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Luverne rolls out welcome mat for Governor's Hunt

By Lori Sorenson

It was a proud weekend in Luverne Oct. 12 and 13 when thousands of people converged for the eighth annual Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.

"We heard repeatedly from out-of-town guests, the media and from the governor's office staff about how impressed they were that the whole community seemed to be involved in the weekend," Peterson said.

"And this is coming from planners who have been involved with this event for many years."

Explore Minnesota Director John Edmond was among many with these

Special edition inside carries full coverage of weekend

sentiments. "This was a fantastic pheasant opener weekend," he said Monday. "It was undoubtedly the best opener yet. Luverne and all its community involvement was fantastic."

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton initiated the opener in 2011 to highlight hunting, recreational, travel and local opportunities that Greater Minnesota communities have to offer.

As it turns out, the governor was unable to attend what would have been his eighth and final appearance at the annual event, due to a back

surgery Friday morning.

The announcement came as a blow to Luverne planners who scrambled to adjust schedules, lodging arrangements and hunting assignments.

"We were in triage mode for awhile," said Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. "But we found that most of our guests were very understanding and very kind."

DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr read a statement from Dayton

at Friday's banquet.

"I was so looking forward to joining you for this weekend's events," Dayton wrote. "... I can assure you I would much rather be with you."

The governor praised the Luverne welcoming committee for its preparation efforts.

"Your hard work over the last year to plan and pull off this spectacular event is greatly appreciated — by all Minnesotans," he shared in his letter.

"It is a testament to the character of you people, the pride you have

in your city and the passion we all share for our state's treasured natural resources."

Ultimately, the show went on without the guest of honor, and looking back on the weekend, it seemed the governor's absence was hardly noticed.

"We had a wonderful committee and a wonderful community that embraced the event," Lanphere said. "That is something we can all be proud of."

See Section B for a Star Herald special edition that showcases coverage of the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener weekend.

City identifies child care crisis as No. 1 priority

By Lori Sorenson

City Finance Director Barb Berghorst has been working with EDA Director Holly Sammons and a local committee to find solutions for the local child care crisis.

She said "crisis" is the correct word to use when describing the shortage of child care providers in Luverne and Rock County.

"The City Council has identified this as our No. 1 priority," she told City Council members at their Sept. 18 meeting. "Why are we not talking about it?"

She admitted she's grown passionate about the issue after serving on the committee and learning more about it.

As a "numbers geek," she said it's clear how child care affects local economies, but on the human side of the crisis, she said it's affecting the lives of everyday citizens.

"It dictates where people live, where they work and even if they can accept a job in the community," she said.

"Businesses and communities can't grow and thrive if there aren't enough child care options available. If businesses can't hire workers because there's no child care, it's an economic development crisis."

The unseen toll can be noted in the personal stress on families struggling to make ends meet.

"It's driving the overall labor shortage in rural Minnesota," she said. "We want them to live here and we want our school census to rise, but there's a fundamental gap between what it costs to run a child care center and what people are able to pay."

As of last year, a supply and demand gap analysis showed a potential need for 111 child care slots in the Luverne area, but rate structures don't support a child care center.

In-home providers currently charge roughly \$120 per week for infants, \$115 for toddlers and \$110 for preschoolers.

In order to cash flow a newly constructed child care center that pays its certified staff \$9 to \$10 per hour,

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Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Birds In First Snow

A short 180 days since last snowfall

Robins frolicked in the crab apple trees east of Hardwick Sunday morning after the area received several inches of snow. According to the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, the early morning snowfall marks the shortest time period between one-inch snowfalls (last spring snow to first fall snow) of only 180 days, the fifth shortest on record. The shortest period of 169 days occurred in 1970. The average length of time between snowfall is 237 days, with one-inch snowfalls not typically falling until Nov. 17. However, the robins won't be migrating to warmer climates anytime soon, as area temperatures are forecast to climb into the mid-50s and even 60 degrees by week's end.

Local performers appear in 'Farmer of the Year' movie

Feature film shown at the Palace Theatre Saturday, Sunday and Oct. 25

By Mavis Fodness

The three-day showing of "Farmer of the Year" at the Palace Theatre in Luverne features four local performers in the feature-length film.

Katie Walgrave and Scott Wessels, both of Luverne, make cameo appearances in the 1-hour, 43-minute film by YellowHouse Films.

Luverne residents Ron and Jane Cote, however, are on the cast list as

"band members" with Ron having an additional listing as "Nebraska and California radio DJ."

"Farmer of the Year" was filmed in Tyler, Lake Benton and Marshall over a 28-day period more than two years ago.

The movie was released in April and has since earned several film festival awards including audience choice and best actor for Barry Corbin.

Corbin, who played Maurice Minnifield in the television show "Northern Exposure," portrays 83-year-old retired Minnesota farmer Hap Anderson.

Anderson retires after 60 years of farming near the town of Sleepy

Eye and uses a World War II veterans reunion in California as an excuse to load up the 1973 Winnebago with his brother (played by Terry Kiser, Bernie Lomax from the film "Weekend at Bernie's") and granddaughter (Mackinlee Waddell (a reoccurring character on ABC's "Good Christian Belles")) for the trip west.

In the comedy-drama Hap and Ashley encounter oddball tourist attractions (including the Corn Palace in Mitchell) and eccentric characters along the way.

Those characters include local actors Walgrave and Wessels as a waitress and a farmer respectively. Neither actor had a speaking part.

The Cotes had significant roles

in the first feature film by directors Kathy Swenson and Vince O'Connell. "Ron and Jane had a big presence in the final scene," said Swenson.

The scene is at the World War II reunion, filmed at the Tyler American Legion to represent the reunion location in California.

The Cotes spent eight hours in Tyler filming the scene that didn't require much acting.

Both are current members of the band "Tequilla Sunrise" and had played at the Tyler Legion in the 1990s.

"We just went in, set up the equipment and started playing," Ron said.

Tyler is director Swenson's

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Ben Franklin Lodge is latest participant in city's facade improvement program

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Economic Development Authority on Oct. 8 approved an application from Ben Franklin Lodge for funds to improve its building on North Freeman Avenue.

The non-profit organization is planning a \$72,000 facade improvement, and the city's Historic Façade Improvement Program will help defray some of those expenses.

The program offers funding on a basis of one-third grant of \$21,000,

one-third loan of \$21,000 (payable over seven years at 2-percent interest) and one-third owner equity of \$21,000. The maximum grant amount is \$21,000 per project.

The scope of work includes replacing doors, replacing windows, trimming out new windows, scraping and painting the exterior (two coats), new shingles and replacing soffit and fascia where needed.

EDA director Holly Sammons said the building isn't on the Na-

tional Register of Historic Places, but she said, "It is a building of historic significance."

At the Monday morning EDA meeting, she also said the improvements won't be dramatic but they'll go a long way toward addressing building needs.

"This will just bring it to life by accenting doors and windows," Sammons said.

According to Masonic Lodge leader Bryce Stoltenberg, the building

dates back to 1880 when it was first built as a church.

The Masons bought it in 1890 and remodeled and expanded the building to their specifications.

"So this building and the Masons date back over 100 years," Stoltenberg said.

He said he and the current Masons are working on building a membership of younger people to continue the work of the philanthropic organization in Luverne.

He said the group also hopes to install a commercial kitchen someday and make the building more handicap accessible.

At Monday's meeting Mayor Pat Baustian remarked about the success of the Historic Façade Improvement Program. "If not for this program we'd have a lot of downtown building improvements that wouldn't happen," he said.

Sammons agreed. "They would fall into disrepair," she said.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For info call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the shed at Cindy Arends' home. Bring supplies (pumpkins, paints, ideas, etc.) to create a fall decoration. Call 507-597-6378 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

Fall storybook hike Oct. 20 at state park

Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park will host a Fall Storybook Hike from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, starting at the picnic grounds parking lot. Enjoy learning about animals preparing for their winter naps on this Storybook Hike that ends at the group shelter for a short program at 2:30. Dress appropriately. A park pass is required. Call 507-283-6051.

Sign up by Oct. 25 for Chanhassen trip

Luverne Community Education is offering a bus trip to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 17, to see Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn" musical. Cost is \$115 for dinner theatre/bus. Register by Oct. 25 at Community Ed, 507-283-4742.

UMC offers community meal Oct. 25

The United Methodist Church in Luverne will serve a free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the church on West Main Street.

Hospice offers 'Tables and Vine' event Oct. 26

The Hospice "Tour of Tables" is expanding to include "Tables & Vine" from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Grand Prairie Events. Cost of the charity event is \$10 which includes Round Lake Winery complimentary wine tastings paired with cheese and crackers, as well as craft beer samples from Take 16 Brewery. Participants will be able to "tour the tables" ahead of the Tour of Tables Brunch Saturday, Oct. 27.

Hospice 'Tour of Tables' Oct. 27

Deadline is Oct. 12 to sign up to decorate and host a table or donate gift baskets for the annual Hospice Tour of Tables Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grand Prairie Events. Advance tickets only for \$15 are available at Sanford Luverne Hospice at 507-283-1805.

Full moon hike at state park Oct. 27

Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park will host a Full Moon Hike at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, starting at the picnic grounds parking lot. Explore the park after dark during this full moon hike with the group or on your own along the Mounds Trail and Upper Cliffline Trail. Dress appropriately and bring flashlights if needed, depending on moon brightness. A park pass is required. Call 507-283-6051.

Historical Society dinner set for Oct. 29

The Rock County Historical Society has rescheduled its annual dinner meeting for Monday, Oct. 29, at Sterling's in downtown Luverne. Contact the History Center, 507-283-2122, for tickets or additional information.

Library hosts murder mystery Oct. 29

The Rock County Library will host a Halloween Murder Mystery evening at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the library located at 201 W. Main Street in Luverne. Contact library personnel at 507-449-5040.



Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Fire Prevention Week 2018

Thanks for the ride

Discovery Time preschoolers received a ride back to school on a fire truck Friday after a tour and educational talks at the Luverne Fire Department station. The activities are part of the department's recognition of National Fire Prevention Week. At the fire station the preschoolers watched a safety video and viewed the local firefighters' gear. Classroom aides and teachers Rebecca Runnoe (far left) and Angie Janiszkeski (far right) wave thanks for the ride.

Emergency food, shelter programs may apply for possible upcoming emergency funding

United Community Action Partnership Inc. is anticipating federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program Phase 35 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area. At this time funding is neither currently available nor guaranteed.

The selection will be made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations,

Catholic Charities, USA National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and will function as fiscal agent

A local board will determine how the funds awarded are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local government or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be non-profit, 2) have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit, 3) practice non-discrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

For further information contact Michelle Jensen at

United Community Action Partnership, Inc. at 507-847-2632. (email michellej@unitedcapmn.org). Written requests stating intended use of funds and amount requested must be received by Oct. 31, 2018. Direct all correspondence to United Community Action Partnership Inc., Attn: Michelle, 115 S Highway, Jackson, MN 56143.

United Community Action Partnership is a non-profit organization that strives to help low and moderate income families improve their lives and move out of poverty.

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hometown. She wrote the screenplay and filmed the movie at her family's farm outside of Tyler. She remembered the Cotes playing at the Legion in her youth.

"That's why she called Jane," Ron said.

Five songs performed by the Cotes are heard throughout the movie.

"Considering we didn't think we were going to make the final cut, we're on screen quite a bit," Ron said.

After the filming was completed, Swenson and O'Connell traveled to Luverne to record Ron as the voice of the radio DJ - another role Ron didn't have to prepare for. He works as an on-air personality at the Luverne radio station.

"I just ad-libbed," he said.

Show times for "Farmer of the Year" are 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Palace Theatre in downtown Luverne.

Submitted photo

Ron and Jane Cote of Luverne are pictured as the "band members" in the movie "Farmer of the Year" in a photo supplied by the feature film's director Kathy Swanson. "Ron is such a booster for us," she said. The award-winning comedy-drama will be shown at the Palace Theatre in Luverne Friday and Saturday as well as Oct. 25.



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rates would need to double in order to barely break even.

Realistically, Berghorst said this low hourly rate would make it difficult to retain qualified staff — even in the range of \$13 to \$16 per hour.

A few bullet points from her presentation include:

- There is an overall labor shortage and jobs are turned down in areas where child care is not available

- Without adequate child care, local businesses are unable to recruit skilled workers and the workers they do have may have child care worries.

- Even with no increase in child population, the steep downward trend in the number of licensed family child care providers promises no end to the shortage.

- Luverne expects to have new employers looking for new employees who will likely have children.

- The primary problem for child care providers is that there is a fundamental gap between what it costs to run a child care program and what parents are willing or able to pay.

- In rural areas it is more difficult to push prices up to cover costs.

- Rural child care centers need a threshold number of children to make opening and sustaining a center feasible — larger child care centers are more likely to cash flow.

“Our goal is to make sure everyone understands that child care is a huge issue in Luverne and Rock County,” Berghorst told the council.

“It’s an economic development issue that needs to be addressed. ... We all need to understand the consequences of doing nothing.”

Several years ago the Luverne EDA commissioned a child care study confirming the need in Rock County.

Since then, informational meetings were organized in the community, in-home child care providers were asked to share their concerns and offer suggestions, conversations continue with parties interested in starting a child care center in Luverne, and the committee is pursuing grants to help fund a child care center.

Berghorst said the committee is working to help everyone in the community — in-home providers, residents, parents, schools, businesses, etc. — understand the child care crisis locally.

“This is our No. 1 priority, and it’s a quality of life issue. But it’s been shown time and again that it can’t happen solely with private funding.”

— Pat Baustian

“It dictates where people live, where they work and even if they can accept a job in the community.

Businesses and communities can’t grow and thrive if there aren’t enough child care options available. If businesses can’t hire workers because there’s no child care, it’s an economic development crisis.”

— Barb Berghorst

Essentially the message is that:

- The number of in-home child care providers has continued to decline.

- Parents want a choice of child care options; some prefer a home setting and some prefer a child care center (especially if jobs require non-traditional hours).

- Regulations are deterring individuals from providing child care in their home.

- There’s a need for flexibility and financing to start up a child care center in Luverne.

- There is not a facility currently available that could be used for a child care center that meets all of the State of Minnesota statutory requirements for space needs.

- Financing and start-up costs are the biggest barriers that prevent interested parties from starting a child care center in Luverne.

- The average wages that must be paid to provide qualified staff are \$15-\$16 per hour minimum.

- The rates that must be charged to break even basically double the current rates parents are paying locally.

