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Homecoming king and queen from 1967 return to LHS coronation

By Mavis Fodness

Sierra Schmuck and Mark Robinson were crowned LHS 2017 Homecoming queen and king at ceremonies Tuesday evening, Oct. 3, in the Luverne High School gymnasium.

Schmuck is the daughter of Cory Schmuck and JoDee Haubrich, both of Luverne.

Robinson is the son of Wayne and Ann Robinson, also of Luverne.

The Luverne High School 2017 Homecoming royalty shared the spotlight with the Class of 1967 queen and king, Diane (Mollberg) Gonnerman and David Lorenzen, who were asked to help out.

Last year's homecoming king and queen, Dylan Thorson and Madison Crabtree, were unable to return to

Homecoming/see page 5A



Above, 1967 Homecoming King Dave Lorenzen crowns Mark Robinson the 2017 Homecoming king with help from coronation page Nicholas Hoogendoorn holding the scepter.



Mavis Fodness photo/1012 LHS Coronation 2017
LHS 1967 Homecoming Queen and King Diane Gonnerman and Dave Lorenzen were invited to crown the 2017 queen and king Tuesday night.

At right, LHS 1967 Homecoming Queen Diane Gonnerman places the 2017 crown on Sierra Schmuck's head.

Below, the entire Homecoming court poses for cameras.



Rock County buffer ordinance hearing Oct. 17

LMO: 'Our staff will work with landowners and producers the best we can to help them come into compliance.'

By Mavis Fodness

A public hearing is set for Tuesday, Oct. 17, for the county to consider adopting a local ordinance to enforce the state's new buffer law.

The hearing begins at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Rock County Courthouse.

Commissioners will take comments as well as act on the proposal outlining the implementation and enforcement of the state's riparian protection requirements.

The buffer law, as the legislation is commonly known, requires landowners to install up to a 50-foot perennial vegetative buffer along public waters running along their farmland.

Implementation deadline is Nov. 1.

For cropland along judicial ditches, the deadline for the buffer installation is November 2018.

According to Land Management Office Director Eric Hartman, the local ordinance follows the model developed by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

He indicated the proposed ordinance best stipulates the law's parameters with not a lot of flexibility for local input.

However, landowners can apply for an eight-month extension prior to the deadline.

In the proposed ordinance, a landowner is defined not only as holder of the fee title but also any other party responsible for farming activities on the parcel.

Failure to comply by the Nov. 1 deadline may result in charges against the landowner for non-compliance, which could lead to fines.

For the initial violation no fines would be levied for the first 11 months.

After that time, a fine of \$200 per parcel per month for the next six months takes place with the fine increasing to \$500 per month per parcel for the following six months.

After two years, criminal prosecution is possible.

"Our staff will work with landowners and producers the best we can to help them come into compliance," Hartman said.

Vegetative buffers are designed to intercept storm water runoff and prevent river and stream bank erosion.

The buffers also reduce the amount of sediment, nitrogen and phosphorous entering the public waters, improving its quality.

LMO has identified 841 parcels in Rock County that are subject to the buffer law.

About 70 percent of those parcels are already compliant or are in the process of becoming compliant with the law.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the LMO facility at 311 W. Gabrielson Road in Luverne.

Local commissioners voted in June to enforce the buffer law within county borders.

The county will receive \$200,000 over the next two years in an agreement similar to the monitoring of local feedlots.

High school government students tackle district referendum

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne district residents will vote Nov. 7 on a \$23 million bond referendum for school building upgrades and improvements.

While property owners study its impact on their taxes, students are studying the referendum as a class project in their high school government class.

Teacher Dave Rysdam said it's the perfect opportunity to apply a real-world local case to a local government assignment.

"It coordinates with a variety of our standards using real-life illustrations of issues that affect them," he

"I want them to think about community, citizenship and about being part of something that's larger than yourself. At the end of the day, I hope they talk to their parents about it. Not to sway them ... but to have a conversation."

— David Rysdam, Luverne High School teacher

said. "Since it's real and it's now, I want them to have the conversation."

The 87 students, mostly high school juniors, are asked to learn about the Luverne School District referendum and prepare a cost-benefit analysis.

He asks them to consider the

specific cost of the current proposed project compared with what it would cost to delay the work 15 years.

And what are the tax implications on an individual level for a house in town versus a farm in the country?

"I like the idea of the kids being able to decide from their own

perspective," Rysdam said. "It allows them to define what the intangibles are, rather than just the tangibles."

For example, he said the tangible considerations are the costs of the school facilities project and if it's worth it.

An intangible consideration

might be the project's effect on the community as a whole.

"How does this relate to a better school system?" Rysdam said.

He said the assignment on the district referendum is similar to a class project last year when students studied the economic impact of truShrimp coming to Luverne in 2018.

"I was so impressed by the students and what they came up with," Rysdam said last year when that assignment was complete.

Now he said he looks forward to a youthful perspective on Luverne's

Class studies referendum/see 10A

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Article 41: New Rock River Bridge in Luverne 'among the best in Minnesota' in 1931

This is the 41st in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week is the final in a series by Betty Mann about the Rock River Bridge.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann this week shares Part 4 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 9A

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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.

Luverne Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the Luverne High School Choir Room. All parents of choir and band students are welcome to attend.

MSSupport Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, and their family and friends are invited. For info call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice will meet at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

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.

Free food Oct. 19

New Life Celebration Church will host a free food giveaway from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in the Luverne Senior Citizens Building for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring bags and boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions.

Haunted Minnesota at library Oct. 19

Lecturer and researcher Chad Lewis will share information about haunted locations in Minnesota from the North Woods to a haunted B&B in Wabasha at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in the Rock County Community Library.

Frightful fun at Blue Mounds Oct. 28

The Blue Mounds State Park naturalist will lead an event of frightful fun as participants explore animals that are often called sneaks, slithers and spooky critters. Meet at the campground amphitheater from 3-4 p.m. and bring a camp chair or blanket. Prepare for a cool evening.

Hospice Tour of Tables 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’ in October

“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.

Christmas Child boxes available

Operation Christmas Child boxes have arrived in Luverne. Anyone wishing to send gifts to underprivileged children can pick up a box at the American Reformed Church south entrance where there will be more information about how to support a child for Christmas. **Collection week is Nov. 13-19.** Donors are encouraged to pay shipping online and track their boxes to a specific country. Go to samaritanpurse.org. Call Karen Bosch, 605-413-9676.

CoffeeBreak and StoryHour meets

Luverne Christian Reformed Church will host the community Bible study CoffeeBreak and StoryHour at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. The study of Jonah will begin Tuesday, Oct. 10. It’s for all faiths — no previous Bible knowledge is needed. StoryHour is available for children ages 2 through kindergarten and nursery if available for babies. Call Kristi at 227-5102 with questions.

Tyana’s will move to former Creeger building

By Lori Sorenson

Mark and Amy Van Essen have purchased the former Creeger building on East Main Street where they’ll move their business, Tyana’s Boutique, from its current location in the new Mall on Main.

The couple will renovate the building’s façade with help from the city’s Historic Façade Improvement Program.

Luverne Economic Development Authority members approved the Van Essen application for funds at their Monday morning meeting.

The scope of work includes demolition and removal of the wooden shingle awning and old facade, construction of new facade, signage, three new awnings, exterior light fixtures, electrical wiring, painting, removal and replacement of concrete, and addition of trim.

Sanford Luverne Hospice will remain a tenant, and the boutique will occupy the rest of the building space.

Construction will begin this fall.

The total project cost is estimated at \$33,200, and the Van Essens are applying for a grant for 35 percent of project costs in the amount of \$11,620. They are choosing to forgo the loan portion.

City addresses lack of wayfinding signs

Tourism expert Roger Brooks told Luverne leaders this summer that visitors to Luverne have difficulty locating the town’s best assets and amenities.



Mark and Amy Van Essen will move Tyana’s Boutique into the former Creeger building, which they have purchased. This artist’s rendering illustrates what the facade will look like when finished.

He recommended the city make wayfinding signs a priority, and LEDA members are working on it.

At Monday’s meeting EDADirector Holly Sammons shared information from Axia Creative, a professional consulting firm that specializes in wayfinding system plans.

“It’s a pretty complex system,” she said about tourism-based wayfinding, which takes into account message size, placement, distance between signs and other factors.

She said the Axia consultants offer expertise that the city’s current branding professionals don’t.

Axia will do an on-site assessment, develop a location and placement plan, prepare a comprehensive message schedule, and create technical design specifications.

Axia will develop a comprehensive plan that will ultimately bring the wayfinding system plan to be “bid ready” for fabrication and installation.

A sub-committee will work directly with the wayfinding specialist over the next few months.

Berkley Information Systems building loan paid

LEDA will make a final debt payment of \$75,311 to the

city of Luverne for the Berkley Information Systems building on Roundwind Road.

In 1995 the city loaned \$350,000 to LEDA for the Berkley Information Systems (BIS) project to the LEDA with a maturity date of Nov. 1, 2019.

The LEDA’s monthly payment due to the city is \$3,178.32.

Paying off the principal balance due on this loan would save an estimated \$4,147 in interest cost and remove the liability from the LEDA’s balance sheet.

“It only makes sense to get this off the books,” Sammons said.

County to repair Schoneman Park shelter

By Mavis Fodness

The Schoneman County Park picnic shelter will receive some needed attention this fall, according to action taken by Rock County Commissioners Oct. 3.

County Engineer Mark Sehr brought three proposals to the board for their consideration at their Tuesday morning meeting.

Two of the plans propose replacing the entire open-air structure with new materials, while a less expensive proposal replaces only the shelter’s rotting support poles.

Sehr estimated the northernmost picnic shelter location at the county park south of Luverne was constructed in the late 1980s or early 1990s. Its asphalt shingles were replaced about 10 years ago and remain in good condition.

The estimate to replace the shelter with a steel roof was \$6,056, and a shingled roof is estimated at \$6,774.

Sehr, however, said the highway department personnel could make the necessary repairs. He estimated \$1,000 in materials plus the use of department personnel and equipment could complete the project.

Commissioners supported department personnel making repairs to the facility.



Mavis Fodness photo/1012 Park Shelter Rehab

The northernmost picnic shelter at Schoneman County Park will have its support poles replaced as soon as this fall under plans approved Oct. 3 by Rock County Commissioners. The park is located on U.S. Highway 75 south of Luverne.

No decision was made about the now-closed cement-walled restroom facility. Portapotties are located throughout the public park for visitors’ use.

In other business, commissioners:

- approved rezoning 38 acres in section 12 Magnolia

Township to A-2 general agriculture.

According to Land Management Office Director Eric Hartman, the city of Magnolia detached the property in 2001. The action changed the classification to A-1, limited agriculture, and moved the parcel under the county’s zoning control.

No public comment was received at the Sept. 25 zoning committee hearing.

The rezoning decision allows for the construction of telecommunication towers.

- met in closed session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss a land acquisition.



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State gives positive review to proposed \$31 million school improvement plan

By Mavis Fodness
Luverne Public School's proposed facility improvement received a positive review by the state's education commissioner.

In the Oct. 3 letter to the district, Dr. Brenda Cassellius said the district met the necessary state requirements and her office reviewed the \$31 million facility improvement and expansion plan.

"With this positive review and comment, voter and board approval is required in order for Luverne Public Schools, ISD #2184 to proceed with the proposed projects," Cassellius' letter stated.

The Nov. 7 referendum vote would need 50 percent plus one voter approval to pass. A negative review (which is rare) would have required 60 percent voter approval.

Any district with improvement projects costing more than \$2 million must submit paperwork to the state for comment.

Improvement plans plus financial information make up the majority of the 200-page report to the state.

According to state statute, the district must publish the commissioner's review and comment findings at least 20 days in advance of the public vote.

The commissioner's findings are printed on page B6.

More than 30 other districts throughout the state have joined Luverne in submitting improvement

plans, according to education finance specialist Chris Kubesh.

"It's crazy," added education department's Kubesh. "It's the most we have ever had (in one year.)"

He speculated many districts postponed taking bond referendum votes to the public until after the presidential election.

Others have been propelled to move school facility improvements forward due to the state's new Ag2School tax credit program.

"A lot of rural schools went ahead (with votes this fall)," he said.

Ag2Credit is open to school districts whose levy base consists of 75 percent or more in ag land. Qualifying school districts could have 40 percent relief on their agricultural tax burden.

Luverne Public Schools has two bond referendum questions on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The first question asks voters for \$16 million to finance improvements to the middle-high school facility.

The second ballot question requests approval for a new 750-seat performing arts addition to the middle-high school. Cost for the addition is \$7 million.

School board members exercised their levy authority early this year and have already approved \$8 million for health and safety improvements for the facilities.

All three local bonds are eligible for the state's Ag-2School tax credit program.



Luverne Elementary School students in Brooke Van Essen's third-grade classroom demonstrate their new flexible seating options that they received courtesy of a Monsanto grant through "America's Farmers Grow Communities." Pictured below is a photograph of what their classroom used to look like with their old seating arrangement.

Rock County farmer earns grant dollars for Luverne classroom

Rock County farmer Jared Pap has won the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 dollar donation to Luverne Elementary School from Monsanto's program, America's Farmers Grow Communities.

Luverne Elementary will use the funds to create a flexible seating classroom, a research-based seating system that allows students to physically move while learning in class.

The Monsanto funds purchase different seating options such as standing desks, regular chairs, tables, exercise balls, rocking stools and floor seating.

Research shows that by using things like exercise balls or wobble stools, it allows for movement, which helps students to focus and attend to the teacher and task more effectively.

