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Surgical dental clinic seeks to expand in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

A surgical and dental business is looking to expand services in Luverne, and it's eyeing a city-owned lot on South Highway 75.

A public hearing is set for 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19, ahead of the regular LEDA meeting to consider a proposal by Luverne Surgical and Dental LLC.

The company is a subsidiary of Siouxland Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Sioux Falls, which specializes in procedures such as dental implant placements, wisdom teeth extractions, corrective jaw surgery and others.

The company is interested in expanding its oral surgery practice in Luverne on the vacant lot owned by LEDA between the Econolodge hotel and Ed Elbers office building.

Dr. Denis Miller has been an oral and maxillofacial surgeon since 1998 and is a co-owner of Siouxland Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

In a formal proposal to the LEDA, he said plans call for a single-story L-shaped building, possibly built in two phases or as two separate buildings, up to 24,000 square feet total.

The new facility would include office space for an oral surgery office with build-to-suit spaces for other tenants — possibly a restaurant, coffee shop or other professional businesses and offices.

Construction costs are estimated at \$2 million, based on the costs of a smaller building the company has in Wagner, South Dakota.

Miller said construction would be set for fall of 2019 and the business would be operational by spring of 2021.

"This project is expected to create seasonal construction jobs and is anticipated to create spaces for up to eight businesses with jobs that contribute to the tax base," Miller said, adding that the oral surgery office would create three local jobs.

He pointed to research from the American Dental Association in 2004 that found that the economic impact of one dental office on the local economy was estimated at \$1,278,253.

"The project is important to Luverne since more Class A space will be available for small business to service the growing community," Miller said.

"In particular, the addition of an

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Lori Sorenson photos/1115 veterans day program at school

Veterans Day program thanks veterans for their service

Luverne High School hosted a Veterans Day program in the gymnasium to thank area veterans and recognize them for their service. Above, the Luverne High School concert band, directed by Richard Owen, plays "Freedom's Light," James Swearingen, as a prelude for students and community members as they entered the gym. Below, left, Luverne High School men's choir, directed by Seana Graber, sings "Tell My Father," by Andrea Ramsey. Hannah Ehlers accompanied them on the piano. Below, right, members of the Rock County Color Guard post the colors at the front of the gym. They are (from left) Donny Bryan, Paul Aukes, Roger Hoff, Jay Mann, Bruce Wilson, Buck Underwood and Brock Thielbar.



Hardwick ordinance may lower taxes on ag land in city limits

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick city residents could see an increase in property taxes beginning in 2020 if the council adopts an ordinance to develop rural service districts.

The ordinance creates dual tax rates (one for urban and one for rural) within the Hardwick city limits.

The result could lower tax rates for agricultural land within city limits, but could increase rates for urban Hardwick residents.

Letters requesting input were

sent to seven affected property owners who have agricultural land within city limits.

The city needs to determine the "benefit ratio" of ag parcels based on the percent of the available city services actually utilized.

Taxes would be based on the parcel's assigned benefit ratio — the more services used, the more taxes are paid, according to the letter from Hardwick City Attorney Dana Hoffman.

"Urban service districts have a

benefit of 100 percent because they can take advantage of and have access to all of a city's municipal services," she wrote.

If Hardwick adopts the ordinance, tax savings to property owners in rural service districts could be significant, Hoffman indicated.

If an ag parcel were determined to have a benefit ratio of city services of 25 percent, its owner would pay 25 percent of the urban tax. Instead of paying \$1,000 in property taxes, in the rural service district scenario, the

landowner would pay \$250.

However, the ordinance would result in urban properties paying a larger portion of the city's levy to make up the difference.

The consideration of a dual tax ordinance is in response to agricultural landowners' inquiries about paying tax rates equal to city residences.

"The city of Hardwick believes that the establishment of urban and rural service districts within its city limits

Hardwick rural districts/see 5A

Card draw breaks Magnolia council tie

By Lori Sorenson

A card draw Monday night determined the winning candidate in Magnolia's tie vote for city council.

Magnolia residents could vote for two candidates among the four on the ballot for Magnolia City Council.

Incumbent Gary Lee had 37 votes (38.96 percent) to keep his seat on the council, but incumbent Melanie Madison and challenger Jeff DeGroot tied for votes at 24 apiece (25.26 percent each). Sheila Jones had 8 votes and there were two write-ins.

To break the tie between Madison and DeGroot, Magnolia City Clerk Glenda Schomacker brought a new, unopened deck of cards to the canvassing board meeting Monday night.

The council witnessed her open the package and shuffle the cards be-

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Lori Sorenson photo/1115 magnolia tie vote

Jeff DeGroot draws a card from Magnolia Township Clerk Glenda Schomacker Monday night to break the tie vote with incumbent Melanie Madison (back right). Madison (pictured next to her husband, Dennis Madison, drew the high card to secure her seat on the board.

USO Show comes to Palace

By Lori Sorenson

Organizers of Luverne's Winterfest celebration are encouraging area residents to get their tickets early for the Holiday USO Show at the Palace Theatre Dec. 1 and 2.

The shows are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, and feature the best of classic entertainment that was made popular by the United Service Organizations in the 1940s.

This is the second time Luverne has hosted the USO show, and Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said tickets sold quickly for the 2017 show.

"The 150th Committee welcomed Bob Hope impersonator Bill Johnson to Luverne last year for a USO show held in August," she said.

Johnson is from Las Vegas and performs throughout the world as Bob Hope.

"With 'Bob Hope' as the MC, the



Mavis Fodness file photo/0810 USO

Sandbulte sisters (from left) Wendy Peters, Heidi Kraemer and Amy Tripp play the roles of the Andrews Sisters in the upcoming USO Show.

great music of the Fulda Big Band and a talented group of vocalists ... the shows were sold out," she said.

"People who had attended asked when we were going to have another one, and we came up with the idea of the traditional Christmas USO Show. The dates were worked out, everyone

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at St. John Lutheran Church. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964 with questions.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the home of Mark Vander Pol.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 with questions.

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.

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

Snowmobile safety class Nov. 17

Luverne Community Education will offer a snowmobile safety course for ages 11 and older from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Nov. 17, at Community Education. Register by calling 507-283-4724. Dress to be outside. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Call Dave Severtson at 507-220-3235 with questions. Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1976, is required to take the course to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota. The online portion should be completed and paid (\$29.95) prior to Nov. 17 at www.snowmobilecourse.com/usa/minnesota.

'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

The Green Earth Players will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Palace Theatre in Luverne at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-17, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18. Tickets for all performances are available at the Palace Box Office from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling 507-283-4339.

Operation Christmas Child boxes

Boxes for Operation Christmas Child are now available at the south entrance of the American Reformed Church for those who are willing to participate. Filled boxes need to be dropped off the by Nov. 18 at the church. For questions call Charla Sandbulte at 507-227-1722 or Karen Bosch at 605-413-9676. See samaritanspurse.org.

Sign up by Nov. 21 for SHARE

The Rock County SHARE program will distribute groceries, clothing and toys to Rock County residents in need from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Luverne National Guard Armory, 309 S. Freeman Avenue, in Luverne. Those wishing to receive from the program must apply by Wednesday, Nov. 21. Please note: The SHARE program will NOT accept donations of used items at this time. To support SHARE, mail donations to SHARE, PO Box 792, Luverne, 56156. Call 507-227-9282.

Bell ringers needed

The Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign is looking for individuals or groups to ring the bell this holiday season for 2-hour shifts between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at either Teal's or Shopko. The campaign is from Nov. 23 through Dec. 24. Call or text Carrie at 507-220-8897 or go to www.signup.com to sign up at either location (for Teal's: <http://signup.com/go/RPLDFeg> or for Shopko: <http://signup.com/go/byXNLpk>). All money raised stays in Rock County.

De-Light-Ful 5K and 1-mile walk

The annual De-Light-Ful 5K and 1 Mile Walk will be Saturday, Nov. 24, with a 6:10 p.m. start at the Luverne Armory. Race Day Registration begins at 5 p.m. Race will start and finish at Luverne Armory. Post Race Ceremony and Party to follow. Online Registration can be found at www.allsportcentral.com. For more information contact Dave at 507-920-3345 or dduffy@rconnect.com.

Community Ed wants your ideas

Luverne Community Education director Karen Willers is looking for ideas for new classes. Anyone with an idea for a new class or a request for a class should email k.willers2isd2184.net or call her at 507-283-4724. The most recent copy of the Community Education brochure can be viewed at www.isd2184.net.

Student essays address 'Why My Vote Matters' and 'Why I Honor the American Flag'

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County VFW Post 2757 honored two local students this week for their writing skills through the patriotic essay competitions, Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen.

Luverne High School senior Jadyn Anderson and Hills-Beaver Creek seventh-grader Grace Anderson wrote winning essays for the VFW scholarship competition, which recognizes excellence in original writing about patriotism and democracy.

Jadyn's essay in the Voice of Democracy category (for grades 9-12) won first place among local students, and she received \$100 for her entry written under the 2018 theme, "Why My Vote Matters."

Grace's essay in the Patriot's Pen category (for grades 6-8) won first place among local students, and she received \$75 for her entry, written under the 2018 theme, "Why I Honor the American Flag."

Second- and third-place high school winners are, respectively, H-BC ninth-graders Tara Paulsen (received \$75) and Samantha Moser (\$50).

Second-place middle school winner is H-BC seventh-grader Peyton Bennett who received \$50. There were only two entries in the middle school contest.

Both first-place essays from Rock County will be sent on to compete at the District 3 level contest. Those essays are reprinted below:

'Why My Vote Matters'
By Jadyn Anderson
Luverne High School senior

People that think it is okay not to vote really disappoint me. I believe they are wasting a precious gift given



Luverne High School senior Jadyn Anderson (left) earned first place in the VFW Voice of Democracy essay contest for her entry written under the 2018 theme, "Why My Vote Matters." H-BC seventh-grader Grace Anderson (right) earned first place in the VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest for her entry, written under the 2018 theme, "Why I Honor the American Flag."



to us by our country and I don't mind saying so.

It confuses me when large groups of people can complain incessantly about how things are being handled in our government, but then do not turn up on Election Day. Refusing to vote is equivalent to losing your opinion.

Every vote matters and every voice is important. There are many reasons why my single voice matters. Soldiers laid down their lives for my freedom and right to vote. Our democracy relies on people voting for the candidates they find best suitable to run our nation, and nothing will ever change if each person does not think their voice and their vote is important.

