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Board rejects all bids

Process repeats this fall with spring construction start

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members rejected all bids for the district's \$31 million building project at their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Aug. 23, and will begin the process again.

In a 6-1 vote to decline the four low bids recommended by the project managers, board members questioned consultants and architects about why the bids came in \$3 million over estimates.

"It looks like you didn't do your job right," said board member Tim Jarchow. "What you've brought us is less than what you've promised. I am pretty disappointed."

Voters approved a \$16 million facility improvement plan last fall that included \$7 million for a performing arts center. The board used its levy authority for an additional \$8 million in health and safety improvements.

Along the way, the district hired construction managers ICS Consulting Inc. and engineers Foster Jacobs and Johnson.

The district originally budgeted for \$3.8 million in consultant fees, which includes the services of JLG Architects.

Todd Wetzel, program manager with ICS/FJJ, said multiple factors raised construction costs over last year's estimates.

Factors included enlarging the commons area, unexpected higher labor costs for demolition, and the industry's current tight supply and market demand for materials.

"That (materials) is probably one of the biggest factors," Wetzel said.

He warned that costs could increase if the bid process is repeated.

Consultants suggest 'value engineering' to make cuts

He said the four low bids for general construction, mechanical, fire protection and electrical combined with the "value engineering" process could bring the project within budget.

For the past month, School Board members have worked with project managers and architects, both of Sioux Falls, to examine specific areas

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Lori Sorenson photos/0830 bwsr tour river

Engineer Russ Hoogendorn (back, center) addresses a group of more than 45 representatives of local, state, and federal conservation offices gathered at the Rock River's edge Wednesday, Aug. 22, where a 2015 project prevented water erosion from reaching an abandoned city landfill.

Conservation on display

State board tours local soil and water conservation projects

By Lori Sorenson

How wisely are we using our state resources on local soil and water projects?

An Aug. 22 tour of several sites in Rock and Nobles counties provided answers for members of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office said he welcomed the chance to show off local accomplishments.

"Our weather patterns are changing," he told the tour group at Grand Prairie Events during the lunch stop. "We have to operate differently and put practices into place to keep soil where it needs to be."

He said state and federal disaster funds were appreciated, but Land Management Office staff is still working to catch up.

"You can have a lot of money, but if you don't have a way to get it on the ground, it's really frustrating," Bos said, and he explained that his office hired technicians and trained them for their unique conservation duties.

"Conservation practices are not what people go to engineering school for," he said. Many of the local BWSR projects on display Wednesday were related to damage from the June 2014 flood when 22 inches of rain fell in eight days wrecking roads, bridges, culverts and cropland.

For example, the first stop in the afternoon was the Rock River landfill protection project east of town that involved landowner Warren



Rushing floodwaters in 2014 rerouted the Rock River from its previous banks into a new path toward Luverne's abandoned landfill, which contains hazardous materials like mercury, barium, lead, arsenic, cadmium and other heavy metals. The river's new course — which moved nearly 100 feet — threatened to erode into landfill and potentially contaminate drinking water wells downstream in Luverne and rural Rock County.

Baker, the city of Luverne and local conservation staff.

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"We figured we can't stop the flooding, so we decided to protect the stream bank," he said pointing to j-hooks of rock boulders that redirect the force of water toward the center of the river.

The project was completed in 2015 with funding support from BWSR and NRCS, and so far Hoogendorn said the soil has remained intact, despite several additional flooding events.

In addition to the landfill site, other Rock County conservation projects showcased for the tour included:

- a manure handling project to prevent feedlot runoff from contaminating a nearby stream using cost-share incentives with the producer.
- a Rock County Rural Water project to reduce high nitrates in the drinking water supply area by offering landowner incentives for managing nitrogen applications and planting

State conservation tour/continued on 2A

Luverne opens Sept. 4 with new schedule

By Mavis Fodness

When Luverne Schools opens their doors Tuesday, Sept. 4, for the 2018-19 school year, students will be greeted with a longer school day, eager staff and a focus toward building a respectful environment.

An extra 30 minutes has been added to the school day.

Students and staff begin classes at 8 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. for the next two school years.

The daily 30 extra minutes shorten Luverne's school year by nine days to accommodate the upcoming facility improvement project.

May 10 is the last day of classes for the 2018-19 school year.

Classes for the 2019-20 school year begin later than normal on Sept. 16.

For bus drivers, the earlier school start time means getting about 700 students on the buses as early as 6:20 a.m.

District transportation director Brad Goembel said he anticipates

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Mavis Fodness photo/0830 New School Year 2018

Luverne Public Schools Superintendent Craig Oftedahl talks with staff Monday morning about his ideas to encourage an atmosphere of respect between teachers and students and within the facility. Teacher Doug Dooyema wore a T-shirt that reads, "It's Still About Respect."

City levy may jump 5.5 percent

By Lori Sorenson

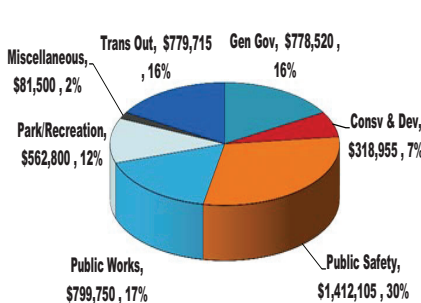
Luverne City Council members are anticipating a 5.5-percent levy increase for taxes payable in 2019, according to recent budget discussions.

The \$1.9 million levy amount is about \$100,000 more than the current levy. Local leaders have been reviewing income and expenses at recent meetings and are planning ahead for capital expenditures.

According to information at the Aug. 21 council meeting, Luverne's budget is balanced, there are adequate reserves in the general fund, the city has a AA-plus bond rating and Luverne residents enjoy the lowest tax rate among other cities of similar size in Minnesota.

"We're in good financial shape," said City Administrator John Call. "And we can also thank the school district and the county for helping us maintain a low tax rate, because they're part of the overall tax mix."

Mayor Pat Baustian added that recent growth in Luverne's tax base (new businesses and housing) also contributes to an overall lower tax



General Fund expenditures

bill for residents.

"Our levy is going up, but the increased tax base should eat part of that," he said. "For some property owners, their taxes will increase less than 3 percent or even maybe not at all."

At Tuesday's meeting council members reviewed the operating budget, which included rough outlines of the city's governmental expenses and revenues.

Governmental expenditures for

City levy increase/see page 5A



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Luverne Senior Citizens Organization will have their bi-monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Senior Citizens Mealsite at 319 E. Lincoln Street. Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Senior Citizens Organization's activities is welcome to attend.

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in the Blue Mound Room of Sanford Luverne for a program by the Rock County Sheriff. Call Alvina, 283-2297, with questions.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in the Rock County Community Library. Bring materials for project lessons.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 10:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Luverne Senior Dining for Dancing Divas and dinner. Call Connie at 283-8470 by Sept. 12 or call Senior Dining at 283-9846 and tell them you're with the Red Hats.

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

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568.

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

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

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

Tractor Ride set for Friday, Aug. 31

The 2018 Tractor Ride is set for Friday, Aug. 31, with registration at 8 a.m. at the Luverne City Park, and the 50-mile ride is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. For \$25 participants receive breakfast and lunch.

Tractors must be able to travel 10mph and be equipped with slow-moving vehicle sign on the back. For more information contact Rodger Ossenfort at 507-920-0036, Ken Vos at 507-220-7673, or Jerold Mann at 507-220-8293.

Magnolia Reunion Aug. 31-Sept. 2

The Magnolia All-School Reunion will be Aug. 31-Sept. 2. There's a Friday night catered meal that requires registration. Saturday's events start off with breakfast at the Magnolia Café from 6 to 11 a.m., when the parade is expected to begin. Call Marilyn Bergman, 507-220-1115, about parade entries.

After the parade, the Magnolia Fire Department will host a pork feed followed by a street dance from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday's events include a 10 a.m. church service followed by the MHS All-School Reunion Golf Tournament at the Luverne Country Club beginning at 2 p.m. Call Scott Dohlmann, 507-920-7230 with questions. Or see the Facebook page or Luverne Alumni News online.

Bank Nite movie 'Dog Days' Sept. 6

The free Bank Nite Disney movie, "Dog Days," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

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

LCC junior club championship Sept. 9

The Luverne Country Club will host a teen and kids club championship at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, for members and nonmembers ages 1-18. There will be modified formats for preschool and elementary ages. Food is provided for players, and the Vikings game will be on in the clubhouse. Ages 1-4 play for \$5 and ages 5 and older cost \$10. Call Kim Arends, 920-6621, with questions.

Cover Crop Field Talk set for Sept. 11

The 2018 Cover Crop Field Talk will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Tom Fick farm west of Luverne at 1157 110th Avenue. The event will include cover crop topics of discussion, demonstrations and experiences of local farmers. The event is free, and a free lunch is available if signed up before Sept. 7 at Rock County SWCD at 507-283-8862.

Soil and water tour/ continued from page 1A

cover crops.

In Nobles County tour stops included:

•Adrian and Worthington wellhead sites, which were also contaminated by high nitrates.

•Bella Park near Worthington where a 234-acre recreation area was developed for public enjoyment and flood protection.

•Prairie View Pond near Worthington where the former golf course property became a water quality improvement project.

•Summit Lake restoration where a farm ground surrounding a 300-acre shallow lake was permanently enrolled in Reinvest in Minnesota to protect and improve water and soil quality and wildlife habitat.

The Minnesota BWSR is a 20-member group that includes representatives from state agencies, local governments and citizens.

Its annual tour destinations rotate each year to highlight different regions of Minnesota where federal, state and local governments work with private landowners to protect and improve soil and water resources.

Ed Lenz, rural Adrian, serves on the state BWSR board and helped bring the 2018 tour to Rock and Nobles counties.

"You do a lot of high quality work with government and landowners," Lenz said about local projects.

"The tour gives us an opportunity to show our board how this work is protecting water and soil quality."



Mavis Fodness photo/0830 Agent Orange Exhibit

Herreid Military Museum volunteer Terrie Gulden is working on a display depicting Operation Ranch Hand, a U.S. military operation to defoliate the South Vietnam forests during the Vietnam War. He holds a placard about the various herbicides used during the war.

Exhibit to educate about Agent Orange and other wartime chemicals

By Mavis Fodness

The Vietnam War exhibit will soon expand at the Herreid Military Museum as information about Operation Ranch Hand and Agent Orange is added.

Museum volunteer Terrie Gulden began working on the exhibit addition three months ago.

He was inspired by a visit earlier this year to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. Information about Operation Ranch Hand grabbed his attention because of his own personal experience fighting in the war.

"I didn't witness the spraying but I knew it was going on," Gulden said. "It had good intentions for the soldiers but it was bad."

Operation Ranch Hand involved spraying at least six various herbicides (called Rainbow Herbicides) in South Vietnam from 1961 to 1972.

The various herbicides

were stored in 55-gallon metal drums with the colored band painted around the barrels.

Agent Orange was a 50 percent blend of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, an effective defoliate for South Vietnam's massive mangrove forests.

A dioxin used in the Agent Orange defoliant mixture has since been found to cause cancer in humans.

Millions of gallons of Agent Orange were manufactured, shipped and used during the Vietnam War.

"It's an important topic we're still dealing with today, 50 years later," Gulden said.

The Agent Orange display consists of a vinyl mural depicting planes in formation spraying Agent Orange on the forest below. Placards around the mural explain Operation Ranch Hand.

In the corner, a smaller Agent Orange display features a 55-gallon drum like those used to store and transfer

the defoliant. A nearby DVD player will show a four-minute story on Agent Orange's origin.

"You can see that it wasn't thought of as dangerous," Gulden said.

Plans are to have the display finished in time for Veterans Day Nov. 11. The exhibit is located on the museum's third floor.

Military museum receives 5,600 visitors annually

Rock County Veterans Service Officer Dave Haugom oversees the Herreid Military Museum.

He reported to the County Commission Aug. 21 that from 2015 to 2017 the museum had 5,600 visitors annually.

"It's quite heavily used," Haugom said.

Visitors originated from 33 states and 11 counties.

Of those who signed the museum's registry, no one registered a negative comment, Haugom added.

Luverne school schedule for 2018-19 year/from page 1A

about a month to get used to the earlier schedule.

"It is going to be interesting," he said. "Every day is going to be different."

The goal is to have buses arriving at school by 7:35 a.m. for breakfast.

The first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. for the 8 a.m. start.

The student day ends at 3:30 p.m.

Staff utilize extra half hour by expanding lessons

At the elementary school, teachers are incorporating the extra minutes into all lesson areas.

"All of the teachers are adjusting their schedule a little bit each day," said Principal Stacy Gillette. "It's going to be an adjustment for the next couple of weeks."

The elementary school is also changing its student progress reporting from quarters to trimesters this school year.

Gillette said teachers wanted a longer timeframe to assess students for the standards-based grading process.

