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LHS students take school vote from classroom to community

By Lori Sorenson

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

While property owners have studied its impact on their taxes, students studied the referendum as an assignment in their high school government class.

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

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

District voters head to polls Tuesday to answer ballot questions

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School District residents will vote Tuesday on a school referendum that asks two questions.

The first question asks district voters for approval of a \$16 million addition and renovation of the school facilities. The second question asks for approval for a \$7 million performing arts center to be constructed on the school campus. The polling location for all of

the school precincts is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the middle-high school gymnasium.

Absentee voting is currently open during weekdays through Monday at the Rock County Courthouse Auditor's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information about the building project and potential property tax increase is available at the school's website www.isd2184.net.

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

The 87 students, mostly high school juniors, were asked to learn about the Luverne School District ref-

erendum and prepare a cost-benefit analysis.

Students surveyed school staff and community and compiled a list of questions to ask Superintendent

Craig Oftedahl during class.

"He's been totally on board with this," Rysdam said about Oftedahl.

For example, Emilie Staeffler asked, "Why now? Why not wait and

just rebuild?"

Oftedahl offered information about the timing of expiring elementary school referendum and costs associated with inflation.

In her paper, Staeffler agreed. "Yes, we still have a nice school, but things need to take place to help the students become the best person they can," she wrote. "As a school we are lacking the security that we need. We are also lacking electrical wiring to keep up with technology."

Matt Ziegler offered his own support for the building project.

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Workers prepare for layoffs

By Lori Sorenson

Two hundred poultry processing employees are considering job options since Pilgrim's Pride announced last week the Luverne plant will close Dec. 29.

Among them is Tony Miller, who also survived the IBP plant closure nearly 20 years ago.

"It's not a good feeling," he said. "And I remember thinking then that I don't want to ever go through this again."

Then, last week it happened again.

"When they let you know, you just drop," Miller said. "You wonder what's going to happen next and where your next paycheck will come from."

He remembers the 1998 IBP closure when 370 people lost their jobs. At the time, he was 42 and he and Sharon had small children to provide for.

He was among the first to be rehired at the plant when Gold'n Plump bought it 19 years ago.

"I've been going through those doors about 40 years," Miller remarked.

Now he's nearly 64 and considering retirement. "I have an appointment with Social Security, so we'll see how that goes," Miller said.

Many of his younger colleagues aren't at that point in their careers.

Twenty-eight-year-old Heather Haberman is a supervisor at the plant. She's been there for five years and is now seeking a job that will at least match her current income.

"My first thought was 'Where am I going to go now?'" she said. "I have two boys and my boyfriend is an amputee with limited mobility."

As a supervisor, Haberman said she saw warning signs the plant might close, but she said she's surprised the company actually followed through.

"Every time Cold Spring gets behind, they send stuff down here to help them catch up," Haberman said.

But overall, she said she understands the company's decision.

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Mavis Fodness photos/1102 Scarecrow Festival

Scarecrow Festival attracts Halloween fans



Pictured at left, Minnesota Veterans Home Activities Director Shirley Connor (left) discusses the details of Shirley and Glenn Klingenberg's entry in the Veterans Home annual Scarecrow Festival with residents Mike Doeden (center) and Bob Tomlinson. The trio enjoyed mild weather Oct. 25 to enjoy the 18 scarecrows lining the driveway to the veterans home. By Friday the area received a dusting of snow, and temperatures plummeted to highs in the 30s. The Klingenbergs' entry was voted as the "People's Choice winner" earlier this month.

A sheriff pumpkin (left) was designed by the Minnesota Veterans Home staff. Below, a crow perches on the shoulders of the scarecrow designed by special care unit residents.



Luverne reConvenes for talks on dying well

Wurzer takes stage with Ross Bergman, Staci Zwaan and Jill Swenson

By Mavis Fodness

Twelve-year-old Ross Bergman said music helped him and his family grieve the loss of his grandpa, Evan Ver Steeg, last year.

"Don't let your past ruin what happens in your future."

— Ross Bergman

"It was nice to let my feelings go on the piano," he said at the Oct. 24 reConven-

ing in the Palace Theatre.

As a guest at the event, Bergman told host Cathy Wurzer of Minnesota Public Radio what he learned about healing through music.

"Don't let your past ruin what happens in your future," he said.

The rural Kenneth boy turned his grief into an original piano composition, "Granpa's Song," that he played for the audience on the Palace Theatre grand piano.

The event was a follow-up to the Feb. 16 event called The Convening.

Wurzer said she returned to Luverne after the initial Feb. 16 "Convening" to see how community members were motivated into discussions surrounding living and dying well.

Two other local guests, Jill Swenson and Staci Zwaan, joined Wurzer on stage for open discussions about living well and planning in advance of one's death.

Swenson, a registered nurse with Sanford Hospice and Home Health in Luverne, has seen firsthand how planning for the future makes life easier.

She and Wurzer discussed how death makes people feel vulnerable, which leads to honest discussions about life and ultimately death.

"There is a (positive) flow with families who have talked about the end of life decisions," she said.

Swenson advocated learning the details of a recent medical diagnosis and developing the plan for care early.

"It's better to make these discussions now than in the middle of a crisis," she said.

In Zwaan's turn on stage, she

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Local leaders seek state, federal help for displaced plant workers

By Lori Sorenson

Local leaders are bracing for Dec. 29 when 200 workers are displaced from the Pilgrim's Pride chicken processing plant in Luverne.

A Monday afternoon meeting in Luverne City Hall called a dozen people around the table to plan a response.

The group included representa-

tives from Congressman Tim Walz and Sen. Amy Klobuchar's offices, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, along with the city and county leaders.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian thanked the group for coming to work on a response to the job losses.

"I think it's the right thing to do to see what we can try to do to help our displaced workers at Pilgrim's Pride," Baustian said.

The group learned that DEED's Rapid Response Team was already laying the groundwork to connect laid-off employees with resources.

Those resources could include retraining services, tuition and books

grants for those who return to school, funds for employers who hire and train displaced workers, relocation assistance and more.

When this is organized, DEED will establish an initial presence within the Luverne plant itself to reach workers one-on-one.

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Article 44: St. Catherine Catholic Church is destroyed in January 1940 fire in Luverne

This is the 44th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week is a piece from 1940 about the devastating Catholic church fire.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann this week shares a news story from the Jan. 4, 1940, Rock County Star about the devastating fire that destroyed the Catholic Church. It was a bitterly cold night with sub-zero temperatures, and firefighters were coated after battling the blaze.

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Catholic church fire/see page 6A

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, for lunch at the China Inn followed by bingo at the Veterans Home. Call Connie at 283-8470 by Nov. 1.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the home of clerk Teresa Kramer.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the Blue Mound Room of the hospital.

Regional Autism Network Group will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in Worthington High School media center. Call Allison Eitrem 920-6334.

Bank Night movie ‘Peanuts’ Nov. 2

The free Bank Nite movie, “The Peanuts Movie,” rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 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.

Road open from Manley to I-90

County Highway 17 (20th Avenue) between Manley and I-90 is now open to traffic after the completion of a new bridge over the Beaver Creek. Call Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions.

County Highway 55 closed

County Highway 55 (170th Avenue), 0.3 mile south of County Highway 16, is closed for the construction of a new bridge over Elk Creek. The construction of the new bridge will continue possibly through January. Call County Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions.

Turkey raffle with advance directive

From now until Nov. 15, Sanford Luverne Medical Center will offer a turkey raffle ticket to anyone who drops off a completed Advance Directive at the Sanford Luverne valet/volunteer desk in the front lobby. The drawing for two turkeys donated by Teal’s will be Thursday, Nov. 16. The clinic will make a copy of any originals. Patients and Sanford employees are also eligible to win.

For those who would like to print out an Advance Directive form, go to www.sanfordhealth.org. Community, then in the keyword/search box enter advance care planning, go, the ACP page opens up, <http://www.sanfordhealth.org/patients-visitors/advance-care-planning> and at the bottom of the page are several links. Select the Advance Directive Form and the form loads. Open the link and print the form for details on requirements.

St. John 125th dinner RSVP by Nov. 5

St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne will celebrate the 125th anniversary of their founding on Sunday, Nov. 12, with special guest speaker Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau. The public is invited to the 9 a.m. celebration worship service and a free dinner at 11:30 a.m. Dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling 507-283-2316.

‘One warm coat’ distribution Nov. 4, 9

“One Warm Coat” distribution will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at ATLAS for Life. Call Destiny Ripka at 828-238-3582 or Lisa Dinger at 507-283-4497 with questions.

‘Go West’ elementary program Nov. 9

Luverne Elementary second- and fourth-graders will celebrate the spirit of our American pioneers when they present their music program, “Go West” at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Cardinal Gym. The public is invited to attend.

‘Self Care for the Caregiver’ workshop

A workshop, “Self Care for the Professional Caregiver,” will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 9, in Grand Prairie Events, Luverne, for anyone working in healthcare, residential or long-term care, pastoral care, funeral care, law enforcement or any service in caregiving. Education credits available. Call 283-1805 to register.

Hardwick Veterans Day banquet Nov. 11

The Hardwick American Legion Veterans Day Banquet will be Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Legion Hall. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. A program will follow featuring guest speaker Richard May of Luverne, first sergeant combat veteran, U.S. Army Retired Ranger.

Shared blessings

Live donor saved by grace; shares healthy kidney to save pastor

By Lori Sorenson

Pastor Billy Skaggs told his Living Rock Church congregation last summer that his kidney was failing.

He was on a transplant list, but he’d likely wait five years unless a living donor offered a kidney.

The announcement was meant to be an update on his health and how it might affect his role as leader of the 300-member congregation in Luverne.

But 36-year-old Chad Van Surksum heard something else from his seat in church that day.

“I had this feeling — peer pressure from the Holy Spirit,” he said about offering his kidney to Skaggs. “It kept poking at me every day for 30 days.”

The feeling was strong enough to raise the hair on his forearms.

“I didn’t even know what blood type I was,” Van Surksum said. “But I felt led to get tested.”

As it turns out, he’s Type O negative — a universal donor.

Which was a good thing for Skaggs, who is a rare Type B positive.

That was the primary hurdle toward following the spirit, Van Surksum said.

Before that point, he hadn’t shared with his wife, Vanessa, his idea of being a living donor.

“When the clinic called, she looked at me and said, ‘What are you up to?’” he said. “But she was supportive. ... For me, it was a step in this incredible journey we’d been on.”

He was referring to the fact that Skaggs and the church had “saved” them spiritually, so it seemed natural to return the favor.

The two men cleared the next hurdles toward transplant day with some “God things” helping along the way.

For example, Van Surksum’s kidney wasn’t a perfect donor match, but somehow Skaggs hadn’t developed antigens from his first donated kidney (22 years ago), so rejection was less of a risk.



Lori Sorenson photo/kidney transplant skaggs vansurksum

Chad Van Surksum (right) donated a kidney to his pastor, Billy Skaggs, of Living Rock Church, Luverne. It’s been over a month since the operation and both are doing well.

“Doctors were amazed by that,” Skaggs said.

Van Surksum is a truck driver for CHS in Luverne and said the company was generous with the time off he needed for the donation process.

CHS supervisor Derek Feikema donated a kidney to his mother, Rose Feikema, several years ago, so he was especially sympathetic.

In general, Skaggs and Van Surksum said their community, families and congregations were supportive.

As the operation became a reality, Van Surksum said he was never nervous or afraid.

“I told Billy I believed this will be the smoothest transplant ever,” Van Surksum said. “I was so at peace with it ... my blood pressure was 113 and heart rate was 46.”

For the most part, the surgery was a textbook transplant.

Other than a delay to allow Skaggs to recover from a pneumonia bout, the procedure itself went smoothly.

With donor and recipient side-by-side in the operating room, surgeons removed Van Surksum’s kidney and placed it next to Skaggs’ failing kidney.

That was Monday, Sept. 25.

Within a day, the healthy kidney went to work clearing toxins from Skaggs’ body. Within a week he had lost 12 pounds of fluid that had accumulated when the failing kidney couldn’t keep up.

Skaggs was said he started to feel better immediately.

Van Surksum was hospitalized four days — mostly for doctors to monitor the connections to his single kidney. “I was up and walking around later on Monday,” he said.

Despite some pain and

discomfort, Van Surksum said he has no regrets. “For Billy, I’d do it again.”

Technically he no longer has a spare to donate, but being a living donor puts him at the top of a transplant list should anything happen to his remaining kidney.

But his reasons for donating remain the same.

“For the church and what Pastor Skaggs has done for me in my life ... there was never a question,” Van Surksum said about their help with his faith.

For Skaggs, the experience is once again proof that God is in control.

“Who would have ever known God bringing us together seven years ago would have given me the gift of life,” he said.

“We can all be God’s hands and feet to other people — maybe not a kidney, but there are other ways.”

Students complete assignment on referendum/continued from 1A

“This referendum is providing the citizens of Luverne with a way to invest in the future of our school, our students, and ultimately, our community,” he said.

“Yes, the cost may be high. However, I believe that it is a responsibility of all Luverne citizens to invest in the future of our great community, whether it directly benefits them or not.”

Justyce Ripka pointed out technology and safety concerns.

“Technology plays a big role in today’s education.

