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School planners hope third shot at bids yields affordable results

By Mavis Fodness

A third request for bids to expand and update the Luverne School Campus is underway with project facilitators preparing for a better outcome. Since July, school officials, architects and project managers have evaluated previous bids, materials and scope of the building process with a focus on the intent of the voter-approved referendum. That intent is primarily to update the 62-year-old middle-high school building and add a new performing

arts center.

Improvements to the 20-year-old elementary and community education building were originally included in plans, but construction bids came in higher than anticipated, so those improvements were excluded from the third bid request. Other budget cuts include the north wing expansion of the middle-high school, which will have four classrooms instead of six, and the new commons area will be smaller than original drawings called for.

"One of the largest cost-saving measures is that there's less invasive remodeling," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. "Fewer walls will get knocked down." If bids come in under budget, representatives with JLG Architects, Sioux Falls, and ICS Consulting, Blaine, have also requested alternate bids that would factor in the trimmed items in the commons and the north wing. The new strategy requests bids from a construction management

firm, rather than from primary contractors. The district's first bids, opened on July 24, divided the project into four areas. When no bids were submitted for electrical upgrades, additional bids were requested for that work, but the opening on Aug. 16 yielded one submission and placed the project further over budget. Board members declined all bids at the Aug. 23 meeting, and school officials and planners regrouped

around the project's primary goals. Facility improvement discussions began in 2016 with a concept to move the middle-high school cafeteria out of the basement to the main floor. Other priorities surfaced during subsequent board meetings: to include collaborative learning environments at the middle school, district-wide safety and security improvements, refresh, refurbish and

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Opportunity zone makes area 'ripe for investment'

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne city officials learned about a federal policy that could make the area 'ripe for investment,' according to discussion at the Luverne Economic Development Authority meeting. In May 2018, the U.S. Department of Treasury designated 128 census tracts in Minnesota as Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZ) based on median family income thresholds. A census tract in the city of Luverne was designated as a QOZ, as were areas in rural Rock County. EDA director Holly Sammons pointed out that the Sharkee's TIF district falls into the QOZ, as does the planned surgical dental office between the hotel and Elbers office on the east side of Highway 75. "What this means is that this area is ripe for investment," she told the EDA board at Monday morning's meeting. "It could lead to some really great opportunities in the future." She said the terms of the designations are complicated, but they are worth pursuing for qualified investments. Those who reinvest capital gain in a Qualified Opportunity Zone Fund can:

- defer taxation on the gain for 7 years.
- reduce gain that is taxed by up to 15 percent.
- pay no tax on additional gain if you hold it for 10 years.

In order to make a Qualifying Opportunity Zone investment, a person must invest an eligible gain within 180 days of sale by the taxpayer in a Qualified Opportunity Fund (set up by accountant/tax attorney).



Lori Sorenson photo/1121 rysdam government class

Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre (far left) address Luverne High School students in David Rysdam's government class Thursday, Nov. 15, for their unit on the role of local government in a community. Rysdam and Superintendent Craig Oftedahl observe from the back of the room.

What is the role of local government in a community? Students send survey, ask the county administrator

By Lori Sorenson

"Rock County is a happening place." That's what County Administrator Kyle Oldre told Luverne High School students in David Rysdam's government class Thursday when he answered their questions about local government. For this segment of the class, Rysdam and his students sought help from school staff and the community through a survey that asked, "What is the role of county government in a

community?" Based on those survey responses, students compiled a list of nearly 50 questions for Oldre about county government and how its decisions impact the community and its relationship with the other levels of government. Specifically, they focused on the county's role in bringing broadband, Lewis and Clark Regional Water, a solar farm, wind turbines and other projects to the area. For example, students wanted to know

why local government leaders wanted Lewis and Rural Water to come to Luverne and how that came to happen. Oldre explained that Luverne and Rock County get their water from shallow aquifers that are vulnerable to drought and contamination. Treated Missouri River water delivers an ample, safe supply of water, and this has

Role of government/continued on 5A

Families urged to 'talk hospice' during 'Talk Turkey' discussions at Thanksgiving table

By Mavis Fodness

The "Let's Talk Turkey" initiative began locally a year ago as a way to remind families to include end-of-life wishes in their discussion topics at the Thanksgiving dinner table. November is National Hospice Awareness Month, and Sanford Luverne Hospice wants that discussion to also include hospice, which involves care and support for people facing a terminal illness with a life expectancy of six months or less. Hospice is often confused with palliative care, which is administered by medical caregivers during medical treatment. Hospice often partners with palliative care, but it also includes emotional and spiritual support for both the patient and the caregiver as they face end-of-life choices. Most private and Medicare insurance policies include hospice as an additional benefit, according to hospice volunteer coordinator Helen Saum.

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Submitted photo

As part of Hospice Month in November, Luverne Sanford Hospice wants families to talk about end-of-life decisions when they gather for Thanksgiving. The local hospice team includes (from left) Sara Lanoue, Helen Buys, Jill Roemen, Tammy Moeller, Kim Fitzgerald, Karla Kix and Helen Saum. Not pictured is Jill Swenson.

Luverne events website seeks to be go-to site for all local happenings

By Lori Sorenson

A new website is attempting to harness all community calendar announcements into one comprehensive listing. The website, www.luverneevents.com, recently went live to announce and promote local happenings, according to Luverne businessman Gary Papik who pushed for the website as a comprehensive site for all local calendar listings. "Our hope is that the new site will enhance the table tents, newspapers, flyers, postcards, emails and other ways your event is promoted," Papik said. "Not only will this be nice for those interested in attending events (in town or out of town visitors), it will also be helpful for our restaurants, retail businesses, hotels, gas stations, etc.

to know what is going on in order to plan staffing." Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said businesses that use the site could be alerted of a tournament coming to town and decide to offer a promotion for shoppers in town. "This calendar will show you what activities are going on and therefore, when visitors will be in town," Lanphere said. "These visitors are your potential customers." Restaurants could offer specials based on an event coming to the Palace Theatre, or hotels could inform guests about events happening in our town by encouraging them to access the website.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Christmas at History Center Nov. 24

The History Center will host a special Christmas event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, with a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus and added displays. The Christmas Haus in the History Center features holiday items for sale.

De-Light-Ful 5K and 1-mile walk Nov. 24

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.

Free meal at United Methodist Church

A free meal open to the public begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Luverne United Methodist Church on West Main Street.

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.

Hospice ‘Tree of Lights’ Nov. 29

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.

Cattlemen: register for BQA/TQA training by Nov. 30

BQA/TWA training for all cattlemen is Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Take 16 brewery in Luverne. Registration is at 6 p.m. with a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10, with free admission for Rock-Nobles Cattlemen’s Association members. RSVP by Nov. 30 to Rock Vet Clinic at rockvet@iw.net or call 507-283-9524.

Register by Nov. 30 for dinner theater

Luverne Community Ed is trying a new venue for a dinner theatre bus trip. Enjoy Daytrippers Dinner Theatre (located near the Mall of America) presenting “Ain’t Retirement Grand” on Sunday, Dec. 9. Fee is \$85. Register by Nov. 30 by calling Community Education office at 507-283-4724.

Christmas Cantata benefit Dec. 8

The Carnegie Minstrels choir and orchestra will present the Community Christmas Cantata, “Let There Be Christmas,” at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. The event is a benefit for the Rock County Foodshelf. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for age 12 and under.

Luverne Street Music students present ‘Sounds of Christmas’

The Luverne Street Music students will present “The Sounds of Christmas” Dec. 8 at the Palace Theatre. Show times are 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Cost is a freewill offering.

Hardwick ‘Santa Claus Day’ Dec. 8

Hardwick “Santa Claus Day” takes place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the community hall in Hardwick. Jim Oliver will kick off the event at 2 p.m. with a puppet show.

From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. a cupcake walk, make and take crafts and cookie decorating takes place.

Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus occur from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

All activities are free.



Submitted photo/1121 bemobile ribbon cutting

BeMobile celebrates ribbon-cutting

Luverne Area Chamber hosted a ribbon-cutting Saturday morning, Nov. 17, for BeMobile, which purchased the Luverne Verizon franchise from Sudenga Communications earlier this year. Pictured are (from left) Chamber vice president Kevin Thelen, president Faye Bremer, Tanner Grosz, Corey Kennedy, Jeremiah Streifel (Luverne BeMobile manager), Lexus Quilantan-Baatz, Kimberly Mannon, Whitney Lafrenz and Jason Prinsen (BeMobile sales and marketing).

Key ag policy issues hang in the balance as leadership changes in Congress

By Kent Thiesse, Farm management analyst

The highly contentious 2018 midterm elections are now history, and we will now move forward with some changes in leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives. After Jan. 1, 2019, the U.S. House will switch over to a Democrat majority, which means that all House Committee leadership positions will also now change.

In addition, there will be many new members in Congress in 2019, some of which have had very limited experience on ag-related issues. After Jan. 1, Minnesota Congressman Collin Peterson will be the chair of the House Ag Committee, which is a role that he has previously held.

The leadership of key committees in the U.S. Senate should remain the same in 2019, since the Republicans will retain a majority in the Senate.

There are many major issues that could potentially affect the agriculture industry, which still need to be addressed and resolved by Congress, and ultimately signed by President Trump in the coming months and years.

Following are some of the key ag policy issues that could be considered during the “lame-duck” session of Congress in November and December or during the 2019 session of Congress:

The next farm Bill

By mid-summer, both the U.S. House and Senate had passed their versions of a new Farm Bill. This created optimism that the new Farm Bill could be finalized and voted on by the time the current Farm Bill expired on Sept. 30, 2018. However, no

compromise Farm Bill was agreed on by the leaders of the Senate and House Conference Committee, so no action has been taken by Congress on the next Farm Bill.

Now, the hope is that a compromise Farm Bill can be drafted, and that a vote in Congress can be taken before the end of 2018, during the so-called “lame-duck” session of Congress. Key differences still existed in the Nutrition, Conservation, and Commodity Titles of the House and Senate Farm Bills.

USMCA and other trade agreements

In September the Trump administration announced a new trilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico called the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). It will replace the current North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that in 1994 eliminated many tariffs and other trade barriers among the three participating countries.

The Trump administration has challenged some of the provisions under NAFTA and threatened U.S. withdrawal, if a new trade agreement is not reached.

Trade deals between countries are very complex and take several years to implement. This one is no different, as it will require approval by all participating countries and by a divided U.S. Congress.

