make it advisable. An old time dance with music furnished by the radio-broadcasting vaudevillians, the Little German Band, will close the day's events.

Committees appointed by President Engan, to arrange the details of the day included a committee on Barbecue, Concessions, Publicity, Entertainment, Decoration, Parade and Finance. A. M. DeLapp heads the Barbecue committee; J. E. Cameron the concession committee; B. E. Pelstring the publicity committee; J. R. Wiggins the entertainment committee; F. C. C. Smith the decoration committee; C. G. Gaylord the parade committee; H. B. Creeger of the finance committee.

Each of these committees will have sub-committees to take care of other details of the program. A meeting of the above named chairman, has been planned for this evening, at which time the reports of the committee heads on progress thus far will be heard.

Other action taken by the special club meeting Tuesday night, included the decision to close Luverne's stores from 10:00 on, on Armistice Day, and the appointment of a committee to confer with the executive of the Legion on Armistice Day arrangements.

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

Mann welcomes correspondences sent to mannmade@iuv.net.



Building construction students Brandon Mills (left) and Riley Siebenahler work Tuesday morning on the steps needed for the high school musical set. This is the first year woodworking students constructed the theatrical sets instead of the actors.

Patriots earn rematch with MLA Wolverines

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team earned a berth in the championship game of the Section 3 Nine-Man Playoffs for the second consecutive year Saturday in Hills.

The second-seeded Patriots entertained No. 6 Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman for a semifinal-round clash.

H-BC dominated play the entire game to secure a 42-6 victory.

The win sends the 9-1 Patriots to Marshall Friday, where they will meet No. 1 Mountain Lake Area for the section title at 11:30 a.m.

MLA, which is the only school to beat H-BC the last two seasons, saddled the Patriots with a 40-20 setback when the teams met in Mountain Lake Sept. 20.

H-BC didn't give G-H-EC-T a chance to upset the Patriots during Saturday's semifinal.

The Patriots recorded touchdowns with their first three offensive possessions of the first half to open a 22-0 lead at the intermission.

H-BC scored the first 20 points of the second half before yielding a late touchdown to prevail by 36 points.

The Patriots received the game's opening kickoff and covered 64 yards in six plays during their initial offensive possession.

Tyson Bork capped the march with an 11-yard run to give the hosts a 6-0 cushion.

Bork intercepted a pass during G-H-EC-T's first offensive play of the game, giving H-BC the ball on the H-BC 41-yard line.

Eight plays and 59 yards later, Gavin Wysong tossed a nine-yard touchdown pass to Jax Wysong and the same combination clicked for a two-point conversion pass to make it 14-0.

H-BC's third offensive possession developed into a 12-play, 80-yard drive.

Gavin Wysong ended the series with a 19-yard run, and he carried in the two-point conversion to give the Patriots a 22-0 lead they would take into the second half.

The teams exchanged possessions to start the second half, and the H-BC defense stopped the Jaguars on downs during their second offensive possession.

The Patriot offense covered 78 yards in six plays during their second possession, which ended with Bork scoring on a nine-yard run.

Gavin Wysong hooked up with Jax Wysong for a conversion pass following the touchdown to give H-BC a 30-0 cushion.

The Patriot defense stopped G-H-EC-T on downs at the H-BC 24-yard line as the third quarter progressed.

Bork raced for a 66-yard touchdown two plays later to up the lead to 36 points.

Following a short punt by the Jaguars early in the fourth quarter, Gavin Wysong fired a 33-yard touchdown pass to Chase Bosch that capped H-BC's 42-point offensive performance.

The Jaguars avoided being shut out when Bryant Berhow scored on a one-yard run with less than two minutes left to play.

Team statistics
H-BC: 370 rushing yards, 71 passing yards, 441 total yards, 16 first downs, seven penalties for 80 yards, three turnovers.
G-H-EC-T: 115 rushing yards, 58 passing yards, 173 total yards, nine first downs, three penalties for 40 yards, three turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: G. Wysong 16-152, Bork 18-199, Liam Raymon 3-19.
Passing: G. Wysong 4-8 for 71 yards.
Receiving: J. Wysong 3-28, Bosch 1-43.
Defense: G. Wysong 10 tackles, Drew Leenders six tackles, Bosch eight tackles, Tryce Bennett, Raymon five tackles, J. Wysong six tackles, Bork one interception, Casey Kueter five tackles, Calvin Erickson one fumble recovery, Tory Knobloch three tackles, Zander Wysong three tackles and one fumble recovery, Jaxon Steensma one sack.



John Rittenhouse photo/1031 girls cc 3

Luverne's Jenna DeBates helped the Cardinal girls place second at Thursday's Section 3A Cross Country Championships in Madison by placing fifth individually. The Cards compete at the state meet in Northfield Saturday.

Girls advance to state for fifth straight year

By John Rittenhouse

One run came to an end and another one continued during the Section 3A Cross Country Championships in Madison Thursday.

A streak of winning four consecutive section team titles for the Luverne girls came to an end when the Cardinals were dethroned by Murray County Central in the chase for a championship.

Luverne, however, will be participating at the state meet

for the fifth consecutive season after locking up second place in the section team standings.

Luverne advances to the Minnesota State Class A Cross Country Championships at St. Olaf College in Northfield Saturday.

The girls' varsity race is slated for 1 p.m.

The Cardinals fell three points short of winning their fifth consecutive team title Thursday.

Luverne returned in a 59-point performance, while the champion Rebels finished with 56 points.

A total of 17 complete teams mixed it up in Madison.

Two LHS runners placed among the top five individual finishers to lead the Cardinals to their second-place finish.

Tenley Nelson placed second behind MCC's Morgan Gehl (18:03) with a time of 18:47, while Jenna DeBates placed fifth with a 19:49 effort.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Regan Feit and Elizabeth Wagner helped LHS secure second place in the team standings by placing between 16th and 20th individually.

Ver Steeg finished 16th in 20:42, Feit 17th in 20:46 and Wagner 20th in 20:58.

Grace Ingebretson and Kayla Bloemendaal also ran in Madison for LHS.

Ingebretson placed 32nd in 21:50, while Bloemendaal finished 42nd in 22:20.



John Rittenhouse photo/1031 semis 6

Luverne tailback LaShad Smith (4) attempts to elude Jackson County Central's Jack Brinkman as Cardinal Jayson Rops tries to block the Husky during Saturday's playoff game in Jackson. JCC ended Luverne's 7-3 season by saddling the Cardinals with a 35-0 setback.

Huskies humble LHS Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

An opportunity to advance to the section finals for the first time in seven years slipped away from the Luverne Cardinal football team Saturday in Jackson.

Luverne, which was attempting to advance to the section title tilt for the first time since 2012, ran into a powerful Jackson County Central team that would not be denied in the Section 3AAA semifinals.

The second-seeded Huskies scored 21 points in the first half and added two more touchdowns in the second half to hand the third-seeded Cardinals a season-ending

35-0 setback.

Luverne ends the year with a 7-3 record.

When all was said and done on Saturday, LHS was simply overmatched.

"JCC is a good team that can do it all," said Cardinal coach Todd Oye.

"There's a reason why they are 9-0 and ranked seventh in the state."

The Huskies displayed their offensive prowess during the game's opening possession.