At the middle-high school level, staff created a 30-minute advisory period toward the end of each day.

Principal Ryan Johnson said the advisory period allows time for assignment completion, makeup tests or to ask questions.

"It allows students to get some additional support," he said.

Enrichment opportunities will also take place during the advisory period.

For students not in need of additional support, various activities are planned such as guest speakers or exploring fitness.

A call for teachers, staff to demonstrate respect

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl outlined his expectations for the upcoming school year when he addressed staff Monday morning during the first of four planned in-service days.

In previous years Oftedahl encouraged staff to "Be Great," "Charge Forward" and "Purpose, Passion, Pride—Making a Difference."

This year's message focuses on a long-range goal of respect among teachers and students and the physical building.

"Modeling what we want and stopping the inappropriate behavior is critically important to changing the culture," Oftedahl said.

"This starts the day they enter school and follows through graduation. We have to be relentless in modeling what we want."

Modeling includes addressing an adult using "mistake," "missus" or "miz" in front of their last name and wearing

proper classroom attire as ways to demonstrate respect to students.

"I don't think jeans and a hoodie create a very professional atmosphere," he said. "I believe we need to look distinguishable from our students."

Respect also extends to the facility, especially since the district will soon embark on a new facility project.

"Scratching or writing of names in lockers or on bathroom stalls is not very becoming," he said.

An atmosphere of respect doesn't happen overnight, Oftedahl said, but through a consistent progression through the years.

"It is worth the effort to create in our students the type of respect we deserve for ourselves and the school," Oftedahl said.

"This can not only help our school but our state and our country."



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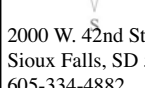
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Luverne, Adrian, Ellsworth, H-BC teachers prepare for school

By Mavis Fodness

Nine new faces have joined area school districts as classes get underway Tuesday, Sept. 4, for the 2018-19 school year.

Luverne

Four teachers were hired for open positions at Luverne Public Schools.

Aimee Richters works with the Luverne Elementary special education program.

The 2014 Luverne High School graduate attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls for elementary and special education with a minor in English as a second language. She graduated from college in May.

She married Brenton Richters this summer and the couple makes their home in Luverne.

Richters (nee Moss) was a student teacher at Luverne Elementary this spring. The 2018-19 school year is her first year teaching.

Austin Maxwell also returns to his alma mater as the new middle school special education teacher.

The 2013 LHS graduate attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha with a degree in education. He was a substitute elementary physical education teacher in Bennington, Nebraska, last year.

He and his wife, Anna (Tofteland), live in Luverne and have a 3-month-old daughter named Lily.

Matt Watnemo teaches seventh-grade U.S. history at Luverne Middle School. He will also coach ninth grade boys' basketball.

The Moorhead native attended the University of Northwestern in St. Paul for a major in social studies 5-12 education and a minor in Bible studies.

For two years he taught at Heritage Christian Academy and Bible courses in Maple Grove, as well as coaching basketball.

Last school year Watnemo and his wife, Brooke (Tilstra), lived in Spain where he played on the professional basketball team in the providence of Cordoba.

"We were coaching basketball/teaching some English to youth there and also working alongside a church plant," he said.

The couple lives in rural Steen with their black lab named Toby.

Aaron Perkins is the chemistry-physics teacher for Luverne High School.

Perkins has 19 years of teaching experience through York County School of Technology, K-12, Inc., and with Sioux Falls New Tech. He received a mathematics degree from York College in York, Pennsylvania.

The Fort Dodge, Iowa, native lives in Luverne with his wife, Kelly, and their daughter, Zoe, 12.

Adrian

Two new teachers join the staff of the Adrian Middle-High School.

Tyler Johnson is the middle-high school art teacher, his first teaching position. He will also be the school's fall play and one-act play director.

The 2000 Luverne High School graduate attended Winona State University where he majored in marketing. He later received an art education degree from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, graduating in 2017.

Johnson makes his home in Luverne with his wife, Peggy, and their children Isaac, 15, Brendan, 12, Shawn, 12, and Rayna, born Aug. 18.



Glenda McGaffee photo

Steve Olson joins the teaching staff of Hills-Beaver Creek as grades 5-12 instrumental music instructor.

Kelly Klosterman moves from her position as paraprofessional at Adrian High School for the past six years to its newest special education teacher and prom adviser.

The Edgerton native graduated from Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. She received K-8 elementary certification with an emphasis on 5-8 middle level education. She also graduated with a K-8 special education degree.

She and her husband, Calvin, live in Lismore. The couple has one son, Jaden Russell, 11.

Ellsworth

Ellsworth Public School District has two new teachers on its staff as the 2018-19 school year gets underway.

Heidi De Kruyf joins as the district's new social worker.

The Sheldon, Iowa, native graduated from Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, with a degree in social work.

She and her three children, Aniah, 12, Eden, 10, and Adna, 6, live in Sioux Center.

Before coming to Ellsworth, De Kruyf worked at New Horizons Adoption Agency in for 12 years.

Jason Wischnak is Ellsworth's new 7-12 social studies teacher. This is his first teaching position.

The Perham High School graduate grew up in Vergus and attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall for business administration and political science with social studies licensure.

Wischnak lives in Balaton with wife, Elaine, and Emery, 4.

Kathy Hawes of rural Luverne is Ellsworth's K-6 special education teacher.

The Jasper native attended Minnesota State University in Mankato and is currently attending Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. For two years she worked as a paraprofessional.

Hawes and her husband, Craig, have two children, Perceyis Trierweiler, 12, and Marayna, 7.

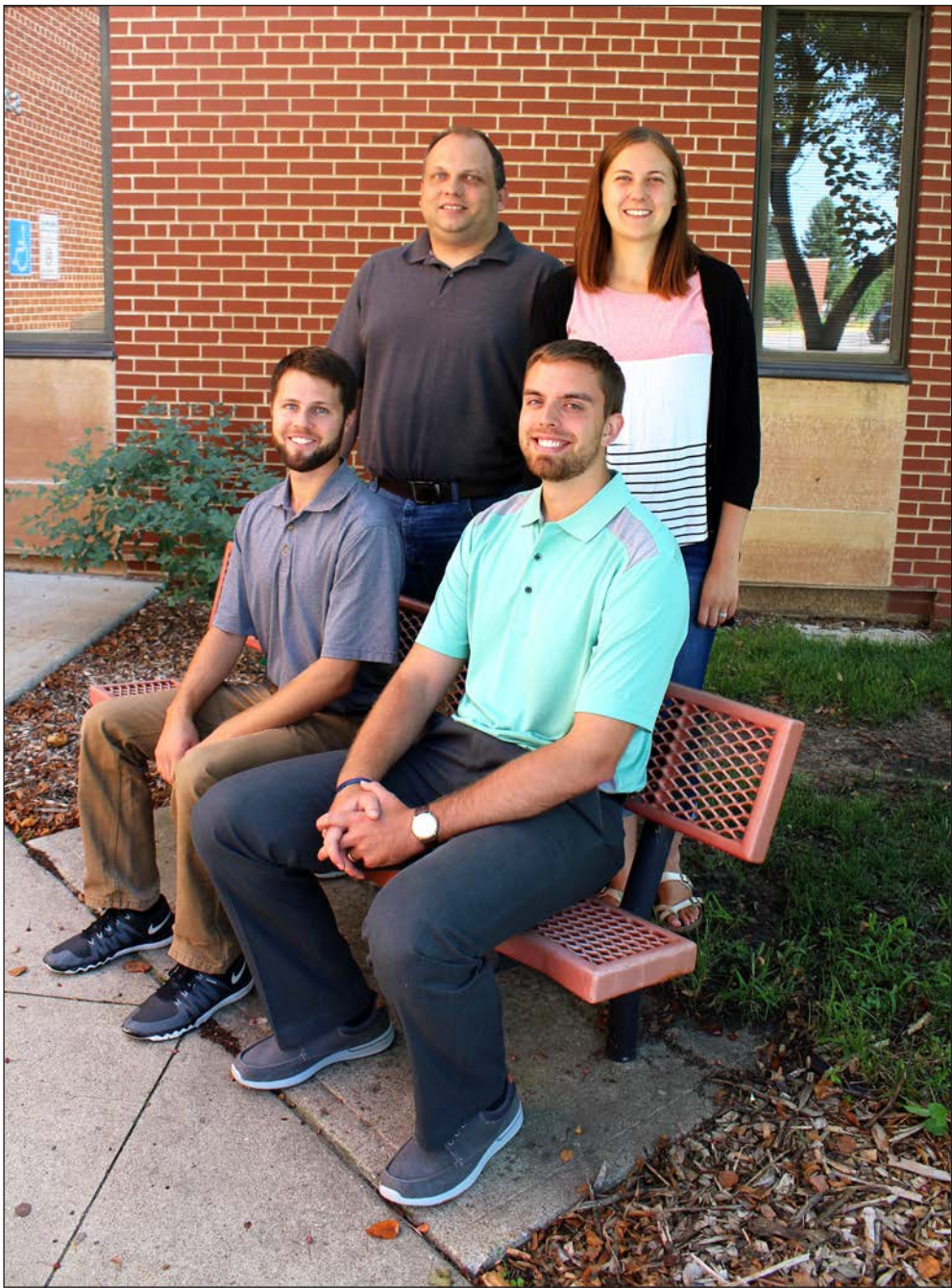
Hills-Beaver Creek

One new teacher joins the staff at Hill-Beaver Creek Public School District.

Steve Olson will be the district's band instructor for grades 5-12. He previously taught music in Lennox, South Dakota, and Becker, White Bear Lake Area, Centennial and Pipestone Area in Minnesota.

The Pipestone native received a music education degree from Augustana University in Sioux Falls and a master's degree in instrumental conducting from American Band College.

Olson lives in Brandon, South Dakota, with his wife, Amanda, and their children Olivia, 7, and Ariana, 5.



Mavis Fodness photo/0830 New Teachers 2018 Luverne

Four new teachers joined Luverne schools for the 2018-19 school year. They include (front, left) Austin Maxwell, Matt Watnemo, (back) Aaron Perkins and Aimee Richters.



Tyler Johnson (left) and Kelly Klosterman are the new teachers at Adrian Public Schools.



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Crisis Center studies need for housing on Sept. 25

By Mavis Fodness

A listening session on Sept. 25 in Luverne will help determine the housing needs of domestic/sexual assault victims.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Wildflowers Coffee Boutique at 129 East Main Street in Luverne.

Sara Wahl, Southwest Crisis Center executive director, outlined the Stepping Stone project in a program update with Rock County Commissioners recently.

"We named the project 'Stepping Stones' because it is a good name for what we are trying to do," she said.

Earlier this year Crisis Center officials considered purchasing a former church and converting the structure into short-term housing for clients.

But the organization pulled back from that idea, due to financial constraints and to further examine the needs of the five-county area and other available housing options.

In addition to Rock County, SWCC serves Nobles, Pipestone, Cottonwood and Jackson counties. The nonprofit agency provides services to individuals and their families who are experiencing domestic and sexual violence and/or trafficking and exploitation.

Last year SWCC helped 443 individuals including 59 in Rock County.

"We're on the same track to that same number, maybe above, this year," Wahl said. "We're fairly steady."

In the first six months of 2018, 225 people have received SWCC services with 29 from Rock County.

Of the 29, four required stays in a safe house.

Currently SWCC uses local hotels as safe houses, not an ideal situation, according to Wahl.

"It's not always safe," she said.

Many victims have children and typically stay in a safe house from two weeks to two months before more permanent housing options are found.

For the past decade, SWCC officials desired a safe and stable place for women and children to stay as they escaped situations of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking and/or child abuse.

Project Stepping Stones reaches out to communities to assess needs for a shelter or the development of a series of existing housing options. Listening sessions were already conducted in Worthington and Windom.

"We know we will do something — some sort of housing program — and what it will look like, I can't say," Wahl said.

"We really want to do the right thing and we want it to be able to serve the community in a way that it needs to."

Registration to the Sept. 25 event is not required.

Community members, faith leaders, survivors, professionals and the public are encouraged to attend.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Wahl at 507-376-3496 or email sara@mnsbcc.org.

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During an otherwise normal conversation, I learned that I’ve been going through the grocery store “backward” my entire adult life.

My guess is that right now readers are saying one of two things to themselves:

“There is a correct way to go around the grocery store?” or “He finalized realized it!”

When I walk into Teal’s, I go left and travel through the store in a clockwise manner as I get my groceries.

It came to my attention recently that the intended direction in the store is the opposite of what I’ve always taken.

Apparently the designers expected shoppers to turn right and go counter-clockwise around the store.

While I didn’t actually verify this, it makes sense.

I heard years ago that stores put the milk and bread far from the entrance so that shoppers pass as many products as possible on their way to the most commonly purchased items.

It never dawned on me to relate that to our own store.

