Fall Parish Fest slated in Preston

It will be drive-through and carry-out only style, but the 33rd annual Parish Festival at St. Joseph Church in Preston will be held this fall. It is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The meal will be a Kalmes’ four-piece chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll and dessert.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no games, auction or bake sale.

La Motte man arrested after explosive device discovered

Hinke charged with ‘possession of incendiary device with intent’

By DAVID NAMANNY

An alleged homemade explosive device was found by law enforcement officials at 146 Main Street in La Motte on Sunday, Sept. 6 at approximately 6:46 p.m.

The discovery of the device, a subsequent investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, as well as the State Fire Marshal, eventually led to the arrest of Aaron Hinke, age 45 of 104 South Main Street in La Motte.

He was charged with possession of an incendiary or explosive device with intent, a Class C felony.

According to a press release sent to media by the Sheriff’s Department, officials from the State Fire Marshal’s Office first diffused the explosive device making it safe for deputies to finish the initial investigation at the scene.

Evidence collected during the investigation, including text messages, resulted in Hinke becoming a ‘person of interest,’ and a search warrant was granted for 112 South Main Street in La Motte. Law enforcement and State Fire Marshal officials executed the search warrant and located Hinke, whose address is 104 South Main Street. Several items were seized and placed into evidence.

Initial court documents indicate that Hinke placed the explosive device near a woodsheaf owned by Kaleb Bee at 146 South Main Street.

Bellevue FFA Advisor Steve Schroeder.

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First Place at State

Belleview Livestock Judging Team advances to National Contest

Several Bellevue students competed in the state 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held on August 29 at Iowa State University in the Hanson Center.

Students judged breeding heifers, market steers, keep call heifers, breeding ewes, market lambs, keep cull ewes, breeding gilts, market hogs, breeding does, 1 class questions, and 3 classes reasons.

Out of the 13 teams, Bellevue Team students judging as Jackson County 4-H placed 1st overall (Miranda Peters, Nick Deppe, Wade Schwager, and Austin Hager) and Jackson 2 placed 6th (Beau Cota, Quinton Schwager, Hayden Holdgrafer and Will Lapke).

Jackson County 1 placed 1st Beef, 1st Swine, 2nd Reasons, 2nd Sheep, 2nd goats, and top overall. Individuals overall: Nick Deppe 1st, Miranda Peters 3rd, Austin Hager 7th, and Wade Schwager 8th.

The Jackson County Team 1 will represent Iowa in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

This is the 8th year in a row that Bellevue FFA or Jackson County 4-H has competed in a National Livestock Judging Contest.

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