"With flexible seating my students are paying

Flexible desks/See 10A



Lori Sorenson photo/fire prevention daycares and rahm

Firemen teach fire prevention this week

Luverne Fire Department member James Rahm talks to day care children in the Luverne Fire Hall Tuesday morning. He showed them what he wears to go into a burning structure, and he specifically pointed out how scary he looks and sounds when he is wearing his full protective gear. He told them to not be afraid, but many of the little ones were scared of Rahm after he put on his breathing apparatus. Day care providers involved Tuesday were Tori Hood, Peyton Elbers, Amy Domagala and Amber Lais. See pages 6A and 7A for information about Thursday's Luverne Fire Department open house.

Commissioners proceed with original schedule for bridge replacement

Federal funds, short-term loan may help to fund burned Martin Township bridge

By Mavis Fodness
Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr will seek federal funds to replace the timber-pile bridge destroyed by a July fire near Beaver Creek.

Commissioners originally considered using \$520,000 earmarked for the weight-restricted bridge south of Magnolia to repair the burned County Road 52 bridge located over the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad in Martin Township.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation by the state fire marshal's office.

Rather than shift the bridge project money, Sehr said he'll apply for federal bridge dollars next month, and he'll find out in March if funding is granted.

He said the extra time would allow paperwork and design of the new bridge to take place, he said.

"If everything goes perfect, we could be bid letting in Fall 2018," Sehr said.

Replacement costs for the railroad bridge are estimated at \$700,000.

However, if Rock County is approved for the federal funds, the money won't be allocated until 2022.

A short-term loan may be considered to allow the construction to proceed with repayment completed once the federal dollars are received.

In the meantime, the bridge on County Road 55 near Magnolia will proceed this year.

Four bids were received, with commissioners accepting the lowest bid at their Sept. 19 meeting.

Prahn Construction Inc. of Slayton bid \$319,830, an amount under the engineer's estimate of \$455,000.

Replacement work on the Magnolia bridge could start this fall, Sehr said.



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Newly crowned Homecoming King Mark Robinson (third from left) looks at the dollars inside the scepter he received at Luverne High School's Oct. 3 coronation. Examining the bills with Robinson are (from left) Ben Wagner, Michael Rahm and Aric Meinerts. **Inset:** An up-close look at what was hidden inside the scepter's silver globe.

Pulling at a story thread

Mystery dollars in Homecoming king's scepter revealed

Luverne Homecoming King Mark Robinson was surrounded by three friends intent on unscrewing the decorative nut on top of the scepter he received during the coronation ceremony.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Homecoming events, eventually ending with a stop at Buffalo Wild Wings in Sioux Falls.

That's where the scepter's nut came loose and the top half of the sphere popped off. It was empty inside.

"I am going to put a dollar in there to see if anyone ever finds it," he said last week.

He said he didn't sign the money with his name, however.

Cole Bosch didn't sign his dollar either, according to his mother, who learned about the tradition after last week's coronation.

Cole's mom said kings were to take one dollar out and put other one in before closing the scepter until the following year.

"I should have taken a dollar out and put in four quarters," Cole joked while telling the tale to his mom.

The final thread led to last year's king Dylan Thorson, and the seams began to show what's underneath the mystery of the scepter.

"I did write the names," Dylan told me directly.

He also confirmed that the same fine-tipped black marker was used to write three of the four names. The printing also seemed similar.

Dylan wrote the names on the dollars as a way to preserve a little school history.

"It's kind of cool we have something like that to tie us all together," Dylan summed up in the phone conversation.

It's unknown if future kings will follow the tradition by opening the scepter and enclosing a dollar with their name written on it.

Even though it's been only a four-year tradition, it was a story thread worth following.

Proposed school renovations, expansion enrich LHS proud academic tradition

GUEST OPINION

By Becky Rahm, Luverne

Over the course of my teaching career, educational content and methods have evolved a lot, but unfortunately the Luverne Middle School/High School building has not kept up with the many changes. It is clear that the current middle school classrooms in particular are no longer adequate for the 21st-century teacher and student.

Students must learn skills like collaboration, problem solving and critical thinking to succeed in today's economy. Those skills aren't just learned in lectures, they are learned through individual and small group projects that require breakout space and technology access that classrooms designed in the middle of the last century simply don't provide.

Here's an example: In my math classroom, we frequently do quick checks to see where students are with their understanding of a particular standard. And as you would guess, students have different needs. Some need help with linear tables, others understand tables and need help with graphs, and still others need help with both. And of course, there are students who have grasped the concepts and are ready to move on. At that point the classroom definitely needs differentiation.

Instruction must happen at each student's level of need. So one group of students might grab computers and practice finding slope on graphs. Others might partner up and work together quizzing each other on linear tables. A small group will need one-on-one instruction from me directly or watch a video to get some extra instruction. The group of students who have already demonstrated the knowledge for the standard might be given a challenge of doing an experiment to develop their own linear data and make graphs and tables.

Needless to say, in a small classroom this creates unnecessary chaos. We need room to spread out and let students take ownership of their learning process and have their individual needs met.

The school board has proposed a plan to be decided by voters that would solve this space issue by renovating and expanding middle school classrooms. Local residents will decide whether our middle school space needs are met in a referendum on Nov. 7.

Questions on the ballot that day

also address the need for a secure entrance, a new cafeteria and the addition of science labs, music rooms and physical education space in the middle school/high school, as well as improvements to the elementary school, plus the construction of a new community performing arts center.

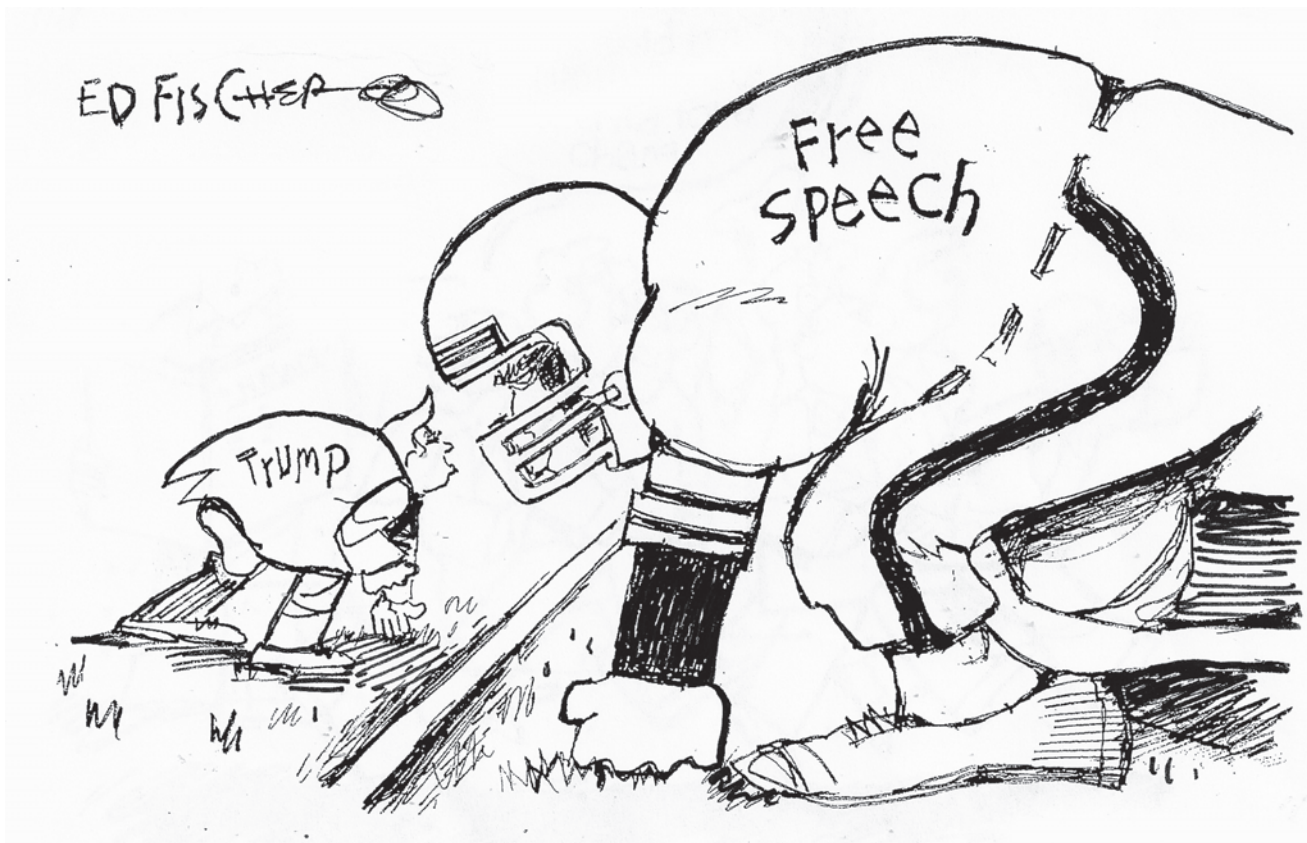
The current middle school classrooms are designed for how we were taught in the past, not how our students learn now.

From my perspective, the school board plan includes the much-needed renovations and expansion we need to continue Luverne Public Schools' proud academic tradition.

The district website has a lot of information about school needs and how the school board plan addresses them.

Make sure you know the facts and then make sure you vote on the future of our community schools.

Becky Rahm is a middle school math teacher for Luverne Public Schools.



Thoughts of apple crisp and what's wrong with health care

October is here and as far as I'm concerned, it's the best time of the year. If you want, you can get a football fix five nights a week at some level. Harvest is underway, cooler days and nights are the norm, and best of all, pheasant season opens this Saturday.

With the good, there is always a little bad, and that is where shorter daylight hours, Asian beetles and flies come in.

With the changing of the seasons comes the changing of seasonal culinary delights.

My list of fall favorites includes apple crisp, squash, brats for the football game, Oktoberfest beer, a good batch of chili.

The aromas the fall brings are worth a sniff or two, like the smell of leaves that have fallen to the damp ground after a heavy frost. The smell of leaves burning brings back childhood memories — when you could rake your leaves onto a pile and drop a match and watch them burn.

By the way, that apple crisp that I like to eat so much is probably because it smells so good when it comes out of the oven.

Hooded sweatshirts become my "go to" weekend favorites, and I bring



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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my sweaters back into the work attire rotation. Golf clubs are replaced with a shotgun, and the golf shoes are replaced with hunting boots.

Unfortunately, jeans take over for my shorts and my T-shirts are no longer outer wear.

Here is an abrupt change in subject for no other reason than I mentioned these two things before I forget to.

I walk my dogs on a gravel road near the airport, and throughout the spring, summer and fall when the wind will allow, the skydiving club takes advantage of the calm days to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. This past Sunday was one of those days. As I walked down the road, I could hear the hum of the airplane

up above. It generally takes a few minutes to find the plane in the sky, and it seems to take forever for the plane to get to the altitude where the skydivers exit the plane.

Once they jump and their parachutes deploy, I can't help but stop my walk and watch them float back to earth. Now, that is something you don't see every day, unless you live in Luverne. Then it's rather commonplace. How cool is that?

Last thing, if you didn't read Brenda Winter's column in last week's Star Herald on this page, you need to. It's a perfect example of what is wrong with the health care system in this country. If this system isn't changed or fixed in some way, it will ruin the country financially.

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Golla salutes Luverne for festival support

To the Editor:

The Tri-State Band Festival Committee would like to salute the Luverne community for the overwhelming support and participation in the 67^h Annual Tri-State Band Festival. This event would not happen without the involvement, commitment and energy of businesses, organizations and individuals in the tri-state region.

We would like to specifically acknowledge the tremendous contribution of:

- the city of Luverne and the Public Works Department for the assistance, coordination and operation of the Band Festival Parade competition.
- Superintendent Craig Oftedahl and the staff of Luverne Public Schools (particularly Todd Mann and the custodians) for their work in hosting and arrangements for the field competition.
- businesses, organizations and institutions for their financial support of this event through button sales and advertising in the Official Tri-State Band Festival Booklet.
- the businesses (particularly Skyler Hoiland of The Bluestem) and individuals who sponsored

and volunteered to serve the meal for The Pride.

- the 200-plus community volunteers who help out this day.
- Minnesota National Guard Luverne for their assistance in providing safety, security and organization for the bands on the parade route,
- Director Richard Owen and Luverne High School and Luverne Middle School bands in hosting the 2017 competition.

The greatest accolades belong to the directors and members of the 23 competitive bands and two host bands who participated in the Festival. These individuals have spent countless hours in practice to prepare for this festival and it showed!

We would like to send a special thank you to Dr. Kevin Kessler (LHS Alumnus), the directors and members of the SDSU Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band for the tremendous field show and exhibition you shared with

us. What a great example of excellence you gave to all of us!

On a personal level, I would like to thank the members of the Band Festival Committee and staff who have spent the entire year working with me to put together and operate this tremendous community event. It has been an honor for me to serve as your chairperson.

Our community has a 67-year tradition in the operation of this festival. In order to maintain that reputation, it requires the hard work and dedication of everyone. Be proud of what this community has created. As planning begins for next year's event, may that sense of community and partnership be the springboard for a great 2018 Tri-State Band Festival on Saturday, Sept. 29 — 68 years strong!

**Chairman Nate Golla
Tri-State Band Festival
Committee**

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Crabtree asks residents to vote yes Nov. 7

To the Editor:

When I read Superintendent Oftedahl's editorial in the Sept. 21 issue of the Star Herald (Nov. 7 referendum asks district residents to make a difference), I couldn't help but smile and nod to myself in agreement.

Supt. Oftedahl said, "The idea of making a difference is essential to education." I'm raising my children to make a difference — and Luverne Public Schools teachers and staff are backing me up all the way. Our local schools are helping prepare our local young people to grow up to be productive citizens — and we must provide them the healthy and safe school environment they need to do their work. That's why the upcoming referendum on Nov. 7 is so important.

