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Classes start Sept. 16 as planned in Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

Classes for Luverne Public Schools are a few weeks away and school officials have developed contingency plans as if none of the new classrooms are ready.

School begins Sept. 16.

Currently, the remodeling of the seven classrooms on the second floor of the west wing remains unfinished along with the new band and choir suites in the former middle-high school auditorium.

Some classes may meet in other areas of the school until the classrooms are ready, according to the contingency plans.

Board members toured the construction progress Thursday night, Aug. 22, and reviewed the plans in case none of the classrooms are ready for student occupancy.

"We are going everything we can to get you in there," said ICS Consulting project manager Roger Koens. "We just have to work a little faster."

In early March, workers with Gil Haugen Construction in Sioux Falls be-

Luverne construction plan/see page 2

Airport hosts pancakes, planes, classic cars

About 400 people attended the fly-in and drive-in pancake breakfast Saturday morning at Quentin Aanenson Field Luverne Municipal Airport.

Jerry Aanenson traveled to Luverne from Maryland to take in the event and to honor his dad, the late Quentin Aanenson, a World War II fighter pilot and Luverne legendary war hero.

"I'm here to honor my father," he said, wearing his dad's aviation jacket. "This is the closest I get to my dad, other than Arlington National Cemetery."

He said he enjoys spending time

at the Herreid Military Museum in the Courthouse Square where a video loop plays scenes from "The WAR," a Ken Burns documentary film that includes Quentin Aanenson's story.

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Photos and text
by Lori Sorenson



Jerry Aanenson traveled to Luverne from Maryland Saturday morning to honor his dad, the late Quentin Aanenson, a World War II fighter pilot and Luverne legendary war hero.

Above left, Lauren Clark, Sioux Falls, was one of several to venture a first-time tandem jump with Skydive Adventures member Joe Negrete.

Ellsworth replaces city hall that was destroyed in fire

Aug. 29 informational meeting to outline new building blueprints, fundraising plans

By Mavis Fodness

Eight months after a fire destroyed the city hall in Ellsworth, the city is set to rebuild.

A call for bids was announced last week and a bid opening date is set for Sept. 5 at 2 p.m.

City council members will meet in special session tonight (Aug. 29) to discuss the plans and kick off a fundraising campaign to build a

recreation center next to the new city hall.

The call for bids consists of two parts — the bid for a wooden-frame city hall replacement building with an additional bid for an optional steel-frame community recreation center.

Both structures are to be built on the former city hall site on the corner of South Broadway Street

and Fourth Avenue next to the city's water tower.

A new 48-by-70-foot city shop is planned next to the city's existing fire station on city-owned property.

City officials worked with Jeff Nelson of Falls Architecture Studio in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who drew up the building plans.

The city hall consists of a 3,583-square-foot wood-framed

structure located north of the water tower.

"The water tower splits the property into a U-shape," he said.

Prior to the January fire, the area north of the water tower was green space.

Entrance into the city clerk's office is again planned from South

Ellsworth City Hall/see page 3

Luverne prioritizes 2020 capital purchases

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne City Council is poised to spend more than \$16 million in capital expenses next year, according to budget estimates from city department heads.

That comes on the heels of 2018 and 2019 capital spending that exceeded \$12 million and \$14 million, respectively, reflecting a flurry of development that Luverne hasn't seen in decades.

The \$120 million tru Shrimp project didn't materialize, but the infrastructure investments in Luverne's industrial park will benefit the city for years to come.

Premium Iowa Pork is investing \$30 million to retrofit the former IBP plant for a 2,200-per day hog slaughter operation and will pony up \$6.7 million toward the city's \$14 million wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

The \$16 million Armory construction project near I-90 will require adequate streets and utilities, and the city continues selling lots in the industrial park to businesses and industries coming to Luverne.

Following is the 2020 capital expense list itemized by department. It includes items with an expected life of more than one year and a value of more than \$5,000.

**Sewer department:
\$14.34 million**

•\$14.28 million is budgeted for the wastewater treatment plant improvement project. General Obligation improvement bonds will cover \$7.765 million and Premium Iowa Pork is paying \$6.7 million. (See the related story)

•\$50,000 is budgeted each year for sewer line replacements, if needed.

•\$12,000 will cover one-third the cost of a backhoe to be shared with the water and electric departments.

•\$15,000 is budgeted each year to update and replace waste water plant equipment, if necessary.

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H-BC to save estimated \$1.5 million in bond refinance

Annual debt service payments will be \$100,000 less, noticeably affecting district levy

Total reduction in debt service payments of \$1.568 million over 16 years could result in a 12.5-percent savings

By Lori Sorenson

Hills School Board members took action at their Monday night meeting to save district taxpayers more than \$1.5 million by refinancing the \$9.9 million building bond.

At Monday's meeting, Greg Crowe with Ehlers Inc. presented information about how the bond sale will work.

With 16 years remaining on the original 25-year bond, the district still owes \$8.325 million and is paying roughly \$725,000 each year on that debt.

That's based on current interest rates at 4-4.5 percent, but refinancing the debt at an estimated 2.25 percent on a new 16-year bond could save the district 12.5 percent over the lifetime of the debt.

"The bottom has dropped out of interest rates right now," Crowe said. "So this actually has a little bit of cushion, and in two months it could come down more and there could be more savings."

He also said he expects a premium bid over the amount the bond is selling for, and that can be applied toward the bond.

"There's \$8.325 of principal to pay off, but we're only issuing \$7.5 million in bonds because we're



Mavis Fodness photo/0829 HBC Ready for School 2019

Harlan Stueven takes advantage of warm, sunny weather Friday to scrub each of the buses in preparation for the first day of school for Hills-Beaver Creek. Classes start Tuesday.

expecting a premium of almost a million to pay off some of the loan," Crow said.

"So you don't need to borrow as much... the amount of principal will be less, and true interest costs will be taken into account."

He said the district will continue to make the same number of pay-

ments over the same time period, but the payments will be smaller with the interest savings and premium reduction.

Going forward, the district will pay \$630,000 per year on the debt, nearly \$100,000 per year less than it's paying now.

When the district certifies its

preliminary levy in September, it will need to factor in the current debt service payment.

But after the bond sale this fall, the budget will reflect the lower payments, so when the district certifies its final levy in December, it can lower

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Green Earth Players annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, in the GEP building on Main Street. Call 920-9861 with questions.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the new townhall.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room for the program, “Come and meet the new surgeon.”

Beaver Creek Township meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the township hall.

Parkinson’s Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

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

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

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

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

Commissioners meeting rescheduled

The Rock County Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 20, has been postponed to Tuesday, Sept. 3. The meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Register students new to Luverne school

New residents to Luverne School District #2184 should register their children at the respective school offices for the 2019-2020 school year.

The **High School/Middle School Office** is open for new students to register. Call 507-283-4491 for middle school and high school grades 6-12.

The **Elementary School Office** is open for new students to register. Parents of elementary grades K-5 can call 507-283-4497.

First day of school is Monday, Sept. 16.

Hills community prayer walk Aug. 28

Helping Build Communities Stronger will sponsor a Community Prayer Walk Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the H-BC High School parking lot beginning at 7:30 p.m. For those willing to donate school supplies, a container will be available to accept items.

Tractor ride Aug. 30

The 50-mile Luverne fourth-annual Tractor Ride begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at the Luverne City Park. Registration is at 8 a.m., and cost is \$25 including breakfast and lunch.

Tractors need to be able to travel at 10 mph and must be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign on the back. No dual wheels are permitted. Riders must be provided with properly mounted seats. Drivers must be licensed and are responsible for their own insurance. No alcohol will be allowed on the ride.

Contact Rodger Ossenfort at 507-920-0036, Jerold Mann at 507-220-8293, or Ken Vos at 507-220-7673 with questions.

Children’s Dental Services Sept. 4

Children’s Dental Services will bring its dental clinic to Luverne on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Rock County Health and Human Services building on Roundwind Road just off North Blue Mound Avenue for patients up to 26 years old and pregnant women.

Call 866-543-6009 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic will offer routine dental care, such as exams, X-rays, cleanings, sealants, fillings, crowns and more. CDS accepts all forms of insurance and has discounts for income-eligible families.

The mobile clinic will be in Worthington Sept. 5.

Bank Nite movie ‘The Lego Movie 2’

The free Bank Nite family movie, “The Lego Movie 2,” rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, 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.

H-BC students experiment with instruments

By Mavis Fodness

Various honks, squeaks and other unique sounds emanated from Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School Wednesday night, Aug. 21.

The noises were in response to band instructor Steve Olson’s invitation to incoming fifth-grade students and their parents to come and try out a few instruments before the school year begins.

More than a dozen aspiring musicians and their parents expressed interest in H-BC’s beginner band program.

Olson sent letters to 24 fourth-grade students this spring offering the first-time instrument introduction session.

“I’m looking at 17 or 18 who expressed interest,” Olson said.

Representatives from Popplers Music of Sioux Falls brought a variety of instruments to the elementary school for students to try and parents to rent or purchase.

Soon-to-be fifth-grader Emma Evans recently moved to Beaver Creek.

She’s interested in the flute and has experience learning to play an instrument. Emma played the violin last



Mavis Fodness photo/0829 HBC Beginning Band

year and on Wednesday tried playing a flute and clarinet.

She chose the flute, “because it’s easier to blow,” she said.

Classmate AJ Foote is excited to play any instrument. He tried the saxophone before settling on learning to play the trumpet.

“I want to make sure he know his options,” said his mother, Candace.

The reality show, “America’s Got Talent,” inspired AJ to try a band instrument. In the past he has learned to play the guitar and piano.

Director Olson said band allows students an exciting opportunity to play individually and in a group setting.

Studies have shown that



Hunter Leenderts tries a few notes on the trumpet.



Ava Steinhoff concentrates on forming the perfect aperture.

playing an instrument improves a student’s intellectual skills, teaches discipline, increases self-esteem and relieves stress.

And the biggest reason to join band, Olson said, “It is fun.”



Mavis Fodness photos/0829 School Build West Wing Before

Left: A view of the second floor west wing hallway prior to the remodeling project that began less than four months ago. **Right:** The same hallway last week. Remodeling of the second floor west wing remains behind schedule.

Luverne construction/

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gan demolishing the former school auditorium in preparation for the new band and choir suites.

The auditorium remodel project is 85 percent complete, Koens estimated.

The former band and choir rooms are currently in the demolition stage.

The west wing remodel is about two weeks behind the schedule outlined by ICS officials at the July 18 school board meeting.

Doors for the classrooms will arrive after school starts. It is uncertain if a certificate of occupancy can be issued for rooms without doors.

“Currently, the state fire marshal

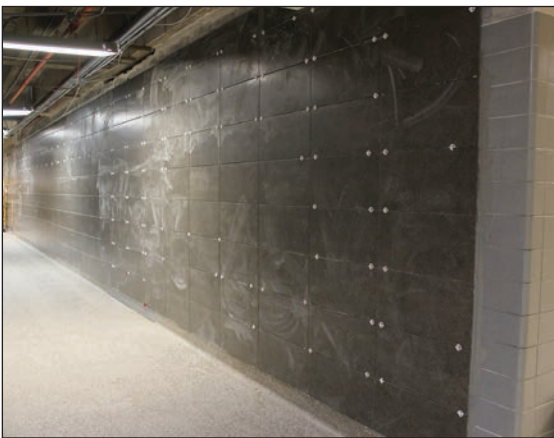
position is in transition so we don’t have a person to speak to about that yet,” Koens said.

No heating or air conditioning is currently available in the middle-high school building. The 1956 boiler system was removed this summer. The new system is expected to be on-line in late September.

Parking has been reduced around the school to accommodate the storage of construction materials.

A parking map depicts acceptable areas to leave vehicles.

