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Roundwind 'green space' rezoned to residential

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Sept. 12 meeting to change the zoning designation along Roundwind Road.

The property is currently zoned "Business Park," which allows for various business uses. The zoning change is R-1, which would allow for various residential uses.

A public hearing on July 13 allowed for comment by residents in the area, who mostly said they would prefer to keep the "green space" that currently exists east of the pool and fitness center.

The area had been zoned for business development in the 1980s to allow for potential expansion of the Tri-State Insurance building (now occupied by Total Card Inc.).

With no business development foreseen in that neighborhood, city officials are seeking more areas in town for housing — possibly market rate twin homes.

The Roundwind Road neighborhood — already residential in nature — was a logical choice.

Councilman Kevin Aaker made the motion to approve the zoning change at Tuesday's meeting, and Councilwoman Lori Hallstrom seconded the motion.

It passed unanimously on a roll-call vote — after some council discussion.

For example, Councilwoman Caroline Thorson said she has given the matter sincere thought and had discussed it with affected residents in addition to considering their public comments.

She applauded their participation in the process for the proposed zoning change.

"They've been passionate enough to come to the public hearings, to have conversations with many of us on the council and to voice their opinions by other means," Thorson said.

"That's what makes a good community — a strong community — when you have people who care about their neighborhoods and it makes your community stronger."

She said she and the council learned valuable information from the public "civil discourse" that led to a storm drain study and plans to improve water drainage in that neighborhood.

But she said the matter of the

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Lori Sorenson photos/0921 oaks 20th anniversary group
The Oaks residents on hand for an anniversary photograph Thursday include (front, from left) Darlene Boisen, Walter and Jean Baustian, Alvina Hup, Donna Robinson, Ruth Van Westen, Adeline Boelman, (middle row) Jarv Boisen, Mary Ackerman, Marie Klarenbeek, Jean Barclay, John Hup, Al Boeve, Gerard Gust, Florence Helle, Shirley Reisdorfer, (staircase) Shirley Frey, Pat McCormick, Vera Wick, Adele Oien, Margaret Kuiken, Anna Mae Ver Steeg and Goldie Boelman.

A "family tree" in The Oaks dining room is made of puzzle pieces hand-painted by residents, with the name of every person — current and past — who lives or has lived in the congregate care home.



The Oaks celebrates 20 years of senior living

By Lori Sorenson

Twenty years ago The Oaks celebrated its grand opening in Luverne as the first of its kind congregate care facility in the community.

Since then, the 28 apartment units have remained at full capacity with waiting lists to get in — proving indeed the need for such housing in Luverne.

The residents, staff and their families celebrated The Oaks 20th anniversary with cupcakes and coffee in the dining room.

Visitors and guests heard a recurring theme from the people who live there: they love their home and they love the people who work there.

"It's been a great place for me," said Anna Mae Ver Steeg who has lived there since The Oaks opened in 1997.

She and her late husband, Norman, were among the first to move in.

"We couldn't have a better place to live; we say that so often."

— Alvina Hup, resident of The Oaks along with her husband of 65 years, John Hup

"We thought it was for old people until we realized what it was. ... There's people around when you want them; when you don't, you go to your room."

At 92, Ver Steeg said she's been blessed with good health. "I walk three times a week, but I'm getting older," she said. "I'm starting to feel it now."

John and Alvina Hup, who have been married for 65 years, hold hands when they walk through the hallway and down the stairs from their apartment.

"We're fortunate that we're together," said John, whose weak heart put limits on his physical exertion. "We love it here ... They do everything for us."

The couple used to farm near Steen and their front door is decorated in a John Deere theme.

Alvina said the apartment is spacious and The Oaks employees are friendly and helpful

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'Vote Yes' campaign organizes for Luverne School District building referendum

By Mavis Fodness

A grassroots committee in support of the Luverne School Board's plan to expand and upgrade its aging school facilities is currently organizing.

Local attorney Ben VanderKooi updated board members about the committee's intentions during their meeting Thursday evening, Sept. 14.

He said a volunteer steering committee has met twice and will launch a six-week "Vote Yes" campaign after Labor Day.

The \$30 million referendum vote is Nov. 7, the same day as the nation's general elections.

"We have some good people who will do a lot of hard work over

the next six weeks to help get this thing passed," VanderKooi said.

The committee will mainly conduct phone calls urging voters to vote yes for both questions on the ballot.

Letters will also be sent and will highlight a message to ag landowners.

"It's really important for farmers to know they are not paying the full burden of this because of the tax credits out there," VanderKooi added.

In their last session, state legislators passed into law the Ag2School 40-percent tax credit that creates a more even levy for facility improvements in districts whose levy base

consists of 75 percent or more in ag land.

"We fit nicely in that tax credit," VanderKooi said after the meeting.

Based on the committee's preliminary research, VanderKooi said many local landowners are not aware of the tax credit open to districts conducting referendums this fall.

He said he hopes the committee will be able to educate voters about the Ag2School tax credit opportunity.

For Luverne's \$30 million project, the district would be eligible for \$8 million in Ag2School credits if voters approve both referendum questions.

City levy may increase 5.73 percent for 2018

By Lori Sorenson

The tax levy in Luverne is set to increase by 5.73 percent, according to action at the Luverne City Council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12.

As required by law, the city set its proposed 2017 tax levy — payable in 2018. It can be lowered at a later date, but not increased.

The City Council reviewed the five-year capital improvement plan at the July 13 meeting and the proposed 2018 operating budget at the Aug. 15 meeting.

The levy has been set at \$1,815,828, which includes the general fund, debt service and TIF fund deficit.

That levy is an increase of \$98,435 over the current levy.

At the Sept. 13 meeting, the council noted it's operating with a balanced budget and has a AA bond rating.

The council set the Truth in Taxation hearing for Dec. 12, and the final levy will be certified late in December.

In other business at the Sept. 12 meeting, the council set a public hearing for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Luverne City Hall council chambers on proposed assessments for unpaid utility bills and miscellaneous work.

This includes work such as mowing, snow removal, tree work, etc. that the city has done in cases where property owners haven't kept up.

Letters will be sent to affected property owners before the meeting.

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Article 38: New Rock River Bridge in Luverne 'among the best in Minnesota' in 1931

This is the 38th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week is the first in a series by Betty Mann about the Rock River Bridge.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann this week shares Part 1 in a series of stories from the Oct. 16, 1931, Rock County Herald about the new Rock River Bridge in Luverne and the building of the County 9 corridor and how the project became a significant asset to the community.

Luverne celebrates 150 years — New Rock River Bridge/see 6A

This week's moment in time is sponsored by:



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Luverne Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Visitors are welcome.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the American Reformed Church parking lot in Luverne to carpool to the Dayton Avenue Orchard 4 miles south of Adrian on Highway 91. Call 507-597-6378 for information.

Caregivers Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Society in the conference room. Anyone dealing with caregiving or resources is encouraged to attend.

Rock County DFL will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Health and Human Services Building on Roundwind Road. All are welcome.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. Call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Fall Story Hour and Laptime starts

Fall Story Hour at the Rock County Library in Luverne is from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 16 for pre-school children ages 4-5. There is **no story hour Oct. 5**. Call 449-5040 to register. **Laptime**, for ages birth-3 with an adult, is from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 22-Nov. 17. There is **no laptime on Oct. 6**. No registration required.

Both Storyhour and Laptime are filled with stories, songs, crafts and fun. Call 449-5040.

Food ministry Sept. 21

New Life Celebration Church monthly food ministry will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. **Please bring a box or bags for food.** Children are asked to wait outside. Call 283-4366.

Partnering to End Poverty Sept. 21

Leaders Partnering to End Poverty (LPEP) will host their kick-off event of a year-long leadership program from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Grand Prairie Events, 105 South Estey Street, Luverne. An evening condensed version is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the same day.

The workshop will be led by nationally known speaker Jodi Pfarr. A free lunch and free child care are available but preregistration is required. Contact ATLAS of Rock County at 507-449-5777, and check Luv1LuvAll facebook page.

Cub Scouts sign-up meeting Sept. 21

Sioux Council BSA invites interested boys in grades K-5 and their parents to a School Night for Scouting from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. Cost to join Cub Scouts is \$43 per boy, which covers registration and insurance through January 2019. No one will be turned away because of cost. Those who sign up receive a "Hero Scouts" Frisbee. More information is at www.heroscouts.org or at 605-361-2697.

Chord-Ayres at Palace Sept. 24

St. John Lutheran Church will host a free concert by the Chord-Ayres at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, in the Palace Theatre, Luverne, in celebration of the church's 125th anniversary. The men's choir, which is in the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, is a group of men from western Minnesota that performs patriotic, gospel and other music. A freewill donation will be accepted for the Rock County Food Shelf.

Bloodmobile in Luverne Sept. 25

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Luverne from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday Sept. 25, in Grace Lutheran Church.

Free community meal at UMC

The Luverne United Methodist Church invites the community to a free meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the church.

Grief Support Group begins Sept. 28

Sanford Luverne Hospice will begin a five-week grief support group Thursday, Sept. 28. The sessions are from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Medical Center. The meetings are free, confidential and are open to anyone in the area grieving the death of a loved one. Pre-register by calling 507-283-1805.