Without these upgrades, students could be missing some important details in the information being taught,” she wrote.

“... if you have ever been in the little theater, you would have noticed how steep the walkway is. If you would push a wheelchair down that ramp, you could just about imagine how hard it would be to stop the momentum. ... Don’t we want our schools to be safe?”

Adriana Gonzalez shared that her parents had not finished school, but they came to the United States to im-

prove opportunities for their children.

“Sometimes there are chances that we need to take to make things better,” she wrote.

“Now that there is an opportunity to improve our school, why not take it? Why not do something that could encourage students to work harder and learn more efficiently? ... We are the future generation, future voters, homeowners, and parents. All we want is to have this chance.”

Rysdam said the exercise was worthwhile for the class.

“I want them to think about

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

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

Rysdam said he enjoys using community issues to teach government and economics classes, and the students did a good job capturing community sentiment. “Collectively these all paint a really good picture of the debate in the community,” he said.



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District purchases gymnastics equipment

\$35,000 moveable floor to be used in high school gym

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members approved the purchase of new floor exercise equipment in action taken at their Oct. 26 meeting.

In a 6-0 vote (board member Reva Sehr was absent), they agreed to the \$35,034 equipment purchase from North Shore Gymnastic Sales in Hartland, Wisconsin.

Costs for the mid-December delivery were unavailable.

Plans for the additional equipment is for home competition use only with meets conducted in the high school gym.

"I think It is a reasonable solution," said board member Tim Jarchow.

The new equipment is an unplanned expenditure.

The purchase is in response to feedback district officials received during recent school building improvement public meetings.

The gymnastics program currently practices in the north "little gym," where the team will still practice.

During meets, however, the vault and beam apparatuses are moved into the south little gym for more room. An overhead garage door is opened between the two gyms for spectators and athletes to pass between the two rooms.

Facility planners suggested removing the bricks between the two gyms leaving the support beams in place in order for spectators to view all four gymnastic events at once.

Estimated cost of the renovation was \$101,788.

The renovation, however, was not seen as an education essential by board members and district officials and not included in the final renovation plans.

In other business, the board:

- approved unpaid leave for Carrie Bakken and Heidi Schacht; Corey Nelson as assistant track coach rather than middle school golf coach; and a four-week medical leave for Wendy Bosshart.

- hired Karen Hubbling as a paraprofessional; Tonya Honermann, two-hour food service worker; Jodi Nelson as long-term elementary substitute; and Monica Edstrom, also as a long-term elementary substitute.

- accepted the resignation of Tony Sandbulte as ninth-grade baseball coach; and Cathi Grape, paraprofessional.

- signed a student teacher agreement with Augustana College for Aimee Moss.



Mavis Fodness photo/1102 reConvening

Minnesota Public Radio's Cathy Wurzer (far right) returned to Luverne Oct. 24 as part of The Convenings, a statewide initiative to motivate communities to talk about end-of-life decisions. Three community members talked with Wurzer about their experiences with death and their advice on how to make the experience more positive. Twelve-year-old Ross Bergman talked with Wurzer about the end-of-life wishes of his grandfather, Evan Ver Steeg, and played the piano song he composed while spending time with his grandfather in hospice.

Wurzer returns to Luverne for reConvenings event/continued from page 1A

said it's never too early to plan an end-of-life directive. Her son, Zach, died at age 21 of congenital heart disease, but they started planning his end-of-life care when he was 13.

"It's while you feel good" that the discussions should first take place, Zwaan said. "No one knows when the time will come."

Her goal for her son to die peacefully was achieved through that advanced plan, which outlined the family's specific wishes to doctors and nurses.

Zwaan channeled her health directive experience in recent

months by leading groups through the process of communicating one's wishes.

She is one of 15 trained first-step facilitators coordinated through Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Kelly Schroer is Sanford's advanced health care planning coordinator. She and a local committee will continue the message started by The Convening and The reConvening.

"It's Time to Talk Turkey," will debut soon.

"We are coming into the holiday season with Thanksgiving, the

kick-off to the family gatherings," Schroer said.

Friends and family members often focus on relationships and gratitude, providing an opportunity to have meaningful conversations on what matters most to loved ones.

"Sometimes it's a tough discussion to get started," she said.

The Convenings are a statewide effort to engage Minnesota families in end-of-life decisions and conversations. The Bruce Kramer Collaborative partners with The Convenings' message.

Wurzer said she met Bruce Kramer in 2011 and interviewed the

Northfield College dean about living life with a terminal illness.

What Wurzer thought was just a "one and done interview" turned into 36 conversations and a co-authored book, "We Know How This Ends: Living While Dying."

Wurzer said since the deaths of her father and Kramer, her will to live life more positively has grown stronger through the acknowledgement that we will all die someday.

"Bruce didn't believe in hope but in possibilities," she said. "We can live rich full lives even though dying."



Mavis Fodness photo/1102 reConvening

Hospice professional Jill Swenson (left) and Cathy Wurzer discuss how a health care directive helps with a loved one's death.



Mavis Fodness photo/1102 reConvening

Staci Zwaan (left) explains to Cathy Wurzer during the Oct. 24 reConvening that it's never too early to discuss health care directives with family members.

Plant workers prepare/continued from page 1A

the meat down here than it would for them to do it up there," Haberman said.

Her boyfriend, Stanley Wright, is a Pilgrim's Pride production worker who will also be looking for a different job.

Haberman grew up in Adrian and said she's not interested in moving her family to accept a job transfer at the plants in Cold Spring or Arcadia.

Company officials made the public announcement Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 24.

"The Pilgrim's team explored several options before arriving at the difficult decision to close the Luverne facility," said Jayson Penn, Head of Pilgrim's USA.

In addition to offering jobs in Cold Spring and Arcadia, the company will also offer job relocation assistance to its sister company, JBS Swift, in Worthington.

"We recognize the impact

"You wonder what's going to happen next and where your next paycheck will come from."

— Tony Miller

this has on our Luverne team, their families and the local community," Penn said, "and we will make every effort to assist in future job placement, including relocation opportunities at other company locations for all impacted employees."

Acquired in 1998 from the city, the Luverne processing plant was a former IBP beef production facility that was converted to produce frozen and convenience chicken products.

Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne, released a statement Oct. 26

about the economic impact of the plant closure on Luverne.

"The closing of the Pilgrim's Pride poultry plant in Luverne leads to uncertainty for hundreds of affected families," Weber said.

He said he's working with city leaders to provide financial assistance, training opportunities, and other support to laid-off workers.

"This is a tremendous loss for the Luverne community and all of southwestern Minnesota, which has long been a leader in agricultural production," Weber said.

"As the former mayor of Luverne, I know Pilgrim's Pride, and Gold'n Plump before that, has been a vital part of our community since its transition to a poultry facility in 1998. The plant's closure is extremely disappointing for our entire community."

Displaced employees/from page 1A

Pilgrim's Pride has offered jobs to Luverne employees at the Cold Spring and Arcadia plants, and has also offered to facilitate hiring at its sister plant, JBS in Worthington.

While a good share of workers will accept these offers outside of Rock County, Baustian said he hopes many decide to stay.

"Our goal is to help as many residents of Rock County in their homes here in Rock County," he said.

Amber Luinenberg with Minnesota West Community and Technical College said a good way to help that happen is through career training and education.

"We want a seat at the table to give people the opportunity to change careers, if that's what they want to do," she said Monday.

DEED project manager Lisa Hughes suggested that there are silver linings to watch for.

"Not to sound opportunistic, but there are existing employers looking to hire, and there is interest in those

buildings," she said.

"These are hard times and we don't want to forget about that, but there are opportunities here."

She also mentioned that the plant closing could make Luverne eligible for a \$3 million infrastructure grant to help fund industrial park improvements — which will beckon more opportunities.

Monday's meeting was a first step, and there were admittedly more questions than answers.

For example, how many of the displaced workers live in Luverne and Rock County? And what will the economic impact of the plant closure be on the community?

Meanwhile, Smithfield Foods, Sioux Falls, is holding a job fair from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday (today) at Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

It's the first of what will likely be more to come.

Until more specific worker help is set up, employees can visit www.swmnpic.org for information.



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Scary ditch find conjures up Halloween memories

The Halloween season recently conjured up a distant memory — sometimes you find the strangest things in ditches.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Several years ago one early winter morning I was traveling south to Luverne when I noticed an object in the ditch along Highway 75 just west of the state park turnoff.

I didn't stop then, but 10 hours later as I was taking my daughter Courtney home from high school gymnastics practice, I took a better look at what I had seen in the ditch, and Courtney retrieved the object — a doll, stuck head first into the snow bank.

Courtney recently admitted she almost put the two-foot-tall, fully clothed plastic doll back into the snow bank.

Instead, she opened the door and set the doll against the minivan's middle seat and we were on our way home.

In the eerie quiet of the vehicle we looked at each other and then slowly turned to look at our new passenger.

We whispered.

"Did you see her move?"

"I thought I saw her move."

The doll is a little creepy-looking with her blonde hair, thick black eyeliner and bright red lips.

I say "is" because we (more correctly Courtney) still have her after plucking her out of the ditch more than a decade ago.

Tiffany (the doll) is modeled after a character in the horror movie franchise that began with "Child's Play."

The 1988 movie was about a widowed mother giving her son a "Good Guy" doll for his birthday, unaware that the doll

is possessed by a serial killer's soul.

Tiffany is Chucky's possessed girlfriend in one of the seven franchise movies called the "Bride of Chucky."

When we picked the Tiffany doll up from the side of the road, we knew exactly who she was, having seen the original movie.

The doll was dressed like the model in the movie. She wore a knee-length white bridal gown with black fishnet stockings on her legs and black laced-up Army boots. Over the white gown is a black leather jacket. On her shoulder a tattoo reads "I love Chucky."

With thoughts of the movie in mind, I imagined she put herself in the roadside ditch for unsuspecting people to pick up and bring into their homes. In the middle of the night she would awaken and kill all of us.

I am not the only one who thought so because a lot of fun was had through the years scaring people.

Tiffany ended up as unofficial mascot of the 2006 gymnastics team, made several surprise appearances at graduation parties, and spent a summer riding on the back of a motorcycle.

She made people scream in surprise (or horror) and others break into gut-wrenching laughter. The search for a similar-sized Chucky groom was abandoned due to the expensive price tags.

So Tiffany has stayed single and spent this Halloween season in a secret location to avoid disposal in a landfill or a future snow-filled ditch.

We're proud of our schools and proud of our voters

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Luverne School District residents will vote Tuesday on a school referendum that asks two questions.

The ballot questions ask voters to support a \$16 million addition and renovation of the school facilities.

The second question asks for approval for a \$7 million performing arts center to be constructed on the school campus.

The Star Herald has long supported local schools and funding for education, but we've also been strong advocates for the democratic process and included all voices.

School building projects are expensive and not everyone agrees with tax-supported building projects.

And for this reason, bond referendums have a long history of

dividing communities of individuals from different camps.

But we can say with confidence that won't happen here.

In the Luverne School District, there will be ballots cast from each side of the coin, but we're grateful for the civil process and for the open exchange of information.

We've heard opinions from both sides, but the discourse has been respectful and all voices were given opportunity to be heard.

Regardless of the outcome

Tuesday, this is a process we can all be proud of.

The polling location for all of the school precincts is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the middle-high school gymnasium.

Absentee voting is currently open during weekdays through Monday at the Rock County Courthouse Auditor's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information about the building project and potential property tax increase is available at the school's website www.isd2184.net.

Hartquist: Vote 'yes' twice on local school referendum

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge fellow community members to find out more about the school referendum coming up on Nov. 7 and get out and vote.

The school board plan proposes much needed additions and improvements to our middle school/high school building and expansion to meet growing space demands in the elementary school. As a parent of three school-aged children in District 2184, I will of course be voting YES to invest in our community schools on Nov. 7.

While we take great pride in our community schools and they are very well-maintained, our school infrastructure cannot meet the demand of the 21st century teaching and learning. In order for our children to benefit from all the advantages of today's modern educational tools, there is an urgent need to upgrade our older middle school classrooms and add middle school and high school lab spaces. If we want our local students to achieve their full potential and grow up to become good citizens, we need to be willing to help them

Sara Hartquist
Luverne

succeed.

Part of the recipe for that success is providing them with an education that prepares them for 21st century jobs and life. Bringing our school classrooms and facilities up to modern standards in order to accommodate new technology just makes academic and economic sense. Let's give our teachers the space they need to help our children get the education they need to succeed. I think it sends an important message about what a community values when we all come together to support educators and students by investing in these improvements.

Our teachers, students and facilities are in need of the community's support. Please join me in voting YES twice on Nov. 7.

Luverne
Initiatives For
Tomorrow (LIFT)
Executive Board

Bill Preuss
Luverne

with an investment in the next generation of employees.

In approving these two ISD 2184 School District ballot questions, we will initiate positive economic and social changes for all the residents of this community, both now and into the future!

math, science or history? I wish I could look into the future to see the answer, but I can't.

All I know is our educational system, as we know it today, will be altered. Just something to think about before our November vote.

Craig Oftedahl
Luverne Public Schools
superintendent

This credit is paid directly by the state to the school district, and the benefit is passed along to local landowners. As a result, the credit won't increase the obligation of any other local property owners.