We cannot forget the past. There were times, not too long ago, when many Americans were not legally allowed to vote. Women and people of all colors pushed for their voices to be heard and fought tirelessly for this right. Since time has passed, I think some people have forgotten to be thankful for what was given to them, or

they take for granted what they have had all along. My vote matters because it shows that I recognize my gifted right and I would also be representing many people out there who still cannot vote.

A good example is in the upcoming midterm elections, I will turn 18 just nine days after Election Day. I find this very frustrating and wish I was able to vote now on the issues I care about. My voice will be unheard because I cannot yet legally vote. But, when I push my mother and father and other family members to vote, I am bringing more voters to the polls and bringing up hard discussions that need to be talked about.

When I think of why my vote matters, I think of the men and women who died for my vote. Yes, they died for my individual vote. I come from a military family with members on both sides that have served. I think about what they gave up for my freedom.

They gave up their youth, their families, and in some cases, their lives. Not getting

out to vote seems, to me, like one of the most disrespectful things you can do to a veteran. You should be able to look every man or woman in uniform in the eye and tell them that you voted as a thank you for their never-ending service.

Every single vote matters. I do not like the reasons people give for not getting out to vote. Every single vote matters. Many people waste massive amounts of energy complaining and getting worked up about our president and everything that is going on in Washington, D.C. Then, those very same people do not show up to the polls on Election Day. This is what drives me crazy!

Be the change you want to see in the world. No one is going to put in the work for someone else if that person doesn't even try with the simplest of acts like voting. When issues one might feel strongly about are part of the political conversation, it is important for that individual to cast their vote and make their voice heard.

Our democracy relies on voting. Literally. We fought the British for our freedom, so it is our civil duty as Americans to participate in our democracy. Democracy essentially IS America! Voting determines our leaders, our representatives, and how our lives will be lived!

Participating in local, county, state, and national elections is important. Each one is important, and each has contributed to what America is today.

My vote matters, because without it, I have no voice. You can bet that even though I won't be able to vote this November 6th, I'll be the first in line for future elections.

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fore she asked councilwoman Mary Smook if the winning card should be high or low. Smook choose high.

Schomacker then fanned the cards in her hand for Madison and DeGroot to draw their cards.

DeGroot turned over a 5 of diamonds and Madison revealed a queen of spades, so Madison kept her seat on the council and DeGroot thanked the group and went home.

But before the votes were canvassed, Lee announced that he would resign from the council in January due to health reasons and suggested that DeGroot might be considered for an appointment at that time.

When asked if he would still be interested, DeGroot said he would.

"I want to be more involved in the town," he said, adding that he's been sober nearly 18 months and is looking for

positive ways to spend his time when he's not at work.

He also said he's looking for things to keep his mind off the loss of his son, Jordan, who died at age 25 from injuries he sustained in an ATV accident on July 28.

"He encouraged me to do it," DeGroot said about his decision to file for election. "If he were alive today, I would have won the election."

The Magnolia City Council didn't discuss how they would fill Lee's position after January, but said it would be on the agenda at a future meeting.

In other election follow-up

• Battle Plain Township voters approved a measure that allows their treasurer to be appointed by a count of 51-19. No one had filed for the open position of treasurer, but the 11 write-ins for that seat didn't matter after the ques-

tion passed.

• In Hardwick 30 write-in votes were cast for mayor, compared to the 26 votes for candidate Willy Baker. But since no particular write-in candidates received more than 26 votes, Baker won the election. Richard Hubbling received the most write-in votes with 17.

• Kenneth voters also had no mayor on their ballots, but Keith Hoven garnered the most write-in votes, while also winning election for council member. There were two open seats for Ken-neth City Council, and Clare Vande Velde was elected to the other seat.

Hoven will have to choose which position he wants to fill and the council will have to appoint someone to the vacancy or fill it through a special election.

• No one filed for mayor or supervisor in Rose Dell Town-

ship, but the top write-in votes were tallied. Joe Buysse was the write-in for Supervisor Seat A, Larry Fjellanger for Supervisor Seat B and Jerry Purdin was the write-in for treasurer.

• Martin Township voters approved six-year supervisor terms by a vote of 113-63. Terms are currently four years long, and the new standard takes effect immediately.

According to Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz, the resolution approved a phase-in of the six-year term with Gawaine Diekevers elected to a four-year term and Allen Nuffer to a six-year term.

Josh Rheault's seat will be open in 2020 for a six-year term, and after that all terms will be six years.

"This helps keep them staggered a little bit so there is a supervisor on the ballot at every election," Kurtz said.



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Power upgrades planned next year near Magnolia, Hills

By Mavis Fodness

Prolonged electricity outages are events of the past under a plan outlined by Sioux Valley Energy representatives.

JayBuchholzand Reggie Gassman spoke with Rock County Commissioners at their Nov. 6 meeting.

The cooperative targets replacing 125 miles of its aging power lines each year. Some lines currently targeted for replacement were installed in the late 1940s or early 1950s.

“That’sareallyaggressive target,” Buchholz said. “The nice thing with the growth in our area, it has helped to finance or get that going ... to handle capacity.”

Costspermileof\$100,000 for overhead lines (or higher for buried lines) keep the cooperative from replacing the old lines more quickly.

For efficiency, the cooperative was an even mix of overhead and buried lines.

“The reason you don’t see all lines buried is that it doesn’tworkwell,” Gassman said.

Alongwithline upgrades, the cooperative is also upgrading its backup capabilities.

The need for backup power became apparent in April when 90 power poles south of Magnolia snapped during a late winter weather event.

“Some of that aging infrastructure was not handling the weather conditions in this area,” he said.

Due to no backup options, many customers waited days for the downed lines to be repaired before power was restored.

This summer Sioux Valley Energy installed backup and redundancy options east of Steen through installing a half-mile tie line.

“If they lose power, we now have other options and we can get them restored quicker,” Buchholz said.

Additional tie lines are

planned for the Magnolia and Hills areas in 2019-20.

Rural water seeks options to lower electrical bills

Rock County Rural Water Board is researching ways to lower its electrical bill to run its water pumps and heat the system’s pump house.

Commissioner Stan Williamson serves on the water board and asked the Sioux Valley Energy officials for possible solutions.

“Howcanwesavemoneyon the \$5,000 to \$8,000 bill we get each month?” he asked.

Renewable energy is a long-range option Rural Water has considered. Sioux Valley Electric installed a solar project at its Brandon, South Dakota, service building.

Sioux Valley’s Gassman works directly with the solar farm, collecting and analyzing data.

He said the electrical power generated by the solar farm is more efficient and requires less maintenance than wind power.

However, installation costs are high and because Rural Water is owned by Rock County, it is ineligible for tax credits that lower investment costs.

As a short-term option, Gassman said, “There are things you can do now.”

An energy audit determines where and when power is used and could indicate where potential savings could be gained.

“That would be a place we could start,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

About Sioux Valley Energy

Sioux Valley Energy serves more than 25,000 accounts in Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota. There are 2,492 customers in Rock County including rural residents and the cities of Hills, Steen, Beaver Creek, Hardwick and Magnolia.

The cooperative maintains 6,030 miles of power lines.

In 2015 Sioux Valley Energy expanded its service by acquiring Alliant Energy’s Minnesota service territory.

‘Tree of Lights’ Nov. 29, Dec. 9

The **Luverne** Hospice “Tree of Lights” lighting ceremony is set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the corner of Main Street and Highway 75.

The **Adrian** ceremony is at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Adrian Fire Hall. The **Hills** ceremony is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Tuff Village.

Names (submitted by Nov. 26) of those remembered or honored will light a light

on the tree and will be read during a tree/candle lighting ceremony. The names will also be printed in the newspaper at Christmas.

Forms for submission of names are available at area churches, Teal’s Market, the Hospice Cottage, and the Sanford Hospice Office. A suggested donation is \$5 per name. Call the Hospice office at 283-1805 with questions.

USO Show/continued from 1A

learned holiday music and we are excited to welcome everyone back for this brand new show.”

The same singers and actors will appear in the Dec. 1 and 2 shows, but the music and monologue are all new.

Performances feature comedian Bob Hope re-enactor Bill Johnson, Christmas music by the Fulda Big Band, and vocal performances by Sheila Crowley.

Actress and vocalist Jorie Kosel will recreate the seductive voice of Marilyn Monroe, and Luverne’s own Sandbulte Sisters (Amy, Wendy and Heidi, under the direction of their mother, Sue) will harmonize as the Andrews Sisters.

Plus, vocalist Todd Eckart will recreate the sounds of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley.

The USO entertainment tradition dates back to World

War II when entertainers performed for troops at military bases overseas.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt requested the service to provide morale and recreation to military personnel.

The USO was developed as a non-profit organization that brought together private charitable groups to raise money for the shows, which eventually attracted big-name Hollywood stars.

Today, the USO entertainment style continues in the tradition of musical variety shows, and the show coming to Luverne’s Winterfest weekend closely imitates the star-studded shows that traveled abroad over the Christmas season during wartime.

Ticket sales opened Nov. 1 at the Palace Box Office, 507-283-4339. Reserved seats are \$25 and balcony seats cost \$15.



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Darrell Schmidt (left) and Deb Ward are the 2019 Friend of Education and Teacher of the Year respectively, as announced Monday afternoon during the annual program for American Education Week. Luverne Education Association sponsors the award.

Luverne honors Teacher of the Year, Friend of Education

Deb Ward earns local designation of 2019 Teacher of the Year

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public School’s most-senior teacher received the 2019 Teacher of Year selection Monday afternoon in a special ceremony hosted by her peers in the Luverne Education Association.

Theresa Graff, the 2016 Teacher of the Year, announced this year’s award recipient.

“She hardly ever misses work,” Graff said. “She always has a positive attitude even when it comes to the daily challenges with students’ behaviors, being an ear to parents, figuring out new schedules to meet the needs of her students, writing IEPs and having a meeting almost daily, sometimes twice, and managing dozens of paraprofessionals.”

Ward was hired in 1977 as a special education teacher in the district.

During her 41 years, she has alternated between working with students and parents in the elementary and middle school levels. She currently works with students in grades 6-12.

Her father, Burt Barnard, influenced Ward’s decision to become a teacher. He was superintendent of schools in Pipestone, where Ward graduated in 1973.