In addition to the city, county, and school, others partnering on the child care discussion are the State of Minnesota, Blandin Community Leadership graduates, business leaders, Luverne Area Community Foundation, Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow and the Luverne Community Economic Development Corporation.

After the meeting Mayor Pat Baustian said the council is becoming more open to the notion that a successful community child care center will need to be a subsidized operation to improve the economy and community vitality.

“This is our No. 1 priority, and it’s a quality of life issue,” Baustian said. “But it’s been shown time and again that it can’t happen solely with private funding.”



Rock County Librarian Calla Jarvie (standing) visits with participants (from left) Carmen Vis, Bronwyn Wenzel and Luella Voigt in the Oct. 9 3D Book Art class in the library basement. At right is class leader Jen Anfinson.

Library offers 3D Book Art with leftover book pages

The Rock County Community Library invited the public to create whimsical art with book pages during a unique class on Oct. 9. Participants learned how to use different folding techniques to create 3D art and hanging ornaments.

The Friends of the Library had just completed its annual book sale, and there were several boxes of books to be discarded, so there were plenty of available supplies. The class was sponsored by Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage fund and was free to all.



Photos and text by Lori Sorenson



Barbie Meinerts (left) and Calla Jarvie compare ornaments. At right is Egypt Forrest.



Below, Amy Cowell (back) and Marcene Hassebroek fold colorful book pages to make hanging ornaments.

At left are completed book page Christmas trees.



Early voting makes it easier than ever to participate in elections

By Ken Martin, Chair, Minnesota DFL

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon likes to say he is in the “democracy business.” Early voting opened Sept. 21 and voters across the state are able to participate in early voting.

Under a law authored by Simon when he was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, citizens can vote in person or by mail 46 days before an election. Simon authored the law with his father, who has mobility issues, in mind.

In addition to helping people who face barriers or are concerned about getting to their polling place on Election Day, early voting helps college students attending school away from home who want to vote in their home district; snowbirds leaving for warmer weather before Election Day; and people who work multiple jobs who are not sure of their schedules on Nov. 6.

People can also vote early in person during business hours at their county court-

house or government center.

Many cities also offer the opportunity to vote early. Lists of early voting locations can be found at mnvotes.org. All in-person locations will be open Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

When voting by mail, voters request a ballot that is sent to them. Ballots can be mailed back or dropped off at an early voting location.

If a person requests a ballot, that does not mean that they must vote by mail. They can change their mind and vote in person. People voting early have until the week before the election to change their vote.

Early voting is not only convenient, it is growing in popularity. In Minnesota’s pri-

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Inquisitive student questions didn't disappoint this reporter

Sometimes kids say the darndest things.

During Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach's visit to Luverne Middle-High School on Friday, our sixth-graders asked funny, serious and very curious questions.

Fischbach's visit coincided with the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, which Luverne and Rock County hosted Friday and Saturday.

The students participated in the Youth Education Day meant to introduce students to pheasants, hunting and environmental conservation. The event concluded with the lieutenant governor addressing the students and posing for a group picture.

Gov. Mark Dayton was scheduled to visit Luverne last weekend for the pheasant opener, but he underwent back surgery Friday morning, so Lt. Gov. Fischbach traveled to Luverne in his stead.

As I waited for the lieutenant governor to arrive at the school, members of her staff talked with audience members prior to her arrival.

They asked if I had any questions for the lieutenant governor. Her staff wanted to prepare her for the answers.

Of course, I did. As a reporter, questions come second nature.

I assured them, however, that my questions pertain to the governor's pheasant opener and nothing about the upcoming political election.

What her staff should have prepared Fischbach for was the questions from the 130 sixth-graders from Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne who met with her in the school gymnasium.

After shaking hands, giving the students high fives and delivering a short message, Fischbach asked if they had any questions for her.

Typically at events like this only a few questions (if any) are asked.

But this time the local sixth-graders didn't disappoint. They politely raised their hands and respectfully asked their questions. And there were a lot of them.

Here are just a few:
How do you think the Vikings will do?

Why do we have to take MCA tests?



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

*Why did you run for office?
What is your middle name?
How old are you?
What's your favorite state?
What does a lieutenant governor do?*

*Are you happy about where events are going in the world?
Where did you go to school?
Do you know Donald Trump?*

*What are your hobbies?
Is there a game room in the White House?*

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Fischbach good-naturedly answered the students' questions one by one.

She admitted she hasn't followed the progress of the Minnesota football team.

MCAs are a good way to measure how student learning is progressing, she explained.

Her first taste of political office came when she ran for Paynesville City Council. She sought to have 24-hour police protection, which she found could only be changed at the state level. She then ran for the state senate seat.

She has two middle names: Louise Helene. Fischbach posed a math question for the students to determine her age: She was elected to the senate at age 30 in 1996. (She's 52.)

Her favorite state is Florida because it is warm there. A lieutenant governor is the second-in-command to the governor. There are a lot of good things happening in the world and in Minnesota but there are some things that need to be improved.

She attended elementary and high school in Woodbury, then studied at St. Cloud State University and William Mitchell College of Law. Fischbach doesn't know President Trump but met him when he visited Minnesota recently.

For hobbies she likes home restoration projects. Because she doesn't live in the White House she didn't know if there is a game room. She has an air hockey table at home.

Her job's most enjoyable activity is talking with people.

Thank goodness, because our sixth-graders sure do ask a lot of questions.

Governor's hunt ends as 'proud weekend for Luverne'

Sometimes we don't see the forest for the trees, and that's why it's refreshing to have outsiders come in and remind us how good we have it here.

That's what it was like over the weekend when Luverne and Rock County were inundated with visitors here for the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.

To be fair, the Star Herald news team is well aware of all the great things going on in town.

We should be. We've written about them, and we've been proud to cover those stories as they came to light.

But it was especially rewarding to mill around among other media folks as they chatted between photo ops.

"Wow. This is a really cool town. I had no idea how nice it is here."

We smiled and nodded.

They mentioned well-preserved neighborhoods, the History Center, the nutcrackers (some dressed in

blaze orange), the Veterans Memorial and Military Museum, the fact that the fine arts group got on board with the hunt and created 30-foot wooden pheasants, and more.

Even without a reason to show off, Luverne's a cool town.

But for the pheasant opener, company was coming and Luverne was ready.

As were all the people involved in making it a great party. A lot of people (especially a core group of organizers) put in a lot of time to make sure our best foot was forward.

"Luverne really did a stand-up job hosting the Governor's Hunt. This is the best opener weekend we've ever been part of."

We smiled again. Good to know. And it got better.

Some representatives from communities that have already hosted the Governor's Pheasant Opener openly admitted to feeling outdone.

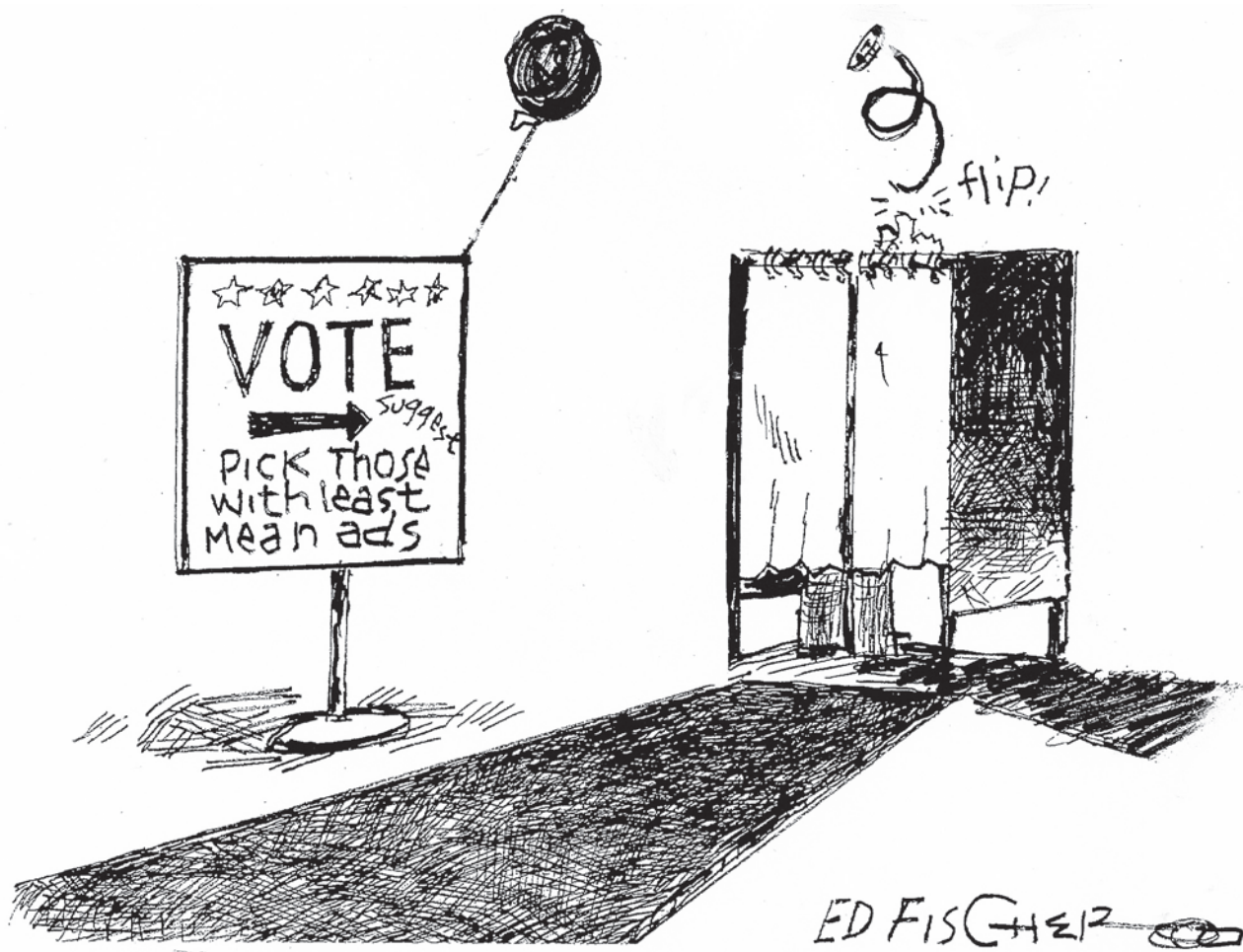
"I never thought I'd say this, but Luverne really showed us up. ... We didn't come close to this, and our town is twice the size."

Yes, it was a proud weekend for Luverne.

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Ask a Trooper: Safety determines which side of stopped vehicle officer approaches on foot

Question: When Troopers pull over a vehicle, why do they approach it on the traffic side rather than the passenger window? I have observed some other law enforcement agencies approach from the passenger side and thought it made sense from a safety perspective.

Answer: Officers are trained in both approaches, and both have their advantages and disadvantages. The side the officer chooses during a traffic stop generally comes down

to one important element — safety.

As a Minnesota State Trooper, most of my traffic stops occur on the freeway or on state highways, where high speeds from passing vehicles is a real safety concern.

Passenger-side approaches have proven safer for the officer if the vehicle stopped is struck by a passing vehicle. Other benefits to this approach include a greater view of the vehicle's interior and the driver's area of reach, as most people are right-handed. It also gives the officer

a larger area of escape if the officer needs to retreat in an emergency.

The advantages an officer has from a driver-side approach include the ability to detect/smell if the driver is under the influence of alcohol and because it is easier to communicate with the driver.

On most of my traffic stops, I approach on the passenger side because I feel safer from traffic. A few years ago on a traffic stop, an approaching vehicle's passenger-side mirror grazed me while I was on

the driver's side of a stopped vehicle on I-35. This was a great reminder of how dangerous a routine traffic stop can be.

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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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Elections 2018: be informed, participate in democracy, VOTE

This is the first of a series of candidate profiles to inform readers of the contested races leading up to the Nov. 6 general election.

Featured this week are the candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives District 22A: Incumbent Joe Schomacker (Republican) and challenger Maxwell Kaufman (Democrat).

The Star Herald asked each candidate four questions

and each candidate was allowed up to 750 words:

- 1.) Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.
- 2.) Locally citizens have discussed the child care shortage and pinpointed specific state hindrances in operating in-home day cares and child care centers. What is your view on the local day care issue and how will you help young families with this growing problem?

- 3.) What is your preference for raising additional money for roads and bridges: Dedicating transportation-related money from the general fund, such as the sales tax on auto parts, or raising the gas tax? Or is current funding sufficient?

- 4.) If elected, what is your top priority for the 2019 Legislature? Why are you running/seeking re-election for office?

Minnesota House of Representatives, District 22A

1.) I am a lifelong resident of Rock County. I graduated from Luverne High School and went to Southwest State University in Marshall. I stayed in Luverne after college to help start Schomacker Cleaning, and two years ago my family and I started Schomacker Flooring and Appliance.

I understand what's important to our community because I'm directly engaged with it. I understand and value hard work, the responsibilities that come with being an employer, and competing with Sioux Falls to keep Main Street strong.

For eight years I have had the honor of serving Rock County as its state representative.

These last two years I have also served as the chairman of the Health and Human Services Reform Committee. In that time we have been successful at passing legislation for the Lewis and Clark water project, Tru Shrimp and various other grants that Rock County has benefited from.

2.) The shortage of child care providers is an issue throughout all of Greater Minnesota, and it's a significant issue of economic development. And while the state has made progress in reducing regulations and reforming parts of the program over the last four years, the effects haven't been seen for providers, parents and employers.

What I hear today from current and former providers isn't that it's the regulations (although there are many they wouldn't mind changing) as much as it is the interpretation of regulations and the support from the Department of Human Services.

When providers want clarity on what they're doing and they call DHS for support, they receive inconsistent answers and worry that by asking a question they are inviting a "surprise" inspection.

I am currently working with DHS to find out what it would take to produce a manual for providers. The manual would include detailed black-and-white answers to the questions that providers have.

This would reduce confusion and fear that comes from currently calling the state agency, and it would make becoming a provider more inviting.

And since this is an economic development issue, we need to continue to provide grant opportunities that will encourage more public/private partnerships.

If we can make the system more inviting and create opportunities that make starting up easier, we can quickly open up new slots for child care and keep families local and in



Joe Schomacker

the workforce.

3.) Two years ago we were told that there was a \$6 billion shortfall in transportation funding over the next 10 years just to maintain what we have.

Since then, the Legislature had dedicated \$1.96 billion to transportation funding to improve roads and bridges.

We also turned around how gas tax dollars are distributed in small towns like Luverne, Hardwick, Beaver Creek and Hills so that the money stays local.