Although the bread recently moved, for many years it was near the milk and far from the entrance if one traveled through the store going the “right” direction.

Moreover, baked goods, deli meals and other tempting products are often the last thing before the checkouts.

Yep, I’ve definitely been doing this wrong.

For years I’ve been starting with the baked goods, ending with produce and never even getting to the bargain wall.

Of course, as soon as I realized this I became self-con-



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

Have friends been wanting to correct me to save me from more embarrassment?

scious. I started watching other shoppers. Sure enough, I’d say 90 percent or more turn right when entering the store.

Have people been judging me all along? Is this why I “run into” so many people and feel like I spend half my time visiting instead of shopping?

Is there also a wrong way to go through Shopko? There can’t possibly be a correct way to navigate Dollar General ... or is there?

Have friends been wanting to correct me to save me from more embarrassment?

The next time I went to the store, I intentionally went the “right” way. It wasn’t easy. I’d never gone that way before. It felt weird to finally shop correctly.

It’s hard to teach an old dog new tricks.

The next time I was at the store, I found myself going backward again out of habit. I didn’t notice people judging me, but I did feel a little guilty reverting to my incorrect ways.

How many other things am I doing wrong? The next time you see me doing something common incorrectly, please tell me. I won’t be offended.

And if you really want to live on the edge, try going backward with me the next time you’re in the grocery store. You’ll run into a lot more people.

Moving forward with school project means taking step back

As of Thursday, Aug. 23, the Luverne School Board voted to reject all the bids for the project and go out for new bids.

The bids came in \$3 million over budget, and that was a number the board was not comfortable trying to “value engineer” away.

Three years ago the school board was given a tour of the middle/high school kitchen. We were surprised by the workspace, and many of us thought of the cafeteria area as bleak, truly not a welcoming place to have lunch or any other activity for that matter.

Another area of the school that the board had been discussing was the Little Theater and new seating. When we looked at a remodel of just the Little Theater, it came to our attention that the theater was not Americans with Disabilities Act compliant due to the slope of the floor, and we would lose about 25 seats in order to make it ADA compliant with a cost of about \$1 million.

These two areas were our main reasons for going out for the referendum with the added benefit of updating the middle/high school.

Our consultants recommended two different voting items on the ballot; in case voters would vote against the performing arts center, we could still pass the cafeteria/commons/school improvement area.

Much to our elation both passed.

The consultants did a great job of

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Katie Baustian, Luverne School Board Chairman

discussion groups and told me they held more sessions in Luverne than any other school.

A group of board members, administration and staff had been working with the consultants on the building plan with our understanding that they would give us a plan that was in the \$23 million budget. Well, the plan came in at over \$24 million, and the bids were higher than that.

What to do?

We started what they call “value engineering,” which equates to cutting things out of the plan. Two of the areas the consultants wanted to cut were the kitchen/commons and the performing arts center.

So as a board we were disappointed and frustrated that the consultants had presented a plan that first, didn’t meet our initial goals and second, bids came in \$3 million over budget.

After our session with the consultants and looking at ways to deduct costs, we decided to reject the bids.

This doesn’t mean we fired the consultants; we will continue to work with them but will need a plan that comes in at the budget given.

The board gained some insight of the challenges it was facing when the original plan called for the need for six boilers for the school, but during the value engineering discussion we were told we could reduce that number to four.

So we will move forward with a clear understanding of staying in our budget, getting a wonderful remodel to a well-maintained but old facility, and doing it right.

We will go out for bids from November-February with construction to start in the spring or May 13 at the latest.

This has been a very interesting process, a learning process for our school board.

It will work out. It will be wonderful. It just isn’t going to happen in our initial time frame.

I believe the whole board has taken on the thought that we would rather do the project right than quickly. So instead of starting the year off with construction, we will end the year with construction.

Thank you for your patience as we move forward.



Johnny Cash fans are in for treat as plans for Governor’s Hunting Opener come together

I know what you’re thinking — not another column about the Governor’s Pheasant Hunting Opener. But it’s only seven weeks away and there is still a lot to plan and finalize. We are entering the “dot the I’s and cross the T’s” time of hosting this event.

The final schedule of events has been laid out and approved by the governor’s office.

Just to give you an idea how the two-day event will unfold, here is the schedule.

On Friday, Oct. 12, starting at 11 a.m. registration will get underway at Grand Prairie Events for the media and for the non-media guests.

Also between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. media tours will be underway. Tour



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

stops include Blue Mounds State Park with a prairie and bison tour, Touch The Sky Prairie, the History Center with the nutcracker collection, and the Herreid Military Museum and Brandenburg Gallery.

From 2 to 3 p.m. the Women’s Mentored Hunt training will be go-

ing on.

At 4 p.m. the Rooster Ridge land dedication ceremony will take place at the Rooster Ridge WMA just west of Beaver Creek.

The Governor’s Community Banquet kicks off at Grand Prairie Events Friday evening with a social hour at 5

p.m. followed by the banquet at 6 p.m.

Then at around 8:30 p.m. Church of Cash will be performing at the Take 16 Brewing Company. If you’re a Johnny Cash fan, you’re in for a real treat. If you’re not a Johnny Cash fan, you will be. Church of Cash will be putting on two shows — the first Friday night, Oct. 12, and the second will be Saturday, Oct. 13, starting around 3-3:30 p.m. back at Take 16. Both performances are free to the public because of the generous donations from the Luverne Area Community Foundation and the Luverne Rotary Club.

Saturday morning starts at 6:30 a.m. back at the Grand Prairie Events with the Hunters Breakfast and media interviews. The hunters will depart at

around 8:30 a.m. to their hunting sites.

There will be a noon lunch for the hunters and the hunter hosts out at the Rock County Sportsman’s Club.

The public is invited to the Sportsman’s Club for a 1:30 p.m. bird dog parade. Then at 2 p.m. the national acclaimed Gould Brothers will put on a trick-shooting exhibition. Both the bird dog parade and the Gould Brothers show are free and open to the public.

Then the weekend wraps up at Take 16 with the second show from Church of Cash.

As you can see, there is a lot going on those two days. Rest assured we’ll keep you posted as the weekend gets closer.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 17
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported male just left her house intoxicated.
•Complainant reported vandalism to vehicle on Estey Street.
•Complainant reported a parking complaint on Pine Drive.
•Complainant on East Dodge Street reported her children are missing.
•Complainant reported drugs were found on the sidewalk on Main Street.
•Complainant requested a motorist assist on I-90 near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about custody issue.
•Domestic reported in rural Jasper.
•Alarm was activated at business on South Kniss Ave.
•Reserved for HRO arrest.
•DWI arrest.
Aug. 18
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported front door burglary alarm.
•Complainant at South Kniss business reported fraud.
•Complainant on James Street reported child wandering.
•Complainant reported vandalism on 80th Avenue.
•Complainant reported an alarm on Freeman Avenue.
•Complainant reported daughter ran away last night.
•Deputy attempted warrant service on West Fairview Drive.
•Deputy assisted State Patrol.
Aug. 19
•Deputy assisted Woodbury County Sheriff's Office.
•Complainant on East Christensen Drive requested welfare check.
•Complainant found a wallet near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant reported a theft on 161st Street.
•Complainant reported an open door on East Main Street.
•Complainant on West Brown Street reported a beat-up car. The driver was going through his pickup.
•Deputy reported a tree branch in the street on West Crawford.
Aug. 20
•Complainant reported a disturbance on West Luverne Street.
•Complainant reported a bike

had been taken from East Luverne Street.
•Complainant reported credit and debit card stolen from their vehicle on Dodge Street.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity/vehicle in Garretson.
•Complainant requested extra patrol on Commerce Road.
•Complainant reported a bottle of change on the sidewalk on McKenzie Street.
•Complainant reported activated fall alarm.
•Complainant reported a parking incident on Northview Drive.
•Complainant reported assault.
•Complainant reported that someone broke into her house and took some stuff in Magnolia.
•Complainant on South Josephine Avenue in Hills reported someone is shooting a BB gun.
•Reserved for credit card theft.
•Reserved for theft investigation.
•Reserved for credit card theft.
•Reserved for evidence entry on McKenzie Street.
•Arrest for driving after cancellation.
•Reserved for assault investigation.
Aug. 21
•Deputy conducted a follow-up.
•Warrant check on West Fairview Drive.
•Complainant reported that some jewelry was stolen.
•Complainant reported manure release on County Highway 4.
•Complainant requested deputy assistance on East Fairway Drive.
•Complainant found debit card on West Main Street.
•Suspicious activity reported on North McKenzie Street.
•Suspicious activity reported on North Lindale Street.
•Possible burglary reported on South McKenzie Street.
•Subject arrested on Minnehaha warrant, transported to Nobles County jail. Warrant information faxed.
•Reserved for theft investigation.
Aug. 22
•Complainant on West Dodge Street requested a ride from a friend's house.
•Complainant reported a 911 outage.
•Domestic report reported.
•Domestic reported on Central

Lane.
•Complainant on Church Avenue in Hills reported a parking complaint.
•Complainant requested extra patrol on South Kniss Ave.
•Complainant reported cattle out on Highway 23, mile marker 17, near Jasper.
•Complainant on North Freeman Avenue requested assistance.
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported harassment.
•Complainant at reported speeding on County Road 4.
•Complainant at South Kniss location reported a man on foot walking around a parking lot.
•Runaway reported on Hatting Street.
•Domestic assault arrest.
Aug. 23
•Suspicious activity reported on West Warren Street.
•Complainant reported he will be doing a bird survey in the Beaver Creek area.
•Complainant reported a trespassing issue on West Hatting Street.
•Complainant reported erratic driving.
•Complainant reported a commercial fire alarm in Hills.
•Complainant reported an alarm on Freeman Avenue.
•Complainant found a jacket on Barck Avenue.
•Complainant requested deputy PBT client.
•Complainant reported kids darting into traffic on Main Street.
•Complainant reported all fire units out for training in Hills.
•Complainant reported her daughter lost her wallet on Kniss Avenue and now her cards are being used in Sioux Falls.
•Complainant reported half an hour ago a car backed out of the garage at an abandoned house on Dodge Street.
•Reserved for probation violation.

In addition officers also responded to 3 transports, 7 escorts, 23 ambulance runs, 12 animal complaints, 1 burn permit, 5 paper service attempts, 3 fingerprint requests, 3 drug court tests, 3 permits to purchase/carry, 36 traffic stops, 2 abandon 911 calls, 3 tests, and complaints about 38 vehicles gone through.

City levy increase/

2019 are nearly \$7.8 million.
General fund expenses include public safety at \$1.4 million — about 30 percent of costs, public works and airport at \$1 million, culture and recreation at \$1.2 million and capital outlay at \$1.8 million (see the related story for anticipated purchases in 2019).
General fund revenues, about \$7.3 million, come in the form of taxes at \$1.8 million — or 37 percent, local government aid from the state at \$1.4 million — 30 percent of revenue, and the rest from enterprise funds, fees and other charges.
The council discussed Local Government Aid, which was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 1972 to help cities that have greater needs than what they could reasonably cover in property taxes.

The idea is property tax relief — to pay for essential services and infrastructure and to help hold down property taxes.
However, in over the past decade, outstate Minnesota cities have seen LGA decrease or remain flat, despite inflation and cost increases.
At Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Baustian urged council members and the public to vote for candidates that support LGA.
"I think everyone should research these candidates and vote for how they would help our community," Baustian said.
The council will take action on the preliminary levy amount in September, and the final levy won't be certified until December.
The amount could be adjusted lower by then, but by statute it can't be increased.

Details announced for farm tariff aid

By Kent Thiesse
Farm management analyst

USDA has authorized up to \$12 billion in a "Trade Retaliation Mitigation" (farm tariff) aid package for 2018 to help offset the financial impacts on farmers that have been created by the ongoing trade disputes with China, Mexico, Canada and other countries.
The aid package will include direct payments to producers of affected farm commodities, purchases of surplus commodities for food and feeding programs, and trade promotion programs.
The financial aid package will be administered in a manner that is consistent with World Trade Organization (WTO) requirements.
The USDA aid package will be implemented in 2018 and will include three components:
•Direct payments to farmers — USDA will provide direct aid payments under the "Market Facilitation Program" (MFP) to producers of the following commodities: soybeans, corn, sorghum, wheat, cotton, hogs, and dairy.
The MFP program will be

administered under the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.
The MFP payments will be made in two phases, with the first payments to begin after Sept. 4. Total allocation for phase 1 of the MFP program is approximately \$4.7 billion, plus a similar amount for phase 2, if all payments are allocated.
•Purchase of surplus commodities — USDA will purchase excess pork, beef, dairy products, rice, fruits, vegetables, nuts, and other ag products for distribution to school nutrition programs, food banks and other outlets. Approximately \$1.3 billion has been allocated for these commodity purchases.
•Agricultural Trade Promotion (ATP) Program — The ATP programs will be administered by USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), with the goal of securing new agriculture trade relations and agreements in the future. Approximately \$200,000 has been allocated for ATP programs.
Farm tariff aid/see page 8A

Dining & Entertainment



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Luverne Christian School Society

Pork Loin & Hamburger Supper

Wednesday, Sept. 5
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Pork Loin Dinner \$9
Hamburger Dinner \$5

Luverne Christian Reformed Church | 605 N Estey St.

