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Tall Grass Guitar Class brings 'world class' music to Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Musical artists and organizers of Tall Grass Guitar Class will roll out their three-day guitar weekend and benefit concert Oct. 18, 19 and 20 in Luverne.

The event will bring three "world class" guitar players to Luverne for three days of guitar study and a culminating performance at the Palace Theatre.

Featured artists are Pat Donohue, Verlon Thompson and Lee Roy Parnell.

Donohue is a Grammy-winning national fingerpicking guitar champion and bandleader of Prairie Home Companion.

Thompson is 30-year singer, songwriter, guitarist and partner of songwriting icon Guy Clark.

Parnell is a country and blues artist, singer, songwriter and guitarist with 20 top singles hits.

The three musicians will gather at Take 16 Brewing Company for a private meet and greet "jam session" Friday night with registered guitar students.

After Saturday and Sunday lessons, Tall Grass students will participate in a sound check Sunday afternoon at the Palace Theatre where the artists will later perform in concert from 7 to 9 p.m.

"I'm still kind of pinching myself," Scott Johnson told a small gathering on June 20 when the event was announced.

He said the three guitar heroes in one place at one time will be a unique opportunity.

"I'm just astonished."

Johnson is CEO of the Southwestern Mental Health Center, which is sponsoring the event in honor of its 60 years operation in southwest Minnesota and to increase awareness of rising suicide rates in the region.

"We look at this event as a way to say 'thank you' to Luverne and southwest Minnesota for 60 years of partnership and support," Johnson

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Who will care for the children?

Updated study shows widening gap between child care demand and child care options

By Lori Sorenson

There were 56 licensed child care providers in Rock County in 2016 compared with and 37 today, creating a rapidly widening gap between working families who need child care and the available slots with licensed providers.

At last count, inventories show a need for more than 180 children over the available licensed spaces, and local leaders are exploring ways to address what they consider to be a child care shortage crisis.

On Monday the Luverne Economic Development Authority reviewed findings from an updated market feasibility study for a child care center.

The first one in 2016 provided useful data to prompt conversations over the past couple of years with government officials, schools, community leaders, non-profits and with local providers who shared insights into the challenging business of child care.

Why not just build a facility?

While there will always be a need for in-home providers, a center would cover the child care shortage, in addition to ongoing local needs like drop-in care, sick care, extended hours and coverage for home-based closures due to illness or vacations.

However, despite a clear demand, business models show a child care center is a challenging venture — for many of the same reasons there are fewer in-home providers.

"It's a challenge to keep rates affordable for families while offering high wages for child care staff," said EDA director Holly Sammons who serves on a local committee working on child care solutions.

According to feasibility studies, centers that pay professional wages to directors and staff have difficulty making it cash flow (even with a donated building), given the low wages of average working families in the community.

That's a big reason there aren't enough in-home child care providers; it's difficult to profit amid strict licensure requirements and low family wages. Meanwhile the work is stressful and the hours are long.

Sammons said the theme throughout the local meetings about child care is that there likely won't be one solution; it may be a number of different solutions with a variety of supporters.

"We may need to look at creative ways to fund child care," Sammons said earlier this year when she suggested a combination of public and private dollars might need to subsidize a child care solution.

'Setting the table'

In order to facilitate a solution, Sammons said the city is doing what

Child care study/continued on 16

Picnic lunch breaks up routine for Luverne Elementary School students

Luverne Elementary second-graders (from left) Molly Boltjes, Annie Smeins and Cali Syndergaard have a picnic lunch together with their classmates and the third-grade class in the first of three lunch hours Friday in the school commons. Instead of sitting at tables and on chairs, the kindergartners through fifth-graders ate their basket lunches of corn dogs and French fries seated on beach towels and tablecloths to simulate an outdoor picnic setting. Outside Friday, skies were overcast with slow flurries. Temperature high for Friday was in the mid 30s. Mavis Fodness photo/1017 Picnic Lunch

Hills Rez is first park in county to get wired for broadband

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills Rez Park is the first campground in Rock County to receive access to broadband Internet.

Campgrounds in the cities of Hardwick and Magnolia, Blue Mound State Park north of Luverne, and the Beaver Creek baseball field and park area are on track to have service this fall or next spring.

The Hills Rez has 10 camping pads and each spot has access to WiFi services.

The camp connections are a project of the Blandin Broadband Communities Grant to increase broadband Internet use across all sectors, including agriculture, education, health, private businesses and private use.

"Having WiFi at the campgrounds would give campers a way to better engage with the park and their community," said Calla Jarvie, Rock County Library director.

The Rock County Library received a 2018 Broadband Communities Grant, and a local committee was established late last year to identify gaps in broadband service.

Hills Mayor Keith Elbers is on the committee. "Every gadget nowadays needs WiFi," he said.

At the Hills Rez, the grant will be used to purchase the equipment and one year of WiFi service. The city will then pick up the service costs. "It's not very much," Elbers said.

The WiFi service will also be available to other groups who use the Rez area. The Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club, for example, could use it for the fishing derby, or the Helping Build Communities Stronger group could use it during the annual Hills Friendship Days activities.

Campground WiFi/see page 3

Soybean harvest lurches two days forward, six days backward

Challenging 2019 growing season continues with challenging harvest season as persistent wet weather impedes progress for farmers facing already bleak conditions

Lori Sorenson photos/1017 harvest soybeans

Jerry and Brad Schneekloth joined the 2019 soybean harvest Tuesday in their fields west of Luverne where this photo was taken along County Road 5 Tuesday evening, Oct. 8.

By Lori Sorenson

The big push started Tuesday, Oct. 8, for the local soybean harvest, with machinery, trucks and wagons kicking up dust in nearly every part of the county.

After only two solid days in the fields, however, Mother Nature brought the gears to a grinding halt with rain Thursday followed by snow Friday and Saturday.

Those two days in the field were enough to offer a glimpse at soybean yields for 2019.

With the late planting and wet growing season, yields were predicted at roughly 20 percent down from average years (Rock County soybeans typically yield 60 to 65 bushels per acre).

So far that's what's coming in to local elevators, according to Dan Boltjes, sales agronomist with CHS Magnolia.

He said he's seeing 45- to 50-bushel averages, with yield monitors swinging widely from 30 to 55 bushels per acre in a single field. A few May-planted soybeans yielded 60 bushels per acre.

Soybeans are coming in with 13- to 14-percent moisture, which Boltjes said is just right. "It's time to get them out," he said last week.

He said the first load or two appeared Monday night, Oct. 7, but by Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 9, harvest was in full swing.

After nearly a third of an inch of moisture, followed by cool temperatures, Boltjes said it will probably be Thursday (Oct. 17) before conditions improve enough to start combining again. "She's pretty greasy out there yet," Boltjes said Tuesday. "And the beans took on moisture."

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said.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit children's mental health programs in southwest Minnesota.

"We have great partnerships and support from our county commissioner boards and Family Service agencies, our communities, Avera, Sanford, law enforcement, landlords and other organizations," Johnson said.

"And this will be a way to call attention to them."

He announced the concert event earlier this summer when he introduced his friend, Sioux Falls singer and songwriter Dan Mahar, who is bringing Donohue, Thompson and Parnell to Luverne.

"Our goal is to bring a quality, musical educational opportunity and the experience of studying under great guitar players," Mahar said.

Johnson, Mahar and their friend, Dr. Dave Ermer, have been working on organizing this weekend's details.

The three men, all from Sioux Falls, have guitar appreciation in common, and both Johnson and Ermer studied guitar under Mahar, who offers lessons in Sioux Falls.

Ermer pointed out the possible economic impact for Luverne.

"These big deal artists are coming in, and they're going to talk to their big-artist friends," he said. "There are going to be a lot of people in town."

Mahar said he and Johnson and Ermer have been discussing the potential guitar event for several years and they also considered where to debut it.

"We thought about the Black Hills, Sioux Falls and other places, but Luverne is the perfect place to do this," he said, referring to facilities available and the attraction of the historic Palace Theatre.

"I chose to live here in the Upper Midwest because of the people — everyone around here is helpful and they're happy you're here. ...

"It became patently clear that this is the place to do this. It's a gut instinct, but I think this will give the musicians a good experience as well as the students who come to learn from them."

Ermer said the first year will be an important base for future annual versions of the event.

"The dream is that this will be really big," he said. "There's something about coming to a small community and getting away from the rat race of a big city."

South African filmmaker Etienne Nesser, also Mahar's friend, will record the three-day event for a professional video that will help promote the next year's Tall Grass Guitar Class in Luverne.

Planners likened Tall Grass Guitar classes to a baseball fantasy camp in which athletes spend time with professional players during the day and then watch a game at night.

"It's like a guitar players' fantasy camp," Mahar said.

"You get to play with them for awhile and then watch a game."

He said the musical stars are friends of his and they have fans nationwide, some who registered months ago for the limited number of guitar lessons in Luverne.

"There are a lot of people who aspire to perform," Mahar said. "We want them to have a chance to learn from the masters."

Sunday night concert tickets are available at the Palace Box Office 507-283-4339. See swmhc.org and tallgrassguitarclass.com for details.

Community calendar

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Linda Wenzel from ACE will present a program on caregivers. Call 507-530-3307.

Caregivers Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at MJB Good Samaritan in the conference room. It's sponsored by ACE of Southwest Minnesota Rock County every fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 283-5064.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

Nutrition for Seniors Oct. 17

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors, sponsored by Second Harvest Heartland, will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Generations. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information.

Try hockey for free Oct. 20

The Luverne Hockey Association is offering the opportunity for those interested in hockey to try it for free on Sunday, Oct. 20. Participants should arrive at the Blue Mound Hockey Arena at 3 p.m. to sign in and be fitted with equipment, and they will have ice time from 3:30-4:30 p.m. with volunteers on hand to answer questions.

LHS marching band performs indoors Oct. 21

The Luverne High School marching band will conclude their season with an indoor marching band concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, in the Cardinal gym.

Scrubs Camp at Luverne Learning Center Oct. 22

Minnesota West Community and Technical Collge will offer Scrubs Camp from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Luverne Learning Center for junior and senior high school students interested in the programs of dental and medical assistant, medical lab technology, phlebotomy, radiologic technology and surgical technology. It's free and lunch is provided. RSVP by calling 449-2773 or email jill.arp@mnwest.edu.

One Warm Coat accepts donations through Oct. 31

The Rock County One Warm Coat project is collecting clean, reusable coats of all shapes and sizes (especially children's sizes) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday through Oct. 31 at the ATLAS for Life office 201 Main Street, Luverne. Coats may also be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School. Coat drive dates are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, and from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. Call Destiny at 507-220-0030, the ATLAS office at 507-449-5777 or Lisa Dinger at school, 507-283-4497.

Hospice 'Tables and Tastings' and 'Tour of Tables' Oct. 25/26

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host its Annual "Tour of Tables Brunch" from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 26, at Grand Prairie Events. Advance tickets are available by calling 507-283-1805. A "Tables & Tastings" evening event will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Grand Prairie Events to preview the decorated tables and enjoy complimentary tastings from Round Lake Winery and Take 16 Brewing. Cost is $10 at the door.

Proceeds from the two events will benefit the Hospice Cottage.

Hills-Beaver Creek School District joins county housing initiative

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members agreed at their Monday night meeting to abate taxes for new homes in the district.

The Rock County Home Initiative, as it's called, encourages new housing construction in Rock County through a five-year tax abatement program.

Rock County commissioners approved the initiative in September, and the city of Beaver Creek followed suit. Now residents within the Hills-Beaver Creek School District are also eligible for the program.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus said that similar tax abatement programs are available in the Adrian and Windom school districts.

He said experience in those districts is that current residents build the new homes and their previous residences are sold to families of school-aged children.

"I think it is really a win-win for the district," said board member Ethan Rozeboom.

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- Ethan Rozeboom H-BC School Board member

Taxes are abated for five years and apply only to the increased value of the property. Taxes continue to be paid on the property based on its valuation prior to the new construction.

"It's not taking money away from the school district, it's money that's not being utilized yet," Holthaus said.

Applications must be completed at the district office, and a public hearing by the school board must be conducted to consider any abatement requests.

The abatement doesn't apply to voter-approved levies or referendums.

After the abatement ends in five years, the district receives taxes on the total real estate value of the new home.

School board members voted in favor of joining the initiative program. Dan LaRock was not present during the board vote. Tami Rauk abstained from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest.

The initiative is available now through Sept. 1, 2024.

To be eligible, all property must be located within the school district, current property taxes must be paid on time and in full, and program approval must be obtained prior to the start of new housing construction.

In other business, the board:

•changed the next meeting dates to Wednesday, Oct. 30, and to Tuesday, Nov. 12. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m.

•accepted the resignation of Glenda Kuehl as Mock Trial coach.

•hired Megan Klumper as Mock Trial coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Students in Luverne and H-BC enjoy Homecoming fun

Students at Luverne Elementary School kicked off their Friday morning with a pepfest organized by the LHS cheerleaders. The students were encouraged to wear the red and white school colors as they gathered in the elementary gym for singing of the elementary and high school songs and a game of musical chairs between selected fourth- and fifth-grade students and Homecoming royalty. Above, cheerleaders end the pepfest Friday with a rousing cheer.

At left, second-graders (from left) Ava DeKam, Emersyn Roos, Hadley Louwagie and Clara Sandager perform with the LHS cheerleaders a dance routine they learned at a recent cheer camp. More than 65 elementary students attended the camp.