Our middle school/high school is more than 60 years old at its core. It doesn't have a secure entrance, which unfortunately is necessary today. Its lunchroom is not large enough to serve the number of students at the middle school/high school.

There isn't the technology access needed to support today's learning. Back when the school

building was first constructed, personal computers weren't even a gleam in some scientist's eye.

Some of the middle school classrooms are just too small for kids to learn what is required for them to succeed in today's world. The 21st century environment is a lot more complex and requires greater critical-thinking capability, collaboration experience and problem-solving ability. Those skills are honed through independent and group projects in breakout sessions, not just by sitting in desks facing forward.

Students today are really engaged in their schoolwork, but they don't always have the space they need in their classrooms today to learn what they need to prepare them for tomorrow. Students and

teachers make do, but we owe them more. For our schools to continue to thrive, teachers need the right environment to teach, and students need the right environment to learn.

In his editorial, Supt. Oftedahl noted, "Educating students and building relationships to prepare young people for the world is our purpose and we take it very seriously."

We as a community need to take investment in our young people and our schools very seriously, too. As a community we have an opportunity to help make a positive difference in our current and future students' lives. As a community it is our responsibility to come together and vote "yes" on the Nov. 7 referendum.

**Emily Crabtree
Luverne
LHS parent; Class of 1990**

'As a community we have an opportunity to help make a positive difference in our current and future students' lives.'

Homecoming featured royalty from 50 years ago/ continued from page 1A

Luverne due to college commitments, so the student council suggested asking previous royalty for assistance.

"They suggested maybe there are people in the community who were king and queen who could help," said Caroline Thorson, coronation committee member and high school Spanish teacher.

Inviting past royalty to participate in the event also seemed appropriate as Luverne celebrates 150 years.

"In light of Luverne celebrating their 150th anniversary, Luverne High School's Homecoming queen and king from the Class of 1967 are here to present the crowns," said Emma Verbrugge, who shared mistress-of-ceremonies duties with Jocilyn Oye.

Gonnerman and Lorenzen are longtime area residents and agreed to assist at this year's coronation on one condition.

"I would do it if Dave would do it," Gonnerman said.

The two executed their duties flawlessly with the help of the coronation committee.

"Their biggest fear was that they would crown the wrong student," Thorson said.

The name of each of the eight candidates was clearly printed on athletic tape with a black marker and placed on the back of the candidate's chair.

About the 1967 dignitaries

Since her crowning 50 years ago, Gonnerman has made Luverne home.

According to her biography read at Tuesday night's coronation, Gonnerman married Mike, her high school

sweetheart, 49 years ago. After receiving her nursing degree from the school of nursing in Sioux Falls, she spent 40 years working at the Luverne hospital and clinic. Gonnerman retired in 2014.

The couple has two children, Amy Overgaard and Mike Gonnerman and five grandchildren.

Lorenzen returned to his home school district after attending the University of Duluth and taught and coached in Biwabik and later Lakefield.

He currently manages the family farm near Hardwick. Lorenzen has three daughters and six grandchildren.

Also at the 2017 event

Other king and queen candidates were Gracie Bosch, Anika Gust, Rachel Oftedahl, Derek Fodness, Jaxon Nelson and Tyler Reisdorfer.

Harper DeWispelaere and Nicholas Hoogendoorn were the coronation pages. The class representatives were freshmen Lauren VerSteeg and Russell Aanenson, sophomores Claire Baustian and Gunnar Oldre, and juniors Julia Ferguson and Oscar Serreyn.

Introduced during the program were Luverne's three foreign exchange students. Pradana Arviano is from Indonesia, Pernille Kjoerum from Norway, and Frederik Nielsen from Denmark. Isabella Donahue, Trey Roberts and Emilie Bartels were the respective escorts.

Program attendants were Daniel Tofteland and Madelyn Aleman.

The concert choir performed "Fly Away Home" prior to the crowning ceremony.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 29

•Complainant reported a wallet lost at Magnolia I-90 exit.

•Complainant reported silage haulers speeding south from location at County Highway 6.

•Complainant reported lights on and a door open to the manager's office on W. Hatting Street.

Sept. 30

•Complainant reported hearing what sounded like gunshots and yelling north of West Warren Street.

•Complainant reported assault at location on West Warren Street.

•Complainant on S. Estey Street reported three subjects kicking in the door at abandoned property south of location.

•Complainant reported son had hit and run accident last night.

•Complainant reported erratic driver on I-90 westbound, mile marker 13.

•Complainant reported hit and run at location.

•Complainant reported that subject is acting stupid and that she needs help. Complainant then disconnected the 911 call.

Oct. 1

•Complainant reported erratic driver on I-90 eastbound, mile marker 1.

•Complainant called Law Enforcement Center (LEC) and reported herself and her brother are receiving threats from subjects. Also reported subject is having custody dispute with subject. Deputy spoke directly to complainant via phone.

•Complainant reported S. Kniss location is without power.

•Complainant reported subject is at location on West Main St. and won't leave. See linked ICR.

•Complainants came to LEC and requested to speak with deputy regarding subjects. Deputy spoke with complainants.

•Complainant reported fire alarm activation on Lincoln Street.

•Complainant reported his daughter is on a group chat with a female talking about suicide. Mother also called.

Oct. 2

•Complainant dialed 911 and hung up, called back and wanted a deputy to help. Deputy requested rescue.

•Complainant reported subjects at location fighting inside and outside the residence on West Hatting Street.

•Complainant on 30th Avenue in Beaver Creek reported a man approximately 5 feet, 10 inches, dark curly hair wearing jeans and a white T-shirt in a white SUV stopped by her house to see if she wanted any crushed concrete from road work being done.

•Complainant at South Summit Avenue reported loud music at football field.

•Complainant reported suspicious phone calls.

•Complainant reported what appeared to be door-to-door sales. Solicitor license check requested.

•Assist Lyon County.

•Suspect threatened complainant and his dad. May be connected to abandoned 911 call on ICR.

Oct. 3

•Complainant reported a silver Impala driving at a slow rate of speed. They hit some construction cones, over the center line. Patrol out on another call.

•Complainant reported commercial burglary alarm at location. Vault door followed by disarm.

•Complainant reported erratic driver on I-90, eastbound, at mile marker 3.

•Found wallet at North Freeman Avenue.

•Complainant came into LEC and requested to speak with deputy regarding a stolen bike. Deputy spoke to complainant.

•Complainant came to LEC and requested to speak with deputy regarding an incident that

occurred at Luverne High School. Deputy spoke with complainant.

•Complainant reported subject shooting guns at location at 20th Avenue in Valley Springs.

Oct. 4

•Subject called LEC to inquire why he was unable to contact Crisis Line.

•Complainant reported sign down on Highway. Transferred complainant to Moody County Sheriff's Office.

•Complainant reported abandoned vehicle creating a traffic hazard at County Road 17 and 71st Street. Complainant requested tow.

•Mary Jane Brown Home requested a deputy to location to report financial exploitation of a resident.

•Complainant on West Hatting reported testing fire alarms at location.

•Complainant at Roundwind Road reported hit and run at location.

•South door was unlocked at business on South Kniss.

•Complainant reported crosswalk lights are not functioning at Barck and Kniss.

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.

•Complainant reported allegations of drug use around a minor child on W. Warren Street.

•Complainant reported 12-year-old riding motorcycle at North Oakley and East Adams.

•Complainant requested welfare check. No response in last 48 hours to multiple phone calls.

•Deputy requested ICR for lost property.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 stalled vehicle, 2 deer accidents, 1 escort, 27 traffic stops, 22 ambulance runs, 7 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 9 log/alarm sheets, 2 fingerprint requests, 2 background checks, 6 drug court tests, 4 abandoned 911 calls, and issued 6 purchase/carry permits and 2 burn permits.



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Luverne Fire & Rescue Department



Luverne Fire Department members are (front, from left) Eric Woodley, Travis Franken, Cody Gehrke, Jon Kurtz, Seth Miller, Craig Shelton, Seth Goembel, Andrew Hamann, Zach Cowell, (second row) Jeremy Lehman, Tyler Lebrun, Mike Ketterling, Anthony Graphenteen, Scott Ketterling, Derek Elbers, Austin Kurtz, Al Pilaczynski, Fire Chief David VanBatavia, (third row) Nick Mead, Jesse Woodley, Aric Uithoven, Tim Walgrave, Jordan Kopp, Evan Verbrugge, Assistant Chief Jordan Siebenahler, James Rahm, Dave Riphagen, Matt Buntjer, (back) Eric Lammert, Chad Buss and Jody Reisch. Not pictured are Mark Kurtz and Chad Versteeg.

(Lori Sorenson photo)



Hardwick Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Hardwick Fire Department and First Responders include (front, from left) Jason Thorson, Don Luitjens, Tony Roos, chief Lowell Schelhaas (second row) Chelsey Javner, Dan Kindt, Tom Haas, Don Bryan (back) Joan Kindt, Jen Heitman and Jen Luitjens. Not pictured: Brian Gacke, Craig Mulder, Nic Johnson, Miles Brown, John Javner and Aaron Altman.

(Mavis Fodness photo)

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Magnolia Fire & Rescue Department



Magnolia Fire Department and First Responders include (from left) Jessica Peters, Stacie Dohman, Jean DeGroot, Ben Peters, Luke Dohmann, Jeremy Roelfs, Dennis Madison, (back) Josh Ossefoort, chief Scott Dohmann, Derek Sandbulte, Steve DeGroot and Robert Somnis. Not pictured are David Dibbern, Jessica Dibbern, Angie Sandbulte, Jason Dohmann and Tom Strassburg.

(Lori Sorenson photo)

Hills Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Hills Fire Department include (front, from left) Justin Van Maanen, Jared Rozeboom, Tyler Den Herder, Mark Top, Collin Leuthold, Lance Larson, Brian Kraeyenhof, (back) Wade Jellema, Paul Page, Derek Bundesen, Tim Durst, Dan Fick, Dakota Steensma, Dylan Klarenbeek, Casey Swenson, Mike Spath and Kelly Leuthold. Not pictured are Jeff Bass, Dalton Bass, Jesse Gaugler, Mark DeBoer and Mitchell Leuthold.

(Glenda McGaffee photo)

Beaver Creek Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Beaver Creek Fire Department include (front, from left) Randy Krull, Shannon Tatge, Kelly Vis, Josh Tuene, Josh Haak, (back) Travis Helgeson, Jake Rauk, Chad Rauk, David Olson and Matt Sandbulte. Not pictured are Aaron Blank, Andrew Blank, Daryl Fuerstenburg, Travis Broesder, Ryan Rauk and Brad Hassebrook.

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‘Paws to Remember Dani’
*Pets, 4-H’ers gather for
memorial community pride event*

By Mavis Fodness

The Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club partnered with Shopko and the Tracy Area Animal Rescue to host “Paws to Remember Dani” Saturday morning, Oct. 7.

“I really wanted to do some kind of a community pride project,” said 4-H’er Mallie Fick, a fifth-grader at Luverne Elementary. “I thought it would be kind of fun to remember Dani.”

Daniella Gacke took her life at the age of 13 earlier this year.

Fick and other friends remember that Gacke had a fondness for animals and would often tend to animals in need.

“I knew she liked animals, especially cats,” Fick said.

The 4-H’ers partnered with Tracy Area Animal Rescue for the club’s service learning project. Community Pride is a group project that has 4-H’ers identify needs in their communities, plan a service project and execute the plan.

Fick said her idea generated 300 pounds of dog and cat food and more than \$200 in donations during the two-hour event.

“I was totally amazed and happy at what those kids did,” said Luverne’s Beth Capistran, a volunteer and board member with TAAR.

“And how the community came out to show support for the local organization, to remember Dani and help a rescue (organization) that loves animals as much as Dani did.”

A few of the adoptable dogs and cats were also at the greet-and-meet event.

In their advertisement, club members billed their project as a first-annual event.

About Tracy Area Animal Rescue organization

TAAR is a volunteer, non-profit group that accepts unwanted, lost, neglected or abused dogs and cats, place them in foster homes until an adoptive home is found. The group provides the necessary veterinary work and food until an adoption is arranged.

Capistran said as of Jan. 1, the group has rescued 203 animals and has helped 156



A few members of the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club pose with the donated pet food from Saturday’s community pride event. Pictured (in front, left to right) are Mallie Fick and Morgan Bonnett, (middle) Tya Van Essen, Andrea Luitjens, Blakely Fick, (back) Brianna Kinsinger and Nathan Kinsinger.



find new homes.

“Some of the animals are hospice cases as well as animals with medical needs that we are still working on getting healthy so they can hopefully be adopted out some day,” she added.



Pictured left: Donated pet food, treats and toys are loaded for the Tracy Area Animal Rescue by members of the Magnolia Juniors 4-H club members from the “Paws to Remember Dani” event Saturday morning.

Right: Magnolia Junior 4-H Club member Dennie Sandbulte watches the puppy named Brody. Luverne teenager the late Daniella Gacke loved animals and would often take care of animals in need on her family’s acreage.

Submitted photos

CELEBRATIONS

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.

MENU

Monday, Oct. 16: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, Oct. 17: Honey-mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake.

Two-buck Tuesdays sponsored by Grand Stay Hotel & Suites.

Wednesday, Oct. 18: Lasagna, California blend vegetables, pears, garlic bread, cookie.

Program: Site Council.

Thursday, Oct. 19: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered cabbage, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Two-buck Thursday sponsored by HDM.

Food give-away.

Friday, Oct. 20: Lemon pepper fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, pie.

Program: Birthday Party with Kitchen Band.

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.

**ReConvening
set for Oct. 24**

Cathy Wurzer and “The Convenings” return to Luverne Oct. 24, following up on her first visit last February.