Luverne's kickoff to start the game caromed out of bounds, giving the Huskies the ball on their own 35-yard line.

Nine plays and 65 yards later, Bradley Buhl Jr. scored on a

one-yard plunge and Keaton Storm tacked on his first offive extra points to give JCC a 7-0 lead 4:01 into the game.

The LHS defense forced JCC to punt near the end zone at the end of its second offensive possession, and the Cardinals received excellent field position when Bailey Cowell returned the ball 18 yards to the JCC 20.

A successful fourth-down conversion advanced the ball inside the 10-yard line, but JCC's Jack Brinkman intercepted a pass in the end zone two plays later.

The way things played out,

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Tofteland moves on individually

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School senior extended the cross country season during the Section 3A Championships in Madison Thursday.

Brayden Tofteland, who qualified for state competition individually as a junior, duplicated that accomplishment during the 2019 version of the section event.

Tofteland locked up one of eight individual berths into the state meet that were up for grabs in Madison.

By doing so, Tofteland earned the right to run at the Minnesota State Class A Cross Country Championships at St. Olaf College in Northfield on Saturday.

Tofteland will participate in the boys' varsity race, which begins at 2 p.m.

The top two teams and the top eight individual finishers who are not members of the first- and second-place teams advance to state at the section level.

Lac qui Parle Valley and Redwood Valley placed first and second in the team standings with 30 and 92 points.

The way things panned out in Madison, a male runner needed to place 14th or better to advance to state individually.

Tofteland, who placed 102nd at the state meet in 2018, got the job done by finishing ninth with a time of 17:39 Thursday.

With Tofteland leading the way, LHS placed seventh out of 17 complete teams at the section meet with 172 points.

Camden Janiszkeski and Jonah Friedrichsen helped the



John Rittenhouse photo/1031 boys cc 2

Luverne's Brayden Tofteland qualified for state competition individually at the Section 3A meet in Madison Thursday.

Cardinals finish seventh by placing 30th and 37th with respective 18:28 and 18:40 times.

Griffin Jarchow and Ethan Curtiss capped the team scoring by finishing 48th and 54th in 19:05 and 19:11.

Brady Bork and Brody DeBates also ran in the varsity race for LHS.

Bork placed 60th in 19:23, while DeBates finished 62nd in 19:33.

Ringneck Reunion provides boost to local economy

I live in Nobles County but have been spending more time in Rock County over the few past years.



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

I was a helper in the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Luverne last October, so that involved a few meetings and visits. The Rock County Pheasants Forever chapter officers and volunteers are a bunch of great guys and the new president Darin Kindt is doing a bang-up job.

I was in Luverne yet again over the weekend to attend the first-ever Ringneck Reunion and the 2019 Rock County Pheasants Forever banquet Friday night at the Take 16 Brewing Company.

The combination of the annual fundraiser and the Ringneck Reunion was a match made in heaven. The countywide event resulted in a higher number of attendees than past recent events.

It was a festive atmosphere — almost party-like — and everyone was having a great time. As a result, the chapter had its best financial results in its 35-year history. Congratulations, Rock County Pheasants Forever!

The pheasant-hunting contest on Saturday was a combination of fun and some serious planning on how a party of four hunters could bag a limit of eight birds per team and then pick the biggest four of those and submit them for scoring.

My team included local pheasant hunting legend Don Dinger and two of his co-workers, Steve and Kevin. We hunted north of Pipestone on spots that had very little, if any, hunting pressure from last season, and we figured there might be more 2-year-old roosters there verses young hatched ones from this spring.

The conditions were less than perfect with a stiff 25-mph wind that lasted all day. We bagged six roosters of our potential eight-bird limit.

One big downer was that one of those birds was crippled, and in the act of catching it, the dog tore the award-winning tail feathers out of the bird.

This made them ineligible to be included. All of the birds we harvested were in the bag by 11 a.m. I completed 17,800 steps according to my fancy phone, and of those, 11,000 never saw another pheasant. We hunted until 4 p.m. and

then had to haul the mail back to Luverne to make the weigh-in cutoff.

You never really know how you might stack up against the competition. We just had to wait and see.

The other event I really wanted to participate in was the Ringneck Rally, a side-by-side ride that visited every town in Rock County over the space of one day.

I could not be in two places at one time, and the hunting won out, but there were over 60 riders that made the approximately 75-mile adventure. I was told by each and every one how much fun it was.

The wind made for some challenges, and some of the riders must have taken alternative routes because their rigs were covered in mud and debris at the Take 16 after-party.

My hunting team ended up in first place and we split the \$500 cash first prize.

I am really looking forward to next year and the increasing size of this contest. Everyone is out hunting anyway so this does not put any extra pressure on the rooster populations in your area. It is just a great way to start and grow a new community tradition that Luverne is getting a regional reputation for.

Friends of mine came from Woodbury and stayed in one of the local lodging establishments. Anybody that does not grasp the economic benefits for a robust hunting economy has never been on one of my hunting or fishing adventures.

Hunting is big business and this is one great way for your community to cash in on those tourism dollars. Even as a local I bought a tank of gas, beers at Take 16 and snacks at a small-town convenience store.

It will be great as this grows and more folks begin to understand that Rock County is a great place to start chasing roosters in October.

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.

AHS spikers eliminate Patriots Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team began its defense of the 2018 South Section 3A Tournament title by hosting Hills-Beaver Creek for a quarterfinal-round contest Friday in Adrian.

The top-seeded Dragons defeated No. 8 H-BC three times during the regular season, and the results didn't change in the postseason.

H-BC played two strong sets against Adrian, but the hosts answered every challenge to secure a 3-0 victory.

The 26-2 Dragons advance to Tuesday's (Oct. 29) semifinals in Worthington, while H-BC's 13-15 season comes to an end.

H-BC sported three two-point advantages in the opening set and led by as many as five points (17-12) when Kailey Rozeboom delivered a service ace.

Adrian countered with a 9-0 run ending with an ace serve from Kasie Tweet to open a 21-17 lead before winning by five points (25-20) after Mayssa Tweet ended the set with a service point.

Sadie Fuerstenberg gave the Patriots an 8-3 lead in the second set.

H-BC still led by five (11-6) when Adrian went on a 14-3 run capped by an ace serve from Mayssa Tweet to open a 20-14 advantage.

The Dragons prevailed by seven points (25-18) after Kasie Tweet charted a set-ending ace tip.

Rozeboom served the Patriots to a 2-0 lead in the third set.

The Patriots still led by two (6-4) when Adrian went on a 20-4 run capped by a kill from Maritza Beltran.



John Rittenhouse photo/1031 ha vb 13

Adrian junior Brianna Reckamp prepares to spike the ball in front of H-BC's Kailey Rozeboom during Friday's South Section 3A Volleyball Tournament match in Adrian.

The Dragons prevailed 25-12 moments later when Marisa Lehnhoff ended the match with a kill.

Kasie Tweet (21 ace sets, 12 digs and 24 of 26 serving with six aces), Lehnhoff (six kills and three blocks), Shawna Rogers (five kills, 11 of 12 serving with two aces, six digs and

four blocks) and Mayssa Tweet (18 digs and nine of nine serving) led the Dragons to victory.