If you want more information about November's bond referendum, you can go to <https://buildingluverne.org> or call me at 507-283-8808.

Louella Voigt,
Luverne

LIFT: 'Successful schools are the foundation of a successful town'

To the Editor:

The Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow Executive Board is in support of the Luverne Public Schools ISD 2184 upcoming bond levy measures, Question 1 and Question 2. By voting "Yes" for both of these questions, we will provide the opportunity for the District to improve health and safety along with the renovating our 63-year-old high school building to support new student learning methods and

instruction techniques.

Successful schools are the foundation of a successful town. The benefits of passing these two questions are wide-ranging. In the short term, the construction will directly impact the economy of the community in the need for products, services and employees. In the long term, students will receive their education in updated learning environments that are better suited to the modern needs in education.

Preuss questions if physical schools become 'less useful with new technology'

To the Editor:

The economist Joseph Schumpeter said there is creative destruction in the economy that occurs in 50-year cycles, in which new industries are created but others destroyed.

From 1790 to 1840 it was the railroads. 1890 to 1940 it was electricity. 1940 to 1990 it was the

automobile. 1990 to 2040 it is technology. The internet has altered the landline phone, the encyclopedia, dictionary and how we purchase our goods. Also in health and our education. Today we can obtain a college degree online.

While in Oklahoma a few years ago, the Daily Oklahoma City paper printed a story about virtual charter

schools. They have an enrollment of 9,000 students who are being educated online.

I am only posing this question. If we spend \$31 million on a physical plant, will it become less useful with the new technology? I do see us still needing classrooms for labs, shops, band, choir and sports. Will we need it for English,

value of investing in better schools.

The state tax credit provides a direct decrease in the tax impact on each acre of both homesteaded and non-homesteaded agricultural property for all school building debt.

For example, if the Nov. 7 referendum is approved, the owners of homestead agricultural land valued at \$10,000 per acre will see their tax impact, compared to the old law, decrease from 39 cents per month per acre, to 14 cents per month per acre with the new Ag2School Tax Credit.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Oct. 20
•Cell phone was found near Blue Mound Towers.
•Complainant reported two children's bicycles near the pond at the Veterans Home.
•Complainant called to report she thinks her sister-in-law is staying with an older man in Windom. Subject does have papers that need to be served from Family Services.
•Deputy advised he is out with a subject sitting in the median. Subject is headed east; Nobles County will pick him up at Magnolia and take subject east.

Oct. 21
•Complainant requested assistance in locating subject that may be headed west-bound on I-90 from Adrian. Subject was involved in a domestic at a gas station.

•Complainant reported children climbing on augers on Freeman Ave. and is concerned for their safety.

•Complainant reported a break-in at an apartment above a store on Main Street.

•Complainant reported vandalism to vehicle, missing and loose lug nuts on one tire.

•Complainant reported subject is restricting him from leaving the location; request assistance.

•Complainant in Beaver Creek reported children throwing rocks at the door; door is shattered.

•Complainant reported vandalism on Cedar Street.

•Complainant reported a man in a red pickup crashed into a tree. They checked on him and he said he was OK and someone was coming to get him. Complainant believes male is drunk. Deputy unable to locate subject upon arrival.

•Complainant reported two pickups with kids are behind the apartment building messing around. One kid jumped the fence and attempted to get into the building.

•Complainant reported a group of kids at Casey's arguing. Caller later called back and advised the two groups split up.

•Complainant reported she received several calls from Publishers Clearing House saying she won. She did give them some info and sent the \$80.

•Complainant reported a sign in the turning lane getting onto I-90 westbound. Received a second call and someone was getting the sign off the road and advised there is an SUV south of I-90 on 75 that looked like they had a flat tire and were tipped a little. Advised State Patrol. Deputy advised vehicle was gone on arrival but witness described it as black or dark green SUV with front-end damage.

Oct. 22
•Complainant reported juvenile missing from home for awhile. Mother is scared to report it.

•Complainant reported his wife hit a deer just south of Luverne. The vehicle is still there but his wife got a ride home. State Patrol requested deputy to check vehicle due to linked incident report of vehicle description. Deputy advised vehicle clearly hit road signs, no sign of deer on vehicle. Deputy advised vehicle towed by owner.

•Complainant reported traffic cones in the roadway blocking traffic. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Report of accidental gunshot wound.

•Complainant reported construction barricades in Beaver Creek have been hit. Transferred to State Patrol.

Oct. 23
•Complainant reported

subject's cell phone was stolen by suspect.

•Complainant reported getting suspicious packages sent to his door.

•Complainant reported two juveniles entering an abandoned property on Lincoln Street.

•Complainant received a scam call.

•Complainant reported construction barrel in roadway in Beaver Creek. Transferred to State Patrol.

Oct. 24
•Reserved for ERU callout per deputy.

•Complainant reports she is locked out at Blue Mound Towers.

•Complainant reports manure is being tracked onto the roadway near 41st Street. Complainant understands it is the time of year for it, but wants something done about it.

•Complainant reported a vehicle with no front license plate has been sitting on Dodge Street for three weeks without moving.

•Complainant requested information on how to apply for a lost title to a vehicle she didn't own.

•Complainant requested a deputy speak to subject regarding a trespassing issue that occurred in Ellsworth.

•Complainant reported kids trespassing on Lincoln Street.

•Complainant reported a drug deal going on on Warren Street.

•Deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-90 related to narcotics information.

•Complainant reported a male walking wearing jeans and a dark colored shirt, headed to Luverne possibly on County Road 4. Complainant didn't know what road he was on. She advised the one that goes by Gold'n Plump.

Oct. 25
•Complainant reported his girlfriend is being physically violent and he would like her to leave.

•Located subject on warrant out of Pipestone County.

•Complainant requested deputy escort to retrieve personal items from impound vehicle.

•Complainant requested extra patrol on Warren Street, lawn gnomes and other items have gone missing in the recent past.

•Complainant reported someone looking in her windows.

•Complainant reported a white car that has been parked on the street for days not moved. Deputy spoke to owner who advised he has not moved it because he has been driving work vehicles.

Oct. 26
•Complainant reported somebody dumping trash on his property.

•Complainant reported vehicle parked in their lot for over 24 hours.

•Complainant reported theft of personal items.

•Complainant reported daughter's cell phone stolen from locker at school. The location services are on.

•Complainant reports subject knocking on door and refuses to leave.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 2 transports, 3 escorts, 26 ambulance runs, 8 animal complaints, 7 log sheets, 11 drug court tests, 19 traffic stops, 1 child maltreatment, 7 road and drive laws, 2 abandoned 911 calls, 6 fire calls, 1 paper service, 1 POR registration, 1 fingerprint request and issued 2 burn permits and 2 purchase/carry permits.



Lori Sorenson photos/1102 corn chopper fire

Harvest hazards

Local emergency crews responded to a corn chopper fire west of Luverne along County Road 8 Wednesday, Oct. 25. The chopper, owned by Ron Christians, was operating in a cornfield owned by Dave DeBoer. Firefighters were able to keep the crop loss to a minimum, but the chopper was destroyed.

Wet conditions have made for a delayed harvest this year. In recent years, Rock County producers have been finished with both corn and soybeans by mid- to late October. Local farmers are now more than halfway finished with corn harvest.



Text message tip leads suspect to turn himself in

By Mavis Fodness

A text message tip led the Rock County Sheriff's Office to arrest a Luverne man for four counts of fifth-degree drug possession.

Ernest Lee Anderson, 43, faces up to five years in jail, a \$10,000 fine or both for each count.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge received a text message at 6:12 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, stating that Anderson and a companion were at Anderson's East Main apartment and were thought to be dealing drugs.

The text also identified a vehicle, a four-door Chevrolet Equinox, by its Minnesota plate number.



The vehicle was parked in front of Anderson's apartment. Deputies watched two men enter the vehicle and pull away. The two were later pulled over on Interstate 90.

Law enforcement determined the vehicle's owner did not possess a valid driver's license.

When deputies pulled the vehicle over, the driver allowed the state patrol to use their drug dog in the search.

No evidence of drugs was found in the vehicle.

Since neither of the men had a driver's license, deputies took them to the Law Enforcement Center where they waited for a ride.

While waiting, the driver talked with deputies indicating he was at Anderson's apartment and Anderson offered to sell him methamphetamine, marijuana and prescription pills.

A search of Anderson's apartment at 9:55 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, found the place empty.

The drug dog, however, found evidence of drugs.

Outside in a utility box, officers found a small cardboard box. Among the contents were drugs later identified as dextroamphetamine, vyvance, methamphetamine and alprazolam.

On Oct. 26, Anderson turned himself in to law enforcement officials, where he was taken into custody and charged.

No court date has been set.

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CELEBRATIONS

Card Showers

Anna Van Batavia will celebrate her 75th birthday Saturday, Nov. 4. Greetings may be sent to her at 713 North Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

Open Houses

Julie Schuur will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Greetings may be sent to her at 218 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Nov. 6: Barbecued chicken breast, rice pilaf, broccoli, tropical fruit, bread, ice cream.
Tuesday, Nov. 7: Pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, cake.
Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church.
Wednesday, Nov. 8: Vegetable beef soup, meat salad sandwich, pea and cheese salad, crackers, bar.
Program: Cards with Alyce.
Thursday, Nov. 9: Hamburger tomato casserole, green beans, pineapple, bread, lemon dessert.
Program: Pastor of the Month Roger Sparks, Christian Reformed Church.
Friday, Nov. 10: Hamburger, baked beans, cole slaw, bun, tapioca pudding.
Program: Ann Marie, dietitian.
Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.
Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.
Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.



Lori Sorenson photo/1102 kindness rocks

Kindness is the character-building theme at Luverne Elementary School this year, and school counselor Marie Atkinson-Smeins is reinforcing the message with kindness rocks, which carry positive messages to be found by others in public places. Pictured are (around table, clockwise from lower left) Addyson Mann, Nicholas Mann, Tyler Hodge, Greta McClure, Levi Huisman, Amarra Miles, Madison Schepel, Joshua Hansen, Jayden Dass, Kate Rolling, Jaina Fountain, Aaron Kindt, (outer circle, lower left) Xander Remme, Shyanne Hoag, Myalz Wright, Jaydon Johnson, Noah Abrahamson, Landyn Lais, Connor Bose, Alexis Hultgren, Brody Goembel, Logan Mann, Jace Rozeboom, Jocelyn Altman, Bergan Ask, Julia Beyer and Lucy Smith.

Shyanne Hoag's kindness rock encourages generosity (at right).

The students are encouraged to place their kindness rocks somewhere public for someone to find.



Elliot and Lauren Backer

Witte, Backer wed
in Stillwater

Lauren Witte and Elliot Backer, Minneapolis, were married Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017, at the Trellis in Stillwater.
Lauren is the daughter of Stan and Lori Witte, Luverne. Elliot is the son of Dan and Jeanine Backer, New Ulm.
Sally Hesse performed the ceremony.
The bride's maid of honor was Meghan Witte. Bridesmaids were Hannah Backer, Gretchen Nowatzki, Megan Sommers, Mara Stommes, and Seneca Thornely. Flower girl was Lucy Backer, and the bride's personal attendants were Emily Geiser and Maggie Perkins.
Cole Backer was the best man, and groomsmen were Paul Witte III, Nathan Schalmo, Kenneth Adams, Quinn

O'Connor, and Zachary Quiring. Ring bearer was Alex Backer. Francis Johnson and Alex Cooper were ushers.
A reception followed the ceremony at The Loft in Stillwater.
Lauren is a 2011 graduate of Luverne High School and a 2016 graduate of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. She is employed as an account executive at Insite.
Elliot is a 2010 graduate of New Ulm High School, a 2014 graduate of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, and a 2017 graduate of Rosalind Franklin in Chicago as a physician's assistant. He is currently employed as a physician's assistant at Minute Clinic.
The couple lives in Minneapolis.

Minn. deer season opens this weekend

Half a million hunters are expected to take part in Minnesota's firearms deer season that begins a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 4.
Deer numbers are up following three years of conservative harvest regulations, coupled with three relatively

mild winters.
The state DNR anticipates the 2017 deer harvest will be in the 200,000 range, similar to the most recent 20-year average of nearly 206,000.
Deer hunting information can be found at mndnr.gov/hunting/deer.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•Costs for the proposed tennis court expansion are well over the first estimate.
With the total wish list fulfilled, the estimate has the repaired existing courts and four new courts costing \$429,000.
The first rough estimate was about \$250,000 for the whole project.
Finance director Marlene Mann said to the school board last week, "I think we have to go shopping again and take some things out of the cart."
The school will find out Nov. 9 whether it will receive a grant and how much it will be.
25 years ago (1992)
•The Luverne City Council is pulling its wagon into a circle and getting ready for possible financial skirmishes ahead.
Monday, the Council reorganized the Luverne Economic Development Authority to separate it and all economic development funds from the city and its funds.
The EDA as a separate entity will serve the city, but its funds will not be part of the city treasury.
The action seems to be part of a strategy to let the city use its funds as the city needs to use them, not as the state mandates. The EDA will focus on accomplishing the goals of generating jobs, increasing the tax base and eliminating slums and blight.