Proceeds will go to Luverne Christian School Society

Music legends George Jones and Tammy Wynette, Conway Twitty, and Charlie Pride passed on their musical gifts to their equally talented children. This show features Georgette Jones, Michael Twitty, and Dion Pride. These three artists are forever a part of country music royalty, proudly carrying on family tradition in an unforgettable evening of great music and family stories

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Jake Aning celebrates 50 years at Herman Motor Company

Story and photos
by Mavis Fodness

Jake Aning was fresh out of high school when he began his career in auto mechanics, changing oil at Herman Motor Company on East Main Street, Luverne.

On Friday Aning celebrated his 50th year working for the same company, doing the same job for the past half century.

Jeff Boales, Ford Motor Company's field service engineer, traveled from Minneapolis to congratulate Aning.

Aning is the first mechanic Boales knows of in the five years he has worked as a field engineer who has worked at the same dealership in the same position for the past five decades.

"You must really like where you work," Boales said. "You also must have a real passion for doing this for 50 years."

Aning just graduated from Luverne High School when his dad, Sievert Aning, convinced the late Fred Herman to hire Jake part time to change oil on vehicles.

For a year Aning spent mornings at the auto mechanics classes at Pipestone Vocational-Technical College in Pipestone and afternoons on the job at Herman's before he began working there full time.

He credits his late father for developing his early mechanical skills by fixing the family's business vehicles.

"He had to work on his gravel truck all the time and he would ask me to help," Aning said.

Trucks continue to be an area of expertise for Aning,



Top: Well-wishers gather around Jake Aning (center) Friday afternoon when he celebrated his 50th year as an auto mechanic with Herman Motor Company at the public open house. **Above left:** Herman Motor co-workers gave Jake Aning a cap that reads, "Old Guys Rule: Aged to Perfection."

as he focuses on repairing the diesel engines that come into Herman Motor Company, now at its new location on South Highway 75.

Aning works for the third generation of the Herman family. Current owner Joel Herman

said Aning "is the cornerstone of our dealership.

"Jake is a selfless employee that is always willing to help any employee or customer," Herman said. "His knowledge of Fords is second to none."

Aning has no plans of retiring

anytime soon.

"There are always times when you think you want to quit but you don't," he said. "I've never envisioned working at the same place for 50 years, but after being here 40 years I never wanted to leave."

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Bode Thomas, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born Saturday, Aug. 11, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **T.J. and Angela Newgard**, Luverne. He joins a sister, Emma, 3. Grandparents are Tom and Sandy Bush, Hills, and Tom and Sandi Newgard, Pipestone.

Open houses

An open house baby shower for **Zack and Sydney Staeffler** will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Luverne City Park.

Marian Braa will have her 90th birthday on Monday, Sept. 3. An open house will be the evening of Sept. 1 at the Luverne Eagles Club. Greetings may be sent to her at P.O. Box 711, Luverne, MN 56156.

An open house bridal shower for **Racquel Winters**, bride-to-be of **Tanner Paulsen**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card showers

Dwight and Gail Bremer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Friday, Aug. 31. Greetings may be sent to them at 1732 211th Street, Hardwick, MN 56134.

Russ and Evelyn Harmsen will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 2. (Russ is a resident at the Minnesota Veterans Home.) Greetings may be sent to them at 208 Elm Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Dallas Bowron will celebrate his 104th birthday on Friday, Sept. 7. Greetings may be sent to him at Poplar Creek Room 306, 201 Oak Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Al Berning will celebrate his 90th birthday on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Greetings may be sent to him at Centennial Apts., 120 N. Spring St. Apt. 202, Luverne, MN 56156.

Virginia (Pat) Demuth will celebrate her 85th birthday on Friday, Sept. 14. Greetings may be sent to her at 317 E. Barck, Luverne, MN 56156.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•It was about 12 a.m. on Friday when Rock County Court Administrator Sandy Vrtacnik began reading the verdict in the courtroom.

"In the case of the state of Minnesota vs. Randy Lee Royal Swaney, we find the defendant guilty ..." Vrtacnik began, and she proceeded to read the jury's verdicts on all seven counts of murder.

The guilty verdicts mean the family of Carrie Nelson now have a name for the long-unknown killer that changed their lives seven years ago in the Blue Mounds State Park.

25 years ago (1993)

•In an emergency, it doesn't matter to Rock County residents whether a person in a blue uniform or a brown uniform comes to the rescue. The only thing that matters is that someone is trained to handle the situation.

Aside from geographical boundaries, the only difference between the Rock County Sheriff's department and the Luverne police department is the color of their uniforms.

In an attempt to get more mileage out of pooled resources, the county and city are considering combining the law enforcement departments of city police and county sheriff.

"The motivation is to get more bang for the buck," said Jane Wildung, county board chairwoman. "I just think you'll have more efficiencies from a larger staff."

50 years ago (1968)

•Thieves broke into four different business places in Kenneth late Thursday night or early Friday morning and also hit six business places in Lismore and the Slayton Golf Club.

The Kenneth Store, the Post Office, John's Repair and Lloyd's Liquor Store were all entered at Kenneth.

Lloyd's Liquor Store was the hardest hit in Kenneth. The thieves stole a combined value of \$200. They stole \$15 in cash and five cartons of cigarettes and pop from the Kenneth Store, some cigarettes from John's Repair and \$22 in cash from the Post Office.

About \$700-\$800 was stolen in Lismore. Thieves entered the Co-op Elevator, Friedman's Lumber, Chucks' Grocery, the Farmers' Union Oil Company, Hebig Hardware and Drenth Implement Company at Lismore.

Both Rock and Nobles county sheriff's departments are investigating.

75 years ago (1943)

•At least partial relief from the local ice shortage has been promised by A.P. Fitzer, of the Pure Ice Company, who announced this week that he had purchased an artificial ice manufacturing machine, which he expects to have in operation in about two weeks.

"The United States is out of ice," Fitzer declared, pointing out that it is almost impossible to obtain ice any place at any price. In years past, he has been operating on what river ice he had harvested, together with what he was able to purchase in Sioux Falls.

This year he was able to buy only one-sixth of what he normally bought, and as a result his supply has been far below demand. He announced Wednesday that he has been able to buy a small amount at Fairmont to help relieve the shortage until the new machine is in operation, but the problem is how to get the ice from Fairmont here.

100 years ago (1918)

•The official marker for the King of Trails has during the past week completed the task of applying the first coat of trail markings through Rock county, and motorists may now follow this international route with assurance that good roads will be encountered.

In the opinion of many, the securing of this trail through a municipality will prove of benefit equal to that which would accrue through obtaining another railroad system. Consequently there is much gratification expressed over the fact that this trail leads through Rock county and Luverne.

The King of Trails is admittedly a most appropriate appellation for this route, for it extends from Winnipeg, Canada, to Brownsville, Texas, and therefore offers the greatest variety in climactic and vegetation conditions, as well as topography, that any rail of similar length could offer.

In last week's Remember When column, the 50 Years Ago section reported the distance of the fall into a well as 15 feet. It should have been a distance of 175 feet. The Star-Herald strives for accuracy and regrets the error.



Lori Sorenson photo/0830 blood donation at take 16

'Do what makes you happy; give blood'

Kevin Barnhart was among 46 donors to give blood Friday afternoon in the mobile Community Blood Bank in Luverne. Take 16 Brewing Company hosted the donation event Friday afternoon for a clever competition with Remedy Brewing, which hosted its own event at the same time in Sioux Falls. The "Pint for Pint Blood Bank Challenge" asked donors to vote for their favorite brewery when they signed in to give blood. (Remedy edged Take 16 by two donors, 48-46.) Each donor received a token for a free pint of beer and a free T-shirt that said, "Do what makes you happy; give blood." According to Ken VerSteeg of the Community Blood Bank, a total of 94 people gave blood Friday for the organization, which is operated by Avera and Sanford Health Systems as a shared resource for their patients in the region. VerSteeg said those numbers are "huge" for a Friday afternoon, and considering one donation can save three lives, local donors potentially saved 282 lives. The breweries agreed to be hosts next year.

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on December 11, 1952.

Over Half Million Dollars Worth of Building Permits Granted Here During 1952

28 New Houses Approved, City Records Show

Building permits for an estimated \$577,800 worth of construction were issued in Luverne during 1952, according to records kept by D.H. Barmore, city engineer.

With but few exceptions, all building projects for which applications were approved have either been completed, or are presently under construction.

Permits were granted for 28 new residential dwellings, valued at \$272,000, the records disclosed. In addition, two older buildings were moved into Luverne for use as dwellings, making a total of 30 ad-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

ditional living units approved during 1952.

\$135,000 Worth of Churches

Permits were issued for two new churches, and for the enlarging and remodeling of a third, with a total estimated value of \$135,000.

Thirteen new auto garages were built or are under construction at an estimated cost of \$13,500.

Eight industrial or commercial structures were erected or remodeled, at an estimated cost of \$32,500.

Alterations to dwellings, which included exterior remodeling or the addition of rooms during 1952 will cost property owners who had the work done an estimated \$33,650.

101 Applications Approved

In all, 101 applications for building permits were made to the city council the past year. The city engineer said, however, that several of the applications represented the same improvement, and were remade for some reason

or other.

Bringing the total value of improvements made in the city to more than \$600,000 for the year were two curb and gutter projects completed during 1952 valued at \$41,000.

Some walks were built or replaced too, but Barmore said he did not have a record of the cost.

Biggest building month was April when permits valued at \$134,450 were granted. In September \$129,400 worth were issued, and in May, the estimated value of the permits granted was \$122,600.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

Pulling wild cucumber vines now prevents plant from returning (to your neighbor’s lawn) next year

Lately I have had people questioning me about a rapidly growing vine that all off a sudden is very noticeable because of its sprays of tiny white flowers. It climbs up and onto anything its tendrils can attach to ... fence lines, trees, shrubs, evergreens, etc.

The pest I am talking about is wild cucumber and it is particularly prevalent this year because of above-average rainfall. It can easily grow 25 feet vertically in a single season.

Will it kill a tree that it is smothering? I can't say for sure because it depends on the density of the foliage of



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

the vine. Anything that blocks sunlight from the tree leaves will eventually damage the tree to some extent.

Wild cucumber is an annual plant, meaning that it will grow from seed the next season. The plant that is growing this year will die at the end of our growing season. It produces spiny seed pods with four seeds per fruit. The fruit is not edible. The quantity of seed produced by a single vine is amazing and that is what warrants control.

At this point, the vine has climbed high into its host plant,

so just pulling the stems from the ground will kill it very quickly ... not really a hard job but very effective. Using an herbicide spray is not recommended because of the damage it will do to the host plant.

Not controlling the weed on your property is making you the seed source for many of your neighbors...thank you very much!

This week I feel like I have had my sprayer attached to my body as an appendage. Fungus, blights, bugs, you name

it ... they are all showing up with determination ... and I have determination too. I'll not be outdone if I can help it.

Spotted Wing Drosophila is a major threat to our ripening raspberries and strawberries, and I stress the importance of keeping those berries picked, daily if necessary, to interrupt this insect's life cycle. They lay eggs singly under the skin of ripening fruit. Keeping the ripe fruit picked and refrigerating immediately sterilizes the eggs and prevents the white larvae from hatching.

I use an organic spray called Entrust. It is expensive and not practical for a small home producer, so the harvesting is your best defense.

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

OBITUARIES

Brian Cox

Brian Thomas Cox, 32, Luverne, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral Mass was Friday, Aug. 24, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was at St. Adrian Cemetery in Adrian.



Brian Cox was born on Oct. 9, 1985, to Michael and Cheryl (Schutz) Cox at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis. He was baptized that same day in the hospital. Brian was raised in Luverne and received his education and therapy services at Children's Care Hospital and School in Sioux Falls. He has done volunteer work at Rock County Opportunities (RCO). Brian was not created with a perfect body, and over the years seizures and illness took their toll.

Brian was cared for by the staff of Habilitative Services at the Christensen House in Luverne for the past number of years. The caregivers very much became an extension of his family. Brian's family is grateful for the care provided by the staff of his group home, the excellent medical care, and the education provided by his teachers and therapists that allowed him to reach his full potential.

Brian loved water play and swimming, tapping blocks together and spending time with his family and his group home staff. He loved licorice, McDonald's fries and chips. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures, and his will to live inspired those around him.