“The reConvening” features Wurzer, a Minnesota Public Radio reporter, and local guests talking about living and dying well.

The event is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the historic Palace Theatre, 104 E. Main St., Luverne.

To register, visit www.theconvenings.org/events or contact Sadie Rubin at rubin@theconvenings.org, phone 612-362-3724.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

Windbreak design and maintenance for an acreage or farm will be highlighted at the Plant Trees NOW for Tomorrow class Oct. 16.

All participants who want to learn more about picking the right tree and caring for trees are welcome. Rock County Soil and Water Conservation will take orders at class. Trees will be ordered in December for delivery next spring. (Class is open to residents of Rock County, including residential areas.) Fee is \$5.

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.

Are those old coins you have been saving worth anything? How about silverware or jewelry? Find out if you have some valuable treasures at home when you attend **Gold and Silver Treasures** class on Oct. 26. Fee is \$8.

Defensive Driving: The next full eight-hour class is Nov. 6 and 13.

**Rock the Edge youth food
drive scheduled for Oct. 22**

On Sunday, Oct. 22, beginning at 4 p.m. the community ecumenical youth group Rock the Edge will canvas the community on hay racks

and collect food for the Rock County Food Shelf. Place food donations in bags on your front doorstep. Youth may also knock on doors and ask for donations.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•Prices will soon go up for lots in the industrial park owned by Luverne Economic Development Authority.

The LEDA owns a lot and a half lot in the industrial park along the curve of Commerce Drive with a current asking price of \$5,000 per acre.

LEDA Director Jill Wolf said she’s been comparing that price to what other cities are asking for their land, and Luverne is low by comparison. ...

Wolf recommended LEDA raise its lots to 50 cents per square foot in order to be in line with other communities along Interstate 90.

25 years ago (1992)

•Rock County Commissioners were handed one more landfill possibility Tuesday.

Ron Schaap, Schaap Sanitation in Worthington, asked Rock County to consider transporting its garbage to the Nobles County landfill rather than joining a regional landfill in Lyon County.

At the Board’s previous meeting, Commissioners verbally agreed to join Lyon County’s landfill beginning on July 1, 1993. But no bidding agreement was made.

Schaap said in reality Lyon County doesn’t need Rock County’s business to proceed, but he said the Nobles County landfill, which he operates, does.

I have more to lose than any public entity,” he said. Schaap already handles the county’s recyclables.

50 years ago (1967)

•Luverne City’s first fall leaf pickup is scheduled to start Monday, October 16. As it takes better than a week to cover the city, residents should not be impatient if the leaf pickup truck does not come by immediately.

LaVern Kafka, Street Department superintendent, said his crew will start on the north-south streets first in the west end of town. From there they will start from the north ends, taking

east-west streets and work south.

Weather conditions naturally will dictate the expediency with which the pickup is completed. Wet leaves are a hindrance.

75 years ago (1942)

•Hit over the head by a blunt instrument and knocked unconscious by an unknown assailant Wednesday afternoon, Edward Gibb, 24, manager of the Atlas Lumber Co yard at Kenneth, was assaulted and robbed by an unknown assailant.

Amount of money stolen was not immediately ascertainable but Gibb said it was in excess of \$50. While being treated in a local physician’s office, Gibb told what little he knew of the robbery, prior to the time he was found lying in the yard office unconscious by Bernard Severtson, shortly after 3 p.m.

The robber walked in from the back of the lumber yard and said he wanted to buy some nails and asked Gibbs if he could cash a \$50 check. The yard manager counted the money in his billfold and said that he could. He leaned over to get the nails and that was the last that he remembers. He has \$6 of his own money in a watch pocket, but this was not found by the thief.

100 years ago (1917)

•Under an order filed in the clerk of court’s office the fore part of the week, Judge L.S. Nelson finds that A.A. Cook is entitled to \$322 for labor performed and material furnished; \$50 as attorney’s fees and costs and disbursement in his suit against the Luverne Hotel Company.

The case was an action to compel payment for the remodeling and erection of fire escapes and other work on the Manitou hotel building done in the fall of 1916 by Mr. Cook, and was heard by Judge Nelson on June 18.

Mr. Cook sought to collect \$455.65 for work and material, and asked \$75 as attorney’s fees, while the defendant company set up the claim that the charges for doing the work were exorbitant. The plaintiff was represented by E.H. Canfield, and the defendant company by A.J. Daley, and considerable evidence was presented by both sides.

1931: LaDue first to cross new bridge

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on October 16, 1931, and is the last 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 ending of his speech:

Rock river bridge was built by the Widell Construction Co., of Mankato, under the personal direction of G. A. Hildeen, and they completed their task more than ten days ago, when most of the contractor's equipment and supplies were loaded and shipped back to headquarters. Since then a limited number of men have been engaged in clearing up the bridge area and putting the finishing touches on the bridge itself and nothing that would add to the appearance or the general surroundings was neglected. In fact, those who have paid particular attention to the activities of the contractors and their crews have been most agreeable surprised by the broad-minded, generous manner in which they consistently sought to please. The same attitude has been shown by the state highway department in every way possible.

Now that the trunk highway is open to travel the old township road that for many years provided the only entrance to the old fair grounds and race track, east of town, will likely be permanently abandoned, for this roadway



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

now provides entrance only to the farm occupied by David Jones, and a more direct approach is available from the trunk highway.

Earlier in the grading operations, many were inclined to believe that the pronounced grade of the new highway would detract from the attractiveness of Luverne's public park, but as things have been shaping themselves during the last few weeks a majority of these critics has become convinced that the road betterment has also resulted in added conveniences and picturesque features to the recreation grounds.

On a recent visit here, the chief officials of Minnesota's highway department paid a visit to Luverne's public park and Commissioner C. M. Babcock

expressed the opinion that Luverne has one of the most attractive parks of limited area to be found anywhere in Southern Minnesota, and that with the improvements that are being made from year to year, it won't be long until it will be noted as one of the outstanding pleasure grounds of this section. Incidentally, Mr. Babcock and his assistants have aided wherever possible in promoting this desirable result.

Through the combined efforts of fate and "wags," the honor being the first one with a vehicle to cross the new Rock river bridge went to C. M. LaDue, with his sorrel pony and road cart.

An adverse angle of the trunk highway improvement work east of Luverne was obtained Tuesday by many motorists who travelled the new Rock river grade, for the two days of rainy weather had softened the surface to a marked extent. As a result there were from one to eight cars stalled at a time, at almost any hour of the day, but the caterpillar tractors were brought into use, and everyone given a lift that needed it. The road was passable the following day.

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 mannmade@iun.net.



Mavis Fodness photo/1012 One Warm Coat 2017

'One Warm Coat' collection through October

Donations of new or clean, gently used coats of all sizes are being accepted now until the end of the month for individuals and children in Rock County for the "One Warm Coat" program. Coats and other cold weather accessories can be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School commons or at the ATLAS office at 201 E. Main (second floor) in Luverne. ATLAS will also accept monetary donations to purchase hard-to-find sizes. Distribution will be Nov. 4 and 9. Contact ATLAS at 507-449-5777 for more information on the One Warm Coat campaign, a nationwide program celebrating its 25-year anniversary.

Pictured above, Luverne Elementary students (from left) Ellie Van Batavia, Amira Cowell and Hannah Cowell help place materials in the donation box.

Also at the elementary school, SHARE (Sharing Hearts Are Reaching Everyone) is collecting new, unopened packages of socks and underwear for families in Rock County. In their "October 2017" campaign, the donations can be for adults as well as children. Contact Child Guide Lisa Dinger at 507-283-4497 ext. 3580.

OBITUARIES

Jerilyn Kille

Jerilyn A. Kille, 65, Brandon, South Dakota, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, at Avera Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Brandon Lutheran Church in Brandon. Interment will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the George Boom Funeral Chapel in Brandon.

Jerilyn Scott, was born Dec. 16, 1951, to Earl and Marcella (Scheerhorn) Scott in Luverne. She grew up and attended elementary school in Hardwick. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1969.

On June 7, 1975, she married Dale Kille. They spent time in Topeka, Kansas, and Fort Dodge, Iowa. Later they moved to Luverne and eventually settled in Brandon. Jerilyn worked with her parents at the family bar and grill in Luverne called Scotty's. Her favorite job was delivering flowers for Jubilee in Brandon



where she so enjoyed being able to put a smile on the faces of those receiving the flowers.

Her hobbies included planting flowers and plants around her house. She loved traveling with her mom to many places, including Hawaii and Las Vegas. She bowled league for many years at Eastway Bowl in Sioux Falls. In her earlier years she enjoyed playing softball with her friends and teammates and later in life spent summers golfing with friends and family. Jerilyn enjoyed playing pinocle and other card games.

She is survived by her sons, Jesse (Amanda) Kille of Lead, South Dakota, and Jonathan Kille of Sioux Falls; and a brother-in-law, Jim (Connie) Kille of Rock Rapids, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dale, in 2007; and a brother, Randy Scott.

Arrangements are by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com. (1012 F)

Dale Hamann

Dale R. Hamann, 88, Luverne, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Dale Hamann was born on Aug. 29, 1929, to August and Lela (Holmes) Hamann on the family farm in Rock County. He was baptized on Dec. 15, 1929, and confirmed in the Lutheran faith on July 4, 1943, all at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Dale was raised on the farm and attended District 10 Country School through the eighth grade and then attended two years of school at Luverne High School. Dale then went to work full time on the farm.

On Sept. 28, 1949, Dale married Mary Ann Swenson at St. John Lutheran Church. Following their marriage, the couple made their home on his family's farm. They remained together as close partners, working side by side and later purchasing the Hamann Family Century Farm, which had been in their family since 1891. Dale and Mary Ann



took great pride in caring for their animals, buildings, equipment and land. Mary Ann died on Sept. 24, 2005.

Dale was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where he served as an elder for many years. He served as a member of the Rock County Rural Water Board. He was an avid reader and enjoyed his cats and dogs on the farm. He held a great love for his wife and their daughter. Dale had a passion for farming.

Dale is survived by his daughter, Sonia (R. John) Line, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; special family friend Kathy Moe; nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann; his parents; and six siblings, Virgil Hamann, Elsie Hemme, Elmer Hamann; Francis Sievert, Irene Hemme and Alice Schmuck.

Memorials may be directed to Little Lambs Preschool of St. John Lutheran Church, LWML.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1012 F)

James Taylor

James Edward Taylor, 93, of the Adrian and Ellsworth area, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, at the Rock Rapids Health Care Center in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

A funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ellsworth. Burial will be in the St. Adrian Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, with parish prayers at 4 p.m. at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian. Visitation is also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

James Taylor was born Sept. 15, 1924, to Bryan and Carolyn (Krapfl) Taylor in Westside Township, rural Adrian. He graduated from St. Adrian Catholic High School and later attended the University of Minnesota Agriculture School in Minneapolis. He entered the United States Navy on Nov. 25, 1944, and served his country during World War II until his discharge on June 26, 1946.

Jim married Joan Madison on Sept. 22, 1955, at St. Adrian Catholic Church. After farming in partnership with his brothers, they moved to their current farm between Adrian and Ellsworth in 1965. They continued to live on the farm after retiring in the early 1990s.

Jim was an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ellsworth, where he was an usher, Eucharistic minister



and supplied sweet corn for the fall festival. He loved fishing, following the Minnesota Twins and Lynx, and planting a big garden.

Jim is survived by four sons, Mike (Terri) Taylor, Adrian, Randy (Anita) Taylor, Rock Valley, Iowa, Roger (Rachele) Taylor, Lakeville, and Bruce Taylor (fiancée Melinda Michels), Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a daughter, Donna Taylor, Sioux Falls; eight grandchildren, Austin Taylor, Matt Taylor, Nate Taylor, Maria Taylor, Shannon (Dweezle) Bordeaux, Brad Taylor, Sam Taylor and Andrew Taylor; four great-grandchildren, Ella, Olivia, Mason and Jenna Bordeaux; three brothers, Bill (Dee) Taylor, Worthington, Carroll Taylor, Minneapolis, and Gene (Marva) Taylor, Adrian; two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Taylor, Worthington, and Mary Ann Taylor, Mason City, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joan, on Jan. 29, 2014; a grandson, Noah Taylor; five brothers, Jerry, Earl, Fr. Bob, Lloyd Paul and Bryan "Junior" Taylor; a sister, Joan (Sr. Brian) Taylor; and three sisters-in-law, Lucille, Beverly and Lorraine Taylor.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com. (1012 F)

Vernon Engelkes

Vernon George Engelkes, 83, rural Rushmore, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, in Dewald Township.

A funeral service was Friday, Oct. 6, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington. Burial was in the Sunset Rest Cemetery in Rushmore.

Vernon Engelkes was born Dec. 29, 1933, to Jurgen and Anna (Oltmans) Engelkes on the family farm just west of Rushmore. He was raised there and attended gradeschool in Rushmore. He graduated from Worthington High School.

Vernon married Beverly Redenius in June of 1962. The couple moved and raised their family across the section from Vernon's family farm. They later divorced. Vernon continued to farm and raise cattle. He loved going hunting with his pet pigeon, Rocco. Vernon's favorite part of farming was the cattle.

Later in life he enjoyed fishing with his brother. He also loved driving around in his Dodge to visit and share stories. In the early 1980s he



became an honorary Kentucky Colonel.