50 years ago (1967)

•Saturday, Nov. 4, will mark the opening of another seven miles of Interstate 90 in western Minnesota when the segment between Magnolia and Adrian becomes accessible to traffic. Approximately 25 miles of the planned east-west route across southern Minnesota will be completed when the new route is open.

75 years ago (1942)

•William S. Bicknell, Sioux City, lost his last hope of escaping prosecution in Rock County on a second degree larceny charge when the Iowa supreme court upheld the decision of the Woodbury County, Ia., district court quashing a writ of habeas corpus, thus permitting extradition to Minnesota.
Bicknell, wanted here for the alleged theft of a .22 caliber rifle from Nelson Brothers store here last December 5, was arrested the following day in Sioux City with the gun in his possession.
Although he claimed in district court that he had never been in Minnesota, the governor of Iowa made out a warrant of extradition in order that he could be brought here for trial. He tried to fight the case in Sioux City, by asking for a writ of habeas corpus. When this was refused by the court, he immediately appealed the decision to the Iowa supreme court.

100 years ago (1917)

•November imposes numerous increased expenditures upon the general public in the form of war taxes, as most people will discover before many days have elapsed.
A tax of eight percent is now required on all railroad passenger tickets amounting to more than 35 cents, and a 3 percent tax is imposed upon all freight and express charges. Under the new tax a ticket to the Twin Cities now costs \$4.51 instead of \$4.18, as heretofore.
A five cent tax must be paid on all long distance phone calls where the total charge exceeds 15 cents.
Smoking tobaccos of all kinds have increased in price because of the war tax, and the regular 5-cent packages now cost 8 cents, or two packages may be had for 15 cents, and the regular 10-cent packages sell at 15 cents, or two for 25 cents.

1940: Morning fire destroys St. Catherine Church

The following appeared in the Rock County Star on Jan. 4, 1940, and is the first of two parts.

Early Morning Blaze Causes \$40,000.00 Damage to St. Catherine Catholic Church

Building is Insured for About \$30,000.00; Many Costly Furnishings and Other Contents are Total Loss to Parish; Fine Vestments Lost

Fire, which apparently originated in the furnace room, completely gutted St. Catherine's Catholic Church here early Tuesday morning, with an estimated loss exceeding \$40,000.00 to the building and its contents.
The fire was discovered about 3:00 a.m. by Father P.F. Matthews, who was awakened at the parsonage when the heat from the flames broke the plate glass in the door of the sacristy at the northeast corner of the church. Father Matthews immediately turned in an alarm. The fire department responded quickly, but on their arrival the flames, which had enveloped nearly all of the basement, had gained such headway that it was impossible to extinguish the fire.



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

By 4:00 a.m. the interior of the church was a seething mass of flames held in confinement by the slate roof and masonry walls of the church. When some of the supporting roof timbers finally had been consumed sufficiently to give way, the roof fell in, shooting flames and embers nearly fifty feet in the air.
Despite the fact that the temperature stood at 15 degrees below zero, the firemen kept three hose lines playing water on the interior in an effort to save as much of the structure as possible. As a result the flames did much less damage to the bell tower portion of the structure, and it is believed that much of the west front of the building will be salvaged for rebuilding. The church bell remained in its frame undamaged.
Fortunately for surround-

ing property there was but a slight wind from the northwest and the firemen were at no time called upon to shift their activities from the church fire.
As stated above, the fire is believed to have originated in the furnace room of the church. The church was equipped with a stoker and the furnace room was located immediately below the sacristy, where the flames first were discovered.
Ed. Byrne, janitor at the church, had left the building at about 1:00 a.m. and everything then appeared to be in order. About 11:00 p.m., two hours earlier, Father Matthews had also left the church, following his evening devotions. At that time there was also no sign of anything being amiss.
Besides the loss to the building, estimated at present day construction costs at \$40,000.00, the church also

suffered several thousands of dollars in furnishings and other equipment. All statues, stations of the cross, altars, candelabra, altar cloths and many other articles and furnishings were destroyed. Among these were several priceless vestments, which Father Matthews had purchased on his recent visit to Europe. These vestments were of particularly exquisite quality and workmanship and probably can never be replaced.
Catherine's church had, within the past two years, completed extensive improvements to the basement of the church and money paid for materials and labor on these investments is also a total loss, in that no additional insurance was carried to cover their loss. The winter's supply of coal, consisting of about 30 tons, was also stored in the basement, but much of this will be salvaged.
Next week: The loss.
Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.
Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

OBITUARIES

Warren Herreid

Warren G. Herreid I, 96, Luverne, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. A reception will then follow at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

My Life

By Warren Gale Herreid Sr.

The story of my life starts before my birth. My dad was farming in Sherman, South Dakota. In December of 1920 there was a blizzard and all roads were closed, so they decided to take Mother to the closest hospital (Dell Rapids, South Dakota). They bundled Mother and my four brothers in the bobsled and set out cross-country. Dad brought wire-cutting pliers, knowing they would have to cut fences to get to their destination. I was due before Christmas and they arrived at the hospital in plenty of time, but I did not arrive until the 28th.

My late arrival became "the story of my life." I am late for everything; it's one of the things that made me famous. My brother Ralph loved to tell about my arrival at home. "Dad brought you in the house and just tossed you on the davenport," he said. In those days, it wasn't uncommon for families with many children to have their babies raised by relatives who weren't so blessed. When Aunt Nettie learned of the new addition and expressed her wish to raise the child, Dad told her that she could have me! Dad insisted he'd been joking - but Aunt Nettie took him at his word, arriving with baby blankets and bottles, ready to claim her precious cargo, but Dad picked me up and said, "On second thought, I think we'll keep him. He may be the best of the bunch!" Aunt Nettie was disappointed that day - and so, I suspect, were my brothers!

I was 2 years old when we left the farm and moved back to Luverne - a wonderful place to grow up! In those days we created our own toys and I believe we had as much fun making them as playing with them. We made skis out of barrel staves and used inner tubes for sleds. When I was about seven, I found an old coaster wagon. Since I didn't have a cotter key to keep the wheels

on, I used a bent nail. I was having a wonderful time coasting down a hill, propelling myself with my left leg. Unfortunately, that leg came in contact with the bent nail which proceeded to pierce the calf and ripped me open before I could stop (coaster wagons don't have brakes). A neighbor came and got me loose. Eighteen stitches later I was back on the wagon, so to speak.

I also loved to make kites. We went to the lumberyard to get sticks, then to the butcher who provided us with paper, then to the grocer who would give us some string. One of the moms would provide us with paste (made from flour and water). Man, we had the best time flying those kites!

One of our more questionable pastimes was playing on the fire escape at the grade school. The building was located on the site of the current Dingmann Funeral Home. The fire escape was sort of like a silo with a spiral slide inside. There was a door at the bottom that would open when the person sliding down pushed against it with their feet. We pried open that door, climb up inside, and slid down. It was dark and scary inside the "silo," so it was a lot of fun.

I grew up during the Great Depression, but to me, it was just my childhood, and it was great fun. We didn't have money for anything, but everybody was in the same situation so we didn't know we were poor.

I graduated in 1938. I wanted to go to college at Worthington, but my dad believed I would be better off learning a trade. He suggested I apprentice with my brother Ralph in his jewelry store and learn to fix watches and clocks, so that's what I did.

A year later I heard that the National Guard was being federalized and many of us decided to join. Probably our greatest motivation was the promise of a year of training in California, which we thought would be great. I actually did have a great time gallivanting in California until they moved us to Kodiak, Alaska. I was assigned to the communications section and was a wireman. On Dec. 7, 1941, I was at my station in Kodiak with the rest of my unit - without any ammunition! There we

sat, like sitting ducks, waiting for the Japanese to arrive! All I can say is, "Thank goodness they never did!"

Tired of Alaska, I applied to the air corps for pilot training in California. I qualified for pilot, navigator, and bombardier and chose to do pilot training. The board determined that they needed to cut down the number of pilots in basic training so I was turned loose and reassigned to the infantry.

I was given leave before starting my infantry training, so I went home and married Joyce Kahler, my wife of 63 years, on April 20, 1944.

After I completed my infantry training, I left with the division for France. When the war ended, I had more points than most guys so I left Europe in July of 1945.

I arrived home to a wife and three-month-old baby boy - Warren II (NOT junior!) We moved into a basement house on Luverne Street that I built with the help of the National Guard. They helped me build the house up after our daughter, Peggy, was born.

The National Guard was federalized during the Korean War and we were activated again and were stationed in Camp Rucker, Alabama. Off we went again, this time as a family of four. When the war was just about over, my time was up and we came home.

In 1953 I bought a jewelry store of my own in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. A few months later, our daughter Debra Joy was born, and our family was complete. I sold my store and we moved back to Luverne in 1960 for one year, then I was hired by Rosemount Engineering Company in 1961 and brought the family to live in Bloomington, Minnesota.

While we lived in Bloomington, I rejoined the National Guard and completed my 20 years, retiring in 1981 as a sergeant major. I thrived at Rosemount and finished out my career there as production manager at the Burnsville plant in 1986.

A few years later, Joyce and I had a house built in Spirit Lake, Iowa, on a canal of Lake Okoboji but decided we'd rather be back in Luverne, so we returned in 1992.

I stayed very busy in

those retirement years as VFW Post Commander from 1993 to 1996. After that I was appointed by the governor to the National Citizen's Committee of Luverne. I continued to serve as a member of the SW Minnesota ESGR, was chairman of the group who designed and arranged for funding of the veterans park at the Luverne Veterans Home, where I volunteered to work the bingo games for the "old people" there until I was about 90 years old.

I was a member of the Luverne Lions Club, the Blue Mound Woodcarvers Club, and was a volunteer at the Luverne Sanford Hospital.

I was a member of the Honor Guard and encouraged others to get involved. In 1999 the county selected me as Rock County Senior Citizen of the Year.

We members of the Glen's Coffee Clique created a Last Man Club about 12 years ago, and we were honored to be invited to the governor's mansion for coffee with First Lady Mary Pawlenty, who became a dear friend.

In my spare time I loved to golf, putter in my wood-working shop, and also went back to repairing vintage clocks.

I lost my Joyce in 2007, and carried on alone, gradually losing my eyesight until I broke my left femur in November 2012. By that time I was legally blind, so my daughter Debra Joy and her husband, Rick, moved in with me that December.

The three of us were quite a team until Rick became ill with terminal lung cancer and passed away in 2015. That was when I really started slowing down myself.

I had moved to Minneapolis to an assisted living apartment but soon fell and broke my neck. I moved back to Luverne in September 2015 and became one of those "old people" living at the Veterans Home. Blind and immobilized, I gradually faded away until God called me home on Oct. 26, 2017. Things are really looking up, now, and I look forward to welcoming you all at the gate! Remember, God loves you, and so do I!

Memorials are preferred to Luverne Dollars for Scholars or the Luverne Backpack Program.

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

(1102 V)

Verlyn Hoff

Verlyn Lee Hoff, 62, Luverne, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, while working near his home.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Verlyn Hoff was born on July 24, 1955, to Cornelius and Reva (Leenderts) Hoff in Luverne. He was raised on an acreage near Steen and was baptized at Steen Reformed Church, where he also attended Sunday school and catechism. He attended a country school across the road from his home until sixth grade, after which he continued his education in Luverne, graduating in 1973. Following graduation, Verlyn worked on the Orlin Kellenberger farm and Midwest Ambulances in Luverne.

Verlyn married Tamie Garrels on Nov. 22, 1975, at the home of Tamie's parents. Verlyn worked at the Luverne Farm Store Gas Company for a time. When the company decided to divide into two separate businesses, Verlyn became the manager of the Ferrelgas Company. Living at their present acreage north of Luverne, Verlyn fulfilled his aspiration of farming full time, working the fields and raising hogs, a passion that grew to a family affair.

Verlyn was a member of

the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne, where he was an elder and served on the property and finance committees. Verlyn was an active shareholder and board member of the Take 16 Brewery in Luverne and took great pride in its collaborative

success. Whether motorcycling, snowmobiling, golfing, pontooning, or recharging at the lot on Lake Benton, Verlyn appreciated the beauty of the Minnesota seasons. He also liked to get away in the winter to Apache Junction, Arizona, for some time on the Harley Davidson. In the summer Verlyn and Tamie spent a lot of time on the motorcycle and cruising in the Corvette. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Verlyn is survived by his wife, Tamie; two children, Shelly (Mark) Ahlschlager of Hardwick, and Chad (Darcy) Hoff of Luverne; three grandchildren, Dylan, Marshal and Logan Hoff; his mother, Reva Hoff, Luverne; and two siblings, Sharon (Tim) Knoll, Brandon, South Dakota, and Roger (Lisa) Hoff, Steen.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cornelius Hoff, and a sister, Joyce Hoff.

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

(1102 F)

Walter Deutsch

Walter George Deutsch, 80, Luverne, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, at his home.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Private burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion and VFW will be in the Maplewood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, with parish prayers at 7 p.m. at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Walter Deutsch was born March 20, 1937, to John and Josephine (Gerardy) Deutsch in Ellsworth. Walt was raised on the family farm northwest of Ellsworth which is now a Century Farm that they own. He attended Ellsworth Elementary and High School. He served his country and state in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

Walt married Betty Henning on May 12, 1959, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. After their marriage, they moved to Luverne where they lived all of their married lives. Walt worked for McClure Electric and as a lineman in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for a short time. He worked for A. R. Wood Manufacturing from 1960 to 1982, and beginning in 1982 he worked for Northco which later became FACCOS USA until the present. Walt also worked part time

for Verne Drive-In. In 1966 Walt and Betty purchased the drive-in and owned and operated it until 1983.

