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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

Roundwind Road/see page 3A

'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 Vander Kooi 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



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

The Oaks 20th anniversary/see page 3A

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

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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 preschool 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 nurse 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.

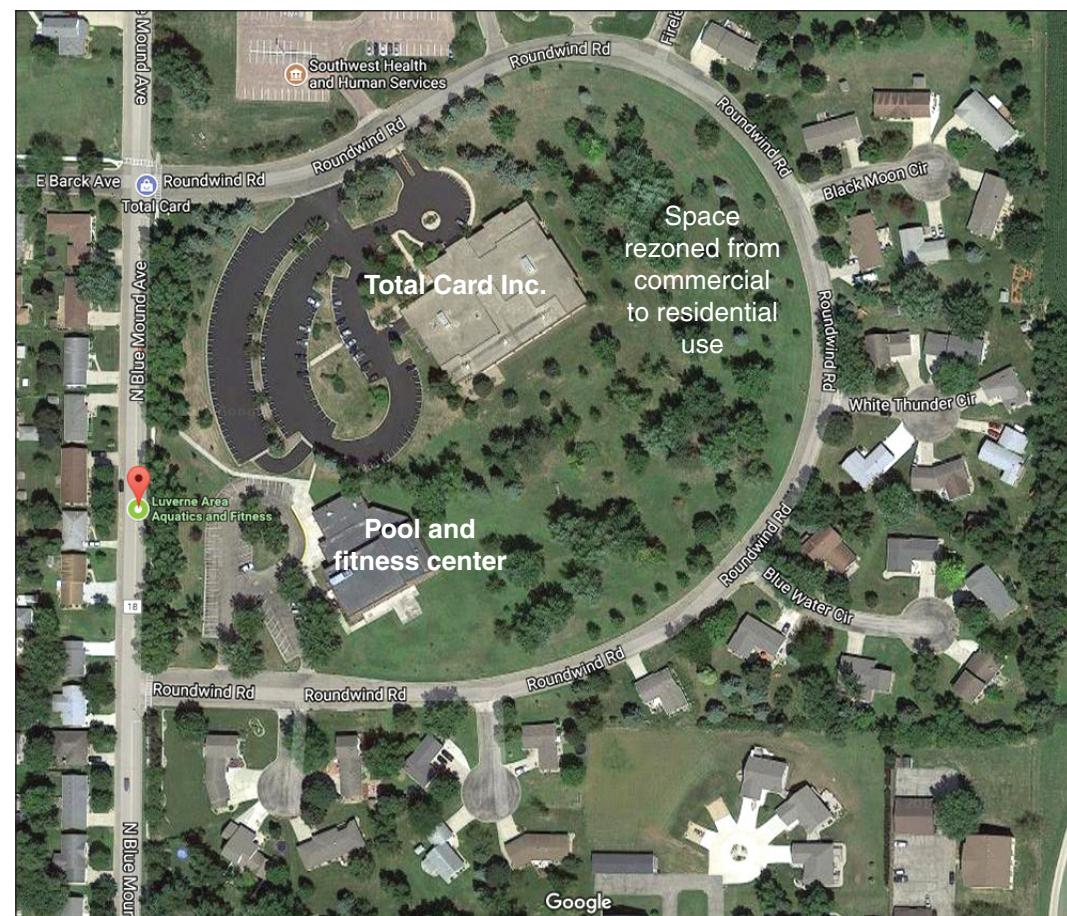
"In my mind that makes sense," Thorson said. "... something that would make good partners with what's already there."

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."

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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.