“If kids park in one spot, we will be okay,” said superintendent Craig Oftedahl. “It will be important for people to follow the map.”



The beige tile prevalent throughout the Luverne Middle-High School is being replaced or covered with large gray tiles like those installed in the west hallway behind what used to be the auditorium.



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Hiring complete for Luverne Schools

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne School Board approved the last of its teacher openings at its Thursday night, Aug. 22, regular meeting.

Classes for the district start Sept. 16, to accommodate the current building construction.

Among the employee approves were one teacher and four long-term substitute contracts plus one multi-district partnership agreement.

The multi-district partnership approved the hiring of Katie Baustian to lead the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities course.

The partnership involves the districts of Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Ellsworth, Edgerton, Southwestern Minnesota Christian, Adrian and Pipestone.

Baustian is being hired under a state licensure exemption for career and technical education instructors. Baustian will be an employee of Southwestern Minnesota Christian in Edgerton.

The exemption is the result of none of the CEO position applicants processed the appropriate licensure for the position.

"Katie was interviewed by members of the multi-school partnership and was determined to have the necessary skills and background to teach the course," read school board chairman Jodi Bosch.

Baustian is also a Luverne School Board member.

She abstained from the voting. Board members Tim Jarchow and Eric Hartman were not present at the Aug. 22 meeting.

Also at the meeting, board

members also approved the hiring of the following personnel:

- Canaan Petersen as middle school social studies teacher and middle school baseball coach for a salary of \$54,534. Here replaces Christian Mader, who submitted his resignation effective July 31.

- Jodi Nelson as long-term substitute teacher for Brooke Van Essen from the beginning of the 2019-20 school year through approximately Oct. 24.

- Heidi Schacht as long-term substitute teacher for Alicia Reker from the beginning of the 2019-20 school year through Sept. 27.

- Wendy Peters as long-term substitute teacher for Julie Fettes from the beginning of the 2019-20 school year for 10 weeks.

- Nancy Hurley as long-term Early Childhood teacher for Rebecca Runnoe from Sept. 5 through Oct. 31.

- Volleyball coaching staff of Avery VanRoekel, B-squad, Samantha Steensma and Stephanie Roozeboom, both for middle school.

- Football coaching staff volunteers of Joel Evans, middle school, Josh Crabtree, varsity, and Dan Serie, C-squad.

- Paraprofessionals Mac-ey Skattum and Jessica Knorr, both part-time Title 1, and as full-time special education Bonnie Behr, David Edwards, Kelsie Rivas, Thomas Milne, Lisa Turbes and Maryln VanGrootheest.

Editor's note: The Star Herald will publish photographs and information about new Luverne teachers when classes resume Sept. 16.



Mavis Fodness photo/0829 Adrian Teachers 2019

Adrian Public Schools welcomes seven new teachers for the 2019-20 school year, which begins on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Pictured from left are Kristi Groth, Devyn Meyer, Sam Voss, Sara Henning, Christine Thorson, Lexi Lynn and Matt Gaudian.

Seven new instructors added to Adrian staff

By Mavis Fodness

Seven new instructors joined the staff of Adrian Public Schools for the 2019-20 school year, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Kristi Groth is the district's kindergarten through 12th-grade English language learner instructor.

Groth previously worked as a guidance counselor at Worthington Middle School, a substitute teacher in Luverne and more recently as a Title I/guidance counselor at Ellsworth Public School.

The graduate of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, and South Dakota State University, Brookings, lives south of

Luverne with her husband, Kevin Ferguson. The couple has two children: Julia, a freshman at Winona State University, and Kyle, a sophomore at Luverne High School.

Devyn Meyer teaches sixth-grade language arts and works with third-through fifth-grade students in the Title 1 program.

Meyer graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall and previously taught junior high students at St. Mary's School in Bird Island.

She currently lives in Wilmont and is engaged to Duane Christians.

Sam Voss joins the middle-high

school math team.

The 2009 Adrian High School graduate earned her bachelor's degree in math education at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, where she also earned her master's degree with an emphasis in math.

Voss previously taught for four years at Fulda High School.

She lives in Adrian with her husband, Adam, and 18-month-old daughter, Addison.

Sara Henning joins the sixth-

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Five new teachers start at H-BC

By Glenda McGaffee

Five new teachers will welcome students to their classrooms in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District for the 2019-20 school year.

Caitlin Slaba, Sioux Falls, will teach seventh- and eighth-grade English Language Arts.

She graduated from Canby High School in 2011 and from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English education.

Slaba previously taught ninth- and 12th-grade English



Glenda McGaffee photo/0829 new teachers-H-BC

New Hills-Beaver Creek District teachers are (from left) Katie Rogers, Tyler Johnson, Renee Edmundson, Amy Comp and Caitlin Slaba. Classes start Tuesday for H-BC.

Language Arts/Mass Communications for three years in Tri-Valley High School.

Tyler Johnson will teach art in first through 12th grade.

He lives in Luverne with

his wife, Peggy, stepsons Isaac, 16, and Brendan, 13, and son Shawn, 13, and daughter Rayna, 1.

Johnson graduated from Luverne High School in 2000

and from Winona State University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing and Augustana University with a

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New Ellsworth staff includes ag instructor, FFA adviser

By Mavis Fodness

Three new teachers will be on staff when Ellsworth Public Schools opens its doors Tuesday, Sept. 3, for the 2019-20 school year.

One of those staff members fills a new position for the district.

Bailey Rempel assumes the new ag educator and FFA chapter adviser position.

She earned a degree in agricultural education from the University of Minnesota Crookston. Rempel student-taught at Chisago Lakes High School prior to accepting the position in Ellsworth.

Rempel replaces Darrel Mayer, who retired as the district's industrial arts/shop teacher.

"We looked at the program

and how to include more students," said Superintendent John Willey. "Ag was the answer since the ag curriculum covers many aspects including many of the industrial arts pieces along with including all the ag items."

Rempel and her husband, Caleb, live in Luverne.

Katie Klosterbuer will instruct Family Consumer Science and fill the technology integrationist position for the district.

The Luverne Class of 2008 graduate attended Minnesota State University in Mankato and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in family consumer science grades 5-12.

Klosterbuer student-



Mavis Fodness photo/0829 Ellsworth Teachers 2019

Ellsworth Public Schools welcomes three new teachers for the 2019-20 school year including (from left) Katie Klosterbuer, Jaysa Saumer and Bailey Rempel.

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BEAVER CREEK MUTUAL INSURANCE

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

At a Special Meeting of the policyholders of Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company a Plan of Merger with Heartland Mutual Insurance Company will be presented for approval. The date, time, and location of the Special Meeting are:

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Luverne Pizza Ranch, 110 East Main Street, Luverne, MN

In advance of the Special Meeting, a copy of the Plan of Merger will be available to any member at the home office located at 126 East Main Street; telephone number 507-283-9182, during normal business hours, which are Monday through Thursday 08:00 a.m. to 04:30 p.m. and Friday 08:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the proposed plan of merger. The consideration of the approval of the merger is to be voted on by the membership at the Special Meeting.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2019

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Michael Engesser, Secretary (507) 283-9182

BEAVER CREEK MUTUAL INSURANCE

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

At a Special Meeting of the policyholders of Heartland Mutual Insurance Company a Plan of Merger with Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company will be presented for approval. The date, time, and location of the Special Meeting are:

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2019

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Lismore Legion Hall, 160 3rd Ave South, Lismore MN

In advance of the Special Meeting, a copy of the Plan of Merger will be available to any member at the home office located at 161 3rd Avenue South, Lismore, Minnesota, 56155-0098; telephone number 507-472-8216, during normal business hours, which are Monday through Thursday 07:30 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. and Friday 07:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the proposed plan of merger. The consideration of the approval of the merger is to be voted on by the membership at the Special Meeting.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2019

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Robert H Newman, Secretary (507) 472-8216



Rendering courtesy of Architecture Studio, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Tonight's special Ellsworth City Council meeting will unveil plans for the new city hall/recreation center (rendering pictured above). The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the school.

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Broadway Street, the main thoroughfare for the city of about 450 people.

Inside the one-floor city hall structure will be the city clerk's office, council chambers, restrooms, mechanical room and storage.

A corridor runs the length of the building and separates the city hall portion of the building with a proposed 1,689-square foot community room and kitchen.

Entrance to the community room is also proposed from South Broadway Street.

The recreation center is a 60-by-125-foot pre-engineered structure attached to the city hall building's south-east corner.

The two buildings are separated by a proposed firewall.

Access into the recreation center would also be from South Broadway Avenue.

The recreation center will feature a large multi-purpose room with a basketball court and a walking track. The center will also have restrooms and a fitness area. A mezzanine will contain the mechanical room and a small area for spectator seating overlooking the basketball court and walking track.

City hall consumed by fire

Seven fire departments responded to a fire at Ellsworth City Hall the morning of Jan. 15.

Cause of the fire was undetermined in the 115-year-old

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Time travel

Reflecting on a family road trip

It was 1971. Or maybe it wasn't. I don't know. I was a kid and there were three of us in the back seat of a Ford Mustang with Mom and Dad in the front.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

I sat in the middle. I always sat in the middle. I was the middle child and that's where I sat with my older brother on one side and my younger sister on the other.

The middle back seat of a Ford Mustang is actually a hump. I sat on a hump with no window access, the center of a sibling sandwich. (If it sounds like I'm complaining, it's because I am.)

The back seat of the Mustang had lines. As in, "Don't cross this line." And, "Mom! He's crossing the line!" Which was not to be confused with, "Mom! He's looking at me!" or "Mom! He's elbowing me."

Why she never just left us in a cornfield I'll never know.

Then suddenly it was 2019 — last week actually.

Mom and I were driving "the chase car" behind my dad and brother on motorcycles across eastern Minnesota. The younger sister was at work.

There were no lines, no elbows, no humps — nothing; just four adults enjoying the scenery.

Back in the day, "Look at the scenery!" was one of the commands my parents used when the elbowing and line

crossing got out of hand. Now I actually wanted to.

Much has changed in 40 years.

But, for example, the attention paid to gas mileage has not changed. My dad is a gas mileage aficionado. In the '70s we drove a VW van with so little power we often felt the need to get out and push.

Last week it was a VW Jetta wagon getting upwards of 50 mpg on the highway.

"Not bad. But it can do better."

Then my dad's motorcycle broke down. It wasn't a total breakdown but the throttle stuck wide open making the hills and curves of western Wisconsin's Amish country a bit dicey.

Google led us to a nearby repair shop which — and I am not making this up — was attached to a greenhouse!

Yes, a motorcycle repair shop with an attached greenhouse. Thirty bucks to fix the bike and \$12 for a plant, and we were on the road again ...

... to inspect the welds on a farm implement display, to have ice cream, to tour an actual Amish farm and discuss the diesel-powered tools in a leather works shop.

And it was 1971, or maybe it wasn't. I don't know. I was just enjoying the scenery.

The Brandon debacle should be a lesson for all community news consumers

A story in the Wednesday, Aug. 21, edition of the Brandon Valley News caught our attention this week as a precautionary tale for all communities to be aware of.

A Facebook post reporting over-the-limit radium levels in Brandon's drinking water sent residents into a tailspin and prompted city administration to call a press conference to set the record straight.

On July 28, the anonymous Facebook page, City of Brandon Dirt, posted information about what had been a factual radium levels report, but falsified the facts in the report.

It ultimately informed readers that the city's drinking water exceeded EPA and state standards, meaning the health of city residents was potentially in jeopardy.

The Aug. 14 press conference — presumably intended to involve actual — credible — news sources sought to inform the public that the

report was falsified.

City Administrator Brian Read told a crowd of people gathered at the conference that falsifying information on social media and creating a fear factor among residents is unacceptable.

"That's worse than yelling 'fire' in a crowded theater," he said. "The First Amendment protects a lot of things. [It] doesn't protect lies and defamation."