He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Some of his favorite pastimes included fishing, wood working and hunting. Family was very important to Walt. He loved family vacations and joking around with his family and friends.

Walt is survived by his wife, Betty Deutsch, Luverne; three children, Douglas (Colleen) Deutsch, Luverne, Debbie (Brian) Semke, Chanhassen, and Deanna (Keith) Ernster, Tea, South Dakota; seven grandchildren, Amber (Ben) Winkels, Caitlyn Deutsch, Derek Deutsch, Dustin Deutsch (friend Cleo Maloney), Taylor (Brittany) Ernster, Hunter Ernster (friend Sara Mossefin) and Brandon Serneke; three great-grandchildren, Ainsley, Brinley and Clara Winkels; three brothers, Bill (Jean) Deutsch, Ellsworth, Fabian (Sue) Deutsch, Magnolia, and John (Trudy) Deutsch, Manley; a sister, Loretta Henning, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and a sister-in-law, Donna Deutsch, Luverne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Edwin and Lawrence (Virginia) Deutsch; and a brother-in-law, Frank Henning.

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

(1102 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Royce Becker

Royce E. Becker, 82, Ellsworth, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A memorial service was Monday, Oct. 30, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth.

Burial of remains with full military honors provided by the Ellsworth American Legion followed in the Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com.

(1102 DN)

Gerald Leech

Gerald J. Leech, 88, Luverne, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion & VFW will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(1102 DN)

Marjorie Boltjes

Marjorie Rose Boltjes, 87, Adrian, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth.

Arrangements are pending with Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com.

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Mavis Fodness photo/1102 Trunk n Treat

Trunk ‘N Treat event takes over Main Street Tuesday

Temperatures in the upper 30s greeted children and adults to the 5th Annual Trunk N’ Treat event on Luverne Main Street on Oct. 31. For 90-minutes two blocks of the normally busy street thoroughfare was blocked off for the 37 participating businesses who donned customs and handed out candy from decorated vehicles like Herb n’ Legend’s (from left) Diana Kooiker, Jennifer Hilfers and John Hilfers.

Minnesota West celebrates 10 years in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Minnesota West Community and Technical College Luverne Center will host a 10 year Anniversary Celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

The center opened its doors to students in fall semester of 2007 as part of a joint effort between Minnesota West, Sanford Health Systems and the City of Luverne.

The building previously housed the hospital until 2005 when Sanford opened the new hospital and medical clinic on the north edge of town.

Related to that project, City Hall also moved its offices to the renovated former hospital that same year to alleviate space issues in its former downtown location, now Cragoe Realty.

In the past 10 years the Luverne Learning Center has awarded 403 degrees to 373 different students, and the school continues to add programs for degrees, both Associate of Arts and coursework toward bachelor’s degrees.

On site programs include Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, Medical Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technician, Phlebotomy and liberal arts classes and customized training is also available.

“Minnesota West greatly appreciates the support of the Luverne community, Luverne Public Schools, and our partnerships with regional health providers,” said Minnesota West president Terry Gaalswyk.

“In just 10 years of service,



Lori Sorenson photo/1102 minnesota west anniversary

Minnesota West Community and Technical College Luverne Center will host a 10-year Anniversary Celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6. The school entrance opens into what was at one time the medical clinic entry. In the past 10 years the Luverne Learning Center has awarded 403 degrees to 373 different students, and the school continues to add programs for degrees, both Associate of Arts and coursework toward bachelor’s degrees.

the Luverne Learning Center has graduated 373 health professionals; connecting local talent with local careers in service to our communities.”

In the summer of 2006 a bond was issued for \$1.5 million. Of that, \$1 million was for the fire station and \$500,000 for the adaptive reuse of the old hospital; \$200,000 was budgeted for the City Offices; and \$200,000 for the Minnesota West classrooms and \$100,000 for contingency.

City Administrator John Call said Minnesota West has

been an asset for city government, students and local health professionals.

“It’s an opportunity for young people to study and stay here and learn a trade that earns high wages — hopefully here in this area,” Call said Monday.

“Plus, 10 years ago we were wondering what we would do with that hospital building back then, and Minnesota West was a beautiful fit for our buildings ... The timing was perfect.”

The 10-year anniversary

celebration is open to the public. Refreshments and tours of the center will be provided. For more information visit www.mnwest.edu or call 800-658-2330.

“We look forward to continuing to advance health-related training in our Luverne Center and appreciate the community’s advocacy is sharing this local learning opportunity with recent high school graduates and those working-adults looking to change careers,” Gaalswyk said.

Water expert says no residents at risk from county landfill

By Mavis Fodness

A water quality expert reaffirmed her findings that the Rock County demolition landfill doesn’t pose a health threat to residents.

Melanie Niday, a hydrogeologist with Short, Elliott and Hendrickson Inc. in St. Cloud, addressed commissioners’ public safety concerns at their Oct. 3 meeting.

“Is there a risk to Rock County residents in the boron that we are seeing and the manganese that we are seeing? Absolutely not — that’s my professional opinion,” Niday said.

Last month the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency notified the county of its intended renewal of the landfill’s operational permit.

In the notification, state officials added intervention limits to the amounts of boron and manganese found in the landfill’s three test wells. Previous permits did not contain limits on these elements.

The local landfill now exceeds the state-imposed intervention limits.

Niday said ground water tests at the local landfill since 2010 show boron levels have exceeded the now imposed state limit of 250 micrograms per liter in six out of 23 samples taken.

For manganese the three wells have exceeded the new state standards of 25 micrograms per liter in 21 out of 31 samples during the same timeframe.

“The MPCA is trying to impose these limits without looking at existing information or even if that limit can be met,” she said.

Since the early 1970s the state has passed regulations and the county has responded to the compliance as best they could, Niday explained.

“I go back to when the rules were originally written ... you can’t apply these limits to existing facilities because they are not able to meet them,” she said.

When the local landfill was first permitted by the

“Is there a risk to Rock County residents ...? Absolutely not — that’s my professional opinion.”

— Melanie Niday, hydrogeologist

state in 1998, the facility did not include a liner for leachate collection. It was determined that the clay base construction has the same containment abilities.

The state renewed the local demolition landfill again in 2004 under the original operating rules but has held up renewal of the 2009 permit until now, when intervention limits were added.

“The current staff is applying it (the rules) differently.”

With the exceeding of the intervention limits, Niday said the local detection of boron and manganese does not warrant any corrective action locally.

Her reasons include the following:

- The source of the elements is not known because a closed municipal landfill is located next to the current demolition landfill.

- The county owns the land 1,600 feet down gradient of the demolition landfill.

- Rural water service is available with a few existing wells more than 115 feet below the clay confining layer.

Niday was hired in 2015 by the county as a consultant at the suggestion of the MPCA as part of the permit renewal requirement. The county also added a third ground water testing point at the local landfill site.

Local officials are preparing a letter of non-compliance to the state under the new permit when it is officially received.

As of Oct. 30, the paper copy of the MPCA permit has not been received in the mail.

Luverne school nurse requests dedicated help in separate offices

By Mavis Fodness

School nurse Phil Paquette can’t be two places at once on the Luverne Public Schools campus.

He spoke Thursday night, Oct. 12, at the School Board workshop about hiring a school health aide for the school’s two nurse’s offices.

“The workload is manageable for one person but with the current situation of two offices it is not,” he said.

No formal board action was taken at the meeting.

Paquette said a handful of support staff, primarily secretaries, are instructed by him in various tasks, but they experience the same busy times of the school day.

“Morning, noon and end of day are the busy times,” he said. Separate nurse’s offices are located in the elementary school and in the middle-high school.

Paquette said in the first five weeks of the current school year, 15-25 students visited the elementary office per day on average.

In the middle-high school

the daily average was 15-20 students.

During the cold and flu season, he said the daily average jumps to 20-30 students.

In addition to the sudden illnesses and injuries, the nurse’s office dispenses daily medications to 22 elementary and 21 middle-high school students along with monitoring the health of five diabetics and six with seizure disorders.

During the day Paquette frequently walks between the two offices multiple times a day.

He is also on call to assist students with sudden violent outbursts or the 140 students with a history of food allergies or asthma.

A health aide would help Paquette with student needs when Paquette is at the other office.

Costs of the additional person and his/her work hours were not presented at the Oct. 12 meeting.

Qualifications for the aide position were discussed and ranged from no medical experience to a registered nurse.

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Last Man's Club founder and Luverne World War II veteran dies at 96

By Lori Sorenson

One of Luverne's most celebrated World War II veterans died Thursday, Oct. 26, leaving behind a legacy of military service in a community that meant the world to him.

Warren Herreid Sr. was 96 years old when he passed away peacefully in the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

The coffee mug with his name on it has been turned upside down in the Luverne grocery deli where Herreid and his comrades founded the Last Man's Club in 2010.

"He was a good guy — a real good guy," said 98-year-old Helmer Haakenson. "I was in the Army with him, and he wasn't afraid to do anything."

He and LeRoy Luitjens are now the only remaining Last Men of the 24 original World War II veterans in the coffee club. They will be honorary pallbearers in Herreid's funeral Thursday morning (today).

"It's coming to an end," Haakenson said. "There's nothing we can do about it."

Only a few years back, the Glen's Food Center deli table was filled with World War II veterans sipping coffee, swapping war stories and joking about which branch of the military was better.

Haakenson said he and Herreid had known each other since they were kids. They and their other club members grew up in a 1930s-era Luverne where the military was a way of life when boys lied about their age to join the National Guard.

Haakenson said he clearly remembers Jan. 16, 1941, when he and Herreid boarded a train with 124 other local recruits at the Luverne depot where thousands gathered to bid them farewell.

He and Herreid chugged along on that train to California and to a whole new world of military service. Six months later they were in Kodiak, Alaska, and then to battlegrounds in Europe.

Years later they returned home as grown men, forever changed by the influences of war.

In a Star Herald Millennium special edition, Herreid talked about a particularly dangerous Battle of the Bulge in 1944 when communication lines were cut.

Herreid and another soldier braved heavy artillery fire to reconnect wires between the command post and headquarters. In the process, he was injured by shrapnel to his leg.

The Army awarded him the Bronze Star, which would be the first of many commendations.

"He was very good with his hands," Haakenson said about his friend who went on to repair clocks and watches in the family Herreid Jewelry business back in Luverne.

Herreid, like most other combat veterans, didn't forget those days on the battlefield.

"I think you'll find that most any combat veteran will be reluctant to talk about their experience," Herreid said in that summer of 2000 interview.

"I saw lots of dead bodies — thousands of German bodies. We had to walk over them on some battlefields. I've tried to forget about lots of things that I saw and had happen to me during that war."

Despite his war experiences, he never considered himself a hero. In fact, he turned down a Purple Heart medal, because that was for his "many friends and comrades who suffered serious wounds, lost limbs and even their lives in battle," he told the Star Herald in 2003.

"With my minor Band-Aid wound, I couldn't in good conscience accept this prestigious medal," Herreid said.

"Those, like my good friend, (the late) Johnny Johnson, who honestly earned this award with their sacrifices, are the true heroes of the war."

This humility was characteristic of most Last Man's Club members and of the Greatest Generation as a whole.

"We got out," Haakenson said last week. "The heroes are the ones who lost their lives."



Lori Sorenson file photos

Warren Herreid jokes with his comrades during a toast for the Last Man's Club at the Veterans Day banquet in the Blue Mound Banquet Center in 2011. He's pictured with (from left) Robert Anderson, Jake Boomgaarden and Earl Glaser, all of whom have since passed away.



In the photograph at left, at the Veterans Day banquet in 2010, Warren Herreid introduces the Last Man's Club and the crated bottle of bourbon that the last man will open some day. He's pictured with LeRoy Luitjens, who is a remaining Last Man Club member, along with Helmer Haakenson.

Pictured below, in 2002 Sgt. Maj. Warren Herreid was named to the Camp Ripley Court of Honor. "I really am very proud to be able to represent Luverne and my National Guard family from Luverne," Herreid told the Star Herald.



"I really am very proud to be able to represent Luverne and my National Guard family from Luverne ... Luverne is a very strong Guards town, and I'm proud to represent my generation of that family with this honor."

— Warren Herreid, when his name was added to Camp Ripley's Court of Honor Military Museum

"There's something special about the Guards family that help you through life."

Service beyond the service

When the war ended, Herreid continued serving in the National Guard and retired in 1981 as a sergeant major.

He was active in the Luverne VFW and served as post commander from 1993 to 1996. After that he was appointed by the governor to the National Citizen's Committee of Luverne, and he continued to serve as a member of the southwest Minnesota ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve).

These efforts didn't go unnoticed.

In 2002 Herreid's name was etched in stone in Camp Ripley's Court of Honor Military Museum, which was established to honor individuals "who have, through dedicated service to State and Nation, attained uncommon prestige or who have performed otherwise highly distinguished service over an extended period of years."