“He was the one who said teaching is not an 8 to 5 job. You work and give it your all,” she said.

Ward originally attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion before finishing her special education degree at St. Cloud State University.

She spent nine months student teaching in Willmar before accepting a position in Luverne in August 1977.

“It was a stepping stone and I never stepped any further,” she said.

Ward and her husband, Rick, raised their four children in Luverne. Tiffany, Amanda, Allison and Tommy all graduated from Luverne. She has three grandsons.

Currently she has no plans to retire.

“I get to really know my kids. I have them for years, know the parents ... I don’t pass them on to the next teacher the next year. I get the privilege of seeing them grow.”

Ward receives emails, phone calls or personal visits on the street or in stores from former students. Many tell her they have furthered their education, started their own families and/or work in their communities.

“They know I care for them,” she said. “I want them to be successful, be their best.”

Lessons progress through learning the basics to the life skills they will need before they graduate high school, including managing budgets and preparing for job interviews.

Despite her dedication to stu-



Deb Ward’s family waits in a storage room in surprise for Monday’s Teacher of the Year announcement. From left are grandsons Skylar Herding and Bryton Johnson, daughters Amanda Ward and Allison Roemen, (back) son-in-law David Roemen with grandson Tanner Roemen, (sitting) friends Rita Miller and Katie Hemme, and (leaning on the door frame) husband Rick Ward.

dents and their education, Ward confessed she never thought she would deserve LEA’s Teacher of the Year honor.

“The nomination list was huge,” said one colleague.

Graff’s nomination comments included Ward’s kindness, hard work, dedication and willingness to try new and varying approaches to learning.

Ward’s comments to staff upon being named Teacher of the Year quickly credited her colleagues and family.

“I do want to give a huge thank you to my family for always being there for me and for all their love and support through the years. I also want to thank my amazing special education team,” she said. “Our school, students and community are so lucky to have them here. I am truly blessed to work with such wonderful people.”

Ward is now eligible as Luverne Public School’s nomination to the state Teacher of the Year program through Education Minnesota.

According to the organization’s website, the Teacher of the Year program selects one teacher to represent the state’s thousands of excellent educators. The state selection goes on to the National Teacher of the Year program.

Darrell Schmidt named 2019 Friend of Education

Luverne Education Association celebrated American Education Week Monday by announcing its 2019 Friend of Education.

Teachers selected Darrell

Schmidt, a Luverne High School graduate, retired International Falls grades 7-12 instructor and now substitute teacher for Luverne Public Schools.

Becky Rahm, LEA’s 2015 Teacher of the Year, read comments made about Schmidt on the nomination form and presented Schmidt with a plaque.

Comments from colleagues singled out his positive, happy and inspiring attitude, his preparation routine for his day of substitute teaching, and bringing treats and support for the speech and Mock Trial programs.

“He is nicknamed ‘Mr. Fabulous’ by the students,” Rahm said. “I have had many kids across the spectrum of academics say ‘I love that guy’ without any sarcasm or irony. And if you know middle school-high school students, you know that it is sometimes very hard to do ... he is quite the substitute.

“It would be easy for him to take a step back and be less involved but he doesn’t because he cares about the students and being in an educational environment.”

Schmidt began as a substitute teacher for Luverne schools in 2013.

His nickname, “Mr. Fabulous,” coined by students comes from the colorful ties he wears to school.

“They have some life in them,” Schmidt admitted.

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I called her 'Kitty.' My husband called her 'dead if we didn't get her out of the house.'



Cat lover in 'not-cat' home enjoys temporary fix with visiting kitten

The world is comprised of cat people and not-cat people with a small minority who say they're in neither camp.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

For most of my life, I've lived in a house with a cat or two, and therefore it seems natural to live among the benefits — and the drawbacks — of cat companionship.

On one hand, there's nothing quite like warming up on the couch next to a purring cat's noisy motor. It's one of the happiest sounds on earth (if you ask a cat person).

Also, there's nothing quite like the sight of a kitten pouncing on a Q-tip and chasing it across the room. Or, the sight of a fat cat squeezing into a small box.

There are countless things cat people love about cats. They make us smile.

But the not-cat people notice cat fur on sweaters, litter boxes that need attention and curious whiskers in half-eaten bowls of ice cream.

I'm a cat person who married a not-cat person, and in our early years my husband tolerated the cat I already had.

Because he loved me, he tolerated my cat.

But we had a deal — once this cat expired, our house would no longer have a cat.

At the time, my cat was young, and I believed she'd live forever — or at least long enough to make a cat lover out of my husband.

Well, neither happened. My beloved cat developed cancer and died, and my husband, though outwardly sympathetic, inwardly turned cartwheels.

We were no longer a household with a cat.

But we had a dog, and therefore still had a pet to love

and play with and clean up after.

I told myself that was enough; we're fine without a cat.

But I was prone to obsessively cuddling other housecats when we visited friends with cats — for my "cat fix" as I called it. (Some poor cats got squeezed so hard their eyes bulged a little.)

There was no denying the longing within me.

I was a cat person without a cat; a part of me was missing.

And then one day, my son brought home a kitten. A cute, fuzzy, gray-and-calico tabby named "Moose" — a name that only a 22-year-old man would think of.

I called her "Kitty."

My husband called her "dead if we didn't get her out of the house."

We assured him she was temporary; the kid was moving in two days and the cat was going with him.

And for two short days I was in heaven — one night the cat purred me to sleep when my husband was out of town.

She did leave, and our lives continued under the deal I'd made with my husband years earlier.

... Until the kid returned last week with the cat.

He was changing jobs and would be with us until he found a new place.

As a mom, I was excited about my son's professional opportunities, but as a cat lover, all I could think about was our not-cat home having a house cat again.

Even if it's only temporary.

Appreciate the under-appreciated; thank a teacher today

GUEST EDITORIAL

If asked for a list of five people who have most impacted our lives, most of us would mention an educator somewhere on that list.

Yet, on a daily basis, we send our own children and grandchildren to school without a great deal of thought about the individuals that are shaping their young minds and lives.

This week is American Education Week, and it's the perfect time to consider what our teachers do for students and for the communities they live in and work in. After all, there are many reasons to be grateful for them.

For one thing, their biggest contributions are the ones we rarely see.

They get up each day and head to their busy classrooms to see and work with their students; this much we know. But behind the scenes they also read teacher blogs and teacher guidebooks and create lesson plans. They stay up to the early hours of the morning and contemplate how

to improve their teaching strategies, how to arrange their classroom in the perfect manner to ensure the success of their students.

That is their driving force — to develop the understanding of their students in the best way possible. This is because they understand, from their own experiences, that education is the key to success.

They have an exceptional amount of patience.

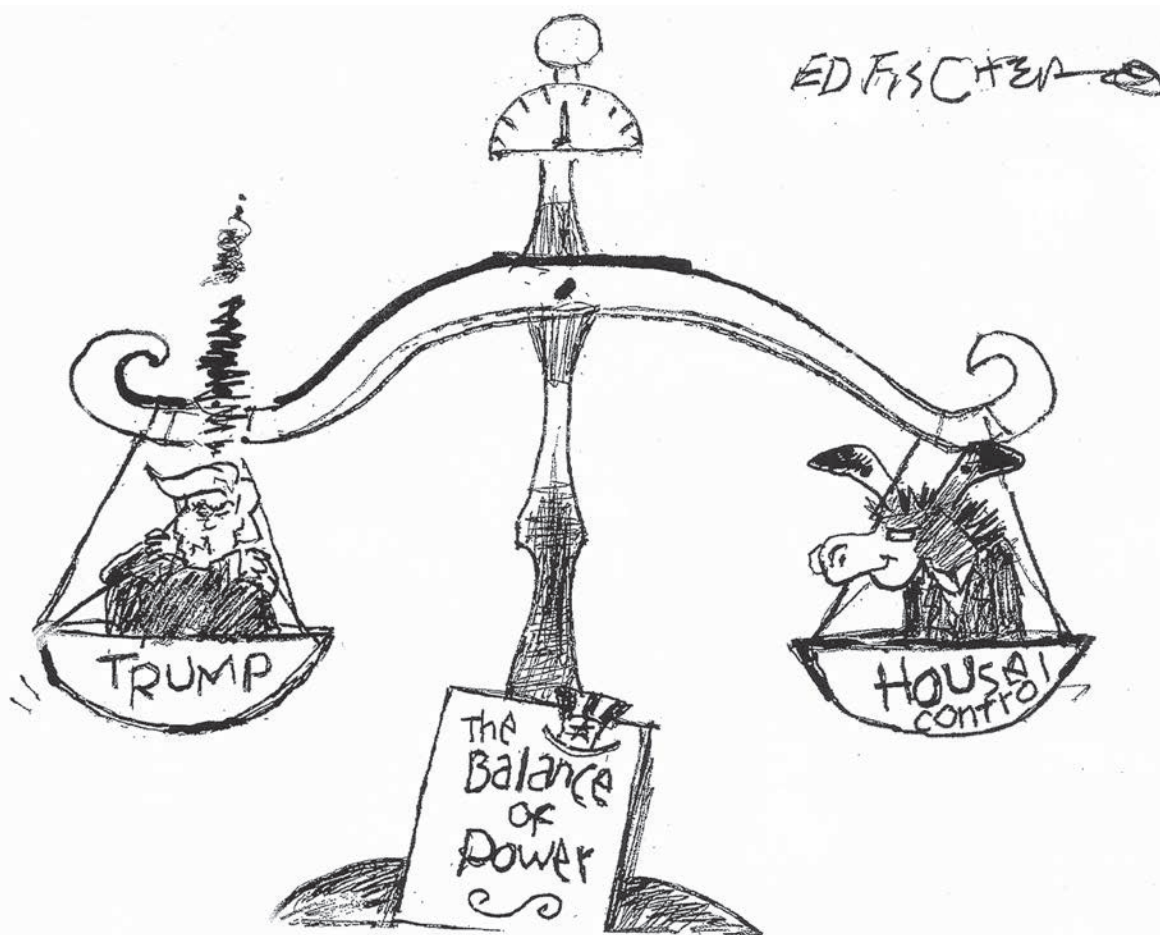
We all know kids can be difficult to deal with, much less 23 in one room all while trying to educate them on everything from history to mathematics. Teachers learn to develop an exceptional amount of patience, derived from a passion and love for

their students. They take time out of their day, even their lunches — their one time to be alone or with other adults — to work with students who need more help for understanding, or simply to spend personal time with students. This care and willingness to sacrifice is far beyond what is expected of them.

