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Schools prepare for intruders

ALICE training teaches students, staff skills to stay safe during possible active shooter events

By Mavis Fodness

Each year, schools conduct fire drills to train students and staff to exit a building quickly and safely.

School fires are rare, yet fire safety practice continues.

Last week Luverne Public Schools implemented a new safety training intended to protect students in school shootings.

There have been 160 active shooter incidents in the United States between 2000 and 2013, according to FBI data. The majority of the incidents occurred in the commercial environment (73 incidents or 45.6 percent) with 24.3 or 39 incidents occurring in an educational setting.

"I keep saying that this is not just a school issue, but an everyday life issue," said Evan Verbrugge, Rock County sheriff and a member of the school's ALICE team.

ALICE is an active shooter civilian response training program. It stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate.

The school sent a delegation of its employees for training certification. This spring the delegation began training staff members, who instructed students each day last week.

Previously staff and students were instructed in a lockdown-only approach, where hiding under tables was recommended.

ALICE trainings give students and staff more options than just locking down when an active shooter enters the campus.

They now have tools to proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event.

The training culminated Friday in a school evacuation to predetermined safe locations.

A parent information session is planned for a future date.

FBI's Active Shooter Incidents Study findings

Active shooter incidents are becoming more frequent. The first seven years of the study show an average of 6.4 incidents annually, while the last seven years show 16.4

Active shooter training/see 5A



Lori Sorenson photos/1005 band fest

Luverne hosts 67th Tri-State Band Festival

Luverne High School Marching Band members step off for their parade performance Saturday as the final entry in the lineup. Twenty-six bands participated in the 67th annual event. See the Variety Page on 1B for competition results and more photographs of the parade and field events.

'Nutcracker Capital of Midwest'

Luverne community expanding nutcracker presence for holidays and year-round

By Lori Sorenson

Tourism expert Roger Brooks was "blown away" by Betty Mann's 2,800-piece nutcracker collection at The History Center.

"This is flat out amazing," he said during his June 9 assessment of Luverne. "This is worth getting off the interstate for."

He showed an artist's rendering of a possible billboard on I-90, "Luverne: Home of the largest nutcracker collection in the Midwest."

Despite all of Luverne's quality offerings, Brooks said something unique like nutcrackers is what it takes to draw in travelers off the interstate.

"There are 8 million motorists per year that travel past Luverne from the east," he said. "We need to give them a reason to stop."

Luverne was already pursuing the nutcracker theme last year when the community teamed up to display life-sized nutcrackers that depict their business theme or a piece of Luverne's history.

Nutty for nutcrackers

For the 2016 holiday season, the Chamber sponsored a "nutcracker-go" scavenger hunt that encouraged hunters to visit more than 100 nutcrackers around town and record their names for six chances to win \$50.

Following the community assessment, a Nutcracker Committee

Nutcracker theme/see page 3A

Luverne School District levy may increase 5.92 percent next year

By Mavis Fodness

The planned \$8 million in health and safety improvements at Luverne Public Schools means the levy may increase by 5.92 percent for next year.

Earlier this year, school board members used their levy authority to pay for necessary upgrades and improvements to the middle/high school facility, which was built in 1956.

Property tax amounts are expected to stay at or lower than the current

level due to Ag2School legislation, which reduces the levy impact on agricultural land by at least 40 percent.

The \$8 million in facility improvements over the next 20 years comes onto property taxes as the district makes its final payment for the voter-approved 1998 bond referendum to build the elementary school.

At their Sept. 28 meeting, board members set the preliminary levy at \$2.6 million, which is \$146,990 more than last year.

That amount could be decreased prior to the final levy certification in December, but not increased.

"We need a target set and then we can adjust if needed," Superintendent Craig Oftedahl said in his report.

A bond referendum vote scheduled for Nov. 7 could affect the levy amount, he said. The impact won't be known until after the vote.

More information about the district's finances will be presented during the Truth in Taxation hear-

ing scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

Board approves salary increases

The board approved 3.5-percent salary increases retroactive to the start of the 2016-17 school year and for the 2017-18 school year for principals and the community education director.

The salary for Middle-High

Luverne school levy/see page 5A

Planning board approves Davis request to rezone Lake property to light industrial

By Lori Sorenson

A small group of South Donaldson Street residents attended a Sept. 28 public hearing about a request to rezone a piece of land in their southwest Luverne neighborhood.

Mike and Traci Davis have requested their property on the northeast corner of The Lake be changed from R-1 Single Family Residential to I-1 Limited Industrial.

To address their request, the Luverne Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing to give residents and affected parties a chance to be heard on the issue.

No one spoke in opposition to the couple's request, and the zoning

board agreed to recommend that the City Council approve their request.

Planning and Zoning Director Chad McClure said the zoning change will likely not affect the residential neighborhood along Donaldson Street because the trees provide a buffer.

Also, he said any property use in that area that qualifies as light industrial would need to be approved through his office and the city council.

McClure also added that the Davis property is already adjacent to properties already classified as light industry, so the zoning change

The Lake zoning change/see 5A

Jennica's Journey hits pumpkin patch



Lori Sorenson photo/1005 jennica's journey pumpkin patch

Lori Deragisch (left) helps her grandson, Liam Strassburg, and Kaitlyn Strassburg load pumpkins into a wagon Saturday afternoon.

Local event raises \$1,000 for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

By Lori Sorenson

Dozens of children and families hunted for pumpkins and gourds near Luverne City Park Saturday for a Pumpkin Patch event hosted by Jennica Arp's family.

As an infant Jennica was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, and her parents, Jill and Jerad Arp, have organized annual community events under the name Jennica's Journey to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Jennica is now 7 and this year her journey took supporters to

Jennica's Journey/see page 8A

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Article 40: New Rock River Bridge in Luverne 'among the best in Minnesota' in 1931

This is the 40th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week is the third in a series by Betty Mann about the Rock River Bridge.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann this week shares Part 3 in a series of stories from the Oct. 16, 1931, Rock County Herald about the new Rock River Bridge in Luverne and the building of the County 9 corridor and how the project became a significant asset to the community.

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

This week's moment in time is sponsored by:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

The Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Rock County VFW Post 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Herreid Building. Call 507-449-0632 with questions.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 507-530-3307 with questions.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, in St. Catherine's east parking lot to drive to Pipestone for lunch at Lange's Café and shopping in Pipestone. RSVP to Connie at 283-8470 by Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Bank Night movie 'Despicable Me 3' Oct. 5

The free Bank Nite movie, "Despicable Me 3," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Actors needed for minor roles

Green Earth Players is still looking for a few men for small roles in the play, "Miracle on 34th Street." Parts have a few lines each, but are important parts: the Judge, Halloran, the postal workers, Mr. Macy.

Also needed are two women to play the Rich Lady and the Bag Lady, with a few lines each.