Bailey Lonneman added seven kills to the winning cause.

Rozeboom (12 of 13 serving with three aces, 13 set assists and eight digs), Abby Knobloch (five kills and seven digs)

and Taryn Rauk (three kills and seven digs) played strong matches for H-BC.

Josilyn Birger (11 of 11 serving), Kenadie Fick (12 of 14 serving with one ace), Whitney Elbers (10 kills) and Annie Bos (five set assists) also played well for the Patriots.

R-T-R Knights upset Adrian gridders in Section 3A quarterfinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth football team bowed out of the Section 3A Playoffs after becoming a victim of an upset during the quarterfinal-round Oct. 22 in Adrian.

The fourth-seeded Dragons entertained No. 5 Russell-Tyler-Ruthon, a team AHS defeated 42-13 to open the season, in their playoff debut.

A-E took a 7-0 lead early in the rematch, but the Knights scored 30 unanswered points in the final 31:06 of the game to secure a 30-7 victory.

The Dragons end the year with a 4-5 record.

The game was scoreless when Adrian senior Brandon Schnoor intercepted a pass at the R-T-R 48-yard line with 2:55 remaining in the first quarter.

The defensive gem set up a 13-play series that came to an end with Schnoor scoring at the end of a five-yard run at the 7:33 mark of the second quarter.

A-E's Brady Vortherms added the extra point following the touchdown, giving the Dragons a 7-0 cushion.

The game's momentum switched to the side of R-T-R shortly after the opening score.

On the third play of R-T-R's ensuing offensive possession, Knights' quarterback Payton Hess fired a 39-yard touchdown pass to Logan Lamote with 7:06 left in the second period.

Hess added the extra point to knot the score at seven.

The Knights recovered a fumble on the Dragons' 19-yard line on the second play of A-E's next offensive possession.

Hess scored on a six-yard run three plays later and added the extra point to give R-T-R a 14-7 lead with 4:44

remaining in the first half.

A-E moved the ball to the R-T-R five-yard line late in the second quarter, but the drive stalled without yielding points.

Even more disheartening for the Dragons was losing the services of senior quarterback Ian Stamer for the rest of the game due to a potential concussion during the late first-half drive.

R-T-R put the game away with a 16-point second half.

The Knights missed a 23-yard field goal with 6:10 remaining in the third quarter, but they covered 58 yards in six plays during their second offensive possession of the stanza.

Hess scored on a six-yard run to cap the drive and Jonah Christianson tossed a successful conversion pass to Darrick Baartmann to make it a 22-7 game with 1:27 left in the third quarter.

R-T-R intercepted a pass on the Knights' 37-yard line late in the third quarter.

Hess dashed 57 yards for a touchdown two plays later before tossing a successful conversion pass to Hayden Gravely to cap the scoring with 3:11 left in the game.



Schnoor

Team statistics
Adrian: 177 rushing yards, 24 passing yards, 201 total yards, 11 first downs, 15 penalties for 118 yards, two turnovers.
R-T-R: 133 rushing yards, 193 passing yards, 326 total yards, 15 first downs, seven penalties for 75 yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Schnoor 29-154, Stamer 1022, Preston Nelson 3-2, Logan Taylor 1-minus 1.
Passing: Stamer 3-5 for 26 yards, Schnoor 0-1 for zero yards, Quentin Wolf 1-4 for minus 2 yards.
Receiving: Schnoor 2-15, Vortherms 1-11, Nelson 1-minus 2.
Defense: Nelson eight tackles and one fumble recovery, Taylor six tackles, Vortherms five tackles, Brandon Boltjes five tackles, Lance Luettel four tackles, Andrew Bolluyt three tackles, Schnoor one interception.



John Rittenhouse photo/1031 ehs cc 3

Micah Onken is one of three Ellsworth runners who ran at the Section 3A meet in Madison Thursday.

Panthers complete cross country season

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth Panthers wrapped up the 2019 cross country season at the Section 3A Championships Thursday in Madison.

Three EHS boys competed in the varsity race, meaning EHS mixed it up as an incomplete team.

Lac qui Parle Valley and Redwood Valley earned berths in state competition by placing first and second in the team standings with 30 and 92 points respectively.

Along with the top two teams,

the first eight runners who are not members of the first- or second-place teams qualify for state competition at the section level.

A runner needed to place 14th or better to move on to state individually in Madison, but that didn't happen for the EHS runners.

Linkin Bossert turned in the top effort for Ellsworth by finishing 88th in 20:34.

Micah Onken and Cole Boltjes finished 116th and 138th with respective 21:53 and 24:49 times.

HILLS CITY RESIDENTS NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST PROPERTY TAXES

All unpaid City utility bills and/or unpaid city fees, including late fees, penalties and/or interest will be certified to the County Auditor-Treasurer for collection with the real estate taxes against the subject property. Any person(s) may attend the November 12th City Council meeting at 6:00 P.M., or may request a hearing to discuss their delinquent fees prior to the certification deadline.

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Martial artist meets her goal at Grand Slam

A Luverne Tae Kwon Do member met her goal during the Cadet Grand Slam staged Oct. 19 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

It was the last sparring competition at the Cadet level (for martial artists between the ages of 12-14) for Perceyis Trierweiler, and the Luverne eighth-grader wanted to make it a memorable experience. "My goal was to win my first match and place," she claimed.

Trierweiler got the job done.

Competing as one of seven members of the 47kg division, Trierweiler need to win her opening match to meet her goal.

She accomplished the task by staging a minor upset in the quarterfinals.

The fifth-seeded Trierweiler squared off against No. 4 Maria Victoria, a California competitor, in the opening round.

Trierweiler topped Victoria 13-2 to earn a shot at the No. 1 seed in the semifinals.

New Jersey entry Sofia Shumsky, the No. 1 seed and eventual runner-up in the division, didn't let Trierweiler advance any further.

Shumsky topped Trierweiler 12-4 in the semifinals, leaving the Luverne athlete with one of two third-place medals distributed to athletes at event's end.

All things considered, I think it was a pretty good showing by the Luverne

13-year-old.

The Grand Slam is one of the biggest events staged for the Cadet competitors every year, and it attracts the best martial artists this country has to offer.

Trierweiler is one of them, a distinction she has earned by perfecting her skills at the local club three times a week, along with competing at a number of regional and national events.

She prepares to compete in both sparring and form competitions, but Trierweiler leaves little doubt which event she prefers.

"I like to fight other people," she said.

She will receive that opportunity in the future, but her days at the Cadet level are over.

Although she is only 13 now, Trierweiler will be mixing it up at the Junior level (for athletes between the ages of 15-17) next year.

Her first test at the new level comes at the U.S. Open Tae Kwon Do Championships set for February in Orlando, Florida.

Competing against older and more experienced athletes will be a challenge, but Trierweiler is not lowering her expectations.

"I want to place and earn a medal," she stated.

I hope it's another goal she can accomplish.



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Luverne's Morgan Gonnerman attacks the ball in front of Pipestone blockers Meliah Alderson (16) and McKenzie Dulas (5) during Thursday's South Section 3AA Volleyball Tournament match in Pipestone.

Arrows sideline LHS volleyball team Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal volleyball team bowed out of the South Section 3AA Tournament Thursday in Pipestone.