Lori Sorenson photos/0921 gust outstanding chamber member

Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year Glen Gust (far right) is pictured with some of his family members at the ceremony Monday night in Sterling's Cafe and Grille (from left) Anika, Karis, Tim, and Barb Gust. Chamber Board member Ryan Wynia presents Gust with a Sioux quartzite decorative slab with his name and honor engraved in it.

Gust named Outstanding Chamber Member

By Lori Sorenson

Glen Gust retired from 40 years in the grocery business nine months ago, but he returned to Luverne Monday night to accept an award from local business leaders who named him Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year.

"Thank you all ... I'm very humbled," he said in the crowded Sterling's Café and Grille. "Thank you all for giving me a great chapter in my life. I loved it."

He also thanked his family for supporting him and his work through the years. "I couldn't have done it with them."

Chamber Board member Ryan Wynia presented him with a Sioux quartzite decorative slab with his name and honor engraved in it.

Current Chamber President Faye Bremer spoke

of Gust's 40-year grocery career — most of those years in Luverne.

In particular, she mentioned his generosity in supporting and donating to local causes and organizations.

"He has given of his time, talent and resources to hundreds of organizations, institutions, operations and events within the area," she said, reading a speech prepared by the Chamber office.

"He has our respect and deepest gratitude and it is our honor to announce his selection to you as the Luverne Area Chamber's Outstanding Member."

The Luverne Area Chamber Board of Directors began the Outstanding Chamber Member Program in 2005 to recognize retired or semi-retired individuals who help the community through volunteer time, talent, leadership and resources.



Hardwick mayor Janyce Baustian dies Tuesday

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick's first woman council member and later mayor died Tuesday, Sept. 19, from health complications at the age of 74.

Janyce Baustian was first elected to the Hardwick City Council in 1983 and became mayor four years later.

She returned to the position in 2016 to fill the previous mayor's unexpired term and was elected to the position last fall.

In a Jan. 14, 2016, interview with the Rock County Star Herald, Baustian saw her return to the council as one of nurturing instead of trailblazing.

"The council, bless their

hearts, are a bunch of young people that don't have much (mayoral) experience," she said at the time.

Baustian ran for election to continue her guidance of the council with hopes that one of the young members would step into the position after her two-year term ended.

A Hardwick resident for the past 48 years, Baustian retired as a nurse at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

Her husband, Howard, died in 1998. The couple has two sons and five grandsons.



"Jan was a dedicated, committed and public servant," said Tammy Johnson, who has served as Hardwick's city clerk for more than 30 years.

Johnson talked with Baustian

almost daily. "She was so proud of her nursing career and just as appreciative of Hardwick," she said.

"Jan was a caretaker of people and the city. I am sure we don't know the extent of everything she cared for."

Since retaking the city helm almost 18 months ago,

Baustian championed a nuisance ordinance to remove blight in the city of less than 200 people and was currently working on repaving the city's streets.

"I hope to encourage community pride and partnership in cleaning up our city," Baustian wrote in her candidate's profile for the 2017 city election.

"We may not have a lot of businesses left but we have a fantastic fire department, first responders, campground, and most of all, people who care about each other and our community."

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.



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Roundwind Road rezoned for residential use/from page 1A

zoning change affects the whole community.

"In trying to decide where I'm going with this, I looked at what my role is as a City Council member and what my role is to fellow community residents," Thorson said.

"A housing study showed that there was a need for development of this type of housing, and so I think it's our due diligence to make sure we look for ways we can best utilize the resources that the city has in moving the city forward and not doing harm to others in that process."

She pointed out that the zoning change would make an area in an already residential zone from commercial use to residential use.

"In my mind that makes sense," Thorson said. "... something that would make good partners with what's already there."

She empathized with the residents facing change.

"I understand the residents' passion for keeping it green space, but it was never meant to be a green space. It was never meant to be a park. We have a park in that neighborhood," Thorson said.

"It just so happens that this has been green space for so many years and I appreciate the fact that they've enjoyed that."

She pointed out that the zoning change will allow the city to better control the use of that ground to be



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complementary to the existing neighborhood.

"It will not be exactly the same as what they have now. Yes there will be change. But I don't feel that that change will negatively affect that neighborhood."

Kevin Aaker said he

looked forward to the drainage improvements that will result from the discussion.

"The neighborhood should end up in a better place than it is now," he said.

Tuesday's action changes the land use from commercial to residential, and it stipulates

that there will be no two-story structures and that green space and trees will be preserved as much as possible.

The zoning change means the city can now seek proposals from developers interested in building twin homes there.

Injured Hills football player continues recovery

By Glenda McGaffee

Trenton Bass, a senior at Hills-Beaver Creek, remains hospitalized from a serious neck injury he suffered Friday night Sept. 8 during a high school football game in Mountain Lake.

Supporters around the region are following his recovery, and his mother, Missy Bass, shared a Facebook update Sunday, Sept. 17.

"We ask that you pray Trenton's blood pressure stays up so they can take him off the meds that are keeping it up," she said.

"We ask that his body can adapt without meds so he can heal on his own."

She said they're hoping Trenton's PICC line can be removed soon so that he can progress more efficiently with physical therapy.

"Also, we ask that God leads us to the rehab facility that we are supposed to be at," she wrote.

"We are truly relying on his lead. So pray that it is clear to us and we are all at peace with it."

Doctors have restricted visits, but Missy said Trenton asked her to post that he's working to get better.

"He loves seeing you all," she wrote. "God bless you all."

In her Facebook post, she shared a Bible verse from

Philippians 3:13: "I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

She also shared a prayer from her daily devotion.

"My Lord, thank you for encouraging our hearts. Thank you for helping us see how life goes on," she wrote.

"Our world doesn't come to an end just because of the situations we face. Keep teaching us, Lord, how to move forward from disappointment and how to walk in newness of life."

Missy told her friends that she feels God's support.

"He is with us, carrying us through all of this. He is doing that through all of you who are praying fervently for Trenton and us," she said.

"Thank you again and keep the prayers coming."

Fundraisers are underway in the community and area school districts.

For example, a golf tournament is planned for Saturday, a Facebook auction is underway.

Luverne School District donated gate receipts from the Sept. 12 volleyball game with H-BC.

That amounted to \$1,370, and it was matched by \$5,000 from Exchange State Bank.



Lori Sorenson photo/0921 oaks 20th anniversary hups

Former Steen farmers John and Alvina Hup have lived in The Oaks for three years. They're pictured in their second-floor apartment. "We don't have to mop the floors or dust or clean anything," Alvina said. "We couldn't have a better place to live."

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— all of them.

"We don't have to mop the floors or dust or clean anything," she said. "We couldn't have a better place to live; we say that so often."

Residents' fondness for The Oaks staff goes both ways, according to Launa Mongold. "They're like family," she said. "They're my grandpas and grandmas."

Mongold, a universal worker at The Oaks, has worked with seniors since she started at the Mary Jane Brown home at 16 years old in 1979.

"When this place was built, I didn't know what an independent living facility was," she said.

Today, she said, she couldn't imagine doing anything else.

She points to a tree on the wall made of puzzle pieces painted green by residents. The puzzle pieces form the leaves and canopy of the tree, creating a 3-D piece of art.

The tree also bears the names of residents — past and present — who have lived in The Oaks.

"The names are all here," Mongold said. "Every one of them.... I get tears when I read all the names."

Information about The Oaks, Poplar Creek, Mary Jane Brown and other local senior living options is available at good-sam.com.

Fick rezone approved; some ground exempt

By Mavis Fodness

A portion of a planned rezoning request was granted Tuesday, Sept. 5, in action taken by the Rock County Commissioners.

In a unanimous roll call vote, commissioners supported keeping about 28 acres in Luverne Township Section 15 zoned for general agriculture use.

Commissioners originally requested the entire 108-acre parcel located south of Luverne rezoned to general industry.

However, property owner Ron Fick countered with the exclusion request at the Aug. 28 public hearing conducted by the Rock County Planning Commission.

The commission supported the exclusion and recommended to the commissioners the rezoning of a smaller portion (about 80 acres) of the property to general industry.

Land Management Office Director Eric Hartman said six people attended the public hearing, asking general questions about the zoning. He said when a township representative asked a question about residential housing, Fick requested the exclusion.

No residential housing is permitted on property zoned general industry but housing is permitted on property zoned general agriculture, said County Attorney Don Klosterbuer.

"Leaving that as an A-2 allows uses that would not be consistent with future industrial uses," he said.

Commissioners initiated the rezoning request at their Aug. 8 meeting to accelerate the rezoning process.

The rezoning would allow the potential for a pre-cast



Rock County Land Management graphic

Commissioners supported the recommendation of the Rock County Planning Commission to reduce the number of acres to be rezoned "general industry." It was reduced from 108 acres to 80 acres at the request of Ron Fick, the property's owner. The 80-acre tract had been zoned general agriculture.

concrete manufacturer to locate on a portion of Luverne Township Section 15. Gravel mining is currently permitted and is actively taking place.

To accommodate both uses, the rezoning request was submitted.

No one spoke out against the rezoning request.

However, Hartman read a letter of concern from the Christensen Corporation of Denver, Colorado, who owns land north and west of Shopko.

"As an adjacent property owner with shared boundary lines, we will be most impacted by the activity on the subject property," stated secretary Jolene VerSteege. "We have not had adequate time to

retain an engineer to conduct a drainage study to determine this impact."