I voted for dedicating the sales tax on auto parts and repairs when it came up this year. It would guarantee an estimated \$250 million a year to go to local road projects.

It's not the end-all solution, but unlike a gas tax hike, it is consistent funding and dedicating it ensures it doesn't get used for other projects.

The Legislature and governor need to continue making road and bridge funding a priority, as it did during this last session. We also need to ensure that the money gets outside the metro, another benefit of the proposed sales tax dedication.

It is more and more important that those dollars get further and further out.

4.) Tax conformity is a top priority. We must get closer to the federal guidelines on the Estate Tax and Section 179 depreciation so that farmers and small businesses can operate more succinctly and pass their business on to the next generation. We made progress in negotiating these during the 2018 session, and I am optimistic of these passing in 2019.

The cost of health care is also a priority. Until two years ago, we saw health insurance costs increase by double digits year after year.

Today we see from the announcements last week that rates will go down anywhere from 7 to 27 percent next year. This is largely credited to the reinsurance program passed in 2017.

We need to continue that program for another two years while we work on other health care solutions like modernizing our medical records statute, joining the Nurse Licensure Compact so that border-city nurses can treat border-city patients, and eliminating the regressive sick tax that you pay just to go to the doctor.

I'm asking for your vote this November to build on these successes and continue being a voice for the values of southwest Minnesota.

1.) I am a native of Fulda, where my father (a union laborer) and mother (an in-home day care provider) raised my four siblings and me.

I attended the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where I studied political science and global studies. My career has brought me to Detroit and India and has focused on community development and research on governmental efficiency.

I decided to move back to southwest Minnesota to serve my home region as a planner at the Southwest Regional Development Commission where I work on transportation and hazard mitigation planning in the nine-county area of southwest Minnesota.

2.) State regulations are definitely a significant hindrance to operating in-home day cares and day care centers.

However, these are just one part of the problem.

Other actions we need to take are increasing the number of children that two providers in one in-home daycare can take. We can also lower the age at which school-aged children no longer count against a provider's total.

Another action we can take is to work with local units of government to create forgivable loans available to centers that commit to staying in the day care business for at least a certain amount of time.

Finally, one increasing conflict is between universal preschools and day cares. When 3- to 4-year-olds are sent to preschools instead of day cares, those centers and providers lose a majority of their income for nine months out of the year.

When this happens, it makes it difficult for providers to make their business financially feasible.

While we want the best education for our region's children, this is a conflict that will need to be resolved.



Maxwell Kaufman

3.) As a transportation planner, funding for our roads and bridges is something I hear a lot about.

We can definitely dedicate the sales tax on auto parts to transportation-specific uses. However, doing so will then create an equally sized hole in the general fund since that money is already used on other projects.

support raising the gas tax to create a more sustainable funding stream for transportation projects.

4.) My top three priorities are addressing the cost of health care, the day care shortage, and education funding.

Health Care: We all know how difficult it is to find affordable health insurance. This problem is particularly acute for self-employed people including farmers. This is a big problem that includes action needed on a federal level, but from a state level we can expand MinnesotaCare so that more Minnesotans can obtain affordable health care.

Daycare Shortage: The lack of daycare options is making it difficult for younger families who are juggling family and work and is also making it hard for us to attract new families to the region.

While overregulation is one piece of the puzzle, there are other actions that need to be taken.

For example, we can increase the number of children two in-home providers can take, we can change the age structure to increase the number of younger children allowed in a home, and we can work to create financial incentives such as forgivable loans for centers to stay in business.

Education Funding: One of the biggest barriers to funding our rural school districts is that education property taxes disproportionately impact farmers.

In order to be more equitable, we need to find a new funding model. I believe a better option is an income-based model.

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Early voting/ from page 3A

mary election on Aug. 14, more than 135,200 voters used this option leading to 902,119 ballots cast, the highest number of primary voters since 1982.

The excitement to vote in the primary is carrying over to the general election. In early September, the number of newly registered voters in Minnesota was double that of the same point as in 2014, the last midterm election.

Nearly 70 percent of those registering were between

the ages of 18 and 30. This is incredibly encouraging because in the 2014 election, Minnesota dropped from being the top voter turnout state to number six.

Every vote counts in determining the direction of Minnesota and the United States, and voters are encouraged to do their homework.

Whether you vote early in person, by mail or on Election Day, Nov. 6, your vote is your voice. Make sure it is heard.

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If the meter is in the basement, block off and seal drafty spots and provide heat for water meter.

Please contact the office at 507-283-8886 if you have any questions or need assistance.



Mavis Fodness photo/1011 Defeat Poverty

Courtney Wendland (left), Adriana Gonzalez and Mikayla Wiederhoeft bare their feet to draw attention to their FCCLA project called "DeFEET Poverty: One Step at a Time." At the event in the Luverne City Park, participants will remove their shoes to experience poverty firsthand.

Students use bare feet to 'DeFEET Poverty'

By Mavis Fodness

Three Luverne High School seniors want the public to take off their shoes and walk in the feet of someone in poverty.

Courtney Wendland, Adriana Gonzalez and Mikayla Wiederhoeft are organizing the event "DeFEET Poverty: One Step at a Time" for Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Luverne City Park.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m.

The three students are members of the Luverne FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter.

They are also participants in the local #LuvLuvAll citizens group to end poverty locally.

The local group's work prompted the students to select poverty awareness as their FCCLA Students Taking Action with Recognition or STAR topic.

"Awareness and education are the biggest first steps you can take," Gonzalez said.

At the Nov. 17 event, participants will learn about the different "feet" of someone living in poverty. The activity is completed barefooted.

The students realize the removal of their own shoes may stop the public from participating in the event.

But feelings of individuals who do remove their shoes may change from being sympathetic to those in poverty to being empathetic and reach-

ing out to the 900 Rock County residents said to live in poverty. Many of those members are children and represent the next poverty generation.

"We don't expect to end poverty in a few months," Wiederhoeft said. "Everyone can make an impact. It depends if you want to try or not."

Poverty takes different shapes, with the most prevalent being economic.

However, people can be of poor health, educationally poor, poor spiritually or in poor physical surroundings.

The DeFEET walk explains the different poverty steps people can find themselves in. "They will get a taste of what it is like," Wendland said.

As the event approaches,

the students want the public to take the initial step.

"The one step to take is understanding that poverty exists," Wendland said.

Once the students finish their Nov. 17 DeFEET event, they will decide the next undertaking toward poverty awareness locally.

Cost to participate in the "DeFEET Poverty" event is \$20. Participants receive a T-shirt, and the rest of the participation fee will be donated to local organizations assisting those experiencing poverty.

Registration (including T-shirt size) for the Nov. 17 event can be completed by email at defeatpovertymn@gmail.com. Event sign-up deadline is Nov. 3.

FFA members participate at Greenhand, officer day

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, 13 members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter attended the Region 6 FFA Greenhand and Chapter Officer Day at the BARC center in Windom.

The Greenhands included Drew Fick, Cameron Kopp, Trista Baustian, Ayden Bonnett, Justin Mente, Chase Overgaard, Macy Swenson, Honor Hough and Luke Thielbar.

The Greenhands learned about leadership opportunities, official FFA dress, official dress, career development events, and other FFA opportunities.

The four Chapter officers who attended were President Halle Hough, Vice President Trevor Mente, Sentinel Cassie Flanagan, and Reporter Gretchen Jacobsma.

Sanford Luverne named to Top 66 Critical Access Hospital

Sanford Luverne Medical Center was recently named to Becker's Hospital Review's 66 Critical Access Hospitals to Know in 2018.

Hospitals featured on this list have received recognition for clinical quality and excellence in care delivery. According to Becker's Hospital Review, they have become pillars of their communities, providing access to health care for a broad population.

Becker's Health Care editors selected hospitals for its list based on awards and rankings from respected organizations including iVantage Health Analytics, The Chartis Group, the National Rural Health Association, CareChex, Healthgrades and Medicare star ratings. The team also considered each hospital's community impact and reputation for innovation.

"We are so proud of our physicians and staff, as their long-term commitment to excellence has resulted in this designation for our hospital," said Tammy Loosbrock, senior director of Sanford Luverne. "Our dedication to quality demonstrates that our community can depend on us for the services they need."

About Sanford Luverne

Sanford Luverne, a 25-bed critical access hospital and attached clinic in southwest Minnesota, is owned by Sanford Health, a nonprofit integrated health system headquartered in the Dakotas.

Sanford Luverne has approximately 250 employees, 210 volunteers, and is served by seven family medicine physicians, two certified nurse practitioners, an OBGYN, and several visiting physician specialists.

1953: Rural schools look to reorganize, consolidate

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on February 19, 1953.

19 More Rural Districts Study Reorganization

School district reorganization meetings are becoming common in Rock county.

Several meetings have been held in Luverne, regarding school consolidation. This week, meetings were also held at Beaver Creek and Hills.

11 Districts Represented

On Monday night, 26 board members from Districts 9, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 44, 57, 64 and 73 met with the Beaver Creek school board to discuss consolidation possibilities. Supt. R.M. Brynelson, Magnolia, spoke on the problems of consolidation and answered a number of questions from the floor.

Plans were made to call a public meeting at some future date to discuss the matter further, and meanwhile, rural board members present will obtain opinions of residents of their districts regarding their views on the subject.

Meeting at Hills

A mass meeting was held



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

at Hills last night, at which B.N. Hendrickson of the Minnesota Department of Education was the speaker.

Districts invited to attend the meeting were Nos. 1, 14, 34, 37, 38, 39, 19, 57, 61 and 66.

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@iuw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

Tammy Makram of the Coffey Haus restaurant will take over the business licenses of the former Wine and Stein bar, which closed this summer.

Luverne City Council members approved the transfer of the licenses from Barb Kuper, former owner of Wine and Stein, to Makram during their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The Wine and Stein is located next door to the Coffey Haus. The transfer will allow for on-sale intoxicating liquor, 3.2 percent malt beverages and intoxicating wine.

Makram has converted the Wine and Stein into a Tuscan-style space that is available for private parties, such as Christmas parties, rehearsal dinners, etc. It is also used as space for meetings, business seminars, etc.

25 years ago (1993)

When Ed and Sharon Bouwman moved to Luverne in 1986, they encountered a unique house hunting problem.

Because Luverne's real estate agencies did not cooperate to post multiple listings, they had to deal with several different realtors from several different real estate offices.

"It was the first town I had run into where real estate agents didn't cooperate for multiple listings," Ed Bouwman said. "I should know; I have moved enough."

In most communities where several real estate offices do business, they post multiple listings of homes for sale, even if they are not representing the buyer or seller.

If an agent shows a home for another office the commission is shared. By doing this, the buyer doesn't miss out on homes for sale, the seller gets in touch with more buyers, and real estate agents can refer clients to each other.

50 years ago (1968)

The third annual "Moonlite Madness" sale will be held here Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, with participating stores open with bargains from 7-9 p.m.

"Moonlite Madness," will be strictly a two-hour event. Stores will close as usual at 5:30 Wednesday and will reopen at 7, after

having arranged displays of their sale merchandise.

Jack Merrill is this year's chairman of the annual event, sponsored by the retail committee of Luverne Chamber of Commerce. Merrill stated that store personnel will again be attired in special moonlite costumes.

75 years ago (1943)

Announcement that Rock county residents would register Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week for their copies of War Ration Book No. 4 was made this week by Superintendent of Schools Barrett.

Registration will be conducted in the town schools only in the county, and all but the Luverne school will begin Monday, October 18, at 9 a.m. and continue through 8 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There are no restrictions as to where a family should register, but they are requested to register in the town nearest them if at all possible. It is pointed out that they must not go out of the state as the registration dates in other states are different from the registration dates here.

100 years ago (1918)

Four stacks of oats, owned jointly by H.W. Walters and R.B. Hinkly, a stack of hay belonging to H. Fitzer, and a stack of hay that was the property of Martin Bergerson, were destroyed and other damage done by fires started from sparks of east-bound Omaha freight engines Friday and Saturday afternoons on the railroad right-of-way a short distance west of Luverne.

The fire Friday afternoon started on the south side of the track and before it was discovered had worked its way across a slough on the Fitzer farm to a hay stack about twenty-five rods distant. There were four tons of hay in the stack.

On Saturday afternoon the fire started on the north side of the track, a short distance west of the clay brick plant, spread to a hay stack containing about six tons, that Mr. Bergerson had stacked on the Hinkly land, which is operated by Mr. Walters, reached two stacks of oats about forty rods away, and then communicated to two other stacks of grain that were twenty rods farther away. Some trestle work at the brick factory was also badly burned.

Ellsworth High School Class of 1968 meets

The Ellsworth High School Class of 1968 gathered on a 50th class reunion Oct. 6 at Mickie's Restaurant and Bar in Ellsworth. Pictured are (front, from left) David Asche, Phillip Tritabaugh, Larry Heidebrink, Henry Baal, Dale Sticking, Larry Morgan, (middle row) Colette (Odens) Smythe, Lois (Klosterbuer) Mulder, (back) Joseph Gertserma, Catherine (Colwell) Lewis, Marlyn Wessels, Kathy (DeBuhr) Grave, Sandra (Quashnick) Wilke, Dorothy (Klaassen) Shepherd, Marcia (Peters) Leemkuil, Ron Wessels and Paul DeBeer.





Class of 1963 convenes for 55th reunion

The Luverne High School Class of 1963 gathered for a 55th reunion on Sept. 29 at the Luverne Country Club. Pictured are (front, from left) Sandi Hitch, Patti (Kirby) Pierson, Dixie (Winge) Arnds, Jan (Gangestad) Wange, Gloria (Reese) Hibma, Sharon (Sasker) Meinerts, Diane (Heck) Carlson, Eva Lou Opsata, Karen (Colwell) Wiberg, (second row) Loren Fick, Gloria (Aanenson) Rolfs, Juli (Anderson) Kuipers, Carol (Ossenfort) Oltmans, Karol (Stoterau) Mohs, Jon Hovland, Tom Lippi, Susan (Reimer) Mohr, Bill Skewes, Carol Walgrave, Marty Thompson, Dean Madison, Stan Sasker, (back row) Joe Rowe, Rolf Berg, Bill Smith, Elwayne Petersen, Ray Griffith, Fred Vegge, Warren Herreid, Roger Deiterman, Dan Bressler, Ken Husen and Marlyn Roberts. Not pictured are Arnie Vink and Marsha (Ross) Ossenfort.