Luverne, the tournament's fifth seed, took on No. 4 Pipestone on the Arrows' home floor during the quarterfinals.

LHS made the Arrows play four sets before falling 3-1 in Luverne Sept. 19, but the Arrows posted a more convincing victory during the tournament match.

Pipestone outscored LHS 75-49 on the way to registering a 3-0 victory.

Luverne ends the season

with a 10-14 record.

LHS led 3-1 when Maren Schaap delivered an ace serve early in the first set, but the advantage didn't last long.

The Arrows went on a 9-1 run to open a 10-4 lead on the way to building an eight-point (17-9) cushion.

Luverne trimmed the difference to six points (17-11) when Schaap served another ace, but Pipestone registered the next eight points to secure a 25-11 win.

Luverne's Tacey Baustian served the first point of the second set before the Arrows reeled off the next five points.

The Cardinals closed the

gap to two points (6-4) when Gracie Zewiske delivered a service point.

Pipestone, however, dominated the rest of the set.

A 14-5 run gave the Arrows a commanding 20-9 advantage, setting the stage for a 25-15 conquest.

The third set of the evening turned into the most competitive one of the match.

The score was tied at three different occasions early in the set, and the Cards trailed by one (8-8) after Mallory Thorson recorded an ace tip.

The Arrows countered with a 12-4 surge to open a 20-11 cushion, but the Cardinals

didn't go down without putting up a fight.

A 10-2 run ending with a kill by Thorson sliced Pipestone's lead to one point at 22-21.

The Arrows responded to the challenge by scoring three of the next five points to prevail 25-23.

Thorson (16 digs, six blocks and eight kills), Morgan Gonnerman (10 digs and five kills) and Zewiske (seven blocks and 12 of 13 serving with one ace) played well in defeat for LHS.

Trista Baustian led the Cards with 10 set assists, while Sydney Bieber completed all nine of her serves.

Cardinals blank Trojans in playoff opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal football team advanced to the Section 3AAA Playoff semifinals after posting a victory in the quarterfinals Oct. 22 at Cardinal Field.

Third-seeded LHS took on No. 6 Worthington in a rematch of the season opener for both teams back in August.

Luverne rolled to a 41-12 win in Game 1, but the second meeting didn't end with LHS prevailing by a decisive margin.

The teams battled to a score-

less draw in the first half before the Cardinals recorded a pair of third-quarter touchdowns to secure a 14-0 victory.

Both teams squandered some scoring opportunities during the first two quarters of play.

The Trojans put together a solid drive during their opening possession of the game that reached the LHS 13-yard line.

Worthington's initial possession ended with a blocked field-goal attempt, and the Trojans' second possession ended on the LHS 25 after los-

ing a fumble.

LHS had a golden opportunity to score as well when Tate Baum recovered a fumble on the Trojans' 13 early in the second quarter.

The Cards moved the ball inside the one-yard line before losing a fumble that was recovered in the end zone by WHS.

The game remained scoreless after each team had one offensive possession to start the second half.

Worthington faced a fourth-and-one situation on the Trojans' 37-yard line late in

its opening possession.

The Trojans attempted to run for a first down, but a two-yard loss gave LHS the ball on the Worthington 35.

Faced with a fourth-and-two situation, LHS stunned the Trojans with a pass that Casey Sehr delivered to Bailey Cowell for a 27-yard touchdown at the 5:58 mark of the third quarter.

Shaid Shearer added his first of two extra points following the touchdown, giving the Cards a 7-0 lead.

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Adrian senior Moriah Bullerman placed 22nd at the Section 3A Cross Country Championships in Madison Thursday.

AHS girls place 11th

By John Rittenhouse

The 2019 cross country season came to an end for the Adrian Dragons during the Section 3A Championships Thursday in Madison.

Adrian fielded a five-runner squad that registered a team tally for the girls' varsity race, while three Dragon boys ran as an incomplete squad.

The top two teams and the top eight individual finishers who are not members of the first- or second-place teams qualify for state competition at the section level.

The Adrian entries didn't meet those qualifications.

Led by a strong performance from senior Moriah Bullerman, the Dragon girls placed 11th in a 17-team field with 334 points.

Murray County Central and Luverne placed first and second in the girls' team standings with 56 and 59 points respectively.

The way things transpired

in Madison, an individual needed to place 14th or better to qualify for the state meet.

Bullerman made a bid to advance before placing 22nd with a time of 21:05.

Hiltyn Heitkamp finished the girls' race in 64th place with a 23:30 time.

Gracia Elias, Hunter Penning and Taya Elias finished 88th, 90th and 95th with respective 24:42, 24:47 and 25:12 efforts.

Lac qui Parle Valley and Redwood Valley placed first and second in the boys' team standings with 30- and 92-point efforts.

The way things panned out on Thursday, male runners had to place 14th or better to qualify for state individually.

Dylan Graff turned in Adrian's top effort by placing 51st in 19:10.

Bruce Farinella and Ky Rupert finished 99th and 139th with respective 21:03 and 24:50 efforts.

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H-BC senior Jax Wysong runs past a diving Lyle-Pacelli defender during a playoff game in Hills Oct. 22.

Patriots win shoot-out

By John Rittenhouse

The Section 3 Nine-Man Football Playoffs opened with an offensive explosion Oct. 22 in Hills.

Second-seeded Hills-Beaver Creek and No. 7 Lyle-Paceli combined efforts to produce 973 yards and 103 points during a quarterfinal-round clash.

The home-standing Patriots pulled away in the final 28 minutes of the game to secure a 72-30 victory.

The teams exchanged blows during the first 20 minutes of the contest.

L-P received the game's opening kickoff and promptly advanced the ball 72 yards in five plays with running back Gavin Johnson capping the march with a two-yard run at the 9:27 mark of the first quarter.

Athletics' quarterback Cole Walter carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

H-BC knotted the score at eight with a five-play, 56-yard drive to start the game.

Tyson Bork scored on a nine-yard run and toted in the two-point conversion.

L-P regained the lead (14-6) after a six-play series ending with a seven-yard run by Walter at the 4:54 mark of the first quarter.

H-BC countered with a 67-yard drive capped by a 45-yard run by Gavin Wysong with 2:51 remaining in the opening stanza.

Chase Bosch added his first of two extra points following the touchdown, giving H-BC a 15-14 edge.

The Patriots upped the lead to seven points (21-14) when Wysong scored on a 41-yard run 57 seconds into the second quarter.

L-P regained the lead (22-21) when Walter scored on a three-yard run before tossing a successful conversion pass to Leo Einck with 8:51 left in the first half.

H-BC assumed control of the game by scoring 24 unanswered points in the final five minutes of the second quarter.

Wysong capped a 58-yard drive with a six-yard touch-

down run and Bork carried in the two-point conversion to give the Patriots a 29-22 advantage with 4:32 left in the quarter.

Wysong scored on a 15-yard run and carried in the two-point conversion to make it 37-22 moments later.

Wysong picked off a pass late in the first half, setting up a 40-yard Gavin Wysong-to-Jax Wysong 64-yard touchdown pass.

Gavin Wysong hooked up with Bosch for a successful conversion pass following the touchdown to give H-BC a 45-22 lead at the intermission.