The Star Herald has long been encouraging readers to consider the sources of social media information before accepting and sharing online — especially if it's inflammatory and without credible sources.

Fortunately a few Brandon residents saw the false report for what it was and alerted authorities who alerted the public — the right way: Through public meetings and through credible media outlets.

Please, please, dear readers. Take heed from this Brandon story and check your fact-checking skills.

A news source is credible when it has a reputation for fact checking and correcting errors. ... A reputation for credibility is something that is built up over time, but generally trustworthy sources are easy to recognize.

They are the ones without the unbelievable stories carrying "breaking news" headlines.



Retirement not tied to milestone birthdays anymore

Last week I reached one of those birthday milestones, something called Social Security age. Twenty years ago that was the age when darn near everyone walked off the job into retirement. Not so much nowadays. With \$1,000-a-month health insurance premiums, not many of us can pull the plug on the nine to five.

I have quickly learned the new target date for retirement is more likely to happen around what is known as Medicare age, which for me is somewhere down the road about 3 to 4 years depending on whether or not Uncle Sam decides to change the Medicare benefit age.

Growing up, birthdays weren't a big deal in our family. Mom made us our favorite meal on our birthday and maybe a cake. A card with a \$5 bill in it from each of the grandmas, always cash because neither one of them had a checking account.

Birthday cards were a big deal back then. Aunts and uncles, neighbors, Sunday school teachers pretty much anyone that knew it was your birthday sent you a card. Much like today when you get a birthday greeting from darn near anyone that has your email address or is a friend on Facebook.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing



So thanks to the three folks that sent me a card and to all the others that emailed or posted a Facebook birthday greeting.

The above picture is this week's installment of the everyday occur-

rence of pedestrians making their way down Warren Street in my neck of the woods. In case you're wondering, I did pull over to the side of the road before I took the picture. Of course I would have had no need to take the picture if there were sidewalks for the people to be walking on.

Speedometer best way to determine vehicle speed

Question: I'm writing to you to ask a question regarding whether or not you might know where the signal is that I can only assume is the method to tell current "smarter" cars what the speed limit is on the road or highway they are currently driving. I wonder how accurate they really are.

Answer: Never rely solely on the displayed GPS speed reading. Your vehicle's speedometer is the best way to determine how fast you are traveling.

A GPS is a positional speedometer. It will show your speed based on the average distance traveled in the last few seconds. The speed readings could be inaccurate if there is a temporary loss of signal.

Always be alert and aware of the posted speed limit signs while driving. Remember that the speed limits start and end at the location of the sign.

Be sure to program your destination on your navigation system prior to driving and remember that the new hands-free law is currently being enforced in Minnesota.

ASK A TROOPER

The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single touch activation without holding the phone.

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

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 16
•Complainant requested driving record.
•Complainant on Highway 75 and County Road 7 reported an accident.
•Complainant on East Brown Street reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on Cedar Street and Main Street reported verbal argument.
•Complainant near Kenneth reported a fire at 190th Avenue.
•A disorderly subject was reported at location on South Kniss Avenue.
•Harassing communications were reported on South Kniss Avenue.
Aug. 17
•Disorderly subject was reported at location on North Oakley Street.
•Complainant requested a call from DNR about a trapping issue.
•Deputy assisted Minnesota State patrol on a traffic stop, westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15.
•Complainant on North Estey Street reported an oven fire.
•Severe weather was reported from the National Weather Service.
•Report of an intoxicated subject at location near Jasper.
•Severe thunderstorm warning was reported for Rock County.
•Outage was reported at location on North Spring Street.
Aug. 18
•Complainant reported a vehicle leaking diesel eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5 near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant on North Kniss Avenue requested deputy for party refusing to leave.
•Complainant on East Fairway Drive reported an assault.
•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 4, near Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.
•Complainant on North Freeman Avenue reported vandalism.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported she was harassed.
•Complainant reported

they lost the keys to their Ford Super Duty.
•Deputy out with patrol on a traffic stop on Interstate 90, mile marker 16.
•Complainant on North Estey requested a residence check.
Aug. 19
•A roadside assist check was conducted westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10-11.
•Deputy was requested at court.
•Complainant reported for court duty.
•A civil issue was reported by city of Kanaranzi.
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported harassing communication.
•A property exchanged occurred near Hardwick.
•Complainant on East Fairway Drive requested to speak to a resident.
•Complainant on County Road 4 near Beaver Creek reported a man driving without a license.
•Deputy reported a stranded vehicle on Highway 75 and County Road 7.
•A severe thunderstorm watch was reported for Rock County.
Aug. 20
•Complainant on Dodge Street and Kniss Avenue reported pedestrian crossing lights failed to activate.
•Atlas requested room voucher.
•An outage was reported at McKenzie and Brown Street.
•Complainant conducted a warrant check on Highway 75 and Edgehill.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a counterfeit bill was deposited.
•Complainant requested assistance with investigation.
•Complainant on Main Street in Magnolia reported her vehicle was stolen.
•Complainant reported an issue with a neighbor.
Aug. 21
•Disorderly subject was reported at location on West Hatting Street.
•Dispatch received a call with a faint voice giving an address on East Dodge Street.

•Complainant on North Freeman Avenue reported a vehicle was gone through overnight.
•Complainant on Kniss and Dodge reported pedestrian crossings will not activate by button.
•Heat Team training in Spirit Lake.
•Probation violation was issued.
•Complainant at East State Street in Magnolia reported harassing communication.
•Complainant on South Walnut reported smell of natural gas outdoors.
•Suspicious activity was reported at location on South Walnut Avenue.
•Trespassing issue was reported on South Kniss Avenue.
Aug. 22
•Complainant on 41st Street reported a train blocking the road.
•Complainant on West Hatting Street reported a person not returning a phone.
•Deputies conducted a warrant check on West Hatting Street.
•Complainant on Ross Street in Hardwick reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on East Main Street reported a suspicious item.
•Deputy assisted another agency on West Warren Street.
•All units were out for drill in Hills.
•A car lost its wheel on South Kniss Avenue.
Aug. 23
•Complainant reported a road blocked by stationary train.

In addition, officers responded to 2 complaints of cattle out, 1 transport, 2 welfare checks, 7 escorts, 27 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 1 background check, 8 burn permits, 4 alarms, 3 drug court tests, 6 purchase/carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 40 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 1 vehicle from impound, 5 curfew checks and 2 follow-ups.



Funds for local fire department

Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia (left) accepts a \$2,500 check from Barry Hager of CenterPoint Energy Tuesday at the fire hall. The donation is part of CenterPoint Energy's Community Partnership Grant Program that awards funds to local communities for safety-related equipment and projects. In Luverne the money will be used to buy portable radios for fire department emergency communication.

Chantel Connell photo/0822 fire department check

Bond savings/ from page 1

the levy amount by \$100,000. "People are going to notice that," said H-BC School Board member Dan LaRock. "This looks like a pretty good deal." To qualify for the lower interest rates, the district will borrow through the state's free credit enhancement program and its AAA Standard and Poor's rating. To participate in the program, the H-BC district will need to obtain a rating call based on its fund balance, the local economy and other debt. Ehler's Inc. will assist with that process as part of its contract with the district. The action at Monday's meeting authorized the sale of the bonds, bids for which will be awarded Sept. 30. The funds will be available in November for redemption Feb. 1, 2020.

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through 12th-grade special education department. Henning's previous experience includes teaching anger management and substance classes at Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, anger management groups at Prairie Justice Center in Worthington and also completing independent living skills training. She is a licensed social worker and received training in criminal justice. Henning lives on a farm near Adrian with her spouse, Andy, and children, Austin, Jacob and Whitney. **Christine Thorson** heads up the district's K-12

vocal music department including the middle and high school choir. Thorson received a bachelor's degree in music from Western Connecticut State University in Danbury and a master's degree in music from Minnesota State University in Mankato. Previously she worked as an assistant teacher at Little Lambs Preschool and is a private voice instructor with Luverne Street Music. She lives in Luverne with her husband, Kip, and children Bryanna, Hope and Ian. **Lexi Lynn** is the new preschool teacher with

Adrian Schools. The graduate from South Dakota State University, Brookings, completed her student teaching assignment in Worthington. Henning lives outside of Adrian with her husband, Tony. **Matt Gaudian** instructs sixth- through 12th-grade art, after spending the last eight years teaching art at Edgerton Public Schools. Gaudian graduated from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. He and his wife, Maggie, live in Worthington, with their children Audrey, 11, and Lily, 7.

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Bachelor of Arts in art and education. He previously taught for one year in Adrian High School. Katie Rogers, Luverne, will teach agriculture at H-BC and will be the FFA adviser. Her father, Jeff, is an agriculture instructor at Minnesota West; her mother, Ann, is an elementary reading interventionist, and her brother, Ben, is a freshman at Minnesota West. Rogers graduated from Worthington Senior High School and from South Dakota State University with a degree in agricultural education. She previously student taught at Jackson County

Central High School/Middle School. Amy Comp, Brandon, South Dakota, will teach vocal music to grades K-12 at H-BC. Her husband is Lee and their son is Keelan, 1. She graduated in 2008 from Logan-Magnolia Junior/Senior High School and from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor of Music education degree. Previously she taught in Scotland High School from 2013 through 2017, 9-12 vocal, 5-12 band and then K-12 vocal from 2017 to 2019. Renee Edmundson, Garretson, South Dakota,

will teach sixth grade at H-BC. She and her husband, Jon, have nine children, McKenzie, 26, Cooper, 24, Trever, 16, Tyler 13, Kalla, 6, Marius, 6, Rashane, 4, Moses, 3, and Jurnee, 2. She graduated from Washington High School in 1996 and Grand Canyon University in Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in elementary and special education. Her previous teaching experience was in the Sioux Falls School District at Lowell Elementary for two years as a second-grade teacher and two years as a special education teacher.

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taught at Blue Earth Area Schools in 2013. Her first teaching position was as a FACS instructor for three years at Lewis Central High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Most recently, she was the Nobles County 4-H program coordinator in Worthington. She filled that position for the past four

years. She lives in Luverne with her puppy, Winnie. **Jaysa Saumer** is the kindergarten through 12th-grade music educator. She will also instruct the jazz, marching and pep bands, color guard and drumline. Saumer graduated from St. Cloud State University

with a Bachelor of Science in K-12 music education degree with a focus on instrumental instruction. She student-taught in Paynesville Area Junior-Senior High, Paynesville Elementary and St. Cloud Tech High School before coming to Ellsworth, where she makes her home.

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Hunter Cink (left), almost 2, dons a face painting of a caterpillar and a safari hat.

Plaza event, ‘Night with the Zoo,’ features scavenger hunt, animals



More than 150 children’s safari hats were distributed Thursday night, Aug. 22, during the Main Street Plaza event in Luverne. The “Night with the Zoo” scavenger hunt activity had participants search for 10 animal stickers by following painted animal tracks to the various activity stations including the Great Plains Zoomobile (right).

Mavis Fodness photos/0829 Plaza Event



Above: Looking like a kitty cat is 5-year-old Rayna Sterling at the face painting booth.



At right: Dave Smith (far right) with Grand “A” Alpacas of Jasper holds “Bubbles” for (from left) Karlie Olson, Nicholas Zingler, Kaleb Olson and Ryker Gehrke to pet its soft wool coat.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

A come-and-go baby shower for Dorian Frederick, son of **Hannah (Hoogland) and Philip Gerner** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 31, at WildFlowers Coffee in Luverne. RSVP to Nicole at 605-496-2749.

Card showers

Norman Wessels celebrated his 91st birthday Wednesday, Aug. 28. Greetings may be sent to him at 106 S. Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Sept. 2: Closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 3: Roast pork, whole potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread, rosy applesauce. Half-price Day in memory of Loretta Baker.