Class of 1958 gathers for 60th reunion

The Luverne High School Class of 1958 gathered for a 60th reunion Saturday, Sept. 29, in The Bluestem restaurant in Luverne. Attendees included (front row, from left) Connie (Rusche) Wieneke, Marilyn (Kiebach) Carlson, Letta (Matthiesen) Swenson, Dennis Jorgenson, Wes Pierson, Larry Mulvihill, Shirley Honken, (second row) Darlene (Dibbern) Nagy, Mary Ann (Woodley) Hustad, Judy (Goembel) Larsen, Aleida (Dreesen) Meyerhoff, Evelyn (Beug) Steffel, Margaret (Lavonne Padilla) Reiner, Judy (Schmuck) Hagen, Wanda (LaFrenz) Kafka, Marlys (Top) Baxter, Mary (Smit) Donth, (third row) Ray Schaikoski, Ardith (Hansen) Bowen, Donna (Kallsen) Connell, Darlene Forrest, Pat (DeBates) Ahrendt, David Piepgras, Ruthie (Beatty) O'Neal, Delores (Madison) Walters, (back row) Orrin Anderson, Lora Lee (Schmidt) Ruthenbeck, Merlyn Groth, Charles Goehle, Phil Bonthius, Ken Bjerk, Steve Carlson, Roy Moeller and Rosalind (Beelmann) Kerns. Attending the reunion but not pictured are Yvonne (Atkinson) Janning, Howard Priesz and Mel Viessman.



OBITUARIES

Albert DePauw

Albert L. DePauw Jr., 75, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Oct. 16, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls, with burial at Hills of Rest Cemetery.

Albert DePauw Jr. was born Nov. 4, 1942, to Albert and Lorraine (Irwin) DePauw in Rock County. He was raised in the Ash Creek and Luverne areas and received his education in Luverne. At the age of 16, Albert was involved in a serious car accident that nearly cost him his life. Following Albert's accident, he spent a number of years working for Klein Amusement, traveling and working the Bingo stand. The rest of his working life was spent in the printing industry, having worked for Midwest Beach Printing Company and Adam's Printing in Sioux Falls, and over 16 years at Sanders Printing in Garretson, South Dakota. He retired from Bell Incorporated, formerly Bell Box, in 2008.

Albert married Joyce Veld on Sept. 8, 1962, in Chandler. The couple first lived in Luverne for one year before making their home in Sioux Falls.

Albert had a lifelong passion for sports. He played slow-pitch softball for many years for Clem's Bar, umpired hundreds of games around the area and coached the Jesse James Mini-Mart women's softball team from Garretson. He also coached youth basketball teams for over 10 years and volunteered for the Tri-State basketball tournaments for over 30 years, ending in his



induction into the YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame. He enjoyed watching sports on television, especially the Minnesota Vikings. He also loved fishing for walleye in Waubay, South Dakota, and hunting pheasants.

The last few years Albert really enjoyed coloring in adult coloring books (hours everyday) after breakfast with the guys at HyVee and then coffee at the bait shop with more friends.

Albert is survived by his wife, Joyce DePauw, of Sioux Falls; a daughter, Dawn (Todd) Heerde of Sioux Falls; a son, Duane (Jennifer) DePauw of Brandon, South Dakota; seven grandchildren, Josh (Kristen) Lunt, Zach DePauw, Emily (Nick) Suss, Sara (David) Kiefer, Adrienne DePauw, Tessa Barnes and Jacob DePauw; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sheila (Steven) Kluever, Worthington, Carol Henderson, Worthington; four brothers, Dean DePauw, of Wisconsin, Burdette DePauw and Maxine, Gurnee, Illinois, Dale DePauw of California, Dennis DePauw, Jacksonville, Florida; special friends Ray and Karen Anderson and Joan Anderson; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Delbert DePauw, Butch DePauw and Keith DePauw; and three sisters, Delores Kasemodel, Eileen Roemeling and Marlys Engel.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, www.georgeboom.com. (1018 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Gerald 'Gary' Madison

Gerald "Gary" Madison, 77, Adrian, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, at his home.

A memorial Mass will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at St. Adrian Catholic Church. Burial will be in the St. Adrian Cemetery. A time of fellowship will be from 2-3 p.m. Friday at the church.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (1018 DN)

Rodney Stone

Rodney C. Stone, 62, Luverne, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral service will be at a later date in Middletown, Ohio. Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (1018 DN)

John Krogmann

John D. Krogmann, 91, Luverne, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1018 DN)

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Kenzie VanBatavia**, bride-to-be of **Travis Helgeson**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Steen Reformed Church.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Oct. 22: Chili, lettuce with dressing, cheese sandwich, crackers, sherbet. Program: Neva's birthday; pinochle.

Tuesday, Oct. 23: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, lemon sponge cake. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Sweet-and-sour chicken, rice, broccoli, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Thursday, Oct. 25: Egg bake with sausage and ham, oven-baked potatoes, fruit cocktail, bread, coffee cake.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Oct. 5

- Patrol reported a driving complaint on I-90.
- Complainant on West Warren Street requested to speak with a deputy about personal property.
- Complainant reported a combine driving through a construction site on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant reported a harassing Facebook post.
- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle in field approach by Magnolia.
- Complainant reported that his son's bike was taken on North Freeman Avenue.
- Complainant reported a shattered window in a vehicle on South Estey Street.
- Luverne Schools reported drill.
- Complainant requested a records check.
- Complainant reported an order for protection violation.
- No trespass filed on Hatting Street.
- Complainant requested assistance in vehicle removal from impound.
- Complainant requested welfare check.
- Complainant reported a white Charger-type car with smashed front end damage on Blue Mound Avenue.
- Complainant on 91st Street reported neighbor's cattle in his yard again. He put them back.

Oct. 6

- Complainant requested a deputy transport a male to his residence in Ellsworth.
- Reserved for probation violation.
- Complainant requested to pick up items.
- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on Hwy 75.
- Complainant reported a vehicle over the center line on Hwy. 75.
- Complainant requested a deputy to escort someone off her property on West Hatting Street.
- Complainant reported an unknown vehicle parked on 91st Street near Beaver Creek.
- Complainant requested her boyfriend be escorted off the property on West Hatting Street.
- Complainant on North Jackson reported a car parked in front of her house, and they walked back to the church.

Oct. 7

- Complainant in Hills reported her roommate is passed out.
- Complainant reported debris on the roadway on I-90 eastbound, mile marker 15.
- Complainant in Kenneth reported a neighbor is yelling obscenities at him.
- Complainant on North Freeman Avenue reported a false alarm.
- Complainant in rural Hardwick reported a husband yelling at daughter.
- Complainant at 140th Avenue reported cows are out.
- Complainant reported a black pickup on the side of County Road 5 and 90th Avenue.
- Extra patrol is requested near Hardwick.

Oct. 8

- Complainant requested a liquor license background check.

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- Complainant reported subject arrested on Rock County warrant in St. Paul.
- Complainant in Hills reported a theft.
- Complainant requested window tint check.

Oct. 9

- Suspicious activity was reported on West Main Street.
- Complainant reported a drive-off on River Road.
- Complainant reported a cow issue on 140th Ave.
- Complainant reported a drunk driver on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
- Complainant reported drug use on East Luverne Street.
- Complainant requested driver's license record.
- Complainant reported a wrongway driver on I-90 in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported a parking complaint on Cedar St.
- Complainant reported a wrongway driver on I-90 by Magnolia.
- Complainant on Cedar Street, Main Street intersection reported parking complaint.
- Complainant reported a wrongway driver on I-90 at South Dakota border.
- Complainant requested a welfare check.
- Complainant reported a barn on fire in Jasper.

Oct. 10

- Complainant reported a yield sign knocked over in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant on North Spring Street requested assistance.
- Complainant on South Freeman reported vault testing today.
- Complainant conducted a search warrant at building on East Luverne Street.
- Complainant requested alcohol test.
- Complainant requested a deputy for property exchange.
- Complainant reported a vehicle fleeing deputy into Pipestone County.
- Complainant requested deputy for a possible kidnapping near Sherman.

Oct. 11

- Complainant reported wastewater pumping in Steen.
- Counterfeit money reported at business on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant received a harassing message on Facebook Messenger from a relative.
- Complainant reported a possible theft from location near Hardwick.
- Complainant reported goats on the roadway in Hardwick.
- Complainant reported cattle out on County Road 20.
- Complainant on East Main Street reported assault.
- Deputy assisted Nobles County.
- Complainant reported cattle out on Hwy 75.

In addition officers responded to 3 deer accidents, 1 transport, 9 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 3 burn permits, 3 drug court tests, 7 permits to purchase/carry, 5 follow-ups, 20 traffic stops, 3 fingerprint requests, 2 abandon 911 calls and 9 paper services.



Harvest season progresses slowly in many areas

By Kent Thiesse
Farm Management and VP
MinnStar Bank

Harvest progress across the region varies considerably, depending on the amount of rainfall received during September and early October, and the level of soil saturation that existed in given locations. Generally, soybean harvest progress was more advanced in west-central and northwest Minnesota, as compared to most of southern Minnesota and northern Iowa.

Rainfall amounts during the month of September really varied across Minnesota. The University of Minnesota Research and Outreach Center at Waseca recorded 10.54 inches of precipitation during September, which is nearly three times the normal precipitation amount for the month. Some areas of south central Minnesota had even higher amounts of total rainfall for the month, with some locations now exceeding 50-60 inches of rainfall since May 1 of this year. The U of M Research Center at Lamberton received 6.59 inches of precipitation during September, which is over three inches above the long-term average for the month. By comparison, the U of M Research Center at Morris in west-central Minnesota only received 1.84 inches of rainfall during September.

Above normal temperatures during the month of September in the upper Midwest allowed most of the 2018 corn and soybean crop to either reach maturity or be very close to maturity by month's end. Most of the corn hybrids that were planted in late April and the

first half of May have reached physiological maturity and have been drying down in the field as weather conditions have permitted. Most soybeans are ready to harvest, with full-scale soybean harvest ready to proceed across the region once weather and field conditions are conducive for harvest.

The U of M Research Center at Waseca recorded the first freezing temperature of 32 degrees on Oct. 1. The 2018 growing season ended with a total of 2,775 growing degree units (GDU), which was 12 percent, or 305 GDU's, above the normal GDU accumulation in a growing season. Four of the past five growing seasons have featured above-normal GDU accumulation. The higher-than-normal GDU accumulation in 2018, especially later in the growing season, greatly enhanced the maturity process for the 2018 corn and soybean crop, even on the later planted crops in the region.

The early yield reports from the soybean harvest across the region have been better than expected, especially considering the weather challenges during the 2018 growing season. There have been many yield monitor, weigh-wagon, and test plot soybean yields of 60 bushels per acre or higher reported in southern Minnesota.

Of course, it should be pointed out that "whole field" yields are determined by dividing total bushels harvested by the total acres in a field that were planted last spring. When using this yield calculation, whole field yields of 50-60 bushels per acre have been more common, with lower yields in areas that

were hardest hit by excessive moisture earlier in the 2018 growing season.

There are many farms or fields with significant drowned-out areas, or portions of fields that are not harvestable. The crop acres that are not harvestable need to be factored in to the final "whole field" yield calculations. In some cases this will significantly lower the final "whole field" yields. For example, a soybean field with a weigh wagon yield of 60 bushels per acre, measured in an area with no drown-out damage, would see the "whole field" yield reduced to 48 bushels per acre, if 20 percent of the field is not harvestable.

There will be numerous soybean fields across the region that will have 10-20 percent, or more, of the total acres that are not harvestable this year. Most experts expect a wide variation in final soybean yields once harvest is completed.

Corn harvest has also been initiated in many areas of the region, now that corn has reached maturity and is drying down in the field. Once corn reaches physiological maturity, or "black layer," the corn begins to dry down naturally in the field.

On very warm days corn will naturally dry down by nearly one percent moisture per day in the field. Field dry-down rates of one-third to one-half percent per day are more typical for corn during the first half of October with normal temperatures. One piece of good news for farm operators is that above-normal temperatures in the early fall has allowed most corn to dry down

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FSA NEWS

By Fraser Norton
Director, Rock and Pipestone
County Offices

USDA Market Facilitation Program

USDA launched the trade mitigation package aimed at assisting farmers suffering from damage due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations. Producers of certain commodities can now sign up for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP).

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will administer MFP to provide payments to corn, dairy, hog, sorghum, soybean and wheat producers. An announcement about further payments will be made in the coming months, if warranted.

The sign-up period for MFP runs through Jan. 15, 2019, with information and instructions provided at www.farmers.gov/mfp.

MFP provides payments to producers of eligible commodities who have been significantly impacted by actions of foreign governments resulting in the loss of traditional exports. Eligible producers should apply after harvest is complete, as payments will only be issued once production is reported.

A payment will be issued on 50 percent of the producer's total production, multiplied by the MFP rate for a specific commodity. A second payment period, if warranted, will be determined by the USDA.

The initial MFP payment rate is 1 cent/bushel for corn, \$1.65/bushel for soybeans, 86 cents/bushel for sorghum, 14 cents/bushel for wheat, 12 cents a hundred weight for milk and \$8/head for hogs.

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$125,000 for corn, sorghum, soybeans and wheat capped per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$125,000 for dairy and hog producers. Applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 of less than \$900,000. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

USDA also expanded the timeline for producers for whom the Aug. 1, 2018, date does not accurately represent the number of head of live hogs they own. Producers may now choose any date between July 15 to Aug. 15, 2018, that correctly reflects their actual operation.

MFP applications are available online at www.farmers.gov/mfp. Applications can be completed at a local FSA office or submitted electronically either by scanning, emailing, or faxing.

For more information please contact the Rock County FSA Office at (507) 283-2369, or the Pipestone County FSA Office at (507) 825-5478.



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Rock youth spend Sunday collecting items for local food shelf

Rock The Edge (area church youth groups) worked collaboratively Sunday afternoon in a community food drive. Youth and adults (pictured above) canvassed Luverne neighborhoods for food items left on doorsteps or hung from plastic bags from door handles. The non-perishable items gathered were delivered to the Rock County Food Shelf, located within the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

Crop producers cautioned about storing high-moisture soybeans

By Lizabeth Stahl, Extension Educator, Crops; and Seth Naeve, Extension Soybean Agronomist

While almost impossible to accomplish in most years, harvesting soybeans at a moisture content between 13 to 15 percent helps maximize yields while minimizing harvest losses. Cool, cloudy, and rainy conditions this fall, however, have led to large increases in soybean moisture content. With cool conditions in the forecast, soybeans may be harvested at much higher moisture levels this fall than usual.