The teams produced a combined 35 points in the third quarter to cap the scoring in the contest.

Jax Wysong scored on a four-yard run and hauled in a 30-yard touchdown pass from Gavin Wysong early in the third stanza.

Gavin Wysong carried in the two-point touchdown following the opening score to help H-BC build a 59-22 cushion.

L-P trimmed the difference to 29 points (59-30) when Walter fired a 58-yard touchdown strike to Jed Nelson. The Athletics added a two-point conversion following the touchdown.

H-BC received a 29-yard touchdown run from Bork and an extra point from Bosch before completing the scoring when Gavin Wysong delivered a 26-yard touchdown pass to Jax Wysong.

Team statistics
H-BC: 442 rushing yards, 156 passing yards, 598 total yards, 14 first downs, three penalties for 25 yards, zero turnovers.
L-P: 107 rushing yards, 268 passing yards, 375 total yards, seven first downs, two penalties for 10 yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Bork 14-216, G.Wysong 14-188, J.Wysong 3-15, Liam Raymon 6-29, Dewell Rauk 1-minus 6.
Passing: G.Wysong 9-10 for 156 yards, Oliver Deelstra 0-1 for zero yards.
Receiving: Bosch 2-34, J.Wysong 6-117, Easton Harnack 1-5.
Defense: G.Wysong one interception, Harnack seven tackles, Bosch four tackles, Tryce Bennett four tackles, Bork three tackles and one interception, Cole Baker four tackles, Casey Kueter three tackles, Calvin Erickson nine tackles, Donovan Leenderts four tackles.

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that proved to be Luverne's best scoring opportunity of the contest.

LHS did advance the ball inside JCC territory two more times in the game, but both possessions stalled on downs.

The Huskies gained control of the game after Brinkman's interception.

JCC's ensuing possession developed into a 13-play, 80-yard march ending with quarterback Rudy Voss scoring on a one-yard run to make it a 14-0 game with 8:31 remaining in the second quarter.

A short punt by LHS as the second quarter progressed gave the Huskies the ball on the Cardinals' 30-yard line.

Two plays later, Voss scored on a 20-yard run to up the lead to 21-0 with 5:33 remaining in the first half.

JCC did make a bid to score again late in the second quarter, but a 41-yard attempt for a field goal fell short as time expired.

LHS picked up one first down before being forced to punt early in the second quarter.

The Huskies' offense took the field with the ball at the JCC 42-yard line.

JCC covered 58 yards in four plays with Levi Lindley scoring on a 10-yard run at the 7:50 mark of the third quarter to make it 28-0.

The Huskies recovered a fumble on the LHS 13-yard line to set up their final touchdown of the contest early in the fourth quarter.

Elijah Meium-Bratrud ran



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Luverne junior Cade Wenninger prepares to tackle Jackson County Central running back Elijah Meium-Bratrud during Saturday's Section 3AAA Playoff game in Jackson.

10 yards for a score two plays later to ice a 35-point victory with 11:52 left to play.

Team statistics
Luverne: 81 rushing yards, 73 passing yards, 154 total yards, six first downs, five penalties for 35 yards, two turnovers.

JCC: 259 rushing yards, 61 passing yards, 320 total yards, 20 first downs, two penalties for 15 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: LaShad Smith 6-44, Ashton Sandbulte 3-11, Zach Kruse 2-8, Luke Bosch 3-7, Brayden Ripka 2-6, Cowell 5-4, Casey Sehr 4-1, Trevor Halverson

1-1, Matthew Sehr 1-minus 1.
Passing: C.Sehr 9-13 for 63 yards, Cowell 1-4 for 10 yards.
Receiving: Cowell 4-41, M.Sehr 3-20, Shaid Shearer 1-5, Smith 1-4, Jayson Rops 1-3.
Defense: Nick Feit nine tackles, Smith 5.5 tackles, Colby Crabtree 5.5 tackles, Cade Wenninger 3.5 tackles, Jamie McCarthy 3.5 tackles.

FINAL FALL SPORTS STANDINGS

South Central District Silver Division football

Fairmont	5-0
Luverne	4-1
Belle Plaine	3-2
T-CU	1-4
Sibley East	1-4
N-YA	1-4

G-H-EC-T	2-5
CM	0-7
W-WG	0-8

BSC West volleyball

Marshall	6-0
RWV	5-1
Windom	4-2
JCC	3-3
Pipestone	2-4
Luverne	1-5
Worthington	0-6

BSC West tennis

St. James	5-0
Luverne	4-1
Marshall	3-2
Pipestone	2-3
Worthington	1-4
RWV	0-5

Southwest District East Sub-District football

Springfield	7-0
Wabasso	5-2
T-M-B	5-2
MCC	4-3
Adrian	3-4
NUC	2-5
MVL	2-5
Sleepy Eye	0-7

RRC volleyball

Adrian	9-0
RRC	7-2
HL-O-H	7-2
MLA	5-4
W-WG	5-4
MCC	5-4
SWC	4-5
H-BC	4-5
Ellsworth	1-8
Edgerton	0-9

South District

West Division football

RCW	8-0
MLA	7-0
H-BC	7-1
Nicollet	6-1
RRC	4-3
Edgerton	4-4
SESM	3-4
BL-H-S	3-5
Madelia	2-5
HL-O-F	2-5



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Luverne's Jacob Von Tersch challenges a pass to Worthington's Tommy Lais during a playoff game in Luverne Oct. 22.

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LHS padded its lead four minutes later.

When a short punt by Worthington gave the Cardinals the ball inside the WHS 30-yard line, Luverne's Ashton Sandbulte raced 28 yards for a touchdown during the next play to cap the scoring in the game with 1:55 remaining in the third stanza.

Team statistics
Luverne: 139 rushing yards, 76 passing yards, 215 total yards, 12 first downs, six penalties for 35 yards one turnover.

Worthington: 119 rushing yards, 116 passing yards, 235 total yards, 10 first downs, 10 penalties for 110 yards, four turnovers.

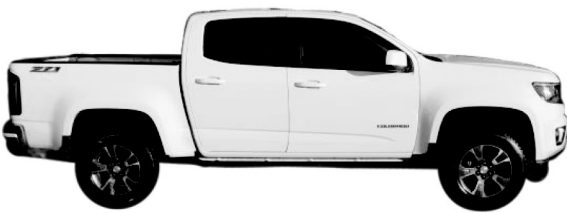
Individual statistics
Rushing: Sandbulte 19-96, Cowell 6-27, Zach Kruse 3-13, LaShad Smith 4-10, Jacob Von Tersch 1-0, C.Sehr 1-minus 7.
Passing: C.Sehr 5-11 for 57 yards, Cowell 2-2 for 19 yards.
Receiving: Cowell 3-37, Ethan Beyer 1-32, C.Sehr 1-9, Isaiah Bartels 1-minus 2.
Defense: Nathan Nekali 3.5 tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery, Nick Feit 3.5 tackles and one sack, Smith 3.5 tackles, one fumble recovery and one interception, Colby Crabtree 3.5 tackles, Matthew Sehr three tackles, Baum one fumble recovery.