Senior Tacey Baustian (left) takes on elementary student Brody Kopp for the final chair as the Cardinal mascot (Mallory Thorson) oversees the action. Baustian won the seat.

Mavis Fodness photos

During Homecoming Week in Hills-Beaver Creek Schools elementary school students spent Friday, Oct. 11, doing festive activities like a cup-stacking challenge pictured here with Makenna Meinerts (left) and Brittany Kittelson. Students participated in singing the school song, and fifth-graders maintained control of the Spirit Stick. The annual Homecoming Parade was canceled due to the inclement weather.

At left H-BC Homecoming queen Josie Bartels arrives at the football game via Avera helicopter on Friday, Oct. 11. The Patriots defeated Red Rock Central by a score of 42 to 6.

Glenda McGaffee photo/1017 homecoming fun

Magic show coming to SpringBrooke

New general manager starts at event center

By Glenda McGaffee

SpringBrooke Events will host magician Travis Nye for an all-ages magic show at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at SpringBrooke Events in Beaver Creek.

The SpringBrooke golf course isn't yet open, but owner Rick Gourley said the event planned for Oct. 25 will be a community celebration for Halloween.

"Who doesn't like a magic show?" Gourley said. "It will be fun, and Halloween is just around the corner."

He described the show as an interactive experience with audience participation and comedy.

Christopher Yungeberg, Brandon, South Dakota, has been hired as the new SpringBrooke general manager. He grew up in Valley Springs, South Dakota, and was previously employed as sales manager at Manley Tire.

Selling tires or planning a shower or wedding — helping people is good customer service," he said. "I enjoy assisting in making it smooth, easy and less stressful."

He said the events center has been remodeled and is available for weddings, receptions, bridal and baby showers or any event with space available for up to 400 people.

Gourley said remodeling is continuing in the basement where next summer a bar and grill will be available for golfers.

"Hopefully the golf course will be open next year along with the pro shop," he said. "The grill will have an outdoor theme. The upstairs level is available for not only wedding and receptions but community dinners or perhaps a family dining experience."

He also announced a park and walking trails in the works, similar to Oregon Gardens, an 80-acre botanical garden.

"I would like to explore some grants and looking forward to input from local horticulture folks. Beaver Creek is a wonderful community," Gourley said.

"I have enjoyed visiting with the local people who are very genuine, willing and anxious for the facility to open."

Gourley purchased the former Beaver Creek Golf Course, Drivers Restaurant and Bar, and the Beaver Lodge Banquet Hall in the fall of 2018.

He is a Sioux Falls, South Dakota, native who grew up in the family business, Gourley Distributing and Pro-Audio.

An open house for SpringBrooke is being planned in November.

Hills preliminary levy set to increase 1 percent

By Mavis Fodness

The city of Hills continues infrastructure improvements under a proposed 1 percent tax levy increase for 2020.

The council approved the levy increase at their Sept. 10 meeting. They also set the required Truth in Taxation hearing for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The percentage increase over the 2019 levy brings the city tax levy to $131,856 or less than half of the city's $337,729 budget for next year.

According to city clerk Connie Wiertzema, the proposed infrastructure improvements include a number of projects:

•seal coating of streets on the city's west side.

•work on Seventh Street.

•extending Rebecca Avenue for one block.

•sealcoating of North Summit Avenue, waterline replacement.

•additional riprap around the main lagoon or manhole repairs or sewer replacement in block 20 of Helgeson/Qualley Addition.

"There were no increases in city utilities rates (water, sewer, garbage, recycling)," Wiertzema said.

"Rates will remain the same for year 2020."

At the December public hearing, the council will present more details of the city budget and the proposed levy for 2020. The public is allowed to make comments about the proposed levy at the hearing.

Council members are required by state law to adopt a final levy amount by Dec. 30.

The amount of the levy may decrease but cannot increase over the preliminary levy amount.

Campground wifi/from page 1

As a Blandin Broadband Community, Rock County is eligible for a matching grant up to $75,000 and matching equipment up to $25,000.

The committee works with Alliance Communications Cooperative in Garretson, South Dakota, which installed fiber-to-the-premise broadband Internet in Rock County in 2016.

"The Blandin Foundation (community grant) helped a ton," said Andy Hulscher with Alliance Communications.

The grant covered costs of outdoor equipment (about $1,800) and underground fiber optic cable to access points in the campgrounds on 15- to 18-foot poles.

Hulscher said Alliance has worked with only one other facility, the Yogi Bear Campground near Brandon, to provide broadband Internet to visitors.

"A challenge was receiving the signal inside the metal campers," he said.

Trial and error with various antennae solved the problem of WiFi ability inside campers.

While Jarvie admitted campers are able to access any information they want from the Internet, she hopes they would use the service to look up local restaurants, information about the local area and events in Rock County.

"Campgrounds also have visitors who need to work while staying, and WiFi would allow them to do their work without having to burn their own data or leave the campground in order to find an Internet connection," Jarvie said.

Star Herald
OPINION

Do as I say, not as I do

Kids keep me young, but my youthful habits aren't their fault

In other words

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

They say that working with kids keeps you young.

Now in my 17th year of teaching, I'd say that's true.

As a teacher, I hear many of the new slang terms and even know what quite a few of them mean.

I'm aware of many famous people on YouTube and I have a front row seat to unfortunate trends in clothing and hairstyles.

I won't comment on the return of male perms, but my profession did allow me to see that trend coming before many other adults did.

Thankfully, as an adult, I'm able to observe but still avoid most of these youthful initiatives.

And no, I don't want to hear any jokes about my inability to get a perm.

My point is that spending so much time with kids provides access to both the good and not-so-good aspects of being young.

Often as teachers, when we observe some of those not-so-good tendencies, we try to correct them and might become a little frustrated by them.

A good example is procrastination. Few things irritate teachers more than students waiting until the last minute to study, complete a project or write a paper.

Surely, as an adult and as a professional, I know better and do better.

Until I'm the student.

I'm currently enrolled in a graduate-level "Psychology of Aging" course at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

It's an online, four-credit, challenging course with a knowledgeable instructor, interesting assignments and relevant exams.

It's also a lot of work.

Because it's online, all assignments, papers and exams are due at midnight on various dates.

I'm rather ashamed to say that usually I turn in those assignments between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. — or later — on the night they are due.

It turns out procrastination by students doesn't always end with adulthood.

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Of course, I have an excuse. I'm busy.

I work full time, am involved in lots of community and church activities and have my own "homework" to do each night for my real job.

I even have to write a column for the local newspaper once a month.

I mean, doesn't the teacher realize that I …

Oh wait. Where have I heard this before?

From my own students, of course.

Most of them have lots of other responsibilities and interests. Like I do. And, they have more classes than I do.

They have sports, music rehearsals, part-time jobs and more.

Many spend as much or more time at church or community activities than I do.

And sometimes, or even often, they procrastinate.

So the next time I notice one of my students waiting until the last minute, I may be a little more forgiving.

Just like I hope my professor, and my editor, will be.

You guessed it. I'm submitting this column late at night on the last night possible.

After all, working with kids just keeps me young.

Good Shepherds reflect God's will by transforming society

Modern miracles performed through modern-day shepherds

Guest Opinion

By Tom Getman

You in Luverne likely feel like I do here in Washington. In the midst of the hostile even bigoted political debates and civil disequilibrium, I confess the need for instruction to maintain my faith and peace.

The Parable of the Good Shepherd (in Luke 15) reminds us what the sacrificing-servant-church, service clubs, NGOs and families can be in this period of resurgent racism, the ravages of rapid climate change, and violence toward refugees and others such as Kurds and Palestinians … as we seek to cope and address the long litany of divisive issues.

The Pharisees and court lawyers contrasted unfavorably to Jesus. Their hearts were far from him and they were looking for ways to get rid of him and his message with ideological hate speech.

Their persistent heckling was about His non-partisan association with those whom they called the "sinners," the poor, the incurable, the confused and desperate.

We have been reminded recently about a story of Good Shepherds and Sheep in Luverne. Some will remember the Otis and Lois Godfrey family in the 1950-60s. Otis was a much-loved Cub Scout leader who died suddenly at 40 just before Christmas 1953. He left his young widow with six children.

More than 60 years later George, the eldest son, wrote a thank you note recalling the sympathy and active kindness of our community.

His 2015 letter of appreciation noted how he and his siblings were "provided health care at no cost to their mother during all the children's school years" and a job for his mom.

And he recalled that God "does not do His miracles these days by sudden events (like in parting the sea or never letting the food run out). Instead He sends people into our lives to be miracles for us, the widow and her six children."

The Shepherds, or as George says "angels," were from the several political parties and many churches without questioning the Godfrey family's church or political loyalties.

These "miracle" workers … were his third family from outside the bereaved birth and extended Godfrey families.

Likewise many of our Minnesota leaders of all parties, faiths and backgrounds have often modeled the Good Shepherd for our forebears and us.

Since the 1800s our state has been one of the blessed places in America for refugees added by "third families"… and likely will be again when the inhumane restrictions are lifted and doors are once more opened to asylum seekers. Many of our families have the stories to tell. Admittedly there was suspicion to face but also great comfort found.

Some humanitarian Republican and Democrat leaders, especially state leaders, are warning the most needy in America are being left out of critical maternal and child health and food programs.

In fact America ranks among the lowest of all the developed "western" nations … including with high maternal death rates. Because of this we are losing confidence in our leaders exacerbated by rampant gun violence, and obvious climate change damage.

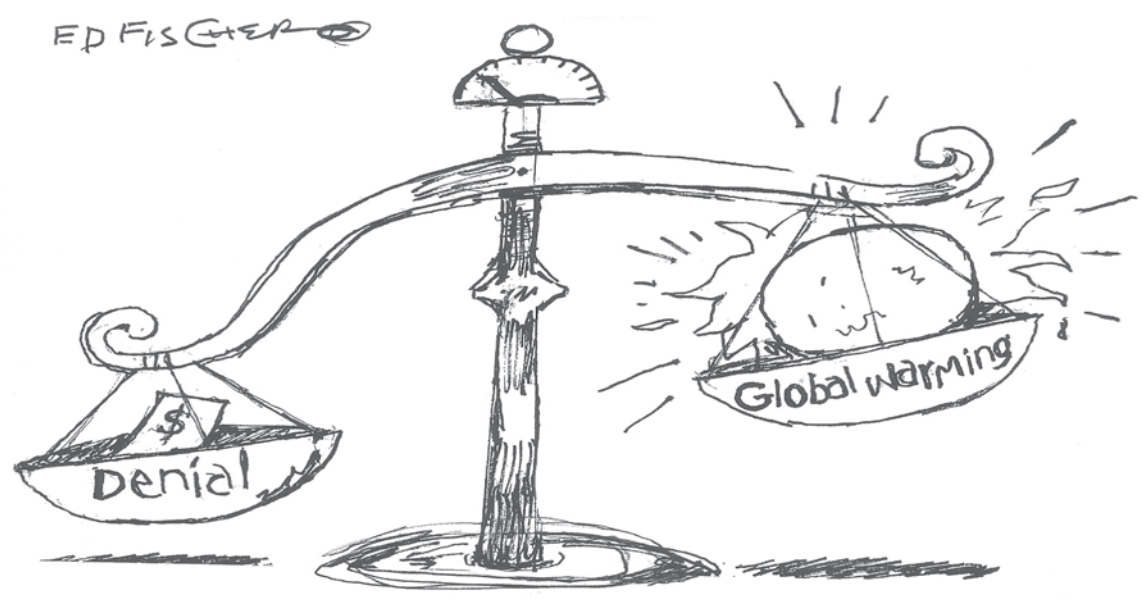
"The soul of our nation is at risk along with the integrity of our faith," says Jim Wallis of Sojourners. This is the threat when we lose capacity to love our neighbor even more than self. It is more difficult, then, to feel secure in the comforts of Rock County and its long appreciated hints of "heaven in earth."

I suspect you also find tension producing the hate speech, personal attacks, unvarnished racism, needless cruelty from both sides of the ideological divide in the press, TV and digital transmissions.

In such harsh dehumanizing situations, it is life-giving to remember Good Shepherds, as I did working in the world's conflict zones, rather than the wolves of chaos. It is deep healing and cooperative kindness at the grass roots when Good Shepherds appear to free us from thickets of hatred and cruelty and increase our trust.

(Adapted from Getman's Sept. 15 sermon at First Presbyterian Church, Luverne. Continued next week.)

Getman is a 1959 Luverne High School graduate and a Rock County Hall of Fame inductee. He is president of a consulting group that specializes in international non-governmental affairs. His work centers on United Nations and humanitarian interagency partnership building. He is the former World Vision director for international relations, managing liaison activities with the UN and World Council of Churches.



When driving in Minnesota, out-of-state drivers must obey our traffic laws

Ask a Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Minnesota just recently enacted a hands free while driving law, but many states do not have such a law? How is this enforced when people from out of state are traveling on our interstate highways? I have not seen any signs go up stating that Minnesota is hands-free. Would violators just be issued a warning?

Answer: The law will be enforced for all drivers on Minnesota roadways. Minnesotans and all drivers traveling through the state are responsible for knowing the law. It is important to know that the laws in Minnesota may be different than states you may be traveling through. One example is that while Minnesota doesn't have a helmet law for motorcyclists, some states do have mandatory helmet laws. Minnesotans traveling through these states would be required to follow the law in the state they are riding. Another example is the right to carry firearms. Although you have a permit to carry in your state, another state may not honor your state's permit.