Farm financial stress

Low profitability in both crop and livestock production for the past few years has increased financial stress for farm families in many areas

of the U.S. This financial stress has been accentuated in 2018 by the reduced commodity prices associated with the ongoing trade issues that the U.S. currently has with China, Mexico and Canada.

In addition, crop yield reductions in portions of Minnesota, Iowa, and other Midwestern States that were impacted by excessive rainfall and severe storms during this past growing season are likely to reduce 2018 farm income levels.

Many ag experts expect this trend of very tight profit margins in crop and livestock production to continue into 2019 and 2020. Some ag leaders are questioning if current farm risk management tools and Federal “safety net” programs are adequate to protect farm operators from financial collapse during these downturn periods.

This may become a major point of discussion by Congressional leaders in the coming months, either as we finish a new Farm Bill or move beyond the Farm Bill with ag policy discussions.

High health care costs

High health care costs and access to adequate health care services was the lead issue in the recent mid-term elections in many Midwestern states and continues to be a major concern for farm families and other rural families across the country.

Some families have seen health insurance premium costs double or triple in the past few years. Some farm families and sole small business owners are now paying \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year or more for health care premiums, if they are even

able to find adequate health care coverage.

We will now see if Congress and the administration can collaborate on finding some workable solutions to the health care crisis that exists for many rural families in the U.S.

Infrastructure improvement

One area that the Trump Administration and key leaders from both parties in Congress seem to agree on is the need for a major “Infrastructure Bill” to address the many existing and future infrastructure needs in the U.S.

However, there is likely a vast difference, both politically and geographically, on what the needs are and how is the best way to address and fund these infrastructure needs. Obviously there are many needs that affect agriculture and rural America, which includes improving roads and bridges, railroad upgrades, updating locks and dams, enhancing broadband access, just to name a few.

Other likely ag policy issues that will be on the agenda in the next two years include renewable energy, immigration policy, climate change measures and environmental regulations.

There is obviously no shortage of key ag policy issues and other issues affecting farm families and rural communities that need to be addressed at the federal level in the next few years.

However, it is not clear if the changing leadership in Congress, as well as the large number of new members of Congress, will have any impact on getting beyond the partisan atmosphere that currently exists in order to find some bipartisan solutions to these challenging policy issues.



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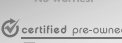


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Giving Thanks

Every good and perfect gift is from above. — James 1:17



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Dear God,

Thank you for turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green bean casserole, cranberries, whole wheat buns, pumpkin pie, real whipped cream and leftovers.

And thank you for squirrels, the trees in the park, sunshine, pine cones, crunchy leaves and snow.

Thank you for granddaughters who jump on trampolines and granddaughters who read books, and granddaughters who like only their mommy, and granddaughters who are social butterflies. And thank you for Grandpa.

Thank you for teachers and pastors and firemen and diesel mechanics and secretaries and custodians and farmers and truckers and grocery store clerks.

And thank you for politicians: conservative ones and liberal ones and libertarian ones and local ones and state ones and federal ones.

Thank you for the prairie, for blue skies, grass that waves in the wind, pink rocks, deer, hawks, rabbits, foxes and the Blue Mounds.

Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Thank you for the Bible and the Holy Spirit and for making people in your own image.

Thank you for marriage. Thank you for babies. Thank you for families.

Thank you for hot chocolate, big fuzzy blankets, slippers, fireplaces and well-written books.

Thank you for local newspapers, reporters, sportswriters, editors, proofreaders and advertising sales people.

*Thank you,
God,
for putting
all of us
here together
in this time
and place
and for
giving us
so many
wonderful
blessings.*

Amen.

Thank you for making our town so pretty, for the flags on the corner, the Christmas lights, and all the charming storefronts on Main Street.

Thank you for backhoes, payloaders, dump trucks, engineers and all the new stuff that is coming.

Thanks for the cat that is “not our cat,” for puppies and horses and all the animals that we love.

Thank you, God, for putting all of us here together in this time and place and for giving us so many wonderful blessings.

Amen.

County committees are vital to USDA – Vote today!

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Joe Martin,
State Executive Director, Minnesota Farm Service Agency

Farmers and ranchers, it's that time of year again. The 2018 Farm Service Agency's (FSA) county committee elections are officially underway and we're asking for your help.

Please take a few minutes to vote in your local county committee election. FSA county committees are a vital and direct link between our farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Earlier this summer we put out a call for nominations for individuals who would be willing to serve on the committee.

Elections are held annually in every county when FSA accepts nominations for a certain Local Administrative Area (LAA). The area up for election rotates each year. Nominations have been made, and now it's time for you to decide who will fill this role.

Ballots were mailed out the week of Nov. 5 to eligible voters. If your area had a committee seat open this year

and you are an eligible voter, you can expect to receive a ballot in the mail. Producers who did not receive a ballot can pick one up at the local FSA office.

The individuals you elect to serve on your behalf operate within official federal regulations so that local input is provided on federal programs such as:

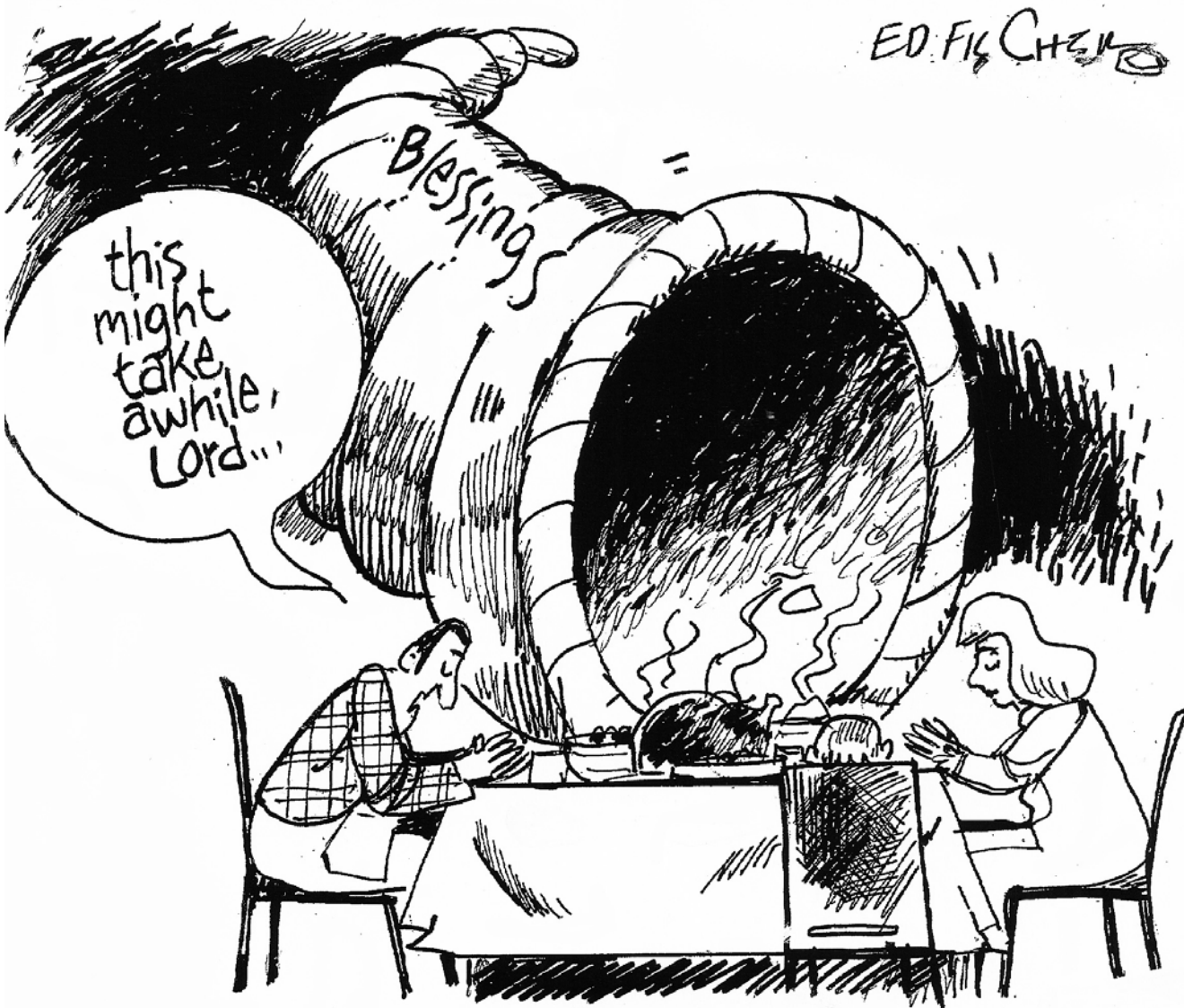
- income safety-net loans and payments, including setting county average yields for commodities.
- conservation programs.
- incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities.
- emergency programs.
- payment eligibility.

Our FSA county committees make a difference, and if you won't take it from me, I encourage you to check out stories from county committee members from around the nation.

Read their testimonials at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. While you're there, you can find other information about the elections.

Ballots must be returned to your local FSA office by Dec. 3, 2018. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 3.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make an impact in your local community.



Thankfulness differs, but we agree to give thanks

It's that time of the year when I jot down the things I am thankful for. I've done this topic year after year and so the first thing I am thankful for is that I am still here doing my thankful column.

Over the years I have written about the little things I am thankful for like cruise control on my car. I've written about being thankful for the not so little things like good health and happiness.

This year I am going to put together a list that I am thankful for that maybe my wife isn't so thankful for.

One that comes to mind right away is how thankful I am for my new shotgun. Mary, not so much. I am thankful I have added to my watch collection. Again, Mary ... not so much. She's not nearly as thankful for my new hunting pants as I am.

On the other hand she is surprisingly more thankful I got new



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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shoes than I am. It's not so much a style thing. It's more of an odor issue, or lack thereof, with the new shoes.

Recently I got one of those “My Pillow” pillows, and Mary was thankful I did, because she got one, too.

I am thankful the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener was a huge success. Mary is also thankful it was successful but even more thankful it's over.

I am thankful for Campbell's bean and bacon soup. Again, Mary

... not so much. I am sure you can imagine why.

I am thankful Take 16 came out with Pheasant Pheasta beer. Mary is thankful it was only brewed for a limited time.