Spoilage during storage is a concern when soybean moisture levels are high. If storage temperatures are below about 60°F, soybeans at 13-percent moisture can usually be kept for about six months without having mold problems. As moisture levels increase, however, the length of time soybeans can safely be stored decreases.

As a general guideline, soybeans in storage in Minnesota tend to act about the same as corn that is 2 points greater in moisture content. For example, soybeans at 16-percent moisture can be expected to act like corn at 18-percent moisture.

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soybeans at 18-percent moisture and 50°F, the Allowable Storage Time is about 63 days, while soybeans at the same moisture content but at 40°F have an Allowable Storage Time of about 142 days. For soybeans at a moisture content of 16 percent, the Allowable Storage Time is approximately 128 days at 50°F, which increases to approximately 288 days at 40°F. For further details, see the article "Storing, Drying, and Handling Wet Soybeans". Note safe allowable storage times are cumulative, meaning that if half of the safe storage life is used up when soybeans are wet, only half of the safe storage life will remain at a lower moisture content.

Note, aeration is always recommended with all storage facilities to control heating or other storage problems.

Artificial drying of soybeans will be needed if soybeans are harvested and stored at a moisture content greater than 13 percent. Natural-air drying can work in southern Minnesota until about Dec. 1, but the amount of drying that can occur in late October through November is limited. Many of the principles for natural-air drying of corn will be similar for drying soybeans (details available at: <https://extension.umn.edu/corn-harvest/natural-air-corn-drying>).

Supplemental heat can decrease drying times, but caution is advised since soybeans can be damaged by high temperatures and rough handling. Iowa State University recommends limiting air temperature to 100-110°F for seed beans and no more than 130°F to 140°F for commercial soybeans. See "Soybean Drying and Storage" for more details. Again, extreme caution must be exerted when using artificial drying with soybeans. Damage to soybeans has been reported at drying temperatures as low as 130°F.

For more detailed advice on the drying of soybeans, refer to the article "NDSU Offers Soybean Drying Advice" by Dr. Kenneth Hellevang of North Dakota State University.

USDA to survey county row crops, production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service will survey producers in 42 states, including Minnesota, as part of its County Agricultural Production Survey or CAPS.

The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, and total yield and production of row crops down to the county level.

NASS representatives will contact selected Minnesota growers to arrange telephone or in-person interviews to complete the survey.

"The data provided will help federal and state programs support the farmer," said Minnesota State Statistician Dan Lofthus.

"Producers benefit when there is data available to determine adequate loan rates, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections and more."

Survey results will be published at a later date.

For more information, contact the NASS Minnesota Field Office at 800-722-0825.

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naturally in the field to 20-24 percent moisture, with the drying process continuing to occur. Ideally, corn needs to be dried down to about 15-16 percent moisture, either naturally in the field or with supplemental drying, for safe storage in on-farm grain bins until next spring or summer.

Stalk quality and strength has been a major concern

with the 2018 corn crop in many areas of the upper Midwest, with significant stalk breakage and ear droppage already occurring in some fields. A higher-than-normal incidence of corn diseases late in the growing season, together with the rapid maturity process for corn, could lead to weakening of corn stalks in some corn hybrids. The

consistent standing water in some areas in recent weeks is likely to result in weaker stalks, as well as more development of stalkrots, which could result in additional corn lodging.

Early reports of corn yields across many areas of southern Minnesota have generally been quite disappointing, with some farmers reporting their lowest corn yields in

many years. Whole-field yield reports have ranged from less than 140 bushels per acre to around 200 bushels per acre, with yields near 200 bushels per acre being more of the exception. Whole farm yields of 150-175 bushels per acre have been typical on many high-quality farms in south central and southwest Minnesota, which

is 20-30 percent below long-term average yields for many producers. Similar to soybeans, there are much lower corn yields in some of the areas that received the greatest impact from this year's weather events.

For additional information contact Kent Thiesse at 507-381-7960 or email kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com.



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Dragons earn share of RRC crown with sweep in Hills

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team locked up a share of the Red Rock Conference title Monday in Hills.

Adrian, which entered the match with an 8-1 league record, needed a win and a loss from Red Rock Central (RRC played Southwest Christian the same night) to win the championship outright.

The Dragons got the job done by outscoring H-BC 75-47 during a 3-0 victory, but the Falcons posted a win over SWC as both teams completed league play with 9-1 records.

Adrian opened the match by securing a 25-17 win in the opening set.

The Dragons continued to pressure the Patriots to set the stage for 25-15 victories in the final two sets.

Miah Kunkel completed 100 percent of her serves and led the Dragons with 12 kills in the match, while Kasie Tweet notched 11 digs and 23 set assists.



Kunkel

Shawna Rogers completed 100 percent of her serves for the winners, while Avery Balster chipped in 11 digs.

H-BC, which finishes the regular season with a 15-10 record, received strong efforts from Grace Bundesen (nine set assists, seven kills, three blocks and six digs), Sidney Fick (nine of 10 serving, six kills and three blocks) and Kailey Rozeboom (six digs and four set assists).

Abby Knobloch completed 11 of 12 serves for H-BC and Whitney Elbers charted four blocks for the Patriots, who went 5-5 in league play this fall.

Adrian ends the regular season with a Friday match in Garretson, South Dakota.

H-BC drew the eighth seed for the South Section 3A Tournament and hosts No. 9 HL-O to open the tournament Monday.



John Rittenhouse photo/1018 lfb 2

Luverne's Colby Crabtree has his legs wrapped up by a Martin County West player during Friday's game at Cardinal Field. The Cardinals prevailed 28-0 for their third consecutive win. The victory upped Luverne's season record to 3-4.

Cunningham places fourth in 3A singles field

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School senior completed the 2018 tennis season Oct. 10 in St. Peter.

Carissa Cunningham, who won her first two matches during the opening rounds of the Section 3A Singles Tournament Oct. 5, made her second appearance in St. Peter for the final two rounds.

Cunningham dropped a pair of matches to place fourth in the singles field.

Cunningham, seeded No. 4, took on top-seeded Renata Hernandez in the semifinals.

The St. James senior handed Cunningham 6-0 and 6-2 setbacks on the way to claiming the Section 3A title.

Cunningham squared off against Maple River junior Vanessa Barkosky in the third-place match.

Barkosky, the second seed, topped Cunningham by 6-3 and 6-2 tallies.

"Carissa had a really great season, especially when you consider she played at No. 3 singles last year," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"She hit the ball well against Renata from St. James, but she didn't finish as many points as she needed to. There were some really good points when she played Vanessa from Maple River, but Barkosky was a little better at finishing off the good rallies and getting the points."

Cards clamp down on MCW

By John Rittenhouse

A reversal of fortunes on the football field continued for the Luverne Cardinals Friday night in Luverne.

Led by the second consecutive shutout performance by the LHS defense, the Cardinals registered their third straight victory by whipping Martin County West 28-0.

After starting the season at 0-4, the Cardinals now have a chance to finish the regular season with a .500 record when they entertain Windom Wednesday, Oct. 17.

If LHS continues to play stout defense, a 4-4 regular season will be within reach.

The Cards limited MCW to 81 total yards and six first downs during Friday's game.

"We controlled the game with our play on defense," said Cardinal coach Todd Oye.

"We did a nice job of getting pressure on their quarterback when they were trying to throw, and we stopped their running game. The defense gave us good field position and we were able to take advantage of it."

The Cardinals didn't score points consistently, but they did gain control of the contest with a 21-point first half.

LHS opened the scoring with its third offensive possession of the first quarter.

After fielding a punt on their own 17-yard line, the Cardinals put together an 83-yard drive that ended with quarterback Ben Serie firing a 31-yard touchdown pass to

Bailey Cowell on the eighth play of the series.

Shaïd Shearer added his first of four extra points following the touchdown, giving the Cardinals a 7-0 lead at the 5:08 mark of the first quarter.

The LHS defense helped set up both of Luverne's touchdowns during a 14-point second quarter.

Cowell intercepted a pass on the Maverick's 35-yard line, where the LHS offense started its fifth possession of the game.

Senior tailback Brayden Jacobsma scored on an 11-yard run five plays later to up the lead to 14-0 at the 10:02 mark of the second quarter.

The LHS defense forced MCW to punt the ball deep inside Maverick's territory late in the second quarter.

The Cardinal offense took over on the MCW 35, where it started a six-play series that was capped by a nine-yard touchdown pass to Jake Haugen.

The touchdown came at the 2:07 mark of the second quarter and gave the Cards a 21-0 lead they would take into the second half.

The LHS offense was able to take advantage of another short-field situation provided by the defense to complete the scoring in the third quarter.

Taking over on the Maverick's 39-yard line after a short MCW punt, the Cardinals put together a five-play series ending with Serie scoring on a five-yard run with 4:14

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Patriots run over RCW Friday

By John Rittenhouse

A standout performance by the offensive line lifted the Hills-Beaver Creek football team to a 50-30 home win over Renville County West Friday.

With the offensive front paving the way to a 490-yard rushing performance, the Patriots recorded seven running touchdowns during the 20-point win.

Gavin Wysong led the ground game by registering six touchdowns and 234 yards, while Tyson Bork added 185 yards and one touchdown.

"Our offensive line had a big night," said Patriot coach Rex Metzger.

"We are pretty big up front and their smaller, quicker kids didn't match up very well against us. They were throwing a lot of different things at us on the line of scrimmage, but our guys did a good job of adjusting to what they were doing. I have to tip my hat to our offensive line."

H-BC, which never had to punt in the game and only passed the ball twice, scored at least one touchdown in every quarter.

The Patriots received the opening kickoff of the contest and proceeded to move the ball 63 yards in 10 plays with Wysong scoring on a one-yard run and carrying in the two-



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Sophomore tailback Tyson Bork attempts to break out of the grasp of Renville County West's Axel Zaragoza during Friday's 50-30 H-BC football win in Hills.

point conversion to make it 8-0 at the 6:28 mark of the first quarter.

RWC countered with a 10-play drive covering 50 yards to knot the score at eight when quarterback Jack Howards scored on an eight-yard run and toted in the conversion with 1:30 left in the opening stanza.

H-BC moved in front to stay by scoring the first two touchdowns of the second quarter.

Wysong capped a four-play

series with a 14-yard scamper on the first play of the second quarter and wrapped up a 65-yard drive with a four-yard run at 6:37 of the stanza.

Bork carried in the two-point conversion after Wysong's four-yard run to make it a 22-8 game.

RWC trimmed the difference to eight points (22-14) when Connor Aalderks returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

H-BC bounced right back to produce another scoring-

march ending with a three-yard run by Wysong and a conversion run by Bork to sport a 30-14 advantage at the intermission.

RWC's second kickoff return for a touchdown, an 80-yard effort from Jaime Castillo during the first play of the third quarter, was followed by a successful conversion run by Howard that made it a 30-22 game.

H-BC, however, received

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Adrian, Ellsworth runners trot at Red Rock meet

By John Rittenhouse

Runners from Adrian and Ellsworth High Schools participated at the Red Rock Conference Cross Country Championships staged Monday in Adrian.

The Adrian girls and Ellsworth boys fielded complete varsity teams for the event.

Both squads placed fourth in their fields.

The Adrian girls compiled 86 points to beat Heron Lake-Okabena (142 points) during the meet.

Murray County Central (29), Southwest Christian (46) and Mountain Lake Area (70) led the five-squad field.

Moriah Bullerman made the All-RRC squad for the Dragons by placing third individually with a time of 22:19.

Gracia Elias (17th in 24:30), Hiltyn Heitkamp (19th in 24:34), Alysha Wieneke (22nd in 25:17) and Halle Heitkamp (32nd in 26:49) made contributions to Adrian's team tally.

The Panther boys compiled 109 points to best HL-O (118) during the event.

MCC (28), MLA (32) and SWC (93) led the five-team field.

Robby Armstrong led the Panthers by placing 15th in 20:36.

Linkin Bossert (21st in 21:36), Kade Boltjes (29th in 22:13), Sam Kramer (30th in 22:15) and Sean Boltjes (31st in



Bullerman

22:17) made contributions to Ellsworth's team tally.

Cole Boltjes (57th in 25:15), Micah Onken (58th in 25:17) and Simon Boyenga (59th in 25:22) ran without influencing the scoring for EHS.

Adrian's Cole Domeyer placed 46th in the varsity race with a time of 23:49.

Both Adrian and Ellsworth run at the Section 3A meet in Luverne Oct. 25.

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

Junior high girls
Adrian: Hunter Penning, 10th, 7:59;
Kaysie Lenz, 18th, 9:13.

Junior high boys
Adrian: Bruce Farinella, fourth, 7:17.
Ellsworth: Logan Bossert, seventh, 7:59; Zach Onken, 10th, 8:12; Xavier Nussbaum, 18th, 9:15.

Pipestone downs Luverne in four sets

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal volleyball team finished Big South Conference play with a 1-5 record after dropping a home match to rival Pipestone Oct. 9.

Three of the four sets of the match were tightly contested battles that could have fallen in favor of either team.

Pipestone, however, prevailed in the final two sets to post a 3-1 victory.

LHS sported a 4-2 lead after Mackenzie Peterson recorded a service point in the opening set before the Arrows went on a 9-1 run to gain an 11-5 advantage.

Luverne trailed by one (14-13) when Greta Ahrendt registered a block and the Cards faced a 21-19 deficit when Ahrendt charted another block as the set progressed.

Pipestone settled the issue by scoring four of the next six points to secure a 25-21 win.

After falling behind 3-0 in the second set, Luverne put together a 20-10 run ending with a service point from McCall Stegenga to open a 20-13 cushion in the second set.

The Arrows battled their way back into contention with a 9-3 surge to trail by one (23-22), but the Cards thwarted the challenge by scoring the next two points to prevail 25-22 when Ahrendt produced a set-ending block.

Both teams sported two-point leads in the early stages



John Rittenhouse photo/1018 lrb 7

Luverne junior Tacey Baustian registered 13 set assists during a home loss to Pipestone Oct. 9.

of the third set.

An ace tip by Petersen put the Cardinals in front 18-17 before the Arrows gained some separation with a 7-1 spurt that left them sporting a 24-19 lead.

Pipestone prevailed 25-22 to gain a 2-1 advantage.

The Arrows dominated play

in the fourth set.

Pipestone scored the first three points of the set and continued to pad its lead before winning 25-7 in the end.

Ahrendt (12 kills, three solo blocks and eight block assists), Petersen (17 digs, five kills and 11 of 12 serving) and Tacey Baustian (16 of 18 serving

and 13 set assists) led LHS statistically.