If you've ever wanted to be in a play, now's the time! Contact Dianne Ossenfort at 507-283-9050 if interested.

Rehearsals are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the GEP building, 401 E. Edgehill St., Luverne. The production dates are Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 16-19 at the Palace Theatre, Luverne.

Pheasants Forever banquet Oct. 5

The Rock County Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet will be Thursday night, Oct. 5, in Grand Prairie Events, Luverne. Crowding Hour is at 5:30 p.m.; meal is at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

'Paws to Remember Dani' event is Oct. 7

The Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club will host a "Paws to Remember Dani" event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at Shopko Hometown located on South Highway 75 in Luverne. The pet meet-and-greet activity honors the memory of Luverne middle-schooler Dani Gacke and her passion for helping animals. Tracy Area Animal Rescue is partnering with the 4-H'ers in supplying adoptable pets for the first-time event.

LWML Conference Rally Oct. 14

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will have its Southwest Conference Rally at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom with registration at 9 a.m. and the rally beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Deaconess Faith Swenson will speak on "Women Serving Women at Home and Abroad." A \$5 registration fee includes the noon luncheon.

Hospice Tour of Tables brunch Oct. 28

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host its annual Tour of Tables Saturday, Oct. 28, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. The event begins at 9 a.m. To participate with decorating a table or donating a gift basket, or to purchase a ticket, contact the hospice office at 283-1805. Deadline is Oct. 16.

Support 'One warm coat' project in October by donating coats

"One Warm Coat" project will accept donated coats through Oct. 31. Coats may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays at ATLAS for Life at 201 E. Main Street in Luverne. Coats may also be brought to Luverne Elementary School during October. Distribution will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at ATLAS for Life.

Call Destiny Ripka at 828-238-3582 or Lisa Dinger at 507-283-4497 with questions.



Lori Sorenson photo/1005 exchange bank lift check

Exchange State Bank presented a check for \$15,000 to Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow during a reception Monday evening in Sterling's restaurant in Luverne. Participating in the event were (front, from left) Mayor Pat Baustian, Exchange State Bank President Tim Plimpton, LIFT members Betty Mann and Judy Fenske, Exchange State Bank loan officer Tyler Bush, LIFT member Mark Optiz, Luverne EDA Director Holly Sammons, (second row) Exchange State Bank Vice President Ryan DeBates, LIFT member Stacy Gangestad, (third row) LIFT members Tim Connell, Greg Burger, (back) Craig Oftedahl and Gary Papik.

Exchange State Bank and Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow earn Strong Communities Award

By Lori Sorenson

An extra \$15,000 is available for community enhancement in Luverne, thanks to an online voting effort in the community.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines) gave Luverne its Strong Communities Award in the rural category of a recent contest that drew 12,000 votes among four qualifying communities.

FHLB member Exchange State Bank partnered with Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow (LIFT) to become the first place finisher in the rural category.

Exchange State Bank Luverne Vice President Ryan DeBates presented the check at a reception Monday evening

in Sterling's restaurant.

"I think it says a lot about Luverne and the support we have," DeBates said. He thanked EDA Director Holly Sammons for helping Exchange State Bank loan officer Tyler Bush compile the application.

He also thanked Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere for mass emailing the daily reminders to vote online. Among the voters were Luverne students who also supported the effort.

"Thanks a lot," DeBates said. "This is a great deal."

Mayor Pat Baustian accepted the check on behalf of LIFT.

"Without the partnership of the banks, individuals and businesses, we couldn't do

what we do with LIFT," he said. "We'll put the money to good use."

Exchange State Bank has been a loyal supporter of LIFT and its efforts to improve the community over the past several years.

"The results have been successful and numerous," DeBates said, "from streetscape enhancements, a marketing strategy designed to unify the community, and the creation of a local business network and training program."

The Strong Communities Award is designed to honor the projects, the people and the programs that promote small business growth and retention in their communities, according to FHLB.

The award was open to

FHLB members and community partners throughout the bank's district, consisting of 13 states and three U.S. Pacific territories.

The finalists advanced to a five-day public vote as a component of the selection process, with one rural project and one urban project earning a \$15,000 grand prize. Overall, more than 12,000 votes were received during the voting period.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines is a member-owned cooperative that provides funding solutions and liquidity to 1,400 financial institutions to support mortgage lending, economic development and affordable housing in their communities.

New landfill permit puts county outside standards

MPCA authorizes permit, knowing local test history exceeded new groundwater limits

By Mavis Fodness

Through persistent work by county officials and a hired hydrogeologist, Rock County received its renewed landfill permit after almost nine years of waiting.

However, days after receiving notice of the permit approval earlier this month, the permit's new testing parameters placed the demolition landfill out of compliance with state standards.

Rock County Land Management Director Eric Hartman briefed commissioners at their regular Sept. 19 meeting after his office received the Sept. 8 email from Mike Mond-

lock with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Solid Waste Permitting Unit.

"(MPCA) hereby issues this permit and authorizes the Permittee listed on the following page to construct and operate the facility under the conditions set forth in this permit," Mondlock's letter read.

"This permit is effective on the issuance date identified above, and supersedes the previous permit that was issued for this facility."

The new permit limits the acceptable levels of manganese and boron detected in the landfill's groundwater monitoring wells.

"Until the renewal permit was issued, we could operate under the previous permit," Hartman said.

The previous permit did not stipulate any exceeded parameters of the two elements.

Commissioners questioned why the state issued a permit with the new test limits, knowing the local landfill consistently exceeded those limits for the past six years of test results.

Hartman received no answer from state officials as to the inclusion of the new testing limits in the county's new permit. He was also unsure how the state determined the

test result limits.

Hydrologist Melanie Niday with Short Elliot HENDERSON Inc. in St. Cloud worked with Hartman in notifying state officials that the local landfill is already out of compliance with its newly issued permit and what the local course of action would be.

"Detections do not warrant corrective action or represent a risk to human health," Niday stated in an email to state officials.

"... boron and manganese have been known to occur in groundwater due to the pres-

Landfill permit/see 8A

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Funding cuts affect Rock County Opportunities

By Mavis Fodness

Income for Rock County Opportunities Inc. community-based services has declined more than \$60,000 in the year after the state implemented a \$20 million reduction in funding.

RCO Executive Director Elizabeth Schear reported the loss to county commissioners at their Sept. 5 meeting.

The reduced disability waiver rate system meant the local program lost \$66,000 or 13.8 percent of its normal reimbursement over the past year.

Schear said the client numbers (50) are the same as last year along with the same 93 to 96 percent attendance rate.

"It's the difference in the (state) rates we are getting," Schear said as the cause of the budget reduction.

RCO assists adults with developmental and related disabilities to find and maintain employment in their communities or at their center site on West Main Street.

Luverne is not alone, as other centers throughout the state experienced a funding decline as well, she said.

The state recently unveiled three new services that could add funding if adopted locally.