Wednesday, Sept. 4: Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears. 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Sept. 5: Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, fruit cobbler.

Friday, Sept. 6: Baked fish

with tartar sauce, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, fruit salad, cake. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-price Days sponsored by Anonymous.

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

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS

A.R. Wood scholarships awarded

Jadyn Anderson, a 2019 Luverne High School graduate, was awarded an A.R. Wood Scholarship.

Ten (10) former Luverne High School graduates received renewal scholarships from the A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust: Sheldie Nath, Jenna Schelhaas, Samantha Ykema, Anika Gust, Aric Meinerts, Samantha Pierce, Mark Robinson, Sierra Schmuuck, Emma Verbrugge and Benjamin Wagner.

The total amount awarded was \$7,000. The A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust is administered by First Bank & Trust in Sioux Falls.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Investigating in a surveillance system paid off for property owners of an acreage near Beaver Creek.

Five Rock County teens are facing felony charges after their burglaries – and identities – were recorded on DVR.

Casey and Becky (Hellwinckel) Schultz live in Sioux Falls, but they spend time at the acreage daily, tending to their dog kennels, gardening and other hobbies. ...

“We’d had some trouble with vandalism a couple of years ago,” Casey Schultz said Tuesday.

“People were shooting cats, and then one of my dogs disappeared. I thought, well, I gotta do something about this.”

So about 18 months ago, he installed motion-sensitive cameras on the property with a DVR system. ...

At first, cameras picked up on some vandalism. A pickup had driven in the yard and rammed into his dog kennel.

Also, he noticed around Christmas time one of his young Colorado Blue Spruce trees had been sawed off near the top.

He hasn’t been able to get a clear I.D. on that recording, but on the night of July 31, the cameras picked up on three young people on the property.

It showed them entering an unsecured grainary and barn, and it showed them prying open the doors of a locked machine shed.

The cameras caught them taking hand tools, power tools, a shotgun and two .22 rifles. ...

The Schultzes took their evidence to law enforcement and reviewed it with neighbors, who were able to identify the young

people shown on the recording.

The Schultzes returned to law enforcement on Aug. 8, to say the suspects had returned and stolen additional items, including the DVR.

In total, the Schultzes estimate more than \$8,000 worth of property was stolen from the acreage. ...

He said the individuals have admitted to their involvement and have returned the stolen property, stating that they never intended to sell it – that they were keeping it for their own use.

25 years ago (1994)

•McGruff is still alive and well in Luverne. In fact, at this time of year, as children begin their daily walks to and from school, parents should remind them what a picture of the crime fighting hound means for their safety.

McGruff houses, or homes where a McGruff sign is posted in a window, are places children can stop if they’re in trouble. City utility trucks that carry the McGruff insignia also are safe places to report problems.

The McGruff program is sponsored by the Luverne 92 Lions under the auspices of the Luverne Police Department. The program is entering its third year.

50 years ago (1969)

•“I saw the car go around the barricade but it didn’t enter my mind that it’d go off into the water,” Bernard Hoogland,

who was plowing his father’s field about one-half mile from the accident, said Saturday morning.

Four persons were treated and released at the Arnold Memorial Hospital at Adrian Friday night after the car they were riding in plunged off a 144-foot drop into an estimated 10 feet of water. The area is presently under construction because of bridge damage in the June 29th flood. ...

75 years ago (1944)

•Completed and ready for operation is the new \$15,000 feed mill and mixer, installed by the Farmers Cooperative Elevator company of Luverne at their elevator on South Freeman avenue, across the street from the Omaha freight depot.

The new mill, said to be one of the most modern in this part of the country, will be used for custom grinding and mixing, as well as for grinding and mixing commercial feeds for livestock and poultry, according to Emil Molberg, manager.

100 years ago (1919)

•An appreciable shortage in the city’s water supply has developed, making it advisable that the patrons of the water department should exercise considerable care in the use of water. The pumps at the power house are kept working twenty-two hours a day at as much capacity as the wells will permit, but not withstanding this it is impossible to maintain a proper supply in the reservoir for ordinary consumption, to say nothing of the need in case of fire.

Every gardener’s dream coming true this week

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist



All-state honorees attend choir camp

Three Luverne students (from left) Rylee Gee, Josephine Golla and Jordan Winter — pictured with Luverne choral director Seana Graber — were selected by audition to participate in the Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Choir Camp Aug. 5-10 at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

At the event Graber was recognized for three years of service as the Southwest District representative on the state board of American Choral Directors Association. Also, the ACDA honored Luverne accompanist Dolly Talbert with the Southwest District Advocate for Choral Excellence Award for her outstanding support of choral arts in her community.

The weeklong camp featured recreational and social activities, in-depth rehearsals with guest conductors and a combined concert performance on Aug. 10. All of the young musicians meet again in February to perform at Orchestra Hall as part of the MMEA Midwinter Clinic.

Vegetable gardens are at their maximum production and that quantity of fresh produce can be almost overwhelming, but this is the vision for every gardener.

Beans are being produced in quantity, and you may get tired of harvesting. But if you don’t keep picking, they stop producing, and beans produced late in the season are amazing.

Onion tops have kinked over, indicating that they are finished growing. As those tops dry, it is important to pull the onions and dry them on cardboard or a wire rack indoors. For maximum storage life, wait to cut the tops off until they are completely dry. Leaving them in the ground when the tops are dry will result in neck rot.

I’ve had lots of inquiries about squash vines suddenly wilting and dying, and that is evidence of squash vine borer. The beetle lays its eggs at the

base of the plant. The eggs hatch as larvae that bore into the stem and continue feeding inside the vine until they destroy the vascular system of that section of vine whereby the stem wilts and dies.

I have not found an effective remedy once the symptoms become apparent. This egg laying happens in early to mid June. Prevention means applying an insecticide to the base of the stem prior to the eggs hatching and hopefully the rain will not wash it off before it does its job, which was my experience this year. I add liquid soap to the spray to act as a “sticker,” but the rain took away the protection on some of my plants. Squash vine borer attacks pumpkins and gourds in addition to

every kind of squash.

It is important to dig potatoes when the vines have died and become dry. You can harvest before that, but if you leave potatoes in the ground after the vines are finished, they could start growing again which will decrease their storage life.

Cantaloupe are ready to harvest when the stem slips from the fruit easily. That means checking frequently, because it seems to happen almost overnight and an overripe melon is just as bad as an under-ripe melon.

Watermelons are ready to harvest when the tendril on the vine opposite the melon stem dries. The melon should also have a distinct yellow blotch on the bottom.

Cucumbers are another fruit that will stop producing if you stop harvesting.

My spinach is growing again, and I am looking forward to fresh spinach salads for the rest of the season.

Pears are ready to harvest when the seeds turn brown. Most varieties are best harvested while they are green to prevent the fruit becoming “gritty.” After picking the fruit, we recommend ripening in a paper bag at room temperature. The bag captures the ethylene gas that the fruit gives off as it ripens hastening the process without allowing the fruit to dehydrate. To speed up ripening, add an apple to the bag. An apple produces more ethylene than other fruits and that gas promotes total internal ripening.

Early-maturing apples are ready to harvest as well. Again, the seeds should be dark and the distinct “green” taste should be gone. Zestar is our best-flavored early apple, and it has a reasonable storage life. That is not the case with many varieties of early apples. They tend to not have a lot of flavor and storage is quite limited, but if you can’t wait for that first apple crisp, they can be your answer.

1965: Kanaranzi bank celebrates 50 years

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on Aug. 5, 1965.

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY- Kanaranzi Bank Has Served Community Half A Century

OpenhousewillbeheldSaturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. at the First Farmers State Bank in Kanaranzi, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the bank's founding.

Free coffee and doughnuts will be served during the afternoon to visitors, and a number of valuable doorprizeswillbegiven. Registration is open to adults and young people alike, according to Eddie Hansen, cashier, and the winners do not have to be present to win.

"This celebration is for everybody," Hansen emphasized this week. "Naturally, we welcome our many customers, but we want all our friends to stop in. It will be an informal get together, and there will be plenty of opportunity to visit."

Founded in 1915

The bank's charter is dated December 1, 1915. Original incorporators were O. E. Holly, Larchwood, Iowa, who became the bank's first president; J. M. Baker, Kanaranzi, who was elected as the first cashier; J. J. Welsh, J. W. Williams and Goerge S. Snover, who became directors. Starting salary for the cashier was \$900 a year.

The first directors' meeting was held January 11, 1916. Both Paul Untiedt and Henry Hansen had purchased some share in the new bank in December, 1915, and they were elected to the board of directors then on January 11. Capital stock was originally set at \$10,000.00.

Served By 3 Presidents

In 1927, Mr. Holly sold his bank



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

shares and Paul Untiedt was elected the second president of the bank. He served until his death in 1941. In 1942, J. M. Baker sold his shares in the business, and Elmer H. Wellendorf was elected to become the third president. Eddie Hansen was elected cashier at the same time. Both still hold the positions to which they were then elected.

In 1951, the bank's capital stock was increased from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 by a stock dividend.

Today, deposits are well over the million dollar mark, and surplus and undivided profits are over \$145,000.00

Two of the men who helped found the bank, J. M. Baker and Henry Hansen, are still living. Mr. Hansen has served as a director ever since he was first elected in 1916.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.



Mavis Fodness photos/0829 Farmers Market Combine

Farmers Market focuses on corn

Visitors to last week's Farmers Market near Red-bird Field in Luverne learned about corn from several exhibits including a large combine parked at the end of the lot. Visitors learned about various types of corn (including popcorn), how the corn plant develops ears in the field and how some of that corn is harvested. Tom Ver Steeg with C&B Equipment (pictured at right talking with Luke Gehrke, also pictured above, right in the tire rim) drove the John Deere combine to the event and spent three hours answering questions about the big green machine and how the corn head he brought to the event works.



At left: Michelle Adorno (left) of Luverne explains to her granddaughter, Adriana Rivera of Ihlen, how field corn enters the eight-row corn head.



OBITUARIES

Gerald Drenth

Gerald Arthur Drenth, 72, of Lismore, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at his home surrounded by his family.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. A private family burial of cremains will be at a later date. A time of fellowship will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Gerald Drenth was born Jan. 20, 1947, to Arthur and Henrietta (Mulder) Drenth. Gerald began his grade school education at a country school in Midland township and graduated in 1965 from Ellsworth Public School. After graduation he attended Netleton College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Gerald spent most of his young life living on the family farm by Ellsworth. Besides farming, Gerald also owned and operated an implement business in Lismore and Ellsworth. He was also an owner-operator truck driver, with his favorite job working with the wind towers.

The military was a big part of Gerald's life. He entered the Army in January 1967 and was proud to serve his country during the Vietnam War. He was awarded many medals including the Army Commendation

Medal for heroism. He lived by the words inscribed on his lighter, "You haven't lived until you have almost died." He protected members of his platoon without regard for his own life. He was a sergeant in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. He was honorably discharged in February 1970.

Gerald married Anna Boltjes on Sept. 11, 1976. They resided in Lismore.

Gerald enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, camping, flying RC airplanes, drones, flying an Ultralight aircraft, a Cessna 152 airplane, and watching old western movies. He especially enjoyed being with his grandchildren.

Gerald was a member of American Legion Post #636 of Lismore and of the Southwest High Flyers near Rushmore.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; four children, Tricia (Willie) Ziebarth, Harrisburg, South Dakota, Jim (Fran) Drenth, Sioux Falls, Mike Drenth, Lismore, and Carrie (Eric) Olson, St. Helens, Oregon; five grandchildren, Maddie and Brookie Ziebarth, Cheyanne Olson and Arthur and Ernest Drenth.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian, dingmannandsons.com.