Vernon is survived by four children, Barbara (Glen) Edmundson, Tyler; Paul (Amber) Engelkes, rural Rushmore; Mark (Candya) Engelkes, rural Rushmore; and Theresa Engelkes, Worthington; ten grandchildren, Tyler (Amanda) Engelkes, Nathaniel (Hannah) Engelkes, Preston (Diana) Engelkes, Anthony Lumsden, Ethan Engelkes, Dalton (Sarah) Engelkes, Katanna Biesemeier, Autumn Engelkes, Darby (Lucky) Biesemeier and Gavin Engelkes; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Stanley (LaDon Gruis) Engelkes, Adrian.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren, Morgan and Wyatt Engelkes; a sister, Frances Backus; two brothers, Jerry (Joyce) and Lloyd Engelkes; and a sister-in-law, Marge Engelkes.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com. (1012 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Melvin Klooster

Melvin Klooster, 79, Aitkin, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, in Phoenix, Arizona.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. (1012 DN)

Roger Sorenson

Roger S. Sorenson, 69, Luverne, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A private committal of cremains will take place at a later date. Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (1012 DN)

Arie Drooger

Arie Drooger, 82, Edgerton, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, at the Avera McKennan Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the church.

Arrangements are by the Colonial Funeral Chapel in Edgerton, edgertonburialassociation.com. (1012 DN)

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Flexible classroom seating/continued from page 3A

attention more regularly,” said Luverne third-grade teacher Brooke Van Essen.

“I have also found that they have become more self-motivated. I am excited to see how this year goes with this change in my classroom. All of the third-graders want the seating in their own classrooms.”

The Grow Communities purpose is to make a positive impact in farm communities by partnering with farmers to support the causes that are important to them in their communities. Each year, farm-

“I am excited to see how this year goes with this change in my classroom.”

— Brooke Van Essen, third-grade teacher

ers enter for a chance to win a \$2,500 donation that they direct to a local nonprofit.

Since the program began in 2010, farmers have directed more than \$26 million in donations across a broad cross-section of organizations that reflect the makeup and character of rural America, including food banks, emer-

gency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs and many others.

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work.

Students tackle referendum/from page 1A

school referendum.

“It’s totally student-driven,” Rysdam said. “They’ll survey staff and the community and they’ll compile that information and develop a list of questions.”

Those questions will be put to Superintendent Craig Oftedahl in the three class sections of high school government class Friday.

“He’s been totally on board with this,” Rysdam said about Oftedahl. “He can’t give them a sales pitch, but he’ll answer questions.”

Regardless of the assignment outcomes, Rysdam said the exercise is worthwhile.

“I want them to think about com-

munity, citizenship and about being part of something that’s larger than yourself,” he said.

“And at the end of the day, I hope they talk to their parents about it — not to sway them one way or the other, but to have a conversation.”

Rysdam said he enjoys using community issues to teach government and economics classes.

“It’s an issue that has absolutely everything to do with them,” he said. “And from my perspective, why not?”

The students’ final projects are due Wednesday, and Rysdam said may share some of the top grade earners with the Star Herald.

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John Rittenhouse photo/1012 lfb 4
Luverne junior quarterback Ben Serie picks up some of his 56 rushing yards during Friday's 22-0 home win over BEA.

Cardinals blank BEA Bucs

By John Rittenhouse

A soggy field that became more treacherous with rain falling throughout the second half wasn't enough to dampen Homecoming festivities at Cardinal Field in Luverne Friday.

In fact, the field conditions may have been a blessing in disguise for a Luverne football team that was seeking its second consecutive victory when the Cardinals squared off against the Blue Earth Area Bucs.

Heavy rains throughout the week left the field soft and slippery for both teams, but LHS coach Todd Oye said it was a factor that played in his team's favor during what ended as a 22-0 win for the Cards.

"I think the field conditions helped us out immensely," Oye said.

"BEA is a team that likes to spread you out and run plays from sideline to sideline, but they couldn't do that in this game because of the conditions."

The team that could run the ball between the tackles the best had a huge advantage over the other squad in this situation, and that team was the Luverne Cardinals.

LHS unleashed a power rushing attack on the Bucs that yielded 236 yards and 18 first downs.

BEA, on the other hand, was limited to 105 yards and seven first downs.

"We played a tremendous game defensively, but it was our first offensive drive that set the tone for the night," Oye said. "Our offense line really controlled the tempo of the game when we came out and had

a seven-minute drive to start the game."

The Cardinals actually covered 59 yards in 7:01 during their opening possession of the contest.

The 13-play possession consisting of all running plays ended with senior tailback Kasyn Kruse scoring on a two-yard run at the 4:59 mark of the opening period.

When Kruse carried in the ensuing two-point conversion, LHS sported an 8-0 cushion.

The score remained the same until late in the second quarter, when the Cardinals put together another impressive drive.

BEA was mounting a scoring threat when LHS senior Tyler Reisdorfer created a fumble that he recovered on Luverne's 18-yard line with 5:24 remaining in the first half.

The LHS offense took the field and advanced the ball 82 yards in 15 plays.

The march ended with Serie completing his lone pass of the game, a 13-yard touchdown strike to Reisdorfer with four seconds left in the second quarter.

Kruse toted in his second two-point conversion into the end zone following the touchdown to up the lead to 16-0.

The Bucs got off to a good start offensively to start the second half by moving the ball from their own 30-yard line inside the LHS 30.

BEA, however, lost the ball on downs at the LHS 24.

Luverne settled the issue by putting together another point-producing drive with its initial offensive possession of

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Dragons deliver Schettler's first win

By John Rittenhouse

A fourth-quarter rally gave the Adrian football team its first win of the 2017 season Friday in Slayton.

Trailing Murray County Central 21-14 entering the final 12 minutes of play, the visiting Dragons produced 14 unanswered points to post a 26-21 victory and give first-year head coach Randy Schettler his initial victory.

"The kids were pretty excited and the coaching staff was too," Schettler said.

"We had a few guys step up and make some plays for us on offense and our defense didn't give up big plays. We also didn't turn the ball over and have stupid penalties at crucial times."

The teams battled to a draw at 14 in the first half, but the Rebels drew first blood in the second half.

MCC's offense covered 80 yards in 11 plays during its second possession of the third quarter.

The drive ended with Zach Aanenson registering his second touchdown of the game at the end of a six-yard run.

Mason Woldt's third consecutive extra point followed the touchdown, giving the Rebels a 21-14 advantage.

The Dragons answered the challenge by putting together a scoring march with their next offensive possession.

A 17-play, 70-yard drive was on the verge of collapsing when AHS faced a fourth-and-five situation.

MCC, however, was flagged for a pass interference penalty during the fourth-down play and AHS trimmed the difference to one point (21-20) moments later when quarterback Ryan Wieneke tossed a 23-yard touchdown pass to Brendyn White with 6:31 left to play.

MCC moved the ball deep inside AHS territory with its next possession before the drive stalled on downs at the 21-yard line.

Adrian's offense took ad-

vantage of the situation by moving the ball 79 yards in 13 plays.

Wieneke, who ran the ball for 54 yards during the drive, capped the match by tossing a 19-yard touchdown pass to Nick Harder that gave the Dragons a 26-21 lead with 37 seconds remaining.

MCC did complete one pass during its final offensive possession, but the completion was followed by three incomplete passes that sealed the Rebels' fate.

MCC opened the scoring by putting together an 11-play, 53-yard drive with its first offensive possession.

Aanenson capped the march with a two-yard plunge to give the Rebels a 7-0 cushion.

Adrian countered by putting together a 10-play, 70-yard drive during its next possession.

Wieneke scored on a one-yard plunge on the first play of the second quarter to make it a 7-6 game.

The Dragons came up with a big play later in the second quarter to take a brief 14-7 lead.

MCC was attempting to punt when Dragon senior Landon Rogers blocked the kick.

Junior Devin Froderman scooped up the loose ball and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown, and Brandon Schnoor carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to give the Dragons a seven-point lead with 5:47 left in the first half.

MCC, however, knotted the score at 14 before the second quarter was complete.

The Rebels covered 65 yards in 15 plays with Ethan Swanson scoring on a one-yard plunge to tie the game with 26 seconds remaining in the first half.

The 1-5 Dragons play in Canby Thursday.

Team statistics
Adrian: 161 rushing yards, 89 passing yards, 250 total yards, 13 first downs, six penalties for 50 yards, zero turnovers.
MCC: 238 rushing yards, 37 passing yards, 275 total yards, 16 first downs, six penalties for 75 yards, zero turnovers.

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John Rittenhouse photo/1012 lhs vb 10
Luverne senior Sierra Schmuck recorded 25 set assists during Thursday's 3-0 home victory over Worthington.

LHS sweeps Worthington

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals upped their Big South Conference volleyball record to 3-2 with a 3-0 sweep over Worthington Thursday in Luverne.

The Cardinals improved their margins of victory in all three sets and outscored the Trojans 75-49 overall to win a match that assures the Cardinals of at least a .500 league record in 2017.

Both teams played well in the early stages of a first set that was knotted at eight before LHS opened a 12-8 cushion when Gracie Bosch recorded a service point.

The Cards upped their lead to seven points (20-13) when Tacey Baustian delivered a service point, but the Trojans came roaring

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Girls rule home invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' cross country team captured a team championship during their final home meet of the 2017 season Thursday.

Playing the role of hosts for the annual Luverne Invitational, the Cardinals turned in a commanding performance to secure the team title.

With five runners placing ninth or better in a 54-runner field, LHS scored 25 points to easily best second-place Pipestone (63 points) and the rest of the squads in a six-team field.

Tenley Nelson and Regan Feit led the charge for the Cardinals by placing first and second individually with respective 19:31 and 19:32 times.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Autumn Nath and Gabrielle Ferrell capped the team scoring for the Cards by placing fifth, eighth and ninth with times of 21:15, 21:47 and 21:51.

Cassie Flanagan (10th in 22:03), Leslie Van Engelenhoven (18th in 23:01), Madison Reisdorfer (20th in 23:04), Claire Baustian (21st in 23:16), Megan Rogers (36th in 25:10) and Madigan Flom (44th in 26:39) also ran in the varsity race.

The Cardinal girls competed at the Adrian Invitational Tuesday, Oct. 10.

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

Junior high girls: Tiana Lais, first, 13:25; Elizabeth Wagner, second, 13:56; Grace Ingebretson, fourth, 14:32.



John Rittenhouse photo/1012 lhs girls cc 9
Luverne's Autumn Nath (right) and Gabrielle Ferrell (left) made contributions to the winning team tally by placing eighth and ninth respectively at the Luverne Invitational Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/1012 ahs cc 9
Adrian senior Brady Henning captured the individual title at the Luverne Cross Country Invitational Thursday.

Adrian's Henning lands title in Luverne

By John Rittenhouse

An Adrian High School athlete captured an individual championship at the Luverne Cross Country Invitational Thursday in Luverne.

The Dragons were unable to field a complete team for the boys' varsity competition at the meet, but they had the top runner at the event.

Senior Brady Henning paced a 58-runner field with the winning time of 17:40.

Along with Henning, three other Dragons participated in the varsity race.

Christian Weidert finished 17th in 19:42, Caleb Hornstein 44th in 22:39 and Mitchell Veld 51st in 23:33.

The Adrian girls fielded a complete team for the varsity race and placed fifth in a six-squad pack with 130 points. Luverne captured the team

title with 25 points.

Moriah Bullerman set the pace for the Dragons by placing 11th in 22:03.

Hiltyn Heitkamp (27th in 23:41), Gracia Elias (28th in 23:48), Halle Heitkamp (29th in 25:31) and Alysha Wieneke (41st in 25:36) made contributions to Adrian's team tally.

Courtney Penning and Annika Elias placed 47th and 51st with respective times of 26:47 and 27:47 in the varsity race.

The Dragons hosted their annual Invitational Tuesday, Oct. 10.

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

Junior high girls: Ashlee Christians, seventh, 16:13; Abbey Leopold, eighth, 16:15.

Junior high boys: William White-McLiese, 26th, 19:41.

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Individual statistics
Rushing: Lance Luettel 8-21, Rogers 1-1, Dakota John 11-37, Schnoor 12-38, Harder 4-9, Wieneke 11-75.
Passing: Wieneke 6-9 for 89 yards.
Receiving: White 4-71, Harder 1-19, Rogers 1-minus 1.

Defense: Harder five tackles, Dominiq Canales six tackles, Wieneke six tackles, John 12 tackles, Schnoor six tackles, Rogers 12 tackles, Luettel six tackles, Scot Edwards five tackles, Chance Turner five tackles, Skylar Dingmann six tackles.

Luverne boys cap home slate Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' cross country team completed its 2017 home schedule by hosting the Luverne Invitational Thursday.

In a limited field of three complete teams, the Cardinals turned in a second-place showing with 39 points.

Canby-Minneota captured the team championship with 29 points.

LHS received three top 10 individual finishes during the varsity race.

Austin Winter and Shane Bernstein placed third and fourth with respective 18:18 and 18:19 times, while Brayden Tofteland finished 10th in 18:46.

Jonah Friedrichsen and Jackson Golla capped the team scoring for LHS by placing 13th and 15th in 19:09 and 19:26.

Seno Chanthalangsy (19th in 19:47), Michael Rahm (20th in 19:50), Hunter Hamann (22nd in 20:04), Abraham Hernandez (26th in 20:36), Tom Brown (29th in 20:47), John Miller (42nd in 22:29) and Nick Rogers (48th in 23:13) also ran in the varsity race.

The Cardinals competed at the Adrian Invitational Tuesday, Oct. 10.

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



John Rittenhouse photo/1012 lhs boys cc 2
Luverne's Austin Winter (left) and Shane Berning (right) placed third and fourth individually at the Luverne Cross Country Invitational Thursday. The LHS boys placed second as a team.

Junior high boys: Brady Bork, first 12:07; Griffen Jarchow, second, 12:39; Ethan Rahm, third, 12:39; Ashton Eitrem, fourth, 13:18; Sam Emery,

eighth, 13:28; Camden Hoven, ninth, 13:29; Carsen Tofteland, 10th, 13:34; Henry Ramstorf, 16th, 14:05; Camden Janiszski, 17th, 14:10; Burke Johnson,

18th, 14:22; Noah Mehlhaff, 23rd, 15:40. Luverne placed first in a three-team field with 18 points.