Schear is doubtful a small facility such as Luverne's will see much financial gain with the added services of exploration, development and support.

"My fear is in a small town like this we may have one or two clients we can provide services in the exploration area, one or two in development and one or two in support," she said.

"I don't know how you can support and fund those with one of two clients that you're getting the billing for — \$10 a day is not going to support each of those services."

Schear volunteered the Luverne facility as a pilot location for the three new programs in a statewide study.

"My hope is that I am wrong," Schear added. "Going through this pilot we'll see ... whether or not we can afford to provide these services. Stuck with no employment we're just an adult day care."

Exploring the option of operating a day care

Schear is hoping child care for employees could help RCO retain staff.

Besides managing lower reimbursement rates for services from the state, Schear said her organization is short-staffed due to turnover.

"I am on my fourth round of hiring this year alone," she said.

A year ago, RCO hired three people over a course of a year. In the first nine months of this year, she has hired 10, with a need to hire two or three more.

Reasons for leaving employment at RCO varied, but child day care has been one reason cited with current employees unable to fill early morning shifts or late afternoon, due to day care schedules.

Schear is exploring options.

"The RCO board has allowed Beth to explore options," said Commissioner Stan Williamson, who serves on the RCO board.

After several months of research Schear has learned the following:

- The current RCO building is large enough to house a day care up to 125 children.

- An estimate of 11 children would be from RCO employees.

- The current building would need \$30,000 in renovations, primarily to add security doors and a security system.

- Operation of a day care is expensive with estimates of parents paying fees two to three times higher than current rates at home-based day care.

- Potential scarcity of teachers due to lower salaries.
- The state of Minnesota has more regulations on how day cares operate than the surrounding states of Iowa and South Dakota.

Schear said one plus to RCO opening a day care is that its three-member management team could act as substitute teachers.

Some of RCO's clients could also be hired as child care aids and/or janitors.

"We haven't gotten to the point where I can say we can pull the trigger (to start a day care) because right now it's still financially not a good idea," she said.

"We have to come up with another creative solution and some other partners to make it go."



Mavis Fodness photo/1005 Park Burn

Smoke limits visibility on portions of County Road 8 south of the prescribed burn area on top of Blue Mounds State Park late Thursday afternoon, Sept. 28. About 60 percent of the planned 57-acre burn was completed. Northwestern winds kept smoke away from U.S. Highway 75 west of the park.

Annual prescribed prairie grass burn 60 percent successful at state park

By Mavis Fodness

Blue Mounds State Park employees spent Thursday, Sept. 28, eliminating woody growth and dead vegetation with a prescribed burn.

According to assistant park manager Tom Sawtelle, burns take place each year when weather conditions permit and when personnel are available.

He said the park is behind on its normal burn schedule. "Ideally we like to burn the 500-acre bison range every year," he said.

Other areas of the almost 2,000-acre park are burned in a rotation over a three- to four-year period.

The last prescribed burn took place this spring. On Thursday 57 acres were marked for burning in the southwest corner of the park, including the area around the former interpretive center.

Two burn crews waited until late morning as dew points and humidity levels dropped. Winds also started in a southeasterly direction, away from U.S. Highway 75 and County Road 8. By late afternoon, however, when winds switched



Mavis Fodness photo/1005 Park Burn

Blue Mounds State Park employee Ezra Breyfogle uses a drip torch to start the dry grass on fire Thursday afternoon, Sept. 28, in a prescribed burn to encourage new prairie grass growth.



to a northeasterly direction visibility for drivers on County Road 8 was diminished.

"It got pretty smoky," he said. Two park employees and signs alerted drivers to the hazard.

Thursday's burn was not totally successful.

"I say it was 60 percent successful," Sawtelle said.

Crews began extinguishing the fire around 6 p.m. when grasses failed to ignite in the park's southwest corner.

Sawtelle said no additional burns are planned for this fall.

Prescribed burns encourage the growth of natural prairie grasses such as Big Bluestem by placing more nitrogen in the soil.

The burns also hinder the woody undergrowth and other evasive species from taking over various park areas.

Nutcracker city theme/continued from page 1A

was formed to pursue more ways to promote Luverne's unique draw.

"The Committee's enthusiasm is contagious and they have some amazing concepts that can make Luverne's nutcracker dream a reality," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

On Black Friday, the 4-foot-tall "Where's Philo?" nutcracker will make his debut, Lanphere said about the figure named for Luverne's founder Philo Hawes.

During the holiday season shoppers are encouraged to find "Philo" at businesses throughout town, take a selfie and post it on the "Where's Philo" Facebook page.

"Philo will keep popping up in different places every two to three days, in sort of a 'Where's Waldo' type of game," Lanphere said.

The nutcracker scavenger hunt this year will include more nutcrackers and more hunting days, and a nutcracker display will be featured at the Luverne City Park.

Lanphere said the park display — possibly lighted — will include partnership opportunities for advertising and promoting participating businesses.

The goal this year is to have

23 8-foot-tall nutcrackers for the 23 light poles in the park. So far seven poles are spoken for and several more are in the works.

They won't be part of the scavenger hunt, but they'll be part of a lighted display at the park with Christmas music kicking off on Winterfest Friday.

"People can drive around the park and listen to Christmas music," she said.

"This is a great way to promote your business or organization or to honor someone special in your life."

Business names will be displayed on a weatherproof sign. City workers have agreed to put up and take down the nutcrackers, which cost \$275 (\$40 for two sides).

A selection of six standard

designs is available, with options to customize.

For the scavenger hunt, participants can make or order their own nutcrackers (they must be at least 4 feet tall) or they can order through the Chamber and Quality Printing.

They can order the 8-foot ones or, for \$200 apiece, a 4-foot version (\$315 for two sides).

To help promote Luverne as the "Nutcracker Capitol of the Midwest, the new city mascot will be a nutcracker.

Lanphere said she's seeking a volunteer to wear a mascot costume during special events.

The next Nutcracker Committee meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the lower level of the Chamber. More people with ideas are welcome.

Happy 70th Birthday, Lynn Crawford!

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October 6

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What does a CT scan cost?

Area prices range from \$750 to nearly \$9,000 for same test

It's time for my annual CT scan to confirm that the anal cancer I was treated for a year ago is still gone. I had a simple question. "How much is this scan going to cost?"



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

My annual deductible has kicked in again, which means the first \$10,000 of this year's post-cancer surveillance spending is on my dime. You read that right. \$10K. That number is why small business owners, farmers and other self-employed people get grumpy when they hear talk about how wonderful it is to have "affordable health care."

I began my CT scan price research with my own provider.

I dug through year-old medical bills and was shocked to learn my health insurance had paid \$8,000 to Avera Health for a CT scan of my chest, abdomen and pelvis last August. Yikes.

I looked it up on Google and learned that the going rate Medicare pays for a CT scan is \$330. I thought I was reading a typo.