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Ada Adams

Ada N. Adams, 100, of Luverne, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the United Methodist Church, in Luverne. Burial followed at the Luverne Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Ada Noyes was born Oct. 19, 1918, to Curtis and Leah (Langlois) Noyes in Brooks. At the age of 21 1/2, she contracted infantile paralysis (polio) and as a result lost the complete use of her right leg. Her family moved to a farm with a log house near Erskine, where she went to a country school about 1 1/2 miles from the farm place. In 1932 Ada attended Erskine High School and graduated in 1936. After graduation she trained to be a telephone operator, with the Garden Valley Telephone Company. During the war, she attended schools in Warren, Duluth and Glenwood, studying in radio communications. She remained in Minneapolis as a radio CW and radio phone operator for five years.

Ada married Lester Adams on May 28, 1947, in Bemidji. The couple moved to Fertile. In 1957 they moved to Luverne where she first worked in the office of a produce company and then worked part time

for a tax accountant for seven years. She then took a full-time job with Tri-State Insurance Company of Minnesota where she worked for 11 1/2 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne. She enjoyed playing pinocle in a marathon and doing some ceramics at Minnie's Mud Hut. She took radio classes to earn her Novice Ham Radio License and belonged to the Tri-State Amateur Radio Club. She also enjoyed taking short trips in the spring and fall of the year. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, friends and the fellowship of the church.

Ada is survived by her son, Dr. Curtis (Madonna) Adams, Yankton, South Dakota; three grandsons, Dr. Brent (Coreen) Adams, Yankton, Dr. Jonathon (Sara) Adams, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Craig (Katie) Adams, Sioux Falls; seven great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lester, on June 8, 1993; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Adams; and five brothers, Fred, Clifford, Johnny, Walter and George Noyes.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Linda Meester

Linda Meester, 72, of Lester, Iowa, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019, at Rock Rapids Health Centre in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

A funeral service was Monday, Aug. 26, at Bethel Reformed Church in Lester. Burial followed in the Hillside Cemetery at Lester.

Linda Sandholm was born March 9, 1947, to Franklyn and Esther (Stafford) Sandholm in Red Oak, Iowa. The family attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Linda was a junior member of VFW, a Girl Scout and was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. She graduated from junior high in Red Oak, Iowa.

In the fall of 1961 Linda and her family moved to Rock Rapids where she attended and graduated from Central Lyon High School. After graduation, Linda attended Beauty School in LeMars, Iowa. She and her twin sister then moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where Linda worked in a beauty shop.

On April 22, 1967, Linda married her high school sweetheart, Harold Meester, who just returned from Vietnam. The first six months of their marriage was spent in El Toro, California, until Harold's active duty in the Marine Corps was finished.

They moved back to Rock Rapids and attended the State Line Presbyterian Church. Linda worked in a beauty shop until they had their first son. She then became a stay-at-home mom for 25 years.

On March 9, 1972, the family moved to an acreage

near Lester, Iowa. The family became members of the Bethel Reformed Church.

Linda was a Cub Scouts leader, a girls' 4-H leader, Bible school teacher and director. She was also active in Lester Betterment Club, Legion Auxiliary, and was a member of Rock Rapids VFW Auxiliary.

In November of 1992 Linda began working for Dutchland Foods in Lester, where she was employed until her retirement in December of 2012.

Linda and Harold traveled to Europe and to Vietnam, as well as many places in the United States, with Branson, Missouri, being a favorite spot. They also went on several mission trips.

Linda is survived by her husband, Harold Meester; four children, Steve (Shelly) Meester of Inwood, Iowa, Mark (Nan) Meester of Sioux Falls, Donna (Stacen) Burgers of Hills, Leah (Lance) Boote of Lester; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a twin sister, Sandra (Paul) Wollmuth of Sheldon, Iowa; brothers Eldine (Marsha) Sandholm of Hartford, South Dakota, Jay (Cyndi) Sandholm of Sheldon; and a sister-in-law, Judy (Roger) Klaassen of Little Rock, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her parents-in-law Joe and Ruth Meester; nieces Beth Ann and Lisa Klaassen; and nephew Jon Sandholm.

Arrangements were provided by Jurens Funeral Home, www.jurensfh.com.

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Edna Johnson

Edna Johnson, 99, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019.

Family will greet friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, at Miller Westside Funeral Chapel, 6200 W. 41st St., Sioux Falls. The funeral service begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at St. John American Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Memorials may be directed to Feeding SD or the Union Gospel Mission.

Edna is survived by her daughters-in-law Judy LeBeau and Linda Ulrich, both

of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; a son in-law, Kenneth McQuisten, Sioux Falls; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; her sister, Gladys Hanzen, Doon, Iowa; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Willard LeBeau and Trygve Johnson; two sons, Edward and

William LeBeau; a daughter, Helen McQuisten; brothers Olaf and Henry, and sisters Agnes Armstrong, Grace Westall and Helen Leimbach.

Arrangements were provided by Miller Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.millerfh.com.

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DEATH NOTICE

Eldon Dykstra

Eldon Dykstra, 88, of Worthington, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A memorial service was Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the Lakeside Church in Worthington. A private family burial preceded the funeral.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington, dingmannandsons.com.

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MAPLEWOOD NOTICE

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Redbirds bow out of tourney

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Redbirds bowed out of the Minnesota State Class C Amateur Baseball Tournament Sunday in Maple Lake.

Pitted against a highly regarded New Markets squad, the Redbirds held their own in a tightly contested game in the event's second round.

The Muskies, however, pushed a run across home plate in the bottom half of the eighth inning and that proved to be enough offense to give New Market a 1-0 victory.

Luverne ends the season with a 21-10 record.

Pipestone draftee Brandon Alfson kept the Redbirds in the game with his pitching.

Alfson blanked the Muskies through the first seven innings of play before yielding one earned run in the eighth inning. He fanned four batters and limited NM to five hits.

Luverne was limited to four singles in the contest.

Gaige Nath and Declan Beer singled in the first inning, while Phil Paquette recorded singles in the sixth and ninth innings.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	0	1	0
Beers	4	0	1	0
Paquette	4	0	2	0
Wenninger	4	0	0	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	0	0
Mauer	0	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	4	0	0	0
Norman	3	0	0	0
Nelson	3	0	0	0
Lundgren	3	0	0	0

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne volleyball team opened the 2019 season by posting a pair of road wins.

Luverne posted a four-set win at Edgerton Public School Thursday before sweeping a match against St. James in Redwood Falls Saturday.

The Cardinals play Marshall at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Tuesday.

Luverne 3, SJ 0

The Cardinals reeled in their second win of the season when they swept the Saints in Redwood Falls Saturday.

LHS outscored St. James 75-51 during a convincing victory.

The Cards prevailed by 25-18, 25-19 and 25-14 tallies.

Mallory Thorson (three ace serves, seven digs, four kills and four blocks), Trista Baustian (11 set assists and 12 of 12 serving with three aces) and Gracie Zewiske (seven blocks and four kills) played solid matches for LHS.

Elise Ferrell charted seven kills and Reghan Bork added six set assists to the winning cause.

LHS 3, Edgerton 1

The Cardinals served up Sarah DeBeer's first varsity win as a head coach when they notched a four-set victory in Edgerton Thursday.

Luverne and the Flying Dutchmen split the first two sets of the evening, but the Cards outscored the hosts 50-



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Luverne junior Gracie Zewiske spikes the ball in front of Edgerton's Madori Scholten during Thursday's volleyball match in Edgerton. Zewiske recorded eight kills in a 3-1 win.

33 in the final two sets to take both of the contests.

Luverne opened a 4-1 cushion early in the third set before

casually building a 10-point cushion (20-10) after Alyssa

Cardinal tennis players test doubles skills

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne tennis team raised its record to 8-1 after competing at three events in a span of six days.

The Cardinals mixed it up at a pair of doubles tournaments before posting a seven-point win over River Valley Monday in Luverne.

Luverne hosts Sioux Falls Lincoln Friday.

Luverne 7, RV 0

The Cardinals notched their eighth win of the young season by sweeping a match from River Valley Monday in Luverne.

Luverne won five of the matches in straight sets during the contest, including all three doubles contests.

Cardinals Solveig Tofte-land and Lauren Ver Steeg strolled to 6-0 and 6-4 victories over Katherine Schroep-ger and Presley Docktor at first doubles, while Jacey Smith and Olivia Wieneke topped Meghan Stevens and Jasmyne Windscheitl by 6-3 and 6-1 tallies at No. 2.

Kacie Kracht and Mia Wenzel saddled Sydne Wahl and Erika Lazano with a pair of 6-1 setbacks at third doubles.

Rozilyn Oye (6-0, 6-4 over Brooklyn Moldan at No. 1) and Brynn Thier (6-0, 6-0 over Lexanna Lazatin at No. 4) prevailed in straight sets in singles for LHS.

Ainslie Robinson (5-7, 6-2-10-3 over Kaydince Thoms at No. 2) and Liz Kelm (6-2,



John Rittenhouse photo/0829 tennis 9

Luverne junior Lauren Ver Steeg prepares to strike a forehand during Monday's 7-0 home win over River Valley. The sweep upped Luverne's record to 8-1 for the season.

4-6, 10-4 at No. 3) prevailed in three-set matches for the Cards.

WHS tourney

The Cardinals captured the team championship at the Worthington Doubles Tour-

namment Saturday.

A total of six LHS doubles squads played seven, seven-game matches in one of three flights at the event.

Three LHS doubles teams claimed flight titles and the Cardinals claimed the team

championship with 197 points.

Pipestone (159 points), Worthington (128) and Yellow Medicine East (104) capped the field.

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Luverne girls place first, boys second at Fairmont Early Bird Meet

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne cross country runners opened the 2019 season at the Fairmont Early Bird Meet Friday.

In what is a unique event, six different races are staged for athletes in grades seven through 12, with all of the runners competing against athletes in their own grades.

Varsity team points are awarded for the efforts produced in the races for grades 9-12.

Luverne fared well in that respect as the Cardinal girls claimed the meet title and the boys finished second.

The LHS girls topped Fair-

mont 14-22 to top a field of six complete teams, while the boys tallied 22 points to place second in a field of seven teams that was led by St. James (14 points).

Luverne runners claimed five individual meet championships during the event.

Brayden Tofte-land won the race for the senior boys with a time of 13:33, while Camden Janiszkeski took top honors with a time of 15:57 in the race for freshmen boys.

Luverne's Sage Viessman claimed the title in the boys' seventh-grade race with his 5:33 effort.

Regan Feit and Jenna De-

Bates claimed race titles for the Cardinal girls.

Feit produced a time of 16:41 to win the race for junior girls, while DeBates claimed the title in the girls' eighth-grade race in 6:04.

The Cardinals compete Friday at a meet in Beresford, South Dakota.

Here is a look at how the Cardinals fared during each race in Fairmont.

12th-grade girls: Mallory Oye, fourth, 21:47; Claire Baustian, fifth, 21:38; Madigan Flom, seventh, 22:35.
11th-grade girls: Feit, first, 17:13.
10th-grade girls: Tenley Nelson, second, 15:42; Brooklynn Ver Steeg, fifth, 16:11.
Ninth-grade girls: Elizabeth Wagner, third, 17:06; Tiana Lais, fourth, 17:09; Grace Ingebretson, seventh, 18:18.

Eighth-grade girls: DeBates, first, 6:04; Kayla Bloemendaal, third, 6:26.
Seventh-grade girls: Maria Rops, seventh, 6:47.