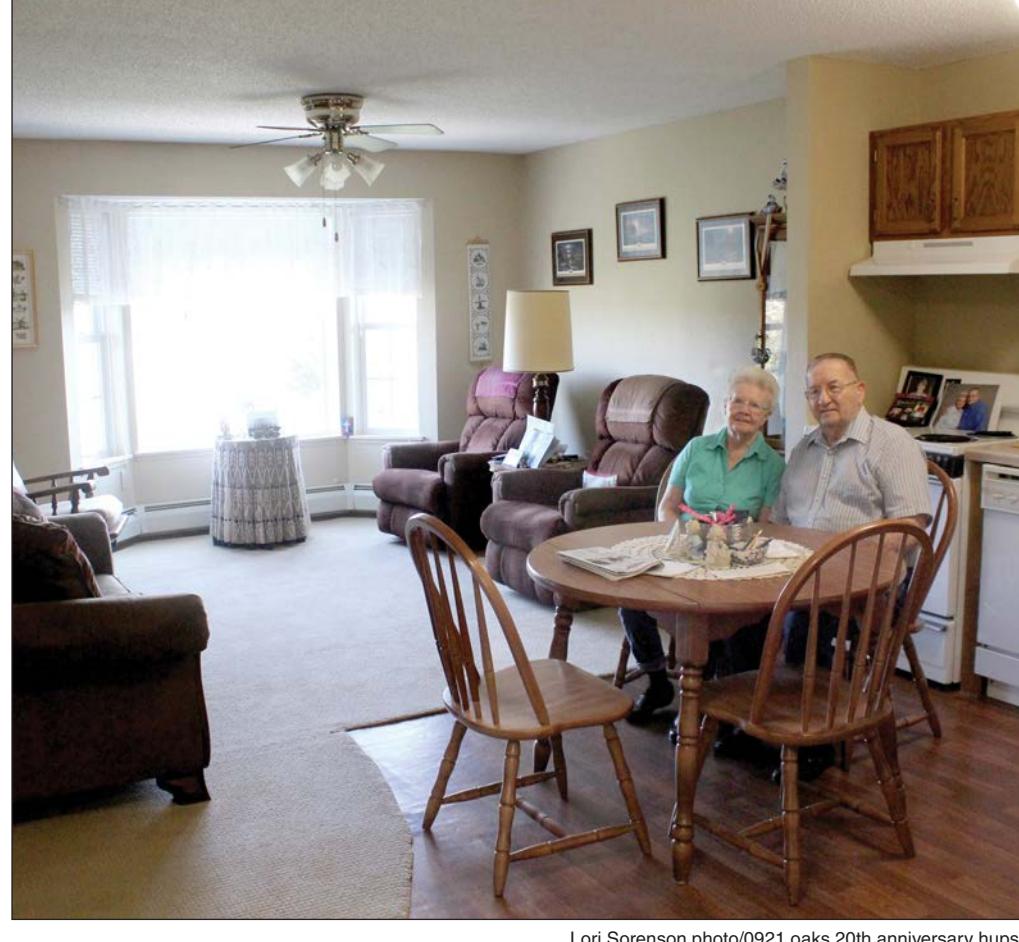
The zoning change means the city can now seek proposals from developers interested in building twin homes there.

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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."

The Oaks celebrates 20th anniversary/ continued from page 1A

— 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. "Everyone 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 Luvverne Township Section 15 zoned for general agriculture use.

Commissioners originally requested the entire 108-acre parcel located south of Luvverne 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 Luvverne 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 VerSteeg. "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.

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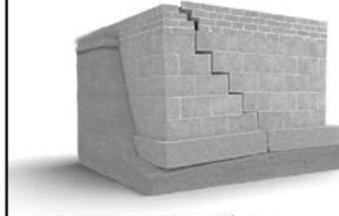
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Time flies in the empty nest world

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

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.

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 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.

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.

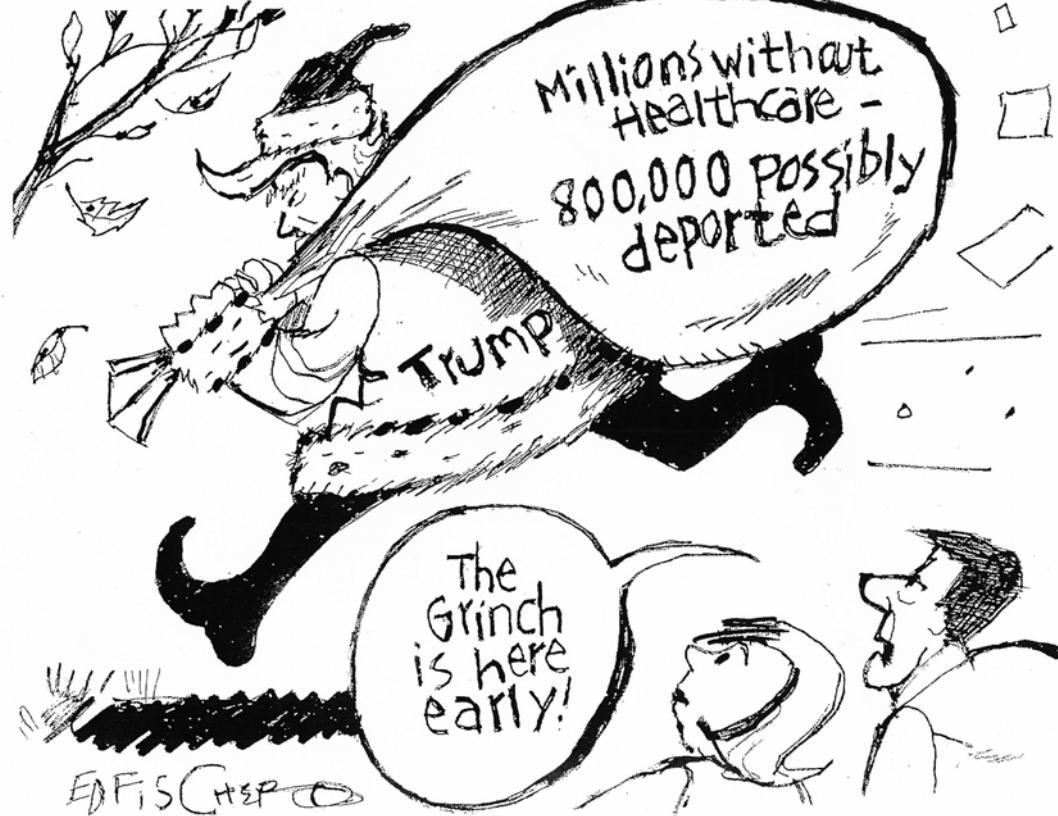
Because of the debt from expiring bonds and the new tax credit for agricultural properties, the net tax impact over current payments is modest. If both ballot measures are approved, the monthly tax increase for a home valued at \$100,000 is less than \$6.