Why did my insurance pay \$8,000 for something that would have cost Medicare \$660? (two scans)

I called Sanford for a price quote. The kind man on the phone said, "We don't give that out, but I can take down your information and they will send you an estimate in five to seven business days."

Well, OK.

I called Avera Health for current price information. They sent me to a gentleman who said the first of the two scans would cost \$5,300. The second would cost \$2,500. The medi-

cine would cost \$1,000 and there would be a fee to read the results.

So, about \$9,000? Holy smokes.

Then I called St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. The spokesperson said the scans would cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000. She could give me the range, but not an exact price.

When I asked what the amount on my bill would be, she said, "I can give you a range."

The woman who answered the phone at a Minneapolis radiology clinic said someone would call me back within 24 hours. In less than one hour I received a price quote of \$1,800 for the two scans I wanted. Wow.

I extended my medical consumer research to Omaha and called Nebraska Health Imaging. The woman who answered the phone there said, "Those two scans are \$375 each. Your total will be \$750."

Bingo!

When we arrived at the Omaha clinic for the scan Wednesday, we paid the bill with a credit card and the account was settled before we left the office.

If you ever need to pay out-of-pocket for a CT scan, I suggest you ask about the price. It seems like there is a bit of a difference in cost around the area.

So, how much does a CT scan cost? Good question.

Next week is National Newspaper Week

Community newspapers hold timeless value by covering their communities like no other media can

Nothing is more satisfying to an editor than reviewing a day's edition — whether in print or digital format — and quietly proclaiming, "We connected with our readers." A newspaper's relationship with its readers is at the heart of National Newspaper Week.

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Connecting with readers also means delivering the chicken dinner — and steak, too. No matter how big the newspaper, we must not forget the little things. No matter how small an operation, newsrooms must strive to present the special projects, too.

There's no better barometer of connecting with readers than walking into a house and seeing the "refrigerator" posts.

A report of a high school sporting event. The calendar of activities at the senior center. A photo from the school musical. A notice of a hearing

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Jim Pumarlo, Minnesota News Media Institute

on proposed sidewalk assessments. New hours for the landfill. A feature on a neighborhood book club. A letter to the editor that struck a sensitive chord. A school board announcement of higher student athletic fees. A store's grand opening.

Newspapers must not abandon their other responsibilities either. We keep readers abreast of decisions of local governing bodies.

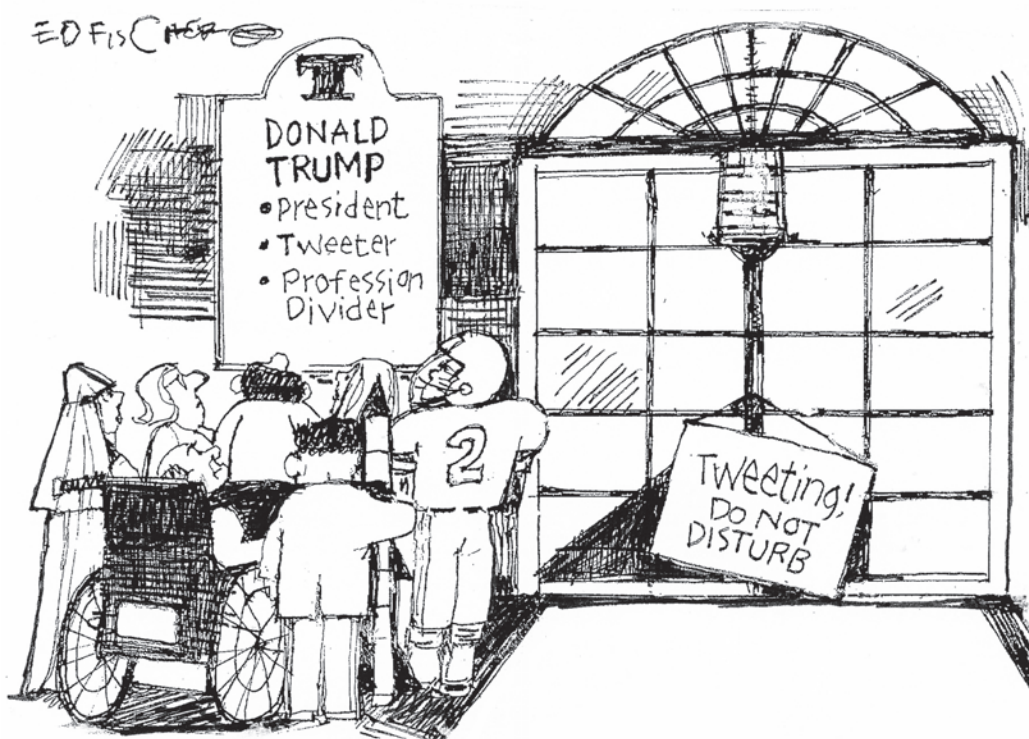
We are vigilant in fighting for the First Amendment rights and tracking down information at the foundation of an informed citizenry. We provide in-depth reports and analysis of issues vital to our readers.

Make no mistake, competition for readers' attention is at an all-time high. That only raises editors' resolve. I'm a firm believer that community newspapers can still claim a stronghold in today's fractured media landscape by sticking to the basics.

We have a distinct advantage as the clearinghouse for all local news — the good and the bad, the routine and the sensitive. Our words and photos represent a living history of our hometowns. We deliver information using the full range of print and digital platforms.

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Jim Pumarlo is a former editor of Red Wing Republican Eagle who serves on the Minnesota News Media Institute Board of Directors.



Lela reflects on recent Minnesota judge ruling

To the Editor:

Almost incredibly a Minnesota judge, John R. Tunheim, just ruled that a media production business based in Minnesota cannot post a statement on their website saying they would not make films celebrating same-sex marriages. In his odd decision the judge managed to offend millions of decent moral white people by comparing white skin to sexual aberrations! The judge actually said that posting that sign would be like posting a sign saying "White Applicants Only."

That insult is similar to how liberals for years have offended millions of black people by comparing the blacks' righteous fight for their civil rights with the fight for so-called "gay rights." This is a ridiculous comparison because it basically equates involuntary skin color with voluntary sexually aberrant behavior.

What kind of people actually

VOICE OF OUR READERS

believe in discriminating against and making criminals out of decent moral businesspeople who merely don't want to cater to heterophobic homosexuals? Could the answer possibly be "ignorant liberal bigots"? (Thinking people from Plato on down have known for centuries that homosexual activity is immoral and a bad legal precedent, plus that homosexuality is an objective disorder.)

That judge's decision is almost as ludicrous as the position taken by many pro-LGBT people that it is okay to ignore the feelings of decent moral parents who don't want their children to share restrooms with adult sexually confused transgen-

ders. In other words, many pro-LGBT people place the disordered feelings of transgenders above the feelings of normal people. Truly bizarre.