12th-grade boys: Tofte-land, first, 13:33; Jonah Friedrichsen, ninth, 15:53; Brody DeBates, 13th, 16:28; Graham Cunningham, 18th, 22:02.
11th-grade boys: Ethan Curtiss, sixth, 17:13; 10th-grade boys: Sam Emery, 15th, 17:56; Ethan Rahm, 16th, 18:06; Burke Johnson, 18th, 18:47.
Ninth-grade boys: C. Janiszkeski, first, 15:57; Brady Bork, fifth, 16:11; Camden Hoven, 12th, 17:25.
Eighth-grade boys: Ryan Fick, sixth, 5:58.
Seventh-grade boys: Viessman, first, 5:33; Evan Bumgardner, fourth, 5:51; Owen Janiszkeski, fifth, 5:54; Levi Gonnerman, eighth, 6:22; Kaleb Hemme, 13th, 6:35; Leif Ingebretson, 14th, 6:39; Eli McLendon, 21st, 7:03.

Smedsrud gets to live his dream

I couldn't be more elated for Luverne's Chaz Smedsrud.

The 2016 LHS graduate will get to live his dream.



The Luverne boys' hockey program's all-time point producer (315 points) has yearned to play Division 1 hockey at the college level for as long as he can remember.

After spending the last three winters playing junior hockey, Smedsrud will get to live his dream.

He boards a plane bound for Albany, New York, on Sunday.

The destination is a short drive from Schenectady, New York, where Smedsrud will begin his career as a member of the Union College men's hockey team.

"This has been my dream from the get-go. I want to play Division 1 hockey," he said.

His dream didn't include playing hockey at the college in northern New York, but Smedsrud is excited about the opportunity to do so.

"They had some returning players get injured this summer, so they called me at the end of July and asked if I wanted to play there. I was happy they had a spot for me, so I accepted it," he claimed.

Union College has a top-notch hockey program that claimed an NCAA title in 2014, when it defeated the University of Minnesota 7-4 in the championship game.

The Dutchmen play a demanding schedule that includes a number of Ivy League opponents and other high-profile schools from the northeast portion of the country.

Since Smedsrud has put in his time in the junior hockey ranks, he believes he is ready to meet the challenge.

Smedsrud produced 110 points in 115 games

Nattress registered an ace serve.

EHS scored the next three points to make it a seven-point difference (20-13), but the Cards outscored the Dutchmen 5-4 the rest of the set to ice a 25-17 victory.

Edgerton scored the first two points of the fourth set before LHS went on a 21-9 run to gain a 21-11 advantage after Elise Ferrell recorded an ace serve.

The Cards prevailed 25-16 moments later when Zewiske produced a match-clinching kill.

LHS faced a pair of two-point deficits early in the first set and trailed 10-7 before turning the situation around.

A 15-3 run capped by a kill from Josie Golla gave the Cards a 22-13 lead they would turn into a 25-19 conquest.

LHS led 7-2 after Bork registered an ace tip, but Edgerton rallied to sport a 16-14 edge in the second set.

The score was tied five times as the set progressed before the Flying Dutchmen reeled off five points to secure a 25-20 win.

Thorson (12 kills, three ace serves, nine blocks and eight digs), Zewiske (10 digs, eight kills and three blocks) and Ferrell (eight digs, seven kills and four blocks) played solid matches for the visiting Cardinals.

Bork led the Cardinals with 21 set assists during the 2019 debut for Luverne.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

as a two-year member of the Notre Dame Hounds, a Canadian team that plays in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League based in Wilcox, Saskatchewan.

He joined the Madison (Wisconsin) Capitals last winter, where he tallied 24 points in 62 games for a team that competes in the United States Hockey League.

"Playing in the juniors develops you into a better player. It gets you ready for the next level, and it turns you into a man because you're not living at home," he said.

Since he's spent a better part of the last three years living away from home, the prospect of moving to Upstate New York is less daunting to Smedsrud.

Union College has no games on the schedule in the Midwest this winter, but that's just fine with Chaz.

"It's exciting because it's something new for me. I'll get to experience a different culture, and I plan to embrace it and see where it takes me," he said.

Practice for the 2019-20 season starts shortly after Smedsrud arrives in New York, and the classes begin on Sept. 11.

The Dutchmen square off against five-time NCAA champion Boston University to open the season in Schenectady Oct. 5, which will be the day Smedsrud's dream comes true.

"This is the end of what was a long summer for me because I really didn't know where I was going to be this fall. It has a good ending though," he concluded.



John Rittenhouse photo/0829 tennis 3

Luverne junior Solveig Tofteland keeps the ball in play during Monday's home tennis win over River Valley. Tofteland and Lauren Ver Steeg won in straight sets at No. 1 doubles.

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Oye and Robinson compiled 37 points (total games won) to win the Red Flight, while Ver Steeg and Tofteland placed sixth in the flight with 23 points.

Smith and Wieneke took top honors in the Black Flight with 37 points, while Liz Kelm and Katherine Kelm finished third with 28 points.

Kracht and Wenzel won the White flight with 41 points, while Hanna Ehlers and Kristin Rud finished second with 31 points.

St. James tourney

The Cardinals turned in a winning performance during

the St. James Doubles Tournament Aug. 21.

Luverne won two of the three matches to place second in a four-team field led by the host school, which went 3-0 to win the team title.

The Cardinals upended Maple River (4-3) and Sibley East (5-2).

St. James saddled the Cards with a 6-1 setback.

Playing at No. 6 doubles, Ehlers and Rud turned in a 3-0 effort.

They posted 6-3 and 6-2 victories over MR's Maya Kulseth and Allison Bluedorn and notched 6-4 and 7-6 wins over

SE's Chloe Reyes and Jenave Mendoza.

Ehlers and Rud completed their perfect day by handing SJ's Evan Ramsdahl and Emma Zender 6-2 and 7-5 setbacks.

Luverne received 2-1 efforts from the doubles teams of Kracht and Wenzel, Smith and Wieneke, Hope Thorson and Alexa Chesley and Katherine Kelm and Rylee Anderson.

Oye and Ainslie Robinson went 1-2 for the tournament, while the teams of Liz Kelm and Thier and Tofteland and Ver Steeg went 0-3.

Don't issue a dog command that you can't enforce

Since I purchased my first pure breed Labrador in 1996, I have gained a fair amount of dog knowledge. My connections to Round Lake Kennels and pro trainer Thad Lambert have accelerated my dog education greatly. There are still folks who know a whole lot more than I do, but I certainly have a good depth of dog training knowledge.

I have written over the years about the four rules of dog ownership in terms of what dog owners need to do in order to have dogs that listen to them. A Labrador lives about 12 to 14 years. Why would anyone want to live that long with a dog that doesn't listen?

A well-behaved dog is welcome anywhere and a disobedient dog is welcome nowhere.

The next few weeks I will cover the four rules of dog ownership and explain each one and why they are critical to having the kind of dog you want to live with.

The first rule of dog ownership is never give the dog a command unless you are in a position and of a demeanor to enforce that command. For example, let's assume you are driving down the road and the dog in the back of the truck is barking. You holler out the window, "Quiet!" in a loud and stern voice. Just what are you going to do about it if the



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

dog does not stop barking? The answer is nothing.

You don't have a way to compel the dog into compliance. The fix for this would be to stop the truck, get out in a calm manner and strap on an electronic training collar. The dog gets no correction for the prior barking.

Get back in the truck and start driving again. If the dog barks, you give the command, "Quiet!" and give the dog a momentary correction with the collar and the dog immediately stops barking.

You are now in a position to back up the command with the needed correction. If you just holler and get no compliance, you have just taught the dog he or she does not have to listen to you when driving because you can't do anything about the dog's bad behavior.

What if you are standing on the deck outside your house with a bunch of neighbors and the dog is digging up the flowers in the backyard? You holler, "No!" and give the "Here!" command. But what will you do if the dog keeps digging with all of your friends watching?

The correct thing to do would be to go to where the dog is and grab the collar and bring it to the spot where you originally issued

the command, repeating the "Here!" command, but this likely won't happen because you cannot correct the dog without your friends thinking negatively of you. The best thing to do is just put the dog away ahead of time to avoid this from happening in the first place. In this example the dog owner is not in an environment or of the proper demeanor to enforce the command due to situational issues.

If the dog gets away with digging in the flowers and there is no required compliance to the "Here!" command, you are again teaching your dog not to listen to you. This is the opposite of what we want to happen.

Rule No 1: Never give the dog a command when you are not in a position or of a demeanor to enforce that command.

This is pretty simple concept but critical to having a complaint dog who listens to you.

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

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Jim Slocum

24 x 25
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Steve Nath

Rock County Sportman's Club hosts Open Shoot August 18

By John Rittenhouse

The Rock County Sportsman's Club staged its annual Open Shoot Aug. 18.

Eleven different men captured championships during the event.

Doug Deutsch emerged as the overall high shooter during

the competition.

The 16-yard title went to Jim Slocum, while Glen Lonneman and Jack Boomgaarden claimed the Class A and Class B titles respectively.

The junior champ of the 16-yard event is Colton Schutz, while Chris Balster nailed

down the handicap title.

Cole Voss (24- to 25-yard), Rick Ossefoort (21- to 23-yard) and Scott Loosbrock (18- to 20-yard) claimed event titles as well.

Jon Lang landed the doubles title, while Dave Stearns placed second.



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Friday, Oct. 4 7:30 p.m. **Superstar** The Songs, The Stories, The Carpenters Tickets are \$25 and are on sale August 28 for season subscribers/business underwriters and September 4 for the public. Join Helen Welch and her amazing group of musicians as they celebrate the songs of the famous brother sister duo. The Carpenters had 16 consecutive top 20 hits and were one of the most successful groups of the 1970's. Helen shares some rare and fascinating back-stage stories that are woven in between the songs that made Karen and Richard so popular.
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203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
Friday, Aug. 30: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Sunday, Sept. 1: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 31: 2 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for Clint Colvin at FBC. Sunday, Sept. 1: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Sept. 3: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Thursday, Sept. 5: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 29: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Aug. 30: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 31: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Communion. Sunday, Sept. 1: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, Sept. 2: Labor Day — office is closed. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Sept. 3: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 4: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. Thursday, Sept. 5: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Sunday, Sept. 1: 9:15 a.m. Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Sept. 4: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Friday, Aug. 30: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Sept. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, Sept. 3: Noon staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 7 p.m. Esther Circle; Ridder Team. Wednesday, Sept. 4: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Aug. 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Aug. 31: Dahl/Wenninger Wedding. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Sept. 2: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 4: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Sept. 5: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Aug. 29: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, Sept. 3: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Sept. 4: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Sept. 5: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 29: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 30: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Sept. 1: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Catechism meeting after worship service. Tuesday, Sept. 3: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 4: 7 p.m. LWML Meeting. Thursday, Sept. 5: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 29: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. Saturday, Aug. 31: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Sept. 2: Church office closed; no quilting. Tuesday, Sept. 3: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Little Lambs open house. 6:30 p.m. Teacher meeting. Quilting. 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 4: Little Lambs open house. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Sept. 5: Little Lambs classes begin. 2 p.m. Women's Society.

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 1: 10 a.m. Combined worship at Palisade Lutheran with Holy Communion.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 1: 10 a.m. Combined Worship at Palisade Lutheran with Holy Communion.

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Pastor Nancy Manning
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service.

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, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Monday, Sept. 2: Labor Day — office is closed. Tuesday, Sept. 3: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Sept. 4: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Trustees Meeting; Deacon bread visits; 8-9th grade information meeting for confirmation students and parents.

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.

He gave thanks in the storm

Acts 27. Imagine it's 60 AD. You're with the Apostle Paul, traveling by ship across the Mediterranean Sea. No motors or electronics. Paul was en route to Rome. He had been falsely accused of serious crimes and had been held in custody awaiting trial for more than two years.

Knowing that he wouldn't receive justice from Porcius Festus, the new governor of Judea, Paul exercised his right as a Roman citizen by appealing his case to the Caesar.