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back with a 10-4 run that left them facing a 24-23 deficit.

Luverne's Alexis Ferrell settled the issue with a kill that gave the Cardinals a 25-23 victory.

Both teams sported two-point advantages early in the second set before Worthington opened a 15-10 cushion at the end of a 7-2 surge.

Luverne countered with a 6-0 spurt ending with a kill from Ferrell to move in front 16-15, but the Trojans regained the lead at 17-16 moments later.

The Cardinals answered the challenge by reeling off seven consecutive points to take a 23-17 lead before winning by seven points (25-18) when Greta Ahrendt produced a set-ending kill.

Luverne scored the first eight points of the third set on the way to building a 21-3 advantage after Baustian registered a service point.

LHS led by 19 (23-4) when Hannah Ver Steeg served an ace and the Cards won by 17 (25-8) when Maddie Dinger



John Rittenhouse photo/1012 lhs vb 11
Luverne junior McCall Stegenga extends her arm during an attempt to keep a ball in play during Thursday's home volleyball match against Worthington. The Cards posted a 3-0 win over WHS.

ended the night with a kill. Ferrell (14 digs, 22 of 24 serving with three aces, three blocks and 17 kills) and Ahrendt (14 kills and three blocks) played well at the net

for LHS. Sierra Schmuck (25 set assists and 15 of 15 serving with one ace), Baustian (12 set assists) and Bosch (23 digs) also made key contributions

to the win. The 16-3 Cardinals complete Big South Conference competition in Pipestone Thursday.

Tennis team completes 2017 season Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The 2017 tennis season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinals during the opening rounds of the Section 3A Individual Tournament in St. Peter Friday.

Luverne entered two singles players and a pair of doubles teams into the event with the hopes of sending someone to the state tournament by placing first or second.

It didn't turn out that way. One singles player and one doubles team did post wins before bowing out of the event in the quarterfinals. Another LHS doubles team and a singles player lost their matches in the opening round. Senior Samantha Pierce reached the quarterfinals in singles competition by down-

ing Maple River's Olivia Pfeffer 6-1, 6-4 in the first round. River Valley's Hanna Himmelman eliminated Pierce by handing her a pair of 6-4 setbacks in the semifinals. Carissa Cunningham and Riley Severtson advanced to the quarterfinals in doubles competition by topping RV's Courtney Sellner and Megan Himmelman by 6-1 and 6-0 scores in the opening round. Pipestone's Paige Ahrendt and Lauren Laphorn elimi-

nated the LHS squad by 7-6 and 6-4 scores in the quarterfinals. LHS senior Joci Oye lost 6-1 and 6-4 decisions to St. James' Ellie Becker in an opening-round singles match. Rozilyn Oye and Elise Jarchow came up on the short end of 6-1 and 6-0 decisions against United South Central's Emma Barnd and Carly Weber in the first round of doubles play.



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Sport: Football
Position: RB, LB
Parents: Jon and Susan Beers
Favorite Subject: American History
Extra-Curricular Activities: Peer Helping, Baseball, Hockey
Future Plans: Play college baseball at Montana State - Billings

Declan Beers



Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle Blocker
Parents: Jacki Johnson and Jim Ferrell
Favorite Subject: Spanish
Extra-Curricular Activities: Band
Future Plans: Major in Biology for Pre Med and live a happy life in a new place

Alexis Ferrell



Sport: Volleyball
Position: Left Side
Parents: Jessica & Dave VanBatavia and Eric and Stephanie Dinger
Favorite Subject: Art Classes
Extra-Curricular Activities: Hockey, Choir, Volleyball
Future Plans: Go to college for design and live a happy life

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John Rittenhouse photo/1012 hbc fb 1
Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore quarterback Easton Harnack passed for 97 yards during a 32-16 victory over Edgerton-Ellsworth Friday in Hills. H-BC's second consecutive win upped its record to 4-2.

Patriots post key football win over Edgerton-Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team posted an important victory Friday in Hills. Hosting the Edgerton-Ellsworth Flying Dutchmen in a meaningful game with playoff and District implications, the Patriots scored 16 unanswered points in the third quarter to set the stage for a 32-16 victory. "This was a big win for us," admitted H-BC head coach Rex Metzger. "It took a total team effort to get this win. Our kids played extremely hard and well as a team in all three phases of the game, so I was really happy with our performance." With the score knotted at 16 at the intermission, the game was up for grabs entering the second half. H-BC came up with the big plays in the third quarter that gave the Patriots their 16-point victory. The Patriots received the opening kickoff to start the second half and the offense took the field with the ball on

the H-BC 48-yard line. H-BC proceeded to cover 52 yards in six plays with Jax Wysong capping the possession with a 28-yard touchdown run during a fourth-and-one situation. When Gavin Wysong carried in the ensuing two-point conversion, the Patriots sported a 24-16 cushion. H-BC's defense came up with a big play later in the third quarter. E-E had the ball deep inside its own territory when a fumble occurred on the field. Jax Wysong scooped up the loose ball and returned it nine yards for a touchdown. Gavin Wysong's third conversion run of the contest following the fumble return capped the scoring in the game. H-BC never trailed in the game's first half. After the Patriot defense forced the Flying Dutchmen to punt three plays into the contest, the H-BC offense took the field and advanced the ball 64 yards in four plays.

Jax Wysong raced into the end zone at the end of a 45-yard run and quarterback Easton Harnack tossed a successful conversion pass to Josh Kueter that gave the Patriots an 8-0 lead 3:05 into the game. The Flying Dutchmen managed to knot the score at eighth with their third offensive possession. E-E moved the ball 52 yards in five plays during a series that ended with quarterback Landon Buckridge firing a 62-yard touchdown pass to Jaden Bloemendaal. Jeff Swenson carried in the two-point conversion to tie the game at the 3:57 mark of the first quarter. H-BC regained the lead at 16-8 1:15 later. A three-play, 50-yard possession featuring a 39-yard Harnack-to-Kueter pass competition ended with Gavin Wysong scoring on a two-yard run and toting in the two-point conversion with 2:42 left in the opening stanza. E-E bounced back to tie the score at 16 at the end of its next

possession. The Flying Dutchmen covered 74 yards in 10 plays during a series that ended with a 20-yard Buckridge-to-Bloemendaal touchdown pass at the 10:27 mark of the second quarter. Swenson's second conversion run of the game ended the scoring in the first half. The 4-2 Patriots play in Renville Friday.

Team statistics
H-BC: 217 rushing yards, 97 passing yards, 314 total yards, eight first downs, four penalties for 45 yards, zero turnovers.
E-E: 173 rushing yards, 111 passing yards, 284 total yards, 15 first downs, one penalty for 15 yards, three turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: G. Wysong 9-37, J. Wysong 19-142, Harnack 9-20, Hunter Bork 1-0, Bailey Susie 6-18.
Passing: Harnack 4-7 for 97 yards.
Receiving: G. Wysong 2-22, Kueter 1-39, Susie 1-36.
Defense: Luke LaRock seven tackles, Dawson Leenderts eight tackles, Tyson Bork nine tackles, J. Wysong one tackle and one fumble recovery, Susie nine tackles and one fumble recovery, Dean Fuerstenberg five tackles, Bork two tackles, Garrett Raymon six tackles, Jesse Elbers eight tackles, two sacks and one fumble recovery, George Merson four tackles, Kueter four tackles and two sacks.

Surprising Twins need more arms

The 2017 baseball season came to an abrupt end for the Minnesota Twins on Oct. 3.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Losing the do-or-die wild card game to the New York Yankees didn't come as a surprise to me. In fact, I expected it to turn out the way it did. That's probably why I wasn't horribly disappointed when the game was complete.

In more ways than one, Minnesota's version of the boys of summer exceeded my expectations beyond belief.

When the season began, all I was hoping for was a .500 campaign.

That may have been a lofty goal for a team that went 59-103 in 2016, but a ball club that wins as many games as it loses means the squad has a chance to post a victory on any given night.

The Twins did better than that by compiling an 85-77 record, leaving them with the fifth best record in the American League and sending them to their first postseason appearance in seven years.

Even more importantly for me was the fact that the Twins kept my attention from April through early October.

That didn't happen during the 103-loss train wreck in 2016, when they lost me around the time our nation was celebrating Mother's Day.

Considering how well the younger players on the roster made key contributions to the team's on-field success this year, I have to believe the future is bright for the team.

Future success, however, will be contingent on how the club's front office takes care of business in the offseason.

It's pretty clear the team

needs to upgrade its pitching situation.

Although Ervin Santana and Jose Berrios pitched admirably this summer, we still need some help in that area.

Looking at the starting staffs of the teams remaining in the playoffs, our aces would be the second and third, or the third and fourth starts in their rotations.

Our bullpen could use some help, too.

Why we shipped off closer Brandon Kintzler to Washington in early August still blows my mind.

We were still in contention for a division title at that time, but that prospect was erased when our top relief pitcher was sent to the East Coast without gaining anything credible in return.

It would be nice to have a couple of power arms in the bullpen like the Yankees, who proved a team can win that way when a starting pitcher fails.

When it comes to the front office making bold moves, I won't be holding my breath.

The powers that be in the Twins' organization always seem to be cautious when it comes to adding talent.

There's no question this team is a couple of pitching additions away from possibly becoming an elite club.

In order for that to happen, the organization will need to prove that is something it wants to happen instead of being content with earning random wild card appearances in the

Panthers run in Iowa

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' cross country team competed as an incomplete squad at Thursday's George-Little Rock Invitational staged in George, Iowa.

With four runners entered in the junior varsity competition, Ellsworth was one athlete short of posting a team score in a race that attracted five complete teams.

The host school won the team title with 29 points.

Linkin Bossert led the charge for the Panthers by placing 19th in 20:12.

Sean Boltjes (43rd in 22:25), Kade Boltjes (46th in 22:43) and Micah Onken (48th in 22:59) also represented EHS in Iowa.

The Panthers competed at the Adrian Invitational Tuesday, Oct. 10.



John Rittenhouse photo/1012 lfb 2
Luverne junior cornerback James Chanthalangsy reaches for the ball before breaking up a pass intended for Blue Earth Area's Jacob Vaske during Friday's football game in Luverne.

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the second half.

The Cards covered 76 yards in nine plays with senior Declan Beers capping the scoring with a 44-yard touchdown run to make it a 22-0 game with 2:18 remaining in the third quarter.

LHS did threaten to score in the fourth quarter, but the

Cards lost the ball on downs at the BEA one-yard line.

The 2-4 Cardinals play Martin County West in Sherburn Friday.

Team statistics
Luverne: 236 rushing yards, 13 passing yards, 249 total yards, 18 first downs, one penalty for 15 yards, zero turnovers.
BEA: 94 rushing yards, 11 passing yards, 105 total yards, seven first

downs, three penalties for 20 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Beers 19-100, Kruse 20-69, Serie 8-56, Brayden Jacobsma 5-8, Mark Sterrett 2-3, Colby Crabtree 1-3.
Passing: Serie 1-3 for 13 yards.
Receiving: Reisdorfer 1-13.
Defense: Payne Bonnett five tackles, Beers four tackles, Reisdorfer 3.5 tackles and one fumble recovery, Kruse 3.5 tackles, Cade Ver Steeg three tackles.

Dragons claim division title Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team compiled a 4-3 record during a three-event week.

The Dragons dropped a four-set match to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Oct. 3 before sweeping Fulda in Adrian Thursday.

Adrian went 3-2 and cap-

tured a division title during the Subway Classic at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

The 14-9 Dragons play at Edgerton Public School Thursday.

Subway Classic

The Dragons won three of

five matches and captured the title in the White Division at the Subway Classic staged at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

AHS dropped both of its matches in pool play on Fri-

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Panthers post season's fourth win at Harris-Lake Park Tournament

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team notched one victory during a three-event week.

The Panthers fell in three sets to Murray County Central Oct. 3 in Slayton and came up on the short end of a 3-0 decision against Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday in Ellsworth.

Ellsworth went 1-3 and placed sixth at the Harris-Lake Park Tournament staged Saturday in Lake Park, Iowa.

The 4-18 Panthers host Hills-Beaver Creek Thursday.

H-LP tourney

The Panthers compiled a 1-3 record and placed sixth during Saturday's tournament in Lake Park.

EHS bested the host team during the opening round, but the Panthers ended the day by taking three consecutive setbacks.

After dropping the opening set to H-LP 21-7, Ellsworth bounced back to secure 21-

14 and 15-6 wins to claim the victory.

EHS lost the final three matches in straight sets.

George-Little Rock (21-14, 21-19), Trinity Christian (21-19, 21-17) and Rock Valley 22-20, 21-16) topped the Panthers in the other tournament matches.

W-WG 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers were unable to break through in conference play when they entertained the Chargers for a match Thursday in Ellsworth.

W-WG rolled to a pair of convincing wins in the first two sets and pulled out a 26-24 thriller in the finale to complete its sweep.

The Chargers outscored EHS 75-56 in a match that included 25-15 and 25-17 conquests in the first two sets.

Kallie Chapa (six kills, one block and one ace serve), Devin Dreesen (four kills and two ace serves), Madyson Domeyer (two kills, one ace

serve and one top kill) and Ashlyn Meester (three kills and two top kills) played strong matches for EHS.

Sierra Smith added two ace serves to Ellsworth's cause.

MCC 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers came up on the short end of a 3-0 decision when they took on the Rebels in Slayton Oct. 3.

MCC posted two convincing wins and pulled out one tight set during a match in which the Rebels outscored EHS 75-48 overall.