So even if Mary and I aren't always on the same page when it comes to thankfulness, when it comes to family, friends, good health and happiness, we're on the same page.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Trailers require unit numbers, too

Question: If our semi-truck/trailer combo weight is over 10,000 pounds, what are the requirements for labeling the trailer? We know the USDOT number and company name need to be displayed on both sides of the truck tractor, but are not sure what is required for the trailer itself.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 9
•Deputy reported debris on the road in Hardwick.
•Complainant reported burglary alarm on E. Main St.
•Complainant reported a vehicle in the ditch in Jasper.
•Property found on Mag Road.
•Accident reported in Luverne High School parking lot.
•Erratic driver reported on N. Kniss Ave.
•Complainant reported an assault in Hills.
•Complainant reported a driving complaint on I-90, eastbound, mile marker 5.
Nov. 10
•Conservation officer reported an arrest of subject on Rock County warrant.
•Complainant requested Rock County Sheriff’s Office attempt to locate an individual in Beaver Creek for welfare and safety check.
Nov. 11
•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle on S. Kniss Ave.
•Complainant reported a driving complaint on I-90 near Magnolia.
•Complainant reported an accident at Dodge and Kniss.
•Reserved for under 21 drink and drive arrest.
•Reserved for DWI arrest.
Nov. 12
•Complainant reported drivers using their jake brake on County Hwy 4.
•Complainant reported a combine on fire near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant in Adrian reported a harassing phone call.
•Complainant reported harassing communication.
Nov. 13
•Complainant reported a sign was shot at 101st Street and 40th Avenue near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant requested a driver’s license check.
•Complainant reported an active door alarm at 71st Street and 144th Avenue.
Nov. 14
•Complainant reported a mattress dumped on W. Warren Street and Pine Drive.
•Grass fire reported in Hardwick.
•Complainant reported goats out near Kenneth.
•Complainant reported a possible drunk driver on S. Kniss.
•Complainant reported a burglary alarm on S. Kniss.
Nov. 15
•Complainant reported suspicious activity on S. Kniss.
•Complainant reported two vehicles were stolen from rural Beaver Creek sometime within the last week.
•Complainant reported a stalled vehicle outside of Magnolia.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a citation.
•Complainant requested a follow-up.
•Complainant requested a background check for employment.
•Complainant reported a ditch fire in Hardwick with nobody around.
•Complainant requested a welfare check.
•911 outage.
•Complainant reported possible drug use in Jasper.
•Deputy conducted a follow-up.
•Deputy with abandoned vehicle on S. Kniss Ave.
Nov. 16
•Complainant reported possible drug use in Jasper.
•Complainant reported a vehicle with expired registration in Beaver Creek.
•Complainant requested assistance for a ride.
•Complainant reported someone is digging up his lawn on W. Veterans Drive.
•Complainant reported that her storage unit was broken into on S. Kniss Ave.
•Outside agency requested assistance from Rock County Sheriff’s office on Oak Drive.

In addition officers also responded to 6 escorts, 23 ambulance runs, 3 animal complaints, 2 burn permits, 2 drug court tests, 5 permits to purchase/carry, 7 abandon 911 calls, 1 paper service, 3 fingerprint requests, 13 traffic stops and 2 tests.



Lori Sorenson photo/1121 blighted property

The city of Luverne purchased a property at 115 West Warren Street on Oct. 24 and it will be demolished this fall.

City buys blighted property to improve neighborhood

By Lori Sorenson

Another blighted residential structure will be demolished in Luverne, this time on West Warren Street, according to recent City Council action. The city purchased a property at 115 West Warren Street

on Oct. 24 from James and Heidi Mehlhaff for \$35,000. The old residential dwelling at this address will be demolished this fall, but to comply with state assessing laws, the city needed to declare its intent for the parcel.

At their Nov. 13 meeting, council members unanimously approved a resolution stating that the purpose for the West Warren lot will be housing or economic development. At their meeting, city

planners indicated the future of this parcel would be used for housing. “It’s a nice area with some newer condos, so the neighbors will be happy,” City Administrator John Call said at the meeting.

What is the role of local government in a community?/from 1A

spurred economic development in the form of tru Shrimp and Premium Iowa Pork, which need more water than the area could have provided without Lewis and Clark. Discussion also focused heavily on broadband and what Rock County’s role was in getting the recent high-speed Internet available countywide. Oldre explained that Internet is similar to rural electricity a generation ago. Private companies weren’t motivated to provide service to sparsely populated areas, so governmental agencies stepped in to provide funding and commercial incentives. “We viewed broadband as an essential service that had to be brought to the farm,” he said. “It’s essential e-commerce, e-health and education. You shouldn’t have to go to the library to get online.” He said county commissioners negotiated with Alliance Communication to make a partial investment, and the rest was covered by a major state grant and a \$1 million contribution from

Rock County. “Now you can communicate as well from Kenneth in Vienna Township as you can from Downtown Minneapolis, and I’m proud of that,” Oldre said. Similarly local government units around the region invested millions into Lewis and Clark Regional Water in order to realize the greater returns later in terms of economic opportunities. “Without everyone paying their share, it wouldn’t have happened,” he said about layers of government working together from cities and counties to federal agencies. When one of the students asked Oldre why local governments make these investments, he said, “Everyone does better when everyone does better.” Water, broadband, roads, electricity and other basic functions provide incentive for businesses to start and expand in Rock County. And business development provides jobs and an improved tax base, which is good for residents and existing

businesses. As part of Thursday’s discussion, Oldre provided an overview of Rock County’s government structure. For example, the County Board is comprised of county commissioners, each representing roughly 20 percent of the county’s population. They collectively serve on more than 50 boards and commissions. The county employs roughly 100 staff members under various departments, such as public works, land management, land records, auditor/treasurer, law enforcement and others. Oldre said commissioners and department heads take pride in conservative fiscal management. “We view our role as being the custodians of public trust,” he said about spending tax dollars. When asked if he thought all the public investments have been worth the tax dollars spent, Oldre said, “If you’re not growing, you’re dying.” He admitted the tax

investments have been expensive, but worth it. “I think these projects are doing exactly what we hoped they would do; in fact more,” he said at the end of the class period when he ran out of time to answer all the questions. “I’m pretty excited about them. Can you tell?” Oldre advised students to get their education and return to Rock County (which has an unemployment rate of 1.6 percent), because “there will be jobs for you.” To wrap up the segment, students will be asked to write reports based on what they learned in class, from the surveys and from Oldre’s classroom talks. Rysdam praised the students for their efforts so far. “This is really good work,” he told the students at the start of their classes Thursday. “These questions are good not only for your understanding of how community government works, but for the public’s understanding of how community government works.”

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Callen Benjegerdes (left, with bandaged fingers) is thankful for her 6-year-old son, Sully, who called for help Oct. 29 after she cut her fingers while unclogging grass clippings from a lawn-mower.

Lawnmower incident leaves Luverne woman thankful for son’s help

Story and photo by Mavis Fodness

Attached to Callen Benjegerdes’ living room wall is a painted canvas that reads, “Every family has a story ... welcome to ours.”

A chapter was added to the Benjegerdes family story that ends happily with the Luverne woman feeling thankful this Thanksgiving season for her son who recently turned 6 years old.

Sullivan, or Sully to friends and family, is a kindergartner at Luverne Elementary. He sat on his mom’s lap as the story of Oct. 29 came to an end.

“I am so thankful for you listening and taking directions when I was hurt,” she said giving Sully a tight squeeze.

Benjegerdes’ story began shortly before 4:45 p.m. on a Monday.

“It was one of the last

nice days; we were in T-shirts,” she said she remembered.

Benjegerdes was at the home of her parents, Don and Wendy Bosshart, and decided to mow the grass and bag fallen leaves one last time at her home located less than a block away.

Sully and his cousins, Mila, 5, and Raven, 2, went with Benjegerdes to perform the end-of-season yard work. They picked up fallen sticks as Benjegerdes started the push mower and completed a pass along the south edge of her property on Oakley Street.

“I have been mowing lawn since I was 10. It’s one of my hobbies,” she said. “I like to do yard work and gardening.”

Admittedly, Benjegerdes knows not to put her hands near the rapidly moving mower blades,

but when the bagger was removed, some grass clippings and shredded leaves hung in the mower’s side exit chute. She reached down to remove the blockage.

“I must have just got my fingers too far under,” she said. “It happened for a split second.”

Pulling her hand back, Benjegerdes felt the tops of her middle and ring fingers were burning and blood flowed from the fingertips.

In pain, Benjegerdes ran into the kitchen, placing her now throbbing injured fingers under cold water.

“I knew right away it was bad,” she said.

She called for Sully and instructed him to call Grandma Bosshart from the cell phone she left in the garage while she mowed the lawn.

“Grandma, come quick.

Something really bad happened to my mom,” she heard Sully say into the phone.

Within minutes, Wendy drove from Jackson Street to Oakley Street.

“Sully took the two little ones and waited in the garage until I got there,” she said. “He won’t let them move!”

Bosshart quickly wrapped Benjegerdes’ hand in a towel, and with Don Bosshart arriving to watch the children, she drove her daughter to the emergency room.

Benjegerdes walked directly into an exam room where doctors determined the damage and wrapped her fingers. “With my type of injury, they want to know what the body would do,” she said. “They looked really bad.”

Experience with the

common hand injury has proven missing fingertips can heal themselves, the Sioux Falls specialists told Benjegerdes a week after her incident.

No stitches or skin grafting were necessary. No tendons were damaged, nor was Benjegerdes’ nail bed affected.

She was told to soak her fingers in soap and re-dressed the individual fingers three times a day for eight weeks.

She is, however, limited by pain on what she can complete at home or at her job with Dental Care Associates in Sioux Falls as her fingers heal.

Sully continues to help his mom as she recovers.

“I did what my mom told me,” he said about the Oct. 29 incident.

However, future incidents will have Sully handling an emergency differently.

“Next time I’ll call 9-1-1. That’s a nine and two ones, right?”

Good Samaritan Homecare honored

The staff at Good Samaritan Society has learned that Good Samaritan Homecare of Southwest Minnesota has been rated a top 500 agency.

For the past 13 years, a company named Ability has used publicly available data from more than 12,400 home health agencies to rank agencies. Good Samaritan officials are upbeat about the honor.

According to the report, Ability bases its findings on five domains of performance:

- Quality of care.
- Quality improvement

and consistency.