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 in 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 bicyclists on the Interstate.

• Complainant reported illegal dumping.

• Complainant advised a vulnerable adult that may require emergency protections 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 erratic driver to State Patrol.

• Trooper reported an overloaded semitrailer heading northbound. Deputy stopped semitrailer.

• Complainant reported her cousin signed up for Vast or Mediocom 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.

Hetolddeputieshe smelled burnt marijuana coming from Room 118, but occupants were currently in the lobby checking in.

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 liq-

uid 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: Pinocchio.

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 Asche. "Winning the state herdsman title 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:

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



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

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 manmade@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

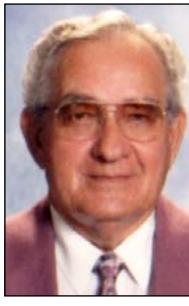


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OBITUARIES

Francis Crawford

Francis B. Crawford, 87, 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.



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.danielfuneral-home.com.

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Mary Odland

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



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 McGahee 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.

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.

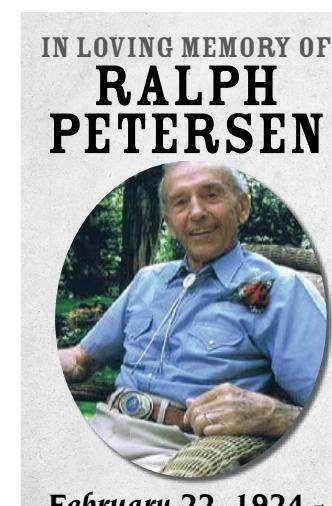
Raak, the son of Philip and Theresa Raak and grandson of Irwin and Trudy Raak, all of Jasper, is a 2014 graduate of Southwest Minnesota Christian High School in Edgerton.

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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.

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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 Jadyn 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.



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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.

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Redwood rolls over Luverne Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal football team was unable to break into the win column for the first time this season Friday in Redwood Falls.

Taking on Redwood Valley in their first road contest of the campaign, Luverne was outscored 29-6 in the final 40:38 of play of a 36-12 loss.

It was Luverne's third consecutive setback to start the season.

RWV, which sported a 407-172 advantage in total yards, was in charge of the contest most of the way.

Senior quarterback Mitchell Irlbeck threw two touchdown passes and ran for two more touchdowns to lead the hosts to a 24-point win.

The game started in a positive way for LHS as Tyler Reisdorfer returned the opening kickoff 50 yards, but the Cards lost the ball on downs at the RWV 30-yard line four plays later.

RWV's offense took the field at that point and proceeded to advance the ball 70 yards with Irlbeck tossing an eight-yard touchdown pass to Cole Woodford to cap the drive.

When Tom Amberg added his first of four extra points, RWV sported a 7-0 cushion at the 7:36 mark of the first quarter.

Luverne's Kasyn Kruse returned the ensuing kickoff 75 yards to the RWV 10.

Three plays later, junior quarterback Ben Serie scored on a two-yard run to make it a 7-6 game after the Cards missed their first of two extra-point attempts.

Any momentum LHS received by producing its first touchdown was lost when RWV scored the game's next 29 points.

The hosts upped their lead to eight points (14-6) at the

end of a 72-yard drive that was capped by a seven-yard touchdown run at the 4:38 mark of the first quarter.

RWV threatened to pad the lead before it missed a 37-yard field-goal attempt early in the second quarter, but the hosts did strike twice in a span of 2:35 as the stanza progressed.

LHS was forced to punt the ball four plays after RWV missed its attempted field goal, and Logan Josephson raced 77 yards for a touchdown during the next play.

Irlbeck toted in the ensuing two-point conversion to up the lead to 16 points (22-6) at the eight-minute mark of the second quarter.

RWV advanced the ball 51 yards in three plays during its next offensive possession.

Irlbeck completed the series with a 10-yard run with 5:25 remaining in a first half that ended with RWV sporting a 29-6 advantage.

RWV completed its 29-point run after LHS lost the ball on downs on the RWV 41 during the third quarter.

RWV's offense covered 59 yards in seven plays with Irlbeck hooking up with Woodford for a 31-yard touchdown pass to make it a 36-6 game with 4:55 left in the stanza.