Hands-free information is available at travel information centers throughout the state and signs will soon be installed at the borders to educate and remind everyone of the law. The hands-free law is in place to keep all people on Minnesota roads safe no matter what state you live in.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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On the record

Dispatch report

Oct. 4

•Vehicle reserved for investigation information.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported a lost wallet.

•Complainant requested background check for liquor license.

•Complainant reported a scam.

•Fire department on standby at H-BC football game.

•Complainant picked up vehicle.

Oct. 5

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10 near Luverne reported vehicle for road and driving laws.

Oct. 6

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested assistance.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a hit and run.

•Individual reserved for investigation on E. Warren Street.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported hazardous driving.

•Complainant on Edgehill Street found purse at location.

Oct. 7

•Complainant on E. Main Street requests an unlock.

•Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported a stolen bicycle.

•Complainant reported suspicious activity.

•Deputy was requested for court.

•Vandalism on W. Crawford Street was reported.

•Outage was reported at location.

•Disorderly subject was reported at location on N. Kniss Avenue.

Oct. 8

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street and Dodge Street reported a parking complaint.

•Complainant reported a train blocking the road on 41st Street near Hills.

•Complainant on 181st Street, Jasper, reported harassing communications.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, between mile marker 15 and 16, near Luverne, reported smoke coming from a camper.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and Dodge Street reported juveniles being disorderly.

•Complainant on 70th Avenue, Jasper, reported a vehicle on fire in the field.

•Complainant on 40th Avenue, Hills, reported tractors, wagons and semi trucks with trailers blocking the roadway.

Oct. 9

•Complainant on E. 1st Street, near Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. Brown Street requested deputy be present for court.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street requested a fire and safety inspection at location.

•Request to unlock vehicle on S. Kniss Avenue.

Oct. 10

•Complainant on N. McKenzie and E. Main streets reported an accident with no injuries.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported identity theft.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported he doesn't have power.

In addition, officers responded to 4 complaints of cattle out, 1 deer accident, 3 transports, 2 welfare checks, 8 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 1 paper service, 2 drug court tests, 9 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 2 welfare checks, 1 curfew check, and 1 follow-up.

Lori Sorenson photo/1017 uithoven addition

The Uithoven Addition has been platted, infrastructure complete and the curb and gutter has been poured. The dirt has been leveled and is ready for seeding, and now the only thing needed is cooperative weather to pour asphalt.

Uithoven Addition lots for sale next spring; mix of single-family and twin home development

By Lori Sorenson

The Uithoven Addition has been platted, infrastructure complete and the curb and gutter has been poured.

"It's starting to look like a subdivision," City Administrator John Call observed at the Oct. 8 council meeting.

The dirt has been leveled and is ready for seeding, and now the only thing needed is cooperative weather to pour asphalt.

The new addition has 15 lots for a mix of single-family and multifamily developments, and protective covenants are being drafted and reviewed.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority reviewed the plat drawings Monday morning.

"The premium lots closer to Dodge Street will be more conducive for single-family development," said EDA Director Holly Sammons.

"The southern lots will be slab construction because of the grade, and those will more likely be twin home construction."

She said the mix — likely eight twin homes and seven single-family houses — will work well together.

"It will give some nice cohesiveness for a really nice neighborhood feel," Sammons said.

The city will put out a request for proposals for developers to construct twin homes on a portion of the lots in the coming months.

Once the protective covenants are finalized, lots will be priced and put on the market, likely available for sale next spring or summer.

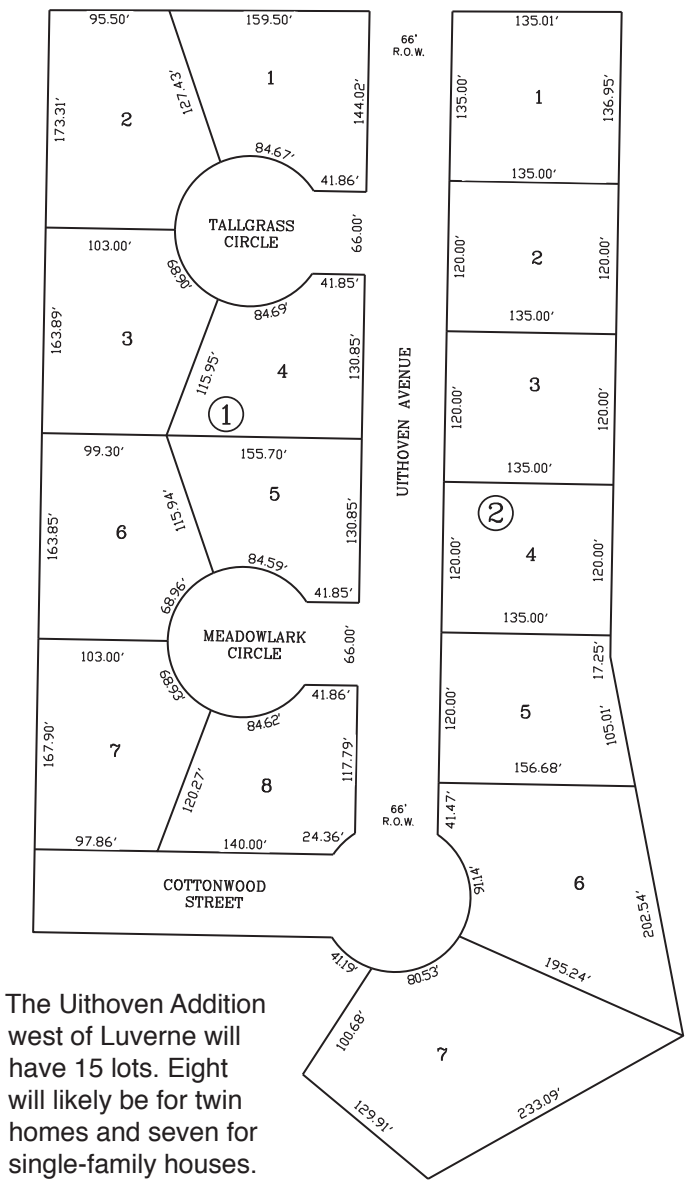
Background

In March of 2018, the city paid $170,000 for the two acres that formerly housed the Mike and Vi Uithoven residence.

Original plans called for a potential street from the west edge of the development that could connect with Main Street near RCO, but that plan has been abandoned.

Engineers determined that bridges and culverts would be too costly through this wetland area, which is better left untouched.

A retention pond on the southeast corner of the development will hold back storm water before it drains into Poplar Creek.



The Uithoven Addition west of Luverne will have 15 lots. Eight will likely be for twin homes and seven for single-family houses.

Luverne Blue Mound Liquor
Wine Tasting
Oct. 24 | 7pm | Take 16 Event Center
Catering by Sterlings
Tickets must be purchase by 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 at Blue Mound Liquor
$25 per person
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Soup, Sandwich & Dessert Supper
Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne
Thursday, October 24
5 to 7 P.M.
Free Will Offering
Proceeds to benefit World Hunger
Supplemented by Thrivent Action Team

TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE DAY
OCT 20
join Luverne Hockey at the Blue Mound Ice Arena for an hour on ice with coaches on hand to help
Arrive at 3:00pm sign in / fitted with equipment on Ice 3:30 - 4:30pm
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New families that sign up for this season can practice for FREE all season
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Trick-or-Treating
Thursday, Oct. 31 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Come to Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown, Poplar Creek and The Oaks for some trick-or-treating. All children are welcome to attend.
For more information, call (507) 283-2375.
Good Samaritan Society Luverne
All faiths or beliefs are welcome.

PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS
Wed. -Fri Oct. 16-18 various times — Annual Firemen's Movie "The Secret Life of Pets 2" Admission is a donation to the Luverne Fire Department
Sun. Oct. 20 7 p.m. — Tall Grass Guitar Class Artist Concert Call the Palace Box Office or order tickets online
Thursday Oct. 24 2 p.m. — Afternoon Escape "Overcomer" $5 Admission
Oct. 25-26-27 7 p.m. — Movie "Downton Abbey"
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'Paws to Remember Dani' event moves to new location

The Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club conducted the group's third annual "Paws to Remember Dani" event Saturday at Luverne ACE Hardware. The group raised $282, was given a $100 ACE gift card, and received donations of animal food during the morning event. Tracy Area Animal Rescue provided dogs and cats for adoption along with visits from several adoptees that dropped by the store. The 4-H members organized the event in memory of Daniella Gacke, 13, who died in 2017. She especially loved dogs and cats. Pictured (**above**) in the front row from left are Mallie Fick, Blakley Fick, Ellie Loose (kneeling) Daniella's mom Wendy Gacke, (back) Nathan Kinsinger, Brianna Kinsinger, Andrea Luitjens, Morgan Bonnett and Gretchen Jacobsma. The third annual "Paws to Remember Dani," organized by the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club, moved to the Luverne ACE Hardware this year. The club's community pride project had been staged at Shopko Hometown until the store closed earlier this year. **At right**, the 4-Her's sell pumpkins (above, right) and display adoptable pets.

Generations Menu

Monday, Oct. 21: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, pineapple. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Tuesday, Oct. 22: Egg and sausage bake, cheesy hash-browns, fruit cocktail, muffin. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial. 9 a.m. Generations Board meeting.

Wednesday, Oct. 23: Chicken salad on bun, pea and cheese salad, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Oct. 24: Meatballs with gravy, potatoes, squash, bread, lemon sponge cake. Half-Price Day sponsored by Luverne Auto Body. Pastor of the Month: Walt Moser, First Baptist Church.

Friday, Oct. 25: Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, peaches, cornbread, bar. 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

1929: Congressman Clague visits Luverne, Luncheon Club

Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

The following appeared in The Rock County Star on October 4, 1929.

Frank Clague Is Luverne Visitor

Luverne was favored on Monday of this week with a visit from Congressman Frank Clague, the Representative of the Second District. The Congressman spent most of the day in the city, visiting friends and renewing political contacts. At luncheon, he was the guest of the Luncheon Club and spoke for a few moments on his recent trip in the submarine and his experiences in air traveling.

The Congressman told luncheon club guests that he had visited every county in the district and talked with over five hundred farmers in the past few weeks. "There is a spirit of contentment in the district," Mr. Clague declared, "indicating that conditions are much better than they have been for the past several years. There is quite a movement in land, as a whole. In our county there has been a big land movement and one firm in Redwood Falls has sold twenty farms in the past six weeks. I think I can say that there is a general improvement among the farmers and business men in the district."

Club members especially enjoyed the legislator's account of a trip in a submarine which Mr. Clague and other House members recently under-took as a part of their investigation, as a House committee of submarine conditions. The Congress-man told how he and four other members of his committee went out from Norfolk in the S 5 and went down with it in 135 feet of water, remaining there for two and one-half hours and enjoying an undersea luncheon during their submergence. Luncheoners enjoyed the description of the submerging and raising apparatus and a general account of sub operations and limitations.

Equally entertaining was the versatile law-maker's account of an air voyage from Lakehurst to New York, in the army's dirigible, Los Angeles.

The Congressman made no comment on the pending tariff legislation, but in private conversation he seemed worried about the fate of farm schedules and inclined to feel that the President should intervene in behalf of farm rates and against industrial rates just as he intervened for the flexible provision.

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@iw.net.

Think about landscape before pruning perennial flowerbeds, shrubs this fall

Know it and grow it

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

Our 2019 garden season is pretty much finished, and now as we contemplate cleaning up perennial flowerbeds and the landscape, we have to decide what to cut and what not to cut.

I am not a fan of clear-cutting the perennial garden in the fall. Plants that hold their form add interest to the winter landscape. Additionally, those stems catch snow, which helps insulate the crown of the plant, preventing freeze/thaw cycles that can damage perennials. If some of your plants seemed plagued by fungal diseases — peony and black-eyed Susan foliage with black spots, mildew on phlox, etc. — removing that foliage in the fall helps reduce the likelihood of a repeat infection in 2020.

For shrubs in the landscape, do not prune lilacs, mock orange, weigela, bridal wreath, spirea, forsythia, rhododendron and azaleas. These shrubs have the flower buds for next spring's display on the tips of each branch, so any fall OR spring pruning removes potential flowers. These shrubs get pruned immediately after they have finished blooming. The new growth that emerges after pruning matures during the summer and the shrub will bloom the next season.

For the vegetable garden, be sure you make a map of where you planted what this year so you can rotate your crops next year. That may seem pretty elemental, but I find it is hard to remember next spring. Also, make a note of what variety of vegetable you planted. For example, there are hundreds of tomato varieties, so if you planted a good one, or if you planted a not-so-good one, you will know what to look for next year. The same goes for cucumbers; some varieties get bitter in the heat of summer and others stay sweet. The work is the same so why not get the best produce for your effort.

Back in September I wrote about day length being the reason a poinsettia blooms at Christmas. If you followed my advice about no auxiliary light, your plant should be starting to show some red color developing.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowergb@iw.net.

Remember when

10 years ago (2009)

•There was a lot more than frost on the pumpkins over the weekend and into Monday.

With winter weather Friday night into Saturday, and Sunday night into Monday, several inches of snow had accumulated on lawns, trees, shrubs, patio decks and, yes, on the pumpkins.

After an unseasonably warm September, area residents wondered if they'd slept right through fall after Friday night's temperatures plummeted into the mid-20s and stayed there for much of Saturday.

This was also the case Sunday evening into Monday morning.

The October snowfall didn't require much shoveling, as much of it melted on streets and sidewalks.

But driving on local county roads and I-90 became treacherous overnight as dropping temperatures caused precipitation to freeze on traveled surfaces.