Brian is survived by his parents, Michael and Cheryl; four siblings and seven nieces and nephews, Ben Cox of Luverne, and his son, Micah Cox, Elissa (Andrew) Wenthe of Fayette, Iowa, and their children, Annaliese, Juliet, Cormac and Dashel, John (Sadie) Cox of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and their children, Dylan and Owen, and Adam Cox of Luverne; maternal grandparents Virgil and Mary Schutz of Luverne; paternal grandmother Kay Cox of Adrian; many other aunts, uncles and cousins; and the residents and caregivers of his group home in Luverne.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Tom Cox; an aunt and two uncles, Kathleen and Mark Schutz and Don Hoemberg.

Memorials may be directed to the Children's Miracle Network or the Luverne Area Aquatics Center.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0830 F)

Bernice Willems

Bernice Kathryn Willems, 89, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, at Sanford Care Center in Vermillion, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at George Boom Funeral Home & Crematory in Sioux Falls, with burial at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Leo's Cemetery in Pipestone. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the funeral home.

Bernice Kathryn Johnson was born April 15, 1929, to Arthur C. and Leona H. (Hemmer) Johnson in Sioux Falls. She attended Pipestone High School and graduated in 1947, later going to Watertown Business School.

She married Robert Willems in 1947. After business school, Bernice worked at Pawnee Company in Pipestone and then worked at Blue Mound Inn for seven years. After moving to Sioux Falls, she worked for the state of South Dakota at the Rehab Center for the Blind for nine and a half years. She then worked at Aerostar until her retirement.

She attended St. Joseph



Cathedral in Sioux Falls and was a member of the VFW, Moose Lodge, and Center for Active Generations. Bernice loved dancing to polka music and enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by five children, James (Donna) Willems, Sioux City, Iowa, Roger (Janice) Willems Northfield, Kenneth (Patti) Willems, Huntington, West Virginia, and Jylan (Reid) Matteson and Michelle (John) Hancock, all of Sioux Falls; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold Johnson, Arizona; a sister, Marilyn Eilertson, Omaha, Nebraska; a sister-in-law, Leona Johnson, Pine Brook, New Jersey; and other relatives and friends.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; her son Douglas Willems; a grandson, Mike Willems; a granddaughter, Vanessa Willems; and her brother Raymond Johnson.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com.

(0830 F)



Main Street Financial Services is a finalist for the 2018 Invest in Others award. Pictured above from left are Edna Buys, Marilyn Van Santen, Nancy Van De Berg, Lynette Ossefoort, Alexis Klarenbeek, Theresa Hup, Christina Koedam and David Riphagen.

Main Street Financial earns national recognition for philanthropy

Luverne business selected as finalist for the 2018 Invest in Others award

Main Street Financial Services, owned by Nancy Van De Berg, has been selected by the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation as one of three finalists for the Corporate Philanthropy Award.

The award recognizes philanthropic achievements of financial advisers and financial services companies in communities across the country and around the world.

Invest in Others Charitable Foundation selects honorees from hundreds of nominations in six award categories: Catalyst, Community Service, Global Community Impact, Volunteer of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Corporate Philanthropy.

Main Street Financial Services is being honored as a finalist for the Corporate Philanthropy Award in the financial institutions category based on community impact, contribution, inspiration and incentives to encourage employees to give back.

The Luverne business is being recognized for supporting several non-profit organizations, families in need and more.

Through matching gifts,

holiday giving and volunteer time off programs, Main Street Financial Services has raised and donated thousands of dollars and provided hundreds of volunteer hours for the Luverne and Rock County community in the past year.

Main Street Financial Services, which has been in business since 1989, will be recognized at the 12th annual Invest in Others Awards Gala in Boston on Sept. 27.

Lutheran Social Services honors Grandpa Al

Al Willers of Luverne (right) was recently honored for his 15 years of service with the Foster Grandparent Program.

He was known as "Grandpa Al" to students and staff.

Willers volunteered at the Luverne Elementary School, donating a minimum of 15 hours per week, as required for the Lutheran Social Service program.

"Al has been an amazing volunteer," said program supervisor Gail Sumerfelt. "Last year was his last year



volunteering due to a few reasons, one of which he will be at home now caring for his wife."

Sumerfelt of Marshall can be reached at 507-530-2295 for more information about becoming a foster grandparent.

Merrill promoted to guest services at Pizza Ranch

Missy Merrill of Luverne was recently promoted as guest services manager at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

As guest services manager, Merrill is responsible for greeting customers when they enter the restaurant and make sure the experience meets the franchise's standards.

"We want to give legendary service 100 percent of the time to our customers," said owner Lila Bauer. "Her job is to make sure all guests have legendary service."

Previously, Merrill worked in the kitchen prep area and



occasionally bused tables.

Merrill wears a bright yellow shirt to be easily seen by customers as she works in the dining area.

She has worked for Pizza Ranch since 1996.

SENIOR MENU

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Tuesday, Sept. 4: Ham, au gratin potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread, rosy apple sauce.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Kozlowski Insurance.

Wednesday, Sept. 5: Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears.

Program: Pastor of the Month Father Tom Jennings, St. Catherine.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, bread pudding.

Program: Half-Price Day.

Friday, Sept. 7: Chicken and rice hotdish, broccoli, coleslaw, bread, pudding.

Program: Verland Johnson's 90th birthday. Half-Price Day.

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Board rejects all bids/continued from 1A

for more cost-effective options.

This “value engineering process” became necessary when three of the four bid areas — general construction, mechanical and fire protection — totaled \$2.4 million over estimated costs after the July 24 bid opening.

No bids were submitted for the electrical work and the bid process was repeated. A single bid was received Aug. 16 and jumped the project to \$3 million over estimates.

At the Aug. 23 School Board meeting Wetzel asked board members if they want to move \$880,000 for new furnishings into the construction fund and contribute additional dollars from the district’s general fund.

“Do you have additional funds to kick toward the project?” Wetzel asked.

In an Aug. 13 workshop, board members looked at district finances and were not in favor of borrowing from the operating budget for the building project, nor did they support shifting future capital outlay purchases to cover the added costs.

‘Value engineering’ subject to interpretation

The board also looked at the suggested cuts during the workshop session and supported about \$550,000 in reductions.

Lynn Remmers with JLG Architects said the interpretation of “refreshing versus “remodeling” also raised costs.

And now, determining which items to cut also depends on interpretation.

“We can only cut so much and still meet our goals,” said board member Jodi Bosch. “I am a little frustrated too.”

Part of the board’s frustration stems from the fact that the building project was supposed to address five goals for the district.

These include improving collaborative learning environments; improving safety and security; centralizing a commons area; celebrating music and performing arts; and refreshing, refurbishing and remodeling the building.

“With value engineering we are just cheapening everything we want,” said board member Katie Baustian.

The value engineering also lessened the project’s scope.

To meet the \$3 million in reductions, planned additions for the elementary school and community education area would be eliminated.

That would save \$1.3 million.

ICS/FJJ also agreed to pay back \$219,000 to the district from their \$1.4 million bill so far for design, construction and management fees.

Bosch made the motion to reject all bids with board member Eric Hartman seconding the motion.

“We are rejecting all bids and starting again,” said Baustian after the 6-1 roll call vote. “We’d rather do it right than hurry.”

Director Reva Sehr cast the dissenting vote.

“I am not convinced we are short-changing ourselves through the value engineering process,” Sehr said after the meeting. “We all just want to do it right.”

Rebidding will take place this fall with the construction start pushed to Spring 2019.

Originally construction was set to start mid-August with completion set for December 2020.

“I didn’t want to stop and go backwards but I felt we can’t go forward,” Jarchow said.



Lori Sorenson photo/0830 luverne loop phase 2

Contractors work on the shoulders of the Luverne Loop trail Tuesday morning south of Dodge Street.

Phase 2 of Luverne Loop wrapping up

By Lori Sorenson

Work on Phase 2 of the Luverne Loop trail is wrapping up, and many walkers and bikers are already using the semi-finished surfaces on the western edge of town.

Phase 1 of the trail is complete. It starts at the Veterans Home pond and circles the northwest neighborhoods of town and ends up at Dodge Street west of the school.

Phase 2 — 1.7 miles — is shaping up for a late 2018 completion.

It starts where Phase 1 let off on Dodge and continues along the west edge of town along Poplar Creek, some pocket parks, around The Lake and the ice arena and then to Highway 75 at the Exchange State Bank.

Phase 3 is still in the design phase, but ultimately the Loop will end up back at East Main Street near the City Park and at the start of the Blue Mound Trail on the former Casey’s property.

The six-mile \$2 million paved trail connects the city to the seven-mile Blue Mound Trail that goes over and around the park.

A Luverne Loop Capital Fund is reviewed annually. Costs for next year include:

- \$293,000 for wayfinding signs,
- \$325,000 for road construction to The Lake,
- \$50,000 for a shelter at The Lake, and
- \$100,000 for hard surface parking at The Lake.

Sign-up for farm tariff aid starts Sept. 4 and continues through Jan. 15/continued from page 5A

Following are the initial details for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP):

- The sign-up period will begin on Sept. 4, 2018, and continue through Jan. 15, 2019.
- MFP applications can be made at local FSA offices, or can be submitted electronically to FSA offices via scanning, e-mail, or fax.
- Crop producers can make application for MFP program once they have completed their 2018 harvest and can verify their bushels of production.
- Crop producers that are requesting MFP payments must have a 2018 crop acreage report on file at their local FSA office. Acceptable crop production verification will be similar to other required yield verification through FSA or federal crop insurance.
- To be eligible for MFP payments, producers must meet FSA requirements for adjusted gross income and “actively engaged” in farming, as well as wetland and conservation requirements.
- Total MFP payments to producers for all grain crops will be capped at a combined \$125,000 per person or legal entity. Similarly, total livestock payments for hogs and dairy will also be capped at \$125,000. MFP payments will not count against other farm program payment limits.
- Payments for dairy producers will be based off the historical milk production levels that have been reported to FSA offices under the Margin Protection Program (MPP) for dairy producers, and dairy producers must have been in operation on June 1, 2018.
- Payments to hog producers will be on a per head basis and will be based on the number of hogs owned on August 1, 2018. Production records for hogs will include breeding records, inventory record, sales receipts, rendering receipts, and veterinary records.
- The first payment will be 50 percent of the calculated payment, based on the payment formula. The first payments to producers will be made after September 4, once the production information has been verified by FSA.
- USDA will determine later if there will be a second payment and what the payment level will be, which will be paid on the remaining 50 percent of the 2018 production levels (as calculated earlier). Details on the second MFP payments (if they occur) will be announced by USDA in December, 2018.

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Sorghum: \$.86 per bushel

Cotton: \$.06 per pound

Hogs: \$8.00 per head (on Aug. 1, 2018)

Dairy: \$.12 per cwt. (milk)

The formula for the first payment will be bushels (grains), head (hogs), or pounds (milk), times the payment rate for each commodity, times 50 percent (.50).

Soybean example: 50,000 Bu. harvested x \$1.65/ Bu. x .50 = \$41,250 (first payment)

Local FSA offices will be providing more details on the MFP sign-up process, production verification, and other information very soon. There is more information, a MFP fact sheet, and other very useful application tips available for the MFP program available on a special USDA web site at: www.farmers.gov/MFP.

For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Senior Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal at 507-381-7960, or email kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com Website: <http://www.minnstarbank.com/>

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Lori Sorenson photos/0830 airport fly-in and drive-in

A lone sky diver floats lazily toward the ground over the inflatables at the Luverne airport Saturday morning for the fly-in and drive-in event.

The sky's the limit at Luverne airport

Quentin Aanenson Field hosts 2018 Fly-in or Drive-in Pancake Breakfast Saturday under sunshine and blue skies

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne and Quentin Aanenson Field hosted the 2018 Fly-in or Drive-in Pancake Breakfast Saturday under blue skies and sunshine.

In addition to pancakes, the day included aircraft and classic cars, an air ambulance display, inflatables for kids and free youth airplane rides (for ages 8-17) by the Young Eagles Club from Tea, South Dakota.

Skydivers with Skydive Adventures Club found weather conditions to be perfect for both single and tandem jumps, with room in their schedule for same day sign-ups.

Kevin Aaker is the Luverne City Council liaison to the Airport Board and said the event serves several purposes, but the primary reason is public exposure.

"Most everyone knows we have an airport, but no one

gets a chance to get out there and see what goes on," Aaker said.

He said many people don't realize that the airport employs a full-time fixed base operator and avionics repairman.

Ben Baum of Sierra Delta Aviation has been with the Luverne airport since 2011.

Among other recent improvements at the airport is a new jet fuel pump that will replace an old obsolete system that was becoming a liability.

The new fuel system will provide a 10,000-gallon jet fuel tank and 10,000-gallon aviation fuel tank on an island just to the north of the airport lounge area.

The \$500,000 project is funded 95 percent by federal and state sources.