Luverne put together a long drive that ended with a two-yard touchdown run by Kane Weston that capped the scoring with 6:19 left in the game.

The 0-3 Cardinals host rival Pipestone Friday.

Team statistics

Luverne: 87 rushing yards, 85 passing yards, 172 total yards, 14 first downs, three penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.

RWV: 196 rushing yards, 211 passing yards, 407 total yards, 22 first downs, three penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0921 tennis 8

Luverne's Carissa Cunningham reaches to strike a forehand during a Sept. 12 home match against Worthington. LHS topped the Trojans and Pipestone by 7-0 tallies to up its record to 3-0 in Big South Conference play.

Girls blank BSC opponents

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team raised its Big South Conference record to 3-0 with a pair of home wins last week.

The Cardinals coasted to a seven-point win over Worthington Sept. 12 before winning by the same score against Pipestone Thursday.

Luverne, 9-2-1 overall, plays in Redwood Falls Thursday.

LHS 7, Pipestone 0

A strong performance by every member of the team propelled the Cardinals to a seven-point home win over the Arrows Thursday.

The match was a competitive one with four of the battles reaching three sets, but the Cards prevailed in every showdown to up their league record

to 3-0.

"This was one of the best efforts I've seen from all seven spots in our lineup for a long time. It was truly a team effort," said LHS coach Greg Antoine.

Luverne received wins in straight sets from Samantha Pierce (6-3, 6-2 over Lauren Lapthorn at first singles), Ainslie Robinson (6-2 and 6-1 over Olivia Lapthorn at No. 4 singles) and the No. 1 doubles team of Emilie Bartels and Riley Severtson (7-5, 6-0 over Paige Morgan and Aspen Schelhaas).

Joci Oye came out on the winning end of a 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 match against Paige Ahrendt second singles, while Carissa Cunningham topped Hannah Berg 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 at third singles.

Rozilyn Oye and Elise Jarchow notched a 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Carmen Skyberg and Adrianna Johnson at second doubles, while Mela Jarchow and Lauren Ver Steeg secured a 6-7, 6-3, 7-5 win over Courtney Kanthak and Maciah Lorang at No. 3.

Luverne 7, WHS 0

The Cardinals ran their league record to 2-0 with a seven-point home win over the Trojans Sept. 12.

Luverne won six of the seven matches in straight sets and didn't lose a set in singles competition.

"Our singles, once again, played really well as a group," said coach Antoine.

"They were very patient. They waited until they were

in control of the point and finished them off. We had a bunch of great passing shots."

Pierce (6-2, 6-1 over Anna Kill at No. 1), Joci Oye (6-1, 6-2 over Kelly Newman at No. 2), Cunningham (6-2, 6-2 over Jamie Newman at No. 3) and Robinson (6-0, 6-1 over Brittian Fauske at No. 4) came up with singles victories.

Bartels and Severtson won in straight sets (6-4, 7-5) over Jasmine Riley and Claudia Canas at first doubles, while Rozilyn Oye and Elise Jarchow did the same (6-1, 6-2) against Kassy Aljets and Cataline Nguyen at No. 2.

Mela Jarchow and Kacie Kracht secured a 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Chloe Bents and Maggie Putnam at third doubles.

Luverne wins showdown with H-BC

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team put an end to a two-year stretch of dropping volleyball matches to Hills-Beaver Creek Sept. 12 in Luverne.

After dropping the opening set to the Patriots in the annual battle between Rock County squads, Luverne reeled off three consecutive victories to pull out a 3-1 win and top H-BC for the first time since 2014.

The match featured three sets that were decided by two points.

H-BC drew first blood by scoring the first three points of the opening set on the way to building an 11-7 advantage after Olivia Richards delivered a service point.

The lead swelled to five points (17-12) when Megan Gehrke recorded a service point, but the Cards countered with a 10-6 run ending with a block by Rachel Oftedahl to trim the difference to one point (23-22).

The Patriots prevailed 25-23 moments later when Richards produced a set-ending kill.

Both teams sported leads, but neither squad led by more than two points during the second set.

H-BC sported a 21-19 lead before Luverne used a 5-1 surge capped by an ace serve from Alexis Ferrell to gain a 24-22 advantage, which led to a 25-23 LHS win.

Luverne never trailed in the third set.

Nursing a 12-11 edge, the Cards went on a 10-3 run ending with a service point from Gracie Bosch to open a 22-14 lead.

Luverne won by nine (25-16) when Ferrell ended the set with an ace block.

The fourth set was tied at two when H-BC went on a 17-8 run ending with an ace serve from Gehrke to gain a 19-10 lead.

The Patriots led by eight (23-16) after Richards delivered a service point, but Luverne



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With teammate Rachel Oftedahl (13) and H-BC's Avery Wysong (7) watching the proceedings, Luverne's Alexis Farrell registers one of her 25 kills during a 3-1 home win Sept. 12.

met the challenge by going on a 9-0 run to clinch a 25-23 victory when Ferrell produced a match-ending ace tip.