It was a proud moment for

Herreid.

"That made me feel really good to see my name alongside of these people I've respected through the years — almost all generals are on this list," he said that spring about the award. "It's kind of an awesome honor."

Herreid was nominated for recognition by the Camp Ripley Memorialization Board, which is comprised of decorated colonels and generals, mostly retired.

"I really am very proud to be able to represent Luverne and my National Guard family from Luverne," Herreid was quoted as saying. "Luverne is a very strong Guards town, and I'm proud to represent my generation of that family with this honor."

His nomination to the Court of Honor stems largely from his role in developing a military leadership weekend course after he became operations sergeant of the G-3 in the mid-1970s.

His book, "The Professional

Military Leader," was the preface of a teaching manual used in the course, which became the precursor to training later conducted by the Minnesota Military Academy.

"Luverne is a great town. I have a lot of military comrades and friends here," he told the Star Herald in 2002.

"There's something special about the Guards family that help you through life. Also, the women of the Guards are very important. It takes you away from your family a lot, and my wife (Joyce) has been very supportive."

Herreid's son, Warren Herreid II, often returns to Luverne to honor his dad's mission. He and his wife, Jeannine Rivet, established the KAHR Foundation, which has helped to fund the Rock County Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Memorial Building (the former jail).

The most recent KAHR contribution will bring a new Minnesota National Guard Armory to Luverne

"They may be gone, but they are here with us in spirit. We miss them. ... We will never forget the hours spent together at Glen's coffee."

— Warren Herreid at the 2010 banquet, toasting the missing Last Man Club men

in 2020.

Honoring and remembering

Luitjens said he admired Herreid for his dedication to veterans.

"He was a person who could get things done and it would be done well," he said. "And he liked to joke around with us ... I guess that comes from military life."

At their first Veterans Day toast in 2010, Herreid introduced the club's purpose.

"To some, it may sound morbid, waiting for everyone to die except one," Herreid said. But he explained the group's purpose was to honor the members and to remember the ones who had died.

Seated with Herreid at the Last Man head table were Tim Tange-man, Ray Anderson, Helmer Haakenson, Jake Boomgaarden, Earl Glaser, LeRoy Luitjens, Casey Van Engelenhoven, Russ Swenson and Bob Anderson.

Seats and nametags at the table noted members unable to attend that night. Johnny Johnson, Big Carrigan and Bob Juhl were absent for health reasons, and Conrad Tofeland had already moved to Florida for the winter.

Chairs shrouded in black were placed at the table with name cards for the members who recently died.

"They may be gone, but they are here with us in spirit," Herreid said at that 2010 banquet, his voice cracking as he toasted the missing members. "We miss them. ... We will never forget the hours spent together at Glen's coffee."

Those names included Ted Anderson, Lawrence Akkerman, Floyd Goembel, George Gabrielson, Harvey Ball, Darwin Rogness, Charles Mann, Lawrence Overgaard, Bill Veenhof and Ray Slieter.

And then there were two

At one point this spring, Herreid pondered the notion of the last three last men — he and Haakenson and Luitjens — sharing a toast together from the Last Man's Club bourbon.

"Maybe we'll invite Mrs. Pawlenty," he told the Star Herald in May during a visit to his room in the Veterans Home.

Mary Pawlenty said the Luverne World War II veterans "captured her heart," and she paid visits to their coffee group and invited them to tea in the Governor's Mansion in 2005.

Now, it's up to Luitjens and Haakenson.

Article Ten of the Last Man's Club bylaws dictates what will happen when one remains:

The Last Man will remove the Official Bottle from the cabinet and put it in front of his own place setting at the banquet table.

At the conclusion of the meal, the Last Man will unseal and open the bottle and present it to the maitre d' who will fill the glass of the Last Man. The Last Man will then propose a toast to the Members who preceded him in death, with a salute to them before taking the first drink from his glass.

At that time, the maitre d' will fill the glasses of the guests who will propose a toast to the Last Man Club, raising their glasses to those who have gone before, and finally, to the Last Man before drinking.

Herreid's complete obituary appears on page 7A.



John Rittenhouse photo/1102 lhs girls cc 12

Luverne seventh-grader Tiana Lais (left) and freshman Autumn Nath (right) helped the Cardinal girls win their third consecutive Section 3A Cross Country title Thursday in Madison. The Cards compete at state Saturday.

Girls extend section dominance

By John Rittenhouse

Adverse weather conditions and the competition couldn't keep the Luverne girls' cross country team from accomplishing a mission Thursday.

The Cardinals traveled to Madison on a quest to capture the program's third consecutive team title at Section 3A Cross Country Championships.

The athletes and spectators were greeted by temperatures in the high 30s with wind speeds in the upper 30s as well when they arrived at the course, but none of that seemed to matter to LHS.

The Cardinals turned in a 53-point performance to best second-place finishing Lac qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd (62 points) and the rest of the teams in the 20-squad field to capture the crown they coveted.

By capturing the section title, the Cardinals earned their 10th berth into state competition as a team since the 2002 season.

Luverne runs at the Minnesota State Class A Cross Country Championships at St. Olaf College in Northfield Saturday, where the Cards have turned in fourth-place finishes at the last two state classics.

The girls' varsity race is



John Rittenhouse photo/1102 lhs girls cc 2

Eighth-grader Tenley Nelson placed second individually to lead the Cardinals to the section title Thursday in Madison.

slated for 1 p.m.

The Cardinals received a strong performance as a team

that featured three top-10 individual finishes to best the competition in Madison.

Eighth-grader Tenley Nelson led the charge by placing second individually in a 135-runner field with a time of 19:39.

Two more LHS underclassmen joined Nelson as top-10 finishers.

Freshman Regan Feit completed the course in 20:36 to place seventh.

Eighth-grader Brooklynn Ver Steeg finished ninth with a time of 20:56.

Freshman Autumn Nath and seventh-grader Tiana Lais also ran strong races to round out Luverne's strong performance as a team.

Nath placed 17th with a time of 21:47 while Lais rounded out the team scoring by placing 20th in 21:53.

Junior Gabrielle Ferrell and freshman Cassie Flanagan competed at the meet for LHS as well.

Ferrell placed 24th in 22:02, while Flanagan finished 66th in 23:28.

Team standings: Luverne 53, LQPV-D-B 62, Pipestone 116, Canby-Minnesota 117, Murray County Central-Fulda 164, Southwest Christian-Edgerton 191, Wabasso 226, Redwood Valley 255, Montevideo 279, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 285, Heron Lake-Okabena 290, Springfield-Cromey-Cedar Mountain 331, Jackson County Central 374, Mountain Lake Area 379, Windom 392, BOLD-Buffalo Lake-Hector 397, Ortonville 408, Adrian 421, Hendricks 459, Yellow Medicine East 564.

Adrian senior advances to state individually

By John Rittenhouse

An Adrian High School senior extended the cross country season during the Section 3A meet in Madison Thursday.

Brady Henning, one of four AHS boys competing at the event, qualified for the state meet by wrapping up one of the eight individual berths that were up for grabs at the event.

The top two teams and the top eight runners who are not members of the first- and second-place teams qualify for the state classic at the section level.

Henning secured the seventh qualifying berth into state competition by placing 11th overall with a time of 17:48.

A total of 144 runners competed in the race.

The AHS standout will compete at the Minnesota State Class A Cross Country Championships at St. Olaf College in Northfield Saturday.

Henning is the first AHS athlete to qualify for state since the 2015 season.

The Class A boys' varsity race is set for 2 p.m.

Henning was the top runner for an AHS squad that was incomplete for team competition Thursday.

Lac qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd claimed the boys' team title in an 18-squad field with 64 points.

Mountain Lake Area placed second with 84 points.

Christian Weidert placed 66th with a time of 20:04 for the Adrian boys.

Caleb Hornstein and Mitchell Veld finished 118th and 139th with respective 22:22 and 24:51 efforts.

The Adrian girls wrapped up the 2017 season at the section event.

The Dragons placed 18th in a

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Adrian senior Brady Henning qualified for state competition individually during the Section 3A meet Thursday in Madison.

Fairmont ousts Luverne gridders

By John Rittenhouse

Facing a two-point deficit with less than nine minutes left to play, the Luverne Cardinals were in a position to register a huge upset in the semifinal round of the Section 3AAA Football Playoffs Saturday in Fairmont.

The problem was, no one told the top-seeded Fairmont Cardinals that they were supposed to panic.

Fairmont rose to the challenge with gusto by scoring three touchdowns, including two pass interception returns for tallies, in a span of 2:38 to ice a 42-19 victory.

Fairmont's late scoring surge snapped a five-game win streak for fourth-seeded LHS and ended a 5-5 campaign for the Cardinals.

The game's final margin of 23 points may indicate the game was a mismatch, but that wasn't the case.

Luverne sported a pair of leads in the first half and trailed by two (21-19) after registering a touchdown at the 8:36 mark of the fourth quarter.

Unfortunately for LHS, Fairmont didn't succumb to the pressure it faced.

The hosts recorded two touchdowns in 60 seconds and added another tally 1:38 later to win the game handily.

Luverne threatened to score early in the fourth quarter by



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Luverne senior Kaysn Kruse hauls in a screen pass during Saturday's section playoff game in Fairmont.



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Luverne senior Alexis Ferrell tips the ball over a pair of St. James blockers during Thursday's 3-0 tournament win over the Saints in Luverne. Ferrell led the Cards with 14 kills in the match.

Cards sweep Saints in tourney debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team advances to the semifinal round of the South Section 3AAA Tournament after posting a win in the quarterfinals Thursday in Luverne.

LHS, the tournament's second seed, received a strong

challenge from seventh-seeded St. James in front of a big crowd in the Cardinal gym.

LHS managed to answer the challenge by outscoring the Saints 75-52 during a 3-0 victory.

The win set up a meeting between 19-4 Luverne and

third-seeded Jackson County Central during the semifinals Tuesday (Oct. 31) in Luverne.

The Cards won two matches against the Huskies during the regular season.

LHS also swept St. James

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H-BC nips SWC in five sets to open 3A event

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots survived a scare during the quarterfinal round of the South Section 3A Volleyball Tournament Friday in Hills.

The fourth-seeded Patriots and No. 5 Southwest Christian exchanged wins during the first four sets of a tightly contested match.

SWC was on the verge of upsetting the Patriots when it opened a four-point lead late in the fifth set, but a late surge by H-BC gave the hosts a 3-2 victory.

The win gave H-BC a 24-6 record heading into a semi-final-round showdown with No. 1 Tracy-Milroy-Balaton in Worthington Tuesday, Oct 31.

It looked like the E-Gals may be heading to Worthington when they opened a 5-1 lead in the fifth set in Friday's match.

H-BC closed the margin to one point at 5-4 and the Patriots trailed by two (9-7) as the set progressed, but a 3-1 spurt by SWC gave the E-Gals a 12-8 advantage.

The Patriots, however, countered with a 7-0 run ending with an ace tip from Sidney Fick to secure a 15-12 victory.

H-BC staged another thrilling rally to pull out a win in the first set.

The score was knotted at 14 when the E-Gals gained a 21-16 cushion at the end of a 7-2 run.

H-BC fought back to gain three one-point edges before Kourtney Rozeboom sealed a 28-26 win with an ace tip.

SWC scored the first three points of the second set on the way to building a 16-8



John Rittenhouse photo/1102 hbc vb 11

Hills-Beaver Creek's Halle Hoekstra registers one of her 10 kills during Friday's home victory over Southwest Christian. The Patriots edged the E-Gals to advance in postseason play.

advantage.

A kill from H-BC's Rozeboom trimmed the difference to four points (23-19) late in the set, but SWC registered the next two points to seal a 25-19 win.

The third set was tied at six when H-BC went on an 8-2 run capped by a service point from Megan Gehrke to open a 13-8 lead.

SWC countered with a 9-2 run to move in front 17-15, but H-BC answered the challenge.

An 8-2 surge capped by a service point from Olivia Richards put the Patriots in front 23-19 before Gehrke settled the issue with a service point that gave the Patriots a 25-20 victory.

The fourth set was tied at three when SWC went on a 14-4 run to open a 17-7 advantage.

H-BC closed the margin to six points (19-13) with a service point from Fick, but SWC scored six of the next nine

points to secure a 25-16 win.

Fick (12 kills, seven blocks and eight digs), Gehrke (24 set assists and three kills), Richards (11 kills, seven blocks and seven digs), Rozeboom (eight kills and six blocks), Halle Hoekstra (10 kills, three blocks and three ace serves) and Avery Wysock (seven kills, seven set assists and four ace serves) led H-BC statistically.

Madison Spath added six digs to the winning cause.

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during a road match Aug. 31, but the Saints didn't make things easy on the Cards in the rematch.

St. James sported leads in all three sets without being able to win one of them.

The Saints scored the first two points of the opening set on the way to building an 11-7 advantage.

Luverne countered with a 10-2 run to take a 17-13 lead after Alexis Ferrell recorded a kill, but the Saints fought back

to retake the lead at 18-17.

The Cardinals reasserted themselves late in the set by going on an 8-1 run to secure a 25-19 win after Greta Ahrendt recorded a set-ending tip.