Trump handily beat Clinton in part because a lot of decent moral people are getting really fed up with liberal judgmentalism, liberal self-righteousness, liberal name-calling, liberal violence and hate, liberal divisiveness, liberal closed-mindedness, liberal intolerance, liberal bullying, liberal bigotry, and liberal discrimination. Let's use that to really do a number on liberals in the next elections.

**Wayne Lela
Downers Grove, Illinois**

Harrison commends local students' polite behaviors

To the Editor:

I had the opportunity to serve water to the participants at the Tri-State Band Festival.

I was so encouraged by the appreciation and respect demonstrated by the students. Every one of them

said thank you and more as we offered our small gift.

I noticed the same courtesies illustrated as we worked with the boys from Southwestern Youth Services a couple of weeks ago.

Kudos to the parents and teach-

ers that are training our future generation good character — to say please, thank you, excuse me, etc., and hopefully, to stand for the flag and our national anthem.

**Shirley Harrison
Luverne**

Museum needs to be open on holiday

To the Editor:

We traveled from our home in Florida to visit my brother Ardell and his wife Jayona and family over Labor Day weekend. We had a wonderful time but for one thing. I had looked forward to visiting the new Rock County museum.

By the time we arrived on Saturday, Sept. 2, it was closed and was not open again either Sunday or Monday

Labor Day. I do not understand why the decision to close could have been avoided by having somebody volunteer to keep the place open. I feel that I was not the only person who might have stopped by on the busy Labor Day weekend after seeing the big sign promoting the big Nutcracker collection visible from the highway.

**Ronald Bowman
Denedin, Florida**

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 22
 •Complainant reported possible drunk driver. Transferred to State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported he received a call from the Department of Treasury about qualifying for a grant for \$7,000. They did not request any information or ask for any account numbers. They advised him to go to Western Union, then call them back. Complainant was going to call the FTC to verify scam. Caller did not have complainant's information already.
 •Complainant reported subject is driving after suspension. Red Saturn Vue. Plate given does not come back.
 •Complainant on W. Harrison reported the theft of a \$500 check.
 •Hills Fire Department reported they are out for the game, but available for dispatch.
 •Complainant reported a possible drunk driver on I-90, mile marker 2.
 •Complainant requested to speak with deputy.
Sept. 23
 •Complainant requested SWHHS contact information.
 •Complainant reported a young boy walking around without clothes. He looks scared. They went to get a towel for him and don't know where he went.
 •Complainant reported suspect is being mean to his dad.
 •Complainant reported someone left a real good bike on her front lawn. The neighborhood kids don't know who it belongs to.
 •Complainant requested ambulance for herself. Has two small children. Possible assault.
 •Complainant reported vehicle traveling eastbound from 41st Street and 170th Avenue is swerving over lines. Informed Nobles County law enforcement.
 •Complainant inquired if deputy is in position to assist with a transport of female from Noble County to shelter in Sioux Falls.
Sept. 24
 •Complainant at 616 Russell Street reported active burglary at location.
 •Complainant reported commercial burglary alarm triggered at location on Koehn Avenue.
 •Deputy reported abandoned vehicle. It is off the road and not a hazard.
 •Complainant reported her son was assaulted at the football game. She reported it to the two troopers who were there. She didn't like their answer. She is taking him to the ER in Sioux Falls. The suspect and her mother live in Jasper and go to school in Luverne.
 •Complainant reported his camper will be picked up sometime between 8 p.m. tonight and Tuesday to go back to the factory for repairs. It will be parked on the street until then. Deputy advised it should be fine as long as there are no complaints.
 •Complainant reported the electric box north of motel is open. Contacted on-call person.
 •Complainant reported erratic driving at I-90, mile marker 13. Transferred call to Minnesota Highway Patrol.
Sept. 25
 •Complainant reported an individual walking in the middle of the street.
 •Complainant reported two people smoking marijuana at Quality Inn.
 •Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center to update info on a POR registration.
 •Received report from SWHHS regarding child maltreatment.
 •Complainant requested to speak with deputy regarding POR registration.
 •Complainant reported car on fire at I-90 eastbound, mile marker 8.
 •Complainant reported subject making suicidal threats.
Sept. 26
 •Complainant reported pedestrian light not working at Kniss and Barck.

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported a female and a male fighting at location.
 •Shopko reported theft.
 •Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak to deputy regarding bike theft.
 •Complainant reported debris on roadway on I-90 westbound, mile marker 24. Transferred to State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported finding set of keys Sewing Basket.
 •Reserved for information request by Pipestone County concerning theft in Jasper/Pipestone area.
 •Complainant reported driving complaint at I-90, mile marker 12. Transferred to State Patrol.
Sept. 27
 •Complainant reported crossing lights at Barck and Kniss not working.
 •Complainant reported neighbor burning illegally. Subject that was burning at location does not have a burn permit for that property.
 •Complainant reported erratic driver on I-90 mile marker 4. State Patrol was notified. Driver was not impaired; hit a couple of cones. No damage to vehicle.
 •Complainant reported he received a tip that a vehicle stolen from Brookings is at the Super 8.
 •Complainant reported he was hauling an auger to the elevator and hit a light on Main Street near the bank. City of Luverne was contacted.
 •Subject was picked up in Dakota County on a Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant reported a big hole in the road on County Road 21. Contacted highway department.
 •Complainant reported a white and blue car racing around the elevators by the fairgrounds.
 •Complainant reported a tractor hauling bales lost bales and a wheel.
 •Complainant reported vehicle erratic driving at County Road 4 eastbound, swerving and expelling at least two cans from the window.
Sept. 28
 •Received report from SWHHS regarding child maltreatment.
 •Complainant reported she received a scam call from someone saying he was her grandson. Did not give any information.
 •Complainant reported she picked her kid up from school to travel to a wedding and the kid won't get in the car. He is just walking down the street.
 •Complainant reported someone pretending to be her grandson called her asking for money. Did not give any information.
 •Complainant reported his baby's mother is driving suspended. He wants to know if it's illegal to let her take the child.
 •Complainant reported a scam call. Did not give any information.
 •Complainant reported the theft of a black box with sensitive information.
 •Complainant reported the father of her child is leaving the 5-year-old child home alone while he is picking up his other children.
 •Complainant reported probable cause to detain subject on felony stalking charges.
 •Complainant reported child custody issues.
 •Complainant requested welfare check on subject.
 •Complainant reported three juveniles with flashlights at location. Complainant reported that nobody is currently living at that residence.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 stalled vehicles, 1 deer accident, 3 transports, 10 escorts, 21 traffic stops, 25 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 8 log/alarm sheets, 1 drug court test, 2 abandoned 911 calls, and issued 7 purchase/carry permits and 2 burn permits.



Mavis Fodness photo/1005 ALICE Week

Middle school and high school students return to class after an evacuation drill Friday afternoon. All pre-school through 12th-grade students received instruction on what they can do to keep themselves safe if an intruder or an active shooter enters the building.