Bosch (18 digs and 18 of 20 serving with one ace), Ferrell (16 digs, 25 kills and five blocks) and Sierra Schmuck (25 set assists and 16 of 16

serving) led LHS statistically.

Greta Ahrendt charted 16 kills, Oftedahl three blocks and Tacey Baustian 15 set assists for the winners.

Richards (six kills and two blocks), Sidney Fick (eight kills, four blocks and two ace serves) and Kourtney Rozeboom (five

ace serves and two kills) played well for the visiting Patriots.

Avery Wysong (36 set assists), Grace Bundesen (five blocks) and Gehrke (four ace serves) also made key contributions to cause for Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

Cardinals run at Rochester Mayo meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne cross country runners mixed it up with top-notch competition at the Rochester Mayo Invitational Thursday.

At a meet that attracts some of the best teams in Class AA, the Class A Cardinals turned in a solid showing.

The LHS girls' varsity squad placed ninth in a 24-team field with 255 points, while the Cardinal boys finished 20th out of 27 teams with 594 points.

Stillwater won the girls' championship with 102 points, while Red Wing captured the boys' crown with 50 points.

Regan Feit and Tenley Nelson paced the LHS girls by finishing 23rd and 32nd with respective 21:16 and 21:29 times.

Gabrielle Ferrell (52nd in 22:18), Brooklynn Ver Steeg (62nd in 22:39) and Cassie Flanagan (100th in 23:52) capped the team scoring for Luverne.

Leslie Van Engelenhoven and Madison Reisdorfer placed 109th and 117th with times of 24:07 and 24:27.

Brayden Tofteland and Austin Winger led the charge for boys by finishing 93rd and 96th in 19:11 and 19:20.

Shane Berning (104th in 19:32), Jonah Friedrichsen (140th in 20:24) and Michael Rahm (157th in 21:02) made contributions to the team tally, while Jackson Golla placed 159th in 21:11.

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

Junior varsity girls: Claire Baustian, 30th, 24:47; Megan Rogers, 135th, 28:01; Madison Flom, 239th, 32:16.

Junior high girls: Tiana Lais, first, 11:15; Elizabeth Wagner, fourth, 11:37; Grace Ingabretson, fifth, 11:39; Autumn Nath, seventh, 11:49.

Boys' junior varsity: Hunter Hamann, 189th, 22:02; Abraham Hernandez, 244th, 22:46; Tom Brown, 301st, 23:53; John Miller, 311th, 24:07; Nick Rogers, 397th, 26:50. Luverne placed 19th in a field of 21 teams led by Stillwater (50 points) with 601 points.

Junior high boys: Brady Bork, seventh, 9:51; Griffen Jarchow, 18th, 10:29; Ethan Rahm, 24th, 10:40; Ashton Eitrem, 31st, 10:51; Alex Baumberger, 35th, 11:00; Sam Emery, 41st, 11:11; Carsen Tofteland, 56th, 11:36; Camden Hoven, 58th, 11:41; Camden Janiszewski, 68th, 11:56; Henry Ramstorff, 76th, 12:06; Burke Johnson, 84th, 12:45. Luverne placed fourth in an 11-team field led by La Crescent (33 points) with 113 points.

Dragons even RRC mark

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team evened its Red Rock Conference record at 1-1 with a league victory in Westbrook Thursday.

Taking on the Westbrook-Walnut Grove Chargers in conference play, the visiting Dragons came out on the winning end of a 3-1 decision.

W-WG opened the match by pulling out a 25-23 win in the first set, but Adrian bounced back to outscore the Chargers 75-59 the rest of the night to claim the next three sets.

AHS prevailed by 25-19, 25-16 and 26-24 tallies.

Kasie Tweet (27 set assists and three ace serves), Miah Kunkel (nine kills and five blocks) and Lexi Slater (10 kills and 12 of 12 serving) led the Dragons to victory.

Avery Balster added seven kills to the winning cause, while Rylie Hokeness contributed three ace serves.

The 9-4 Dragons host Red Rock Central Tuesday.

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 Kuetter 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 Kuetter'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



John Rittenhouse photo/0921 hfb 5
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 Schroepher 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

8:53 remaining in the second quarter.

A five-play, 67-yard drive capped by a five-yard touchdown pass from Marsh to Brady Rasmussen gave RRC a 15-point cushion.

Both teams produced more points before the first half was complete.

H-BC trimmed the difference to nine points (21-12) when Harnack flipped a 19-yard touchdown pass to Jax Wysong near the two-minute mark of the second stanza.

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, Kuetter 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 Raymond two tackles, Jesse Elbers five tackles, George Merson two tackles, Kuetter two tackles, Dylon 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, Reisendorfer 3.5 tackles, Reisch three tackles, Max Skattum three tackles, Payne Bonnett three tackles, Serie one interception.