The concern was noted and discussed by the planning commission at the public hearing. The permitted gravel mining has changed the topography of the property and environmental concerns have lessened.

"As the gravel has been mined from Mr. Fick's property, there is less water running through Sater's Creek from the Fick property," Hartman said.

Commissioners concluded the excluded 28 acres would not affect future industry plans on the remaining 80 acres and accepted the zoning committee's recommendation.

Springwater Township Mowing Notice

Landowners are now responsible for mowing shoulders at least three times per summer, depending on rain and growth. It is recommended that shoulders be mowed around the 15th of each month in June, July, August and September. The last mowing should include the shoulder and one swath beyond and to be completed by October 1, 2017. Failure to do so will result in a township official performing the task at \$100 per half mile, per time.



BOB FICK

80th Birthday!

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Time flies in the empty nest world

Since March, the empty nest stage I thought I crossed into last September has not been the experience I envisioned.

As the last of the four children chose to join the Air National Guard and set off to basic training a year ago, I pictured tackling those back-burner projects to keep my mind off no longer having any children at home.

I did enjoy reading again, coloring or watching TV with my feet up on the couch with no pressing events on the horizon except going to work each day.

The slower-paced days wound down even further from preparing supper for two to not cooking at all. Popcorn or just eating out became a luxury not possible with four young ones.

March was the month empty-nesting began to mean never having time for those back-burner projects, and the reading and color times no longer existed.

You see, up until March I faithfully changed the little wooden tiles of the decorative calendar hanging in the kitchen. Each month and each day have individual tiles that slide into slots under the correct day of the week. To keep the calendar current, the tiles are changed each month.

I glanced at that calendar earlier this week and realized the tiles haven't been changed for the past six months.

Instead of worrying about how I would spend my extra time, I realized empty nest means I would have to find more time to complete all the activities. I feel I am busier now than I was when the kids were home.

March started with a child returning to the nest when Adam returned from basic training. He didn't spend his last of his active duty hours at home, but he was nearby in Sioux Falls and returned most weekends in March, April and May.

March was also the month our son, Andrew, and



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

his wife, Laura, announced they would marry later in the year. While there weren't 27 dress shirts in the wedding (a previous column topic), there was a horse and carriage that culminated into the fairy tale wedding day in late August.

May brought the arrival of our first grandchild, Jayden. I've tried to visit her home in Iowa on a weekly basis. The drive time has added up to 25 hours each month, but seeing the changes in this little human being is just amazing. Doubling the fun has been experiencing my great-niece's changes through the same stages.

The summer meant weekend horse shows that blended into the county fair in late July. Adam reached the last year of 4-H eligibility, and he was determined to earn a trip to compete at the state level again.

Adam moved home for July and August in preparation for the state horse show and for college. His return meant Bryan and I were no longer empty-nesters. The household returned to a routine of evening suppers and a disruption of the stillness we'd grown used to with just the two of us.

Calm came in August when Adam was packed off to college, but he returned each weekend to prepare for the state horse show, which was last weekend.

Over a four-day period, I pampered the horse, helped Adam get ready for each of his three classes, and I walked for what seemed like a thousand miles. The show culminated Adam's 13 years in 4-H and the three Top 10 finishes ended his horse involvement on a high note.

On Monday I woke with blisters on my feet and the anticipation of once again returning to the slower pace of empty-nesters.

To prove it, I am definitely changing those calendar tiles.

Nov. 7 referendum asks district residents to 'make a difference'

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Craig Oftedahl, Luverne Public Schools Superintendent

I've worked in schools for 30 years and every fall I am impressed and inspired by the energy of students when they come back to school. It's an exciting time of year for the kids, for parents and for teachers.

The theme for this school year is "Purpose, Passion, Pride ... Making a Difference." Educating students and building relationships to prepare young people for the world is our purpose and we take it very seriously.

I have challenged our staff to bring even more passion to their work and in everything that they do to help students grow as citizens. Luverne has great pride as a community and we want to instill that pride in our students as well.

The idea of making a difference is essential to education. We strive for that every day as educators. The key is to talk about it and be intentional about making a difference in everything that we do.

The school board is proposing building improvements to continue the tremendous history of quality education here in Luverne. They have identified, with the help of community members, areas within our school that need to be addressed to keep making a difference for our students.

School district residents will vote Nov. 7 on the school board's plan to make necessary improvements to our school buildings. Voters will be asked two questions.

The first question focuses on the school board's plan to complete health and safety upgrades to both school buildings, including making the pick-up/drop-off area safer at the elementary school and making the entrance to the middle school/high school secure from unauthor-

ized visits.

The plan also calls for three classroom additions in the elementary building to accommodate growing demand for instructional space and renovations to address technology access and provide adequate space for special education, school and nurse offices and community education/Family U.

At the middle school/high school, the plan includes renovations and expansion to create classrooms, labs and music instruction and physical education areas. These improvements will create the right spaces with the right technology access for students to learn their best.

The plan also adds a new middle school/high school cafeteria big enough to accommodate the number of students who need to be served and accessible to students and others with disabilities.

This space will also be used outside of lunch times as a commons area for group projects and presentations. The old cafeteria, which is in the basement with small windows and little natural light, will be upgraded with drain tile to reduce water issues and become a room for sports programs.

A second question on the ballot asks residents whether they wish to build a performing arts center on the school campus for school presentations, musical and theater events, and other community uses.

Local residents were instrumental in assisting the school board in developing their plan by identifying priority needs and seeking solutions through surveys and community meetings held in the district last spring and summer. I believe the plan meets educational needs while being cost-conscious.

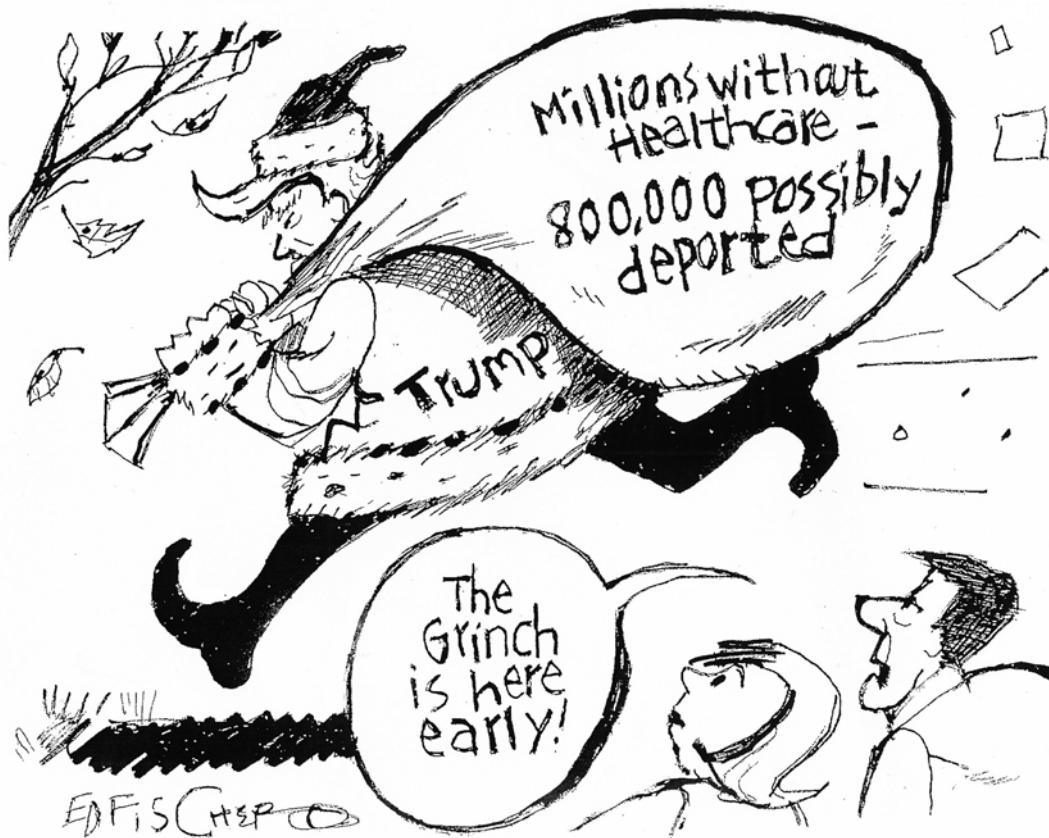
Because of the debt from expiring bonds and the new tax credit for agricultural properties, the net tax impact over current payments is modest. If both ballot measures are approved, the monthly tax increase for a home valued at \$100,000 is less than \$6.

Home and business property owners can find out more about their tax impact on the district website.

Agricultural property owners should call Ehlers, Inc., the district's financial consultant, at 1-800-552-1171 for specific tax impact information for their property.

Local residents will decide on Nov. 7 whether or not we go ahead with the building improvements proposed by the school board. I encourage you to visit the school district website at <http://www.isd2184.net/> to find out more about needs in our school building and how the plan addresses them.

If you have additional questions or comments, please email me at c.oftedahl@isd2184.net or call me at 507-283-8088. Go Cardinals!



Stensland Bos encourages producers to increase acreage devoted to human-consumable products

To the Editor:

Luverne has made many positive changes in the past few years as we envision our future. I'd like to share my own thoughts on the subject, specifically regarding food and agriculture.