Yet, this is a routine for teachers.

All the teachers in our lives have worked to get us to where we are today. Think of the investment they made in us to jumpstart our careers, to help us find our passion.

This week, during American Education Week, we can thank a teacher, a mentor, a hero and an inspiration today.



Ignition interlock protects against impaired driving

Question: I was arrested for DWI. Where do I find information about ignition interlock?

Answer: First-time DWI offenders arrested at 0.16 alcohol concentration level or above and second-time offenders can voluntarily enroll in the ignition interlock program to regain legal driving privileges. If they don't enroll, they face at least one year without a driver's license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

The law gives DWI offenders a chance to regain driving privileges by ensuring safe and legal driving through the use of the interlock device. Interlock users will regain full driving privileges immediately after the offense and enrollment into the program. This ensures they are driving with a valid license and are not a threat on the road.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services Division administers the ignition interlock, and you can contact them at dvs.ii@state.mn.us or (651) 296-2948 to enroll in the program. Information is also available at



<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/programs/mn-ignition-interlock/Pages/default.aspx>.

Interlock devices are installed near the steering wheel and connect to the engine. They require a driver to blow into a tube and provide a breath sample in order for the vehicle to start.

The vehicle will not start if the device detects an alcohol concentration level of 0.02 or above. Interlocks require rolling re-tests after the initial test, but a failed test will not disable the vehicle while in motion for safety reasons. The device also has features to deter others from starting the vehicle for the intended user.

The ignition interlock program protects Minnesotans from the dangers of impaired driving by:

- creating safer roads.
- providing a way for offenders to obtain a valid driver's license, addressing the problem of people driving without a valid license.
- encouraging behavior modification and rehabilitation.
- diminishing the possibility of a repeat DWI.

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.

If you have any questions, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

ASK A TROOPER

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 2

- Complainant reported possibly hit child at North Kniss Avenue and West Dodge Street.
- Complainant reported a silver Corvette burned out on the road in front of his house on West Church Avenue in Steen.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about landlord/tenant issues.
- Complainant reported party trespassing.
- Complainant requested a deputy to stand by for property exchange on East Maple Street.
- Complainant requested a shut-off notice be posted at residence in Mead Court.
- Complainant on Oakland Avenue reported client is throwing things.
- Deputy released vehicle from impound.
- Complainant on West Warren Street reported he may need a place to stay tonight.
- Complainant requested assistance on traffic stop at I-90 Adrian Rest Stop.
- Complainant on North Cedar Street reported neighbors discharging BB guns.
- Complainant reported suspicious activities on North Kniss Avenue.

Nov. 3

- Complainant in rural Steen reported narcotic information.
- Complainant at 231st Street and 60th Avenue in rural Hardwick reported cows out.
- Complainant in Steen area reported a threatening voicemail.
- Complainant on South West Park Street reported his car was entered and gone through.
- Complainant called for mental health resources.
- Complainant reported driving complaint on I-90 eastbound, mile marker 16.
- Complainant reported Life-line activation.
- Deputy is with vehicle on Highway 75.

Nov. 4

- Complainant on East Bishop Street reported an assault.
- Deputy requested we notify State Patrol of motorist assist.

- Complainant on East Warren Street reported a theft.
- Complainant in Steen requested a deputy call him.
- Complainant on West Warren Street requested to speak to a deputy.

Nov. 5

- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
- Alarm at Luverne High School.
- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle at 30th Avenue and 51st Street in Hills area.
- Complainant requested escort to impound for vehicle.
- Deputy spoke with complainant regarding patrol.
- Deputy spoke with complainant regarding suspicious activity.
- Deputy conducted follow-up.
- Deputy conducted follow-up.
- Complainant on East Brown Street reported violation of court order.
- Deputy conducted follow-up on North Freeman Avenue.
- Complainant reported stalled vehicle on Highway 23 at County Road 5.
- Complainant on Gabrielson Road reported lost property.

Nov. 6

- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported lost property.
- Complainant requested assistance for vehicle unlock.
- Possible broken pipe on Highway 75 2 1/2 miles north of Luverne.
- Complainant reported gas drive-off.

Nov. 7

- Complainant on North McKenzie Street requested assistance of sheriff's office.
- Complainant reported cattle near the roadway on County Road 13 and 10th Avenue in Hills area.
- Complainant on 160th Avenue near Luverne reported a scam call.
- Complainant reported a fraudulent check.
- Complainant requested siren testing.
- Complainant requested a

gas voucher.

- Complainant reported cars racing down Donaldson Street and North East Park Street after school.
- Complainant reported a calf out at 74th Avenue south of County Road 4 near Beaver Creek.
- Trooper requested deputy assistance looking for a vehicle on I-90 westbound, mile marker 1.
- Complainant requested a deer tag for a road kill deer.
- Complainant reported cows on the road on 150th Avenue near Luverne.
- Complainant reported vehicle trying to run them off the road on County Road 4.

Nov. 8

- Complainant requested deputy for hearing.
- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported an issue.
- Complainant on East Luverne Street reported an elevator emergency.
- Complainant reported finding a license plate while walking ditches along Highway 75, mile markers 1-7.
- Complainant reported he repossessed a vehicle.
- Complainant on East Warren Street reported ATV driving around on city streets in Luverne.
- Complainant on County Road 4 reported property damage.
- Complainant on West Hattin Street reported disturbance.

Nov. 9

- Deputy reported debris on the road at County Road 7 and 150th Avenue near Hardwick.
- Complainant on East Main Street reported burglary alarm.
- Complainant on I-90 at Exit 15 reported chest pain.

In addition officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 2 vehicles in ditch, 5 transports, 6 escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 11 paper service attempts, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 3 burn permits, 5 drug court tests, 5 welfare checks, 1 purchase/carry permit request, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 16 traffic stops, 1 residence check and 3 tests.



The city of Hardwick comprises about 1,100 acres of which 997 are classified as agricultural. This Google map of Hardwick shows the city limits encompass more rural properties than urban, and the rural properties are taxed the same as urban properties, despite the fact that many don't have access to city services.

Hardwick rural service districts/from 1A

would provide an equitable and fair solution to both agricultural landowners as well as the city," Hoffman wrote.

At their Oct. 10 meeting, council members unanimously agreed to pursue establishing a dual tax rate system based on information presented by Hoffman.

She said ag landowners could legally petition to detach from the city of Hardwick and the city would receive no taxes from the detached parcel, or the council could adopt an ordinance creating rural service districts within its city limits.

"Receiving some tax is better than receiving none at all," said city clerk Tammy Johnson.

"Each property would have to be looked at individually to determine if they have access to city services. Some have sewer; some have water; some have access to one or the other; some don't have access to either," she said.

The new ordinance details which parcels are included in the rural service districts and their proposed benefit ratio.

A public hearing on the information will be conducted in the first half of 2019

Information presented at public hearing in the first half of 2019 will determine new tax rates assessed for 2020. If adopted, Hardwick would be the first city in Rock County to establish rural service districts.

with the new tax rates assessed for 2020.

If adopted, Hardwick would be the first city in Rock County to establish rural service districts, according to Land Records Director Tom Houselog.

"It has probably been discussed in every small city in the county," he said. "But none have gone any further."

Hardwick has the largest percentage of ag land versus residential property in the county at more than 90 percent.

"The city of Hardwick comprises about 1,100 acres of which 997 are classified as agricultural," Houselog said.

"It is not uncommon for small cities such as Hardwick to have a lot of farmland within its city limits."

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CELEBRATIONS

Births

Agirl, Vera Pearl, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018, at Sanford Luverne to **David and Amelia Brake**, Wilmont. She joins siblings Hazel, Emerson and Everly. Grandparents are Kurt and Jody Mulder of Rushmore and Doug and Marie Brake of Worthington. Great-grandparents are Sharon Mulvihill of Luverne, Larry Mulvihill of Luverne, and Don and Doris Brake of Wilmont.

Open houses

Jim Vink will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Greetings may also be sent to him at 509 E. Barck Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Card showers

Arnie Stael will celebrate his 85th birthday on Thursday, Nov. 15. Greetings may be sent to him at 119 E. Fairway Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Pauline Ailts will celebrate her 80th birthday on Thursday, Nov. 15. Greetings may be sent to her at 1012 Jackson Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Nov. 19: Creamy vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, crackers, peaches, cookie.

Tuesday, Nov. 20: Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, dinner roll, pudding dessert.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

Wednesday, Nov. 21: Barbecue riblet sandwich, tri taters, corn, mandarin orange gelatin.

Program: Our Signature Meal Day; Thanksgiving Trivia; Site Council.

Thursday, Nov. 22: Closed.

Friday, Nov. 23: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, bread, ice cream.

Program: Half-Price Day.

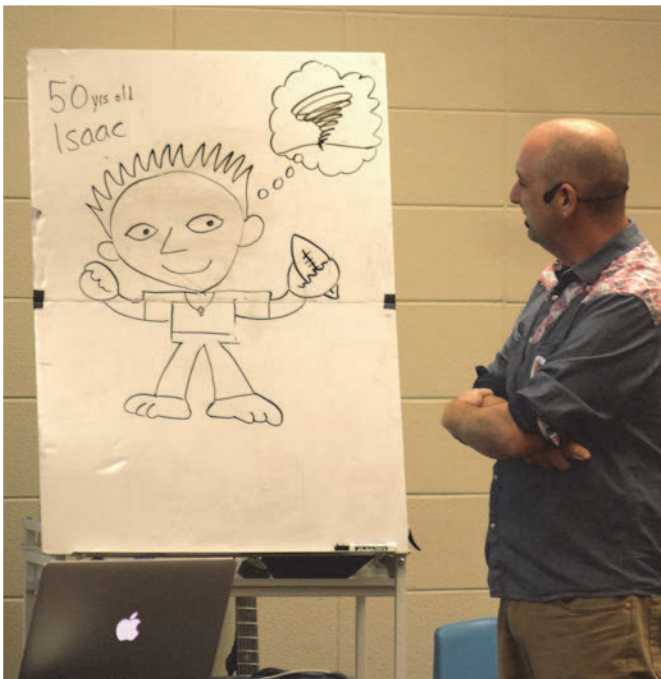
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Below: Illustrator and author Stephen Shaskan examines "Isaac," a character he and his second-grade audience developed together Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 7. **Below far right:** A small sample of books written by Trisha Speed Shaskan and illustrated by her spouse, Stephen, is displayed for the students.

