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‘Love Bites’ brings zombies to life

‘Scooby-Doo’ meets
‘The Breakfast Club’ in
spring comedy penned
by HHS senior

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Hutchinson High School theater students have a whole van full of excitement for audiences in their spring play this week with a show that couldn't be more homegrown.

“Love Bites,” a teen rom-com set in the 1980s, is a mash-up of “The Breakfast Club” and “Scooby-Doo” featuring wild hair, zombies and familiar tropes from an iconic era of American cinema. It was written by HHS senior Samantha Hagberg.

“I want to go into directing and screenwriting,” the young writer said. “I wanted to since I was a kid. I wrote stories and screen plays all the time and I wanted to try a play.”

Along with writing the show, Hagberg is taking on several other roles in the spring production, such as artistic director alongside director Erika Durheim. Hagberg's also choreographed many of the scenes featuring her fellow students, and she plays the role of Kathy, the nerd who transforms from stereotype to sassy.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEPHEN WIBLEMO

Joel Wang, Anthony Zeuli, DJ Scheele, Hope Taylor and Sam Hagberg play a group of teens on the run trying to avoid the zombie apocalypse in the Hutchinson High School spring comedy, “Love Bites,” which was written by Hagberg.

Love Bites to A2 ➤

Reunion 52 years in the making

Local Vietnam veteran
meets man whose life
he helped save

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When Dave Skoog of Hutchinson and Al Gable, a Philadelphia native, met back in March, the two Vietnam War veterans shared an immediate bond.

“It was almost like we had been around each other for a long period of time already,” Gable said.

The truth, however, is that the men hadn't interacted since their paths last crossed March 23, 1969, the day Skoog helped pull Gable from a helicopter crash and saved his life.

Both men were members of the 92nd Assault

Vietnam to A4 ➤



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Al Gable of Florida, left, and Dave Skoog of Hutchinson met up a few months ago in Florida, 52 years after Skoog helped save Gable's life in a helicopter crash during the Vietnam War.

Luthens accused of fraud in lawsuit

McLeod County
commissioner allegedly
forged votes for
timeshare board

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McLeod County Board Member Daryl Luthens has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit alleging vote tampering in relation to a timeshare board.

The civil complaint filed on behalf of the Breezy Center Timeshare Owners Association in Crow Wing County late last month mainly focuses on Neal Narveson and his company, Narveson Management, and requests relief for both common law fraud and consumer fraud. Narveson Management had management contracts with various timeshare associations. The complaint says Narveson handpicked board members of the BCTOA and other timeshare associations.

“At various times, (Breezy Point Resort) proposed management contracts to Narveson-managed association boards, including that of the BCTOA, to provide management services at a much cheaper cost



Daryl
Luthens

Luthens to A7 ➤

At long last, 212 expansion breaks ground

Work has begun on
four-lane expansion
from Cologne to Carver

BY AMY FELEGY
For the Leader

After more than a decade of planning, a 4.5-mile portion of U.S. Highway 212's four-lane expansion has begun.

Stretching from Cologne (Highway 36) to Carver (Highway 11/Jonathan Carver Parkway), the long-awaited road with current safety concerns should be operable by fall 2022 thanks to full funding. The second phase, from Norwood Young America to Cologne, is expected to score funding in the next several years.

It's a locally led project on a state road, which

Highway to A2 ➤



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Lawmakers such as District 18B Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen and other proponents of U.S. Highway 212 expansion dig in during a groundbreaking ceremony last week for the first phase of a two-phase project that will make the highway four lanes from Carver to Norwood Young America and beyond



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