I grew up on a Rock County farm and have lived here all but about three years of my life. I'm delighted that our farmers and gardeners are producing more fruits, vegetables, and other local products, and Rock County has always produced an abundance of meat and dairy.

However, I'd like to see our area produce a greater quantity of the non-animal products it consumes, and to devote less acreage to commodity crops and more to human-

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consumable products.

There are a number of benefits to diversification. First, there's better economic stability and food security when farmers are not as much at the mercy of world events and politics in Washington (such as the Farm Bill).

It was a disaster for many farmers when the Holstein market crashed. My parents raise beef, and I enjoy meat regularly, but I feel that focusing on a wider variety of agricultural products would reduce the likelihood of such an event in the future.

Furthermore, monocultural crop systems driven purely by profit (such as areas that grow nothing but corn and soybeans) are not as healthy for the soil and the broader ecology. More options are waiting to be utilized, not least among them hemp (the kind that produces durable goods and food, not marijuana).

I also hope to see less reliance on chemicals and genetically modified crops. I understand that economics and the need to feed a family are the often core factors here, but the eco-

nomics are starting to shift. Some believe there are no adverse consequences of using such technologies — the evidence suggests otherwise. It will be better for everyone to have more diversity in our seeds and fewer chemicals in our air and food.

Outside of for-profit areas, Kim Rockman is working hard to turn part of her parents' property into a local food forest where people can come and take what they need for free. I think this is a fantastic effort, and I hope it's well supported.

Some farmers do plenty when it comes to soil conservation and maintaining water quality. But the Rock River is still contaminated, and soil quality eventually impacts our own health. We can do better.

Even for those of us who feel they have no link to farm life, there is a role to play. We can learn about how our food is produced, and then speak up about what we want. We can push our politicians to keep funding programs that protect the environment. We can patronize the growers, both at the farmer's market and directly through their farms.

Again, these are my own thoughts, and I realize change happens slowly. I also want to acknowledge and respect all the farmers who work hard every day to make a living. But change needs to happen, and I hope these ideas contribute to the discussion.

Matthew Stensland Bos
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 8
 •State Patrol reported burglary near location. Subject is in white passenger vehicle heading north.
 •Complainant reported she was gone overnight. When she got home, her front doorknob is broken and her back door is unlocked. It was locked when she left. Has not noticed anything missing yet.
 •Complainant requested extra patrol.
 •Complainant reported a blue 80s Lumina-type vehicle is parked over the sidewalk on W. Lincoln Street. He has asked him not to park there and he continues to.
 •Complainant reported subject intoxicated at location on N. McKenzie. Spilling liquor and throwing objects.
Sept. 9
 •Complainant reported someone is smoking weed in their room.
 •Complainant reported someone backed into him by the food stand. Deputies are tied up with previous call, patrol wrote.
 •Dingmann Funeral Home reported they will be having a military funeral with a gun salute at 6:30 p.m. Monday at their site.
Sept. 10
 Complainant reported traveling vehicle at location driving at excessive speeds recklessly. Transferred to Minnehaha County South Dakota.
 •Complainant reported someone went through her husband's work truck that was sitting in the driveway. She doesn't think anything is missing but they spread everything around.
 •Complainant in Jasper reported her brother is taking stuff from another brother's property. He has been told not to take stuff.
 •Complainant on Sherman Avenue reported about \$50 was taken out of two vehicles last night.
 •Complainant on Eugene Street reported someone stole \$550 out of their pickup last night.
 •Complainant reported a tan BMW on I-90 mile marker 9 westbound with bad driving conduct, inconsistent speeds, hitting the fog line, center line and swerving.
 •Complainant reported that he has made reasonable allowances for subject to come and get personal property from location. Complainant reported this for documentation purposes as subject says she wants to get property when he is not home.
 •Complainant reported possible elder abuse at location.
 •Complainant reported out-of-control brush fire at location. Dispatch notified Nobles County Sheriff's Office.
Sept. 11
 •Complainant wanted to speak

to a deputy concerning the issue his sister called about yesterday. See linked record.
 •Luverne Public Schools requested a deputy for a child they are having problems with.
 •Complainant reported someone threw a brick through the garage window. She turned on the light and they took off on what sounded like a 4-wheeler.
 •Complainant reported bicyclers on the Interstate.
 •Complainant reported illegal dumping.
 •Complainant advised a vulnerable adult that may require emergency protection services.
 •Complainant reported she is having issues with her 14-year-old son.
 •Complainant reported a semi-trailer leaking propane gas headed northbound from 181st Street and Highway 23. Transferred complainant to State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported vehicle abandoned at location. Vehicle was unoccupied and was not blocking.
Sept. 12
 •Complainant requested a deputy to location as there is a verbal domestic taking place with subject.
 •Complainant reported that her husband left for work and their child went missing shortly after. While dispatch was taking information for this call for service, complainant reported that she had found her child.
 •Complainant reported a bulletin board that it appears someone may have stolen and planted there.
 •Complainant reported a black pickup that has been going about 80 mph past her the last three school days on 161st Street.
 •Complainant reported an infant about 12-18 months outside by this residence alone. The complainant gave the residence where the child lives.
 •Complainant reported some other juveniles driving by yelling at him and another person.
 •Complainant reported vandalism at location. Also reported party in vehicle is harassing his daughter.
Sept. 13
 •Complainant called earlier. Eleven-year-old won't get on the bus. While speaking to dispatch, she got on the bus.
 •Complainant brought a syringe that was found by the dumpster.
 •North Kniss business reported a semitrailer has been parked at location for a couple of days. Would like them notified they cannot park there.
 •Complainant reported a big propane truck is swerving all over.
 •Complainant reported a scam call. Was told there was a virus on her computer and to go buy iTunes cards.
 •Business reported owner left her

driver's license at business. Left message for her to pick it up.
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported a couple of people left a bag outside that looks suspicious.
 •Complainant requested information about a rental property.
 •Luverne Fire Department reported they are out for training.
 •Complainant in rural Hills reported subject is out of control at location.
 •Complainant in Kenneth reported physical assault at business by subject. Subject fled the scene.
 •Complainant reported following vehicle. Driver is texting and swerving over center line on I-90, eastbound.
Sept. 14
 •Complainant reported open door at location.
 •Complainant reported two individuals dressed in black ran into cornfield at location.
 •Complainant reported activated smoke alarm at location.
 •Complainant reported individual at location is on drugs. Verbal argument. Requesting assistance.
 •Transferred an erratic driver to State Patrol.
 •Trooper reported an overloaded semitrailer heading northbound. Deputy stopped semitrailer.
 •Complainant reported her cousin signed up for Vast or Mediacom service and doesn't think the salesman was telling them the truth. Complainant was at her cousin's house when the salesman was there.
 •Complainant reported finding cards that may have been stolen out of Kanaranzi within the last week.
 •Complainant reported a fire alarm. Keyholder advised a small child pulled the alarm.
 •Owner reported to sheriff that someone is trying to use a stolen credit card.
 •Complainant reported that subject is off his medication and needs to be evaluated.
 •Complainant reported neighbor's kids are going in and out of her camper that is parked at location.
 •Complainant reported suspicious activity at location. Juveniles at location yelled at her vehicle as she drove by.

In addition this past week, officers responded to two motor vehicle accidents, two deer accidents, 28 traffic stops, 12 paper services, 15 ambulance runs, six drug court tests, eight animal complaints, eight log/alarm sheets, two fingerprint requests, one driver's license request, six drug court tests, five money escorts, one background check, two curfew checks, one narcotics check, nine abandoned 911 calls, and issued five purchase/carry permits and four burn permits.



Facing felony drug charges are (from left) Jordan Damian Matti, 27, Joseph Daniel Patrico, 27, and Michael Benjamin Patrico, 25, all from the Rochester Hills area of Michigan.