The Rebels rolled to 25-12 and 25-14 victories in the first and third sets and came out on the winning end of a 25-22 decision in a competitive second set.

Meester (six kills and one block), Smith (two kills and one blocks) and Kallie Chapa (one kill and one ace serve) led the Panthers statistically.

Devin Dreesen recorded five kills and Morgan Dreesen one block for EHS.

Patriot spikers slay five foes during three-event week to reach 20 victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team went 5-3 during a three-event week.

The Patriots rolled to a home win over Red Rock Central Oct. 3 before dropping their first conference match of the season to Murray County Central Thursday in Hills.

H-BC went 3-2 and placed fourth in the White Division during the Subway Classic at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

The 20-5 Patriots play in Ellsworth Thursday.

Subway Classic

The Patriots compiled a 3-2 record and finished fourth in the White Division at the Subway Classic in Marshall over the weekend.

The Patriots split matches during pool play Friday and went 2-1 during division competition Saturday.

H-BC opened the event by posting 25-20 and 25-18 wins over Dawson-Boyd Friday.

The opening victory was followed by a 25-21, 23-25, 7-15 loss to Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Friday evening.

The Patriots squared off against Litchfield to open divisional play on Saturday and came up on the short end of 25-19 and 25-15 decisions.

H-BC bounced back to defeat Heron Lake-Okabena and Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg to clinch fourth place in the division.

The Patriots downed HL-O 25-20, 13-25 and 15-7 before posting 25-15 and 25-20 victories over K-M-S.

MCC 3, H-BC 1

The Patriots took their first conference setback of the season when they took on the Rebels Thursday in Hills.

H-BC came out on the winning end of a 25-23 decision in the opening set, but MCC claimed the next three sets to snap what was an 11-match winning streak for the Patriots.

The Rebels secured 25-22 victories in the second and third sets before clinching the match at 25-17 to win in the finale.

Avery Wysong (26 set assists and seven of seven serving), Sidney Fick (10 kills, four blocks, six digs and 11 of 11 serving), Olivia Richards (12

kills, nine digs and eight of eight serving with three aces), Megan Gehrke (six kills and 11 of 11 serving with two aces) and Kourtney Rozeboom (six blocks and three kills) led H-BC statistically.

Paige Tilstra recorded nine digs and Grace Holthaus completed all 12 of her serves for the Patriots.

H-BC 3, RRC 0

The Patriots began a busy week by posting a three-set win over the Falcons Oct. 3 in Hills.

The match between H-BC and RRC was a competitive one, but the Patriots used a 75-61 scoring cushion to claim all three sets.

H-BC prevailed by 25-21, 25-19 and 25-21 tallies.

Wysong (27 set assists and four ace serves), Rozeboom (five kills and three blocks), Richards (11 kills, two blocks and six digs), Gehrke (six kills and two ace serves) and Fick (four blocks, 10 kills, eight digs and 14 of 14 serving) lifted the Patriots to victory.

Tilstra and Madison Spath added eight and six digs respectively to the cause.

Maple River upsets Luverne

By John Rittenhouse

The Cardinal tennis team became a victim in an upset during the opening round of the Section 3A Team Tennis Tournament Oct. 3 in Luverne.

The third-seeded Cardinals squared off against No. 6 seed Maple River during the event's quarterfinal round.

The visiting Eagles swept LHS in doubles competition and posted a victory at No. 1 singles to stun the Cardinals with a 4-3 victory.

Luverne ends team competition with a 10-5-1 overall record.

"Maple River swept us in doubles and that was the first time that happened to us all year," said LHS coach Greg Antoine.

Luverne's Rozilyn Oye and Elise Jarchow posted a 6-2 win in the first set against Sam Kunkel and Olivia Pfeffer at second doubles, but the MR team rallied to win the second and third sets by 6-4 tallies.

Katelyn Langworthy and Abby Bruegger downed Emilie Bartels and Riley Severson by 6-3 and 6-2 scores at first doubles, while Sydney Trio and Ella Sohre recorded 6-4 and 6-1 victories over Mela Jarchow and Lauren Ver Steeg at No. 3.

Vanessa Barkosky, MR's No. 1 singles player, completed the victory by taking a pair of 6-1 decisions from Samantha Pierce.

"Sam played hard, but she was facing a state tournament competitor from last year who really showed us why she



John Rittenhouse photo/1012 tennis 12

Luverne sophomore Mela Jarchow sends a forehand over the net during a home loss to Maple River Oct. 3.

qualified," Antoine said.

Vanessa hit the corners, pulled Sam in and then hit passing shots for points. She generally did everything right."

Luverne's singles wins came from Joci Oye (6-0, 6-1 over Gretchen Marble at No. 2), Carissa Cunningham (6-0, 6-1 over Chole Flitter at No. 3) and

Ainslie Robinson (6-1, 6-0 over Sophie Christian at No. 4).

"Joci, Carissa and Ainslie went about their business and won easily. They took control of the points and finished them off. They moved the ball around well and never let their opponents get settled in," Antoine concluded.

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day before reeling off three consecutive wins to claim a division crown on Saturday.

MACCRAY saddled the Dragons with 25-12 and 25-16 setbacks in the opening pool play on Friday.

Montevideo topped AHS by 25-23 and 25-19 tallies during the second match of pool play.

Adrian's perfect Saturday began with victories over Springfield (25-18, 25-18) and Dawson-Boyd (25-18, 16-25, 15-11), which sent the Dragons to the championship match of the White Division.

The Dragons bested Central Minnesota Christian by 25-15 and 25-20 tallies in the championship match.

Adrian 3, Fulda 0

The Dragons secured their

third conference win of the season when they entertained the Raiders Thursday in Adrian.

AHS pulled out a pair of tight wins in the first and third sets and rolled to victory in the second set to up its league mark to 3-4.

The Dragons prevailed by 25-22 tallies in the first and third sets and coasted to a 25-16 victory in the second set.

Kasie Tweet (10 of 10 serving with two aces), Avery Balster (10 of 11 serving with two aces), Mayssa Tweet (19 of 19 serving and 26 set assists) and Lexi Slater (16 of 17 serving with one ace and eight digs) served the ball well for the winners.

Miah Kunkel and Rylie Hokeness led the way at the net with 11 and nine kills respectively.

SWC 3, Adrian 1

The Dragons put up a good fight before falling to the E-Gals during a four-set match staged in Edgerton Oct. 3.

The teams exchanged wins to open the match before SWC closed the deal by securing 25-20 and 25-19 victories in the third and fourth sets.

SWC pulled out a 25-22 win in the opening set, but Adrian evened the match by rolling to a 25-13 victory in the second set.

Paige Bullerman (five kills and 13 of 14 serving with one ace), Kunkel (nine kills and five blocks), Slater (10 kills and 10 digs) and Mayssa Tweet (20 of 20 serving and 27 set assists) led the Dragons statistically.

Kasie Tweet completed all 13 of her serves and registered two aces for AHS, while Balster charted a team-high 12 digs.

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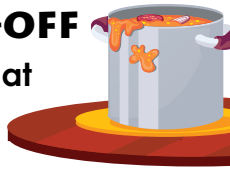


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St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Oct. 12: 9 a.m. Head Start. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Mass. 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. Saturday, Oct. 15: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Oct. 15: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. 10:30 a.m. Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study begins. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Faith Formation. Wednesday, Oct. 19: No Faith Formation. 8 p.m. St. Mary's Knights of Columbus.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvnrcrc.com — luvnrcrc@gmail.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 12: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 15: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, Oct. 16: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. Thursday, Oct. 19: 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
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.gracluverne.org — gracluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 12: 2:30 p.m. GLCW Gardens Program at Tuff Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Oct. 13: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 14: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Oct. 15: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; 4-year-old milestones. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee; Sunday School; Adult Study. 4 p.m. Tenth grade confirmation pictures and banquet. Monday, Oct. 16: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:45 p.m. Ride & Dine. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. No Faithweavers; No confirmation classes. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir practice. Thursday, Oct. 19: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 12: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Oct. 16: 7 p.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting and Open Forum. Wednesday, Oct. 18: No Catechism Class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 12: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Oct. 13: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. 5:45 p.m. Cornerstone Prison Worship. Saturday, Oct. 14: 2 p.m. Reserved. 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, Oct. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. No Midweek Activities (MEA Break). 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. Thursday, Oct. 19: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

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: luvrneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry. Saturday, Oct. 14: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and 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, Oct. 16: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 2 p.m. Pastoral Gathering at Minnesota Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Finance meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. No FUEL or Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 19: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

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.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

Sunday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:25 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Oct. 18: Circles. Thursday, Oct. 19: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 12: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Salad Luncheon. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. DCE meeting in Burnsville. Pastor Klatt on Vacation Oct. 13-20. Saturday, Oct. 14: 9 a.m. LWML Fall Rally Windom. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Rev. Boeder. Sunday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Worship with Rev. Boeder; senior choir sings. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 4 p.m. LYF Scavenger Hunt. Monday, Oct. 16: Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 17: Little Lambs devotions. 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circles. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs devotions. No Morning Bible Study. No Wednesday evening activities. Thursday, Oct. 19: No Little Lambs. Lutheran Educators Conference in Mankato.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Thursday, Oct. 12: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 13: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 14: 9 a.m. LWML Conference Rally at Windom. Sunday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Rev. Pete Sestak. Monday, Oct. 16: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 19: 2 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home birthday party. 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Oct. 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Harvest Worship Service. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 7 p.m. Intern Team meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 9 a.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Worship Leader Michael Blank
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service with Sunday School following service. 10:30 a.m. Adrian Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Oct. 17: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Village Circle at Garden Room at the Village. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at Marilyn Nelson's home. No Youth Night or Confirmation Class.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Seek comfort from God

A few weeks ago we spent some time with our granddaughters in Sioux Center, Iowa. Part of the joy of spending time with them is to watch their emerging personalities and to watch how they respond to conflict and crisis. Sauren, who is the middle child, is three years old. She is always happy and bubbly and often dances around on her tippy toes. She spends a great deal of time in her imaginary little world having real-life conversations with her dolls.

While we were there, Suaren decided to go out onto the deck through the sliding doors in the kitchen; however, as she was crossing the threshold where the door slides on, she tripped and face-planted right onto the deck. Vicki was standing right beside the open door and quickly scooped her up, and of course by that time Sauren was having a pretty good cry (the kind of cry when you can't breathe for a bit). Vicki frantically checked her over; thank goodness all of her teeth were in their original setting.

Vicki continued to console her, lavishing her with kisses and assurance that nothing was bleeding and that everything was OK. But then after a few moments Sauren began to squirm to escape from Vicki's loving arms. She wanted to lie on the couch; she wanted to be alone in her pain.

Sensing her pain, our oldest granddaughter, Rilyn, stepped in and offered Sauren some candy, but the trauma was still too fresh, and so she angrily turned away and repeated her request to lie on the couch. So Vicki laid her on the couch, propping her head on a pillow. Then as Vicki began to turn away, still whimpering, Sauren asked her to go find her purple blanket — "the one with the dots" — "and bramma can you bring me my iPad too." And so after Vicki brought the blanky and the iPad to Sauren,

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Mike Altena, pastor
American Reformed
Church., Luverne

she was able to begin her road to recovery — alone with her sources of comfort.

As I reflected on Sauren's response to her crisis, I wondered if my reactions are much the same when I stumble and fall and when my ego gets bruised. Do I resist the Holy Spirit's attempt to lavish me with love and words of encouragement? Do I respond with anger when others try to cheer me up? Would I rather be alone at my pity party? And what are my first choices when trying to medicate my pain?

We live in a society with a great deal of pain, don't we? A society full of people medicating themselves with alcohol, with pornography and other fantasy escapes, by buying more stuff, by seeking to be "liked" and yet remaining isolated — the list of ways we seek to comfort our pain are endless.

And yet may it not be so with you and me. May we be a people who, in the midst of our pain, first seek comfort from God while at the same time allow others to sit with us.

And may we live confidently in the promises of Psalm 34, "I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time."

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL OF LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ISD #2184

A review and comment must be provided on a school district construction project proposal before the district conducts a referendum, solicits bids, or issues bonds for the project. A project proposal has been submitted for review and comment according to requirements set forth in Minn. Stat. § 123B.71, Subdivisions 9 and 10, and Minn. Stat. § 123B.72. The district provides the following information:

- The geographic area and population to be served,
 - preschool through grade 12 student enrollment for the past five years, and
 - student enrollment projections for the next five years.
- A list of existing school facilities
 - by year constructed,
 - their uses, and
 - an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within school district boundaries and in adjacent school districts.
- A list of specific deficiencies of the facility
 - demonstrating the need for a new or renovated facility to be provided,
 - the process used to determine the deficiencies,
 - a list of those deficiencies that will and will not be addresses by the proposed projects,
 - a list of specific benefits that the new or renovated facility will provide to students, teachers, and community users served by the facility.
- A description of the project including:
 - specifications of site and outdoor space acreage,
 - square footage allocations for classrooms, laboratories and support spaces,
 - estimated expenditures for major portions of the project,
 - estimated changes in facility operating costs,
 - dates the project will begin and be completed.
- A specification of the source of project financing including:
 - applicable statutory citations,
 - the schedules date for a bond issue or school board action,
 - a schedule of payments, including debt service equalization aid, and
 - the effect of a bond issue on local property taxes by property class and valuation.
- Documentation obligating the school district and contractors to comply with the following items:
 - section 471.345 governing municipal contracts,
 - sustainable design,
 - school facility commissioning under section 123B.72, certifying the plans and
 - designs for heating, ventilating, air conditioning and air filtration for an extensively
 - renovated or new facility meet or exceed current code standards, including ASHRAE air filtration standard 52.1 and
 - ANSI acoustical performance criteria, design requirements and guidelines for schools on maximum background noise levels and reverberation times,
 - State fire code,
 - chapter 326B governing building codes, and
 - consultation with affected government units about the impact of the project on utilities, roads, sewers, sidewalks, retention ponds, school bus and automobile traffic, access to mass transit and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Luverne Public Schools, ISD #2184 is proposing a two question bond referendum on November 7, 2017. The first ballot question would authorize \$16.05 million in bonding authority to finance additions and renovations at the middle/high school. The second ballot question would authorize \$7.15 million in bonding authority to finance a 750 seat performing arts addition at the middle/high school. The final project component is a non-voter approved Long Term Facility Bond (LTFM) bond issuance to fund \$8,148,282 in HVAC upgrades and bond issuance costs at the middle/high school. The total cost of the proposed projects, including bond issuance, is \$31,486,663.