25 years ago (1994)

•Blue Mounds State Park sold 19 buffalo during its annual bison auction Wednesday. According to park officials, sales totaled $41,700, which is much better than they've seen in several years. Bidder turnout was also good this year with buyers attending from Iowa, South Dakota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Proceeds from the bison auction are returned directly to the park.

50 years ago (1969)

•It'll cost approximately $395,442.14 to operate the city of Luverne in 1970. About $236,019.25 will be raised from local taxes according to figures as submitted at the county auditor's office Wednesday night.

Last year approximately $219,879.22 was raised from local taxes. About $16,000 more will have to be levied for 1970. Last November the citizens of Luverne voted to spend $2,000 to advertise the city of Luverne. The $2,000 is included in the $16,000.

Luverne's city council, after several long budget meetings, adopted the 1970 budget at Tuesday night's regular city council meeting.

75 years ago (1944)

•Ahead of the parade in the post war expansion program slated for Luverne is the Luverne Oil Co., which opens its Firestone Store this Saturday. The store will be located in the front of the Service Auto building, just a half block south of Gimm & Byrne's.

Preparations for the opening of the store have been underway for months and during recent weeks shipments of merchandise have been piling up in the Service Auto building waiting to be unpacked and displayed.

Vernon Cornish, who has been in charge of the Luverne Oil company's preparations, emphasized that this new store was not a "duration" proposition but is being established for "all time."

100 years ago (1919)

•With $2,172.00 as the actual returns from a field of potatoes, P. C. Ordung & Son, of Luverne township, find no cause for complaint over the past season's potato crop.

The seed used was Petoskeys and the field yielded 1,400 bushels, which were sold to numerous potato con-sumers in this city at prices ranging from $1.50 to $1.60 a bushel. The task of digging the potatoes and delivering them to the purchasers was completed the latter part of last week.

The Messrs, Ordung were aware from the outset that the crop was an extraordinary one, com-pared with the vast majority of the yields for the present year, but they did not know to a certainty what the field had produced until the delivery records had been checked over.

Celebrations

Card showers

Lyle Graff will celebrate his 95th birthday on Friday, Oct. 18. Greetings may be sent to him at 108 S. Oakley Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Rollie Miller will celebrate his 75th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 27. Greetings may be sent to him at 1156 Rowe Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Herreid recognized by Minnesota National Guard Court of Honor

Philanthropic endeavors in Luverne cited in nomination letter; joins court with late father

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne community was front and center at the recent 2019 Minnesota National Guard Court of Honor ceremony at Camp Ripley.

Warren G. Herreid II was inducted into the Court of Honor Oct. 6 along with six other service members. Their names are inscribed in the Court of Honor, an outdoor monument plaza located within the grounds of the Minnesota Military Museum.

The court recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves during their military service and with their communities. Candidates are nominated to the committee each year for possible inclusion in the court.

"The Court of Honor is an inspirational achievement for everyone in the Minnesota National Guard — young and old, enlisted or commissioned," said Col. Brian Melton, Camp Ripley Garrison Commander, in a press release.

"The exceptional example of service each inductee embodies has motivated us all for several decades and will well into the future."

Herreid follows in the footsteps of his father, Warren G. Herreid, who was inducted to the Court of Honor in 2002.

It's a rare honor that a father and son each received such high accolades, according to Ryan Welle, archivist and librarian with the Minnesota Military Museum.

"I have looked through the information we have here at the museum and in our archives, and I have not been able to locate any other father-son pairs

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Warren G. Herreid II (right) was among six other soldiers named to the Court of Honor for the Minnesota National Guard. With Herreid is retired Maj. Gen Rick Erlandson.

Obituaries

Kenny Busse

Kenneth K. Busse, age 84, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully Thursday, October 10, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Monday, October 14, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Kenneth Kieth Busse was born on March 1, 1935, to Edward and Emma (Herrmann) Busse in Beaver Creek, Minnesota. He was an athletic kid and loved sports and the outdoors from an early age. He played football, basketball and ran track for Beaver Creek High School and was a talented musician, playing various instruments while a member of a local big band. He was the homecoming king of his graduating class of 1952. Following high school, he attended Worthington Junior College in Worthington, Minnesota, where he played football and basketball while studying engineering/mechanical drawing.

In 1957 he was drafted into the United States Army where he served as a Specialist 1st Class with the 78th Artillery. He was honorably discharged in 1959 and returned home to Beaver Creek and began working at Robison Sheet Metal (a company which specialized in manufacturing church steeples). He also worked at Austin Heating and Cooling in Worthington. He worked as a plumber for Pat's Plumbing and Heating in Luverne, Minnesota, for a number of years.

While banking in Beaver Creek, Kenny met a teller by the name of Janice Hansen. On June 26, 1960, he married Janice at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa. The couple lived in Beaver Creek before making their home in Luverne in 1961. Kenny started Busse Plumbing and Heating in 1969. His son-in-law, Jim Remme, joined him in 2003 and shortly thereafter purchased the business. Kenny continued to help when needed until his formal retirement in 2011. Kenny had a number of health setbacks in the past few years but continued to overcome the challenges sent his way and gained more valuable time with family and friends. On October 10, 2019, Kenny died peacefully at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 9 days at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Kenny was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne where he served as an usher, trustee and elder. He received his baptism on March 19, 1944, and was confirmed on July 19, 1964, at the church.

He enjoyed officiating basketball and football games, taxidermy, tinkering in his man cave, and making fishing jigs. He was an avid outdoorsman, spending as much time as he could fishing, hunting and trapping. Kenny was always happy to see people. He had a great laugh and smile and was cordial to everyone.

He enjoyed heading out and supporting local restaurants where he was a regular with his family. He loved watching his grandkids' sporting events throughout the years, cheering on the Augie volleyball, basketball and football teams, and most recently attending University of MN-Morris volleyball matches.

Kenny is lovingly remembered by his wife, Janice of Luverne; children, Tamara Czerwin of San Juan Capestrano, California, Teresa (Steve) Hady of Rochester, and Stacie (Jim) Remme of Luverne; six grandchildren, Amanda (Clay) Regan, Enya Czerwin, Lynnsey, Kennedy and Hunter Hady, and Hailey Remme; two great-grandchildren, Thomas and Abigail; and his brother, Myron (Audrey) Busse of Canby, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Milton and Adele Hansen; and sister-in-law, Beverly Martens.

Memorials may be directed to the St. John Lutheran Church - Little Lambs Preschool.

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

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Verna Garnmeister

Verna Mae Garnmeister, 95, Luverne, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Inurnment will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Verna Mae Stange was born on May 20, 1924, to Reinhold and Anna Marie (Bunge) Stange at home in Sioux County, Iowa. She was raised on the family farm and attended school in Hull, Iowa, graduating in 1942. After graduation Verna worked as a telephone operator in Hull.

On Jan. 8, 1950, she married Rufus Garnmeister at St. Paul Lutheran Church of rural Hull. The couple settled on a farm in Springwater Township in Rock County, 13 miles northwest of Luverne. There they worked the land and raised their three daughters, Paula, Mary, and Ruth. In 1964 Verna began her catering career at the Blue Mound Inn near Luverne, and she continued there until her retirement in 1990.

In 2001 after 51 years on the farm, Verna and Rufus moved to Luverne. Throughout their retirement years, Verna and Rufus were able to enjoy travels throughout the United States and Israel. On April 25, 2015, Rufus preceded Verna in death.

Verna was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. she was active in several circles, the Women's Society, and served as a Stephen Minister. She helped with the monthly church newsletter, the funeral committee and the quilting group. Verna was a member of the Enterprise Extension Club and enjoyed tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. She enjoyed sewing and volunteering for many activities and creating new recipes including watermelon pickles, corncob jelly and homemade root beer. Verna always fostered a strong relationship between her family and God and cherished the time spent with them.

Verna is survived by three daughters, Paula (John) Peterson of Aurora, Colorado, Mary (Claude) Vahle of Highland, California, and Ruth (Scott) Kannenberg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; five grandchildren, Sarah (Kevin), John (Amie), Andrew (Sheri), Kathryn (Luke), and Jared (Margaryta); and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus; her parents, Reinhold and Anna Stange; a brother, Paul Stange; and a sister, Marjorie Anderson.

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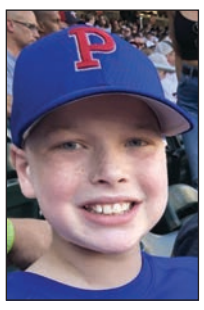
Ethan Erickson



Ethan John Erickson, 12, Hills, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, after a relentless fight with Burkitt's Lymphoma, at the Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial will be in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Hugo Goehle Gymnasium in Hills and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Ethan Erickson was born Nov. 11, 2006, to Aaron and Heather (Kemen) Erickson in Sioux Falls. He was an avid sports fan. At a young age, he found his love for playing any sport that involved a ball. He was a natural athlete and his first word was "ball". He loved spending time outside riding bike, playing baseball, but most of all he loved to go fishing. Ethan would fish for hours hoping to catch a whopper and would always catch and release. Recently he found his passion for gaming and playing Fortnite with his brother and friends. He also spent countless hours playing I-pad games with his sister.

Spending his time with friends and family was very important to Ethan and he enjoyed entertaining them with his quick wit and goofy antics. He was kind-hearted, funny, and a people pleaser, wanting everyone around him to be happy. Throughout his 18-month battle with cancer, he was extremely brave, never complained, and was ready to start each new day fighting.

Ethan is survived by his parents, Aaron and Heather Erickson, Hills; a brother, Calvin Erickson; a sister, Mya Erickson; his paternal grandfather, Dennis Erickson, Hills; his maternal grandmother, Donna Kemen, Montevideo; and many very special uncles, aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ann Erickson, and his grandfather, Maynard Kemen.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Sandra Akkerman

Sandra Lea Akkerman, 55, Luverne, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, at her home.

A memorial visitation was Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery.

Sandra Frey was born on March 20, 1964, to Harold "Bud" and Shirley (Enninga) Frey in Adrian. At the age of 5 she moved with her family to Luverne, where she participated in 4-H and choir during her school years. She attended Luverne Elementary and High schools, graduating in 1982. She also attended beautician school for hairstyling.

On Sept. 4, 1993, she married Bradly Akkerman and they moved to Motley for a short time before returning to Luverne in 1994. Later that same year their daughter, Presley, was born. Through the years Sandy worked at the bank in Luverne, helping distribute student loans for school.

Sandy was an animal lover through and through, whether it was horses in 4-H in her younger years, or cats throughout her life. She was also a huge fan of Elvis Presley. Most of all, though, Sandy loved her family and spending time with them.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Brad, of Luverne; her daughter, Presley Jean Akkerman of Rapid City, South Dakota; her mother, Shirley Frey of Luverne; her siblings, Kenny Frey of Brandon, South Dakota, Barbara Compton of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Larry (Carrie) Frey of Luverne, and Bob Frey of Luverne; her mother-in-law, Mary Akkerman; her father-in-law, Arnie (Sara) Akkerman; and brother- and sisters-in-law, Mike Akkerman, Iva Akkerman, and Meredith Eaton.

She was preceded in death by her father; her brother-in-law, Lyn Compton; two nephews, Eric Compton and Joshua Frey; and one grand-niece, Kylie Compton.

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Death Notices

Harold Graphenteen

Harold "Shorty" Graphenteen, 86, Luverne, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne with presentation of military honors following the service. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne at a later date. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1017 DN)

Larry Wills

Larry Wills, 80, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, at his home.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, with military honors to follow. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, with a Masonic funeral ceremony at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are provided by Heritage Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, heritagesfsd.com. (1017 DN)

Helen Broesder

Helen M. Broesder, 95, Adrian, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, at the Lake Shore Nursing Home in Waseca.

A memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Dinigmann Funeral Home in Adrian, and also one hour prior to the Mass at the church. A private committal of cremains will be in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

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Warren G. Herreid II (center) receives the Court of Honor medal from chairman of the Court of Honor Committee and retired Maj. Gen. Rick Erlandson (left) at an Oct. 6 ceremony at Camp Ripley. Herreid's wife, Jeannine Rivet, watches the draping of the medal.

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in the past," he said. "Truly, a remarkable distinction for the Herreid family."

The senior Herreid died in 2017 in Luverne. He served 20 years in the Minnesota National Guard, first joining in Luverne and then later rejoining in Bloomington.

The junior Herreid developed a fondness for Luverne, having lived here as a young child before his family settled in Bloomington. He later became a regular visitor when his parents retired to Luverne in 1992.

Herreid II enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in February 1967 and as a full-time soldier rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel of the 34th Infantry Division. He retired in 1993. He and his wife, Jeannine Rivet, make their home in Minnetrista.

In 2017 Herreid II was named a brevet colonel in a ceremony in Luverne.

Herreid II, through the K.A.H.R. Foundation established with his wife, has sponsored many philanthropic projects to recognize service members, veterans, historians and families throughout the U.S., but Luverne received monetary support for several projects recognized by the Court of Honor.

"He is very selfless, humble, generous and seeks ways to have a positive impact where needs exist," wrote Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen in Herreid's Court of Honor nomination. "A truly remarkable leader and soldier."

Herreid's many contributions to Luverne include:

•annual candlelight vigil the Sunday prior to Memorial Day.

•commissioners room constructed in the Rock County Courthouse.

•remodel of the former Rock County jail and sheriff's residence to a military museum that bears the Herreid name.

•designed and constructed the Veterans Memorial on the Rock County Courthouse lawn including a restored Civil War cannon.