- Patient experience.
- Process measure implementation.
- Financial performance.

The report’s data gives Good Samaritan Homecare a perfect five out of five in patient satisfaction and four out of five for patient outcome.

Good Samaritan Homecare provides specialized in-home services to clients in southwest Minnesota, serving the counties of Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock and Watonwan.

1953: Drive-in theatre opens south of Luverne

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on April 2, 1953.

Expect Drive-In Theatre To Be Ready In June

Luverne’s new drive-in theatre, on U.S. Highway 75, about two miles south of the city, will open early in June if present plans of the new owner materialize. K.C. Sargent, who will own and operate the business, said the work on the project will begin as soon as the ground is dry enough to work. Some work was done last fall, but considerable construction and grading remains to be done.



Bits by betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

When completed, the theatre will accommodate 300 cars, but there is room for expansion should conditions warrant it, Mr. Sargent said.

He expects to employ about 12 persons in operation of the theatre on Saturday and Sunday nights, about half that many on week nights.

His son Louis, 20, will be associated with him in the

CELEBRATIONS

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.

An open house bridal shower for **Missy Olson**, bride-to-be of **Blake Wilcoxon**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Keith and Doris Hoven will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Edgerton.

MENU

Monday, Nov. 26: Rigatoni with beef, green beans, bread, cinnamon apples, pudding.

Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Nov. 27: Barbecued pork chop, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, pears.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Exchange State Bank. Senior Board Meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 28: Meatloaf with ketchup, whole potatoes, creamed corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Nov. 29: Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, poke cake.

Program: Half-Price Day.

Friday, Nov. 30: Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, coleslaw, biscuit, cheesecake.

Program: Half-Price Day.

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

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

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•The wind has been used as a legitimate power source, but capturing and storing that energy has been a missing piece of the puzzle.

Now researchers believe they’ve cracked the code to wind energy storage, and it is being tested on the local Minwind Energy turbines near Beaver Creek.

On Monday Xcel Energy hosted tours of a battery test site at the Beaver Creek substation and offered public information at the Rock County Community Library.

The \$4.5 million technology is the first of its kind in the United States to be used for direct wind energy storage.

25 years ago (1993)

•It may be the combined effect of the Minnesota Veterans Home, lower interest rates, City involvement in development or a pure burst of optimism. Whatever the cause, Luverne has seen a spurt of building unequaled in recent history.

Valued estimates of new construction in Luverne during 1993 vary. City Building-Zoning-Safety Director Duane Lasley said his figures for building permits add up to about \$3.5 million through Sept. 30. His figures include home improvements and repair projects around town.

In contrast, in 1989, building permits for the entire year totaled \$1.3 million

50 years ago (1968)

•An ordinance driving city ordinance went into effect Monday in Luverne and anyone violating the ordinance will be warned or fined, according to Luverne Police Chief Chester Bendt.

Exhibition driving is driving any vehicle in such a manner as to create or cause unnecessary engine noise, tire squeal, skid or slide upon acceleration or stopping, or in such a manner as to simulate a temporary race or as to cause such vehicle to unnecessarily sway or turn abruptly.

The police chief also explained to the city council when he introduced the ordinance at the regular city council meeting Sept. 10, that exhibition driving was a form of careless driving but not endangering property or lives.

75 years ago (1943)

•Dallas Bowron, Magnolia, lost about 30 head of ewes in last week’s snowstorm, according to most recent count. Bowron had 739 head on pasture at the north edge of the mounds when the storm descended.

To get out of the path of the storm, the sheep bunched together at the foot of a steep rock ledge in the pasture. Efforts to

get them into the open during the storm were futile.

Bowron’s present count of live ewes, which he now has hauled home to his place in Magnolia, is 711 head. To date, he has found 11 head dead, and the remainder are believed to be covered with about 10 feet of snow which drifted over the rock ledge onto the sheep.

100 years ago (1918)

•The City Heating company’s plant, which has been in course of installation since the fore part of last simmer, is not fully completed, with the exception of a few minor details.

The system was installed by Bain & Robb, of Minneapolis, and represents an expenditure of \$37,000. Of this amount \$21,150 was provided through the sale of stock to business and professional men of the city, which is fully paid and non-assessable, and the remaining amount is covered by local loans, which will eventually be taken up by a bond issue by the company, which will draw six per cent interest.

There are thirty-three stockholders in the company, which controls thirty-seven business structures and provides heat for forty-one patrons. All of the stockholders have their buildings connected with the heating system, except three. One of the stockholders will have heat connections within a week or ten days, and remaining two will not take advantage of the service until next spring.

Luverne High School releases first quarter 2018 honor rolls

A Honor Roll

Seniors:NicoleAanenson, Greta Ahrendt, Caitlyn Allen, Jady Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Giulia Cillenì Nepis, Carissa Cunningham, Zoe DeBates, Jedidiah Dooyema, Julia Ferguson, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jackson Golla, Quinn Graber, Jake Haugen, Jacinda Hustoft, Luke Jarchow, Brianna Jonas, TyLindemann, JosiahLuethje, Derek Lundgren, Rylee Olson, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Riley Severtson, Jade Smith, Emilie Staeffler, McCall Stegenga, Grace Sweeney, Melissa Teal, Austin Winter, Jenna Zewiske, Matthew Ziegler.

Juniors: Dalwa Alinizi, Isaiah Bartels, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Brody DeBates,

Carson Ehde, Madigan Flom, Zayda Holmgren, Nicole Hoogland, Anna Huisman, Amelia Jarchow, Sophia Lanoue, Jonah Louwagie, Reka Meinerts, Gunnar Oldre, Melanie Rittenhouse, Mallory Thorson, Austin Watts-Boll, Jordan Winter.

Sophomores: Kaitlyn Anderson, Rebecca Austin, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Sophia Eisma, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Alex Mann, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade

Wenninger, Gracie Zewiske.

Freshmen: Rylee Anderson Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Burke Johnson, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Lacey Sasker, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia Wieneke.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Shane Berning, Payne Bonnett, Matrim Borth, Thomas Brown, James Chanthalangsy, Timothy Click, Carson Davis, Dalton DeSollar, Lillian Donohue, Ali Elsabagh, Zachary Evans, Adrianna

Gonzalez, Tia Hadler, Hunter Hamann, Brayden Jacobsma, Matthew Jelken, Suwapat Kongchan, Michelle Kramer, Faith Mounce, Courtney Nath, Joel Ortiz, Kaylie Ossefoort, Madison Reisdorfer, Breanna Richters, Justyce Ripka, Adayla Rouzer, William Stegenga, Jordy Thone, Eric Thorson, Evan Ushijima, Courtney Wendland, Cameron Wessels, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Selena Wright.

Juniors: Martin Anderson, Michelle Arevalo, Claire Baustian, Justice Brandt, Quinn Buss, Jocelyne Cazares, Anita Cole-Kraty, Jacqueline Diaz, Hannah Ehlers, Jonah Friedrichsen, Jacob Hagerman, Meagan Hansen, Alexandra Hartman, Ivy Hudson, Heather Huether, Sydne Johnson, Kacie Kracht, Carter Loosbrock, Kaitlyn

McDowell, Gabrielle Miller, Meghan Mollberg, Alyssa Nattress, Nathan Nekali, Samantha Niessink, Marshal Oakes, Mallory Oye, Tyler Roberts, Nicholas Rogers, Henry Rolling, Gracie Rozeboom, Ainsley Rysdam, Maren Schaap, Colton Schutz, Matthew Sehr, Isabel Smeins, Brayden Tofteland, Jacob Von Tersch, Andrew Wagner, Sydney Wicks, Meghan Witte.

Sophomores: Russell Aanenson, Zachary Ahrendt, Tiffany Berrios, Anna Boltjes, Brody Bonnett, Megan Click, Ethan Curtiss, Tyrcia Davis, Tyler de Cesare, Justin Dohlmann, Isaac Eidem, Regan Feit, Cassie Flanagan, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Emma Hinz, Katarina Horn, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht,

Anthony Kramer, Hailey Kruger, Kaden Lampron-DeSollar, Destiny Matthiesen, Carlton Oftedahl, Katlin Petronek, Sadie Reisdorfer, Paige Sandbulte, Crystal Sayavong, Shaid Shearer, Savannah Siebenahler, Haleah Soto, Derek Stokes, Leslie Van Engelenhoven, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Leah Wynia.

Freshmen: Hunter Ahrendt, Jase Arp, Reghan Bork, Sam Emery, Trissa Finkral, Blake Frahm, Jordan Friedrichsen, Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Isabelle Hoiland, Kyle Kephart, Matthew McClure, Cody Mounce, Chase Overgaard, Eli Radtke, Silvia Recuero, Ethan Roemeling, Ashton Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Alenya Sayavong, Brenn Siebenahler, Jacey Smith, Macie Swenson, Levi Thielbar, Brielle Watters, Mia Wenzel.



Middle school super singers

Five Luverne Middle School students were selected for the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota 2018 honor choir. The seventh- and eighth-graders performing Sunday at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi included (from left) Jacob Madison, Ethan Braucht, Ethan Nath, Ross Bergman and Averill Sehr. Luverne choral instructor Seana Graber (pictured far right) also attended the event. ACDA conducts seven honor choir projects to provide enriched singing opportunities for students in grades 4 through 10.

Submitted photo

Luverne's SWMHS Center is 'Provider of the Year'

The Southwestern Mental Health Center in Luverne was honored as the NAMI Minnesota Provider of the Year at a conference in St. Paul on Nov. 3.

The Minnesota chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) each year recognizes an organization that demonstrates excellence, respect and best practices in the way that it provides mental health services.

Southwestern Mental Health Center provides a wide variety of services including outpatient mental health, Unity House (an adult residential treatment facility), adult community support services, permanent supportive housing, community support services for children and a mobile mental health crisis response team.

NAMI's executive director Sue Abderholden noted that the Luverne organization works closely with area members of NAMI and also recently opened

a new building to bring together a variety of services into one building.

"They integrated color theory into the décor, each color was selected to inspire a specific mood such as painting blue for serenity and wellbeing, and yellow for joy and happiness," Abderholden said.

She added that Scott Johnson, executive director in Luverne, "is very committed to providing quality services, promoting mental health and total wellbeing for their community members, and ensuring respect and dignity during all aspects of care."

Southwestern Mental Health Center is also a national health service corps site that can provide loan forgiveness to new mental health professionals.