Mavis Fodness photos/1115 Author Visit 2018



Trisha Speed Shaskan (left) and Stephen Shaskan talk to Luverne Elementary second-graders about the necessary steps used to develop the characters and storylines for their children's books.

Authors inspire learning through stories, illustrations

By Mavis Fodness

After last week's annual author visit, many Luverne Elementary students are immersed in drawing, writing and/or telling their own stories in class and at home.

On Nov. 7 and 8, Minnesota authors Stephen Shaskan and Trisha Speed Shaskan talked with each grade level at the K-5 school.

The couple shared their creative processes to writing and illustrating children's books.

Prior to the Shaskans' visit, the students were introduced to the couple's books during time spent in the school media center.

Tina Petronek, the elementary media center paraprofessional, said the library contains many of the books written by the Shaskans including the "Q & Ray" mysteries and "Punk Skunks" for students to check out.

In group sessions books are read to students and the stories discussed prior to

the author's visit.

"There is something about meeting the author in person and being able to have a conversation with them that really ignites something in the students," Petronek said.

"After the author/illustrator visit, students have a renewed interest in reading."

Among the more than three dozen books written by the Shaskans (either separately or together), the couple also collaborated on "Art Panels: Writing your own Graphic Novel." The techniques outlined in the book are regularly shared during their school visits.

"Our goal is for students to see how easy reading and writing are and to be creative," Trisha said.

The Shaskans were previously full-time educators and each began writing and/or drawing as a child, about the same age as the second-graders they spoke with Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 7.

During the 45-minute visit, they showed the second-graders how to take an idea, sketch a character and develop a story around that character.

With illustrator Stephen completing the drawing and Trisha asking the questions, the second-graders created "Isaac," a 50-year-old character with lobster claws for hands, who has a love for playing football, is afraid of tornadoes, cherishes a necklace he wears around his neck and is visiting the beach.

Trisha said she spends a lot of time writing and developing characters in a spiral notebook. She details everything about that character before creating the story, which requires the author to conduct research.

"I get to learn about things I love," she said. "Every book has something in it that means a lot to me."

For her book "Q & Ray: The Missing Mola Lisa," Trisha based the mystery



on the famous painting, the Mona Lisa, during a visit to Paris as a college student. Her love of baseball was woven into her latest book, "Q & Ray: Foul Play at Elm Street Park."

Stephen explained to the students that illustrators often draw the same character dozens of times for single book and sometimes multiple books. Keeping to simple shapes is key to drawing the character the same way each time.

With the created "Isaac" character, he talked about how to use various drawing techniques to show emotions, especially if his beloved neck-

lace was stolen.

At the end of the session with the authors, the students walked back to their classrooms talking about the stolen necklace, with some students already deciding who the thief was.

"Sometimes they make their own books and bring them to me to read," the media center's Petronek said. "Not all kids love reading, but if we can connect them with just one story that they enjoy, we can grow a joy from there."

PPIE (Parent Partners in Education) sponsored the author visit event.

1953: Extension plans special agricultural events, meetings

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on March 26, 1953.

Co. Extension Program Plans Are Announced

Special agriculture events and meetings for the next fiscal year of the county agricultural extension department were scheduled at a meeting held here last Thursday evening.

Farmers representing most farm organizations in Rock county met with County Agent Luehr, and set up the program, after considering and analyzing the recommendations made by a group of 26 men and women on March 9 as to what they thought should be carried



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

out through the extension department during the latter part of 1953 and 1954. Also incorporated into the extension program was the program of the local Soil Conservation District.

Following is the schedule:
October 1953 - The economic outlook on feeder cattle and hogs for the coming year.

October 1953 - Meetings on brucellosis control to explain the benefits to producers and the health hazard connected with brucellosis.

December 1953 - Feeding of dairy cattle and the marketing of dairy products.

January 1954 - Poultry and egg meeting.
January 1954 - Weed and

pest control and how to avoid contaminated feed and grain.

February 1954 - Annual soil conservation night.

February 1954 - Tour looking at hay and silage storage.

May 1954 - Swine tour showing efficient methods of production.

June 1954 - Tour visiting fertilizer plots on grain and legumes.

July 1954 - Beef feeding tour on most efficient production with silage, grass and grain.

August 1954 - Rock county plowing contest.

September 1954 - Tour to demonstration plots on one year legumes in a rotation showing the results on yields and other crops.

The county agent will use

the program in arranging for speakers and extension specialists to present the different phases of the program. Farmers who helped plan the agricultural program on March 19 were Jake Sells, Beaver Creek; Art Rogness, Hills; Harold Crawford, Beaver Creek; Geo. Vander Ziel, Edgerton; L.J. Moeller, Hardwick; Charles Ward, Hills; Geo. Hofelman, Luverne; and Roy Aukes, Steen.

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@iwi.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

• Winter made an early debut this week, with pouring rain starting Wednesday night, Nov. 5, cold temperatures setting in over the weekend, and a layer of freezing rain Monday night turning to snow on Tuesday.

The Minnesota State Patrol listed dozens of cars in ditches Tuesday morning in southwest Minnesota, and weather cancellations affected area schools and Veterans Day events.

Driving conditions were hazardous, as were walking conditions on sidewalks and parking lots.

Motorists who park outdoors were faced with a thick layer of ice to chip away and scrape off windshields.

Snow accumulated in the Luverne area at just over an inch.

25 years ago (1993)

• When LeRoy Schomacker and his son John went out to move hogs Saturday morning, they found them lying on the ground, wounded and exhausted. The walls of the sow hut were caked with blood.

Something has mauled the animals, ripping apart the meat on their hind legs, leaving large claw marks on their backs and necks. ...

"I was a little bit hesitant to say it was a mountain lion, but I have never seen anything quite like this, and I have been (in practice) here 20 years," John Bowron said.

He said the deep claw marks left on the shoulders and rear ends of the hogs were the most incriminating evidence that the attacker was a "large cat." "There were five distinctive parallel lines, and they were equally spaced. There were six inches at least separating the lower line from the higher one," Bowron said.

50 years ago (1968)

• First meeting of the new Senior Citizens club, organized here last week, will be held next Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Halls.

Meeting last Friday were men and women who elected Ray Koehn, president, Dave Stephenson, vice president, Mrs. Rose Larson, secretary, and Mrs. Violet Cragoe, treasurer.

Assisting with the organization of the club were Herbert Brown, director of the Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council and Ray Vashburgh, of Slayton. The council serves Nobles, Murray, Rock and Pipestone counties.

The new president and vice president attended a meeting at Sleepy Eye on Wednesday to obtain more details on club organization and activities, and will report at next Tuesday's meeting.

75 years ago (1943)

• Traffic Stops As Roads Fill Full of Snow; Six Inches of Snow Recorded; High Wind Causes Deep Drifts on All Roads.

Rock countyans this week were digging out after the first severe snowstorm of the season resulted in blocked roads, paralyzing virtually all traffic, except on city or village streets for 18 hours and more. ...

The storm began early Sunday morning, when heavy, wet snow driven by a harsh north wind, reduced visibility to 800 or 900 feet at times. It continued unabated all day and all night, with the snow ceasing to fall about noon on Monday, but with the wind still high, continuing to drift the snow that had already fallen.

100 years ago (1918)

• Gov. J.A.A. Burnquist on Friday appointed N.R. Reynolds, Esq., as judge of the municipal court of Luverne, the new department of justice recently created by the common council. Judge Reynolds received formal notice of his appointment Wednesday morning, and will enter upon the discharge of his new duties within a few days.

The new court superseded the jurisdiction of the justice courts in all criminal cases developing within the city, and also gives much greater authority in the disposal of civil actions as involve sums not in excess of \$100 can be tried in justice courts, while the municipal court has jurisdiction in civil cases where the sum involved does not exceeds \$500, thereby doing away with the necessity of long waits for the convening of district court in many instances.

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oral surgery office will allow for those services to be available to Luverne and surrounding communities instead of residents needing to travel to Sioux Falls.”

Because the vacant lot is owned by the LEDA, a public hearing is required to consider public input on the sale.

The lot is 2.69 acres and is listed for sale at \$70,000.

According to LEDA director Holly Sammons, the city acquired the lot in 2014 with future commercial development in mind.

“This is one of the last vacant lots available on Highway 75 and it’s a great location,” Sammons said. “This will be a great addition to South Highway 75.”

The matter is on the agenda for the Nov. 19 LEDA meeting that follows the public hearing when Miller will answer questions about the company’s plans.

“We are excited for this opportunity and look forward to many years of business in Luverne,” Miller said.



Submitted photos

Twelve students from Luverne performed in the 350-member Big South Conference choral festival Nov. 5 at St. James High School with Dr. Axel Theimer directing.

Luverne choir attends Big South festival

Luverne High School concert choir attended the Big South Choral Festival Nov. 5 at St. James High School.

The event featured five choirs from the Big South Conference.

In addition to Luverne, choirs from Blue Earth Area, Jackson County Central, St. James and Worthington rehearsed with Dr. Axel Theimer of St. John’s University in Collegeville.

The choirs also worked with guest director Andre Heywood, also from St. John’s University.

Following the individual choir clinic the 350 students

joined in the mass choir rehearsals.

The mass choir ended the evening concert, which featured performances from each school choir, as well as an honor choir.

Adozen Luverne students participated in the honor choir including Jadyn Anderson, Adriana Gonzalez, Megan Hansen, Greta Ahrendt, Gabrielle Ferrell, Tia Hadler, Isaiah Bartels, Shane Berning, Matthew Sehr, Jordan Winter, Jackson Golla and Andrew Wagner.

“I was very proud of Luverne’s performance and of their behavior throughout the



The Luverne High School concert choir, under the direction of Seana Graber, sings at the evening concert with four other schools to end the Big South Conference choral festival.

day,” said Luverne High School choir director Seana Graber. “It is a very long day and the

rehearsals are much longer than the students are accustomed to, but the Luverne

choir students maintained their focus, were polite, and performed very well.”

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the late Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia.

Equally bold is Schmidt’s continued desire to learn new things and educate students on any subject at any grade level.

“Each of us has been instrumental in initiating the ‘three Rs’ for learners to help them find their comfort zone in the ‘Triple As,” he said during Monday’s recognition ceremony.