Those who displayed classic cars or aircraft enjoyed free pancakes.



Scott and Isabelle Schneidemann, Rock Rapids, catch flying pancakes from Larry Laird of Chris Cakes pancakes, Sioux Falls. The Schneidemanns flew into the Luverne airport Saturday morning in their A36 Beachcraft Bonanza airplane.



Local pilot Ryan Gee made Graham Hartquist's day when he took him for an airplane ride after learning he was too young to ride with the Young Eagles Club, which offered rides for 8- to 17-year-olds.



At left, grandchildren of Mike and Cheryl Cox, Luverne, sit down for pancakes at the airport. They are (from left) Julie Wenth, Dylan Cox and Annaliese Wenth.



In the inset above, left, Gavin Mead takes his pancakes and sausages to go as he makes his way toward the inflatables nearby.



Above, Burke Johnson peers under the hood of a classic Cutlass Supreme.

At right, a skydiver makes a peaceful landing with an American flag in tow.



Nadia Mechels (from left), Reia Foster, Chloe Uphoff and Jesse Mechels enjoy airplanes taking off and landing Saturday morning.

Dorhout, Tollefson shine at LCC event

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of first-time champions emerged from the field at the Seniors' Club Tournament staged Saturday at the Luverne Country Club.

Joe Dorhout walked away with a one-stroke victory to claim the tournament's gross championship, while Roger Tollefson won the event's net title by one stroke.

Dorhout registered a one-over-par 73 as a member of the first flight.

Tollefson, an entry in the third flight, posted a net score of 65 strokes to earn a championship.

Dorhout's first tournament title was a hard-earned victory.

He got off to a good start by recording a par-36 during the opening round that featured Dorhout making birdie twice and recording par five times.

Dorhout's 36 gave him a one-shot advantage over Tim Connell (37) and a two-shot lead over defending champion Chris Nowatzki (38) and a three-shot cushion over Corey Stratton (39).

Dorhout clinched his championship by registering eight consecutive pars before taking a bogey on the final hole of the event to finish the day with a 36-37-73 tally.

Stratton played his way into second place in standings by posting a flight-low 35 in the final round.

Stratton, who made birdie twice and registered one eagle in the final loop, sported a score of 39-35-74 at tournament's end.

Nowatzki (38-39-77) and Dar Elbers (40-37-97) shared third place in the flight.

Elbers won the first flight's low net title with a 68, while Dorhout and Stratton placed second and third with net 69 and 70 tallies.

Victor Van Dyke won the gross title and Gary Kurtz the net championship in the second flight.

Kurtz and Scott Olson shot



Two first-time champions were honored at the end of Saturday's Seniors' Club Tournament at the Luverne Country Club. Joe Dorhout (left) won the gross title and Roger Tollefson (right) claimed the net crown.

41s during the opening round to sport one-shot leads over Van Dyk and Greg Berger, who posted 42s.

Van Dyk posted a flight-low 39 during the final round featuring one birdie and making par five times to finish the tournament with a gross score of 81 strokes (42-39).

Kurtz and Olson both registered 41s in the second round to share second place in the gross standings with 82s.

Kurtz claimed the net title

with a 69, while Olson and Van Dyk placed second and third in the flight's net standings with 70- and 73-stroke performances.

Tollefson won the gross and net championships of the third flight.

Don Klosterbuer fired a 40 during the opening round to sport a one-shot edge over Tollefson and Dave Gangestad, who posted 41s.

Tollefson carded a flight-low 39 featuring one birdie and

making par four times during the final round to secure the flight's gross championship with an 80.

Klosterbuer (40-45-85) placed second in the flight's gross standings, while Rick Serie (44-42-86) finished third.

Tollefson's net score of 65 proved to be two strokes better than Klosterbuer (67) and four shots better than Serie (69) in the flight standings.

Tollefson ended up nipping Sam Hansen, who won the

gross and net titles in the fourth flight, by one stroke (65-66) in the tournament's final net standings.

Klosterbuer was third with his 67.

Hansen made par five times during a 40-stroke opening round that gave him a commanding lead in the fourth flight's gross standings.

Claude Van Driel (46) was six strokes off the pace, while Ivan

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Cardinals open cross country season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal cross country teams made their 2018 debuts Friday in Beresford, South Dakota.

The LHS varsity squad turned in strong showings at the Beresford Invitational, with the girls taking the team championship and the boys placing fourth.

Led by a pair of top 10 individual efforts, the Cardinal girls won the team title in a nine-squad field with 30 points.

Sioux Falls Christian placed second with 43 points.

Tenley Nelson and Regan Feit led the Cards to victory by placing first and seventh with respective 19:19 and 21:18 times.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg and Gabrielle Ferrell capped the team scoring for LHS by finishing 12th and 23rd with respective 21:43 and 22:40 efforts.

Claire Baustian (48th in 26:01) and Madison Residorfer (51st in 26:48) also ran in the varsity race.

Dalton DeSollar propelled the LHS boys to a fourth-place showing in a 13-team field with 69 points by placing seventh in 18:05.

Beresford claimed the team title with 44 points.

Shane Berning, Austin Winter and Jonah Friedrichsen made contributions to Luverne's team tally by placing 14th, 25th and 32nd with respective 18:33, 19:16 and 19:37 times.

Jackson Golla (38th in 19:45), Abraham Hernandez (47th in 20:16), Hunter Hamann (65th in 21:47.1) and Tom Brown

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John Rittenhouse photo/0830 enduro

Luverne's Greg Vande Velde pulled out a 1.438-second victory over Faribault's P.J. Duchene to win the Late Season Enduro Race at the Rock County Fairgrounds Saturday night.

Vande Velde nips Duchene to win Late Season Enduro Race

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne drivers turned in a strong showing at the Late Season Enduro Race staged at the Rock County Fairgrounds Saturday night.

Local competitors claimed seven Top 10 finishes in a race that started with 27 entries and ended with 10 cars on the track when the event reached its two-hour time limit.

In what was a razor-close finish, it was Luverne's Greg Vande Velde who collected the championship trophy.

Both Vande Velde and Faribault's P.J. Duchene completed 196 laps during the race.

Vande Velde, however, completed his laps 1.438 seconds faster than Duchene, giving the Luverne driver his third Enduro victory on his home track.

Vande Velde said both of his

victories came during the Late Season Enduro Race.

With less than a two-second margin of victory, staying on the track and avoiding trouble were key factors in Vande Velde's conquest.

"I just tried to stay clean and not have any flat tires," Vande Velde said after the race.

"It pays off when you don't have to come in and pit very often."

It was a pit stop that eventually cost Duchene the title.

While Vande Velde kept his car on the track late in the race, Duchene needed to repair a tire in the pits late in the event.

Along with Vande Velde's winning effort, Luverne drivers claimed the third-through sixth-place finishes at night's end.

Tom Walker, Trevor Fluit and Jesse Connell were separated

by two laps.

Walker completed 192 laps to finish third, while Fluit and Connell recorded 191 and 190 trips around the track to place fourth and fifth respectively.

Luverne's Eric Gaul, the winner of the Enduro Race at the Rock County Fair last month, completed 189 laps to finish sixth on Saturday.

The seventh, eighth and ninth positions went to out-of-state drivers.

Scott Rutes, of Sioux Falls, nipped Ruthven, Iowa, entry Pat Rohan 182-181 in the lap count.

Jones finished seventh and Rohan eighth.

James Steinfurth, of Lennox, South Dakota, placed ninth with 173 completed laps.

Luverne's Dalton Jacobsma placed 10th in the field after completing 161 laps.

Luverne tennis team squeezes in three events during four-day span

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team squeezed in three events during a four-day span last week.

The Cardinals prevailed in two of their three matches at the St. James Tournament Aug. 22 before besting Sioux Falls Lincoln's junior varsity squad by five points in Sioux Falls Friday.

LHS played at another tournament in Worthington Saturday, where two Cardinal doubles teams claimed flight titles.

The Cards were scheduled to play River Valley in Sleepy Eye Monday, but the match was postponed until Sept. 17.

Luverne, 4-2 overall, hosts Blue Earth Area Tuesday.

WHS tourney

The Cardinals found success at the Worthington Doubles Tournament Saturday.

Luverne squads won two of the three flight titles at a tournament that attracted teams from Pipestone and Yellow Medicine East along with LHS and Worthington.

In a mild surprise, Luverne's No. 2 squad edged the No. 1



squad 37-35 in game wins to claim the championship in the red flight.

Rozilyn Oye and Elise Jarchow won the flight, while Carissa Cunningham and Riley Severtson placed second.

Ainslie Robinson and Mela Jarchow produced 35 wins to take top honors in the black

flight.

Lauren Ver Steeg and Solveig Tofteland won 32 games to share second place in the black flight with Pipestone.

Liz Kelm and Kacie Kracht registered 34 wins to place third in the white flight.

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Spikers win 2018 debut Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team experienced a promising start to the 2018 season Saturday in St. James.

Taking on Blue Earth Area as a part of the Big South Conference Showcase event, the Cardinals pulled out a 3-1 victory.

BEA struck first by securing a 25-13 win in the opening set.

Luverne answered the challenge by nailing down 25-18 victories in the second and third sets before rolling to a 25-15 conquest in the finale.

Greta Ahrendt led by Cardinals with 11 kills, while Mackenzie Petersen and Mallory Thorson charted eight and seven kills respectively.

Tacey Baustian led the

Cards with 17 set assists and completed 22 of 23 serves with one ace, while Reghan Bork notched 12 set assists and completed 13 of 14 serves with two aces.

McCall Stegenga completed all 19 of her serves and led LHS with four aces.

The Cards play at a triangular in Tea, South Dakota, Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0830 senior flight

Gary Kurtz (left) won the low net title of the second flight during Saturday's Seniors' Club Tournament at the Luverne Country Club, while Dar Elbers (right) won the low net title in the first flight. Victor Van Dyk (middle) won the low gross title of the second flight. Missing is Sam Hansen, the low gross and low net champion of the fourth flight.

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Kooiker (47) trailed Hansen by seven shots at the turn.

Hansen went on to win the flight's gross title by seven strokes after posting a 45

during the final round to finish the day with an 85.

Hard-charging Jeff Wieneke placed second in the gross standings (48-44-92) after

notching a flight-low 44 in the final round.

Van Driel (46-47-93) placed third in flight's gross standings. Hansen's 66 gave him the

net title in the flight, while Wieneke and Curt Jensen shared second place with net 69s.

Deadline is Sept. 6 for deer lottery application

Firearms and muzzleloader hunters who want to harvest antlerless deer in a deer permit area designated as lottery this hunting season are reminded they must purchase their license by Thursday, Sept. 6.

Hunters who purchase their license before this date are automatically entered into the lottery for the deer permit area or special hunt area they declare.

This season, antlerless deer permits are issued by lottery in 39 of Minnesota's 130 deer permit areas.

No application is needed to take antlerless deer in permit areas with hunter choice, managed or intensive designations.

Hunters who want to participate in special firearm or muzzleloader deer hunts also need to apply for permits

that are issued through a lottery, and that application deadline is also Sept. 6.

More information about designations and regulations for deer permit areas, as well as details about special hunt opportunities, is available on the DNR website atmndnr.gov/hunting/deer.

Information is also in the 2018 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook.

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Bailey Anderson, Jacey Smith and Olivia Wieneke played matches for Luverne's sixth doubles team, which placed fourth in the white flight with 31 wins.

LHS 7, Lincoln JV 2

The Cardinals picked up a five-point road win when they traveled to Sioux Falls to take on Lincoln's junior varsity squad Friday.

Luverne swept the three doubles matches and went 4-2 in singles to nail down its fourth win of the campaign. Cunningham and Severtson

rolled to 6-1 and 6-0 wins over Ree Bairreddy and Kate Johnson at first doubles, while Oye and Elise Jarchow notched 6-2 and 6-1 victories over Bergen Quello and Evy Osterloo at No. 2.

Robinson and Kelm came out on the winning end of a 7-5, 4-6, 10-6 tally against Emma Derynick and Aya Naoe at third doubles.

Luverne's singles wins came from Cunningham (6-1, 6-1 over Johnson at No. 1), Robinson (3-6, 6-3 10-6 over Quello at No. 3), Elise Jarchow (6-0, 6-0 over Derynick at No.

5) and Oye (6-1, 6-1 over Naoe at No. 6).

Lincoln's Bairreddy downed Severtson 6-3, 6-1 at second singles, while Osterloo topped Kelm by 6-2 and 6-4 tallies.

St. James tourney

The Cardinals turned in a strong showing during the St. James Doubles Tournament Aug. 22.

Luverne won two of its three matches as a team and fielded three doubles squads that sported winning records when the event was complete. The Cardinals notched 5-2

victories over Maple River and Sibley East in team competition.

St. James saddled LHS with a 6-1 setback.

Robinson and Kelm won all three of their matches at the event.