The second set was knotted at six before Luverne gained control of the contest with a 14-2 surge capped by an ace serve from Sierra Schmuck that left the Cards sporting a 20-8 advantage.

LHS went on to win by 13 points (25-12) after Ahrendt

charted a set-ending block.

St. James opened a 5-1 cushion early in the third set and led 14-11 as the contest progressed.

A four-point run ending with a tip from Ferrell gave the Cards a 15-14 edge, but the Saints battled back to sport three one-point edges at the set progressed.

LHS trailed 21-20 when it reeled off five consecutive points to clinch a 25-21 victory after Mackenzie Petersen

delivered a match-ending service point.

Schmuck (14 of 14 serving with two aces and 10 set assists) and Ferrell (14 kills, 19 digs, five blocks and 13 of 13 serving with two aces) turned in productive nights for the winners.

Tacey Baustian (14 set assists), Ahrendt (10 kills) and Gracie Bosch (eight digs) also made key contributions to the effort.

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moving the ball to the Fairmont six-yard line, but the threat ended when Brady Allen intercepted a pass for the hosts on the first play of the final stanza.

LHS got the ball back three plays later after forcing Fairmont to punt, and the Cards didn't squander the excellent field position they gained by taking over the ball on the FHS 42-yard line.

The third play of the series featured a 36-yard pass from Ben Serie to Charlie Reisch that advanced the ball inside the FHS 5.

Declan Beers scored on a two-yard plunge during the next play and Frederick Nielsen added the extra point to trim what was a nine-point Fairmont lead down to two (21-19) with 8:36 remaining.

Fairmont answered the challenge in a hurry.

The hosts covered 60 yards in eight plays during their next offensive possession.

The drive ended with quarterback Nathan Kallenbach

tossing a four-yard touchdown pass to Hayden Berhow with 4:48 left to play.

Kallenbach added his fourth of six consecutive extra points following the touchdown to make it a 28-19 game.

Luverne, which turned the ball over four times in the contest, tossed a pair of costly interceptions in the final minutes to enable Fairmont to win handily.

Fairmont's Wyatt Quiring picked off a pass on the third play of Luverne's next possession and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown to up the lead to 16 points (35-19) with 3:48 remaining.

Allen intercepted a pass on the sixth play of Luverne's next possession and returned it 67 yards for a touchdown to cap the scoring at the 2:10 mark of the final stanza.

Both teams turned in impressive drives with their first offensive possessions of the game.

LHS received the game's opening kickoff and promptly

advanced the ball 72 yards in 13 plays.

The drive ended with Serie firing a six-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Reisdorfer at the 4:26 mark of the first quarter.

Luverne's extra-point attempt was blocked, which left the door open for Fairmont to gain the lead before the first quarter was complete.

FHS put together a six-play, 63-yard drive during an opening possession that ended with Kallenbach tossing a four-yard touchdown pass to Sam Schiewer that put the hosts in front 7-6.

The teams proceeded to exchange possessions before Luverne regained the lead with 5:24 remaining in the second quarter.

An eight-play, 68-yard march came to an end with Serie hooking up with Tucker Oeltjenbruns for a 14-yard touchdown pass.

The Cards attempted a conversion pass that was batted down at the line of scrimmage following the touchdown, leaving LHS with a 12-7 advantage.

Luverne's lead didn't last long as Fairmont covered 51 yards in seven plays with its next possession.

The march ended with Jordan Walter scoring on a 10-yard run to make it a 14-12 game with 3:15 left in the first half.

Fairmont did threaten to score again late in the second quarter after blocking a punt on the LHS 16 with 1:33 remaining.

The Cardinals, however, dodged a bullet when Charlie Reisch intercepted a pass near the end zone with eight seconds left.

Another miscue on special teams cost LHS seven points in the third quarter.

Fairmont punted the ball at the end of the opening possession of the second half, but the ball caromed off the leg of a Luverne return man and FHS recovered the ball on the LHS one.

Kallenbach scored on a one-yard run during the next play to make it a 21-12 game 1:31 into the third stanza.

Team statistics
Luverne: 70 rushing yards, 281 passing yards, 351 total yards, 21 first downs, five penalties for 25 yards, four turnovers.
Fairmont: 71 rushing yards, 193 passing yards, 264 total yards, 18 first downs, three penalties for 30 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Kasyn Kruse 9-34, Beers 11-18, Serie 4-12, Mark Sterrett 1-6, Kane Weston 2-6, Brayden Jacobsma 1-1, Cade Wenninger 1-minus 7.
Passing: Serie 20-31 for 281 yards.
Receiving: Reisch 4-91, Beers 4-85, Oeltjenbruns 4-46, Reisdorfer 5-33, Kruse 3-36.
Defense: Max Skattum six tackles, Jed Dooyema 4.5 tackles, Kruse four tackles, James Chanthalangsy four tackles, Payne Bonnett four tackles and one sack, Beers 3.5 tackles, Reisch one interception.



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Junior Dalton DeSollar turned in Luverne's top effort by placing 16th at the section meet in Madison Thursday.

Boys complete season

By John Rittenhouse

The 2017 cross country season came to an end for the Luverne boys during the Section 3A Championships Thursday in Madison. During a meet that sends the top two teams and the eight other individuals who are not members of the top two teams on to state competition, the Cardinals did not meet the standards.

LHS finished fifth as a team and its top individual finisher placed 16th overall, which happened to be one place short of moving on to state individually.

Meet host Lac qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd captured the team championship with 64 points.

LQPV-D-B advances to state as a team along with Mountain Lake Area, which finished second with 84 points.

Luverne finished fifth in an 18-team field with 150 points.

Junior Dalton DeSollar turned in Luverne's top performance by placing 16th in a 144-runner field with a time of 18:12.

His 16th-place effort ended up being the ninth best finish registered by athletes who were not members of the LQPV-D-B and MLA squads.

Jonah Friedrichsen also ran a strong race for the Cards by finishing 19th in 18:25.

Shane Berning (36th in 18:44), Brayden Tofteland (37th in 18:45) and Austin Winter (47th in 19:19) made contributions to Luverne's team tally.

Brady Bork and Jackson Golla placed 58th and 68th with respective 19:48 and 20:08 efforts.

Here is a look at the final team standings from the section meet.

LQPV-D-B 64, MLA 84, Canby-Minnesota 128, Montevideo 135, Luverne 150, Murray County Central-Fulda 173, Redwood Valley 187, Pipestone 236, Windom 238, BOLD 275, Springfield-Cedar Mountain-Comfrey 323, Jackson County Central 331, Lakeview 351, Heron Lake-Okabena 355, Ortonville 362, Southwest Minnesota Christian-Edgerton 440, Yellow Medicine East 453, Wabasso 530.

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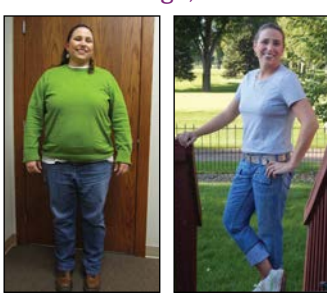
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Greyhounds eliminate Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

A penalty-plagued performance by the Adrian football team led to a season-ending loss Saturday in New Ulm.

Having lost a 48-21 decision to New Ulm Cathedral back in late September, the sixth-seeded Dragons needed to play a perfect game to take down the second-seeded Greyhounds in the semifinal round of the Section 3A Playoffs.

The way things panned out, the Dragons didn't produce the perfect game.

Adrian was flagged 13 times for 147 yards and the penalties proved to be the main reason why the Dragons came up on the short end of a 40-7 decision.

The Dragons end the year with a 2-8 record.

"You can't have nearly 150 yards worth of penalties and win a football game," said Adrian coach Randy Schettler. "It just doesn't work that way. It was kind of tough to take because we were the more physical team, but we just had too many penalties to overcome."

NUC took advantage of Adrian's mistakes to put the game away early.

The Greyhounds opened a 28-0 halftime advantage and scored the first 34 points in a game they eventually won by 33 points.

After a holding penalty forced the Dragons to punt at

the end of their first offensive possession, NUC started a run of producing touchdowns with five consecutive possessions.

The Greyhounds' opening drive covered 69 yards in 16 plays.

Facing a fourth-and-five situation deep in AHS territory, the Greyhounds completed the drive when quarterback Jacob Manderfeld delivered a 21-yard touchdown pass to Colton Braulick to make it a 6-0 game at the 5:12 mark of the first quarter.

The Greyhounds got the ball back when Adrian's second possession stalled on downs at the NUC 43.

Running back Mark Schommer scored on a 57-yard run during the next play and carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to up the lead to 14-0 with 1:30 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Greyhounds doubled their lead (28-0) by recording two second-quarter touchdowns.

Following a punt by AHS, the hosts covered 93 yards in seven plays when Manderfeld scored on a five-yard run.

The first of two extra points by David Berg followed the touchdown.

The Greyhounds put together an 11-play, 54-yard drive after another AHS punt as the second quarter progressed.

Manderfeld tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Alex

Hillesheim to cap the drive with 23 seconds remaining in the stanza to give NUC a 28-0 lead it would take into the second half.

The Greyhounds completed their 34-point run by moving the ball 52 yards in four plays to start the second half.

The possession ended with Nathan Hauser scoring on a 37-yard run.

The teams proceeded to exchange turnovers before AHS broke through late in the third quarter.

The Dragons marched 80 yards in eight plays during a series capped by a four-yard run from Landon Rogers.

Dominic Canales added the extra point to make it 34-7 with seven seconds left in the third stanza.

Hauser produced the final points of the game for NUC when he scored on a 30-yard run with 5:04 left in the fourth quarter.

Team statistics
Adrian: 224 rushing yards, 60 passing yards, 284 total yards, 12 first downs, 13 penalties for 147 yards, two turnovers.
NUC: 293 rushing yards, 46 passing yards, 339 total yards, seven first downs, five penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Brandon Schnoor 6-21, Nick Harder 6-34, Ryan Wieneke 10-26, Rogers 29-139, Lance Luettel 1-3, Dakota John 1-1.
Passing: Wieneke 2-7 for 60 yards.
Receiving: Trace Kremin 1-42, Brendyn White 1-18.
Defense: Harder seven tackles, Rogers 10 tackles, Scot Edwards six tackles, Luettel four tackles, Wieneke four tackles, Skylar Dingmann three tackles, Chance Turner three tackles, John three tackles, White three tackles.

H-BC Patriots bow out of playoffs Oct. 24

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots bowed out of the Section 3 nine-man football playoffs after taking an opening-round setback in Mountain Lake Oct. 24.

The fifth-seeded Patriots were almost at full strength after playing the past two-plus games with a number of starters on the sidelines.

Ultimately it didn't seem to matter against No. 4 Mountain Lake Area.

The Wolverines scored the first two touchdowns of the game to set the stage for a 14-6 victory.

It was H-BC's third consecutive loss and the setback put an end to a 4-5 campaign.

"In a way, it was a tale of our entire season," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

"We lost four games by one touchdown and this was another one. I give MLA a lot of credit. They have a good team that can do a lot of different things offensively."

It was what H-BC didn't do early in the game that played a large part in the outcome.

Two of H-BC's early offensive possessions stalled on downs at the MLA 10- and 28-yard lines.

"We put together some nice drives, but we couldn't finish them," Metzger said.

The Wolverines mounted an impressive drive that yielded the lone points of the first half in the game's second quarter.

MLA covered 73 yards during a march that ended with less than four minutes remaining in the first half.

The drive ended with quarterback Abraham Stoesz tossing an 11-yard touchdown pass to Sam Paulson.

A successful conversion pass followed the touchdown, leaving the Wolverines with an 8-0 advantage they would take into the second half.

MLA upped the advantage to 14 points with its first offensive possession of the third quarter.

After forcing the Patriots to punt, the Wolverines took over on the 50 and promptly advanced the ball to the H-BC one-yard line, where Jeff Wright capped the possession with a touchdown plunge.

MLA's 14-0 remained intact until the final minutes of the contest.

H-BC put together a 13-play, 39-yard drive ending with a four-yard touchdown run by Gavin Wysong with less than

three minutes remaining.

A pass for a two-point conversion following the tally failed, and the Patriots didn't gain possession of the ball the rest of the night.

Although H-BC dropped five of its last seven contests after a 2-0 start, Metzger was impressed by the way his players handled all of the adversity this season that started when senior Trenton Bass sustained a serious neck injury in Mountain Lake in Week 3.

"With all of the injuries and things, our guys really went through a lot this year. I'm proud of the way they kept fighting and stuck together through it all," he concluded.

Team statistics
H-BC: 191 rushing yards, 37 passing yards, 228 total yards, 13 first downs, three penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.
MLA: 138 rushing yards, 95 passing yards, 233 total yards, 12 first downs, one penalty for 10 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: G. Wysong 23-148, Jax Wysong 16-30, Easton Harnack 3-minus 8, Tyson Bork 3-2, Bailey Susie 3-19.
Passing: Harnack 5-14 for 37 yards.
Receiving: G. Wysong 1-2, Josh Kueter 1-7, Susie 1-4, Luke LaRock 2-24.
Defense: Dawson Leenderts six tackles, T. Bork three tackles, Susie eight tackles, Dean Fuerstenberg eight tackles, Preston Maassen 14 tackles, Garrett Raymon 10 tackles, Jesse Elbers eight tackles, Dylan Taubert two tackles.