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500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

Jesse Baker, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 31: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Nov. 1: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m. LWML Bi-Conference Rally — Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton. Sunday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Bible study. Monday, Nov. 4: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Nov. 5: 6:30 p.m. Elders meeting. 7:30 p.m. Council meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 6: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. LWML meeting and planning meeting. Thursday, Nov. 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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

igtwb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion at First Lutheran. 10 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

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

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Palisade Lutheran. 11:30 a.m. Potluck at Palisade Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church

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

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Pastor Nancy Manning

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliamumc@gmail.com

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation classes.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel; Sunday School Christmas practice. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 6:30-8 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. Tuesday, Nov. 5: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation and mentors. Thursday, Nov. 7: 7:30 p.m. Council meeting.

‘Seek the Lord and live’

Lately I've been preaching on the Old Testament book of Amos. I find in it a strong, sustained call to repentance.

I doubt Amos was popular, since most people want affirmation, not confrontation. Most people want to hear that they're okay, that God knows they're doing their best, and that in the end everything will be fine.

Most people want to hear that God loves everyone unconditionally and that in eternity hell will be almost empty because 99.999 percent of mankind will be in heaven.

But that's not what the Bible says, especially not in the book of Amos. Consider a startling statement in Amos 3, "The lion has roared; who will not fear?" If you were walking through a forest and just off to the side you heard the deep, loud, warning roar of a lion, wouldn't you be afraid? Of course you would! You would sense the danger. Your body would release adrenaline. You'd instantly go into the fight/flight mode. There's no way you'd ignore the roar of an uncaged lion in your ear.

However, that's what people were doing with God. Many times God "roared" warnings to His people, calling them to confess their sins and to return to Him. But they didn't take Him seriously.

Did they respect God as the ultimate force to be reckoned with? No. They treated God as if He were a piece of lint on their sleeves — a little nuisance to be picked off and discarded and forgotten.

What about you? Is that how you relate to God? Remember who He is. Amos 5:8-9: "He who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns darkness into dawn and darkens day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land, the LORD is his

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Roger Sparks, Luverne Christian Reformed Church

name."

Throughout the book of Amos we learn to take God seriously. If we don't, we'll be "saved" the way a shepherd "saves" a dead sheep by collecting a bone or two, or a bit of an ear, that a lion didn't eat. (Amos 3:12)

Women get equal treatment. Through Amos, God compared ungodly women to pampered livestock — cows of Bashan — who oppressed the poor and needy and bossed their husbands around, saying, "Bring us something to drink. ..." But pampered cows would be like fish on hooks, led into slavery by cords attached to hooks through their noses or lips. (Amos 4:1-2)

What if we try to solve our problems without turning to God? That would be a fatal mistake. It would be "... like a man who flees from a lion only to meet a bear ..." Amos 5:19.

But along with these strong words of warning, including "Prepare to meet your God," (Amos 4:12) we also find a gracious invitation: "Seek the LORD and live ..." (Amos 5:6)

He who gave life to the universe is more than able to give you new life. He knows all about our offenses and sins (Amos 5:12). Yet He promises forgiveness and eternal life to all who humbly seek Him.

I'd rather hear a promise of life than warnings of judgment. But the more I know how much I deserve to perish, the sweeter to me is the invitation, "Seek the LORD and live!"

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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Notice to creditors of
Van Grouw probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 67-PR-19-309

TO THE CREDITORS in the Matter of the Estate of CORNELIA E. VAN GROUW
Deceased:

TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF CORNELIA E. VAN GROUW:
Notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2019, in the District Court of Rock County, Minnesota, Donald W. Van Grouw, whose address is 1900 W 6th St. #201, Sioux Falls, SD was appointed by the clerk as personal representative of the estate of Cornelia E. Van Grouw. Creditors of the decedent must file their claims before date, or sixty (60) days after mailing or delivery of this Notice, whichever is later, or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Donald W. Van Grouw
1900 W. 6th St. #201
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-335-6347
Rock County District Court
204 E. Brown St. PO Box 745
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-5020
(10-31, 11-07)

Notice of sale under
judgment set for Dec. 12

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Other Civil
Court File No. 67-CV-17-299
Honorable Judge Terry S. Vajrgrt

American State Bank of Iowa, Plaintiff,
vs.
David DeBoer and Lisa DeBoer, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a judgment entered in the above-entitled action on the 1st day of October, 2019, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged to be due said plaintiff in the above-entitled action from said Defendants, David DeBoer and Lisa DeBoer, the Sheriff of Rock County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 12th day of December, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, in the City of Luverne, in said County and State, the land described and directed to be sold in said judgment lying and being in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Tracts located in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 SW 1/4), Section Twenty-Five (25), Township One Hundred Three (103) North, Range Forty-Six (46) West of the 5th P.M., described as follows:

The S. 570 feet of the W. 710 feet thereof;

AND that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along South Line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25 for a distance of 710.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said South Line for a distance of 58.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 570.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 58.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 570.00 feet to the point of beginning.

AND that portion 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 Section 25 for a distance of 768.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said South Line for a distance 538.61 feet to the Southeast Corner of said W 1/2 SW 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 05 seconds East along the East Line of said W 1/2 SW 1/4 for a distance of 570.02 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 543.49 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 570.00 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT Parcel B Described as:

That part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Five (Sec. 25), Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, MN, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25; thence North 90°00'00" East (assumed bearing) along the south line of the Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Twenty-five (25) for a distance of 327.90 feet; thence North 00°05'21" West for a distance of 570.00 feet; thence South 90°00'00" West for a distance of 327.90 feet to the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 25; thence South 90°05'21" East along said west line for a distance of 570.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 4.29 acres of which .81 acres are reserved as public road right-of-way.

AND

That part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Five (Sec. 25), Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, MN, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25; thence North 90°00'00" East (assumed bearing) along the south line of the Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Twenty-five (25) for a distance of 327.90 feet; thence North 00°05'21" West for a distance of 570.00 feet; thence South 90°00'00" West for a distance of 327.90 feet to the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 25; thence South 90°05'21" East along said west line for a distance of 570.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 4.29 acres of which .81 acres are reserved as public road right-of-way.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 805 141st Street, Luverne, Minnesota, with a parcel identification number of 11-0176-300 and 11-0176-000

or so much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy said judgment, the interest thereon, and the costs and expenses of such sale; subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of confirmation of said sale. Dated this 21st day of October, 2019.