State canine assists with local drug arrests

By Lori Sorenson

The new State Patrol canine recently helped Rock County Deputies seize 4.6 pounds of marijuana and 34 grams of hallucinogenic mushrooms.
 Three suspects from Michigan are now facing felony drug charges after they were arrested Sept. 9 at the Quality Inn on South Highway 75 in Luverne.
 According to the criminal complaints filed last week in Rock County District Court, deputies were called to the hotel around 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9.
 They arrived to find a hotel employee with an off-duty law enforcement officer from Jefferson, Iowa, who was staying at the hotel.
 He told deputies he smelled burnt marijuana coming from Room 118, but occupants were currently in the lobby checking out.
 Deputies questioned three individuals in the lobby about the marijuana, and the group moved over to a sitting area nearby.
 When asked about their bags, one of the men said there was a little marijuana in the black bag on the table and agreed to let deputies search it.
 In it was a mason glass jar with what appeared to be marijuana inside, and the men were patted down and asked to sit down.
 The males were identified as Jordan Damian Matti, 27, Joseph Daniel Patrico, 27, and Michael Benjamin Patrico, 25, all from the Rochester Hills area of Michigan.
 They told deputies they were traveling from Michigan to Idaho to "subsistence farm and live off the land."
 In the bags were also zigzag rolling papers, grinders and plastic baggies, plus a vaporizer and two bottles containing liquid marijuana. A sealed white bag contained mushrooms.
 The men were handcuffed and agreed to let deputies search their pickup and trailer.
 At that point, Trooper Austin Christensen was called to have the State Patrol canine sniff the vehicle and trailer.
 The dog hit on the rear left corner of the trailer where a garbage bag of marijuana was found.
 The men were taken to the Law Enforcement Center and then to the Nobles County Jail, and the pickup and trailer were taken to the Rock County Law Enforcement Center where a search warrant was obtained to search them further.
 Inside the pickup box under a locked cover officers located and seized 18 firearms stored in a separate area from the narcotics. Inside the trailer, a backpack was found with a number of garbage bags lined in it containing another 2.4 pounds of suspected marijuana.
 The men spent the night apart from each other and the next day they were interviewed one at a time.
 They all said they used marijuana for medical purposes and that they grow marijuana to sell to a dispensary in Michigan.
 They said the mushrooms were given as a going away present, and they all admitted using marijuana and mushrooms together.
 The street value of marijuana can be as much as \$1,250 per pound, and the men said mushrooms cost roughly \$7 per gram.
 The men each face two counts of felony drug charges—fifth degree for marijuana and third degree for mushrooms. The maximum penalty for a conviction on the more serious charge is 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Tru Shrimp breaks ground on facility to train workers for Luverne Bay Harbor

Groundbreaking was Monday, Sept. 18, for the Balaton Bay Reef Training and Engineering Center, the largest land-based shrimp facility in the Upper Midwest.
 The 12,000-square-foot, 40-foot-tall facility will house a reef of eight 150-foot-long, stacked Tidal Basins.
 It will serve as a training and engineering facility to prepare employees for work at the Luverne Bay Harbor shrimp production facility, which will be built next year.
 The Balaton structure will be built on green space northeast of the Ralco Technology Campus in Balaton.
 It will be adjacent to the tru Shrimp Innovation and

Laboratory that has been in use for more than two years and is one of the most advanced shrimp research facilities in the world.
 It will be the only one of its kind in the world and will be capable of producing 65,000 pounds of shrimp annually.
 The private groundbreaking was hosted by the tru Shrimp ownership and management team: Ralco and tru Shrimp owners Brian and Jon Knochenmus and tru Shrimp CEO Michael Ziebell together with Minnesota state senators, representatives, Economic Development Coordinator Tara Onken and CEO and President of ISG engineering firm Chad Surprenant.

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CELEBRATIONS

Baby Shower

A come-and-go baby shower for **Nora Jean**, daughter of **Jed and Deann Matthiesen**, will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Bridal Showers

An open house bridal shower for **Krista Van Dyk**, bride-to-be of **Taylor Rignell**, will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

A bridal shower for **Cora Mumme**, bride-to-be of **Anthony Miller**, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, in the Fellowship Hall of Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. Guests are requested to bring a favorite recipe.

Open Houses

Dave and Pat Stoltenberg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Luverne Senior Center at 319 E. Lincoln Street in Luverne. They request no gifts.

Card Showers

Bob Fick will celebrate his 80th birthday Friday, Sept. 22. Greetings may be sent to him at 1479 County Highway 4, Luverne, MN 56156.

Marv VantHof will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, Sept. 23. Greetings may be sent to him at P.O. Box 265, Leota, MN 56153.

Marguerite Hoh will celebrate her 100th birthday Sunday, Sept. 24. Greetings may be sent to her at 110 S. Walnut # 138, Luverne, MN 56156.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Sept. 25: Hamburger, oven-browned potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb sauce.

Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Sept. 26: Hamburger hotdish, green beans, dinner roll, fresh fruit, bar.

Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Program: Executive meeting.

Wednesday, Sept. 27: Chicken in cream sauce, mashed potatoes, peas, biscuits, cream puff dessert.

Thursday, Sept. 28: Pork loin, buttered boiled potatoes, carrots, bread, poke cake.

Friday, Sept. 29: Italian meat sauce over spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, green beans, garlic bread, ice cream.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition. Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.



Mavis Fodness photo/0921 State Horse 2017

Rock County 4-H'ers topped dozens of counties in the recent herdsman contest at the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show in St. Paul. Members include (front row, from left) Lizzie Chapa, Kellie VanDerBrink, Kennedy Safar, McKenna Westphal, (back) Ayden Bonnett, Adam Fodness, Joni Vander Beek and Kallie Chapa.

Rock County best in state 4-H herdsman

Members also compete in individual horse events

By Mavis Fodness

Eight members of the 2017 Rock County 4-H Horse Show qualifying team were named top herdsman at the recent Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show in St. Paul.

Adam Fodness, McKenna Westphal, Joni Vander Beek, Lizzie Chapa, Kallie Chapa, Ayden Bonnett, Kellie VanDerBrink and Kennedy Safar earned

the top honors in the large county division Sept. 15-18.

Each county was judged twice daily during the event on how well the 4-H'ers tended to their horses, stalls and equipment areas. Rock County also received the top herdsman award in 2015.

"I am proud of all of the Rock County 4-H horse participants and how they represented Rock County at the state horse show," said local 4-H program coordinator Chelsey Ashe. "Winning the state herdsman contest takes teamwork and dedication. This honor is a testament to the pride our youth have in this project."

Individually, Fodness earned three Top 10 finishes at the annual event.

He placed ninth in western showmanship, sixth in western pleasure and ninth in western horsemanship at the grade 13 level.

Fodness also served as the county's grand entry rider.

Westphal competed in grade 11 poles, key race, barrels and jump figure 8.

Vander Beek competed in grade 10 western pleasure, trail, horsemanship, English pleasure and equitation.

Lizzie Chapa did not compete due to an injured horse but qualified for grade 10 western

pleasure, horsemanship and trail.

Kallie Chapa placed sixth in grade 9 key race and competed in barrels and jump figure 8 events.

Bonnett finished fourth in grade 7 barrels and competed in key race, poles and jump figure 8.

VanDerBrink earned an eighth-place ribbon in grade 7 jump figure 8 and participated in barrels and key race.

Safar competed in grade 8 western showmanship, western horsemanship and trail.

Gretchen Jacobsma participated in the grade 6-8 horse-related project.

1931: Luverne's Rock River bridge cited as 'among the best in Minnesota'

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on October 16, 1931, and is the first in a series about Luverne's Rock River Bridge:



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

NEW BRIDGE AND PAVING DEDICATED YESTERDAY

Senator Schall and Charles Forbes, "Granddad" of Highway System, Participate in Program.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BIG ASSET TO LUVERNE

Rock River Bridge Among

the Best in Minnesota; Main Street Approach is More Attractive.

Luverne's bridge and paving celebration opened with a program at the bank corners

on Main street yesterday when highway officials and Senator Thomas D. Schall addressed residents of Luverne and Rock county.

An informal luncheon was tendered the speakers at the

Manitou hotel at noon, by a group of business men and American Legion members. The Luverne band presented a half hour program of music before the speakers were introduced.

R. C. Engan, chairman of the program committee, introduced H. E. Chard, divisional engineer who has been in charge of highway construction of No. 9. Mr. Chard gave a brief talk, thanking the residents of Rock county for their cooperation on the project and then introduced Charles A. Forbes, "the grand daddy of the highway system." Mr. Forbes has been

identified with road construction in Minnesota for more than a quarter of a century. He related how he had toured the state with "Bob" Dunn, 25 years ago interesting the people of the state in good roads and working for passage of the Dunn amendment. He has lived to see Minnesota rank among the leading states in good highways and roads. Mr. Forbes explained that Minnesota is different from any other state in its legislation concerning jurisdiction of highway officials and in its equalization of state expense for the highway system. Following Mr. Forbes, Mr.

Engan introduced Frank Sell of Adrian, senator from this district in the Minnesota Senate. Mr. Sell then introduced Senator Schall who, after a brief statement concerning good roads, gave a political speech lasting an hour and a half.

Next week: Sen. Schall's speech.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manned@iw.net.

SCHOOL NEWS

Hans Bakken named commended student

Luverne High School senior Hans Bakken was recently named a "commended student" in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Bakken joins about 34,000 other commended students throughout the U.S. He placed in the top 50,000 scorers among the more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

As a commended student, Bakken may qualify for special scholarships provided by the test sponsors. He does not advance in the merit scholarship competition, however.

Bakken is the son of Paul and Jennifer Bakken, rural Luverne.



Joyce McCarthy photo/0921 adrian homecoming candidates

Adrian announces Homecoming candidates

Adrian High School candidates for Homecoming royalty are (front, from left) Rylie Hokeness, Hannah Bullerman, Paige Tweet, Alexia Kemper, Paige Bullerman, (back) Nick Harder, Ryan Wieneke, Landon Rogers, Brady Henning and Bradden Kunkel. Coronation activities are set for Monday, Sept. 25, kicking off a week of Homecoming festivities.

ENGAGEMENT

Derek Boeve and Nicole Kerkhoff, both of Richfield, announce their engagement.

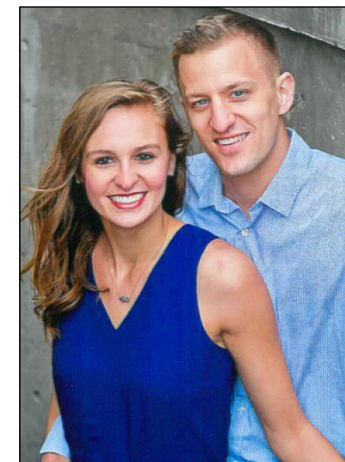
Nicole is the daughter of Doug and Rhonda Kerkhoff, Redwood Falls.