Schmidt’s own education in reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic began at District 75 country school in Rock County with the education in academics, arts and athletics ending in 1967 as a Luverne High School graduate.

He aspired to be an English and German teacher at a young age and was awarded a scholarship to become a teacher from the Luverne Education Association, the same

organization who now honored him as its 2019 Friend of Education.

Schmidt used the LEA scholarship to attend the University of Minnesota-Moorhead.

After graduating in 1971, he accepted a teaching position at International Falls and instructed high school students in English, German and Spanish for the next 41 years.

“I went from the prairie to

the pines,” he said.

While at International Falls, Schmidt was named their Teacher of the Year in 1995 and was one of ten finalists for the state honor as representative of Minnesota’s thousands of excellent educators.

After retiring in 2013, Schmidt returned to the Luverne area to be close to his cousins.

A desire to continue

working with young people led him to consider substitute teaching at Luverne or in Adrian.

“They keep you young,” he said. “It is my comfort zone to be in a classroom and help people to learn and keep me learning.”

He substitutes at various grade levels and subject areas, following the regular classroom teacher’s lesson plan.

He is appreciative of the time he spends in a school district.

“Thank you for having me learn and/or revisit areas of study, precepts of knowledge to relearn or just plain learn anew,” he said in his address to staff at the awards ceremony.

“As Franklin Delano Roosevelt observed, ‘We cannot always build the future of our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.’”

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‘Why I Honor the American Flag’

Patriot’s Pen essay By Grace Anderson H-BC Seventh Grade

Have you ever stopped to respect the American flag? I proudly honor the American flag. I respect the American flag because it stands for our safety which we fought for, honors veterans, and represents freedom.

The first reason I respect the flag is because of safety.

In our country we have a well-run government to keep us intact. America’s government has money and allies to keep us protected. If we would ever get into another war, our nation has money to buy supplies and allies to help us fight. We also have many people who protect us including the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. In other words, the place we live in is ready for any problems that may happen now or in the future.

The next reason I respect the flag is because it honors

veterans and people currently serving. I like that it honors veterans and people currently serving because those people fought and are still fighting for our country. They risked their lives and are still risking their lives for ours. They also saved our country from our enemies. They also missed some of their families and their lives to save ours. They are all very brave and kind-hearted.

The last reason I honor the flag is because it represents freedom. It represents our free-

dom because we, the kids, can have a great education if we choose to for free. Also because of freedom, women can vote now unlike in the past. The last reason for freedom is we can have our own beliefs and rights.

Lots of other people and I honor the American flag. I respect the great American flag because of the many things it stands for. There are abundant reasons why we honor the flag, and I hope you understand the reasons why I proudly stand for the American flag.

OBITUARIES

Ronald Mulder

Ronald Leroy Mulder, 82, Luverne, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne at a later date. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Ronald Mulder was born on Dec. 30, 1935, to Henry and Hermina (Meester) Mulder in Worthington.

He lived his childhood years in Magnolia and was active in basketball, hunting, fishing and farming. He graduated as a Magnolia High School Bulldog in the class of 1954. Following his education, Ron worked at the Connell’s garage until 1960. He then became employed at the Luverne Bumper Company.

On Nov. 24, 1962, Ron married Betty Viessman at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

The couple made their home in Luverne and was blessed with a daughter, Deb. In 1968 Ron started his job at Iowa Beef Packers. He continued there for the next

30 years. In the fall of 1998 he began working at Hills-Beaver Creek Elevator which he continued until his retirement in 2015.

Ronald was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. He continued his childhood love of hunting and fishing throughout his life. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, racing snowmobiles, trapping and making his own traps, camping, gardening, puzzles and playing cards. He loved to be outdoors. He was known to give nicknames (terms of endearment) to friends and family. Ron also used his repair skills with electrical problems, welding and carpentry to help others. He had a soft spot for dogs and loved bringing home strays.

Ron is survived by his wife, Betty Mulder, of Luverne; a daughter, Deb (Jon) Lusty of Luverne; a granddaughter, Emma Lusty; two brothers, Erv Mulder of Canton, South Dakota, and Duane (Joyce) Mulder of Luverne; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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Mary Bullerman

Mary Jane Bullerman, 72, Thief River Falls, formerly of Adrian, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, at the Care Center in Thief River Falls.

A private memorial service is planned in the spring. Memorials are preferred to the Pennington County Humane Society or to your local Humane Society.

Mary Jane Scheidt was born on Jan. 14, 1946, to Dominic and Zelda (Serie) Scheidt in Adrian. Mary was baptized and confirmed at St. Catherine’s Catholic Church in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1964.

Mary married Allen Louis Bullerman on Nov. 21, 1964, at St. Catherine’s in Luverne. She worked at Campbell’s Soup, Lake Haven Nursing Home, and St. Mary’s School in Worthington.

Mary was a member of St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Thief River Falls.

She is survived by her son, Michael of Woodbury;

two brothers, Larry (Gina) Scheidt of Rochester and Timothy (Susan) Scheidt of Warsaw, Indiana; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Richard (Mary Lou) Bullerman of Chaska, Steve Bullerman of Burnsville, Mary Kay (Michael) LaRocca of San Jose, California, Shirley Vaselaar of Adrian, Rose Haycraft of Hixson, Tennessee, Karen Bullerman of Worthington, Patricia Scheidt of Luverne; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen; her parents and grandparents; a sister, Beverly Snider; a brother, Tony Scheidt; sisters-in-law Joan and Beverly Bullerman; brothers-in-law Charles Bullerman, Gary Snider, Arthur Haycraft, John Vaselaar; and a nephew, Todd Haycraft.

Arrangements were provided by Johnson Funeral Service of Thief River Falls, www.johnsonfuneralservice.com.

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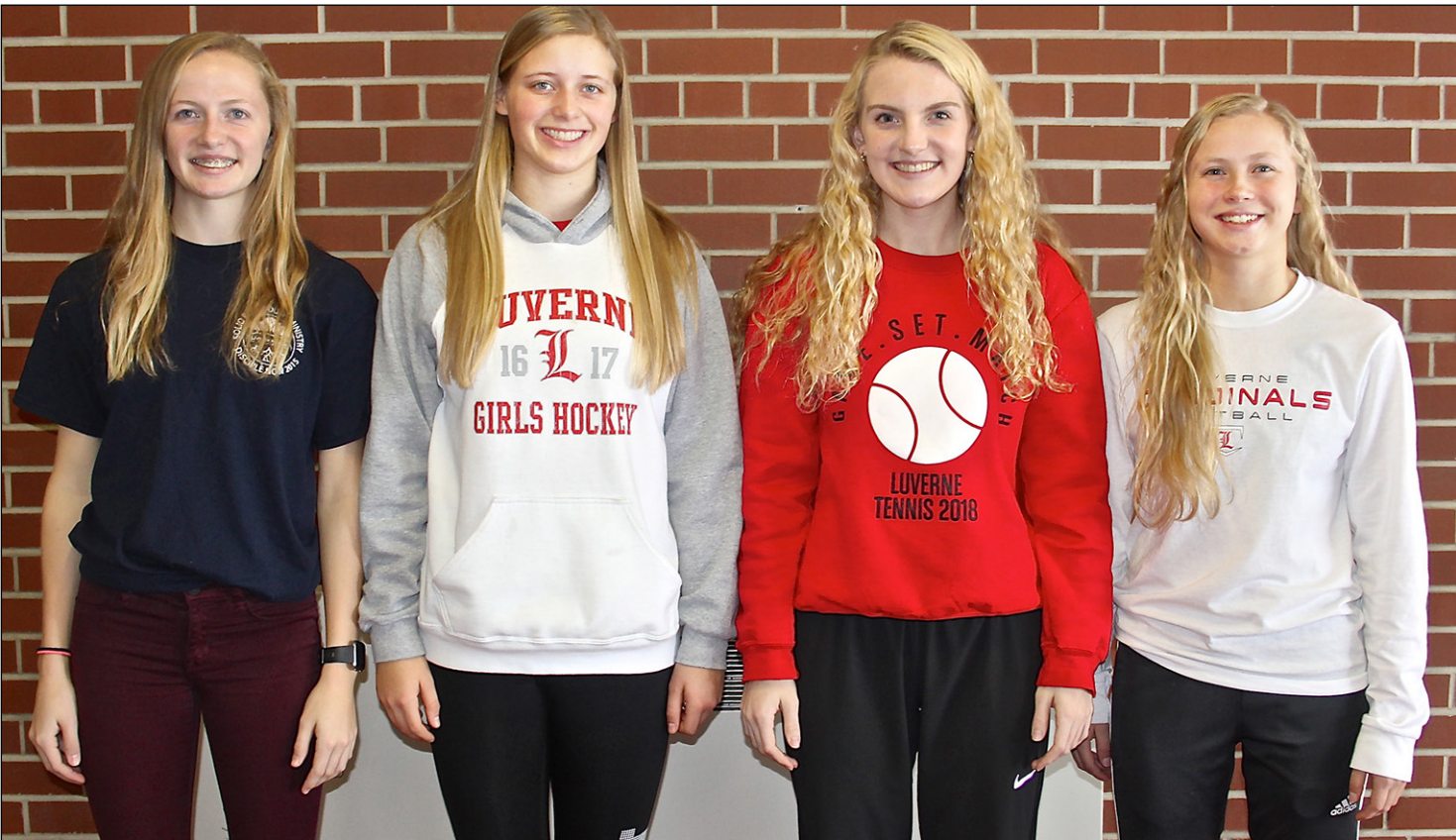
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Four LHS tennis players rake in BSC honors

Carissa Cunningham cracks all-league roster as senior

By John Rittenhouse
Four members of the Luverne High School girls' tennis program raked in post-season honors last week. One Cardinal made the All-Big South Conference Western Division Team and three others drew honorable mention from the league's coaches. Gracing the all-conference list is senior Carissa Cunningham, who played at No. 1 singles throughout the season. Sophomores Ainslie Robinson, Rozilyn Oye and Elise Jarchow received honorable mention awards. Robinson played singles, while Oye and Jarchow formed a doubles team. A total of 15 players made the all-conference squad led by Pipestone, which placed six athletes on the all-league roster.