•new readiness center in Luverne, built with state, federal and private funds.

"A most significant philanthropic gesture, never before accomplished in Minnesota, was his major financial commitment ($5 million) to assist in funding a new Luverne Army National Guard training facility," Jensen wrote. "This is truly a very magnificent gift to the city, county and the Minnesota National Guard."

The new facility will be finished in 2022.

'He is very selfless, humble, generous and seeks ways to have a positive impact where needs exist. A truly remarkable leader and soldier.'

—Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen

White tape covers the etching of Warren G. Herreid II's name on the Court of Honor for the Minnesota National Guard. Six others were also named to the court, including (all retired) Gerald Lang, April Corniea, Wayne Hayes, Eric Kerska, Ronald Peterson, Curtis Jasper and Cynthia Kallberg.

Need a wheel chair? Have a walker to donate?

A.C.E. is the place for medical equipment give and take

By Lori Sorenson

Linda Wenzel accepted some much-appreciated help last week from Sanford Luverne therapists during their annual community service work for Physical Therapy Month.

Wenzel is the Aging and Volunteer Services Coordinator for A.C.E. (Advocate Connect Educate) of Southwest Minnesota – Rock County, and one of her duties is to help area residents access medical equipment.

On Tuesday a group of physical therapists from Sanford Luverne showed up to help Wenzel clean, service and organize the fleet of medical equipment that A.C.E. shares with the community.

The large supply of wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, commodes, shower chairs and other medical equipment is stored in City Hall (formerly the Luverne Community Hospital building).

The supply acquires items when donations come in or as loaned-out items are returned and, over time the collection gets scrambled and difficult to access.

That's where the Sanford physical therapists helped out Tuesday.

They inventoried the supply, weeded out duplicates or broken pieces, cleaned and serviced the equipment and organized it in easy-to-access locations.

"They did a phenomenal job," Wenzel said. "It was a mess, and they wiped everything down and made sure everything was in good condition."

According to physical therapist Jennifer Hoefert, the project fulfilled their commitment to giving back to their community during Physical Therapy Month.

"We were looking for a project that would benefit our patients and community to celebrate these events," she said.

Hoefert said it makes sense for her and her colleagues to work on the equipment, since they often refer patients to the A.C.E. "loan closet," and the work helps familiarize them with what's available.

"Our therapists often have patients that are in need of these types of assistive devices and medical equipment," she said.

"The different devices improve safety, increase their ability to be independent in their activities of daily living and help with their mobility."

Hoefert said the equipment is often key for helping a person continue to live at home or perform showering and toileting independently.

Some patients purchase the equipment while others may only need it temporarily after a surgery or during recovery from an illness or injury.

In these cases, borrowing makes more sense than purchasing, and patients who can't afford to purchase or rent can also borrow from the Rock County A.C.E. office.

"The A.C.E. loan closet fills this need in our community," Hoefert said.

Anyone in need of items can borrow equipment for a small deposit, which is reimbursed when the piece is returned.

People can also donate equipment that they are no longer using to the loan closet.

For information on borrowing from or donating to the closet, contact Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

Submitted photos

At left: Sanford Luverne physical therapist Kyle Hailey works on some four-wheel walkers to make sure they're clean and in good condition.

Below: Sanford Luverne physical therapists (from left) Brynn Ladd, Kyle Hailey, Tracy Kramer, Holly Sehr and Jen Hoefert are among a group of therapists who helped with A.C.E. medical equipment Oct. 8. It was part of their community service work to observe Physical Therapy Month in October.

Far below: Tracy Kramer wipes down and organizes commodes and toilet risers to be lent out to community members.

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Luverne's Camden Janiszeski (left) helped the Cardinal boys place fifth as a team at the Adrian Invitational Oct. 8.

Boys place fifth at AHS Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys placed fifth in a 13-team field at the Adrian Cross Country Invitational Oct. 8.

Worthington ran away with the team title by producing a 35-point effort.

The Cardinals compiled 152 points during the meet.

Brayden Tofteland set the pace for LHS by placing eighth in 17:49.

Jonah Friedrichsen (17th in 18:43), Brady Bork (41st in 18:29), Camden Janiszeski (44th in 19:41) and Griffin Jarchow (45th in 19:43) padded Luverne's team tally.

Ethan Curtiss and Brody DeBates placed 58th and 65th with respective times of 20:09 and 20:33 without influencing the scoring.

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

Junior varsity boys: Ethan Rahm, ninth, 20:44; Camden Hoven, 16th, 20:57; Burke Johnson, 35th, 22:08; Carsen Tofteland, 43rd, 22:35; Graham Cunningham, 52nd, 22:46; Sam Emery, 61st, 23:32; Nicholas Rogers, 91st, 27:07. Luverne compiled 129 points to place sixth in a seven-team field led by Marshall (14 points).

Junior high boys: Ryan Fick, third, 7:59; Owen Janiszeski, fifth, 8:06; Leif Ingebretson, 17th, 8:46; Levi Gonnerman, 20th, 8:55; Kaleb Hemme, 25th, 9:08; Matthew Rogers, 26th, 9:09; Eli McLendon, 34th, 9:30. Luverne placed first in a four-team field with 28 points.

Cards win Homecoming game

By John Rittenhouse

Homecoming festivities at Luverne High School included a football victory at Cardinal Field Friday night.

Luverne scored 27 consecutive points in the first half and went on from there to secure a 27-15 win over the Sibley East Wolverines.

"It wasn't our best effort, but we got a Homecoming win," said Cardinal coach Todd Oye.

"Our defense did a great job in the first half. We didn't give up many first downs and recovered some fumbles. We made some plays offensively, but the windy conditions didn't allow us to attack their secondary with our passing game. That allowed them to stack up guys on the line of scrimmage and limit our running game."

Another factor working against the LHS offense was not having LaShad Smith available to play in the game.

Smith is Luverne's rushing leader this season, but a back problem kept him off the field against SE.

With the LHS defense coming up with three key turnovers, the Cardinals were able to overcome Smith's absence during their 27-point run in the first half.

After surrendering one first down due to a penalty, the Cardinals forced the Wolverines to punt into the wind early in the contest.

The LHS offense took over with the ball on the SE 43-yard line, setting up an eight-play drive that opened the scoring.

Bailey Cowell capped the possession with a five-yard touchdown run and Shaid Shearer booted his first of three extra points following the touchdown to give the hosts a 7-0 cushion 6:01 into the contest.

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Luverne sophomore linebacker Nathaniel Cole-Kraty (15) fights off a blocker to help a teammate tackle a Sibley East runner during Friday's Homecoming game at Cardinal Field.

Luverne's second offensive possession stalled on downs at the SE 21-yard line, but the Cardinal defense got the ball back when Nathaniel Cole-Kraty recovered a fumble on the first play of SE's ensuing offensive possession.

LHS cashed in on the situation as Cowell delivered a 23-yard touchdown pass to Jayson Rops during the next play to make it a 14-0 game with eight seconds left in the opening stanza.

The Cardinal defense came up big again in the second quarter when Jamie McCarthy recovered a fumble on the Wolverines' 16-yard line with 8:08 remaining in the first half.

Cowell dashed 16 yards for a touchdown during the next play to give the Cards a 20-0 advantage.

SE's final mistake of the first half gave LHS a 27-point cushion.

The Wolverines were attempting to punt out of their own end zone, but the punter fumbled the ball.

LHS senior Matt Sehr recovered the loose ball in the end zone for a touchdown with 2:23 remaining in the second quarter.

The Cardinals got the ball

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Hills-Beaver Creek junior Chase Bosch hauls in a two-point conversion pass during the first quarter of Friday's 42-6 Homecoming win over Red Rock Central in Hills.

Patriots run over RRC Falcons

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team served up a Homecoming victory to its fans Friday in Hills.

The Patriots scored the first 20 points of the night and outscored Red Rock Central 22-0 in the second half to secure a 42-6 win.

H-BC played well offensively, but Patriot coach Rex Metzger was especially pleased with his defense.

The Patriots limited the Falcons to 163 total yards and one touchdown on a cold and windy night.

"I thought our defense played well overall," Metzger said.

"Other than one breakdown in the second half, I think we probably played our best defensive game of the year."

Juniors Gavin Wysong and Tyson Bork, who are members of the defense, turned in sparkling offensive efforts as well.

Wysong and Bork ran for a combined 349 yards and six touchdowns against the Falcons.

"We were a little one-dimensional on offense, but we needed to be because of the weather conditions. We wanted to run the ball going into the game and we were able to do it without putting the ball in the air much at all."

After the teams exchanged punts to start the game, H-BC produced a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter to open a 14-0 lead.

Patriot Zander Wysong recovered a fumble on the third play of RRC's second offensive possession to give H-BC the ball on the Falcons' 38-yard line.

Gavin Wysong scored on a seven-yard run six plays later before tossing a two-point conversion pass to Chase Bosch that gave H-BC an 8-0 lead at the 5:02 mark of the opening quarter.

RRC lost the ball on downs at the H-BC 31 as the first quarter progressed.

Bork raced 43 yards for a touchdown four plays later to up the lead to 14-0 with eight seconds remaining in the opening stanza.

H-BC capped its 20-0 run to start the game by putting together a six-play, 67-yard

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Luverne finishes third

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' cross country team turned in a third-place performance at the Adrian Invitational Oct. 8.

A total of 12 complete teams ran at the Adrian Area Country Club, with Marshall claiming the championship with 37 points.

The Cardinals registered 81 points, which placed them 14 points behind Murray County Central (67 points) in the team standings.

Tenley Nelson paced the Cardinals by finishing second individually with a time of 19:41.

Jenna DeBates (15th in 21:08), Regan Feit (17th in 21:27), Elizabeth Wagner (20th in 21:48) and Kayla Bloemendaal (31st in 23:07) made contributions to Luverne's team tally.

Grace Ingebretson (42nd in 23:53), Makena Nelson (51st in 24:05) and Tiana Lais (70th in 25:47) competed without impacting the team tally.

John Rittenhouse photo/1017 lhs girls cc 5

Luverne's Grace Ingebretson turned in her team's sixth-best effort at the Adrian Cross Country Invitational Oct. 8.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's results from the AHS invite.

Junior varsity girls: Madigan Flom, 22nd, 27:09.

Junior high girls: Maria Rops, fourth, 9:23; Andrea Luitjens, 40th, 11:41.

Early scores sink Adrian Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of quick strikes by the Springfield football team set the stage for victory in Adrian Thursday.

The visiting Tigers produced a pair of touchdowns in the first 3:09 of the game and they never lost the lead during a 20-7 win.

"Big plays were the difference in the game," said Adrian coach Randy Schettler.

They returned the opening kickoff and threw a bomb to score a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Those plays hurt us."

Jordan Toll made two key plays to help the Tigers open a 14-0 early lead.

Toll returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown to give Springfield a 6-0 cushion 14 seconds into the contest.

After Adrian-Ellsworth punted without producing a first down during its opening offensive possession, Toll gave the Tigers good field position by returning the punt 18 yards to the AHS 47-yard line.

A pair of 17-yard runs by Springfield moved the ball deep inside A-E territory, where a four-play series came to an end with Decker Schefflen tossing a two-yard touchdown pass to Mason Leonard at the 8:51 mark of the first quarter.

Mason Rummel carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to make it 14-0.

The teams battled to a scoreless draw in the second and third quarters, but both squads had opportunities to produce points.

Springfield advanced the ball from its own three-yard line to the A-E four late in the second quarter, but Dragon senior Ian Stamer intercepted a pass to end the threat.

A-E's opening possession of the second half stalled on downs at the Tigers' 31.

The Dragons finally caught a break early in the fourth quarter, when a bad snap as Springfield was attempting to punt the ball gave A-E possession on the Tigers' eight-yard line.

Stamer delivered an eight-yard touchdown pass to Quentin Wolf three plays later and Brady Vortherms added the extra point to trim the difference to seven points (14-7) with 10:30 left to play.

Springfield settled the issue 1:44 later.

The Tigers returned the kickoff following A-E's touchdown to the Springfield 45. With the ball on the 47 two plays later, Schefflen delivered a 53-yard touchdown pass to Nolan Hovland to cap the scoring in the game with 8:46 left to play.

A-E did advance the ball to the Springfield four-yard line late in the game, but the drive stalled on downs.

"We had our chances, but we

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John Rittenhouse photo/1017-lfb 4

Luverne's Bailey Cowell ran for two touchdowns and passed for another during Friday's 27-15 home win over Sibley East.

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back late in the second quarter, but what nearly was a flawless first half for the hosts turned sour.

LHS fumbled a ball that was scooped up by SE and returned 58 yards for a touchdown with 17 seconds left.

SE's Caleb Dose carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to make it a 27-8 game at the intermission.

Neither team produced points in the third quarter, but SE managed to find the end zone midway through the fourth quarter by putting together a seven-play, 54-yard drive.

Lincoln Carpenter capped the march with a three-yard run and Zach Pazdernik added the extra point to trim the difference to 12 points (27-15) with 6:23 left to play.

SE did get the ball back one more time late in the game, but the Wolverines were unable to produce any more points.

The 5-2 Cards end the regular season in Belle Plaine Wednesday (Oct. 16).