Eventually Paul and some other prisoners were loaded onto a boat. At Myra, a port city on the southern coast of Lycia (modern Turkey), they boarded a larger ship — a cargo ship carrying grain from Egypt to Rome. But when the ship put out to sea, it encountered contrary winds. After changing course and sheltering briefly behind the island of Crete, the ship set out again. This time gentle breezes filled the sails. But not for long! A huge storm — a typhoon — struck and blew the ship off course. Clouds were thick. Rains were heavy. Winds whipped up waves that battered the ship.

The storm was so strong that even the seasoned sailors began to fear for their lives. To lighten the ship, they threw some cargo and gear overboard. Fearing the storm would drive them all the way down to the sandbars of Syrtis (coast of Africa), the sails deployed a sea anchor to slow the ship's movements. After a few days and nights without seeing the sun or stars, the sailors had no idea where they were. After a few more days of violent weather, just about everyone on the battered ship had given up hope.

But the Apostle Paul remained hopeful! Why? Because Paul had an inner source of comfort. It's not that Paul was comfortable. Physically he was as miserable as everyone else on the doomed ship. But Paul drew strength (comfort) from the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul knew that he belonged, body and soul, in life and in death, to a mighty Savior! He knew that the saving work of God in Jesus Christ was true because Jesus had risen from the dead! As Paul followed Jesus, he knew that he was an undeserving but forgiven, beloved child of God

BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Roger Sparks,
Luverne Christian
Reformed Church**

and that no matter how the voyage turned out he was headed for glory.

About three years before this, the Holy Spirit led Paul to write a letter to the church at Rome. Paul remembered what God had revealed through him. Storm or no storm, Paul knew that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). Storm or no storm, Paul knew that there's an unbreakable chain in God's plan of salvation: that predestination is linked to calling, calling to justification, and justification to glorification (Romans 8:29-30). Storm or no storm, Paul knew that nothing in all creation would be able to separate him from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:39).

Do you see how these Gospel truths were a comfort to the Apostle Paul? Do you see how they can also be a source of strength to you if you know and rely on God's promises? Romans 14:8 says, "If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die we die to the Lord. So whether we live or we die, we are the Lord's." Today you're alive. Eventually you will die. Perhaps you'll die violently in a shipwreck or peacefully under hospice care. Perhaps you'll die suddenly in an accident or after plenty of warning because of a progressive disease. One way or another you will die. You will need hope. You will need strength. You will need God.

The Apostle Paul practiced what he preached. Eventually the wind-driven ship approached the island of Malta. Soon it would run aground and break up. Soon everyone on board would be in the water either swimming or drifting to shore. Soon everyone would be in crisis. Paul encouraged everyone to eat something. They'd need strength to get to shore. Paul prayed, giving thanks to God. He didn't wait until after the crisis. He thanked God during the storm.

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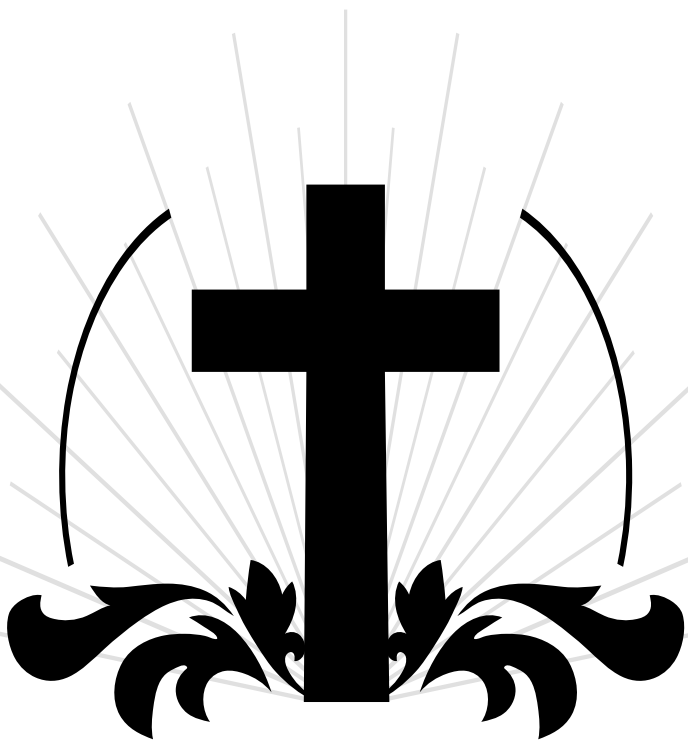
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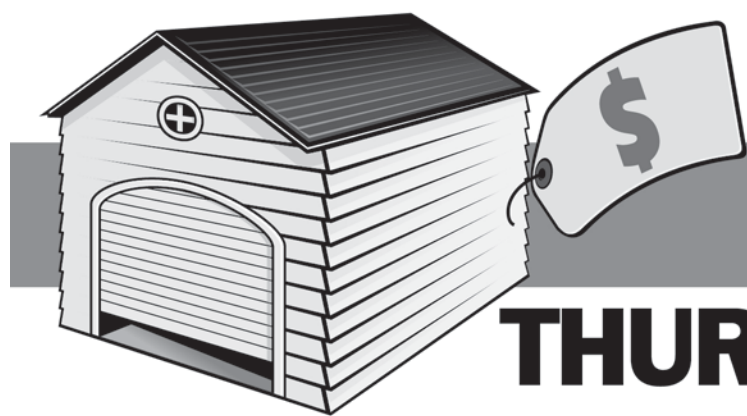
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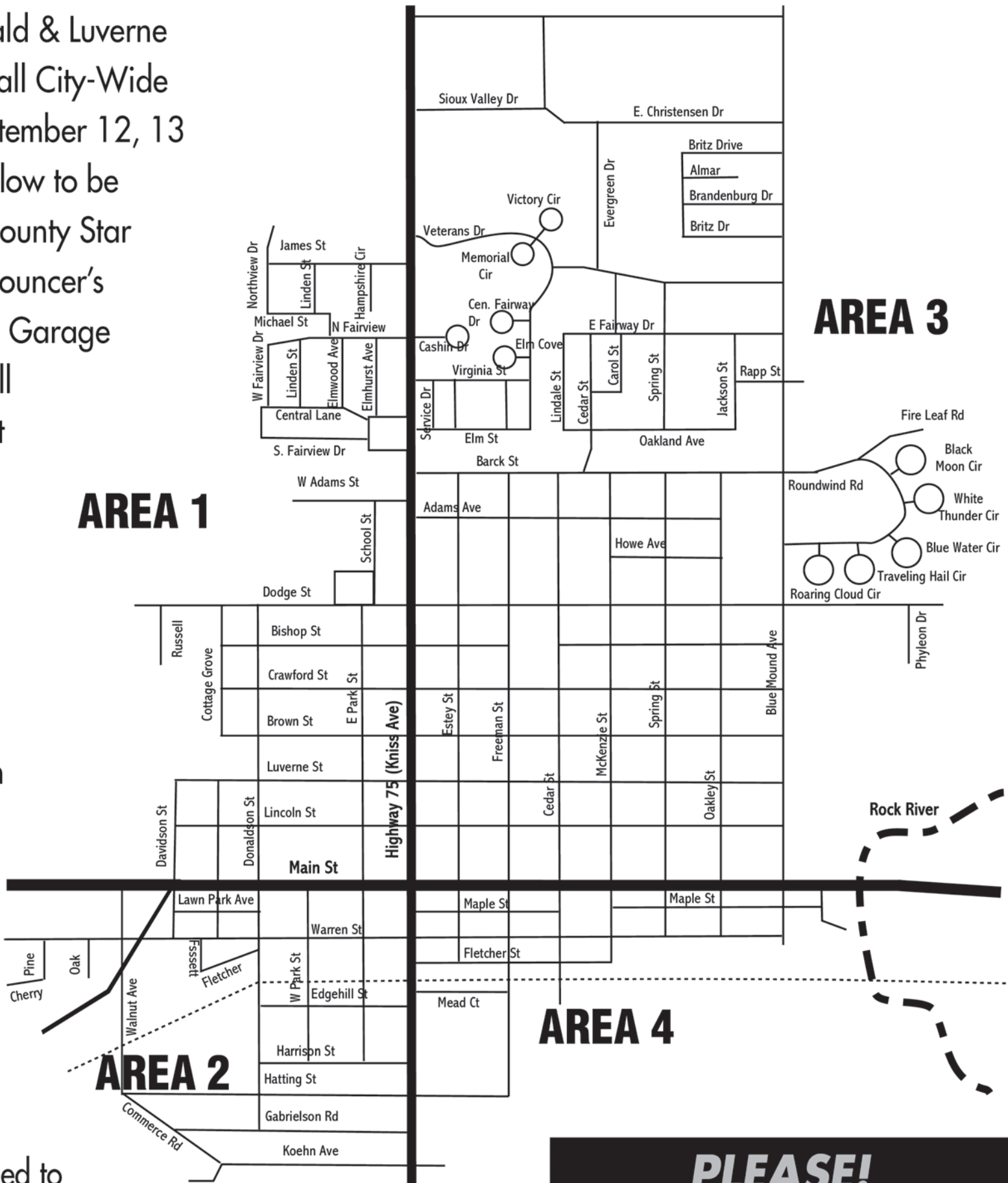
LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 12, 13 & 14. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.

Ads must be paid for before they will run.

All of the garage sale ads will be published in the *Rock County Star Herald* and *Luverne Announcer* with a Garage Sale header & September 12, 13 & 14 date on top of the page - you don't need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.



**PLEASE!
LIST THE AREA
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Your ad will look like this:
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Group rummage sale! Children's and adult clothing, toys and other miscellaneous items. Also, baked items and crafts.

Please list your address first and time of the sale second! These words will be counted as part of the ad. Also, specify if sale will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday, or Saturday only.

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Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-19-262

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on Sept. 16, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, April 21, 1986, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Carl Moss, whose address is 906 Valley View Drive, Valley Springs, SD 57068 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: 8/15/2019
COURT SEAL
Dated: 8/15/2019

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
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Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

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(08-22,08-29)

Rock County Highway Department seeks bridge bids by Sept. 23

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067 – 598 – 019 ETC.
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
LIVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday September 23, 2019. READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday September 24, 2019 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting. Construction of Bridges 67K39; 67K42; 67K47 & 67K48 / PCST. Box Culverts.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 48 Ft. of 12'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 48 Ft. of 12'x7' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 38 Ft. of 14'x4' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 130 Ft. of 12'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 6 End Sections; 1,950 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill & Bedding; 423 Tons Rock Bedding; & 271 Tons Random Riprap Class 2.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$50.00. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal. Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-598-019, Etc.". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Engineer
(08-29, 09-05)

ISD #2184 School Board meets July 18

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

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LIVERNE, MINNESOTA. A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on July 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Katie Baustian and Shelley Sandulte. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Jordan Winter, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Dave Mulert and Joel Bornhoft with ICS, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

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

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve the June 20, 2019, School Board Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Joel Bornhoft and Dave Mulert with ICS gave a building project update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the district bills. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$2,794,132.96. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of June 30, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman, to approve the following bus driver compensation:

Regular Route – \$93.00 per day
Sioux Falls Route – \$93.000 per day
Preschool Route – \$46.50 per day
Activities Trips – \$15.00 per hour
Daily Rate for Overnight Trip – \$130.00 per day
Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to set the bus driver physical reimbursement maximum amount at \$115 and the bus driver license reimbursement maximum amount as \$47.00. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted there was only one quote received for vehicle fuels. Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to accept the vehicle fuel quotation from Expressway – Luverne BP. The quotation was for a \$0.102 per gallon reduction in pump price. Motion unanimously carried.