Derek is the son of Marcia Boeve-Alfano, Luverne, and the late Jim Boeve.

Nicole is a registered nurse at Abbott Northwestern in the neuroscience department.

Derek is a loan officer at Minnwest Bank in Eagan.

They are planning a Nov. 4, 2017, wedding at St. Michael's Church in Morgan.



Nicole Kerkhoff and Derek Boeve

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OBITUARIES

Francis Crawford

Francis B. Crawford, 87, of St. Cloud, formerly of Albert Lea, died Thursday, July 13, 2017, at Quiet Oaks Hospice House after a seven-year battle with bladder cancer and other health issues.



A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, at the Country Manor Chapel in Sartell. Burial will take place at a later date. Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Country Manor Chapel.

Francis Crawford was born Oct. 7, 1929, to J. Seth and Bessie Crawford in Beaver Creek. He grew up on the family farm west of Beaver Creek. After graduation from Beaver Creek High School he attended Macalaster College in St. Paul and later transferred to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He graduated June 1954 with a degree in pharmacy.

On March 22, 1953, Francis married JoAnn Lowe. After he graduated from college, they moved to Albert Lea, where he worked at the Rexall Drug Store. In the early 1970s Francis served a term as mayor and later served on many boards. Francis was a grateful

and faithful member of AA for 44 years.

Francis and JoAnn traveled to Arizona for 35 winters. They moved to St. Cloud in 1993 and on Jan. 1, 2017, they moved to assisted living in Country Manor in Sartell.

Francis is survived by his wife, JoAnn; a daughter, Julie Wiseman, St. Cloud; her children; Dr. Anthony (Emily) Wiseman, Houston, and Beth Wiseman, St. Cloud; his son, Dr. Francis Jr. (Josie) Crawford and their children, Seth, Kalli, Sofia and Josie Rose of St. Cloud; sisters-in-law Eleanor, Marlys and Orla; brother-in-law George Lowe; and many nieces and nephews.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Harold, Howard (Carolyn), James (Shirley) and John (June); brothers-in-law James, Martin and Leo Lowe and Robert Knudsen.

Memorials are preferred to the Quiet Oaks Hospice House or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are with the Daniel Funeral Home in Sartell, www.danielfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Odland

Mary Margaret Odland, 91, Luverne, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, at the Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria.



A funeral service was Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial was at Dell Rapids Cemetery in Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

Mary Hermanson was born April 13, 1926, to John and Alice (Paulson) Hermanson in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. She was baptized on June 27, 1926, and confirmed her faith on June 18, 1939, at the Dell Rapids Lutheran Church. She spent her childhood years in Dell Rapids and graduated from Dell Rapids High School in 1943. She then attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion where she graduated in May of 1947 with a B.A. degree in sociology.

On Aug. 1, 1948, Mary married Donald Odland at Dell Rapids Lutheran Church. The couple then moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Don attended medical school for four years at Marquette University. They then moved to Minneapolis while Don completed a two-year residency. In 1954 the couple moved to Luverne, where Don built his medical practice and Mary was a homemaker and cared for their children.

Mary was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne and was active in circle, GLCW, and choir. She was a founding member of the Luverne chapter of the PEO sisterhood, which she belonged to for over 70 years. She was also a member of the Luverne

Pink Ladies and volunteered weekly at the Luverne Hospital for 25 years. She was a 50-year member of the Luverne American Legion Auxiliary. The family enjoyed their lake home in Alexandria, as well as trips to Mexico, Hawaii and the ancestral home of Norway with a group from Augustana College.

Mary is survived by five children, Mark (Pat) Odland, Alexandria, David (Sharon) Odland, Alexandria, Debra Odland, Woodbury, Paul Odland, Alexandria, and Steve Odland, Luverne; 10 grandchildren, Mark, Matthew, Tony, Kristoffer, Laura, Eric, Ryan, Will, Wade and Wyatt; 13 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents; and her brother, John Hermanson.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Eugene Ray

Eugene R. Ray, 83, Luverne, formerly of Windom, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne, with military honors to follow. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Windom.

Arrangements are through the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0921 DN)

Peggy Monk

Peggy Monk, 68, Pipestone, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, at the Pipestone County Hospice House in Pipestone.

A memorial service was Monday, Sept. 18, at Christ the King Free Lutheran Church in Pipestone.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home, Pipestone Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0921 DN)

Janyce Baustian

Janyce Baustian, 74, Hardwick, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Funeral arrangements are pending through Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0921 DN)

Dolores Dreesen

Dolores Dreesen, 85, Luverne, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Funeral arrangements are pending through Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0921 DN)



Glenda McGaffee photo/0921 HBC Homecoming Court

Trenton Bass and Megan Gehrke crowned 2017 king and queen

The Hills-Beaver Creek 2017 Homecoming court includes front (from left) freshmen attendant Abby Knobloch, sophomore attendant Sadie Fuerstenberg, junior attendant Amber Bos, mistress of ceremonies Grace Holthaus, Queen Megan Gehrke, queen candidates Olivia Richards, Halle Hoekstra and Paige Tilstra, (back) king candidates Dustin Teune, Preston Maassen and Dean Fuerstenberg, master of ceremonies Dawson Leenderts, junior attendant Tyler Jess, sophomore attendant Jaxon Steensma and freshmen attendant Tyson Bork. At left, King Trenton Bass is in his Sioux Falls hospital bed. He is recovering from a broken neck suffered during a Sept. 8 football game.

Photo courtesy of the Pray For Trenton Facebook page



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

Four lots in Luverne's Evergreen II Addition will be taken off the market due to water issues.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority approved this action at their Tuesday, Sept. 11, meeting on the recommendation of city engineer Gary Kurth.

Kurth, of Rock Rapids firm DGR, advised the city not to develop the lots on the northeastern corner of the addition along Blue Mound Avenue near Christensen Drive intersection.

He cited drainage issues, a high water table and future development as reasons for his recommendations.

25 years ago (1992)

Jim Brandenburg was back in Luverne this week. He was finishing the second half of a photo shoot of the Midwestern United States.

Brandenburg worked on the first half of the shoot prior to his stop in Luverne on the Fourth of July weekend when he was inducted into the Rock County Hall of Fame. ...

Tuesday he spent time at Blue Mounds State Park getting a photo of the Luverne area for the National Geographic piece.

50 years ago (1967)

A tire went wild in Magnolia Monday morning.

When things were quiet again Darrell Lester's car had the side bashed in and Forrest Travis's garage door, another 250 feet down the street, had \$25 damage.

Sheriff's Deputy Dean DeBooy, investigating officer, identified the truck driver involved as Richard R. Frey, 25, of Winona.

Frey's semi, owned by Madison Silos of Winona, entered the village on Highway 16 from the east. As it came into the city limits a tire came off the truck and hit a 1964 Buick owned by Darrell Lester. The impact was so hard the frame was sprung and damage was set at \$900.

The tire rim continued on for another 250 feet and smashed the Forrest Travis garage door. Luckily, no one was hurt. Time of the accident was 11:20 a.m. officials said.

75 years ago (1942)

After deliberating one hour and 10 minutes Friday, a district court jury found no cause for action against Selmar Anderson, city employee, in the case of Edith A. Baker, Vivian E. Dillman and Ethel D. Pierson vs. the City of Luverne and Anderson, for damages because of an auto crash.

The case against the city was dismissed the day previous because plaintiffs failed to file notice of claim for damages against the council within one year, the time stipulated by the statute.

100 years ago (1917)

Under an order issued Monday by Judge L.S. Nelson, the opening of the regular September term of district court for Rock County, which was to have convened Tuesday of next week, has been postponed until Tuesday, November 19th.

This order was issued in recognition of the rush of farm work and the scarcity of available help at this time, which would make it a hardship for many of the jurors who are engaged in farming to report for service at the regular time.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Matthew Raak, Jasper, completes basic training

U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Matthew P. Raak graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Raak, the son of Philip and Theresa Raak and grandson of Irwin and Trudy Raak, all of Jasper, is a 2014 graduate of Southwest Minnesota Christian High School in Edgerton.

Actors needed for minor roles in GEP production

Actors are still needed for minor roles to complete the cast for the Green Earth Players production of "Miracle on 34th Street." For more information, contact Bruce Kurtz at 712-229-7616.

Rehearsals are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the GEP building, 401 E. Edgehill St., Luverne.

The production dates are Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 16-19 at the Palace Theatre, Luverne.

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Luverne students, families raising money for hurricane relief

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Public Schools students are raising money to support americacares.org, a non-profit disaster relief organization helping hurricane victims in the South.

Each homeroom has a jar to collect donations, as do the school offices.

High school students Jady Anderson and Anika Gust are spearheading the effort.

"We are Minnesotans; we are pretty much as far as it gets from ever experiencing a hurricane," Anderson said.

"We will never and have never experienced some-

thing so devastating, and as Americans we have a civic duty to help our fellow Americans going through impossible circumstances."

Donation totals are updated each day and posted in the lobby.