Team statistics
Luverne: 126 rushing yards, 54 passing yards, 180 total yards, 13 first downs, seven penalties for 55 yards, three turnovers.
SE: 52 rushing yards, 82 passing yards, 134 total yards, 10 first downs, four penalties for 30 yards, four turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Cowell 10-58, Ashton Sandbulte 11-36, Zach Kruse 9-28, Cole-Kraty 2-8, Jacob Von Tersch 1-0, Casey Sehr 1-minus 4.
Passing: Cowell 4-9 for 46 yards, C.Sehr 3-5 for eight yards.
Receiving: Gannon Ahrendt 2-28, Rops 1-23, Sandbulte 1-4, Cowell 2-2, M.Sehr 1-minus 3.
Defense: Ethan Beyer 5.5 tackles, Cole-Kraty five tackles and one fumble recovery, Tate Baum 4-5 tackles, Zach Ahrendt four tackles, Nathan Nekali 3.5 tackles, Isaiah Bartels one sack, Nick Feit one interception, M.Sehr one fumble recovery, Colby Crabtree one fumble recovery.

Patriots nip Cards in five sets

By John Rittenhouse

A showdown between a pair of Rock County volleyball teams turned into a five-set battle Thursday in Luverne.

LHS and Hills-Beaver Creek squared off in their annual county clash that evening.

For the second consecutive year, it was the Patriots who earned bragging rights by rallying from a 2-1 deficit to secure a 3-2 victory.

The comeback started in the fourth set, when H-BC scored the first four points of the tussle on the way to opening an 8-1 cushion after Kenadie Fick delivered a service point.

H-BC extended its lead to nine points (22-13) when Joslyn Birger recorded a service point before the Cardinals trimmed the difference to four points (20-14) with a block by Mallory Thorson.

H-BC senior Abby Knobloch countered with a kill to seal a 25-20 win for the Patriots.

Luverne overcame a 6-1 deficit in the fifth set to knot the score at seven with a kill from Sydney Biever.

LHS led 10-9 when Morgan Gonnerman recorded a kill, but H-BC countered with a 6-1 run to prevail 15-11 when Whitney Elbers produced a match-ending kill.

Luverne scored the first six points of the opening set before falling behind 20-17 when Birger recorded a service point for the Patriots.

The Cards bounced back to knot the score four different times before H-BC's Taryn Rauk gave her team a 25-23 win with a service point.

The second set was knotted at 15 before Luverne's Sydney Biever capped a 6-3 surge with a kill that gave the Cards a 21-18 lead.

H-BC responded with a 6-2 spurt to take a 24-23 edge after Fick recorded a kill, but the Cards scored the next three points to post a 26-24 victory ending with a service point from Maren Schaap.

The Patriots scored the first four points of the third set only to find themselves facing a 15-10 deficit following a 15-6 LHS run capped by an ace serve from Thorson.

LHS led by seven points (24-17) after Biever recorded a service point before prevailing by six points (25-19) when Gonnerman registered a set-ending kill.

Rauk (10 kills and two blocks), Elbers (17 kills and three blocks), Kailey Rozeboom (23 set assists and five ace serves) and Birger (19 of 20 serving and seven digs) led the Patriots to victory.

Fick added eight digs to the winning cause, while Annie Bos completed all 16 of her serves.

Gracie Zewiske (13 kills, nine blocks, 18 digs and two ace serves), Thorson (11 kills and 20 blocks), Biever (10 blocks) and Tacey Baustian (10 blocks, 19 set assists and 19 digs) played strong matches for LHS.

Reghan Bork notched 14 set assists and Schaap charted 21 digs.

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Hills-Beaver Creek senior Sadie Fuerstenberg sends the ball over the net as Luverne's Mallory Thorson challenges the play during Thursday's volleyball match in Luverne.

Panthers run in Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth cross country runners tested their skills at the Adrian Invitational Oct. 8.

The Panthers didn't field point-producing teams, but they did have eight athletes run in different races.

Two EHS runners competed in the boys' varsity race.

Linkin Bossert led the way by placing 74th in 21:03, while Micah Onken placed 101st in 23:11.

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

Junior varsity boys: Cole Boltjes, 84th, 25:35.

Junior high girls: Brynn Boyenga, 25th, 10:50.

John Rittenhouse photo/1017 ehs cc 3

Micah Onken is one of two Ellsworth runners who completed the boys' varsity race in Adrian Oct. 8.

Junior high boys: Logan Bossert, 30th, 9:25.1; Zach Onken, 31st, 9:25.2; Darwin Demarrius, 38th, 9:53; Nate Onken, 48th, 10:52.

Bullerman earns All-RRC status Monday

By John Rittenhouse

An Adrian High School senior earned all-conference honors during the annual Red Rock Conference Cross Country championships in Slayton Monday.

Moriah Bullerman, Adrian's top runner all season, turned in a quality effort during the girls' varsity race.

Bullerman placed fourth individually with a time of 20:55 to lead all area runners at the meet.

The first 10 finishers in the girls' and boys' varsity races make the All-RRC squad.

Bullerman

With Bullerman leading the way, Adrian placed fourth in a four-team field led by Murray County Central.

MCC compiled 19 points to claim the team title.

Hiltyn Heitkamp placed 16th for the Dragons with a time of 23:16, while Hunter Penning (25th in 24:48), Gracia Elias (26th in 24:50) and Taya Elias (31st in 25:34) capped the team scoring for AHS.

Adrian and Ellsworth competed as incomplete teams in the boys' varsity race.

Mountain Lake Area won the boys' team championship.

Dylan Graff turned in the top effort by area runners when he finished 13th in 19:52 for Adrian.

Adrian's Bruce Farinella and Ky Ruppert placed 31st and 42nd with respective 22:15 and 26:32 times.

Robby Armstrong set the pace for Ellsworth by finishing 16th in 20:03.

Linkin Bossert and Micah Onken placed 23rd and 36th with times of 21:14 and 22:22 for the Panthers.

EHS and AHS compete at the section meet in Madison Oct.24.

Here is a look at the rest of the results turned in by area athletes at Monday's meet.

Junior high boys
Ellsworth: Zach Onken, seventh, 7:10; Logan Bossert, eighth, 7:17.
Adrian: Cam Hinsch, 13th, 8:44.

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just couldn't convert on third and fourth downs," Schettler said.

"Springfield is a good team. We played hard and they played hard. They just made a few more plays than we did."

The 4-3 Dragons cap the regular season by playing Minnesota Valley Lutheran in New Ulm Wednesday (Oct. 16).

Team statistics
Adrian: 183 rushing yards, 29 passing yards, 212 total yards, 13 first downs, 10 penalties for 82 yards, zero turnovers.
Springfield: 88 rushing yards, 162 passing yards, 250 total yards, 12 first downs, seven penalties for 80 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Brandon Schnoor 26-132, Isaac Bullerman 8-28, Preston Nelson 8-27, Ian Stamer 1-2.
Passing: Stamer 4-6 for 29 yards.
Receiving: Schnoor 1-9, Wolf 1-8, Nelson 1-6, Bullerman 1-6.
Defense: Wolf six tackles, Lance Luettel six tackles, Nelson five tackles, Bullerman five tackles, Schnoor four tackles, Scot Edwards four tackles and one sack, Tylor Hix three tackles, Vortherms three tackles, Stamer one interception.

AHS volleyball team completes 9-0 league slate

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team wrapped up an undefeated Red Rock Conference season by posting a pair of wins on the road.

The Dragons swept a three-set match from Murray County Central in Slayton Oct. 8 before capping a 9-0 league slate with a three-set win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove Monday in Westbrook.

Adrian, 24-2 overall, opens the South Section 3A Tournament with a home match Friday.

Adrian 3, W-WG 0

The Dragons completed a perfect season in conference play by rolling to a three-set win over the Chargers Monday in Westbrook.

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Adrian controlled play throughout the night by outscoring W-WG 75-44.

The Dragons posted a pair of 25-14 wins to open the match before prevailing 25-16 in the third set.

Kasie Tweet (31 of 32 serving with six aces, 40 set assists and 13 digs), Shawna Rogers (14 of 14 serving, eight digs and seven kills) and Brianna Reckamp (10 digs and four kills) turned in solid all-around efforts for Adrian.

Bailey Lonneman, Marissa Lehnhoff and Kendra Frodermann charted 16, 15 and six kills respectively for the winners, while Mayssa Tweet chipped in 25 digs.

Adrian 3, MCC 0

The Dragons remained unbeaten in conference competition when they swept a three-set match from the Rebels in Slayton Oct. 8.

Adrian dominated the match from beginning to end by outscoring MCC 75-35 overall.

The Dragons posted 25-11, 25-8 and 25-16 victories.

Kasie Tweet (30 set assists and 12 digs), Rogers (nine kills and 11 digs) and Mayssa Tweet (19 digs and eight of eight serving) played well in the win for AHS.

Lehnhoff and Lonneman charted eight kills each for the Dragons, while Reckamp completed all 22 of her serves and registered two aces.

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What's in a name?

Outdoors

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

At the Joe Duggan Family Wildlife Management Area dedication on Oct. 2, I was greeted by about 100 people all standing in the rain with big smiles on their faces.

There have been a few land dedications that mean a lot to me and many others were for folks I did not even know.

Joe Duggan worked tirelessly for conservation for over 25 years and was credited for many legacy-type accomplishments over that time frame. Congratulations to Joe and his family.

When you see a public land parcel that has a person's name on it, there is generally a story behind it.

The first one I was involved with was in 2004 when we named a new Pheasant Run parcel after Dan Doles, a longtime Soil and Water Conservation District employee.

It was the Dan Doles Memorial tract of Fenmont Wildlife Management Area in Nobles County near the Murray County border.

The Fenmont WMA name did not change; we just added the Doles tract to it.

Including the name of a deceased person to an additional tract can be done with prior approval of the long-term land manager, which in this case was the Minnesota DNR.

To actually name a wildlife management area after a person or group is more difficult. The commissioner of the DNR has to sign off on those deals.

This is normally done when the seller of the land makes a measurable donation to the transaction. In the land transactions I have been involved with in the past, it was quite common for the seller to take a little less money than the appraised value in order to ensure that the tract went to a conservation cause. It still happens today but less frequently.

There is a tract near Worthington named the Sweetie Marie Rall memorial tract of Lambert Prairie Wildlife Management Area.

I donated the memorials from my wife's passing to the acquisition costs of that parcel, and now, when I drive by that spot, which I do on a regular basis, it seems a fitting legacy for her and for me.

There have been many farmers and ranchers who have approached me over the past 30 years with a wish and desire that their land be forever protected for conservation and wildlife purposes.

In doing so they realize that those transactions can take much longer than to sell it at auction and then be able to close and get paid in as little as 60 days.

I also find it comforting that the children of aging parents, or those have already passed, want to leave a mark on the landscape that they can come back home to and visit over and over.

I meet with some of those adult children and take them for nature walks on what was once their parents' land that is now protected for wildlife perpetually.

There is something deep inside that soothes the souls of these folks and myself. Even though Pheasants Forever chapters have been protecting wildlife habitat since the inception of the organization back in 1982, there is still less than 2 to 3 percent of land in the 12 counties of southwest Minnesota that are in permanently protected grasslands on average.

The next time you hear someone clamoring that the state of Minnesota and Pheasants Forever are buying up all the land, you can set them straight.

These areas, regardless of whether they're dedicated in someone's name, are all important and very special.

They are small jewels on the prairie. In many places these public lands are the only habitat available to keep our wildlife populations alive during severe winters.

Take a ride down to a wildlife management area near you and sit in the parking lot at sunset. If you leave the radio off, you might hear and see some sights and sounds that will soothe your soul as well.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.

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drive in the second quarter.

Gavin Wysong capped the drive with a three-yard run.

RRC registered the final six points of the first half when Hayden Determan registered a four-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter.

H-BC iced the win by scoring the lone 22 points of the second half.

Gavin Wysong capped an eight-play, 41-yard drive with an eight-yard touchdown run before carrying in the two-point conversion late in the third quarter to make it a 28-6 game.

A bad snap when RRC was attempting to punt early in the fourth quarter gave H-BC the ball on the Falcons' 18.

Bork scored on a four-yard run moments later and Bosch added his first of two extra points following the touchdown to up the lead to 29 points (35-6).

H-BC put together a six-play, 52-yard drive ending with Bork scoring on a three-yard run later in the fourth quarter.

The 6-1 Patriots end the regular season with a game in Madelia Wednesday (Oct. 16).

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Hills-Beaver Creek junior quarterback Gavin Wysong dives into the end zone for one of his three rushing touchdowns during Friday's 42-6 home win over Red Rock Central.

Team statistics
H-BC: 349 rushing yards, 29 passing yards, 378 total yards, 18 first downs, two penalties for 10 yards, two turnovers.
RRC: 127 rushing yards, 36 passing yards, 163 total yards, nine first downs, zero penalties, two turnovers.

Individual statistics

Rushing: G.Wysong 26-182, Bork 17-167.
Passing: G.Wysong 3-4 for 29 yards.
Receiving: Bosch 1-14, Jax Wysong 1-7, Z.Wysong 1-8.
Defense: G.Wysong five tackles, Drew Leenderts five tackles, Easton Harnack three tackles, Bosch 12 tackles, Liam Raymon three tackles, J.Wysong one sack and one fumble recovery, Bork 10 tackles, Casey Kueter six tackles, Tory Knobloch three tackles and one sack, Z.Wysong seven tackles and one fumble recovery, Donovan Leenderts one sack.

H-BC spikers split league matches in final week

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team wrapped up a 12-14 regular season by splitting a pair of matches.

The Patriots posted a four-set win at Edgerton Public School Oct. 8 before losing a four-set match to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Tuesday.

H-BC, 12-14 overall, opens the Section 3A Tournament by hosting Ellsworth Monday in Hills.