Active shooter training for students, staff/continued from page 1A

incidents annually.
 •Incidents result in a total of 1,043 casualties (486 killed, 557 wounded — not counting the shooters.)
 •All but six of the 160 incidents studied involved male shooters. Only two involved more than one shooter, including the 1999 Columbine School shootings.
 •More than half of the incidents (90 shootings) ended on the shooter's initiative (suicide or fleeing) while 21 incidents ended after unarmed citizens successfully restrained the shooter.
 •In 21 of the 45 incidents where law enforcement had to engage the shooter to end the threat, nine officers were killed and 28 were wounded.



Mavis Fodness photo/1005 ALICE Week

Luverne's middle and high school students make their way to a predetermined safe location during an ALICE evacuation drill Friday afternoon. Pre-school and elementary students evacuated at the same time but to a different safe location, heading first to the west side of the campus and then to their site.

ALICE training open to other businesses, organizations

Trainers from the ALICE Training Institute plan to visit Luverne for a train-the-trainer event in June.
 Businesses, organizations and individuals interested in the training can contact Sheriff Verbrugge at 507-283-5000.

Lake rezoning/ from 1A

makes sense.
 The Davises have previously spoken about developing a campground near The Lake, but at Thursday's hearing they did not state their intentions.

The map at right shows the Mike and Traci Davis property on the northeast corner where the zoning board approved its land use from residential to light industrial.



School Board/ from page 1A

School Principal Ryan Johnson is \$102,985 and \$105,589 for the two school years respectively; Elementary Principal Stacy Gillette, \$106,750 and \$110,486; and Community Education Director Karen Willers, \$58,877 and \$60,937.
 •signed a construction and program management contract with architects Foster, Jacobs & Johnson Inc., Minneapolis, for the board-approved health and safety improvements. The agreement would also extend to the \$16 million and \$7 million referendum projects if approved by voters.
 •hired Doris Apel as two-hour food service worker.
 •approved a medical leave request for Lynette Stensland from Oct. 23 to Nov. 30.



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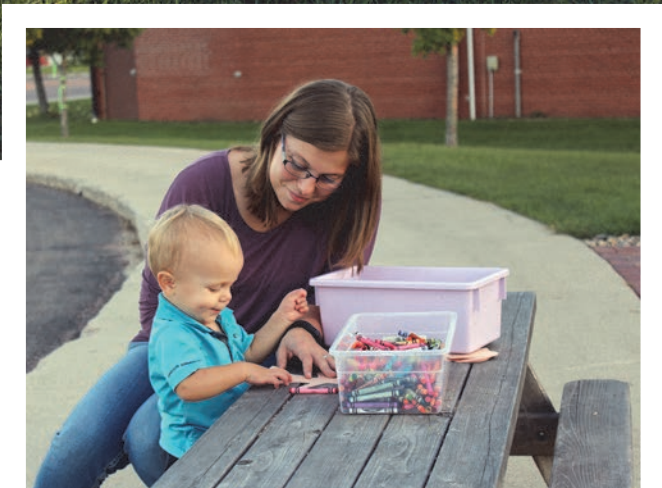
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Mavis Fodness photos/1005 Story Walk

Families enjoy outdoor stories, walks together

Luverne Community Education and the Rock County Community Library partnered to organize the Story Walk Thursday night, Sept. 28, outside on the lawn at the Luverne Community Education Building.

Fifteen families with children up to 5 years old strolled along the lawn reading the 25 placards featuring pages from the story, "Quick as a Cricket," by Audrey Wood. Taking the self-directed parent-child stroll (pictured upper right) included 3-year-old Keegan Hector (kneeling), his mom, Kayla Hector, and his friend 2-year-old Mia Jones. At the end of the book, the two children (upper, left) mimicked the book character as he proclaimed, "And you've got ME!"

After reading the Story Walk book, Brooke Van Essen (lower, left) and her son, Cameron, color "Little Me" paper people cutouts along with other activities at the Nature Explore area.



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.

Open Houses

Marilyn Swenson will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Senior Citizens Center in Luverne. She requests no gifts.

Card Showers

Lynn Crawford will celebrate her 70th birthday on Friday, Oct. 6. Greetings may be sent to her at 282 81st Street, Beaver Creek, MN 56116.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Ed contact info:
C.Arends@isd2184.net or **507-283-4724**.

Visit the **Pumpkin Patch** on Thursday, Oct. 5, or Tuesday, Oct. 10, with other children ages 0-5 and their families. Fee is \$4/person which includes 1 pumpkin.

Brian Richards travels to Luverne to share some haunted, magical Fun with elementary and preschool children on **Oct. 17**. This **Spooky, Not Scarry!** program is sure to please with laughter and educationally significant messages. Elementary students will attend after school. Preschoolers ages 2-5 will come at 6 p.m. Fee is \$5/person. Preschoolers must come with an adult (no charge for adult).

Community Education's **Cirque Du Soleil Crystal Ice Show Trip** is scheduled for Nov. 11. Register now to get your seats (**prior to Oct. 18**). Fee is \$90/adults and \$76/students 12 and under.

1931: New river grading cleans up area around bridge

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on October 16, 1931, and is third in a series about Luverne's Rock River bridge.

Senator Schall, after a brief statement concerning good roads, gave a political speech lasting an hour and a half. The following is the second part of his speech:

As originally surveyed by the highway engineers, a strip of approximately one-eighth of an acre extending westward to a sharp point, was left between the old and the new trunk highway routes, but before the grading of the new route had progressed too far, the highway department deemed it advisable to secure this narrow strip of land through condemnation proceedings. Although the owner, E. Top, had just finished refencing the small area, the enclosure was removed the last week so that the road graders would fill the depression that it enclosed.

This ditch was obstructed somewhat with a growth of less desirable trees and these were easily yanked out by the caterpillar tractors, and in place of the growths and the ditch a nice, smooth surface is now presented and makes a natural parking place for motorists, with their cars facing the park from the north.

At its widest point this parking space and driveway will be approximately 150 feet, which is immediately west of the main approaches to the park and



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

the new highway from the river road. At the extreme east end of this driveway, in front of the old power house, the available space is probably less than seventy-five feet, but the high, well finished grade, together with the massive Rock river bridge, furnishes a natural, pleasing enclosure for the park area.

Taking advantage of conditions as they develop, Alderman Frank Peschon who is chairman of the park board, caused a dam to be installed last week at the north edge of the temporary bridge erected south of the new bridge, and as a result of this the water level in the lagoon on the north side of the grade was raised fully two feet by the following morning. One of the advantages of this dam is that it did not cost the city anything, for steel girders from the old bridge and voluntary labor from spectators completed the 60-ft. wide retaining wall within a short time and this can be widened as requirements necessitate. Piling for the temporary bridge serves

to retain the dam and when this bridge is removed the north line of piling will be sawed off to conform with the spillway requirements.