Making the squad for the Arrows are seniors Lauren Laphorn, Carmen Skyberg, Courtney Kanthak, Adrianna Johnson and Maciah Lorang, and junior Paige Ahrendt. St. James, which captured the Western Division title, landed five players on the all-league squad. Representing the Saints on the team are seniors Renata Hernandez, Zoie Becker and Hannah Loewen, sophomore Ellie Becker and freshman Jaelyn Haler. Rounding out the all-conference roster are Redwood Valley senior Janessa Whitaker, Worthington junior Maggie Putnam and Marshall sophomore Gionna Parsa. Capping the honorable mention selections are St. James senior Miranda Tetzloff and junior Noel Westcott.



John Rittenhouse photo/1115 bsc tennis
Luverne High School tennis players (from left) Elise Jarchow, Rozilyn Oye, Carissa Cunningham and Ainslie Robinson recently received postseason honors for their on-court efforts this fall from BSC coaches.

Luverne Cardinal girls open hockey season by posting weekend sweep

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls' hockey team opened the 2018-19 season by winning a pair of games during a weekend road trip. The Cardinals rolled to an 11-goal win over Morris-Benson Friday in Benson before besting Prairie Centre by two goals Saturday in Sauk Centre. Luverne hosts Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato to open its home slate Friday.

venture by topping the Blue Devils by two goals Saturday in Sauk Centre. LHS fell behind 1-0 early, but the Cards received goals from five different players the rest of the way to remain unbeaten. Kylee Hopp gave PC an early advantage 6:02 into the contest, but LHS scored the next four goals to assume control of the contest. Rozilyn Oye and Billi Connell scored goals 3:17 apart to give the Cards a 2-1 edge before the first period was

complete. Reghan Bork and Kamryn Van Batavia netted goals in the first 3:49 of the second period to make it 4-1. PC trimmed the difference to one (4-3) when Ally Eecker scored at the 8:21 mark of the second period and Hopp found the net 11:18 into the third period. LHS iced the win when Rylee Olson netted an empty-net goal with 47 seconds left. LHS, which sported a 36-24 advantage in shots on goal in the game, received a 21-save effort from Mallory Von Tersch. Bork led the Cards with two assists, while Oye, Connell, Van Batavia and Rylee Gee chipped in one assist each to the winning cause.

Luverne 11, M-B 0
The Cardinals kicked off the new season by routing the Storm by 11 goals in Benson Friday. Luverne scored eight goals in the second period and outshot M-B 37-9 during a lopsided victory. Connell led the offensive explosion by turning in a seven-point performance featuring five goals and goalie Cheyenne Schutz registered a nine-save shutout in goal during her first varsity start. Connell opened the scoring 4:49 into the game before Claire Baustian netted her first of two goals with 4:12 remaining in the first period to make it 2-0. LHS iced the contest with its eight-goal eruption in the second period. Connell netted four goals in

the first 9:07 of the stanza, including two unassisted tallies. Bork scored twice in the second stanza, while Baustian and Van Batavia netted one goal each in a period that ended with the Cards sporting a 10-0 lead. Lilli Donohue capped the scoring with a goal 2:47 into the third period. Baustian and Gee recorded three assists each, Connell charted two assists and Oye and Regan Feit chipped in one assist each.



Submitted photo

College commitment
Luverne High School senior Rylee Olson (front, middle) has signed a Letter of Intent to play softball at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, in 2020. Sitting next to Rylee are her parents, Jeremy and Stacy Olson. Pictured in the top row are (from left) Brookings Outlaw coach Bill Kratz, LHS coach Brooks Mauer and Morningside coach Jessica Jones-Sitzman.

Luverne TKD claims four titles in Tea tourney

By John Rittenhouse
Some Luverne Tae Kwon Do students captured a combined eight championships at a Nov. 3 tournament in Tea, South Dakota. Jack and Luci Bommersbach, Perceyis Trierweiler and Reagan Gangestad represented the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club at the Midwest Open Tae Kwon Do Championship. All four of the area participants turned in first-place performances at the one-day event. The day turned into a memorable one for Trierweiler, who walked away with three trophies. Along with capturing titles in the sparring and forms competitions, she also was named the event's Grand Champion in forms. Both Jack and Luci Bommersbach placed first in forms and sparring at the tournament. Gangestad, who turned in a third-place showing in forms, won a title in sparring.



John Rittenhouse photo/1115 tkd cut
Four members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club found success at the 37th Midwest Open Tae Kwon Do Championship Nov. 3 in Tea, South Dakota. They are (from left) Reagan Gangestad, Jack Bommersbach, Perceyis Trierweiler and Lucy Bommersbach.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League Nov. 8
Games won: Don't Know 3; Bam Bams 3; Three Hole Surprise 3; Three People 1; Kougarettes 1; Three Chumps 1.
High Scratch Game Men: Tyler Hulstein 230; Zach Runia 210.
High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 158; Kathy Popp 115.
High Scratch Series Men: Zach Runia 546; Billy Debates 543.
High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 412.
Team High Scratch Game: Don't Know 513; Bam Bams 494.
Team High Scratch Series: Don't Know 1467; Bam Bams 1303.
Team High Handicap Game: Bam Bams 648; Don't Know 632.
Team High Handicap Series: Don't Know 1824; Bam Bams 1765.

Rooster Ridge shows how WMAs are established

Step 1 of 5 steps in the process is to find a willing seller

**By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist**
As the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener was winding down in the host city of Luverne, I was thinking back about the Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area land dedication that I attended near Beaver Creek. I remember talking to Howard Van Wyhe about his consideration to sell land to Rock County Pheasants Forever several years ago. I have been involved with more than 20 such projects in Nobles County and want to share with you just what it takes to make an acquisition like this actually happen. There are many steps and this column will be a five-part series about those steps. They always start with exactly the same step: locating a willing seller. Neither Pheasants Forever nor the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ever uses eminent domain to acquire property. They

deal only with willing sellers. This normally starts with the land-owner contacting either the DNR or Pheasants Forever directly. Most but not all prospective sellers have conservation at heart. They had a dad or uncle that was a conservationist and they indicated either they or their heirs should try to sell their land to someone who would convert it to wildlife habitat. Pheasants Forever in almost all cases is not the long-term owner of the land. The organization acquires the property and then turns it over to one of two long-term land managers — the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the Minnesota DNR. Most parcels that Pheasants Forever buys remain in the group's ownership for only 12-18 months. When a willing seller is found, the chapter contacts the long-term land managers to come and look at the parcel. If it is generally wet or has lots of restorable wetlands on it, then the USFWS normally gets the call.

If it does not have substantial wetland potential, then the DNR would most likely be the preferred partner. Where it is located and what other public lands might be close to it also has a determining factor as to which land manager will be the partner. In the case of Rooster Ridge WMA, the DNR came out and looked over the property. The Area Wildlife Manager for this part of the state is Bill Schuna. He makes an initial site assessment and then makes a recommendation to his superiors to either accept or decline the property. Basically, they say that if the chapter is successful in buying the property, the DNR will accept it to manage it for the long term. Not every parcel is accepted. If the tract is too small or is too isolated, it may be declined. Maybe it borders the city limits of a community or maybe there are too many easements or other encumbrances on the property that

would cause it to be declined. Land acquisition approvals go all the way up the chain of command in the DNR and across multiple divisions, and final approval to accept might take anywhere from four weeks to six months. Once this step is completed, then and only then can this process advance onward. There are hundreds of reasons that a potential project can fall apart. I will cover these in future columns. Remember that this is part of a five-part series. The next step in the process is to identify available funding sources. This will be an interesting read for next time. 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 scottall@gmail.com.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
Thursday, Nov. 15: 9 a.m. Head Start. 7 p.m. Parish Council. Friday, Nov. 16: 10 a.m. Mass at Poplar Creek and The Oaks. Saturday, Nov. 17: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Nov. 18: 8:30 a.m. St. Catherine's Mass. 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Walking with Purpose. 10:30 a.m. St. Leo's Mass. Monday, Nov. 19: 10 a.m. Book Bunch. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 9:30 a.m. Walking with Purpose. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. Wednesday, Nov. 21: No Faith Formation. Thursday, Nov. 22: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass at St. Catherine.

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

Sunday, Nov. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Nov. 21: 7 p.m. GEMS and Cadets.

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

Thursday, Nov. 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 18: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner (speaker Ron Gonzales of Union Gospel Mission). Monday, Nov. 19: 7 p.m. Constitution Review Team meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Nov. 21: No Awana. Thursday, Nov. 22: 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 15: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Grace. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Grace. Friday, Nov. 16: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Nov. 17: Junior High Youth Gathering. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Nov. 18: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. 10:15-11:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. 7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at First Presbyterian Church. Monday, Nov. 19: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:30 p.m. Ride & Dine. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff Meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 21: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. No Faithweavers; no classes. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve service.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Sunday, Nov. 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Nov. 21: No Catechism classes. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship.

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

Thursday, Nov. 15: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Nov. 16: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Nov. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, Nov. 20: Noon Staff Meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team Meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 21: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. No Midweek activities. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship service. Thursday, Nov. 22: Noon — Commons reserved.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Nov. 15: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Nov. 17: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Nov. 18: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour/ Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. New United Church Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group — pie baking. 7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church. Monday, Nov. 19: Messenger deadline. 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting. 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Bible Study. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 21: Messenger done. No 6 p.m. Classes. 8 p.m. AA Meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Nov. 15: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Music Staff. 7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church. Monday, Nov. 19: Noon Over 60's Thanksgiving. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Nov. 21: No Youth Club. No Confirmation. Thursday, Nov. 22: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Nov. 15: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge meeting at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, Nov. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Nov. 18: 9 a.m. Worship; Junior Choir sings. 10:30 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 11:30 a.m. Lunch served by Youth. 12:15 p.m. Annual Voters Meeting. 5 p.m. High School Pizza Party. Monday, Nov. 19: Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 21: No Bible Study. No Wednesday evening activities. Thursday, Nov. 22: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship with Communion. No Little Lambs classes Thursday or Friday.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Thursday, Nov. 15: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Nov. 16: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Nov. 19: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 21: Newsletter deadline. No Confirmation. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service with Communion; Adult Choir sings. Thursday, Nov. 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 18: 9 a.m. Worship service at Palisade. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Nov. 18: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday School (Christmas program practice). Adult Class. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Nov. 20: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village. Wednesday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service; guest speaker Dan Smith. No Confirmation Class.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Freedom in Christ

Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32



We enjoy and are greatly benefited by our freedom in Christ. We are free from sin's condemnation. We are free from death's harsh sting. And we are free from our old master, the devil. We are free – free in Christ to live in peace with God. Yet, as we all know, with freedom there always comes responsibility.