SWC 3, H-BC 1

The Patriots finished a 3-6 Red Rock Conference campaign by losing a four-set match to the E-Gals in Edgerton Monday.

H-BC bounced back from a two-set deficit to win the third set, but the E-Gals regrouped in the finale to claim the match.

SWC gained the upper hand by posting 25-18 and 25-22 victories in the first two sets.

H-BC kept the match going by rolling to a 25-16 win in the third set before falling 25-14 in the final battle.

Joslyn Birger (19 of 20 serving and seven digs), Annie Bos (16 of 16 serving and eight set assists), Kenadie Fick (21 of 23 serving with two aces and eight digs), Whitney Elbers (17 kills and three blocks), Taryn Rauk (10 kills, two blocks and seven digs) and Abby Knobloch (five kills and seven digs) turned in solid performances for H-BC.

Kailey Rozeboom led the Patriots with 26 set assists.

H-BC 3, Edgerton 1

The Patriots picked up a conference victory when they entertained the Flying Dutchmen for a match in Hills Oct. 8.

H-BC and Edgerton split the first two sets of the night, but the Patriots notched 25-16 and 25-13 wins in the third and fourth sets to secure a four-set victory.

H-BC prevailed 25-19 in the opening set before Edgerton tied the match with a 25-19 win in the second set.

Fick (23 of 23 serving with four aces and eight digs), Birger (13 of 14 serving with one ace and six digs), Elbers (eight kills and five blocks) and Knobloch (seven kills and six digs) played well in the win for H-BC.

Rozeboom and Bos added 13 set assists each to the winning cause, while Rauk chipped in seven kills.

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Hills-Beaver Creek junior Taryn Rauk turned in a seven-kill, two-block effort during Monday's home loss to SWC.

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Adrian's Taya Elias placed 79th in the girls' varsity race at the Adrian Invitational at the Adrian Area Country Club Oct. 8.

Dragons host annual meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls fielded a point-producing varsity squad for the annual Adrian Cross Country Invitational Oct. 8.

With five runners entered in the race, the Dragons were one of 12 teams competing for a title at their lone home showing of the 2019 season.

AHS turned in a 267-point effort to finish 10th in a field led by Marshall (37 points).

Moriah Bullerman led the charge for the Dragons by placing 22nd in 22:01.

Hiltyn Heitkamp (50th in 24:04), Gracia Elias (71st in 25:53), Hunter Penning (72nd in 26:00) and Taya Elias (79th in 26:51) also ran in the varsity race for AHS.

Three boys mixed it up in varsity competition for AHS.

Dylan Graff finished 62nd in 20:23, while Bruce Farinella and Ky Ruppert placed 90th and 118th with respective 22:26 and 29:02 efforts.

Adrian's Cam Hinsch placed 52nd in 11:22 during the boys' junior high race.

Panthers complete 7-17 regular season Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team capped the 2019 regular season by competing in four events in a span of seven days.

The Panthers lost a three-set match to Red Rock Central in Lamberton Oct. 8 before falling in four sets to Mountain Lake Area Thursday in Ellsworth.

EHS compiled a 1-3 record at Saturday's Harris-Lake Park Tournament in Lake Park, Iowa, before taking a three-set loss from Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Monday in Okabena.

The 7-17 Panthers open the South Section 3A Tournament Monday in Hills.

HL-O-F 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers finished Red Rock Conference play with a 1-8 record after dropping a three-set match in Okabena Monday.

EHS couldn't put any runs together against a Coyote squad that dominated play by outscoring the Panthers 75-35 overall.

HL-O-F notched a 25-13 win in the opening set before securing a 25-15 victory in the second set.

The Coyotes completed their sweep by posting a 25-7 conquest in the final set.

No individual statistics were available from this match.

H-LP tourney

The Panthers went 1-3 and won the fourth-place bracket during Saturday's tournament in Lake Park, Iowa.

EHS dropped three, three-set pool matches before sweeping Trinity Christian by 21-18 and 23-21 tallies in the fourth-place bracket match.

Ellsworth opened the tournament by taking a 23-25, 24-22, 10-15 setback from Manson Northwest Webster.

Host Harris-Lake Park topped EHS 18-21, 21-14, 11-15 in the second pool match.

Rock Valley downed the Panthers 21-19, 21-23, 5-15 in the final pool contest.

MLA 3, Ellsworth 1

The Panthers dropped a four-set match to the Wolverines during their home finale in Ellsworth Thursday.

MLA gained an early advantage by posting 25-16 and 25-11 wins in the first two sets, but EHS recovered to nail down a 25-23 victory in the third set.

The Wolverines bounced back to end the match with a 25-22 win in the fourth set.

Ashlyn Meester (12 of 12 serving, six kills and three digs), Morgan Dreesen (17 of 18 serving and 14 set assists) and Kallie Chapa (12 of 12 serving with two aces, six digs and three kills) played well for the Panthers.

RRC 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers ended up on the losing end of a three-set sweep when they squared off against the Falcons in Lamberton Oct. 8.

Red Rock Central turned in a commanding effort by outscoring the Panthers 75-28 overall during the match.

RRC increased its margin of victory with every set by saddling the Panthers with 25-13, 25-9 and 25-6 setbacks.

No individual statistical information was available from this match.

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Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 17: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for Zambia at FBC — all are welcome. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 20: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, Oct. 21: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Tuesday, Oct. 22: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 6:30 p.m. Awana/T & T Parents Night. Thursday, Oct. 24: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for Zambia — all are welcome. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 17: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 5:30 p.m. Executive meeting. Friday, Oct. 18: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Oct. 20: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. 10:15 a.m. Adult study. No Sunday School. 6:30 p.m. Marriage Session. Monday, Oct. 21: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Bells practice. Tuesday, Oct. 22: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Marcia Moeller. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Supper for confirmation students. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7:15 p.m. 6-9th grade Confirmation class; Chancel choir rehearsal. Thursday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Camelot. 5-7 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Grace.

Bethany Lutheran Church
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Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

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Mike Altena, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 17: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Oct. 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Oct. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home and Poplar Creek services. Tuesday, Oct. 22: Noon staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. 7 p.m. Youth room reserved. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. Thursday, Oct. 24: 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: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Oct. 17: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Oct. 19: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. SWCC meeting — Upper Room. 7 p.m. Church Council meeting in Fellowship Hall. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 22: Noon Homeschoolers. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 5:30 p.m. Community meal. 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 24: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
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Thursday, Oct. 17: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship; Music staff. Tuesday, Oct. 22: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Oct. 24: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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Thursday, Oct. 17: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, Oct. 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study. No Junior Choir. Monday, Oct. 21: Newsletter deadline. 1:30 p.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Oct. 22: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. Senior choir; KFC/HS youth group. Thursday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
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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 Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 17: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Pastor/church workers conference at Maier. Friday, Oct. 18: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Bible study. Monday, Oct. 21: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 22: Pastors conference at Mankato. 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 23: Newsletter deadline. 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 24: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 4:30 p.m. Food Mission at Generations.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
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Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
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Sunday, Oct. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran Church. 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church.

Palisade Lutheran Church
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade. 3 p.m. Study at Palisade. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 9 a.m. Quilting at Palisade. Thursday, Oct. 24: 1:30 p.m. WELCA meeting at Palisade.

First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Oct. 22: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Oct. 23: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation grades 8-9. Thursday, Oct. 24: 7 p.m. Game Night in church basement.

"Did God really say?"

Built on a Rock

By Pastor Gary Klatt, St. John Lutheran Church

The Bible begins, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." It then explains what was created, how it was created, and when it was created. These words were written by Moses, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, some 2,000 years after they occurred.

These words serve as an introduction to God's revelation of time and history as He personally interacted with all that He created. The Bible tells the real-life story of humankind's rebellion and rejection of its Creator/God. It also reveals the Creator's commitment and consistent plan to reclaim that deviant mankind.

The Bible is very clear from the beginning that God's plan for mankind was one of fine moral character and mutual collaboration with God and all of creation. The plan did not change even when the first humans, Adam and Eve, chose to disobey the Creator. The Bible reveals a gracious and forgiving Creator. He continues to build relationships, through the telling of His-story, with every generation of new humans, so that they might enjoy life as He planned it to be, perfect and eternal. His plan for His creation is still that it might live forever in perfect harmony and everlasting peace.

The problem that keeps showing up in every new human that is born into this world is that we are all born sinful, that is selfish, greedy, and independent-minded. We don't want to listen to someone else's plan for our lives, even if it is our Creator (Rom. 3:10-12). The Bible reveals how every desire of God is for the good of all that He has created (John 3:16). He continues to tell His-story through His church, the gathering of those who do listen and believe.

The solution to the problem of sin was answered by the Creator when He promised a Savior that would live a perfect and obedient life in this corrupt world, satisfy the debt of sin, defeat death, and rise from the dead in victory on behalf of all sinful mankind. This new and victorious life would be passed onto every sinner who would hear the Word of God and believe it. But the Creator also knew that no sinner would be able to believe this Word on their own and so He also promised that wherever His Word is proclaimed in its truth and purity, He would provide His Holy Spirit to create and sustain this faith in the repentant sinner.

Now when a sinner, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repents of wrongdoing and believes in the forgiveness of sins for the sake of the Savior, which the Bible reveals as Jesus Christ, they receive God's gift of life as He planned it to be in the beginning. In this new life the Creator is our guide and He leads us to see and experience the harmony and peace of working together for the mutual good of all. When we make mistakes/sins, He is present to correct us and put us back on the correct path that is beneficial for all of mankind.

In the beginning our first ancestors chose to reject the Creator's plan for their lives. We have all done likewise ever since. But thanks be to God that He does not give up coming to us with the truth and salvation we need.

God does really speak to us through the Bible. It is true and always will be. It is the source of life now and forever.

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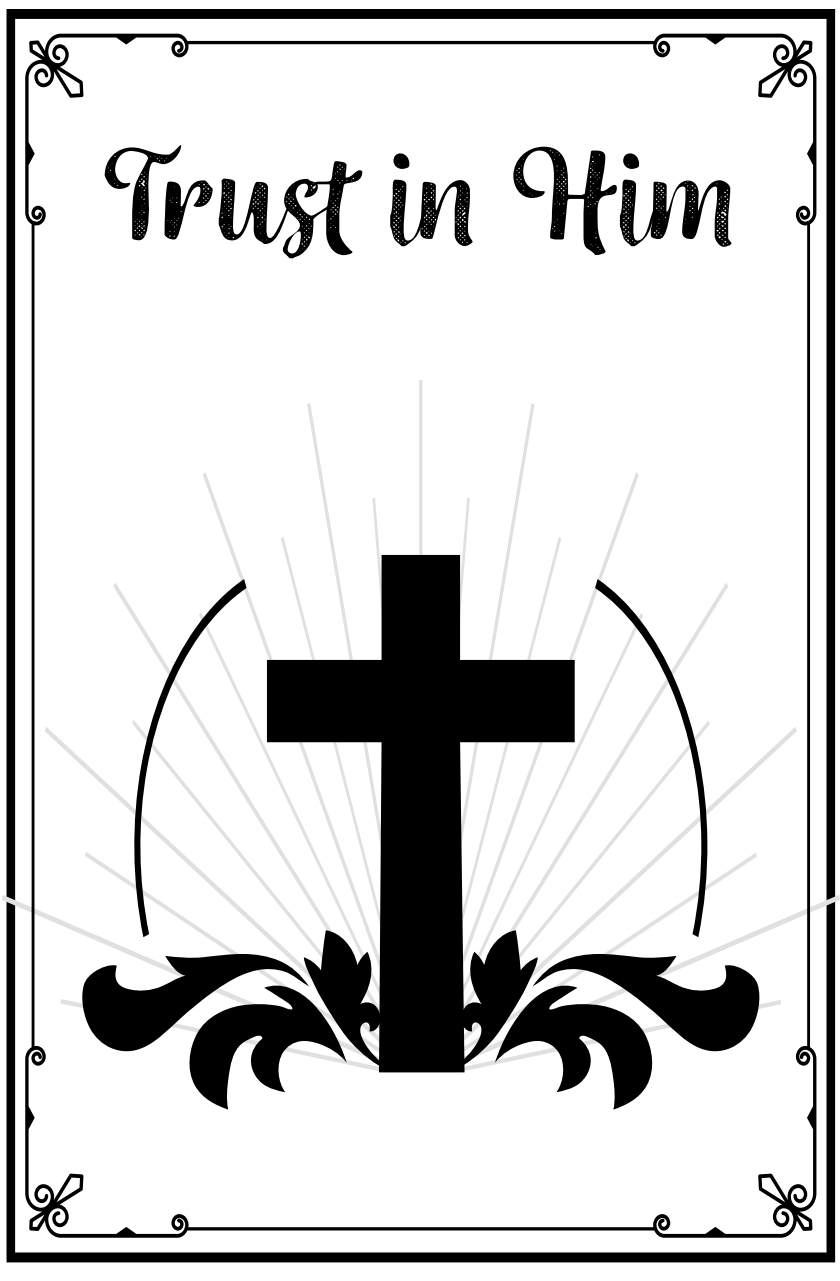

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Lange probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA — **PROBATE COURT DISTRICT COURT**
COUNTY OF ROCK — **PROBATE DIVISION**

In Re: Estate of — **Court File No. 67-PR-19-319**
Robert Arthur Lange, a/k/a Robert A. Lange,
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of November, 2019, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Jean Lange, whose address is 509 S. 4th Street, Beaver Creek, Minnesota, 56116, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator 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 administrator 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.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 524.3-403 Subd. (a) notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Jean Lange, has reason to believe that the original will of the decedent has been lost or destroyed. Petitioner also states that an authentic copy of said will has been presented to the Court for formal probate.