Mallory Thorson and Elise Ferrell added 16 digs to Luverne's cause, while Reghan Bork chipped in 10 set assists.

The 11-12 Cardinals wrapped up the regular season in Adrian Tuesday (Oct. 16).

Patriots prevail twice at weekend tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team went 3-3 during a pair of events late last week.

H-BC rolled to a three-set win over Edgerton in Edgerton Thursday before compiling a 2-3 record during the Southwest Minnesota State University Tournament in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

The Patriots end the stretch with a 15-9 record.

setback, while H-BC topped K-M-S 25-22, 20-25, 15-13.

By placing second in the pool, H-BC earned a spot in the Brown Division on Saturday.

The Patriots went 1-2 and placed sixth in the division.

H-BC defeated St. James (25-15, 25-19) and lost matches to Martin County West (21-25, 25-20, 13-15) and Brandon-Evansville (25-27, 25-21, 14-16).

H-BC 3, Edgerton 0

The Patriots picked up their fifth conference victory of the season when they challenged the Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Thursday.

The Patriots dominated the contest by outscoring EHS 75-51 during a three-set victory.

H-BC prevailed by 25-21,

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MSU tourney

H-BC posted one win on Friday and one win on Saturday during the weekend tournament in Marshall.

H-BC faced Montevideo and Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg in Pool A competition on Friday.

Montevideo handed the Patriots an 18-25, 25-21, 8-15

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League Oct. 11

Games won: Three People 3; Three Chumps 3; Kougarettes 3; Three Hole 1; Bam Bams 1; Don't Know 1.

High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 204; Mike Hoover 199.

High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 191.

High Scratch Series Men: Zach Runia 586; Billy DeBates 525.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 494.

Team High Scratch Game: Don't Know 503; Three Chumps 486.

Team High Scratch Series: Three Chumps 1360; Don't Know 1305.

Team High Handicap Game: Three Chumps 647; Don't Know 640.

Team High Handicap Series: Three Chumps 1843; Kougarettes 1820.

Panthers win five-set match Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team completed a 9-18 regular season by going 1-2 during a span of playing three matches in five days.

Red Rock Central swept the Panthers in Ellsworth Thursday, but the Panthers bounced back to edge Clay Central-Everly (Everly, Iowa) in a five-set match played in Ellsworth Saturday.

The Panthers came up on the short end of a four-set decision in Mountain Lake Monday during the regular season finale.

Ellsworth drew the 11th seed for the South Section 3A Tournament. The Panthers play No. 6 Southwest Christian in Edgerton Monday.

MLA 3, Ellsworth 1

The Panthers wrapped up a

1-9 Red Rock Conference slate Monday in Mountain Lake.

After Mountain Lake Area rolled to a 25-13 win in the opening set, Ellsworth bounced back to tie the match with a 27-25 victory in the second set.

MLA answered the challenge by securing 25-18 wins in the third and fourth sets to prevail in four sets.

Ashlyn Meester (15 kills, 10 digs, two blocks and two ace serves), Kendra DeBeer (four kills and two ace serves), Lizzie Chapa (two ace serves and 20 digs) and Morgan Dreesen (20 set assists, 10 digs and two blocks) led the Panthers statistically.

Sierra Smith added six kills to the cause.

EHS 3, CC-E 2

The Panthers registered their ninth win of the season when they entertained Clay Central-Everly for a match Saturday.

The teams split the first four sets of the match before Ellsworth claimed the victory with a 15-10 win in the finale.

EHS posted 25-18 and 25-20 victories in the first and third sets respectively, while CC-E came out on the winning end of 25-23 and 25-17 decisions in sets two and four.

Meester (11 kills, four ace serves, seven digs and two blocks), Kallie Chapa (seven kills, five digs and two ace serves), Dreesen (19 set assists and three ace serves) and Lizzie Chapa (seven digs and two ace serves) played well in the win for EHS.

Smith and DeBeer added five and four kills to the winning cause.

RRC 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers couldn't keep up with the high-flying Falcons when the teams met for a conference match in Ellsworth Thursday.

RRC dictated play by outscoring Ellsworth 75-44 during a three-set sweep.

The Falcons came out on the winning end of 25-11, 25-13 and 25-20 tallies.

Meester (six kills, six digs and one ace serve) and DeBeer (four kills and two ace serves) emerged as Ellsworth's statistical leaders.

Smith (five kills), Dreesen (nine set assists), Lizzie Chapa (nine digs) and Kallie Chapa (eight digs) played well for the Panthers as well.



John Rittenhouse photo/1018 hfb 1

H-BC sophomore Gavin Wysong tied a school record by registering six rushing touchdowns during Friday's home win.

Adrian compiles 4-3 record during stretch

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team compiled a 4-3 record during three events last week.

The Dragons posted home wins over Edgerton and Murray County Central Oct. 9 and Thursday before going 2-3 at the Southwest Minnesota State University Tournament in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

Adrian, which ended the weekend with a 20-4 record, ends the regular season with a Friday match in Garretson, South Dakota.

MSU tourney

The Dragons had one good day and one rough day during the weekend tournament in

Marshall.

Adrian went 2-0 to win Pool 2 on Friday, but the Dragons went 0-3 to place eighth in the Gold Division on Saturday.

The Dragons disposed of Central Minnesota Christian (25-13, 25-22) and St. James (25-13, 25-17) to win the pool.

MACCRAY (17-25, 21-25), Montevideo (17-25, 25-16, 9-15) and Murray County Central (22-25, 25-13, 10-15) saddled the Dragons with setbacks on Saturday.

Adrian 3, MCC 1

The Dragons came out on the winning end of a four-set decision when they entertained the Rebels in Adrian Thursday.

Both teams played well in the hard-fought battle, but the Dragons met the challenge during a match that ended with both squads scoring 93 points.

Adrian posted 25-23 wins in the first two sets before MCC prevailed 25-18 in the third set to remain in contention.

The Dragons bounced back to win the finale 25-21 in the fourth set to settle the issue.

Miah Kunkel (19 digs and 13 kills), Avery Balster (10 kills and 100 percent serving) and Kasie Tweet (34 set assists and 14 digs) played important roles in the win for AHS.

Bailey Lonneman (11 kills), Mayssa Tweet (14 digs) and Shawna Rogers (100 percent

serving) were key contributors as well.

AHS 3, Edgerton 0

The Dragons notched their seventh conference win of the season when they swept the Flying Dutchmen Oct. 9 in Adrian.

The Dragons outscored EHS 76-52 in the process of posting two lopsided set wins and one narrow victory.

AHS took the first and third sets by 25-13 tallies and pulled out a 26-24 victory in the second set.

Kasie Tweet (28 set assists), Lonneman (12 kills), Mayssa Tweet (14 digs) and Rogers (five blocks) played key roles in the win for AHS.

BIG SOUTH STANDINGS

South Central District White Division football

RWV	6-0
JCC	5-1
Pipestone	5-1
Luverne	3-3
Blue Earth Area	2-4

St. James

St. James	2-4
MCW	1-5
Windom	0-6

JCC

JCC	5-1
Windom	4-2
RWV	3-3
Pipestone	2-4
Luverne	1-5
Worthington	0-5

BSC West tennis

St. James	5-0
Pipestone	3-1
RWV	2-2
Luverne	3-2
Marshall	1-4
Worthington	0-4

BSC West volleyball

Marshall	6-0
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- *Member of the state council for social studies for 37 years, eight of those years was president and three years as CEO
- *30 years 2nd Congressional District Coordinator for We the People, the largest curriculum project for the Celebration of the Constitution
- *30 years as a member of the Minnesota Geography Alliance
- *13 years South Dakota Alliance of geographic education
- *Coached speech for 47 years
- *L. Guilden Teacher of the Year Award 2002
- *Director for HAMEE a social studies consortium in southwest Minnesota
- *Minn. Dept of Education writing term for social studies state standards 1991/1994/1998/2002/2006
- *College teacher at MN West College in Worthington for psychology and geography
- *Civil War re-enactor & movie actor

Greetings,
My name is Jerry Benson. I would appreciate your vote for the Luverne School Board.

H-BC's unsung heroes are thriving in trenches

Some unsung heroes are playing a big part in a successful 2018 season for the Hills-Beaver Creek football team.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The play of offensive linemen is oftentimes overlooked, but H-BC's forward wall is the major reason why the Patriots are riding a five-game winning streak after splitting games to start the season.

With the front five blowing open holes for three quality ball carriers, H-BC is piling up rushing yardage at an impressive pace.

Quarterback Gavin Wysong, fullback Jax Wysong and tailback Tyson Bork are running the ball hard and well for the 6-1 Patriots, but the credit of their success should go to a line that has remained healthy and created holes on a consistent basis.

As returning starters from 2017, seniors Garrett Raymon, George Merson and Luke LaRock form the nucleus of H-BC's front five.

Merson and Raymon play at left and right guard respectively, while LaRock is one of two tight ends.

It's said that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, but H-BC's line doesn't appear to have any weak links.

Junior center Kyle Kueter and sophomore tight end Zander Wysong didn't bring a lot of varsity experience into the 2018 campaign.

Nonetheless, they have performed admirably for a team that has

accomplished some amazing things through seven games.

H-BC's 62-8 thrashing of Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda on Sept. 28 stands out in my mind.

Not only did H-BC establish a school record by piling up 561 rushing yards in the contest, Bork came up two yards short of a single-game rushing standard with a 281-yard effort against HL-O-F.

The Patriots ran the ball with so much efficiency that night they never had to punt once.

H-BC completed another punt-free game during a 50-30 home win over Renville County West Friday, which means the line did another outstanding job for a team that only attempted two passes in the battle.

If the linemen remain healthy and continue to play at a high level, I believe H-BC fans can anticipate an extended playoff run in the coming weeks.

It's hard for me to imagine a Section 3A championship game without H-BC playing in it, with Mountain Lake Area being the most likely opponent.

MLA did saddle the Patriots with a 27-0 setback in the second week of the regular season, but I'm thinking a rematch would result in a game that could be won by either team.

Dragons stumble in second half Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian football team dropped its third consecutive game after squandering a halftime lead in Adrian Thursday.

The Dragons sported a 12-7 advantage at the intermission, but Canby scored the lone seven points of the second half to pull out a 14-12 win.

"We had some opportunities, but we just didn't make the plays we needed to," said Adrian coach Randy Schettler. "Our kids didn't quit and we remained in the game. You're not going to win football games if you don't make key plays, and we didn't make them."

The Dragons made enough plays in the first half to sport a five-point advantage when the second quarter was complete.

After stopping the Lancers on downs during their second offensive possession of the game, the Adrian offense did produce a big play during the first quarter.

On the third play of the ensuing series, Adrian's Ian Stamer tossed a 52-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Schnoor that gave the Dragons a 6-0 cushion at the 4:17 mark of the opening stanza.

The score remained the same until late in the second quarter, when the Lancers gained their first lead of the contest.

After fielding an AHS punt, Canby advanced the ball 51 yards in nine plays before Hunter Cleveland capped the march with a one-yard plunge with 2:35 remaining in the second stanza.

Evan Stoks booted his first of two extra points following the touchdown to give the Lancers a 7-6 edge that didn't last very long.

Adrian put together an eight-play, 67-yard drive with its ensuing offensive possession to move in front 12-7 when Schnoor scored on a four-yard run with 39 seconds left in the first half.

The Lancers produced what proved to be the decisive touchdown late in the third quarter after taking advantage



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Adrian junior Brandon Schnoor ran for 89 yards and one touchdown and hauled in a 52-yard pass reception during Thursday's 14-12 home loss to the Canby Lancers.

of an Adrian miscue.

The Dragons were attempting to punt for the second time in the second half when the snap sailed over punter Dominiq Canales' head.

Canales recovered the loose ball, but he was downed immediately deep in AHS territory.

Canby's Jaden Kindopp scored on a 20-yard run during the next play to give the Lancers a 14-12 edge they wouldn't relinquish with 2:35

left in the third quarter.

Adrian's final four offensive possessions of the game resulted in two lost fumbles, one possession lost on downs and the final possession of the game that came to an end when time expired.

The 1-6 Dragons end the regular season in Wabasso Wednesday (Oct. 17).

Team statistics

Adrian: 143 rushing yards, 90 passing yards, 233 total yards, 12 first downs, five penalties for 55 yards, two turnovers.

Canby: 161 rushing yards, 71 passing yards, 232 total yards, 12 first downs, eight penalties for 80 yards, three turnovers.

Individual statistics

Rushing: Schnoor 26-89, Dakota John 8-21, Marshall Wagner 6-21, Stamer 1-12.

Passing: Wagner 1-5 for four yards, Stamer 2-9 for 86 yards.

Receiving: Schnoor 1-52, Canales 1-34, Stamer 1-4.

Defense: Canales three tackles, Wagner two tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery, Christian Weidert three tackles, Logan Taylor five tackles, Preston Nelson nine tackles, John three tackles, Schnoor three tackles and one interception, Lance Luettel six tackles, Scot Edwards three tackles.

Patriots roll to 3-0 victory in Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of teams from the Star Herald coverage area locked horns in a Red Rock Conference volleyball match Oct. 9 in Hills.

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots entertained the Ellsworth Panthers for a league contest.

The night belonged to the Patriots, who outscored EHS 75-41 during a 3-0 victory.

H-BC collected 25-14, 25-15 and 25-12 wins.

Kailey Rozeboom (28 set assists and 15 of 16 serving with once ace), Grace Bundesen (nine kills and six digs) and Sidney Fick (12 blocks and eight kills) led the Patriots statistically.

Sadie Fuerstenberg (16 of 17 serving with two aces), Whitney Elbers (seven blocks) and Abby Knobloch (eight digs) also played well for H-BC.

Ashlyn Meester (four kills, four digs and one ace serve) and Morgan Dreesen (11 set assists and five digs) turned in strong efforts for EHS.

Kendra DeBeer (four kills) Kallie Chapa (one ace serve) and Lizzie Chapa (10 digs) made contributions to Ellsworth's cause as well.



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Senior Brayden Jacobsma ran for 31 yards and one touchdown during Friday's win over MCW.

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25-10 and 25-20 tallies.

Sidney Fick (20 kills, six blocks and nine digs) and Whitney Elbers (eight kills and five blocks) led the Patriots at the net, while Taryn Rauk chipped in three blocks.

Kailey Rozeboom (35 set assists), Grace Bundesen (five digs), Sadie Fuerstenberg (16 of 17 serving with five aces) and Abby Knobloch (13 of 13 serving) made key contributions to the winning effort as well.