Adequate facilities for lighting the big new bridge were provided by the construction engineers and the bridge itself has a wide walk for pedestrians along the south side, with a ramp leading to the park area on that side, so that those who walk to the park do no add to traffic complications on the bridge or at either approach.

In order to eliminate the grade crossing menace over the Rock Island, the grade is quite high in front of the municipal light and power plant, but this has a concrete retaining wall on the north side. While quite a little trouble is expected from the wind carrying dust into the power plant when it blows from the south or southwest, as soon as this highway is paved, much of this inconvenience will be eliminated.

The new grade also makes possible a marked improvement in the driveway area in front and along the east side of the Mannigel-Rathjen Grain

company plant, and while it steepens off the old entrance to the Mo's small acreage place south and west of the park, this situation has been met by provisions for the erection of a small bridge over Rock river leading direct from the Mo's place into the park in quite direct line with the roadway to the trunk highway approach. In this instance materials from the dismantled Rock river bridge will be used in providing a private bridge. The bridge contractors assisted the city to the extent of driving the piling for this outlet while the necessary equipment was available.

In fact, both the bridge and the grading contractors have been more than generous in assisting the city in rearranging the park to conform to the new requirements imposed by the new trunk highway and the members of the council feel deeply grateful to contractors and also the construction crews for the public spiritedness they have shown from the outset in doing many tasks that did not give them a cent of added remuneration.

Next week: Schall's speech concludes.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manned@iww.net.



Dustin and Mary Antoine

Antoine, Polding wed in Chaska

Dustin Antoine and Mary Polding were married Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017, at The Outpost Center in Chaska. The Rev. Drew Shepp officiated.

Mary is the daughter of Carl and Patty Polding, Waconia, and Dustin is the son of Greg and Barb Antoine, Luverne.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Chris and Rebekah Bartels.

The maid of honor was Krista Polding, and bridesmaids were Beckah Ripley, Molly Nebel, Megan Dupee, Lauren Gaalswyk, Kelsey Sorensen and Anne Anderson. The bride's personal attendant was McKenzie Mayer. Flower girls were Elliana Antoine, Amara Antoine and Zoe Polding.

Dan Antoine was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Taylor Graphen-

teen, Dan Thorson, Erik Stegemann, Colin Shepp, Mike Bozung and Brandon Peterson. Ring bearers were Elliott Bartels, Oliver Bartels and Joshua Antoine. The ushers were Danny Householder, John Tofteland, Matt Polding and Brandon Deragisch.

A reception at The Outpost Center immediately followed the ceremony.

Mary graduated from Waconia High School in 2009 and from Bethel University in 2013. She is an account director for a health care technology company working in patient education.

Dustin graduated in 2005 from Luverne High School and in 2011 from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is a senior consultant at 3M in St. Paul, working in IT project management.

The couple lives in Rosville.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Oct. 9: Beef noodle casserole, green beans, peaches, bread, pudding.
Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Barbecued pork chop, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, scalloped apples.

Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Grace Lutheran

Women.

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Meatloaf with ketchup, whole potatoes, creamed corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Oct. 12: Oven-crispy chicken, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread, poke cake.

Two-buck Thursday

sponsored by HDM.

Friday, Oct. 13: Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit, slice pie.

Program: Dietitian Ann Marie.

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.



Lori Sorenson photos/1005 jennica's pumpkins
Pictured above, getting set up to paint pumpkins are (clockwise from front) Ingrid Mostad, Katie Mostad, Daphne Zebe, Gage Zebe and Amanda Lammert.

Jennica's Journey Pumpkin Patch event Saturday drew about 125 people to Bert Verhey's produce garden along River Road near the city park. Family and friends supporting the effort Saturday included (front, from left) Ian Iveland, Jocelyn Iveland, Nora Iveland, Jase Arp, (back) Luke Iveland, Jennica Arp, Jolie Arp, Carley Domino, Jaelyn Arp and Jennica's parents, Jerad and Jill Arp.



Jennica's Journey, pumpkin patch/from page 1A

her grandpa, Bert Verhey's produce garden along East River Road.

"We were overwhelmed with the support from the community," she said about the first-time event for Jennica's Journey. "We will definitely do it again."

She said more about 125 people participated and roughly \$1,000 was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"Jennica had so much fun. There was actually fun in fundraising this time."

— Jill Arp, Jennica's mom

In addition to shopping for pumpkins and gourds, children could play games, enjoy snacks, paint pumpkins

and more. "Jennica had so much fun," Arp said. "There was actually fun in fundraising this time."

Pictured below, Erica DeBoer (left) and Jennica Arp take a break from pumpkins to play a video game. At right, Annie Jo Smeins puts the finishing touches on her painted pumpkin Saturday.



WHATEVER YOUR PASSION IS, — get back to it —

The team at Pipestone County Medical Center takes pride in helping you get back to what you are passionate about. Please join us for a special presentation by Dr. Scott McPherson, **Finding Relief for Hand Pain**. If you or a loved one suffers from arthritis in your hands or carpal tunnel syndrome, you won't want to miss this event. Learn why you have hand pain and the different options available to give you long-term relief. Therapists from PCMC's rehab department will be on hand to give attendees a tour of the rehab facility following the presentation.



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County landfill permit/continued from page 2A

ence of the demolition landfill...The source of boron and manganese may be due in part to demolition waste leachate as well as the dissolution and suspension of minerals by percolating water through on-site soils.

Hartman reminded commissioners the demolition landfill is located below the closed municipal solid waste landfill, which could be the source or an additional source of the manganese and boron levels. The former MSW is managed by the MPCA.

As a reminder of safety, Hartman said property below the demolition landfill is owned by Rock County and rural water is available to residences near the landfill. He said the few existing domestic wells in the area are more than 115 feet deep, below the clay-confining layer.

Niday and Hartman are expected to discuss the landfill

"Detections do not warrant corrective action or represent a risk to human health."

— Melody Niday, SEH hydrologist

and its renewed permit with commissioners at their next regular meeting Oct. 3.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the commissioners room of the Rock County Courthouse.

About the landfill

The Rock County LMO submitted paperwork for its permit renewal in March 2009. The demolition landfill was first permitted in 1998 and received a renewal in 2004.

LMO received notification in 2015 that more information was needed before

state officials could finish the permit renewal. A new monitoring well was installed and a hydrogeologist was hired as a result.

Niday was hired in late 2015 and examined Rock County's water sampling results for the past decade. She indicated there had been no significant change in the test results when compared to more recent samples.

Niday summarized her findings in a hydrology report in early 2016 indicating Rock County's clay liner and current practices are effective protection for the area's groundwater.

The demolition landfill gives residents a place to deposit debris from construction projects or from natural disasters.

Having an adequate place to bring materials has eliminated the burning and burial of debris on private land throughout the state.