NAMI Minnesota is a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families through education, support and advocacy.

Veterans have free access to Minnesota state parks

Free year-round vehicle permits, providing unlimited access to all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas, are now available to active military personnel in any branch or unit of the United States Armed Forces and veterans with a service-related disability.

It's no secret that nature helps soothe a troubled mind.

"A state park visit can provide a healthy dose of nature therapy," said Erika Rivers, director of Minnesota State Parks and Trails.

"All park visitors benefit from time outdoors, and for those exposed to a lot of stress, the benefits can be especially acute."

These benefits were

approved by Minnesota lawmakers in 2017.

Studies show that outdoor recreation enhances emotional, physical and physiological well-being.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is the leading injury for American veterans. An estimated 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans have had PTSD in their lifetime, and 20 percent of veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom have PTSD in a given year.

To see all licenses, permits and passes that are available to military personnel and veterans, and the form of identification that an individual needs to show, visit www.mndnr.gov.

OBITUARIES

Robert Cannefax

Robert Warren "Bob" Cannefax, 84, Gold Canyon, Arizona, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, at Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, Arizona.

Military rites and burial will be Dec. 3 at Fort Snelling. Robert was born on Feb. 21, 1934, to Warren and Esther Cannefax at Fort Snelling.

His father was a career military officer, so Bob grew up in many places throughout the U.S. and Austria.

He graduated from Georgetown University and spent the next eleven years serving in the U.S. Army as a pilot. He retired with the rank of captain in the Army.

He worked in restaurant management in the Minneapolis area and retired from the Minneapolis Public School District as a transportation supervisor.

Drawn to the desert, he retired to Arizona in 2002. He loved his family, reading, motorcycles and his pipes.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Arends) Cannefax of Gold Canyon; a son, John Cannefax of St Paul; three daughters, Mary Beth Cannefax of Austin, Texas, Patricia (Kyle) Rasmussen of Litchfield, and Suzanne (Brian Amlee) of Cushing, Wisconsin; two brothers, John (Barb) Cannefax of Forest Lake, and William (Barrie) Schindler of Shrewsbury, New Jersey; a brother-in-law, John Cooney of Prospect, Kentucky; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sandy Cooney.

Arrangements were provided by Smart Cremation. (1121 F)

Donald Schmuck Sr.

Donald William Schmuck Sr., 92, Luverne, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth.

A funeral service was Monday, Nov. 19, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Donald Schmuck was born Aug. 30, 1926, to Henry and Selma (Krumheuer) Schmuck in Luverne. He attended country school and school in Luverne.

Don married Viola Stuck-enbroker on May 7, 1947, at St. John Parsonage in Luverne. He worked as a farmhand for local farmers, at A.R. Wood Manufacturing and at McClure Plumbing in Luverne. The couple moved to Minnetonka in 1981, where they managed a condo for ten years. In 1991 they retired and moved back to Luverne.

Don was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. He enjoyed sports and loved to attend Luverne High School

sporting events. He especially enjoyed dancing to old time music with his wife, Vi.

Don is survived by four children, Don Schmuck Jr., Omaha, Nebraska, Marilyn Schmuck, Luverne, David (Ava) Schmuck, Fairview Heights, Illinois, and Doreen Milstead, Kingston, Washington; five grandchildren, Paul (Sharon) Schmuck, William Milstead, Daniel (Jennifer) Milstead, Jason Schmuck and Kristina Schmuck; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Wallace (Verna) Schmuck, Luverne; and a sister, Judy (James) Hagen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Viola, on Aug. 29, 2010; a son, Dennis, on Dec. 29, 2016; a great-granddaughter, Heidi Leann Milstead; a sister, Helen Gamsby; and three brothers, Herbert, Henry and Robert Schmuck.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (1121 F)



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Contact Luverne Community Education at C.Arends@isd2184.net or 507-283-4724.

Using a new T-shirt learn how to make an **Infinity Scarf** that is stylish and comfortable on Dec. 6. Fee is \$18 including all materials.

Com Ed is trying a new venue for a dinner theatre bus trip. Enjoy Daytrippers Dinner Theatre (located near the Mall of America) presenting **Ain't Retirement Grand** on Dec. 9.

Fees \$85. (Register by Nov. 30) **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.

DEATH NOTICE

Richard Halsne

Richard Halsne, 76, Ruthton, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, at the Avera Sunrise Manor Nursing Home in Tyler.

A memorial service was Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Ruthton Community Center in Ruthton. A private family interment will be at a later date.

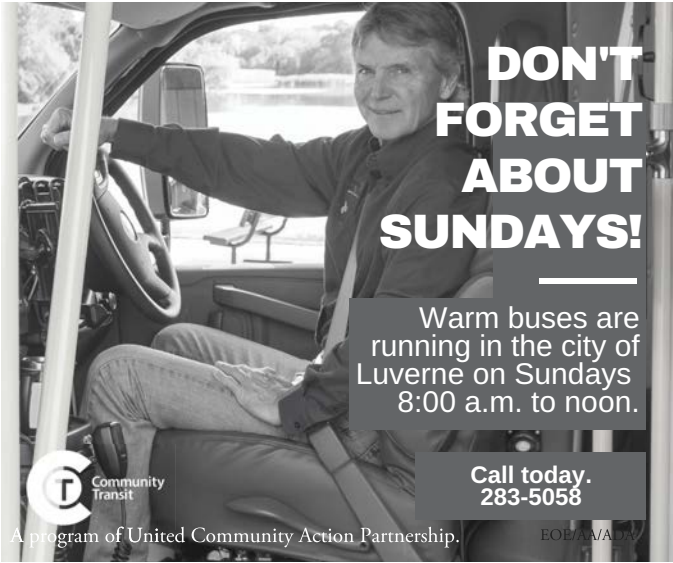
Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, Tyler Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1121 DN)

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In this revised architectural rendering, the primary entrance facing Dodge Street on the south side of the school campus reveals a smaller commons than plans had originally called for and no Community Education expansion. Some of the cuts will be bid as alternates, in case funds allow.

Luverne seeks third round of bids for scaled back plans/continued from 1A

remodel the entire middle-high school facility, and celebrate music and performing arts. The latest bid opening will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19,

at the district office. The project is expected to take 21 months, with work starting in March on the current middle-high school theater, which will become the

new vocal and instrumental music classrooms. New construction work could begin in May. School days schedules were adjusted for 2018-19 in order

to accommodate 17 weeks of construction next summer. The current school year ends May 10 with the new school year beginning Sept. 16.

Hospice/ from 1A

“Many people are not aware of Medicare’s all-inclusive hospice benefit available to them,” she said. “It covers anything related to the terminal illness such as doctor services, nursing visits, prescriptions, medical equipment, etc., at a cost savings to the patient and family. Hospice’s 24/7 services are open to anyone facing a life-ending illness, regardless of finances.

“One of the misconceptions is that they must have cancer to receive hospice services, but it can be any life-limiting condition,” said hospice social worker Jill Roeman. Heart and lung disease, dementia, stroke and other conditions are eligible for hospice services in addition to palliative care. However, Saum said local patients are choosing hospice care long after the services become open to them.

In 2016 patients spent an average of 46 days under hospice care, according to hospice care manager Tammy Moeller. In 2017 the average rose to 52 days. So far in 2018 the average is 24 days, much less than the 180 days allowed under most insurance plans. “Another misunderstanding is they have to go into the Hospice Cottage,” Saum said. “The hospice team will come where the patient lives.”

A unique advantage of hospice care is the continuity of medical care through one nurse who oversees each patient and collaborates with doctors, family and staff on a regular basis. Initial hospice consultations are free of charge. “If a family member or friend is even thinking hospice, they can call us with questions or to set up a time to visit,” Roeman said.

If necessary, hospice services can be delayed until requested by the patient or when the patient becomes eligible. Typically Sanford Luverne Hospice assists between 75 and 90 patients with their end-of-life care annually with room for more patients in the program. “Many patients and family members wait too long before making the decision for hospice care,” hospice nurse Sara Lanoue said. “They never receive the program’s full benefit.” The Sanford Luverne Hospice office is at 304 N. McKenzie Street (inside the Luverne City Office building) and can be contacted at 507-283-1805.

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“The possibilities are endless,” Papik said, adding that she hopes local businesses participate in the website promotion. “If you use this tool, you shouldn’t be understaffed while getting bombarded with business, and you may even be able to draw attention to your business event or special promotion.” The site is administered by Chamber assistant Reva Sehr, who was primarily responsible for its features and rollout.

The calendar listing is also accessible by local groups to post calendar events and activities with the stipulation that posted events must be happening in Luverne. Sehr said she is working on a tab for volunteers to seek opportunities and for organizations to seek volunteer help for their causes. A link on the luverneevents.com home page allows for posts, and the site is linked by the city of Luverne website

and Facebook page to share calendar notices for mosquito spraying, leaf pickup and changes in garbage pickup schedule. A filter allows users to be alerted of specific kinds of events and to have others filtered out. Papik said the more the site is utilized, the more valuable it will become for everyone. “Let’s get this new site off the ground and used by as many people as possible,” Papik said. “Help us to ‘Love the Events’ in Luverne.” Visit the site, www.luverneevents.com, for details.

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Lori Sorenson photo/1121 CEO snow and glow

Students with the local CEO program are working to turn the Luverne City Park into a winter wonderland, the first of its kind in the community. Pictured are CEO students (from left) McCall Stegenga, Matthew Ziegler and Lilli Donohue. The park opens for "CEO Snow and Glow" at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, with sleigh rides, hot cocoa, music and more.

Student entrepreneurs present first ever 'Snow and Glow' in city park Dec. 2

Snow and Glow partners with Nutcrackers on Patrol to light the park

By Lori Sorenson

Several local students are working to turn the Luverne City Park into a winter wonderland, the first of its kind in the community.

"Snow and Glow" will build on the city's second year of "Nutcrackers on Patrol" and will light up the entire park for Winterfest and the holiday season.

"As a community we really need to appreciate the fact these kids have taken this on to light the park for the holidays," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. "We encourage everyone to come out and support their event on Dec. 2."

Similar to the Sioux Falls park holiday light show, Luverne's Snow and Glow will light up the park with holiday decorations, music and — of course — thousands of Christmas lights.

The kick-off event is at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, when the lights go on, the gates open and the party begins.