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

Dated: October 2, 2019 — /s/ Terry S. Vajgrt, District Court Judge

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma — /s/ Denise Brandel, Court Administrator
Attorney for Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
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I.D. #158343 — (10-10, 10-17)

Schroeder probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA — **FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT**
COUNTY OF ROCK — **PROBATE DIVISION**

Estate of — **Court File No. 67-PR-19-335**
Paul Schroeder,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 4, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heriship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Shelly Taylor, whose address is 935 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, MN, 56116 as Personal Representative 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 section 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.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 10/3/2019 — /s/ Terry S. Vajgrt, Judge of District Court
Dated: 10/3/2019 — Denise Brandel, Court Administrator, By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

Attorney for Petitioner
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Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated: 10-3-19

(10-10, 10-17)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Dec. 5

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: September 2, 2008

MORTGAGOR(S): Daniel L. Wendland and Jennifer D. Wendland, husband and wife.

MORTGAGEE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: September 3, 2008 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 169736.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated September 2, 2008 Recorded September 3, 2008, as Document No. 169737.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 603 East Park Street North, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20-1371-100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 3 in Block 2 in Thompson's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $138,265.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $155,492.89

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 5, 2019 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 mortgagor(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 mortgagor(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 5, 2020, 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, 2019

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(10-10, 10-17, 10-24, 10-31, 11-07, 11-14)

Public hearing set for Oct. 22

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing is hereby scheduled at 9:10 a.m. on October 22, 2019, at the Herreid Board meeting room, located at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to be held on a proposed property tax abatement request from Greg and Marilyn Uithoven, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction with following location: a 35.22 acre tract in Section 10 of Magnolia Township. It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rock grant a Property Tax Abatement on these properties in an amount not to exceed 100 percent (%) of the County's portion of the real estate taxes related to new residential home construction on the subject properties for a period not to exceed five (5) years. The estimated value of abatement is approximately $721.00 annually. This Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Property Tax Abatement as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1813, subdivision 5. The proposed abatement percentage and terms may be modified at the public hearing.

Kyle Oldre,
County Administrator
(10-17)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the Magnolia Fire Department for their quick response to our hog-house fire. Thank you to John Siebenhaler for reporting the fire. Thanks to everyone who helped with the fire.

Dennis and Deanna Pick
(10.13-10.17)

Thank you to our friends, neighbors, relatives, church family and many others who offered gifts of comfort, words of compassion, thoughtful gestures, cards of condolences, and memorial gifts with the passing of our mother and grandmother, Alma Birchard. Special thanks goes to Sanford Luverne Hospital and Clinic, and Sanford Luverne Hospice staff and volunteers. Your compassion in providing her care is unmatched. Thank you also to Jeff and staff at Hartquist Funeral Home for your care and attention to detail to help us navigate plans; you helped us be assured Mom was lovingly cared for. Thanks to Pastor Ann Zastrow for reminding us all that Mom is finally home. While her time in Luverne was short, her life was enriched because you all were part of her life here.

God bless each of you!
The family of Alma Birchard
John and Linda Birchard and family
Vicky and Roger Henderson and family
Larry and Roxanne Birchard and family
(10.13-10.17)

CARDS OF THANKS

We the family of Grace Wassenaar would like to say thank you for the expressions of sympathy shown to us at the time of our mom's death. Whether it was words spoken, cards, food or flowers received, thank you. A special thank you to Dr. Timothy Ceynowa for the years of medical care that she recevied from you. Thanks to the Tuff Memorial Home, the Tuff Village and the Luverne Hospice for all the love and care shown us in the last few years. Pastor Jeremy Wiersma and Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer for your words of comfort, thank you. And lastly the Steen Reformed Church for serving the lunch. 102 years of age is a remarkable accomplishment and we are so thankful that for most of those years she was a healthy individual who touched many lives in the Hills community.

Gladys and Jake Schelhaas,
Betty and Jerry Ackerman,
Bonnie and Dave Shelton,
Nelva and Ron Behr
and families
(10.17-10.20)

A heartfelt thank you to family and friends who shared our 60th wedding anniversary celebration. Your cards, calls, flowers and your presence at our open house were very much enjoyed and appreciated. It was a special day.

Audrey and Earl von Holt
(10.17-10.20)

FOR SALE

For Sale: Landscaping rock 1.5 and 3/4-inch rock. Also do stump grinding. Call Wayne Biever Construction at 507-227-4521 or 507-283-4614. Also have yard dirt. (10.3-10.20)

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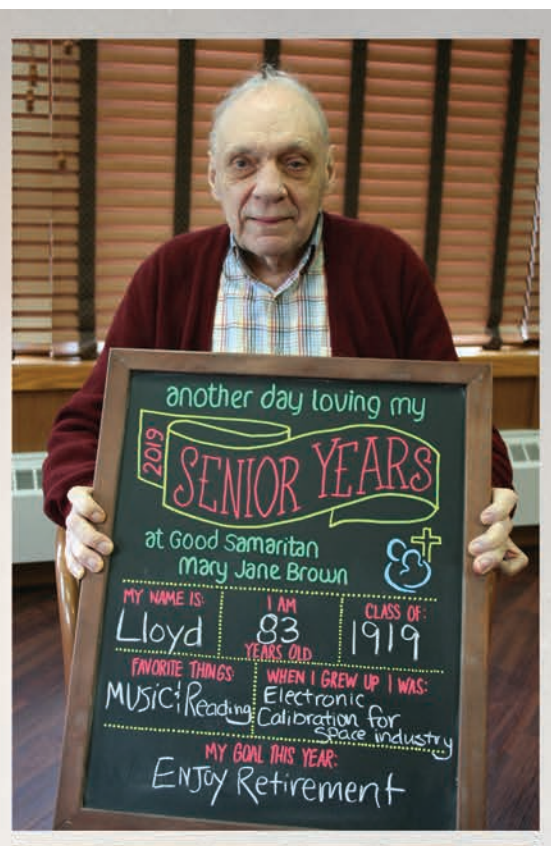

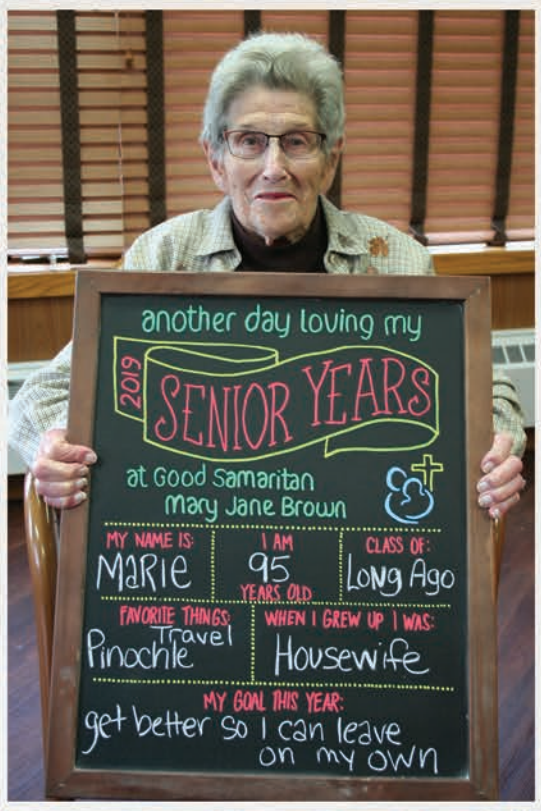

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Updated child care study shows increasing need for center-based care/continued from page 1

it can to help with the process, but the right entity needs to take charge.

"All we can do is set the table and say, 'Here's what it's going to take,' and make sure all the tools, resources and information is readily available," she said. "This type of data is what lenders and investors need to know."

That's why the LEDA commissioned Maxfield Research, Sioux Falls, to update its 2016 market feasibility study, which was combined with feedback from local employers, providers and schools.

Also, Luverne is partnering with First Children's Finance, a national nonprofit that helps communities and families with available, affordable and quality child care and education.

The agency connected Luverne with the Rural Childcare Innovation Program to coordinate conversations about the community's unique needs.

Why it matters

The child care shortage affects the entire community, the health and well-being of residents and opportunities for economic growth.

Businesses can't expand here if there's no child care for their workers, and families can't move here to take jobs if there aren't trusted care options.

From an employer's perspective, inadequate or unreliable child care for workers means absenteeism, lost production and difficulty filling positions with qualified workers.

By the numbers

The updated study considered a "primary market area" that included Rock County and surrounding communities, and Sammons reviewed the data Monday.

•Census data shows there are roughly 1,000 children younger than 5 in the market area, and that number is likely to remain steady in coming years.

•Of those 1,000 children, national research shows 42 percent are cared for by a parent or relative.

•The remaining number — 624 children in Rock County — need a day care slot somewhere, and home-based providers are currently the only resource.

•According to national averages, given the choice, 30 percent of families chose in-home care and the rest chose center-based care.

•Based on those trends, if Rock County families had a choice, 187 kids would go to in-home providers and 437 could be enrolled in center-based care.

•Considering it's realistic to capture 75 percent of actual market demand, the more realistic numbers would be 141 for home-based care and 328 could potentially be in center-based care.

"That to me, shows the demand for some type of center-based care in our area," Sammons said.

She cautioned that applying national trends to local data doesn't produce absolute totals.

For example, even though national trends show 42 percent of working families lean on relatives, that number may be closer to 75 percent here. Or, it may be only 20 percent.

"It's gray," Sammons said about the research. "It's a function of assumptions."

•Another way to run the numbers is that Rock County has 37 licensed in-home providers for 12 children each, meaning they can take up to 444 children.

•If 624 children under 5 who need care fill all of the 444 available slots at in-home providers, that leaves 180 children witihout child care.

•However, each provider can accept only two infants, and some opt not to accept any or to accept only one. Sammons said infant and toddler care are in greatest demand.

All data aside, she said the child care issue is a pressing concern across all social and economic sectors.

"Parents are saying, 'we can't find day care,' and employers are saying, 'we need more day care,'" Sammons said.

Center-based care is clearly needed, but for how many children and for which age groups? That's what the research attempts to determine.

The updated study confirmed the findings of the original study, but this one is more specific, taking into account state requirements for child care centers.

•Considering state requirements, a facility needs roughly 100 square feet per child, counting common spaces like kitchens, bathrooms and hallways, etc.

•Outdoor activity areas must provide at least 75 square feet per child, with additional space for parking and convenient pick-up and drop-off.

•Base construction costs are estimated at $130 per square foot for an average wood-framed single-story structure with average finishing. That doesn't account for financing, land acquisition or other "soft" costs.

•If the center were to develop an on-site outdoor activity area, additional costs would be incurred, which can be estimated at approximately $1,000 per child.

'We need a project champion' for center

The local committee working on child care solutions toured and interviewed a variety of day care facilities in the area to see what works for them.

They connected with Rock Rapids Kids Club, New York Mills, Little Diggers Daycare in Lynd, Benson School District and Victory Christian Church in Balaton.

Sammons said Monday that behind every successful child care center there's a passionate leader or team committed to making sure it succeeds.

"We need a local project champion to bring it forward with enthusiasm and support," she said.

While several parties have come forward with interest in starting a center in Luverne, Sammons said they haven't been able to find the right solution.

A non-profit, faith-based organization is currently considering the venture as a local mission, which would reflect a shift in the approach to local child care.

The LEDA spent $7,000 on the 2016 Maxfield Research study and $5,000 this year for updated findings.

Mayor Pat Baustian said it was a good investment.

"I'm glad the EDA went through with the study, because any business looking to build a day care center is going to need this data," he said.

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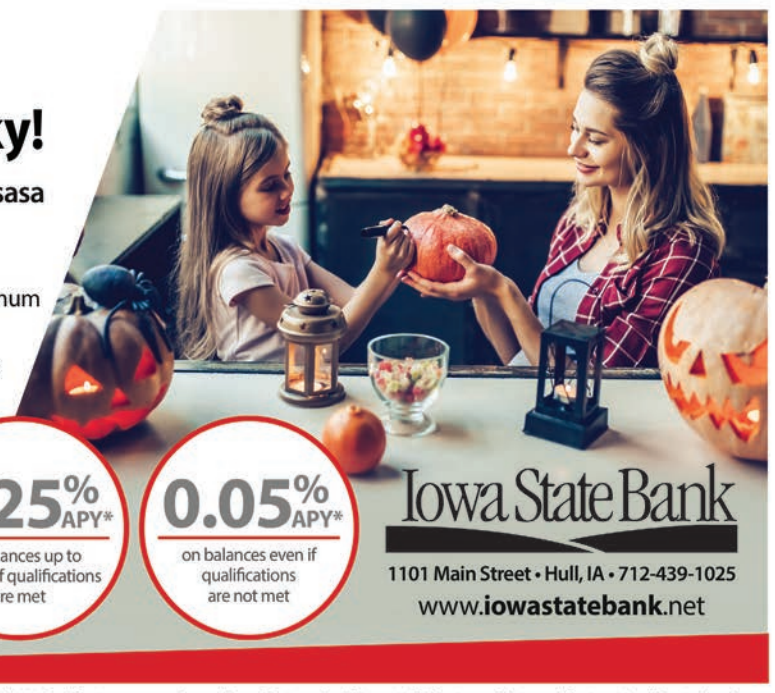

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