Ver Steeg and Tofteland went 2-1 as a team, as did Smith and Wieneke.

The rest of the LHS teams went 1-2.

Cunningham and Severtson, Oye and Elise Jarchow, Mela Jarchow and Brynn Thier, and Kracht and Anderson formed the teams that went 1-2.

Area kids to take center stage at LCC

The grounds at the Luverne Country Club could sport a carnival-type atmosphere on Sunday, Sept. 9.

With the LCC's annual club tournaments in the rearview mirror and postseason league play about to begin, club officials have decided to host an event geared to please the area's youth.

The first Junior Club Championship Golf Tournament will make its debut at the LCC at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month.

It might not be a high-profile event for the LCC rank-and-file members, but it's nice to see the club make an effort to get kids interested in the sport of golf now and in the future.

To that end, the first JCCGT will be open to the children of members and nonmembers ranging between the ages of one and 18.

Aspiring players between the ages of one through five will not be asked to play the course.

They will take part in an activity on the practice green.

The other kids interested in playing golf that day will play the course under a modified format for elementary-school aged entries and high school and middle school students.

Depending upon the number of interested participants, the high school and middle school students will play a nine-hole round.

Elementary school



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

students will play five holes of golf, with some of the holes starting at the 150-yard markers or closer.

Personally, I really like the formats in place for the event.

The younger children will have a blast on the putting green, and there's no reason to have elementary school students playing lengthy par-5 holes.

Give them a short course to play on and I'm sure they will love it.

The middle school and high school players will like the nine-hole competition because most of them probably have played rounds of that length before.

What I like even more about this event is what the entry fee (\$5 for kids ages one through four and \$10 for kids from 5 to 18) will include.

It's said the best way to earn a place in a child's heart is through their stomach, and entry fees have that covered.

Hot dogs, corn dogs popcorn and a nacho bar will be available for participants, and possibly a snow cone machine.

Any way one looks at it, that's a pretty good value for the price.

It's often said America's youth are our future, and it's clear the LCC realizes that.

If they can made golf an appealing sport to children at a young age, it could bode well for the club in the future.

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(67th in 21:47.7) also ran in the varsity race.

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

Junior varsity girls: Mallory Oye, 48th, 22:37; Madigan Flom, 65th, 24:02.

Junior varsity boys: D.J. Swenson, ninth, 16:16; Griffin Jarchow, 39th, 17:40; Ethan Curtiss, 48th, 17:57; Sam Emery, 70th, 18:51; Seno Chanthalangsy, 72nd, 19:06; Matt McClure, 74th, 19:14; Ethan Rahm, 76th, 19:18; Graham Cunningham, 83rd, 19:43; Burke

Johnson, 85th, 19:48; Nick Rogers, 101st, 21:05. Luverne placed fourth as a team with 109 points in a 12-team field led by Sioux Falls Christian (19 points).

Junior high girls: Tiana Lais, second, 12:48; Elizabeth Wagner, fifth, 13:04; Makena Nelson, 11th, 13:44; Grace Ingebretson, 14th, 13:50; Jenna DeBates, 20th, 13:55; Kayla Bloemendaal, 29th, 14:32. Luverne placed first out of nine teams with 29 points.

Junior high boys: Brady Bork, fourth, 11:50; Ryan Fick, 16th, 12:35; Ashton Eltreim, 24th, 13:03; Camden Janiszski, 34th, 13:29; Camden Hoven, 44th, 13:59.

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Rock County Sportsman's Club August 21

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Thomas Brown

Sport: Cross Country
Parents: Miles & Mary Brown
Favorite Subject: Math
Extra-Curricular Activities: Wrestling, cross country, motocross
Future Plans: Join the military.



Abraham Hernandez

Sport: Cross Country
Parents: Abraham V. Hernandez, Esmeralda Hernandez
Favorite Subject: Biology
Extra-Curricular Activities: Student hours, funding program, wrestling, cross country
Future Plans: SDSU, UMD after high school, join the Air Force.



McCall Stengenga

Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside hitter
Parents: Brett & Wendy Stengenga
Favorite Subject: Math
Extra-Curricular Activities: Volleyball, hockey, golf, BPA, FFA, Peer helping
Future Plans: Go to college, travel the world and be happy.



Julia Ferguson

Sport: Tennis
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Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 30: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 2: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, Sept. 3: 5:30 p.m. Sunday School/Labor Day picnic at Luverne City Park. Tuesday, Sept. 4: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, Sept. 6: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 30: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Aug. 31: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Sept. 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Sept. 2: Noisy Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. Monday, Sept. 3: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Sept. 4: 9 a.m. Staff Meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 5: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, Sept. 6: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 2: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Sept. 5: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Friday, Aug. 31: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, Sept. 1: 8 a.m. Trailer Ministry Shingling Project. Sunday, Sept. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Tuesday, Sept. 4: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Wednesday, Sept. 5: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. 7 p.m. Praise Team practice.

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, Aug. 30: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Sept. 1: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Sept. 2: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Adult SS. 10 a.m. New United Church Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Sept. 3: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Sept. 4: 8 a.m. Priscilla Circle. Wednesday, Sept. 5: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. classes and confirmation kickoff. Thursday, Sept. 6: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 2: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Aug. 30: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Sept. 4: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Sept. 7: 6 p.m. Bells. 7 p.m. Choir; Worship Committee. 8 p.m. Property, CE, and Evangelism committees.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 30: 11:30 a.m. Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home (DCE Jessica). Saturday, Sept. 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Sept. 2: 9 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, Sept. 4: 1 and 6 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Sept. 5: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth Diner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Youth Group; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Sept. 6: 2 p.m. Women's Society.

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: newlifeceleration@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, Aug. 30: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 31: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 2: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Sept. 3: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Sept. 5: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. LWML meeting. Thursday, Sept. 6: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 2: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade.

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
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Sept. 2: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baby Shower for Pastor Maggie in church basement. Tuesday, Sept. 4: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Sept. 5: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Trustees meeting.

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

From dour to God's power

Let me share with you a fresh translation/paraphrase of the opening verses of Ecclesiastes 1. Warning: what you're about to read is dark and pessimistic.

"Pointless, pointless!" says the speaker. "Everything is pointless! It's pointless for people to work hard, day after day! Generations come and generations go. No matter how hard we work, we too will fade away. Will we have changed the world? Not very much! Long after we're gone the sun will keep rising and setting. Days will follow nights. Winds will keep blowing from the north one day; from the south on another day. This too is pointless. What do whirling, swirling winds accomplish?"

"It's pointless for streams to flow into the sea because the sea never gets full! Somehow water in the sea ends up in rivers again. Water flows into the sea over and over again, accomplishing what? Nothing of lasting value! Just thinking about this is tiresome.

"Why look closely at things? Our eyes are never fully satisfied. Why bother to listen? Our ears aren't satisfied either. Maybe that's because what we see and hear isn't new. It might be new to us, but even new inventions build on things that are old. There's nothing new under the sun.

"Consider people who lived hundreds of years ago. Most of them worked hard, but what did they achieve? Do we know them today? Do we remember them? We know a few things about a few people who were either famously good or notoriously evil. But we don't really know them; and when our bones turn to dust who will know us? A big marble stone in a cemetery doesn't solve this problem. Doesn't this make our goals and achievements pointless?"

Are you surprised that such bleak thoughts are expressed in the Bible?

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Roger Sparks, pastor, Christian Reformed Church, Luverne

Elsewhere the Bible teaches us to rejoice in the Lord always. So why is the book of Ecclesiastes so dour? To help us learn something important. The morose outlook in Ecclesiastes is deliberate; it shows us that without God life would be pointless. Without the everlasting God to give lasting meaning to our passing moments, life would be vain.

But there is an everlasting God who created all things, including time and space. And whatever we do to serve Him has everlasting value.

What about you? If your life seems pointless, maybe it's because you've been ignoring God instead of serving Him. If so, pay attention to the final chapter of Ecclesiastes, which says "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth ..." Remember Him now, not later. Remember to look for signs of His wisdom and power that He built into the amazing design of living things. Get to know Him better by reading His Word. Stand in awe of all that God did to save you through His one and only Son!

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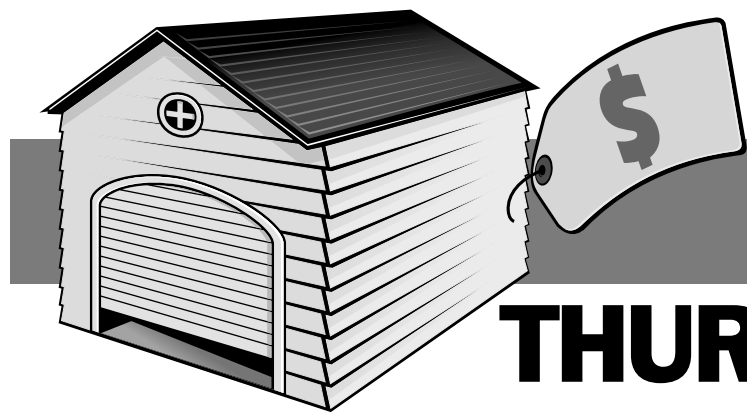
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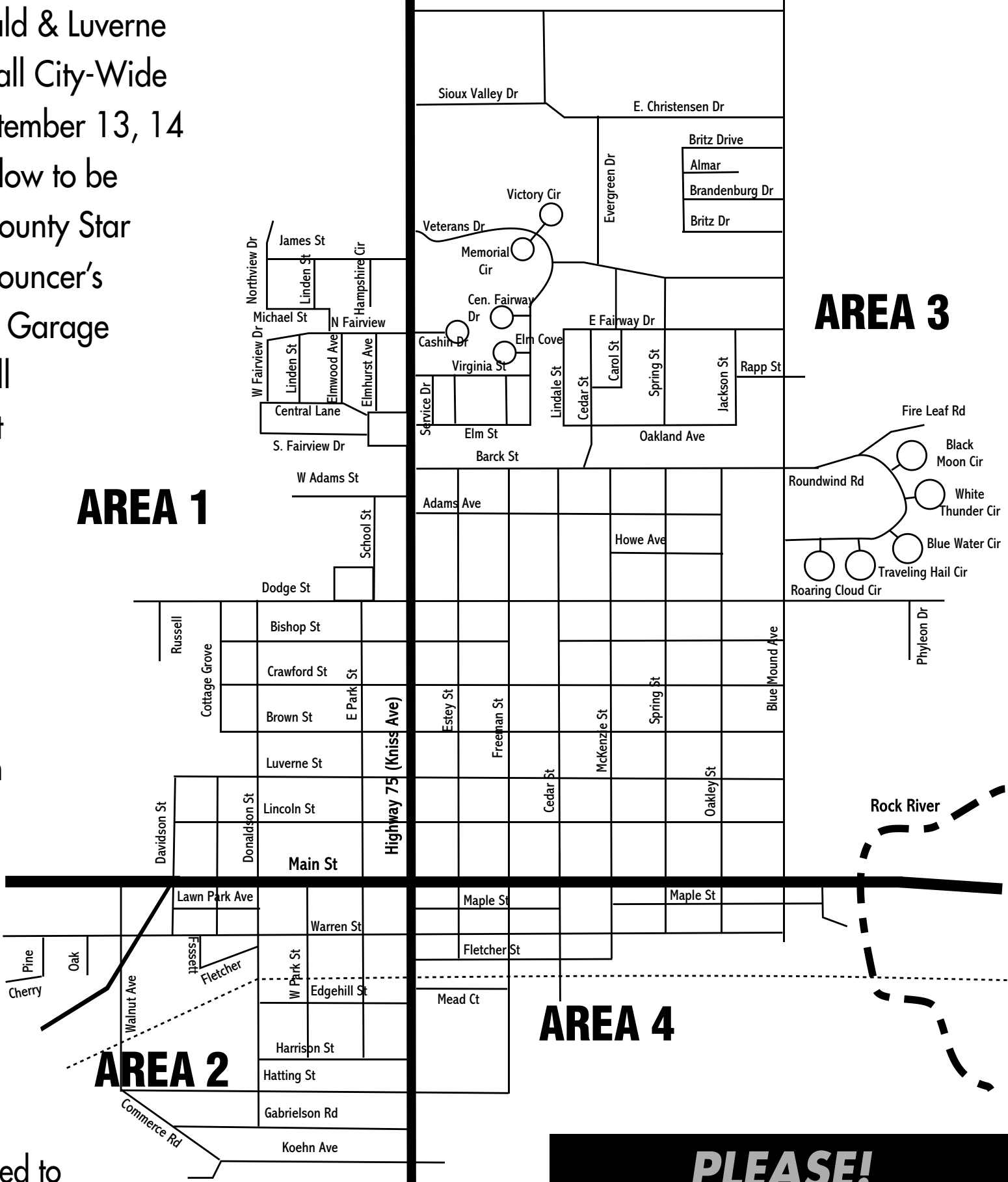
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EMSRB public hearing Sept. 24-28

OA# DOCKET NO. 71-913-35344
STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

In the Matter of the License
Application of Children's Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing has been scheduled In The Matter of the License Application of Children's Minnesota. The Honorable Jessica A. Palmer-Denig, Administrative Law Judge, will preside. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 24, 2018, and continue through September 28, 2018, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

2. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any interested person who wished to participate in the hearing must notify the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) in writing either by email at emsrb@state.mn.us or by U.S. Main at Executive Director, EMSRB, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Suite 310, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414-3222. Your written notice must be received by the EMSRB no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2018.