From 5 to 6:30 p.m., Snow and Glow offers horse-drawn sleigh rides, Santa and Mrs. Claus meet-and-greet — with free photos, hot cocoa and cookies and a glimpse of Santa's sleigh and North Pole delivery room packed with gifts.

Each of the three main playgrounds in the park will have its own holiday theme, and 3-foot-tall elves will be hidden around the park for visitors to find. There are 17, representing the 17 students from area schools involved in this

"It's been a lot of work ... It's been a great experience for life skills — even if you're not going into business. I don't know how other kids not taking this class are going to do it after they graduate."

— McCall Stegenga, Luverne High School student in CEO

year's CEO program.

From 6:30 to 9 p.m. motorists will be encouraged to drive their own vehicles around the park's circle drive to take in the lights and music and the decorated nutcrackers sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

The \$5 park admission supports the host students with the Southwest Minnesota CEO program (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities), a select group of high school students participating in the business training program.

They meet every morning before school for hands-on business and leadership training, and the Snow and Glow project is their class business.

Business and life skills

For the teens involved, the project has been a lot more than Christmas lights and elf design.

"It's been a lot of work," said Luverne High School senior McCall Stegenga.

The venture required planning, start-up loans, capital fundraising, partnering with other businesses,

developing a balance sheet, sending invoices and establishing solid record keeping.

Luverne High School Senior Matt Ziegler serves as the group's CFO and said having to go through all these steps in person was eye-opening.

"We had to go to the bank and ask for a loan, and we had to learn how to communicate with people in the business community," he said.

That meant dressing professionally, developing a firm handshake, making eye contact and speaking clearly.

Essentially, it was about selling themselves and their idea, he said.

To fund the Snow and Glow project, CEO students sold lighted sponsorship signs to local businesses that wanted to be recognized as a Snow and Glow supporter.

For \$350 a business could have a sign placed in the Winterfest city park with its name and logo.

The "executive" option for \$800 was a custom-designed metal sign trimmed with Christmas lights. The signs are returned to businesses after Christmas.

In selling the sponsorships, students developed a marketing letter that was sent to potential buyers.

"If you take this opportunity to invest in this advertising potential, your business will be seen by each one of the hundreds of people who will attend," the letter stated.

"In addition to showing support of a fantastic educational program in your area, you will guarantee that potential customers from across southwest Minnesota will learn about your company. ... Your business could light up the park and be a memorable part of the holiday season."

As it turns out, students sold 23 sponsorships, seven of them in the "executive" category.

In all, they raised \$8,000 to cover the costs of hosting the event, and they have raised the money needed to cover costs associated with a Dec. 14 banquet.

Now they need community members to buy tickets to fill their bank account for the next steps.

Dec. 14 banquet features high school musical talent

The banquet represents the second half of the CEO holiday project that features a Bluestem-catered meal at Grand Prairie Events where area high school choirs will entertain diners — competing for audience attention.

Tickets are \$40 per person and \$280 for a table of eight.

Proceeds from the banquet will support the Snow and Glow bottom line — which helps fund the next step in the CEO program — individual student businesses launched by students.

"We've worked really hard and we want it to be successful," Ziegler said about Snow and Glow and the banquet.

For the students involved, it will be just the beginning of their lessons in business and in life, according to CEO students Lilli Donohue and McCall Stegenga.

"I've learned so much and this has been so motivating for future areas," said Donohue, who serves as the group's COO. "It's been so much work, but it's been super rewarding."

Stegenga has been a designer in the park signage and other decorations. "It's been a great experience for life skills — even if you're not going into business," Stegenga said about the CEO experience.

"I don't know how other kids not taking this class are going to do it after they graduate."

'Lights, Camera, Action' ... Extension issues year-end 4-H awards

"Lights, Camera, 4-H" was the theme of the 2018 awards and recognition night for Rock County 4-H Nov. 3 at the Luverne Elementary School.

About 130 members, parents, leaders and sponsors were on hand to congratulate the recipients of a multitude of honors.

Officers installed

The recognition program began with the installation of the newly elected Federation Officers who were presented with popcorn and candy to remind them to take time to relax and make memories in 4-H.

Installed were President Hannah Kruse, Vice President Michael Kinsinger, Treasurer Whitney Elbers, Secretary Kaylie Ossefoort, Assistant Secretary/Reporter Jacob Raak, Youth Leaders Cassie Flanagan and Justin Mente, Extension Committee Representatives Josie Scholten

and Michael Kinsinger, Adult Treasurer Candy Reese, and Adult Representatives Mike Uhl, Theresa Raak, Dawn Leenderts, Becky Ossefoort, Becky Ingebretsen, Cory Schoeneman and Michele Kruse.

Ambassadors recognized

The Rock County 4-H Ambassadors were the hosts of the program and were recognized for being "on call" for the county office, and for providing youth leadership to many of our county 4-H programs.

The Ambies for the past year were Rebecca Austin, Whitney Elbers, Katie Fick, Cassie Flanagan, Moriah Flanagan, Halle Hough, Gretchen Jacobsma, Brianna Jonas, Michael Kinsinger, Tory Knobloch, Christian



Derek Sandbulte

Friend, alumni selected

Other adult awards presented were the Friend of 4-H Award and the 4-H Alumni Award.

Recognized as a Friend of 4-H for his years of supporting the 4-H program with a leadership award and various other ways of support was Nate Golla.

Receiving the 4-H Alumni Award for his many years of giving back to 4-H through his involvement as a

Kruse, Hannah Kruse, Allison LaRock, Emily Malsom, Trevor Mente, Kaylie Ossefoort, Jacob Raak, Joshua Raak, Hunter Sandbulte, Michaela Sandbulte, Josie Scholten, Kristoffer Severtson, Joni Vander Beek and McKenna Westphal.

For individual award recognition, the club names will be abbreviated as follows: BR = Blue Ribbon Club, K9 = County K9s Club, DGG = Denver Go-getters Club, LW = Livewires Club, MJ = Magnolia Juniors Club, SD = Springdell Club, and WW = Willing Workers Club.

volunteer and coach and as a person who has helped build many projects was Derek Sandbulte.

Clubs awards

Several 4-H clubs were also recognized. The Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the awards for Community Pride activities.

The Livewires Club won top honors for their activities, which included serving a meal at the United Methodist Church and donating and planting flowers around the Veterans Home.

The Blue Ribbon Club took second place for their Community Pride project of traveling to Sioux Falls to pack meals for Kids Against Hunger

and helping with the fall carnival at the Tuff Home in Hills.

The 4-H clubs also compete for awards based on the activities they do as a club. They receive points for attendance, having project meetings, the percentage of members that do demonstrations and project talks, having recreation, and so on.

There was a tie for the ACTIVE CLUB Award sponsored by Pizza Ranch: the Livewires and Blue Ribbon clubs.

Second place was sponsored by Hometown Shopko and was awarded to Springdell, which was also the

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'Lights, Camera, Action' ... Extension celebrates awards/continued from page 1B

club recognized for having the highest percentage of members complete their re-enrollment for the program's new year.

Member honors

Recognition was given to a large group of our youngest 4-H members: the Cloverbuds, who are 4-H members in kindergarten through second grade.

Receiving those awards were Maxwell Sammons and AnnMarie Wiersema from BR; Hendrik Bork, Luella Johnson and Gabriella Porter, K9s; Paige Blom, Ashlyn Klein, Brynlee Lass, Lexie Overvaag, and Josiah Pap, DGG; Allison Honken, Olivia Lorang, Alayna Oechsle, Dakotah Sina and Logan Wrigg, LW; Ashton Altman, Braylynn Altman, Caul Bonnett, Brody Buntjer, Blakely Fick, Lauren Gaul, Ty Kopp, Evan Ossefoort, and Adalyn Uithoven, MJ; and Cale Barefoot, Cole Barefoot, Colton Buchholz, Mason Cox and Ayva Nelson, SD.

Four-H members in their first and second years in 4-H can compete for Clover Power awards by participating in club and county activities through the year.

Recipients included Klarissa Burkman, Jed Fagerness, Claire Knobloch, Hailey Moser, and Ava Steinhoff, BR; Peyton Blom, DGG; Joshua Honken and Makayla Oechsle, LW; Jacob Madison, Lucas Madison, Austin Sandbulte, and Kailee Sandbulte, MJ; and Alex Reker and Brenna Reker, SD.

Members also compete for awards in two additional age divisions.

The Fantastic 15 Awards are given to 15 members in grades 3-6 with the highest points for various activities such as participating in club activities, attending 4-H camp, exhibiting at county fair, filling out records and giving demonstrations.

The winners received awards sponsored by the Rock County Star Herald.

The Fantastic 15 awards were presented to Klarissa Burkman, Mазzie Moore, Ava Steinhoff, Larissa Steinhoff and Amber Wiersema, BR; Peyton Blom, DGG; Fox Forrest, K9s; Andrea Honken and Joshua Honken, LW; Brianna Kinsinger, Andrea Luitjens, Austin Sandbulte and Dennie Sandbulte, MJ; Brenna Reker, SD; and Sarah Stegenga, WW.





Steve Bloemendaal's photograph titled "Black Swallowtails" earned him second place in the wildlife category.



"Bounding Deer" took first place in the wildlife category. The image was captured by Kelly Doyle.



Kelly Doyle and her picture of "Tall Grass Prairie Sunrise" was second place in the Prairie Plants category.



First place in the Prairie Plants category went to Jason Schulz and his work called "Prairie Smoke."



Earning first place in the Landscape category is Steve Bloemendaal and his "Only a Memory" photograph.

Fall Prairie Photo Contest winners announced

By Lori Sorenson

The final round of winners have been announced for the 2018 Prairie Photo Contest sponsored by the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We're trying to encourage people to get out and enjoy the prairie," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, who also serves on the CVB. Winners are selected among three categories: birds and wildlife, landscape, and native prairie plants. The fall winners were selected Nov. 7, and Lanphere announced the names Nov. 8.

- Landscape category:
Steve Bloemendaal — Only a memory
Kelly Doyle (Edina) — Late Morning Sky
- Prairie plants category:
Jason Schutz — Prairie Smoke
Kelly Doyle — Tall Grass Prairie Sunrise
- Wildlife:
Kelly Doyle — Bounding Deer
Steve Bloemendaal — Black Swallowtails
- Photographers could enter up to five photos per entry period, and \$50 prizes are



"Late Morning Sky" was awarded second place in the Landscape category. The photograph was shot by Kelly Doyle.

awarded per category per entry period. The winning photographs are then used — along with the other monthly winners — to create postcards that will be sold to raise money for programming at the Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie. Contest entrants may be amateur or professional, but

the CVB retains the rights to use the winning images for the postcard promotion. Lanphere said the Prairie Photo Contest is a fitting way to celebrate parks and to capture the beauty of the local prairie parks. "Thanks for participating," she said to the contest entrants. "We hope the community can be involved next year, too." Lanphere can be reached at 283-4061 with questions.