Maybe it's somewhat like this. Do you remember your first car? Do you remember how excited you were to have a vehicle that would take you anywhere? I certainly remember my first car.

I remember so very well when I was about to turn 16, I had the sweet taste of freedom on my tongue, and eagerly anticipated the day when I would enjoy the true freedom of a full-time driver's license. The open road of self-determination would be mine for the taking. I thought I would be my own person, no longer dependent on Mom for rides in the old brown Pontiac. The Pontiac that would kind of ping and sputter like it ran on vegetable soup rather than gasoline. And no more sitting in the back seat, even though Mom was all alone in the front, to be dropped off at basketball games just out of eyesight of my friends.

Yet, one day while driving with my mom and brothers, we rounded a curve when we were startled by flashing lights approaching us at a high rate of speed. Police vehicles, ambulances, fire trucks, blurred past us as we slowed and pulled to the side. I couldn't remember seeing so many emergency vehicles all at one time and all heading in the same direction.

I remember the look on my mother's face as she sadly stared at the passing vehicles and then she did something

BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Ron Nichols,
Grace Lutheran Church,
Luverne**

strange. She looked me straight in the eyes but didn't say a word. It was an uncomfortable look she gave me, like the kind you give a person who is leaving on a long trip. I knew what she was thinking; she didn't have to say a word. I understood perfectly.

Needless to say, my enthusiasm for getting a driver's license suffered a severe blow that day. The realization came to me in the worst sort of way that the freedom I longed for, with all its independence and personal privileges, was only one half of a serious responsibility. The open road of freedom was also the narrow path of responsibility and obligation.

Yet, this is always the way. It's just like a coin. The flip side of freedom is responsibility. The other side of independence is obligation. One always goes with the other.

This is what Jesus means when he says: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Jesus proclaims that freedom in Christ comes not through a kind of independence but through dependence upon him and his Word.

Freedom in Christ is not to do as one pleases, but to do what pleases God. And, this is, after all, our heart's desire, not unbridled and reckless freedom, but freedom to do exactly what God demands. In Christ this is the freedom that we are given. "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

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ISD #2184 requests bids by Dec 19

SECTION 00 03 00
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TITLE:	Luverne Public School Addition and Remodel
LOCATION OF WORK:	Luverne School District # 2184 709 N Kniss Avenue Luverne, MN 56156
OWNER:	Luverne School District – ISD 2184 709 N Kniss Avenue Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4491
OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:	ICS Consulting, Inc. 3890 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 180 Blaine, MN 55449 (763) 354-2670
ENGINEER:	Obermiller Nelson Engineering 2201 12th Street N, Suite E Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 280-0500
ARCHITECT:	JLG Architects 232 South Main Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57104 (605) 271-2531

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Complete mechanical system modifications and improvements including new heating and cooling plants, new air handling units, associated duct distribution, mechanical piping, fire suppression, lighting upgrade, data upgrade and electrical distribution. General construction includes a 4 classroom addition to the North wing of the High School, a new Performing Arts Center housing a commons area, media center and kitchen. In the remodel areas, the scope of work includes: demolition, new walls, ceiling replacement, paint, lighting upgrade, HVAC, ATC, update bathrooms, casework, architectural improvements and electrical systems upgrades. Also included in this bid are alternates for South Facade bump out and 2 additional classrooms. Project will be bid as a single prime project as described in the project specifications. The work throughout the existing building and new additions is Continuous and Scheduled over 21 months.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed bids will be received at Luverne School District Business Office, 709 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156 then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 1:00 PM local time on December 19th, 2018. Please check in at District Office.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact the Owner's Representative at (763) 354-2670. The Owner's Representative can also provide locations of Builders Exchange's holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment recognition of their bids:

Bids must be accompanied by bid security in form of certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in amount of 5% of base bid submitted, made payable to owner, as guarantee that bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted bid.

Submit bid in duplicate on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base bid and all alternate bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of bid. Complete form without alteration.

Submit alternate prices (bid) for either increasing or decreasing the cost as called for on bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a bid for all unit prices.

Owner may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability and responsibility of the bidder to perform the work, and any bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to: (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the bidder.

Owner reserves the right to (1) accept bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on his investigation of bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which Owner deems to be in his best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each bidder (including subcontract bidder where appropriate) is required to visit the site and to fully inform himself and record his own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect his bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a bid, each bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts), become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect his bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed to the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of his failure to study and record his own findings. Submission of a bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that bidder has recorded his own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect to his bid.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:30 AM on November 27, 2019 at Luverne Public School, 709 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156. Please report to the Luverne School District office for the pre-bid walkthrough meeting. No extras will be allowed because of the bidder's misinterpretation to the amount of work involved, bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work may begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The work relating to the remodel of the auditorium and electrical distributions upgrade is anticipated to begin March 5, 2019. New construction scheduled work is expected to begin May 15, 2019.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Owner requires work to be substantially complete on or before milestone dates as listed in Summary of Work, Section 01 01 00. Bids shall reflect all costs necessary to meet this schedule requirement. Work throughout the building is continuous and scheduled over 2019, 2020 and completing early 2021.

All scheduled summer work shall be substantially complete by August 16, 2019 with final completion on August 30, 2019. All scheduled summer work shall be substantially complete by August 21, 2020 with final completion on September 4, 2020. Substantial completion of the project is February 26, 2021 with a final Completion date of March 12, 2021. The Sequence Schedule is included in the project plans and specifications. Bids shall reflect all cost necessary to meet the schedule requirements.

END OF SECTION 00 03 00

(11-15, 11-22)

H-BC Dist. #671 seeks bids by Nov. 27

HILLS-BEAVER CREEK
SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

OWNER – Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671
301 N. Summit Ave.
PO Box 547
Hills, MN 56138

PROJECT - The work shall consist of the partial roof replacement of Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School

TIME - Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 pm local time on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 in the District Offices of Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools, 301 N. Summit Ave., Hills, MN 56138

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE: Thursday, November 15th, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School, 404 S. 4th St., Beaver Creek, MN 56116

TIME OF COMPLETION
Available project start date: TBD
Substantial Completion: TBD
Final Completion: TBD

BID SUBMITTAL - All bids shall be addressed to Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671
C/O Mr. Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, 301 N. Summit Ave., PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56138.

Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the contract for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.

BID REQUIREMENTS - All bidders shall meet the requirements as defined under the Responsible Contractor Law, Statutes Section 16C.285. A signed statement, under oath, verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria shall be included with the bid submission.

PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS - Copies of the contract documents will be distributed at the pre-bid meeting.

BID SECURITY - No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a certified check or satisfactory bid bond payable to Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671 in an amount not less than 5 % of the maximum bid as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the contract, performance/payment bonds and insurance certification, as required by the contract documents, within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION - The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS - No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 45-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

Published by the authority of Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671.
Lois Leuthold
Board of Education Secretary
Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671
(11-01,11-15)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 10

**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:

Mortgagor: Charlene Ann Ver Meer a single person
Mortgagee: M&I Bank FSB
Dated: 03/22/2002
Recorded: 03/27/2002
Rock County Recorder Document No. 152525
Transaction Agent: N/A
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: N/A
Lender or Broker: M&I Bank FSB
Residential Mortgage Servicer: BMO Harris Bank, N.A.
Mortgage Originator: M&I Bank FSB
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Seven (7) in Block Nine (9), in the Original Plat of Hills, Minnesota, County of Rock.

This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 15-0084-000
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
313 Church Ave S
Hills, MN 56138

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$39,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$32,658.59
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: January 10, 2019, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, 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 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is July 10, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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: November 7, 2018
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By: PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Attorneys for:
BMO Harris Bank N.A., as successor to M & I Bank FSB, Mortgagee
55 East Fifth Street, Suite 800
St. Paul, MN 55101-1718
651-209-7599
651-228-1753 (fax)
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
16327-18-00067-1

(11-15, 11-22, 11-29, 12-6, 12-13, 12-20)

Franklin probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-18-336

Estate of
Katherine E. Franklin, a/k/a Kay Franklin,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, date June 2, 2010, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed John Enger, whose address is 1512 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida 33020, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Dated: November 9, 2018
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
(By: Jennifer Thode)

Attorney for Personal Representative
Donald R. Klosterbuer
Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP
120 N. McKenzie, PO Box 538
Luverne, MN 56156
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Email: drklosterbuer@khlawmn.com

(11-15, 11-25)

Proposed bank acquisition

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MERGER
BY
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK
CANTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Notice is hereby given that Security Savings Bank, 100 West Road, Canton, South Dakota 57013 has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for its written consent to acquire through merger, Exchange State Bank, 310 Gabrielson Road, Luverne, Minnesota 56156. It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office, located at 1100 Walnut Street, Suite 2100, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 no later than December 1, 2018. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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The City of Luverne is seeking applicants for the position of a part-time Liquor Clerk for days, nights and weekends at Blue Mound Liquor. Desirable qualifications: experience in retail sales and Microsoft Excel. Salary will be based on experience and qualifications. Position is open until filled. First review date is November 16, 2018. Application packets are available online at www.cityofluverne.org or from City Clerk Jessica Mead at City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 449-9898. EOE.

Luverne
Blue Mound Liquor

RENTALS

Large apartment upstairs, downtown Luverne, utilities paid, stove and refrigerator included. References required, no pets, no smoking. Call 507-227-1589. (tc)

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Hills, Minnesota 56138
Website: www.hbcptriots.com
Email: tholthaus@isd671.net
Telephone: (507) 362-3249

PARAPROFESSIONAL 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

- **Position:** District Special Needs Paraprofessional
- **Hours:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- **Qualifications:** Candidate must have a two-year college degree or 60 hours of college credits or be willing to fulfill the required competencies for eligibility.
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
- **Starting Date:** January 2, 2019
- **Description:** Individual will work directly with students to meet individual needs. Generally, will work with a small number of students in the classroom setting.
- **Contact:** For more details contact Todd Holthaus, Superintendent at: tholthaus@isd671.net or 507-962-3240 ext. 13
- **Application:** To apply submit a letter of interest, resume, and (3) letters of reference to Todd Holthaus PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56138

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July 30, 2018

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