3. No later than 4:30 p.m. on September 10, 2018, interested persons requesting subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents shall make their request in writing to Judge Palmer-Denig (See the Prehearing Order for further instructions)

4. Pursuant to the Prehearing Order, a prehearing conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. on September 17, 2018 at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. The prehearing conference will address procedures for the presentation of evidence at the hearing, the manner in which interested persons will participate, and other preliminary issues. Interested persons who wish to participate in the hearing in this matter must participate in the prehearing conference. If appearing in person at the prehearing conference imposes an undue burden upon any interested person, that individual should submit a request for permission to appear by telephone to Judge Palmer-Denig as soon as possible prior to the prehearing conference, explaining the reason for the request. (See the Prehearing Order for further instructions.)

5. No later than 4:30 p.m. on September 19, 2018, interested persons who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit any written materials on which they intend to rely to Judge Palmer-Denig and provide a copy of the materials to EMSRB and Applicant. (See the Prehearing Order for further instructions.)

6. A public hearing in this matter has been scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 24, 2018, and continue through September 28, 2018, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

7. A copy of the Prehearing Order is available at www.emsrb.state.mn.us
Date: August 13, 2018

/s/ Tony Spector

Tony Spector, Executive Director

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

(8-23, 8-30)

Willers probate

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT

OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of
ANGELINE E. WILLERS, DECEASED

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 1, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 Brown East, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated April 10, 2015, and for the appointment of James B. Willers, whose address is 1406 Evergreen Drive, Luverne, MN 56156 and Lisa M. Hoff whose address is 455 100th Avenue, Steen, MN 56173, as personal representatives of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representatives will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses; sell real and personal property; and so all necessary acts for the estate. Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 7, 2018

/s/ Katherine A. Morgan

Attorney Katherine A. Morgan (MN#393289)

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(8-23, 8-30)

Barnard probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-18-248

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Cynthia Iola Barnard,
Deceased

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of September, 2018, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Debra L. Ward, whose address is 411 N. Cedar St., Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: August 24, 2018

/s/ Damon T. Eisma

Attorney for Petitioner

Eisma and Eisma

130 East Main

Luverne, MN 56156

(507)283-4828

I.D. #249269

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt

District Court Judge

/s/ Denise Brandel

Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(8-30, 9-6)

Luverne EDA public hearing set for Sept. 10

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been called and will be held for the Luverne Economic Development Authority, on Monday, the 10th of September, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Office Building at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider public input regarding the sale of the Lot 3, Walnut Industrial Subdivision in the City of Luverne, Minnesota to John A. Beck.

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

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

BY ORDER OF THE LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Patrick Baustian, President

Luverne Economic Development Authority

305 E. Luverne St.

Luverne, MN 56156

Phone: 507-283-2388

(8-30)

ISD #2184 School Board meets July 26

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on July 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Lynn Remmers – JLG Architects, Joel Bornhoft and Todd Wetzel – ICS Consulting, Becky Rahm, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve the June 21, 2018, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Todd Wetzel reported on the building project bids that were received on Tuesday, July 24. The District received bids for 3 out of 4 work scopes – no electrical bids were received. The three bids that were received are over budget by approximately \$2.6 million without including the electrical bid. The electrical work scope will be rebid with a bid date of August 16, 2018. There will need to be Project Oversight Committee meetings to review and see where changes can be made to the project. ICS and JLG will also be working with the contractors on value engineering within the project. Discussion was held. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to table action on the building project bids until the August 23, 2018, school board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Bosch, second by Sandbulte, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$2,503,722.84. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of June 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

The following vehicle fuel quotation was received on July 19:

	EXPRESSWAY LUVERNE BP
Premium	-11 cents / gallon
Ethanol	-11 cents / gallon
E-30	-11 cents / gallon
E-85	-11 cents / gallon
#1 Diesel	-11 cents / gallon
#2 Diesel	-11 cents / gallon

Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to accept the quotation received from Expressway Luverne BP. Motion unanimously carried.

The following bakery products bids were received on July 19:

PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	
Whole Grain Bread Sandwich	\$1.45 per 24 oz loaf
White Sandwich Bread	\$1.45 per 24 oz loaf
Whole Grain Hot Dog Buns	\$3.35 per 30 ct
6" White Hot Dog buns	\$1.40 per 12 ct
4" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$3.35 per 30 ct
4" White Hamburger Buns	\$1.40 per 12 ct
3.5" White Hamburger Buns	\$1.35 per 12 ct
3.5" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$6.50 per 60 c
Whole Grain Footlong	\$1.65 per 6 ct
Whole Grain 6" Hoagie Buns	\$3.45 per 24 ct
White 6" Hoagie Buns	\$3.45 per 24 ct
Whole Grain Bread R/T	\$1.40 per 24 oz loaf
Kids Choice White Bread	\$1.53 per 24 oz loaf
Kids Choice Whole Grain Bread	\$1.53 per 24 oz loaf
Dakota 12 Grain Bread	\$1.80 per 24 oz loaf

BIMBO BAKERIES	
Sara Lee Classic 100% Whole Wheat Bread	\$1.40 per 20 oz loaf
Sara Lee Whole Grain White Bread	\$1.40 per 20 oz loaf
Sara Lee White Sandwich	\$1.40 per 24 oz loaf
RI 51% Whole Grain White Bread	\$1.55 per 24 oz loaf
RI Wheat SW Bread	\$1.88 per 24 oz loaf
RI White Hot Dog Buns	\$1.95 per 16 ct
53% Whole Grain White 4" Hamburger Bun	\$1.75 per 12 ct
53% Whole Grain White Coney Bun	\$2.00 per 16 ct
6" Steak Bun Split Top	\$4.25 per 24 ct
RI 10" Coney	\$2.00 per 6 ct
RI White Hamburger Bun	\$1.60 per 12 ct
53% Whole Grain White Hoagie Bun	\$4.50 per 24 ct
53% Whole Grain White 3-1/2" Hamburger	\$1.85 per 16 ct

Discussion was held. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to accept the quotation received from Bimbo Bakeries. Motion unanimously carried.

The following dairy products bid was received on July 19:

DEAN FOODS NORTH CENTRAL

Escalator/De-escalator Bid
1% white - 1/2 pint 0.1696
skim moo - 1/2 pint 0.1641
True Moo - 1/2 pint (choc or strawberry)0.1699
Cottage Cheese - 5# carton6.7678
Yogurt - Individual Servings (6 oz.) .6262
1% white - gallon2.8254

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to accept the dairy products bid from Dean Foods North Central. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve the Elementary Parent/Student Handbook as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Principal Ryan Johnson reviewed several changes to the Middle/High School handbook including changes to the Luverne Activities section in regard to grade deficiencies and changes to the Attendance Policy. Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to approve the Middle/High School Parent/Student Handbook as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to designate the following depositories: First Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Minnwest Bank of Luverne and/or Minnwest Bank Systems; Exchange State Bank; Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus; and, Smith Barney, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to designate the Rock County Star Herald as the official newspaper for the school district. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to designate the following school attorneys: Knutson, Flynn and Deans; and, Ratwick, Roszak, Maloney and Bartel. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to designate the following rep-

resentatives to the Minnesota State High School League Governing Board: School – Superintendent Craig Oftedahl and Student Activities – Todd Oye. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to give authorization to Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, and Brenda Teal to wire transfer depositories. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to set the School Board compensation for 2018-2019 as \$60 for each scheduled regular Board meeting, \$50 for special meetings, and \$110 for meetings that last more than 6 hours. School Board members are covered by Workers Compensation and they also receive an honorary individual activity pass. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to set the bus driver reimbursement for their physical at \$115.00 and for their license \$47.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to set the rate for private/parochial transportation for the 2018-2019 school year at \$345 per pupil. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to authorize Superintendent Craig Oftedahl to complete necessary paperwork at the Farm Service Agency as required. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Expenditure Application for 2018-2028 with the School Board members. This report includes the \$8 million bond levy for health and safety. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the application as presented. This will now be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to grant Superintendent Craig Oftedahl the authority to authorize user access to the MDE website. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the SWWC Service Cooperative Email Archiving Service Agreement. This agreement states that the SWWC Service Cooperative will retain all school district email for five years. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the CTE Exemption for Cody Henrichs to oversee the CEO program as part of a multi-district partnership during the 2018-19 school year. He will be employed by Southwest Minnesota Christian High School. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve the CTE Exemption for Lynn Heath to teach the Healthcare and Medical Careers class and to oversee the Medical Careers Internship class during the 2018-19 school year. This is a multi-district partnership and Lynn will be employed by the SW/WC Service Cooperative. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the CTE Exemption for Darrel VanAartsen to be hired under the Exemption for Technical Education Instructors, Minnesota Statutes 122A.30 to teach Industrial Technology Education classes in the Luverne District during the 2018-19 school year. His contract will be for .5 time. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Todd Oye as Weight Room Supervisor. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the resignation of Julie Fettes as One Act Play Director and Assistant Marching Band Director effective July 19, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Aaron Perkins as Chemistry/Physics Teacher beginning with the 2018-19 school year for a salary of \$52,442.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Joseph Stearns as English Teacher and One Act Play Advisor beginning with the 2018-19 school year for a salary of \$49,179.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Crystal Swenson as M/HS Media Center paraprofessional effective with the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports. Member Deutsch reported the Special Olympics parent meeting is scheduled to be held on August 13 and there will be a Special Olympics fundraiser on October 6. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

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

Dated: July 26, 2018

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk

(8-30)

ISD #2184 special meeting Aug. 9

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on August 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Colleen Deutsch, Tim Jarchow and Shelley Sandbulte. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Becky Rahm, Phil Paquette, Lynn Remmers and Katie Becker with JLG Architects, Joel Bornhoft with ICS Consulting, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Lynn Remmers, Katie Becker, and Joel Bornhoft presented information regarding the building project and some possible changes to the project that would assist in the project meeting the projected construction budget. Items were presented in the following groups: 1. Reduction of Scope; 2. Architectural Items; 3. Finish Items; 4. Mechanical Items; 5. Food Service Items; and, 6. AV Items. Projected cost savings were presented within each of these groups. School Board members were asked to give either a yes, no, or maybe to each individual item. Discussion was held. The School Board asked for additional information on some of the items that were presented.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to table any action on the Value Engineering Review and Ranking; and, the Acceptance/Rejection/Pending Items of Value Engineering. More information will be provided at the August 23, 2018, school board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Dated: August 9, 2018

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk

(8-30)

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EMPLOYMENT

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(8.16-9.2)

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(8.26-9.13)

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(8.19-9.6)

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(8.5-8.30)

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(8.2-9.9)

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(8.26-9.13)

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(8.30-10.7)

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(8.30-9.16)

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(8.26-9.13)

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(8.26-9.13)

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(8.9-9.5)

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(tc)

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(tc)

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Daryl Buss would like to sincerely thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy upon the loss of our father and grandfather. We want to thank Father Tom for his kind words and to the church ladies for their wonderful lunch.

The family of Daryl Buss
(8.26-8.30)

The family of June Nath would like to express their sincere gratitude for all the flowers, memorials and friendships during this difficult time. To Pastor Manning for being there and for her comforting words. To the Dingmann Funeral Home for their care and compassion. A special thanks to all the staff at Mary Jane Brown for their kindness and care. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful community.

Patsy and Jack Cragoe
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(8.26-8.30)

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OBJECTIVE: Assist with recruiting functions and retention of employees, specifically on-boarding. Promote a positive culture with new employees. Position will be based out of the Brandon, SD office.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Recruit & hire for various locations
- Conducts new-employee orientations
- Schedules meetings and interviews
- Ability to speak Spanish is a must

The ideal candidate should:

- Exhibit excellent verbal Spanish and English skills
- Handle confidential information appropriately
- Have excellent computer skills
- Manage time efficiently
- Have excellent computer skills
- Multi task, meet deadlines and work under pressure

POSITION SPECIFICATIONS

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Farm back ground with swine experience preferred
- Willing to do some traveling

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MAINTENANCE TECH NEEDED



Are you:

- Mechanically inclined
- Self-starting
- Energetic
- Willing to work your mind & hands
- Adept at trouble shooting

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SLOW DOWN: BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It’s never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.



Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school



According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they’re walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way



If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

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