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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.

Hiltny 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.

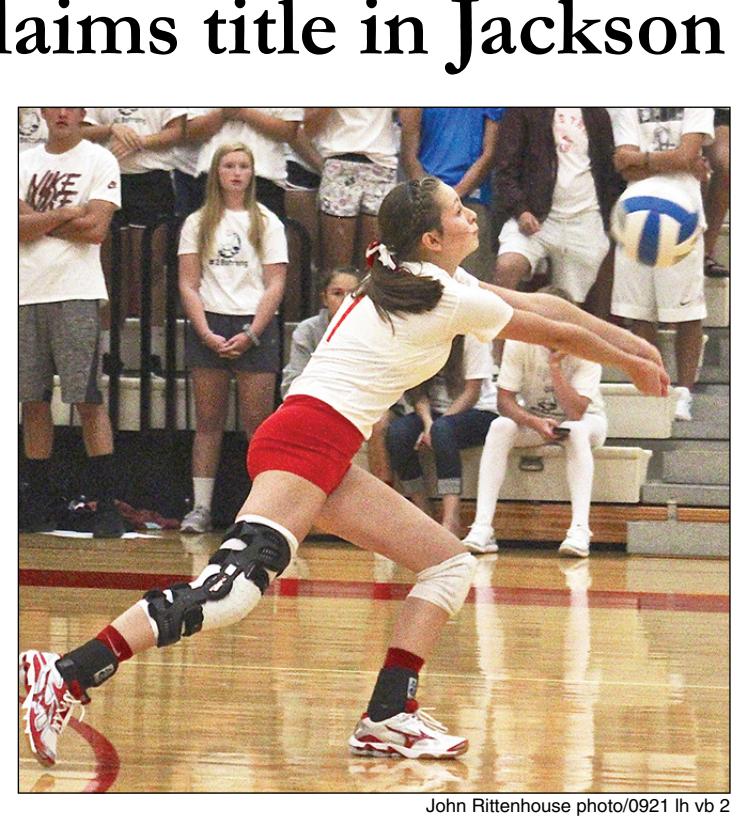
Junior high boys: William White-McLeese, 61st, 10:31.

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 Schaeffer Academy (Rochester), Montevideo and Heron Lake-Oakabena before completing its run by pulling out 29-27 and 26-24 victories over the host school.

LHS 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



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 Bautista (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.

Bautista (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.

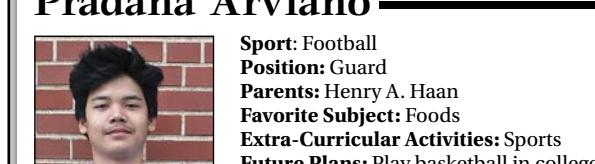
FALL SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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.

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.

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 touch-

down 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-five situation. 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.

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

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 touchowns 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.

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 rung 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-McLeese, 32nd, 8:15.

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

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.

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

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

Feeke 141; Kathy Matson 137.

High Scratch Series Men: Zach

Runia 594; Jeff Runia 577.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 381; Tyra Feeke 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 Kourtney 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-O-

aben on its home court, the Panthers came upon 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.

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

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



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St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, Sept. 21: 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. St. Catherine PC. Friday, Sept. 22: 9:30 a.m. Parkview Manor Mass. Saturday, Sept. 23: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Sept. 24: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. Tuesday, Sept. 26: No Faith Formation. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Grades K-10 Faith Formation. 5:15 p.m. Second grade parents' meeting. Thursday, Sept. 28: 9 a.m. Head Start.

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Roger Sparks, Pastor

First Baptist Church

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Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluv.org

Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 21: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 24: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship services with Rev. Daryl Runion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, Sept. 25: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Tuesday, Sept. 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. Thursday, Sept. 28: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

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Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 21: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Sept. 22: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Sept. 24: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Blessing of the Quilts and 3-year-old milestones. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee; Sunday School; Adult Study in Fireside Room. Monday, Sept. 25: 1-7 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Sept. 26: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Shetek meeting at GLC; Mary/Martha Circle. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 5 p.m. Meal. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Grades 6-9 Confirmation. 8 p.m. Grade 10 Confirmation. Thursday, Sept. 28: 9 a.m. Naomi Circle at The Oaks. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary Meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, Sept. 22: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Sept. 23: 9:30 a.m. Van Dyk/Rignell bridal shower. Sunday, Sept. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 6 p.m. Junior High RCYF Kick-off. Tuesday, Sept. 26: 9 a.m. Fall Classics meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; YEL. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 21: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Sept. 23: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Sept. 25: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Sept. 26: 9 a.m. Folding Team. 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Care Meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 27: See You at the Pole. 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:30 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Sept. 28: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Living Rock Church

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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Monday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Sept. 26: Noon Over 60's. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Sept. 27: Fifth grade Communion class. 6 p.m. Bell rehearsal. 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal; Deacons. Thursday, Sept. 28: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church

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Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 21: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. Saturday, Sept. 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 2 p.m. Chord-Ayres Concert at the Palace. 4 p.m. Color Xplosion. Wednesday, Sept. 27: "See You at the Pole" Day. 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. Senior Choir, KFC, Youth Group. 8 p.m. Youth Board. Thursday, Sept. 28: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association. 11:30 a.m. Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home — DCE Jessica.