STANDINGS

Southwest District East

Sub-District football

MCC	5-0
Springfield	4-1
T-M-B	3-2
New Ulm Cathedral	3-2
Sleepy Eye	2-4
Adrian	1-4
Wabasso	0-5

South District

West Division football

MLA	7-0
H-BC	6-1
R-T-R	5-2
W-WG	4-3
RRC	4-3
CM-C	3-4
HL-O-Fulda	3-4
E-E	2-5
RCW	1-6
MACCRAV	0-7

RRC volleyball

Adrian	9-1
RRC	9-1
SWC	7-3
MCC	7-3
H-BC	5-5
HL-O	5-5
W-WG	5-5
MLA	5-5
Fulda	2-8
Ellsworth	1-9
Edgerton	0-10

FALL SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

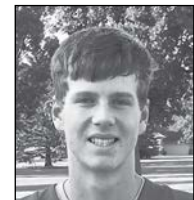
Greta Ahrendt

Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle
Parents: Brad & Angela Ahrendt
Favorite Subject: Psychology
Extra-Curricular Activities: Baseball manager, choir, peer helping BPA, FFA, volleyball
Future Plans: Go to college and major somewhere in the medical field.



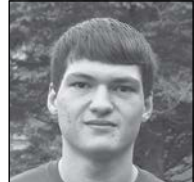
Derek Lundgren

Sport: Football
Position: Wide receiver
Parents: Mark & Lisa Lundgren
Favorite Subject: Math
Extra-Curricular Activities: Choir, football, baseball
Future Plans: Go to college.



Dalton DeSollar

Sport: Cross country
Parents: Oscar Mendez & Brooke Mendez
Extra-Curricular Activities: Cross country, wrestling
Future Plans: Study exercise science and nutrition while running in college.



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remaining in the third quarter. "We were not sharp offensively, but we did enough," Oye said.

"We missed some fourth-down conversions and left some plays on the field, but that happens some times."

Team statistics
Luverne: 100 rushing yards, 166

rushing yards, 266 total yards, 15 first downs, two penalties for 15 yards, zero turnovers.
MCW: 41 rushing yards, 40 passing yards, 81 total yards, six first downs, six penalties for 35 yards, three turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Serie 8-47, Jacobsma 11-31, Mark Sterrett 6-16, Nick Feit 2-6, Cowell 1-1, Colby Crabtree 1-0, Haugen 1-minus 1.

Passing: Serie 12-28 for 155 yards, Cade Wenninger 1-2 for 11 yards.

Receiving: Cowell 4-67, Haugen 4-38, Sterrett 2-23, Isaiah Bartels 1-21, Matt Sehr 1-11, Crabtree 1-6.

Defense: Max Skattum five tackles, Haugen 4.5 tackles and one sack, Derek Lundgren 4.5 tackles, Jed Dooyema four tackles, Kaden DeSollar four tackles, Payne Bonnett three tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery, Jacobsma one fumble recovery, Cowell one interception.

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Thursday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. Head Start. Friday, Oct. 19: 10 a.m. Mary Jane Brown Home Mass. Saturday, Oct. 20: 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home Bingo. 5 p.m. St. Leo Mass. Sunday, Oct. 21: 8:30 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. 10:30 a.m. St. Leo's Mass. CLW. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. 5:15 p.m. St. Leo's Mass. 7:30 p.m. St. Catherine Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Catechism begins for Grade 11. Thursday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. Head Start. 1-4 p.m. Fun Day.

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605 N. Estey St., Luverne

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www.luverncrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Oct. 22: 9 a.m. Perk-up in Edgerton. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. Youth Group.

First Baptist Church

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Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Wait Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 18: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 21: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Oct. 25: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 18: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Oct. 19: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Oct. 21: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study. NO Sunday School. Monday, Oct. 22: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Bells. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:30 p.m. Sanford Volunteer Training in Fellowship Hall. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:15 p.m. Supper. 6 p.m. Woven worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal; Grades 6-8 Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grade 9 Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 25: 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home; Rachel Circle at Grace. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Camelot. 5-7 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Grace.

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Sunday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes.

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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 18: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Oct. 19: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Oct. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Junior and Senior Youth Group. 7 p.m. Praise Team practice. Thursday, Oct. 25: 8 a.m. Grace 7 School Retreat. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

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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.

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Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 18: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf and 5-6 p.m. Food Shelf. Saturday, Oct. 20: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. New United Church Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group—Grandpa's Fun Farm. Monday, Oct. 22: Messenger deadline. 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Meeting/Service. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 25: Messenger done. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Pastor Dorie at Fall Retreat.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Oct. 18: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Monday, Oct. 22: 9 a.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Feast and Fellowship Meal. 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 7 p.m. Choir. 8 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Oct. 25: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 18: No Little Lambs. 8 a.m. Lutheran Educator Conference in Mankato. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Friday, Oct. 19: No Little Lambs. 6 p.m. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Oct. 20: 4 p.m. Javner/Steinwand wedding. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. NO Junior Choir. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Newsletter assembly. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/High School Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Oct. 25: 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association. 11:30 a.m. DCE devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 18: 2 p.m. Zion LWML hosts birthday party at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 19: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 20: Javner/Steinwand wedding at St. John in Luverne. Sunday, Oct. 21: LWML Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion; Choir sings. Monday, Oct. 22: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Oct. 24: Newsletter deadline. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 25: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. Worship service at Palisade. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Thursday, Oct. 25: 1:30 p.m. Welca Meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: admragumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
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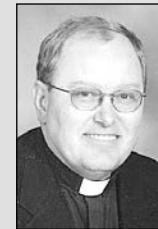
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Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Oct. 23: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village. Wednesday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation with mentors. Thursday, Oct. 25: 7 p.m. Bunco Game Night in church basement.

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.

Back to basics



Have you ever been so messed up with a project that you were working on that you had to go back to the beginning to figure out where you went wrong? You tried to follow the directions, but somewhere you made a mistake and the further you went the more things didn't work out. I believe this is what we are seeing happening in America today. Every day we hear news that is more and more disheartening and confusing. It's coming from everywhere and we don't seem to have anyone with a clear answer to guide us. When I find myself in this situation, I try to go back to a point where things were clearer and then I start again from that point. Jesus would call this repentance, and it is the only solution that truly works. The first step is always the hardest because it requires one to admit that they made a mistake. Human pride is the obstacle that makes this so hard.

The devil is also there to encourage us in our pride and makes us think that we can work our way out of any mess. We also fall into the trap that says that there is more than one way to do things and we are bound to discover our own way if we keep at it long enough. But the truth is that there is only one sure way to get to the proper destination, and that is the way of the original designer of the project.

Individually and as a nation, we need to repent and turn back to the One who made us. We need to admit that what we are allowing to happen in our country is not good. Nothing good can happen when we are at each other's throats and unwilling to trust one another. We see this division in our marriages, families, communities, businesses, government, and even in the church. We can't blame it all on our leaders because we are all participating in it. It began a long time ago when we

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By Gary Klatt, pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

started on this path of removing God and his Holy Word from our lives. We thought we could progress better if we left God and his teachings to Sunday morning worship.

The problem with leaving God behind is that we also lost our source of unity and equality. God alone unites all people together as our common creator. As our creator He also declares us all equal. Without God we all do our own thing and grow further apart from each other. Human value becomes what we set and we all do it differently. When we are divided it becomes impossible for us to work together except by the forces of economy, military, or fear. These are all negative and destructive, whereas God chooses to use love and forgiveness which are positive and constructive.

Jesus came into the world to reveal God's healing power. His entire life was devoted to restoring humanity to the path which God had created for it. He took upon Himself the destructive power of sin, death, and the devil when He died on the cross. There He paid for the sins of all mankind with His innocent blood and death. Then He rose from the dead on the third day to reveal that He had accomplished His mission. He provided a way out of the destructive way of this world for sinful and lost mankind by leading them back to the God that created them and loved them.

Life is the gift of God, and it can only be fully enjoyed if it is lived according to God's plan. So repent of your sins and listen again to the life-giving word of God. God can restore your life and the life of our nation if we walk with Him.

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Three city positions up for election Nov. 6

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that regarding the City Election, which shall be held in and for the City of Luverne, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the following offices shall be filled:

- One Mayor for one two-year term
- One Alderman, North Ward, for one four-year term
- One Alderman, South Ward, for one four-year term
- All polling places will be at the Luverne Middle-High School Gymnasium, 709 N. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN.

Qualified voters planning to be absent on election day may obtain absentee ballots from the office of the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, until 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2018.

Jessica Mead, City Clerk
City of Luverne, Minnesota
(10-18, 10-25)

City sets elected officials' salaries

**ORDINANCE NO. 2, FOURTH SERIES
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN,
AMENDING CITY CODE, SECTION 30.10**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE ORDAINS:
SECTION 1. City Code, Section 30.10 (A), is hereby amended to read as follows:
SEC. 30.10. SALARIES OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN.

Subd. 1. The salary of the Mayor shall be \$11,000 per year and for each alderman \$9,000 per year. Salaries shall be paid in conjunction with the regular City payroll for administrative personnel and shall include such deductions and withholdings as are required or authorized by law.

Subd. 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect sixty (60) days after publication and the salaries and per diems authorized herein shall take effect upon Council reorganization occurring in January, 2019, as provided for in City Code, Sec. 30.03. The salaries and per diems provided for in this section are deemed reasonable and are based upon salaries paid to other Rock County elected public officials with similar duties and responsibilities.

/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator
(10-18)

Ordinance reduces street assessment to 20 percent of cost for homeowners

**ORDINANCE NO. 3, FOURTH SERIES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 33, GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, LOCAL IMPROVEMENT POLICY, SECTION 33.35 SPECIAL RULES BY REDUCING THE AMOUNT ASSESSED AGAINST THE BENEFITTING PROPERTY FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO 20%**

WHEREAS, the City of Luverne has implemented a gas energy franchise fee on CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas pursuant to Ordinance No. 367; and

WHEREAS, the initial intent for the use of the franchise fees is to reduce the amount assessed to property owners for street improvements abutting their property to 20%;

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HERE BY ORDAIN:
SECTION 1. That City Code Chapter 33, GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, LOCAL IMPROVEMENT POLICY, SECTION 3.35 SPECIAL RULES is hereby amended to read as follows:
*33.35 SPECIAL RULES

(A) Corner lots. In any assessment made on the basis of frontage, except for water or sanitary sewer, corner lots shall be assessed for footage along the front of the lot, plus 20% of the side street footage. In the case of an assessment for a lateral water or sewer main, Class C, corner lots shall be assessed for the footage along the front side of the lot and shall not be assessed for the footage along the side street abutting the lot unless the lot is large enough to accommodate another building which would be benefitted by construction of the second main. The side yard of a corner lot shall be the street side not contained in the property address assigned by the city and used for city utility record purposes. For a bare lot without an address, the side yard shall be the longest footage until the lot is improved and an address assigned by the city.

(B) Intersections. The cost of water and sewer improvements in street intersections shall be included as part of the total assessable cost. In the case of any kind of street improvement or sidewalk improvement, intersection costs shall be paid by the city.

(C) Adjusted frontage. When the amount of an assessment is determined by frontage, an equivalent front footage shall be determined according to the following rules when an irregular lot requires such an adjustment to maintain fairness in the assessment.
(1) Front footage shall be measured at setback on cul de sacs and sharply curved streets and irregularly shaped lots.

(2) Equivalent front footage shall be determined by dividing the square footage of the lot by the general lot depth of the subdivision for pie shaped lots and irregular shaped lots where other rules do not apply.

(D) Federal, state and county aid use. If the city receives financial assistance from the Federal Government, the state or the county to defray a portion of the cost of a street improvement project, the aid shall be used first to reduce the share of the project cost which would be met from general city funds according to the assessment formula contained in this subchapter. If the aid is more than the amount of the improvement cost to be borne by the city, the remainder of the aid so received shall be used to reduce each individual assessment proportionately.

(E) Sidewalks. For all sidewalk improvements in areas other than those specifically designated as or included in special sidewalk improvement districts, the assessment shall be made on the basis of 50% of the frontage. In the case of corner lots, assessment shall be made for 50% of the footage along the front of the lot, plus 25% of the side street footage.

(F) Alleys. In any assessment made on the basis of frontage for alley right of way improvement in the Central Business District as the same is appropriately zoned under the provisions of Ch. 154 of this code of ordinances, improved lots located at the intersection of connecting street rights of way shall be assessed at the rate of 20% of the abutting alley footage if:

(1) No direct or indirect access is available from the building improvements to the alley right of way for purposes of pedestrian or vehicular ingress or egress or the delivery or pick up of goods or services; or

(2) The Council finds that the alley is not currently used in any way to benefit the adjoining improved property.

(G) Street overlays. For all street resurfacing by a bituminous overlay over an existing permanently surfaced street, the assessment shall be calculated on the basis of 20% of the total project cost for both footages along the front of the lot and side street. The city shall pay the remaining 80% of total project costs. This provision does not apply to public property, which shall be assessed 100% of the costs attributable to the overlay of the abutting street.

(H) Street reconstructs. For all street improvements requiring reconstruction of an existing permanently surfaced street, the assessment shall be calculated on the basis of frontage at the rate of 20% of the total project costs with frontage footage adjusted as required in division (A) above for corner lots. The city shall pay the remaining 80% of the total project costs. This provision does not apply to public property, which shall be assessed 100% of the costs attributable to the reconstruction of the abutting street.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator
(10-18)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Nov. 15

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 15, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.
MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated December 15, 2010 Recorded December 16, 2010, as Document No. 175212.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20-0286-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The S. 7 feet of Lot 2 and the N. 65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,963.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$70,263.65

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2019, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: September 12, 2018
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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Luverne hosts Governor's Opener in style



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A hen pheasant takes flight Saturday morning during the first hour of the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener hosted in Luverne and Rock County. A group of military veterans including (from left) Emmet Bakke, Raymond Pederson, Tommy Blumhoefer, Darwin Leek, Dan Stevens, David Morse (hunter host) and Jeff Ahrendt (hunter host) walk a field southeast of Jasper on land owned by Karen and Stan Williamson.

Luverne hospitality 'hits it out of the park' for 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener

By Lori Sorenson

Rick Peterson summed up many people's appreciation of Luverne's weekend hospitality when he told Friday night's banquet crowd, "We hit it out of the park."

Peterson chaired the local committee that spent the past year preparing for the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Luverne.