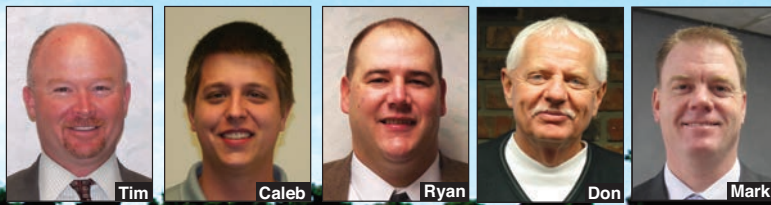
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Lori Sorenson photos/1005 band fest field
Luverne High School saxophone soloist Michael Rahm performs during the Cardinals 'Totally 80s' field performance.

Luverne hosts Tri-State Band Fest

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Cardinal Marching Band hosted the 67th Annual Tri-State Band Festival Saturday with 26 bands participating.

After competing in 90-degree, humid conditions the previous weekend, many of the bands and spectators welcomed Saturday's breezy 60-degree day, despite a few light showers.

Minnesota bands included Pipestone Area, Adrian, Tracy, Worthington, Murray County Central and Stewartville.

Competing from Iowa were Boyden-Hull, George-Little Rock, Sheldon, Sibley-Ocheyedan, South O'Brien and West Lyon.

South Dakota bands included Brandon Valley, Garretson, Huron, Lennox, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Madison, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Sioux Falls Christian, Tea, West Central and Yankton.

The guest band at this year's Tri-State Band Festival was South Dakota State University's Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band directed by Luverne native Kevin Kessler.

The college band took to the field at the close of the day's event to perform for the high school bands and for spectators just prior to the awards ceremony.

In parade results, Sioux Falls Christian and Murray County Central won first and second place, respectively, in Class A.

Hartford, South Dakota, and Sheldon, Iowa, were first and second in Class AA.

Worthington and Stewartville were first and second in Class AAA, and Sioux Falls Lincoln and Brandon Valley were first and second in Class AAAA.

In field competition Class A winners were West Lyon, first, and Sibley-Ocheyedan, second.

West Lyon also won outstanding wind, percussion, auxiliary and drum major.

Class AA first- and second-place field winners were Lennox, South Dakota, and Pipestone respectively.

Pipestone was honored for outstanding wind and drum major, and Lennox received awards for outstanding percussion and auxiliary.

Class AAA field winners were O'Gorman, Sioux Falls, and Huron, South Dakota, first and second, respectively.

O'Gorman was honored for outstanding wind, auxiliary and drum major. Huron was noted for outstanding percussion.



College guest band South Dakota State University, Brookings, entertains crowds at Cardinal Field Saturday.

Class AAAA first- and second-place field winners were Sioux Falls Lincoln and Brandon Valley respectively.

Lincoln High School won outstanding wind, percussion and auxiliary, and Brandon was noted for outstanding drum major.

West Lyon won the KM Getman Award for overall sportsmanship, and Sioux Falls Lincoln won the parade and field sweepstakes.

People's Choice Award on the parade went to Worthington and on the field to West Lyon.

As the host band, Luverne was critiqued by judges but didn't compete in the Tri-State lineup.

The Cardinals traveled to the Big Sioux Review Marching Band Competition Saturday night where they placed fifth.

They'll travel to Sioux Falls Saturday for the Festival of Bands Competition, and the season will wrap up with a trip to Minneapolis to perform in the U.S. Bank Stadium for the Youth in Music Event Oct. 14.

An indoor marching band concert in Luverne will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23.



Brandon Valley High School color guard members add a splash of color to the parade route Saturday morning on Main Street.

Below left, Sioux Falls Lincoln High School was a crowd favorite Saturday.

Below right, percussion instructor Brett Kroeger works with Madison, South Dakota, students prior to their field performance.

Bottom corner, Luverne High School percussion members and Carson Ehdé (kneeling) ham it up for the judges during their parade performance.



Sunshine breaks through dark clouds to cast a rainbow over the audience members toward the end of Luverne High School's field performance. The Cardinal band performed through drizzle to end the day.



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City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 357

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 TO LUVERNE TOWNHOME RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to City Charter, Section 12.05, the City Council is authorized to sell or convey the following described real estate located in the City of Luverne, County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

A Tract in Block 4
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 to the Luverne Townhome Rental Properties LLC.

SEC. 2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute such legal documents as are necessary to accomplish this sale and are further authorized to execute and deliver a warranty deed upon complete fulfillment of all terms and conditions.

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
 (10-05)

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(09-28, 10-05)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Sept. 14

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on September 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Angie Swenson, Ben VanderKooi, Evie Kephart, Harlan Kurrasch, Wilbert Weis III, and Joyce Weis.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that Items 8.1 – Contract with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson and 8.2 – FJJ – Communication Plan and Tax Impact Calculator will need to be tabled to the October 5, 2017, school board meeting. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with these two adjustments. Motion unanimously carried.

Ben VanderKooi, representing the Vote Yes committee, reported that the Vote Yes committee has met. They will be less public, but will be contacting voters within the school district. It will be up to the School Board to also be putting out information to the public. He stressed it is important that people are made aware of the new agriculture tax credit.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to approve the August 24, 2017, school board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The second reading of Policy 534 – Unpaid Meal Charges was conducted. It was noted there were no changes from the first reading. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the policy as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Hockey Agreements with the Luverne Hockey Association. The agreement for 2016-17 will remain the same with the school district paying the cost of the head coaches. The 2017-18 agreement includes the addition of the school district paying for the assistant coaches and the head coaches. The Hockey Association would like to make a presentation at a school board meeting as the district and association work toward an agreement for future years. Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to approve the 2016-17 and the 2017-18 Hockey Agreements. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the Clinical Education Agreement with Dordt College. They would send nursing students to our district to work with School Nurse Phil Paquette. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the terms of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Master Agreement with the Luverne Education Association. The contract represents a 2.75% increase each year to the salary schedule; a 2% increase each year on Schedule C; a 5% increase to the contribution to health insurance each year; and will allow up to four teachers to be out of the school district on personal leave on any given day. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to ratify the Agreement as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Joanna Stroeh as part-time Elementary paraprofessional. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Becky Rahm as Middle School Student Council advisor. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Jason Berghorst as Middle School Student Council advisor. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve Colleen Deutsch as Co-Special Olympics Liaison. Member Deutsch abstained from the vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve Michelle Munk as Co-Special Olympics Liaison. Member Deutsch abstained from the vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Seana Graber as Assistant School Musical Advisor for the 2017-18 Fall Play titled "Everything's Groovy". Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: September 14, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
 (10-05)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Oct. 26

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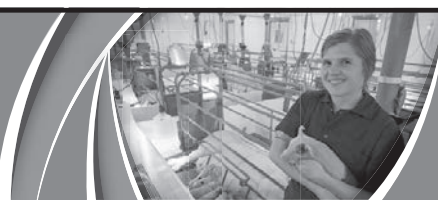
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