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Luverne senior tailback Declan Beers ran for 99 yards and one touchdown during a 21-8 win over Worthington in the Section 3AAA quarterfinals in Luverne Oct. 24.

Cards dump Trojans in opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals earned a berth in the semifinals of the Section 3AAA Football Playoffs by upending Worthington 21-8 during the quarterfinals Oct. 24 in Luverne.

Led by a stout defensive effort and a pair of extended offensive drives, fourth-seeded LHS scored the first 21 points of the game and never lost control of the contest even though No. 5 WHS scored eight second-half points off of turnovers.

"I think our kids played well," said Cardinal coach Todd Oye.

"Our defense has gone two games now without giving up points. It's tough to lose a game when your defense isn't giving up points."

It was the work of the LHS defense that set up the game's first touchdown.

The Cardinals forced Worthington to punt deep inside its own territory at the end of the Trojans' second offensive possession.

A short punt gave the LHS

offense the ball on Worthington's 33-yard line, and the Cardinals took advantage of the field position as quarterback Ben Serie capped a three-play series with a five-yard touchdown run at the 4:22 mark of the first quarter.

The ensuing run for a two-point conversion came up short, leaving the Cards with a 6-0 cushion.

The LHS offense turned in an impressive drive during its third possession of the contest.

Taking over on their own six-yard line, the Cards moved the ball 94 yards in 16 plays.

The march ended with senior Declan Beers scoring on a one-yard plunge and classmate Kasyn Kruse carrying in the two-point conversion with 3:33 remaining in the second quarter to give the Cards a 14-0 lead they would take into the second half.

LHS iced the win by producing seven points with its first possession of the second half.

The Cardinals received the kickoff to start the third quarter and promptly moved the

ball 59 yards in 11 plays.

Serie capped the march with a one-yard run and Frederick Nielsen added the extra point to make it a 21-0 game with 6:26 remaining in the third quarter.

"I think our offensive and defensive lines are getting better," Oye said.

"Our defense is doing a good job of giving us good field position, our defensive backs are making interceptions and our linebackers are doing a better job of getting off blocks and making tackles."

A pair of LHS mistakes allowed WHS to score the final eight points of the contest.

Worthington was threatening to score with its first possession of the second half before Luverne's Tyler Reisdorfer recovered a fumble on the three-yard line to end the threat.

The Cards attempted to punt three plays later, but the snap sailed over the punter's head and out of the back of the end

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St. Catherine Catholic Church
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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Saturday, Nov. 4: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Nov. 5: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. Confirmation.

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

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 2: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Noon Senior Focus Potluck. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 5: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 6 p.m. Evening Worship. Monday, Nov. 6: 11:30 a.m. Senior Focus Get-Together at Luverne Pizza Ranch. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 6:30 p.m. AWANA/Red, White & Blue Night for Veterans Day. Thursday, Nov. 9: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 2: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action in Fellowship Hall. Friday, Nov. 3: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Nov. 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion; Adult baptism/confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Bounce & Berry for Grades 6-12. Sunday, Nov. 5: Noisy Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee; Grades 1-5 Christmas practice; Adult Study. Monday, Nov. 6: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW Executive Board. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir; Confirmation grades 6-8; Chancel Choir rehearsal.

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, Nov. 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altana, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 2: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. Friday, Nov. 3: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Nov. 4: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Julie Schuur Open House. Sunday, Nov. 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Noon Commons reserved. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF; Senior RCYF. Monday, Nov. 6: 7 p.m. Esther Circle; Consistory Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 6-7:15 Spaghetti Supper and Bake-Off Auction. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle/Stepping Up. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Nov. 9: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luvneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 2: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Nov. 4: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 2-4 p.m. Bos-seler/Reisdorfer Bridal Shower. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Nov. 6: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 8 a.m. Priscilla Circle. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 5-7 p.m. Bison Feed. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. (Confirmation helps with Bison Feed). 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Nov. 9: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Sunday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. High School and Middle School raking. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:10 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Session. Thursday, Nov. 9: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

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 Kiatt, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, Nov. 4: 1:30 p.m. Chancel Guild. 5:30 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Soup supper and bingo. Sunday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m. Worship; choir sings. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, Nov. 6: 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. High School Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. Thursday, Nov. 9: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Thursday, Nov. 2: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Nov. 3: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner. Monday, Nov. 6: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Nov. 9: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m. Thankoffering Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Reformation Worship Service. Monday, Nov. 6: 7 p.m. Intern Team Meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Thursday, Nov. 2: 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Sunday, Nov. 5: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Thankoffering Worship with Communion. Monday, Nov. 6: 7 p.m. Intern Team Meeting at First Lutheran. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

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

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Reading the Bible; Sunday School Christmas practice. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Nov. 7: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Nov. 8: 9 a.m. Quilting. 5-7 p.m. Fall Festival; No Confirmation or Youth Night.

Fitting in with Lutherans, Catholics (a reflection)

As I write this, it is Sunday Oct. 28, 2017. This is a day in which churches across the region, and probably the world, come together to worship on a Sunday called Reformation Sunday.



This year has been especially important because Oct. 31 marks 500 years since a lone monk stood at the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. As I picture this monk in my mind, I see him standing there with a hammer in one hand, a poster-size piece of paper in the other, and a nail in his mouth. On this door, which opens to the church, are posted many other types of announcements because in 1571, a church door was the community bulletin board, much like you would see at the local grocery store.

Martin Luther knew come the next day, Sunday, people would stop and look to see what was happening and they would see this newly printed document called "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences" a.k.a. "The 95 Theses." In his heart, Martin Luther was hoping to start a discussion on some of the Catholic Church practices. And so much like our Facebooks of today, Martin Luther was looking for the "thumbs up" response so he could get this discussion underway.

Things went another direction and here it is 500 years later when we stop to remember what happened to change our religious life.

As the pastor of Adrian and Magnolia UMC I have a unique relationship with churches in both Rock and Nobles counties. There are many churches in Luverne, one in Magnolia and four in Adrian. On Sunday, Oct. 29, I was asked to be part of a service with the Lutherans and Catholics coming together on this special day in worship service at St. Adrian Catholic Church. Pastor

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Kristi Franken, Adrian/Magnolia United Methodist Church

Kerry Boese represented the Lutherans and Father Rick Colletti the Catholics and me, a Protestant of the United Methodist Church.

The nail Martin Luther drove into the church door also was the nail that divided religious thinking and practices. Martin Luther was dismissed from the Catholic Church and left his life as a monk and went on to translate the New Testament in German, the language of the people. This would also start another revolution as now people would be able to read the New Testament.

After our joint service, like good Minnesotans, everyone was invited to come downstairs for the coffee and tempting sweets. As I sat at the table, I realized I was not a stranger in the midst but a welcomed clergy sister in Christ. I made the comment that I can attend either the Lutheran or Catholic Church services and feel right at home with either because I know we all worship the same God, Christ, and Spirit. One of my Catholic friends said, "That is great to know that because several years ago it would not have been like that."

All this reminded me that we live in a world critical of what is right and which way is wrong. Today, 500 years later, I saw with my very own eyes what two churches can do together when they come together instead of apart.

And that, my friends, is what it's like to find myself living among the unity of the Lutherans and Catholics. We are all part of God's plan and God's plan is to work together not against each other. Let's honor each other as the son or daughter of God and not which church we attend.

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Sorenson probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

County of Rock
In Re: Estate of
Roger Selmer Sorenson, a/k/a Roger S. Sorenson
a/k/a Roger Sorenson,
Deceased

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-306

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 13th day of November, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Cynthia Baldwin, whose address is 1355 East 5th Street N., Mountain Home, Idaho 83647, 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: October 17, 2017

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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

(COURT SEAL)
(10-26, 11-2)

City of Luverne adopts
Ordinance No. 358

ORDINANCE NO. 358, THIRD SERIES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "ZONING MAP" PROVIDED FOR
IN CITY CODE, SECTION 11.26, TO INCLUDE EXPANDING I-1 LIMITED INDUS-
TRIAL DISTRICT AND REZONING TRACTS IN LOT 6, 7, AND 11, AUDITOR'S
PLAT #3 FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO I-1,
(PARCELS 20-0228-000, 20-0227-000, AND 20-0228-300)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" governed and established by City Code, Section 11.26, originally adopted by Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, and succeeding amendments, is hereby amended and this ordinance constitutes the "Fifth Amendment to City of Luverne Zoning Map" to rezone the said property from R-1, Single Family Residential, to I-1 Limited Industrial District described as follows:

DESCRIPTION - That part of Lot Seven (7) in Auditor's Plat No. Three (3) in the Subdivision of Outlot Seventeen (17) in County Auditor's Plat of Luverne Outlots in Section Ten (10), in Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Forty-Five (45) West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner (SW Cor.) of Lot One (1), in said Outlot Seventeen (17) which is also described as the Southeast Corner (SE Cor.) of Lot Seven (7) in said Outlot Seventeen (17), thence westerly along the South line of said Outlot a distance of 330.00 feet, thence northerly a distance of 316.19 feet, thence easterly a distance of 169.45 feet to the Northwest Corner (NW Cor.) of Lot Six (6), in said Outlot, thence Southerly a distance of 109.74 feet to the Southwest Corner (SW Cor.) of said Lot Six (6), thence Southeasterly a distance of 160.55 feet along the South line of said Lot Six (6) to the Southeast Corner (SE Cor.) of said Lot Six (6), thence Southerly a distance of 200.76 feet to the point of beginning, subject to easements, if any.

AND Lot Six (6) in County Auditor's Plat No. 3 to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements of record, if any.

AND Lot Eleven (11), except the West One Hundred Fifty (W 150) feet thereof, in Auditor's Plat No. 3 in the subdivision of Outlot Seventeen (17) of County Auditor's Plat of Luverne Outlots in Section Ten (10), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Forty-Five (45) West of the 5th P.M.

SEC. 2. The City Administrator is hereby instructed to cause the official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" as adopted in said Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, to be amended consistent with the amendment adopted herein including the notation of this ordinance number and its adoption date thereon and when so amended, said Zoning Map shall henceforth be the "City of Luverne Zoning Map" of all zoning districts delineated in City Code, Chapter 11.

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

/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator
(11-02, 11-09)

ISD #2184 Special meeting
Oct. 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 October 9, 2017, at 7:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Jodi Bosch and Colleen Deutsch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, and Mike Hubbard.

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

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl noted the full Review and Comment document had been sent to the School Board members. The School Board also received a copy of the letter from the Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner, Brenda Casselius. Commissioner Casselius noted a positive review and comment.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the Review and Comment and to accept the positive review and comment from the Minnesota Department of Education. Motion unanimously carried. The Review and Comment will now be published in the Rock County Star Herald.

It was noted that with the positive Review and Comment that was received from the Department of Education, a simple majority vote (50% +1) is needed to proceed with the proposed building/remodeling project. If a favorable Review and Comment would not have been received, a majority vote of 60% would have been needed to proceed with the project.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
Dated: October 9, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(11-02)

ISD #2184 School Board
meets Sept. 28

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 September 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Ryan Johnson, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried. Stacy Gillette presented a data showcase of test scores from last Spring.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to approve the September 14, 2017, school board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the bills with the School Board. Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to approve payment of the school district bills as presented in the amount of \$794,095.42. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of August 31, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the AIA Document B101-2007 - Owner and Architect Contract with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the AIA Document B1244/ARCH-CM-1993 - Owner and Architect Contract for Construction Management with Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the revised Health and Safety / Long-Term Facility Maintenance with the School Board. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the revised Health and Safety Long Term Facility Maintenance Revenue Application - Ten Year Expenditure as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann and Superintendent Craig Oftedahl reviewed the 2017 Payable 2018 Preliminary Levy Certification with the School Board. It was recommended that the School Board set the maximum at this time. This will allow for changes prior to the final levy being certified in December. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to set the 2017 Payable 2018 Preliminary Levy at Maximum. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to set the Public Budget Hearing (Truth-in-Taxation Hearing) for December 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Member Deutsch moved the adoption of the following Resolution:
**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE
NOVEMBER 7, 2017, SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The individuals specified on Exhibit A attached hereto, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the school district's special election on November 7, 2017 to act as such at the combined polling place listed on said exhibit.

Exhibit A: David Meyer, Head Election Judge
Diane Ossenfort
Annabelle Frakes
Gloria Nelson
Shirley Harrison
James Harner
Ruth Stoakes

2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Jarchow. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Hartman, Deutsch, Sehr, Sandbulte, Jarchow and Baustian; and the following voted against: none; Member Bosch was absent; whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve a request from Lynette Stensland, Elementary teacher, for a medical leave of absence from October 23 - November 30, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Doris Apel as two-hour food service worker. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the following items from the administrator negotiations: salary increase of 3.5% each year; 403(b) match implemented; sick leave maximum to 135 days; and increase in health insurance premium contribution. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Contract with Stacy Gillette, Elementary Principal. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Contract with Ryan Johnson, Middle/High School Principal. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Contract with Karen Willers, Community Education-ECFE-School Readiness Director. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. Member Baustian reported she attended the Child Guide advisory board meeting. Member Deutsch reported on Special Olympics.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
Dated: September 28, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
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