The projects would be scheduled for completion in the 2018 – 2020 calendar years. Cost estimates by ballot question / project type are as follows:

Question #1			
Middle / High School		Elementary School	
Classroom Addition	\$820,890	Classroom Addition	\$980,389
Classroom Renovations	\$1,558,956	Classroom Renovations	\$112,530
Cafeteria / Commons Addition	\$2,230,816	Community Ed. Addition	\$2,132,561
Band / Choir Addition	\$1,997,594	Community Ed. Renovations	\$580,375
Music Area Renovations	\$771,046	Gymnasium Bleachers	\$302,820
South / West Wing Renovations	\$3,306,718	Site Improvements	\$330,940
Secure Entrance / Dist. Office	\$356,259		\$4,439,615
Basement Renovations	\$568,106		
	\$11,610,385		
Other Costs		Total - Question #1	\$16,145,693
Bond Issuance	\$95,693		
Question #2			
Middle / High School		LTFM (Non-Voter Approved) Projects	
Performing Arts Center	\$7,150,000	Middle / High School - HVAC Upgrades	
Bond Issuance	\$42,688	Basement	\$693,043
	\$7,192,688	Band / Music Area	\$427,879
		Admin / West Wing	\$2,012,959
		North Classroom	\$1,941,244
		South Classroom	\$2,625,669
		Main Gymnasium	\$203,576
		Asbestos Abatement	\$195,630
		Bond Issuance	\$48,282
			\$8,148,282

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the additional building space and believes existing revenues will be sufficient to fund the operational cost increases associated with the proposed facility additions.

If the bond referendum is successful and bonds are sold, the debt service on the bonds will be eligible for debt service equalization under Minn. Stat. § 123B.53, Subd. 3, if the bond schedule is approved. The amount of debt service equalization aid, if any, the district receives is determined annually and is dependent upon property wealth, student population, and other statutory requirements.

REVIEW AND COMMENT STATEMENT

Based upon the department’s analysis of the school district’s required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent’s office.

Brenda Cassellius

Dr. Brenda Cassellius
Commissioner

October 3, 2017

Baustian probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-294

Estate of
Janyce A. Baustian, a/k/a Janyce Baustian,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 30, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, January 12, 1998, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Donald R. Baustian and Kathe A. Stearns, whose addresses are 216 N. McKenzie, Apt. 206, Luverne, MN 56156 and 1237 N. River Road, Luverne, MN 56156, respectively, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: October 6, 2017
(COURT SEAL)

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

Dated: October 6, 2017

/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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Dreesen probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-290

COUNTY OF ROCK
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DOLORES DREESEN,
DECEASED

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of October, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated October 13, 2014, and for the ap- pointment of Jeane Lynn Leslie whose address is 315 West Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named de- cedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: October 4, 2017

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main, Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #158343

/s/ Denise M. Brandel
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(10-12, 10-19)

LEDA public hearing Oct. 23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been called and will be held for the Luverne Economic Development Authority, on Monday, the 23rd of October, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Office Building at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider public input regarding the sale of the Lot 2, Walnut Industrial Subdivision and Lot 5, Walnut Second Industrial Subdivision in the City of Luverne, Minnesota to RSD Development, LLC.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing, ask questions, and/or give com- ments. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the hearing by addressing them to the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN (507-449-5033).

BY ORDER OF THE LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Patrick Baustian, President
Luverne Economic Development Authority
305 E. Luverne St.
Luverne, MN 56156
Phone: 507-283-2388
(10-12)



Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Oct. 26

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF
THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY
LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: 01/23/2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$124,208.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Gary A. Kintzle, A Single Man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, a Corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 02/11/2015 as 185445 in the Office of the County Recorder, Rock County, Minnesota

The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Assignment dated: 07/19/2017

Assignment recorded: 08/08/2017

Assignment recording information: Document No. 191141

All in the records of the County Recorder in and for Rock County, Minnesota.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 04-0102-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 104 NORTH, RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NE 1/4, THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 1335 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 590 FEET; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 456 FEET; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 590 FEET; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 456 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

Abstract Property

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 2169 110th Ave., Hardwick, MN 56134

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plains Commerce Bank, a Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$125,313.13 AS OF 09/22/2017.

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10/26/2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN 56156 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law.

The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgageor(s) or Mortgageor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 Months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgageor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 04/26/2018, or the next business day if 04/26/2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Publication to begin the week of: 09/04/2017-09/08/2017

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee

The Sayer Law Group, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee

925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(09-14, 09-21, 09-28, 10-05, 10-12, 10-19)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Dec. 7

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF
THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY
LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 20, 2012

MORTGAGOR: Travis Dammann, a single man.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 180873.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated September 27, 2016 Recorded October 3, 2016, as Document No. 189217.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1005210-0808005333-4

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 413 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 201448000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5 in Block 23 in Van Eps and Vary's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,070.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$80,763.51

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgageor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgageor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on June 7, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR,

THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: September 26, 2017

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(10-05, 10-12, 10-19, 10-26, 11-02, 11-09)

Rock County Commissioners meet Sept. 19

**Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse
2017**

9:00 A.M.

September 19,

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the September 19, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the September 05, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Renewal of the 2018 BCBS health insurance renewal reflecting a zero percent increase

The Administrator requested authorization to add an additional voluntary benefit of Vision Insurance to the cafeteria plan with an effective date of 01/01/2018; the voluntary benefit has no employer financial impact to the cafeteria plan. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the addition of Vision Insurance as a voluntary benefit to the cafeteria plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the bid results for SAP 067-598-016, Bridge L2171 replacement on county highway 55 in Magnolia Township:

• Prahm Construction Inc.	\$319,830.00
• M & K Bridge Construction	346,531.00
• Redstone Construction	425,974.00
• Duinink, Inc.	599,510.00

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the low bid from Prahm Construction, Inc. for \$319,830.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer led a discussion regarding the status of a picnic shelter building at Schoeneman Park that is in need of repairs, project options and repair estimates are forthcoming. Also discussed was the status of the old restroom structure and park signage, the Engineer stated that the restroom building structure will be demolished this fall will look into different signage as well.

The Engineer requested to list a 2011 Ford 9511 Sterling Tandem Axle Dump Truck (Unit #242) as surplus and sell; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$450.00; motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to approve the claims and per diems, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,705.35
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	6,069.41
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,070.00
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	4,486.48
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,248.54
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	9,104.78
LUVERNE/CITY OF	8,119.04
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	18,721.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,307.62
SCHNEIDER CORPORATION	2,300.00
TAPCO	2,045.00
77 Payments less than 2000	28,998.93
Total	96,176.15

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, informed the County Board that the Rock County is in receipt of the demolition landfill Permit No. SW-499-003, however it lists noncompliance conditions due to boron and manganese concentrations exceeding intervention limits; the permit also indicates the county must report noncompliance to MPCA. After considerable discussion, it was determined to request clarification from MPCA and have the County Attorney review the draft letter from the SEH Senior Hydrogeologist to MPCA regarding the noncompliance issue.

The Chair called a Public Hearing to order at 2:07PM for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding proposed amendments to the Water Plan.

There was no public comment; the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 2:12PM.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the Amended Water Plan of September 19, 2017, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete copy of the Amended Water Plan is on file at the Rock County Land Management Office.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director presented details of the major accomplishments that have been made resulting from the 2006 Water Plan; also highlighted agenda details for an upcoming training session entitled Groundwater and Watershed Planning for a Secure Future scheduled for October 2, 2017 in the Grand Prairie Event Center in Luverne.

Tessia Melvin, Management Consultant with David Drown Associates, Inc. presented a comparable worth study project update stating that a draft of all job descriptions has been reviewed by employees and fourteen appeals were submitted and reviewed by the project management team. Melvin stated that the next step in the process was to adopt the job descriptions to include most changes identified in the appeals process; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to adopt the new job descriptions, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to add Elected Officials to the list of benchmarked positions adopted on 09/05/2017, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer led a discussion regarding the 2018 Preliminary levy and how the Comparable Worth Study will be implemented and the financial impact; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to set the 2018 Preliminary Levy at \$5,729,498.00, a 4.75% increase, declared carried on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch attended the following committee meetings: Library, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, and Personnel of the County Board.

Commissioner Thompson attended the following committee meetings: Southwest Health and Human Services union negotiations, A.C.E. Volunteer appreciation lunch and Southwest Regional Development Commission.

Commissioner Burger attended the following committee meetings: Budget Committee, Rock/Nobles Community Corrections and Personal Committee of the County Board.

Commissioner Overgaard attended a meeting regarding fire protection and a City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Williamson attended a Hills-Beaver Creek/County Liaison meeting, Rural Water and Soil & Water Conservation District meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Buffer Law hearing Oct 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rock County Board of Commissioners, which will occur at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, in the Herreid Board Room of the Rock County Courthouse located at 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156 to discuss enacting an ordinance pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103F.48 for the enforcement of riparian vegetated buffers.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to coordinate the implementation and enforcement of the water resources riparian protection requirements of Minnesota Statutes 103F.48 (the buffer law) with the existing rules and regulations adopted by Rock County, and to provide efficient and effective direction to landowners via local control of the State's statutory mandates in order to avoid adverse impact upon the health, safety, and general welfare of the County.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact the Rock County Land Management Office by telephone at 507-283-8862 or in writing at the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 W. Gabrielson Road, Suite 4, Luverne, MN 56156.

Dated: October 5, 2017

Eric A. Hartman

Director

Rock County Land Management Office

(10-05, 10-12)

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CARDS OF THANKS

For all of those who remembered Dolores Dreesen - thank you. Our family is blessed for all of the prayers, cards, flowers and offerings we received in honor of Dolores. She would have been overjoyed to see just how gracious people have been. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Dolores Dreesen Family
(10.8-10.12)

I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who made my retirement day so special. I appreciated all the good wishes, hugs, gifts, cards, flowers, cakes and especially sharing good and special times. A special thank you to Clint, Meredith and Kathy - what a super party, you certainly all know how to make a person feel special.

Joan Johnson
(10.8-10.12)

Thank you to the nurses, physical therapy and occupational therapy at the Luverne hospital and Mary Jane Brown nursing home for the care I received following my surgery. Also a thank you to Dr. Stephen Chesley for his care.

Dianne Karlstad
(10.8.10.12)

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for helping make my 100th birthday such a special event. I so enjoyed the cards, gifts and visits.

**God Bless,
Marguerite Hoh**
(10.8-10.12)

A special thank you to those who attended the Palace Theatre on Sept 24 to hear the wonderful men's choir, The Chord-Ayres. Donations of \$931 plus food items were given to the Rock County Food Shelf. What a blessing!

St. John Lutheran Church
(10.8-10.12)

Thank you to everyone for the cards, phone calls and well wishes for my 80th birthday. A special thank you to my family for providing coffee and cake after church and for all the good food we had at our noon meal. It was all very much appreciated.

Marv Van't Hof
(10.8-10.12)

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CNA: Parkview Manor is looking for CNAs! Benefits include health insurance, PERA retirement plan, vacation and sick time, holiday pay, and a \$2,000 scholarship available for students! We will provide training or pay for experience. Wages are based on experience level. If interested, contact Darnell Krull at (507) 967-2388 or Sam Quam at (507) 967-2482. (tc)

Cook: Parkview Manor is looking for a part-time cook! Benefits include vacation, PERA retirement plan, and holiday pay. Training is available on-site. Wages are based on experience level. If interested, contact Sam or Arlys at 507-967-2482, or come visit us to pick up an application! (tc)

Great Plains Processing in Luverne is currently seeking an operator/packaging technician to work the night shift. Pay ranging \$15-\$25/hour depending on experience. Health, dental and vision insurance, PTO and other great benefits! To learn more and apply visit our website at www.gpp-co.com or email us at hr@gpp-co.com. (10.12-10.29)

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Dietary Aide: Parkview Manor is looking for part-time Dietary Aides! Benefits include vacation, PERA retirement plan, and holiday pay. Training is available on-site. Wages are based on experience level. If interested, contact Sam or Arlys at 507-967-2482, or come visit us to pick up an application! (tc)

RN/LPN: Parkview Manor is looking for a part-time RN/LPN to fill in as needed! Benefits include vacation, PERA retirement plan, and holiday pay. Wages are based on experience. If interested, contact Darnell Krull at 507-967-2388. (tc)

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New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has a full-time Insulation Installer position available. Monday through Friday, health insurance, vacation, holiday, bonus opportunities. Will train. Call Dean at 605-376-3006 or 507-673-2548. (tc)

Lutheran Social Service of MN is seeking dedicated volunteers for our innovative new service in both metro and rural areas across the state. I have an opening in Luverne. Volunteers interested in sharing their skills, meeting new people and having fun in their community are invited to apply. As a volunteer you will: Do something meaningful and fun. Be an on-

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Field service technician, full and part time needed immediately. Training and benefits available. Applications can be picked up at Culligan Water Conditioning, 206 West Main. (9.24-10.12)

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