New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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Thursday, Sept. 21: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Sept. 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 23: 1 p.m. Cora Mumme bridal shower. Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Sept. 25: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Sept. 28: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Friday, Sept. 22: 10 a.m. WELCA Journey Day. Call 507-597-6378 for information. Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church

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

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Kristi Franken, Pastor

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Steen Reformed Church

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Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Sept. 26: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Grades 8-9 Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

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City of Luverne amends zoning map

ORDINANCE NO. 356, THIRD SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "ZONING MAP" PROVIDED FOR IN CITY CODE, SECTION 11.26, TO INCLUDE EXPANDING R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND REZONING A TRACT IN LOT 1, BLOCK 1, TRI-STATE ADDITION FROM B, BUSINESS PARK DISTRICT TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ROUNDWIND ROAD)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" governed and established by City Code, Section 11.26, originally adopted by Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, and succeeding amendments, is hereby amended and this ordinance constitutes the "Fourth Amendment to City of Luverne Zoning Map" to rezone the said property from B, Business Park to R-1, Single Family Residential, described as follows:

DESCRIPTION - A TRACT IN LOT 1, BLOCK 1, TRI-STATE ADDITION, CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA That part of Lot 1, Block 1, Tri-State Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Lot 1; thence easterly along the perimeter of said Lot 1 and on the arc of a curve to the left, concave northwesterly having a radius of 405.00 feet for an arc distance of 72.39 feet (said curve subtended by a chord which bears North 44°02'16" East with a chord distance of 72.29 feet) to the Point of Beginning; thence North 51°04'57" West for a distance of 338.85 feet; thence North 56°14'14" East for a distance of 151.00 feet; thence North 33°48'51" West for a distance of 349.05 feet to the perimeter of said Lot 1 and to the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave south having a radius of 245.00 feet; thence easterly on the arc of said curve to the right and on the perimeter of said Lot 1 for an arc distance of 304.87 feet (said curve subtended by a chord which bears South 84°24'37" East with a chord length of 285.58 feet) to the beginning of a compound curve, concave west having a radius of 405.00 feet; thence southerly on the arc of said curve to the right and on the perimeter of said Lot 1 for an arc distance of 619.77 feet (said curve subtended by a chord which bears South 04°55'19" East with a chord distance of 561.04 feet) to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.37 acres.

SEC. 2. The City Administrator is hereby instructed to cause the official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" as adopted in said Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, to be amended consistent with the amendment adopted herein including the notation of this ordinance number and its adoption date thereon and when so amended, said Zoning Map shall henceforth be the "City of Luverne Zoning Map" of all zoning districts delineated in City Code, Chapter 11.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator
(09-21)

Notice of hearing on proposed assessment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will meet at 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the City Offices Building, 305 E. Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for unpaid utility and miscellaneous charges. Adoption by the City Council of the proposed assessment may occur at this meeting.

Such assessment is proposed to be payable in one (1) installment payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2019, and will bear interest at the rate of four (4) percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. To the installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2018.

You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Luverne. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of this assessment. You may at any time thereafter pay to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given above, the rate of interest that will apply is four (4) percent per year.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$9,189.10. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The City Council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

If an assessment is contested or there is an adjourned hearing, the following procedure will be followed.

1. The City will present its case first by calling witnesses who may testify by narrative or by examination, and by the introduction of exhibits. After each witness has testified, the contesting party will be allowed to ask questions. This procedure will be repeated with each witness until neither side has further questions.

2. After the City has presented all its evidence, the objector may call witnesses or present such testimony as the objector desires. The same procedure for questioning of the City's witnesses will be followed with the objector's witnesses.

3. The objector may be represented by counsel.

4. Minnesota rules of evidence will not be strictly applied; however, they may be considered and argued to the City Council as to the weight of items of evidence or testimony presented to the City Council.

5. The entire proceedings will be taped-recorded.

6. At the close of presentation of evidence, the objector may make a final presentation to the City Council based on the evidence and the law. No new evidence may be presented at this point.