The Middle School and High School are competing to see which school can raise the most money, and those totals are updated each day as well.

Whichever school has raised the most money by Sept. 21 will have four students randomly selected to participate in the goal rewards assembly on Sept. 22.

If students raise \$1,000,

Athletic Director Todd Oye will get his legs waxed at the assembly.

If they raise \$2,500, Principal Ryan Johnson will get his head shaved at the assembly as well.

If donations total \$4,000, Oye, Johnson and Superintendent Craig Oftedal will wear wigs and sing a popular female song of their choice.

As of press day Tuesday, donations had reached \$1,513.

To support the effort, donations can be given to a student to share, or money can be dropped off at the High School Office. Checks can be written to Luverne High School.



Optimists sponsor fishing derby

The Luverne Optimist Club 2017 Fishing Derby attracted more than 60 children and 100 participants Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Veterans Home Pond in Luverne.

Young Keegen Hess (right) snagged a 20-inch catfish for the first catch of the day, and it ended up earning him a third-place win.

Mallachi Domagala (above, left) reeled in a 24-inch carp in the final seconds of the derby to claim first place.

Scarlet Xiong (above right) took second place with a 23-inch catfish. She's pictured with Optimist Club member Travis Pierce who helped organize the annual event.

He said the club offered free grilled hot dogs to the group, along with more than \$500 in donated prizes.



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Daughter of LHS grad brings heat

Some Rock County residents are planning on spending a lot of time in Middle America during the coming months.

Magnolia's Richard and Linda Bruhn may be doing some touring during their visits to the central part of the country, but most of the excursions will be business trips.

As grandparents of a 13-year-old female athlete, the primary destinations for the Bruhns will be softball venues located in different areas.

"We're going to a tournament in Kansas City, Kansas, October 13-15," Linda Bruhn stated.

"I guess most of the tournaments in Oklahoma or the surrounding states are during the school year. There are tournaments in Florida and California in the summer months."

The reason for their interest in softball is Hunter Jonas, the daughter of 1990 Luverne High School graduate Shawna (Bruhn) Jonas.

Hunter has signed a contract to play with a United States National Softball Team based in Oklahoma.

That means Hunter's life will become somewhat complicated for this year and possibly beyond that.

She recently started school as an eighth-grader in Harrah, Oklahoma, which is located in the



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

greater Oklahoma City area.

When weekends roll around, and some of them will be three-day weekends, competing in softball tournaments will be Hunter's top priority.

Jonas obviously has talent.

She may be a 13-year-old member of a team that includes girls up to 16 years of age, but there is a reason why Hunter has earned a spot on the roster of a national team.

She's a hard-throwing, left-handed twirler with a fastball that has been clocked on a radar gun at 69 miles per hour.

"I've seen her pitch. She throws hard," her grandmother said.

"When she throws the ball, she really snaps it. They signed her to a contract as a pitcher."

The prospect of watching Hunter pitch will lead to a lot of road time for the Bruhns, as well as create interest for a couple more Rock County residents.

Marinus Cross and Evelyn Bruhn are Hunter's great-grandparents.

"We are hoping to go to quite a few of her tournaments," Linda concluded.

Falcons hand first loss to Patriots Friday

By John Rittenhouse

What was a rough week for the Hills-Beaver Creek football team ended with a defeat Friday in Hills.

Playing their first game after losing the services of senior Trenton Bass, a two-way starter who sustained a serious neck injury the week before, the Patriot players took the field with heavy hearts when they took on Red Rock Central.

H-BC turned in an admirable effort under extraordinary circumstances, but it wasn't enough to keep the Falcons from securing a 28-20 win.

"I was proud of the way our kids played considering all they went through last week," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

"Trenton is a buddy to all of our guys and it was hard on them ever since he got hurt. Our guys gave it all they had for four quarters and I think it's a testament of how good these kids really are."

The Patriots proved they were ready to play early in the contest.

After forcing the Falcons to punt three plays into the game, the H-BC offense covered 47 yards in eight plays to take a 6-0 lead when quarterback Easton Harnack tossed a 17-yard touchdown pass to Josh Kueter at the 6:44 mark of the opening quarter.

RRC, however, scored the next 21 points and never trailed the rest of the night.

The Falcons moved the ball 73 yards during their possession following Kueter's touchdown.

RRC quarterback Garrett Marsh hit Noah Stavnes with a 60-yard touchdown pass to end the possession and Jonah Hansen added his first of four



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H-BC freshman Gavin Wysong ran for 87 yards and scored one touchdown during Friday's home loss to RRC.

extra points to give the Falcons a 7-6 edge at the 4:10 mark of the first quarter.

The Falcons got the ball back when Jared Schroepfer recovered a fumble on the fifth play of H-BC's next possession, setting up a four-play, 60-yard series capped by a six-yard touchdown run by Sam Hansen that made it 14-6 with two minutes left in the opening stanza.

The teams exchanged possessions before the Falcons upped the lead to 21-6 with

RRC countered with a quick strike when Marsh fired a 71-yard touchdown pass to Dominic Smith in the final minute of a first half that ended with the Falcons sporting a 28-12 advantage.

"We made some mistakes that hurt us in the first half," Metzger said.

"We had a couple of costly turnovers and some breakdowns in our defensive secondary. That touchdown they scored in the final minute was big. I would've much rather been trailing 21-12 at halftime instead of 28-12."

The teams battled to a scoreless draw in the third quarter before H-BC completed the scoring early in the fourth period.

Gavin Wysong scored on a two-yard run and Harnack hooked up with Jax Wysong for a successful conversion pass that made it a 28-20 game.

H-BC did gain possession of the ball two more times in the contest, but the Patriots didn't score any more points.

The 2-1 Patriots host 3-0 Westbrook-Walnut Grove for Homecoming Friday.

Team statistics
H-BC: 130 rushing yards, 145 passing yards, 275 total yards, 11 first downs, four penalties for 50 yards, four turnovers.
RRC: 223 rushing yards, 143 passing yards, 366 total yards, 10 first downs, six penalties for 35 yards, three turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: J. Wysong 9-23, G. Wysong 20-87, Harnack 7-10, Preston Maassen 4-10.
Passing: Harnack 4-10 for 145 yards.
Receiving: J. Wysong 5-83, Kueter 2-38, G. Wysong 4-16, Maassen 1-8.
Defense: Luke LaRock five tackles, G. Wysong two tackles, Dawson Leenders seven tackles and one fumble recovery, Tyson Bork four tackles, Bailey Susie six tackles, Dean Fuerstenberg four tackles, Maassen 17 tackles and one fumble recovery, Garrett Raymon two tackles, Jesse Elbers five tackles, George Merson two tackles, Kueter two tackles, Dylan Taubert one tackle and one interception.

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Individual statistics
Rushing: Kruse 9-37, Brayden Jacobson 5-34, Declan Beers 7-20, Weston 4-9, Jed Dooyema 1-7, Mark Sterrett 2-1, Colby Crabtree 1-0, Serie 8-minus 21.
Passing: Serie 8-22 for 85 yards.
Receiving: Crabtree 2-47, Charlie

Reisch 2-19, Sterrett 1-9, Jake Haugen 1-8, Kruse 1-2.
Defense: Kruse 4.5 tackles, Keegan Weston four tackles, Reisdorfer 3.5 tackles, Reisch three tackles, Max Skattum three tackles, Payne Bonnett three tackles, Serie one interception.

SPORTS CLIPBOARD

Rock County Sportsman's Club Sept. 12

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Individual scores:
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Cole Vos
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24 x 25
Steve Nath — 2
Rick Osseloort
Jeff Stearns
Doug Deutsch
Jim Slocum — 2
Brian Boll
Cole Vos

AHS attends Turkey Trot

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian cross country runners joined the fray at the 50th version of the Worthington Turkey Trot Thursday.

Competing as a complete varsity team, the Dragon girls place 10th in a 12-team field led by Fairmont (37 points) with 216 points.

The Dragon boys entered two runners in the varsity race.

Moriah Bullerman led the AHS girls by placing 10th in 22:00.

Hiltn Heitkamp (46th in 25:06), Gracia Elias (49th in 25:21), Halle Heitkamp (67th in 26:40) and Annika Elias (94th in 29:42) capped the team scoring for the Dragons.

Brady Henning and Caleb Hornstein placed 10th and 42nd with respective times of 17:49 and 19:18 in the boys' varsity race.

Here is a look at the rest of Adrian's results from the meet.

Junior high girls: Ashlee Christians, 24th, 9:01; Courtney Penning, 35th, 9:33.

Junior high boys: William White-McLeise, 61st, 10:31.

Luverne claims title in Jackson

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team compiled a 4-1 record during a pair of events late last week.

The Cardinals lost a three-set match in Marshall Thursday before winning the Jackson County Central Tournament Saturday.

Luverne, 12-2 overall, hosts JCC Thursday.

JCC tourney
The Cardinals reeled off four consecutive victories to take top honors during the JCC tourney Saturday in Jackson.

Luverne won consecutive three set matches over Schaefer Academy (Rochester), Montevideo and Heron Lake-Okabena before completing its title run by pulling out 29-27 and 26-24 victories over the host school.

LH stopped SA (25-21, 22-25, 15-13), Montevideo (14-25, 25-14, 15-11) HL-O (12-25, 25-20, 15-9) to start the event.