Evan Verbrugge,
Sheriff
(10-31, 11-07, 11-14, 11-21, 11-28, 12-05)

ISD #2184 School Board
meets Sept. 26

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.
A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on September 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Jordan Winter, Joel Bornhoft (ICS/JLG), Caroline Thorson, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Jennifer Engesser, Deb Hoogendoorn, Becky Rahm, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.
Vice-Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
Administrative reports were given.
Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the August 22, 2019, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
Joel Bornhoft with ICS/JLG gave the School Board members a construction update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the School District bills. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$638,863.36. Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of August 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.
Business Manager Marlene Mann and Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the Preliminary Levy Limitation and Certification 2019 Payable 2020. It was noted that with the current information the school district would see a 0.75% increase. It was recommended that the School Board set the maximum levy at this time which will allow for changes prior to the final levy certification in December. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to see the Preliminary Levy 2019 Payable 2020 at the maximum. Motion unanimously carried.
The second reading of Policy 808 – Therapy Dogs in School was held. Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve the policy as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the snow removal proposal received from VerSteege Excavation. Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Baustian, to accept the snow removal proposal from VerSteege Excavation. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the revised FY2021 Long Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Ten-Year Revenue Projection with the School Board. It was noted this revision was required in order to add the additional \$200,000 for the additional asbestos removal done for the building project. Member Deutsch introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:
RESOLUTION APPROVING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184
LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE TEN YEAR PLAN
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board of School District 2184 has approved the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Ten Year Plan for its facilities for 2019-2029. The various components of this plan are attached.
The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Sehr and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Deutsch, Sehr, Jarchow, Sandbulte, Baustian, and Hartman; and the following voted against the same: None
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.
Superintendent Oftedahl presented information regarding the MSHSL Foundation and Form A Application. Motion by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A APPLICATION
TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION
WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;
WHEREAS, the District 2184 School Board recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and
WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Luverne School Board supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a Form A grant to offset student activity fees.
Motion unanimously carried.
Superintendent Oftedahl presented information regarding the 2019 Delegate Assembly Proposed Legislative Resolution. This resolution is in regard to Service Cooperatives being allowed to levy constituents of its member school districts to allow for leasing of buildings for special education purposes. Discussion was held. Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to give the Luverne School District's School Board support to the Resolution Statement as follows:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT MSBA URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO:

• Allow school districts to use lease levy for cooperative facilities even if they once owned the facility;
• Allow Long-Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM) to be used to enhance leased facilities from public and private owners;
• Provide Great Minnesota school district members of cooperatives the authority to levy up to \$65 per pupil for cooperative facilities, the same as school district members of Metro Intermediates; and,
• Allow school districts to form joint powers boards to bond for improvements and new facilities.
Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to authorize school district staff to compile a listing of excess property and to advertise and arrange the sale or disposal of said items (i.e. Smartboards, projectors, computers, desks, chairs, etc). Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Jodi Nelson as part-time Elementary teacher, Assistant Cross Country coach, and Assistant Track coach for a salary of \$25,213.50 effective September 5, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Alannah Lendt as long-term substitute Elementary teacher for Brooke VanEssen from September 5, 2019, through October 25, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve a request from Dana Wolf, Elementary teacher, for six weeks of maternity leave, six weeks of Family and Medical Leave, and four weeks of unpaid child care leave from approximately December 26, 2019, through April 27, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.
No committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.
Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
Dated: September 26, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(10-31)

Planning Commission
public hearing Nov. 12

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2019
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICTE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following:
1. Requested conditional use permit (CUP) application submitted by Momadic Properties, LLC to allow light manufacturing use, as an incidental use to the commercial portion of the business which entails the marketing, sales and design of, including but not limited to a proprietary line of souvenir gifts, signage, decorative metal and granite items, and unique industrial parts located at 401 W Edgehill (20-0629-000), in C-C Community Commercial Zoning District, City of Luverne, Minnesota.
All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building and Zoning Official, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.
By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 31st day of October, 2019.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(10-31)

Proposed annexation
hearing set for Nov. 12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF HILLS, MINNESOTA
The Hills City Council shall conduct a public hearing on November 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hills City Hall, located at 301 South Main Avenue, Hills, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the Petition of the Hills-Beaver Creek School District, landowner, and Ronald Solberg and Janet Solberg, landowners, for the annexation of certain property to the City of Hills, Minnesota. That a copy of said Petition is on file at the office of the City Clerk and is available for inspection. That all persons desiring to provide information or otherwise be heard on the proposed annexation should plan to attend said hearing and present such evidence or information.
Dated: October 16, 2019

CITY OF HILLS
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The City of Adrian is accepting applications for Community Assistant Associate. An associate degree in accounting, business administration or related field is desired or comparable work experience. Applications accepted until position filled or November 15. Vacancy notice and application form available at Adrian City Hall and on the City's website. www.adrian.govoffice2.com EOE. (10.27-11.14)

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Thank you to everyone who came to visit, sent flowers, donations or a card in memory of Verna Garmmesiter. Your support and compassion mean so much. A special thank you to the Mary Jane Brown Home who gave Mom such excellent care. Thanks to Hartquist Funeral Home for their wonderful care and compassion. Thanks to Pastor Klatt and St. John Lutheran for their ongoing ministry to Mom. Thanks to the Hospice Staff and especially Kristie Franken for her loving ministry to our family in the hours of Mom's passing. Thanks to the Luverne Medical Center and Hospital staff for their expert care. We so appreciate the love expressed by this caring community.

The family of
Verna Garmmeister
(10.27-10.31)

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Eunice Bartels and the family of Elmer Bartels would like to offer our deep and sincere appreciation for all who ministered to Elmer during his lengthy illness, for the supportive services and treatment provided during that time, and for the special expressions of care and sympathy at his passing. Dr. Zachary Nolz Sanford Luverne Clinic and Hospital staff Home Health Services; nurses Sara and Jill, and staff at The Cottage; staff at Lewis Family Drug Pharmacy; Sanford Home Medical; Hartquist Funeral Home, Jeff, Wayne and staff at Trinity Lutheran Church, Jasper, and Pastor Robert Moeller; Neighbors of Elmer and Eunice; Luverne Farm Store; City of Luverne Public Works; Friends and family who provided food, condolences, support and memorials.
Eunice Bartels and family
(10.31-11.3)

The family of David Lorenzen would like to say Thank You to our family and friends for all the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us during David's illness and his death. We give special thanks to Sanford Luverne Hospital and Clinic and to Luverne Hospice staff and volunteers. The care that all of you provided was simply amazing. Thank You to Jeff and staff at Hartquist Funeral Home for your detail ability. You certainly helped us through this journey. Also thanks to Pastor Baker for all your visits to David and your spot on sermon. We have truly been blessed by each one of you.
With Sincere Gratefulness,
Family of David Lorenzen
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Thanks to my wonderful family and friends for the birthday wishes and cards. I had a very special day.
Rollie Miller
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John's brother-in-law,
Bob Wharton
(10.31-11.3)

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Mavis Fodness photo/1031 Luverne Signage

Ace Signs, Sioux Falls, is in the process of installing wayfinding signs throughout Luverne in order to help visitors find various local attractions. On Wednesday, Oct. 23, workers were on Main Street installing the metal red, white and blue-colored signs.

Wayfinding signs going up in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

It just got easier for visitors to find their way around Luverne, thanks to a series of new signs going up around town.

Coordinated signage helps cities capitalize on local attractions, according to consultant Roger Brooks who recommended more sophisticated signs for Luverne in his 2017 assessment.

Since then, Luverne EDA Director Holly Sammons has been working on a signage plan, and the Luverne City Council budgeted \$293,000 for the project.

She and a subcommittee of Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow contracted with Axia Creative, a Minneapolis firm that specializes in developing wayfinding systems.

“The object of wayfinding is to create a unique, helpful, efficient system that focuses on new visitors, creates efficient routes, points visitors to destinations and pulls visitors north from the freeway,” Sammonstold the EDA Board shortly after work began last year.

“Wayfinding increases economic activity by highlighting our local destinations and creating a positive visitor experience.”