7. The City Council may adopt the proposed assessment at this meeting.

An owner may appeal an assessment to District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or City Clerk of the City of Luverne within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within ten (10) days after service upon the Mayor or City Clerk.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(09-21)

Van Santen public hearing for variance request

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCE REQUEST FOR JAMES VAN SANTEN
Close Proximity Owners and Local Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment
Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 25, 2017, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:30 p.m. to act on the following application:

Request for a variance to permit the construction of an additional garage stall on an existing home. The proposed structure would be located at least 120 feet back from the centerline of the public right of way, County Highway 6 (60th Avenue), 10 feet less than the required setback of 130 feet allowed in the Rock County Zoning Ordinance.

Property Owner

and Applicant: James and Marilyn Van Santen

Legal Description: W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 34 of Springwater Township, T103N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota

The property described is zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Dated: September 14, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Board of Adjustment
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(09-14, 09-21)

Brandt applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Greg Brandt has made application to the county of Rock, for a permit to modify a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SE 1/4 of the section 5 in Luverne Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of total confinement buildings and open lots with runoff controls to house 625 head of finishing cattle. The proposed modification will be adding 200 head of feeder cattle on open lots with runoff controls. Manure from the cattle barn will be stored in a poured concrete pit and pack on lot, manure storage from open lot will be pack on lot. Proposed total confinement building and open lots will house 625 head of finishing cattle and 200 head of feeder cattle equaling 765 animal units.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(09-21)

Rager descent of property

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-253

Estate of

Jaclyn Lori Rager, a/k/a Jacqui L. Rager,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

It is Ordered and Notice is further given that the Petition will be heard on October 16, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., by this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: September 3, 2017

(COURT SEAL)

BY THE COURT

/s/Terry S. Vajrt

Judge of District Court

Attorney for Petitioner

Donald R. Klosterbuer

Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP

120 N. McKenzie, PO Box 538

Luverne, MN 56156

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(09-14, 09-21)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Aug. 24

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on August 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Katie Baustian and Eric Hartman. Also present: Craig Oftezahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, and Ben VanderKooi.

Vice-Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the school board minutes from July 20, 2017, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills with the school board. Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$950,515.91. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of July 31, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

The first reading of Policy 534 – Unpaid Meal Charges was reviewed. It was noted that we are required to have this policy. A second reading and approval will be held at the September school board meeting.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the request from the Tri-State Band Festival committee to use school facilities during the festival scheduled for September 30, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Susan Bullerman as Elementary teacher for a salary of \$55,907.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Stephanie Roozenboom as MHS paraprofessional. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Brooke Walgrave, Elementary paraprofessional, effective July 19, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Jill Arp, Elementary paraprofessional, effective August 18, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Cassie Snyders as MHS paraprofessional. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Cathi Grape as MHS paraprofessional. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Nancy Wurpts as MHS paraprofessional. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve Dan Serie as a volunteer football coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve Dr. Josh Crabtree as volunteer football coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given.

It was noted there was a meeting with the hockey association representatives this week. Member Sehr reported she attended the Community Education Advisory Council meeting. Discussion was held regarding having referendum information and school board members available at the Open Houses scheduled for Wednesday, August 30.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: August 24, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(09-21)

Notice of public hearing for zoning amendment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 8:00 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comment and act on a Zoning Amendment to change the applicable zoning to A-2, General Agriculture, for the properties described as follows:

1. The South Half (S 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) and the North Half (N 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) all in Section Twelve (12), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, of Range Forty-four (44) West, of the Fifth (5th) P.M., subject to highway easements of record.

2. The South Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (S 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4) and the North Half of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4) in Section Twelve (12), Township One Hundred Two (102), North of Range Forty-four (44), West of the Fifth (5th) P.M., Rock County, Minnesota.

AND

The South Half of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township One Hundred Two (102), North of Range Forty-four (44), West of the Fifth (5th) P.M., Rock County, Minnesota,

EXCEPT a tract as follows:

The West 238 feet of the South 276 feet thereof, in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, containing 38.5 acres, more or less.

All interested parties are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, any comments or questions may be submitted in writing by 4:00 p.m., September 25, 2017, to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, MN 56156.

By Order of the Rock County Planning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

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(9.14-10.1)

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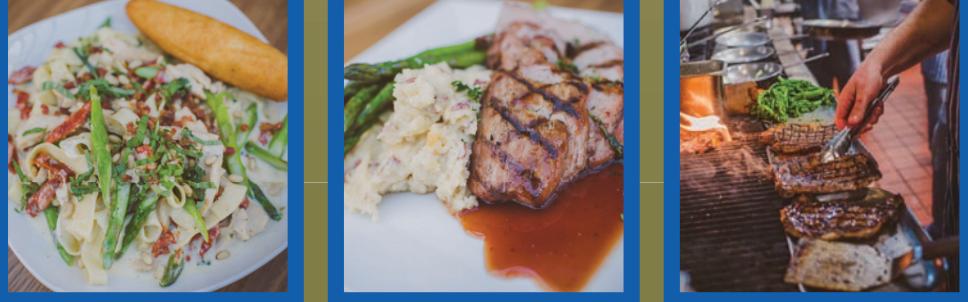
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