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Front row (left to right) : Marilyn VanSanten, Lynette Ossefoort and Christina Koedam. Back row (left to right) : Edna Buys, Teresa Hup, Alexis Klarenbeek, Nancy VanDeBerg and David Riphagen.

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Girls skate to draw with L-D-C

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls' hockey team remained unbeaten through three games when they opened their home slate at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. The Cardinals did not defeat visiting Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato, but they made enough plays on both ends of the ice to play the Dragons to a draw at two goals each. Luverne, which sported a 34-28 advantage in shots on goal during the game, never trailed in the contest. The Cardinals drew first blood in the game 5:24 into the opening period. Kamryn Van Batavia registered an unassisted tally to give the Cards an early 1-0 cushion. L-D-C answered the challenge with 8:55 left in the opening period. Sophia Hillman netted the tying goal after being set up by Ella Hansen. The score stayed tied at one through the remainder of the first period and after a scoreless second stanza. Luverne moved in front 2-1 when Van Batavia netted her second goal of the game after being set up by Reghan Bork 43 seconds into the third period. Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they couldn't protect the lead. L-D-C's Hillman registered a short-handed tally with 5:17 remaining in regulation play to knot the score at two. Neither team would score again even though the Cardinals sported a 7-3 advantage in shots on goal in an eight-



John Rittenhouse photo/1121 lgh 3
Luverne sophomore forward Rozilyn Oye advances the puck out of the defensive zone during Friday's home hockey opener against Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

minute overtime period. 26 of the 28 shots she faced in goal for the 2-0-1 Cardinals. Luverne hosts Minnesota River Saturday.

Ahrendt graces BSC list for Luverne

By John Rittenhouse
A Luverne High School senior graces the roster of the 2018 All-Big South Conference Western Division Volleyball Team. Greta Ahrendt, a two-year starter for LHS, claimed one of 12 spots on the all-league roster. Marshall, the BSC West champion and a second-place finisher at the state tournament in Class AA, led all division teams with four all-league selections. Senior Erica Jones and juniors Brianna Morris, Mia Schnaible and Logan Sherman represent the Tigers on the team. Jackson County Central and Windom landed three and two all-conference selections respectively.



Ahrendt

JCC senior Alice Di Renzo, junior Alaina Wolff and freshman Sadie Voss cracked the list, as did Windom senior Becca Hacker and junior Katelyn Nichols. Pipestone senior Mackenzie Haroldson and Redwood Valley sophomore Sydney Sommers round out the all-league team. Six players received honorable mention status from the league's coaches. They include Pipestone seniors Mandi Miller and Mara Taubert, Windom senior Maurissa Isaacs, Worthington junior Payton Sauerbrei, Marshall sophomore Jordyn Hilgemann and RWV sophomore Haley Garmen.

Jager grabs reins of EHS boys' program

By John Rittenhouse
The Ellsworth Panthers will be playing for a new head coach during the 2018-19 boys' basketball season. Tim Jager is the new man in charge of the EHS program. Jager replaces Mac McDowell, who compiled a 22-29 record during a four-year reign as the EHS mentor. Jager is a 2000 graduate of Maurice-Orange City-Floyd Valley High in Orange City, Iowa. He was a member of the M-OC-FV boys' basketball team for four years and drew some starting assignments during his high school career. After graduating from the Iowa high school, Jager attended Iowa Lakes Community College (Estherville, Iowa) for two years before attending the University of Sioux Falls for the next two years. He played one year of basketball at ILCC. Jager, who currently resides in Slayton and will be marrying soon, does bring past coaching experience to EHS. He was a volunteer assistant coach for the girls' basketball team in Orange City for two years and was the head basketball coach in Truman for



Jager

three seasons. Jager now works as a service adviser at Marthaler Ford of Worthington, and he is excited about returning to the coaching ranks. "I actually fell in love with coaching when I basically was a graduate assistant in Orange City," he said. "I'm really pumped up to start coaching again in Ellsworth. Being from Iowa and coaching in Truman, I know Ellsworth has a rich basketball tradition and it's pretty exciting for me to be a part of that now." Jager didn't land the EHS post until late July, so he didn't get to work with the returning Panther players over the summer. Since that is the case, Jager is not ready to reveal what style of basketball EHS will play in 2018-19. "I think I will have 11 returning players and six of them are seniors, so it's nice to know we'll have leadership right away," he said. "I would like to see us play up-tempo basketball, but I can't really say we will because I don't know the players that well yet. I'll wait and see what will work best for this group of players."

Farewell Joe Mauer; good riddance Butler

Minnesota bid farewell to a pair of athletes last week. One of the men was a class act who will never be forgotten. The other was more of an enigma than anything else. The writing was on the wall when the Minnesota Twins played their last regular season game with Joe Mauer last September. As expected, the Minnesota native called it quits after a 15-year career, all with the Twins. In my mind and many others', Mauer will be remembered as one of the greatest Twins players of all time. With a .306 career batting average and one American League Most Valuable Player Award, Mauer gained prominence throughout the country as a top-notch



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

competitor who represented his team and major league baseball well during his tenure with the Twins. Since he became the only American League player to win three AL batting titles as a catcher, I believe Mauer will end up in the MLB Hall of Fame in the coming years. On the other end of the spectrum is Jimmy Butler, who played one season for the Minnesota Timberwolves. Butler asked to be traded by the Wolves' brass prior to training camp in late summer, and his request was honored when they shipped him to the Philadelphia 76ers last week. Butler will not be remembered fondly in these parts because of his whiney attitude and selfish antics on and off the court. I remember Butler being on the receiving end of a fond Minnesota welcome when he was traded here from Chicago prior to the 2017-18 season, but it became clear during the ups and downs of the regular season he was beginning to wear out his welcome. He often called out his younger teammates when things didn't go well during the course of a game, but all of that was forgotten when the Wolves made the playoffs for the first time since 2004. To be fair, Butler does de-

serve a lot of credit for that accomplishment. But he also deserves his share of the blame for not doing enough to keep the team from winning more than one game against Houston in a short playoff series. All I know for sure is Minnesotans will celebrate Mauer when he is inducted into the Hall of Fame in the coming years, and his absence in the Twins' lineup will be evident next year. I can't say the same thing about Butler because the Wolves won the first two games after shipping him out. There will be no celebration when Butler returns to the Target Center with the 76ers on March 30, but I'm pretty sure the fans of the Wolves will let him know how they feel about his lack of character before, during and after the game.



John Rittenhouse photo/1121 ahs vb
Adrian High School athletes (from left) Mayssa Tweet, Avery Balster, Miah Kunkel and Kasie Tweet made the 2018 All-Red Rock Conference Volleyball Team.



John Rittenhouse photo/1121 hbc vb
H-BC's Sidney Fick (middle) and Grace Bundesen (right) made the All-RRC Volleyball Team. Abby Knobloch (left) received honorable mention for the Patriot girls.



John Rittenhouse photo/1121 ehs vb
Ellsworth's Ashlyn Meester (left) made the 2018 All-RRC Volleyball Team. Morgan Dreesen (right) received honorable mention.

Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek, Ellsworth athletes draw 2018 RRC volleyball honors

By John Rittenhouse
Nine athletes from the Star Herald coverage received postseason honors from Red Rock Conference officials last week. A total of seven players representing Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek and Ellsworth high schools made the 2018 All-RRC Volleyball Team. Two other area athletes drew honorable mention from

the league's coaches. Adrian, co-champion of the RRC, landed four positions on the All-RRC roster. Seniors Avery Balster and Miah Kunkel, junior Kasie Tweet and freshman Mayssa Tweet made the team for the Dragons. H-BC seniors Grace Bundesen and Sydney Fick were named to the all-league squad, as was Ellsworth junior Ashlyn

Meester. Ellsworth junior Morgan Dreesen and H-BC sophomore Abby Knobloch landed two of the 12 honorable mention selections doled out by the league's coaches. Red Rock Central matched Adrian by securing four all-conference selections. Seniors Kennedy Janssen and Haley Simonson, sophomore Nicole Schroepfer and

freshman Karli Arkell represent the Falcons on the list. Murray County Central and Southwest Christian landed three all-league selections each. MCC seniors Laney Brown and Montana Beckmann and junior Alyssa Groves cracked the list, as did SWC seniors Sommer Schaap and Elizabeth Prins and junior Jazlynn Prins. Heron Lake-Okabena, West-

brook-Walnut Grove and Mountain Lake Area matched H-BC by securing two all-conference picks. Senior Samantha Freking and sophomore Hailey Liepold represent HL-O, senior Taylor Nass and junior Margo Stoesz made the team for MLA and senior Brit-Tanya Erickson and sophomore Emma Wahl grace the list for W-WG.

Edgerton senior Courtney Fey rounds out the roster. Other players receiving honorable mention include Fulda seniors Evany Luna and McKenzie Evers, W-WG senior Grace Woelber and junior Camryn Bunting, MLA junior Destiny Sybounheuan, HL-O senior Anna Volk, SWC junior Isabella Niemeyer, MCC senior Elise Rohrer and RRC sophomore Bianca Weis.

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Mike Altana, Pastor

Friday, Nov. 23: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, Nov. 24: 1-4 p.m. Jim Vink Open House. Sunday, Nov. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Noon Commons reserved. Tuesday, Nov. 27: Noon Staff Meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Nov. 28: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Junior and Senior Youth Groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle; Praise Team practice. Thursday, Nov. 29: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church

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

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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

Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Nov. 22: Office closed. Saturday, Nov. 24: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Nov. 25: 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 — Air Madness. Monday, Nov. 26: 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting at Emilie Crabtree's home. 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Bible Study. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 10 a.m. Sanctuary Care — Christmas decorations. Wednesday, Nov. 28: 5:30 p.m. Community meal. 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. Thursday, Nov. 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

Thursday, Nov. 22: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 25: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Deacons. Monday, Nov. 26: 9 a.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Nov. 27: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Nov. 28: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Feast and Fellowship; Bells. 6 p.m. Confirmation; Senior High Fellowship. 6:15 p.m. Choir. Thursday, Nov. 29: 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

Saturday, Nov. 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion; installation of new officers. Sunday, Nov. 25: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; installation of new officers. 10:30 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Wednesday, Nov. 28: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 Newsletter assembly. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/High School Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Nov. 29: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jess devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

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: newlifecelabration@gmail.com

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. 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Nov. 23: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 25: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Nov. 26: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Nov. 27: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Nov. 28: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at St. John. 7 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, Nov. 29: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

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. 25: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. NO Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Decorating for Advent following service. Tuesday, Nov. 27: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village. Wednesday, Nov. 28: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. 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.