The Bakery Products quotations received were as follows:
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Whole Grain Bread Sandwich – \$1.48 per 24 oz loaf (.062 per oz)
White Sandwich Bread – \$1.48 per 24 oz loaf (.062 per oz)
Whole Grain Hot Dog Buns – \$3.43 per 30 ct (.115 per bun)
6" White Hot Dog Buns – \$1.44 per 12 ct (.120 per bun)
4" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns – \$3.43 per 30 ct (.115 per bun)
4" White Hamburger Buns – \$1.44 per 12 ct (.120 per bun)

3.5" White Hamburger Buns – \$1.39 per 12 ct (.116 per bun)
3.5" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns – \$6.66 per 60 ct (.111 per bun)
Whole Grain Footlong – \$1.69 per 6 ct (.282 per bun)
Whole Grain 6" Hoagie Buns – \$3.53 per 24 ct (.147 per bun)
White 6" Hoagie Buns – \$3.53 per 24 ct (.147 per bun)
Whole Grain Bread R/T – \$1.44 per 24 oz loaf (.060 per oz)
Kids Choice White Bread – \$1.60 per 24 oz loaf (.067 per oz)
Kids Choice Whole Grain Bread – \$1.60 per 24 oz loaf (.067 per oz)
Dakota 12 Grain Bread – \$1.90 per 24 oz loaf (.080 per oz)

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Sara Lee Classic 100% Whole Wheat Bread – \$1.40 per 20 oz loaf (.070 per oz)
Sara Lee Whole Grain White Bread \$1.40 per 20 oz loaf (.070 per oz)
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RI 51% Whole Grain White Bread – \$1.55 per 24 oz loaf (.065 per oz)
RI Wheat SW Bread – \$1.88 per 24 oz loaf (.079 per oz)
RI White Hot Dog Buns – \$1.95 per 16 ct (.122 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White 4" Hamburger Bun – \$1.75 per 12 ct (.146 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Coney Bun – \$2.00 per 16 ct (.125 per bun)
6" Steak Bun Split Top – \$4.25 per 24 ct (.177 per bun)
RI 10" Coney – \$2.00 per 6 ct (.334 per bun)
RI White Hamburger Bus – \$1.60 per 12 ct (.134 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Hoagie Bun – \$4.50 per 24 ct (.188 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White 3-1/2" Hamburger – \$1.85 per 16 ct (.116 per bun)

EDGERTON BAKERY

1-5 Wheat Bread – \$2.00
2 oz. Hamburger Bun – \$2.40
2 oz. Hot Dog Buns – \$2.55
Brat Buns – \$2.75
Luncheon Buns – \$2.35

Discussion was held. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to table any action on these quotations until Food Service Director Ann Rigney has had a chance to review them. Motion unanimously carried. This will be placed on the August School Board Agenda. It was noted there was only one dairy products bid received:

DEAN FOODS NORTH CENTRAL
Escalator/De-escalator Bid

1% white – 1/2 pint 0.1843
skim white – 1/2 pint 0.1789
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True Moo – 1/2 pint (strawberr) 0.1848
Cottage Cheese – 5# carton 7.3079
Yogurt – Individual Servings (6 oz.) 6325
1% white – gallon 3.0582

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the Dean Foods North Central dairy products bid for the 2019-20 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the Elementary Parent Student Handbook and the Middle/High School Student Handbook for the 2019-20 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

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

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

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to designate the following law: Knutson, Flynn and Deans; and, Ratwick, Rozsak, Maloney and Bartel. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to designate Superintendent Craig Oftedahl as the school representative and Todd Oye as the student activities representative to the Minnesota State High School League Governing Board. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman, to set the School Board compensation rate for 2019-20 as \$60 for each scheduled regular meeting, \$50 for special meetings, and \$110 for meetings that last more than 6 hours. Motion unanimously.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to set the rate for the 2019-20 school year for private/parochial transportation at \$345 per pupil. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the Health and Safety/Long-Term Facility Maintenance ten-year report with the School Board. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to grant Superintendent Craig Oftedahl the authority to serve as the identified official to authorize user access to the MDE website. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to approve the Agreement for Internship, Field Experience, or Practicum Courses with Morningside College. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to set the two-hour food service worker rate of pay at \$13.50 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the following Supervisory and Exempt Employees salaries for 2019-20: Marlene Mann, Business Manager - \$80,980.00; Wade Hiller, Technology Coordinator – \$74,151.00; Brenda Teal, Admin. Asst./Payroll - \$51,943.00; Brad Goembel, Transportation Supervisor - \$63,113.00; and, Ann Rigney, Food Service Director - \$36,818.00. Discussion was held. It was noted that the Personnel Committee did meet to review these salary increases. Members Jarchow, Hartman, Deutsch, and Bosch voted for the motion; member Sehr voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to set the substitute teacher daily rate of pay for the 2019-20 school year at \$126 per day. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Liza Winkle as Elementary teacher for a salary of \$47,603.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the retirement of Bonnie Busse-Reu, bus driver, effective July 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Morgan Smith as Assistant Marching Band Advisor. It was noted this position was not filled last year. It is a paid position listed on Schedule C – Extra Assignments. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve a medical leave of absence request from Becky Runnoe, preschool teacher, beginning September 5 through approximately October 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Anne Huiskes, two-hour food service worker, effective May 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve a maternity leave request from Julie Fettes, HS English teacher, for ten weeks beginning September 5, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The Personnel Committee met on July 15. They will begin negotiations with the Luverne Education Association on July 31.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to move into Executive Session for the Superintendent's Performance Appraisal at 8:31 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman, to move out of Executive Session and re-open the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Dated: July 18, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(08-29)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to all who sent birthday cards, flowers, gifts, and phone calls to me. Thank you to my children and grandchildren for making it a special day. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Joyce Oldre
(8.25-8.29)

Our deepest thanks to our family, our lifelong farm neighbors and wonderful city friends, especially here on Carol Street, for all your thoughts and prayers in the loss of our wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Lil Willers. Your outpouring of love and support through your many visits to home and The Cottage gave us strength during this difficult time. Thank you to Dr. Tim Ceynowa for his personal time and caring touch over the many years; to The Cottage staff and volunteers for your unending personal care and support; to Dingmann's Funeral Home, Monsignor Kosse, Ron Rother, Jim Baustian, and Sue Skattum for the beautiful mass; to Lila and the staff of Pizza Ranch for the delicious food, to the women of St. Catherine's for supporting the meal; and to all who traveled from near and far to remember a very special woman. Thank you.

The Allen Willers Family
(8.25-8.29)

We want to thank you for your many expressions of sympathy given to us when we lost our father and grandpa. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot. A special thanks to Beaver Creek Fire Dept., Rock County paramedics and Dan Dingmann Funeral Home. We were deeply touched by the tribute from the honor guard. He will be deeply missed.

The Family of
Robert (Bob) Lange
(8.29-9.5)

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For more information on block schedules and hours available, please contact Brenda at (507) 376-3171 extension 2. Interested applicants may also apply online through our website at www.clientcommunityservices.org. Client Community Services, Inc. is an EEO/AA Employer. (8.22-9.8)

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Jill Arp and her daughter, Jaelyn, take in the sights and sounds of the airport Saturday morning during the annual fly-in and drive-in pancake breakfast. At right, Lauren Clark lands safely after her first tandem jump with Skydive Adventures member Joe ("Sketti") Negrete (pictured at right, center).



Airport fly-in/from page 1

"When I go up the stairs, I hear the voices of my mom and dad, which is comforting to me," Jerry Aanenson said. In addition to pancakes, aircraft models and classic cars, the event featured Skydive Adventures skydiving, inflatables for kids and other entertainment. Lauren Clark, Sioux Falls, was one of several to venture a first-time tandem jump with Skydive Adventures member Joe ("Sketti") Negrete. "It was amazing," Clark said after she safely landed in the grass south of the car show staging area. "Life is about making memories. That's just a memory-making moment."



Luverne budget/from page 1

Electric department: \$522,000
 •\$140,000 will replace two breakers in the east substation. They are obsolete and parts are no longer available for them.
 •\$150,000 is budgeted each year for distribution system upgrades to improve reliability. The electric department will replace older primary cable and reduce radial feeds by making loops.
 •\$100,000 will pay for tuck pointing, windows and roof work on the power plant.
 •\$50,000 will buy the electric department its own skid steer. It used to share one with the water and sewer department, but it's often not available when needed, especially during snow events.
 •\$50,000 is budgeted each year for transformer purchases to accommodate city growth and to replace failing equipment when needed.
 •\$20,000 will pay for power pole replacements in 2020. After that, the city will budget \$30,000 for poles. The light fixtures will also be replaced with LEDs and banners will be replaced as needed.

Luverne Loop: \$584,000
 Capital purchases for the Luverne Loop hiking and bike path next year include \$584,000 for Phase 3 construction, but \$150,000 will be covered by Local Trail Connection Grant.

Street Department: \$190,000
 •\$170,000 will pay for a new street sweeper to replace the 2012 equipment that has 4,000 hours. The anticipated useful life of a street sweeper is eight to 10 years.
 •\$20,000 is budgeted each year for the next three years to retrofit one snow plow each year to extend the life of the equipment.

Water department: \$92,000
 •\$40,000 is budgeted each year for water main looping when needed.
 •\$40,000 is also budgeted each year for system upgrades when needed.
 •\$12,000 will cover one-third the cost of a backhoe to be shared with the sewer and electric departments.

Pool and fitness: \$24,500
 •\$10,000 is budgeted each year to replace exercise equipment as needed.

ment as needed.
 •\$14,500 will pay for a second climbing wall and safety flooring.
Liquor store: \$14,000
 •\$14,000 will pay for roof shingles in 2020.

Central garage: \$55,000
 •\$55,000 will pay for a 20-by-25-foot addition to the existing public works building to add another stall for the city mechanic.

Fire Department: \$64,000
 •\$54,000 will waterproof the basement walls of the fire hall to address a water seepage problem.
 •\$10,000 will buy a rescue boat to replace the current one, which is unsafe and tips over easily.

Airport: \$65,000
 •\$5,000 will pay for relocating the Automated Weather Observing System at the airport.

Civil defense: \$20,000
 •\$20,000 is budgeted to replace a civil defense siren each year until all have been replaced.

Parks and rec: \$13,000
 •\$13,000 will pay for a skid loader upgrade and an additional attachment.

Capital expenses factor in levy proposal
 The 2020 capital improvement plan is part of a five-year plan that helps the city council with long-term budgets.

The list can be a moving target, with some purchases delayed or expedited, depending on needs. These expenses are taken into account when the city approves a proposed levy for taxes payable the following year. On a flow chart of capital budgets over a five-year period, 2018, 2019 and 2020 are off the chart with \$12 million, \$14 million and \$16 million totals respectively. Luverne's capital budgets have typically hovered around \$2 to \$3 million per year, but in recent years, the city's aging infrastructure has come due for upgrades, spurred by developments in the city's industrial park.

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Thank You

"There are no words." This seems to be the only phrase that fits since the Lord called our sweet, beautiful Brooke to heaven. We cannot wrap our hearts and minds around this reality, but want to reach out to our families, friends, skating family and community to thank each and every one of you for the amazing love and support you have given all of us over the last few weeks. For the thoughts and prayers, food, paper products, flowers, memorials, donations to Brooke's scholarship, her t-shirts, sparkles and just for being there. Brooke is loved by so many. It feels like an eternity since we've seen her smile, heard her voice and her laugh, and felt her hugs. But her smile, sparkle, quick wit and love for children have left an impact that will live on in all those she loved and whose lives she touched. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the love and support now and in the days to come. We have no doubt heaven has an abundance of bling and Brooke has a lap full of children who need her, along with a glittery sheet of ice full of children learning to skate. She leaves a little sparkle everywhere she goes - she can't help it she fell in a pile of glitter when she was a baby and has been sparkly ever since!

SMILE, SPARKLE, SHINE OUR SWEET BROOKE-A-PIE!!

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(personal thank yous will be sent as we are able)