Axia developed a design plan, location pattern and messaging schedule for Luverne’s wayfinding signs.

“There’s definitely a science to this,” Sammons said. “Four destinations per sign is the max, but it’s also an art. You want it to be visually attractive and representative of

your brand.”

The larger signs use 5-inch letters and the smaller ones use 4-inch letters.

They’re constructed of reflective vinyl over aluminum panels mounted to double square steel posts with break-away bases. The design was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright’s prairie style of architecture.

Each sign accommodates three to four messages on no more than five lines, excluding the header.

Archetype, Bloomington, custom-fabricated the 28 blue-and-red signs currently displayed on the major zones of Highway 75 and Main Street.

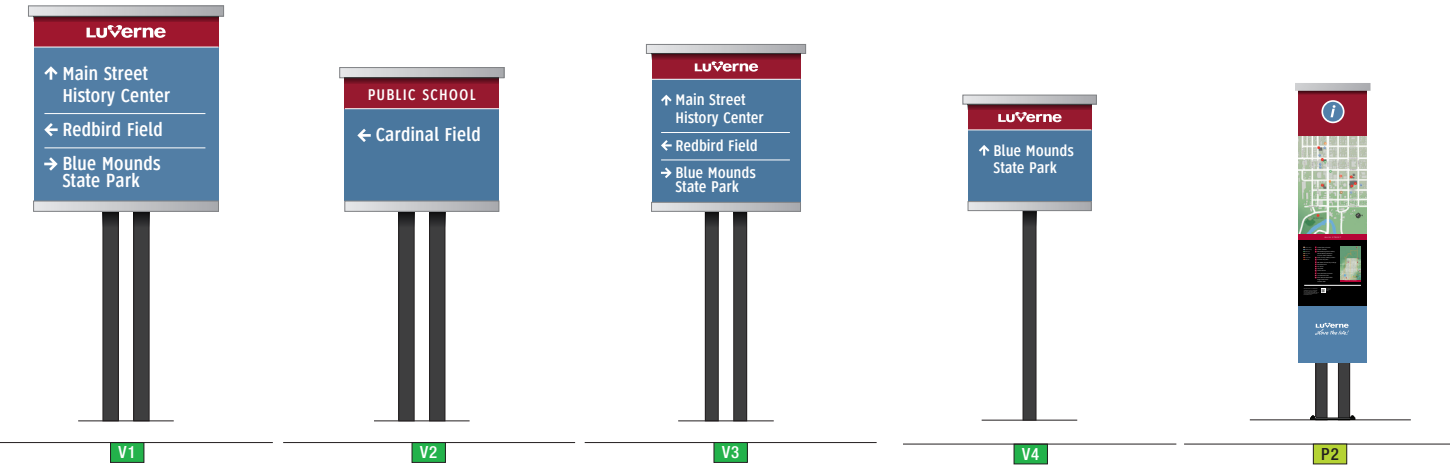
Primary signage destinations include the History Center, Main Street, Museums (Brandenburg Gallery, Herreid Military Museum),

Events Center, Blue Mounds State Park Main Entrance, Eagle Rock Vista, Cliffline Area, Courthouse Square, Luverne Area Chamber, City Offices, Palace Theatre, Luverne Public School, The Lake, Blue Mound Ice Arena, Pool & Fitness Center, City Park, Riverside Park and Joe Roberts Field.

Future phases of wayfinding signs in the school zone will direct visitors to the main entrance, gymnasiums, Cardinal Field, ball diamonds and the Performing Arts Center.

Additional signage in the community will point visitors to the bike trails, Verne Drive-In, airport, Schoneman Park, and Redbird Field.

Future phases are planned following the completion of the school project and the Luverne Loop.



Different sizes and styles of wayfinding signs will be utilized in Luverne to help tourists and visitors find local attractions.

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Rebid of terrazzo floor reduces construction costs

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members unanimously agreed to use construction contingency funds for \$250,000 terrazzo flooring in the new commons area.

“We want to stay consistent with what we have,” board member Tim Jarchow said at the Oct. 24 meeting.

Terrazzo was used as the original 1956 school flooring

and each of the additions had terrazzo flooring, but the board rejected an initial bid of \$407,510 for terrazzo from Gil Haugen Construction in December 2018.

It was an alternative bid as an option on the base bid of \$20.9 million for the middle-high school construction project.

Three companies rebid the flooring option with Wis-

consin Terrazzo of Onalaska, Wisconsin, submitting the lowest bid.

Board members also agreed to use terrazzo for the baseboards around the commons perimeter.

“This makes sense to have a high quality flooring that will last us 50 years,” Baustian said.

Alternative materials had life expectancies of 10

to 15 years.

In other business the board:

- adopted the World’s Best Workforce 2019-20 report. A copy of the report will be placed on the school’s website.
- increased the pay scale for fall activities workers.
- changed the regular November meeting date to Tuesday, Nov. 26.

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Brain Health session/from 1

health diagnosis.”

Diet and exercise help the brain as they do other physical organs

For example, she said brain health — like all facets of physical health — is affected by diet, exercise, social engagement and activities that promote a sense of purpose.

However, this isn’t to say all brain health ailments are preventable and medication provides valuable relief.

“We work so hard to encourage people to seek help, and we don’t want to discourage people from using medication,” she said.

In fact, the January session (there isn’t a December session) will address the role of medications in brain health.

Nolz said the first session on Oct. 7 drew more than 40 people, and feedback indicates that the discussion was productive.

“Many said it helped them understand brain health and will help them with conversations about brain health in their own lives and in the lives of their family and friends,” Nolz said, adding that many are participating in order to help someone else.

“We all know somebody who’s currently struggling or who has a brain health condition ... It’s not just about you; it’s about how you can support a loved one or a neighbor.”

Attitude shift

The overall goal of the Brain Health series is to shift attitudes about mental health to practical approaches to brain health.

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

Evidence shows that people are less likely to seek treatment for anxiety or depression than they would for asthma or some other physical ailment.

That’s what Nolz and #LuvILuvAll are working to change.

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

The Brain Health classes meet from 7 to 8

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— Angela Nolz

p.m. the first Monday of the month through May (no December class) at Luverne Community Education.

The monthly classes, free and open to anyone, each address different components of brain health, with different community professionals spearheading each one.

Upcoming sessions address medication, coping skills and resiliency, chemical awareness, healthy relationships and mindfulness.

Start conversations early

Meanwhile, Luverne’s sixth-graders are tackling a parallel Brain Health series.

“The idea is that if we start educating them young enough, they can start having conversations as they get older,” Nolz said.

Working through the school guidance counselor, Nolz said she hopes to help students struggling with mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression.

“It is the hope that these sessions start the conversation and end the stigma of opening up about any struggles our youth may be having,” she said.

“It is my personal hope that the message is clear that help is out there and change is possible. We also hope that these topics can assist in keeping kids well.”

The students will learn about brain health during their flex time at school.

Free and open to the public

The public sessions at Community Education are free, but registrations are requested in order to plan adequate space and accommodations. Call 507-283-4724.

Nolz said the first session nearly overfilled a Community Education room, so she said registration is helpful. Also, Sanford will provide “brain healthy” food next week and would appreciate knowing how much to bring.

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