Alexis Ferrell (45 kills, 11 blocks and 29 of 29 serving with three aces), Sierra Schmuck (53 set assists and



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Luverne's Hannah Ver Steeg fields a spike during a home victory over Hills-Beaver Creek High School Sept. 12.

32 of 32 serving with four aces), Greta Ahrendt (25 kills and 10 blocks) and Tacey Baustian (46 set assists) led the Cards statistically.

Marshall 3, LHS 0
The Cardinals slipped to 1-1 in Big South Conference play after dropping a three-set match Thursday in Marshall.

Luverne did test the Tigers in the second and third sets of the night, but it wasn't enough to extend the match.

After securing a 25-13 win in the opening set, Marshall went on to post 25-23 victories in the second and third sets to complete its sweep.

Baustian (12 set assists and 11 of 11 serving), Ferrell (13 digs, 11 kills and five blocks) and Ahrendt (five kills and two blocks) had big nights for the Cards.

Gracie Bosch charted 15 digs and Schmuck 13 set assists for LHS.

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FALL SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Samantha Pierce
Sport: Tennis
Position: Singles
Parents: Travis and Stephanie Pierce
Favorite Subject: Math
Extra-Curricular Activities: Tennis, Gymnastics, Golf, Choir, Math League, Student Council, Youth Group
Future Plans: Go to college

Pradana Arviano
Sport: Football
Position: Guard
Parents: Henry A. Haan
Favorite Subject: Foods
Extra-Curricular Activities: Sports
Future Plans: Play basketball in college

Hannah Ver Steeg
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Left Side
Parents: Nate and Tonya Ver Steeg
Favorite Subject: Psychology
Extra-Curricular Activities: Volleyball, Golf, Choir, Student Council
Future Plans: Go to college and become a nurse

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Adrian senior Nick Harder gains some of his 16 rushing yards with a fourth-quarter carry during Friday's home game against Springfield. The Tigers rallied in the second half to hand AHS a 31-21 loss.

Dragons, Panthers compete in Windom

By John Rittenhouse

Athletes from Adrian and Ellsworth high schools made appearances at the Windom Invitational Monday.

The Adrian girls and Ellsworth boys competed as complete teams at the varsity level.

The Dragon girls scored 179 points to place eighth in a 10-team field with 179 points.

Ellsworth's boys produced 231 points to cap a field of nine complete teams.

Lake Crystal-Welcome-Memorial-Nicollet claimed the girls' team title with 42 points, while St. James collected the boys' championship with 29 points.

Moriah Bullerman led the Dragon girls to their eighth-place finish by placing ninth in 21:15.

Hilryn Heitkamp (33rd in 23:56), Gracia Elias (34th in 23:57), Halle Heitkamp (47th in 25:26) and Annika Elias (70th

in 8:15) also made contributions to Adrian's team tally.

Linkin Bossert led the charge for the EHS boys by placing 44th in 20:47.

Sean Boltjes (74th in 22:44), Carter Boyenga (75th in 22:45), Kade Boltjes (80th in 23:12) and Micah Onken (81st in 23:17) capped the scoring for the Panthers.

The Adrian boys fell one runner short of fielding a complete team for the varsity race.

Brady Henning (eighth in 17:47), Caleb Hornstein (22nd in 19:15), Christian Weidert (69th in 24:20) and Mitchell Veld (86th in 24:70) competed for the Dragons.

Here is a look at the rest of the results from Monday's meet.

Junior high boys: William White-McLeise, 32nd, 8:15.

Junior high girls: Courtney Penning, 12th, 8:07.

Tigers rally in second half to deny Dragons

By John Rittenhouse

Sporting an eight-point lead with 12 minutes left to play, the Adrian football team was in a position to post its first victory of the season Friday in Adrian. Unfortunately, the potential win eluded the Dragons.

Visiting Springfield scored 18 unanswered points in a span of 5:59 of the fourth quarter to pull out a 31-21 conquest. "We just didn't make any plays," said AHS coach Randy Schettler, who was clearly disappointed after the Dragons lost their third consecutive game.

"We had guys running wide open on offense and we missed them. We also didn't get much of a push from our offensive line. Missed tackles have been killing us all year on defense, and it hurt us again in this game."

Although the Dragons made some mistakes, they were in a position to win the game.

With the score deadlocked at seven late in the second quarter, a sack by Adrian's Chance Turner forced the Tigers to punt.

The AHS offense took the field with 1:30 remaining in the opening half and put together an impressive drive featuring runs of 19 and 15 yards by quarterback Ryan Wieneke.

When Wieneke capped the march with a two-yard run with two seconds left and Dominiq Canales booted his second of three extra points, AHS sported a 14-7 cushion at the intermission.

The teams exchanged possessions to start the second half before Springfield trimmed the difference to one point.

An 11-play, 66-yard drive was on the verge of becoming fruitless until Tiger quarterback Decker Scheffler hit Andrew Beekman for a 17-yard touchdown pass during a fourth-and-five situation.

Adrian's Lance Luettel blocked the ensuing extra point to keep the lead (14-13) for AHS, and the Dragons made it an eight-point difference (21-13) when Landon Rogers scored on a 25-yard run on the final play of the third quarter to cap a seven-play,

52-yard drive.

The next seven minutes of the game belonged to Springfield.

Scheffler tossed a 48-yard touchdown pass to Devin Johnson on the third play of Springfield's next possession to make it a 21-19 game with 11 minutes left to play.

AHS was forced to punt three plays later, but the snap sailed over the punter's head and the ball was scooped up and carried 15 yards into the end zone by Beekman.

Beekman's second touchdown of the game gave Springfield a 25-21 edge with 8:55 remaining.

With time winding down, AHS elected to throw a pass that fell incomplete during a fourth-and-four situation.

Springfield gained possession of the ball on the AHS 31-yard line and capped the scoring in the game when Ivan Hovland pounded his way into the end zone for a one-yard touchdown run with 5:01 left to play.

Both teams registered touchdowns with their open-

ing offensive possessions of the contest.

Adrian received the opening kickoff and put together a 16-play drive that ended with Wieneke scoring on a one-yard run at the 4:19 mark of the first quarter.

Springfield countered with a 12-play drive ending with Johnson scoring on a one-yard run on the first play of the second quarter to knot the score at seven.

The 0-3 Dragons play in Sleepy Eye Friday.

Team statistics
Adrian: 199 rushing yards, 76 passing yards, 275 total yards, 15 first downs, four penalties for 25 yards, two turnovers.
Springfield: 156 rushing yards, 171 passing yards, 327 total yards, 13 first downs, nine penalties for 50 yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Brandon Schnoor 11-27, Ian Stamer 1-2, Dakota John 4-17, Rogers 12-60, Nick Harder 7-16, Wieneke 14-77.
Passing: Wieneke 4-18 for 76 yards.
Receiving: Stamer 3-37, Rogers 1-39.
Defense: Harder 12 tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery, John 11 tackles, Rogers 10 tackles, Luettel 10 tackles, Turner six tackles and one sack, Skylar Dingmann six tackles, Trace Kremin one interception.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League Sept. 14

Games won: The Real Guys 3; Rock Stars 3; Those Guys 2; Stooges 2; Troublemakers 1; Those Girls 1.
High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 227; Tyler 212.
High Scratch Game Women: Tyra Feekes 141; Kathy Matson 137.
High Scratch Series Men: Zach Runia 594; Jeff Runia 577.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 381; Tyra Feekes 365.
Team High Scratch Game: Real Guys 557; Rock Stars 539.
Team High Scratch Series: Real Guys 1560; Rock Stars 1446.
Team High Handicap Game: Rock Stars 675; Real Guys 658.
Team High Handicap Series: Real Guys 1863; Rock Stars 1854.

H-BC downs SWC in straight sets

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team ran its Red Rock Conference record to 2-0 with a 3-0 home win over Southwest Christian Thursday.

All three of the matches were competitive, but the Patriots outscored the E-Gals 75-62 overall during a sweep of their conference rivals.

H-BC came out on the winning end of 25-18, 25-23 and 25-21 tallies.

Meghan Gehrke (three kills and three ace serves), Grace Bundesen (three kills and 10 blocks), Sidney Fick (12 kills and eight blocks), Avery Wysong (18 set assists and three ace serves) and Courtney Rozeboom (seven blocks and five kills) played key roles in the win.

Paige Tilstra recorded nine digs and Olivia Richards charted six kills for the 7-3 Patriots.



John Rittenhouse photo/0921 lv vb 10 Hills-Beaver Creek's Megan Gehrke registered three kills and three service aces during a home win over SWC Thursday.

HL-O Wildcats keep Panthers winless in RRC play

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team was unable to notch its first Red Rock Conference conquest Thursday in Okabena.

Taking on Heron Lake-Ok-

abena on its home court, the Panthers came up on the short end of a 3-0 decision.

The Wildcats rolled to 25-9 and 25-8 wins in the first two sets before securing a 25-17

victory in the finale.

Sierra Smith (two blocks, one kill and one ace serve) and Devin Dreesen (four kills and two blocks) led Ellsworth statistically.

Madyson Bixby and Morgan Dreesen delivered one service ace each, while Ashlyn Meester and Kendra DeBeer charted one block each.

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Luverne Public School
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