Be thankful for 10 things each day

“Do not

worry about

anything, but

in everything

by prayer and

supplication

with thanks-

giving let your

requests be made known

to God. And the peace

of God, which surpasses

all understanding, will

guard your hearts and

your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

The hustle and bustle

of the autumn season is in

full swing and the holidays

are just around the corner.

This season is often

full of joy and anticipa-

tion for the weeks ahead

— looking forward to cel-

ebrating Thanksgiving and

Christmas and being in

touch with those we love.

Yet, those same things

that can be the most joy-

ful: family celebrations

and fabulous meals, the

end of a fruitful harvest

and the beauty of the first

snowflakes, can some-

times turn into the things

that cause us worry.

For instance, maybe

that harvest wasn't as

fruitful as we'd have liked

it to be. And family gather-

ings might mean a house

cleaning frenzy, cooking

extra and bigger meals,

decorating, decorating,

decorating ... And unfor-

tunately, it sometimes can

mean those same old fam-

ily problems rearing their

ugly heads again.

Beautiful and fes-

tive Christmas music and

decorations make their

way into seemingly every

retail space, a constant

reminder of how quickly

time seems to pass us

by and how far we feel

“behind” — behind on

Christmas shopping, be-

hind on preparations, and

goodness sakes, it's not

even December yet!

Sometimes, if we are

really honest with our-

selves, this time of year

can be downright difficult.

We may remember how

it used to be before we

lost a loved one, and it

just doesn't feel the same

without them.

With all these mixed

feelings in mind, I would

like to challenge you to



BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Laura Phillips,
First Lutheran, Palisade
Lutheran Churches**

something: Could you take a short bit of time this season and make a point to give thanks to God 10 times each day?

Practicing an attitude

of gratitude for all that

God has done for us is

both honoring to Him and

good for our own soul. It is

simple to do, as simple as:

Thank you, God, for

a warm cup of coffee this

morning.

Thank you, God, for

providing this meal for me.

Thank you, God, for

giving me work to do to

provide for my family.

Thank you, God, for

giving us sunshine.

Thank you, God, for

the laughter of children.

Thank you, God, for

a pleasant conversation

with my friend.

Thank you, God, for a

warm home to live in.

Thank you, God, for

the beauty of snowflakes.

Thank you, God, for

the ability to communi-

cate with those far away.

Thank you, God, for

my family.

Imagine how we

may feel differently if we

would simply be on the

lookout for the blessings

of our Heavenly Father all

around us.

Just by looking for the

good, for the many things

to be thankful for, we may

find simple blessings in

new places where we have

not ever noticed them

before. As we count those

things each day that we

are grateful for, let's also

trust that God will do just

as God promises to do:

replace our anxious hearts

with His peace.

Happy Thanksgiving

to you!

May God's peace,

which surpasses all under-

standing, guard your heart

and mind in Christ Jesus

this holiday season,

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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
BMO Harris Bank N.A., as successor to M & I Bank FSB, Mortgagee
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)

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

ARCHITECT:	Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 280-0500
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, 11-21)

City of Luverne adopts
Ordinance No. 4

ORDINANCE NO. 4, FOURTH SERIES
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE
(TRACT 1 IN THE SW 1/4 SECTION 11-102-45
TO THE CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MN)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:
SECTION 1. Pursuant to City Charter, Section 12.05, the City Council is authorized to sell or convey the following described real estate located in the City of Luverne, County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:
DESCRIPTION – TRACT 1 IN THE SW1/4 11-102-45

That part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township 102 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 11; thence North 90°00'00" East on the south line of said SW1/4 for a distance of 60.00 feet; thence North 00°21'47" East for a distance of 478.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00°21'47" East on for a distance of 40.00 feet; thence North 90°00'00" East for a distance of 85.97 feet to a point 50 feet southwest, measured perpendicularly, from the centerline of the former Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company; thence North 82°12'01" East perpendicular to said centerline for a distance of 21.00 feet to a point 29 feet, measured perpendicularly, from said centerline; thence South 07°47'59" East parallel to and 29 feet southwesterly from said centerline for a distance of 43.25 feet; thence South 90°00'00" West for a distance of 112.90 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.10 acres.

SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, IF ANY, OF RECORD OR APPARENT.
To Michelle L. Aanenson.

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

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

/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator
(11-21)

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
Attorney License No: 0056674
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(11-15, 11-21)



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EMPLOYMENT

PART-TIME LIQUOR CLERK

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.

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Apply online at <http://www.usajobs.gov> - Job Announcement MN-2019-0015 beginning on Friday, November 23, 2018. The entire announcement and all instructions can be found online. The application and all documents (including the required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Statement) must be electronically submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Thursday, December 6, 2018. If assistance is needed to apply, and/or if applying online poses a hardship and an alternative method is required, please contact 706-552-2502 during business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday) well before the closing date. For other questions, please contact the Rock County FSA Office at 507-283-2369, ext. 2. FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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Dec. 2 2 p.m.
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Luverne—Corner of Main & Kniss
Thursday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m.
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Hills—Tuff Village
Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.
(indoor tree lighting & refreshments)

Adrian & Ellsworth—Adrian Fire Hall
Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 4:30 p.m.
(candle lighting & refreshments)

Sponsor a light by mailing your order form and check (payable to LACF) to:
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304 N. McKenzie Street
Luverne, MN 56156

Call 507-283-1895 for more info

2018 Tree of Lights Order Form

Given by: _____
Address: _____
Choose tree location: _____ Adrian/Ellsworth _____ Hills _____ Luverne
In Honor of: _____ Living _____ Deceased
Total Purchase Amount: _____

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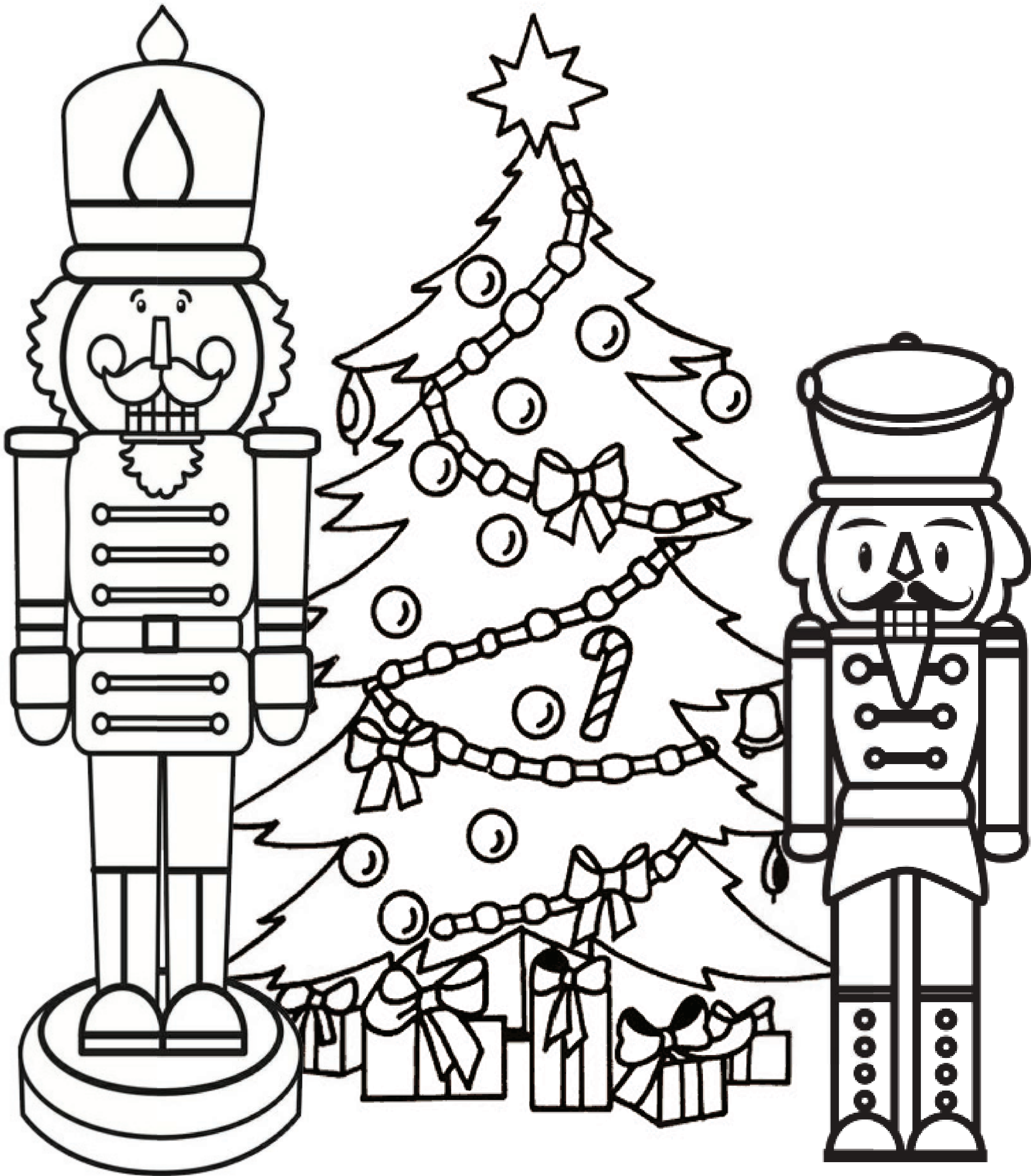
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Christmas Coloring Contest

RULES

1. Contest is open to children ages 4 through 9.
 2. Color the picture below with paints, markers, crayons or colored pencils.
 3. Decision of judges is final.
- ALL entries must be returned to the Star Herald office no later than NOON ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.
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