He said visitors raved about the 30-foot-long wooden Highway 75 pheasants (created by local artists),

banners in storefront windows and the fact that community members were sporting their orange "Love the Hunt" T-shirts.

"The hospitality was great," Peterson said. "I heard that a lot."

Luverne's Take 16 Brewing Company even crafted a special edition beer that they debuted at Friday and Saturday's "Pheasant Pheasta" that featured a Johnny Cash tribute band, "Church of Cash."

Hunters in the field ranged in age from 14 to 91, and they brought in 26

pheasants Saturday morning.

They were guests of honor in weekend festivities that included a banquet, a dog parade, a trick-shooting show, tours of local attractions and the dedication of the Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area near Beaver Creek.

A record 456 people attended the Friday night banquet at Grand Prairie Events where the city of Austin was announced as next year's Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener host.

Explore Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources assist local partners in planning the event that Gov. Mark Dayton started in 2011 to celebrate the state's natural resources.

Other host communities have been cities more than twice the size of Luverne, and those planners remarked at Friday's banquet how impressed they were at the quality of Luverne's event, especially considering the size of the town.

For example, last year's host com-

munity was Marshall (population 13,600), which also hosted in 2012.

Worthington, population 13,000, hosted in 2014, and Mankato, population 39,500, hosted in 2015.

Other small communities to host the opener have been Montevideo (population 5,200) in 2011 and 2016, and Madelia (pop. 2,200) in 2013.

Austin, next year's host community, has a population of 24,933 and is the county seat of Mower County. It is located along Interstate 90 on U.S. Highway 218.

Governor's Pheasant Opener features Youth Education Day

Lt. Gov. Fischbach addresses students about conservation

By Mavis Fodness

One hundred and thirty sixth-grade students from Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne school districts participated in the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Opener Youth Education Day in Luverne.

Students rotated through three learning stations featuring gun safety, pheasant habitat and dog training.

Janine Kohn with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources was the educational coordinator for the day's activities. She hopes the lessons resonate with the students.

"Even if they don't hunt, we hope they will develop an appreciation of the outdoors and of nature," she said.

Each student wore a fluorescent orange T-shirt donated by the Rock County Pheasants Forever Chapter. The front lawn of the Luverne Middle-High School was used for the outdoor learning stations with indoor wing shooting simulators set up in the school gymnasium.

Students were divided into small groups. Each group spent a half hour at each learning station that was manned by DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel, volunteer Master Naturalists and hunting enthusiast clubs.

At the wing-shooting stations, presenters focused on the three safety rules for firearms: Treat every fire arm as if it is loaded, point the muzzle in a safe direction and keep fingers off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Although the shotguns used in the laser game were not real, the instructors regularly reminded students of the gun safety rules.

Students took turns shooting pheasants and prairie dogs in the simulators.



Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Gov Hunt Sixth Graders

Amid a light snowfall Friday afternoon, hunting dog owners Deb Beck (left) and John Giudice let sixth-grade students pet dogs Skipper and Brew on the front lawn of the Luverne Middle-High School. Students from Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne school districts rotated through three learning stations as part of the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Opener Youth Education Day. **Below**, DNR Conservation Officer Deb Groebner (right) mimics the wings of a pheasant by flapping her arms amid laughs from students who did the same.

In the environmental station, students learned about pheasant habitat and received up-close looks at feathers and a mounted rooster pheasant.

"Pheasants can live up to six years," said DNR's Deb Groebner. "However, most only live one year."

Predators and prey were illustrated during a game of tag. Students designed as prey needed to reach safe habitat areas or get "eaten" by designated student predators.

The bird dog demonstrations showed the importance of well-trained canines and how they assist



Youth Education Day/See page 2B

Governor's hunt carries on without Dayton

Final term governor undergoes third back surgery to fuse vertebrae

By Lori Sorenson

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton initiated the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in 2011 to highlight hunting, recreational, travel and local opportunities that greater Minnesota communities have to offer.

As it turns out, the governor was unable to attend what would have been his eighth and final appearance at the annual event, due to a back surgery Friday morning.

DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr read a statement from Dayton at Friday's banquet.

"I was so looking forward to joining you for this weekend's events," Dayton wrote. "... I can assure you I would much rather be with you."

The governor praised the Luverne welcoming committee for its preparation efforts.

"Your hard work over the last year to plan and pull off this spectacular event is greatly appreciated — by all Minnesotans," he shared in his letter.

"It is a testament to the character of your people, the pride you have in your city and the passion we all share for our state's treasured natural resources."

The surgery Friday morning fused several vertebrae in his lower back in order to improve his leg strength and stability. Dayton is expected to spend several days recovering in the hospital.

"Anyone who has observed my walking in recent months has seen that I have difficulties with my leg

Governor's surgery/See page 7B



Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Gov Hunt Sixth Graders

Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach (far right) and state Rep. Joe Schomacker pose with the Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne sixth-grade students who participated in Friday's Youth Education Day.

Youth Education Day involves sixth-graders from Luverne and Hills Beaver Creek/from page 1B

pheasant hunters.

Members of the Four Points Retriever Club brought several dogs in various stages of training. Many of the dogs compete at North American Hunting Retriever Association competitions.

Besides petting and hugging the dogs, students threw training dummies to simulate downed pheasants for the dogs to retrieve.

Handlers showed how they can direct the canines' attention to different targets through hand signals and short whistles used in the field for the dogs to retrieve the downed pheasants.

The Youth Education Day was developed several years ago for students in the Governor's Pheasant Opener host community.

Sixth-graders in Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek were invited to participate in this year's event in Luverne.

In Minnesota children 12 or older can complete classes for a firearm safety class certificate. The certificate allows them to purchase a hunting license in the state.

Friday's event wasn't solely focused on hunting.

"Hunting is not for everyone," Kohn said.

"But we can still create conserva-

tion-minded individuals."

Conservation and enjoyment of nature were stressed in Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach's message to the students.

She explained that Gov. Mark Dayton developed the Governor's Pheasant Opener in 2011.

Luverne was the eighth and final event of Dayton's term as governor. However, back surgery kept the governor from this year's event.

As the state's second-in-command, Fischbach filled in for Dayton.

"He is a former teacher and I know he would have loved to have been here," she said.

As the host for this year's pheasant opener event, Fischbach said places like the Blue Mounds State Park, Touch the Sky Prairie and the newly dedicated Rooster Ridge wildlife habitat area near Beaver Creek are able to be featured.

"There are such great things in Luverne that the state gets to know about," she said.

More importantly, Fischbach said it is the students who are responsible to continue preserving what is currently located in their backyards.

"Remember everything you learned today and remember to get out, conserve and enjoy nature in Greater Minnesota," she said.



Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Gov Hunt Sixth Graders

Minnesota Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach greets students Friday afternoon before addressing the 130 Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne sixth-graders about the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Opener.



Photos and text by Mavis Fodness

Above, Luverne sixth-grader Tucker Remme (left) targets a pheasant in the shooting simulator with conservation officer Annette Kylo. **At left**, conservation officer Alex Watson holds a large plastic mosquito as an illustration of what young pheasants eat. **Lower left corner**, William Johnson reacts with a smile as he hits a prairie dog in the interactive laser shot game. **Below center**, Piper Wynia examines a pheasant feather. **Below**, 12-year-old Labrador retriever Maxi receives some pats from student Kaitlin Conger and owner John Giudice.





Lori Sorenson photo/1018 gov hunt rooster ridge

Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach addresses a crowd of more than 120 people southwest of Beaver Creek Friday afternoon for the Rooster Ridge dedication during the eighth annual Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. She is also pictured below with local members of Rock County Pheasants Forever as they unveil the new signage on the parcel.

Rooster Ridge near Beaver Creek preserves 93 acres for habitat

By Lori Sorenson

Amid the flurry of events and activities surrounding the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, the state's newest public hunting land was dedicated near Beaver Creek Friday afternoon.

More than 120 people gathered at Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area on a piece of ground along County Road 4 that just last year was a soybean field.

The 93 acres of rolling hills and wetlands was previously owned by Howard Van Wyhe, a local outdoorsman, farmer and Pheasants Forever member.

"I am excited to go out and hunt on Rooster Ridge," Van Wyhe said, adding that the new WMA will be a good way to preserve the land, preserve hunting traditions and protect wildlife habitat.

"For all of these reasons I sold my land to Pheasants Forever and the state of Minnesota."

He shared his thoughts about the land dedication, and those comments appear on the sidebar information featured with the story.

The land sale was arranged by the Rock County Pheasants Forever and the Outdoor Heritage Council Fund.

"We're excited and honored that we could help with this project," said Rock County Pheasants Forever President Darin Kindt. "We hope the



Text and photos by Lori Sorenson

Pictured below, Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener committee chairman Rick Peterson, Luverne, addresses the Rooster Ridge gathering near Beaver Creek Friday. He spoke about the importance of habitat preservation and the importance of enjoying the public hunting ground with family and young people to encourage conservation values for generations to come.



public will enjoy this parcel for generations to come."

Volunteers with Pheasants Forever, the Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club and the local high school trap shooting teams pitched in to complete restoration work on the ground to prepare the parcel for dedication.

"Many hours of work and a lot of sweat have been put

into restoring this beautiful parcel of land. The community involvement has been impressive," Kindt said about volunteers and donors.

"These people make me proud to call Rock County Home. Through their generosity and the support of local land owners, a large project like this was made possible."

The dedication ceremony

included comments from Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach, Minnesota DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr, and Explore Minnesota Director John Edman, among other local leaders.

The Rooster Ridge WMA is located 1 mile southwest of Beaver Creek in Rock County, about 10 miles southwest of Luverne.

Van Wyhe sells ground to benefit habitat, to preserve hunting traditions, to glorify God

Howard Van Wyhe shared his thoughts about the land dedication when asked why he agreed to sell his land for the purpose of establishing a wildlife management area:

Southwest Minnesota is a beautiful place God created to live and raise a family. This is a great community God has given us to care for and to glorify Him with.

I appreciate this community for the opportunity for me to live in and enjoy many outdoor activities.

One of these activities is



hunting. I love to hunt.

As a young hunter I was given permission to hunt on

"... I sold my land to Pheasants Forever and the state of Minnesota ... To give back to this community. To give habitat for wildlife and pheasants. To give to the future hunting generation a place to hunt. I love this community. I love to hunt and want to glorify God in what He has given us here."

great habitat by many landowners in this community. I learned to respect the

rights of all landowners whether they gave me permission to hunt their land

or not.

I also learned to love and respect the rights, privileges and rules I have as a hunter and every other hunter's right, privileges and rules.

Over the last 20 years or so there has been a change in the view and use of furs.

There has also been a change in the view of killing of these predators and less than desirable animals. This has led to an increase in predators to the pheasant and their young, which has lowered their population.

We have also had dramatic weather events occur along with not enough habitat, and that has taken its toll on the pheasant population.

For all of these reasons I sold my land to Pheasants Forever and the state of Minnesota ... To give back to this community. To give habitat for wildlife and pheasants. To give to the future hunting generation a place to hunt.

I love this community. I love to hunt and want to glorify God in what He has given us here with this land.

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Rock County veteran Lowell Ahrendt bags a pheasant. **Below left**, hunter hosts Jeff Ahrendt (left) and David Morse watch two pheasants take flight. **Below right**, Oakley (center) takes a break during the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Saturday morning with hunter host Stan Williamson (left) and hunter Lowell Ahrendt.



Hunters taking part in the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Saturday morning ranged in age from 14 to 91-year-old Harold Kindt (pictured at right with his son, Dan Kindt) who posted a field Saturday morning with son Dan. Dakota (**below**) is one of 60 hunting dogs used during the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Saturday morning in Rock County.



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Veterans group hits jackpot in western Rock County



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Nine pheasants were harvested Saturday by the group hunting in northwest Rock County during the first hour of the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. Pictured include (front from left) Hunter Ahrendt, dog Oakley, David Morse, dog Dakota, Dan Stevens, Harold Kindt, Tommy Blumhoefer, dog Lucy, Steve Girtz and dog Max, (back) Stan Williamson, Lowell Ahrendt, Darwin Leek, Emmet Bakke, Raymond Pederson, Terrie Gulden and Claude Van Driel.

Military veteran hunters take home nine pheasants during Saturday morning hunt



Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Gov Hunt Veterans
Above, Terrie Gulden carries a pheasant with his dog Dakota on Stan Williamson's land.

At right, Dan Stevens carries birds to the cleaning tent at the Rock County Sportsman's Club after the hunt. One of his birds had the longest tail feather of the day. (Lori Sorenson photo)

At far right, military veterans Emmet Bakke (left), Raymond Pederson and Tommy Blumhoefer take aim at a pheasant in flight.





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A record 456 people attend Friday night banquet

Mavis Fodness photos/1018 Gov Hunt Banquet
 Kyle Oldre addresses the more than 450 people attending the governor's pheasant hunting opener banquet Friday night. The main course featured shrimp and a prime rib steak seared with a pheasant brand (far right) followed by spice cake and ice cream for dessert (right, center). Below: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (center) drew the winning raffle tickets at the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener banquet, showing the tickets to GPHO chairman Rick Peterson. GPHO committee member Kyle Oldre announced the names.



Right: Patrick Gunnink (far right with American flag), Jerret Vander Plaats (state flag) and Jesse Kontz, all members of the Minnesota National Guard 125th Field Artillery, formed the banquet's honor guard. **Below:** Members of the Luverne High School marching band surround attendees of the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Friday night at Grand Prairie Events. The band marched into the events center playing the LHS school song and then played the "Star Spangled Banner" following the presentation of the colors on stage.



Morgan Ahrendt is among dozens of high school trap shooting team members who helped serve the meal at Friday night's banquet for the Governor's Opener weekend.

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Brandenburg Prairie Foundation and Touch the Sky Prairie showcased during Governor's Opener

Members of the media and other community visitors were able to tour Touch the Sky Prairie Friday afternoon with world-renowned nature photographer Jim Brandenburg, who founded the Brandenburg Prairie Foundation.

Brandenburg grew up north of Luverne near the tallgrass prairie restoration project and he spoke of how important it is to preserve native prairie and its habitat.



Pictured at left, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Supervisor Todd Luke (left) tours Touch the Sky Prairie with founder Jim Brandenburg and Anthony Brandenburg.



Lori Sorenson photos



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strength and occasionally with my balance," Dayton said in a statement released Oct. 11.

"My doctor believes that this procedure will help with both conditions."

He said he would be in constant contact with his commissioners and staff and that he would be fully able to carry out his responsibilities as governor, as he had with his previous treatments in Rochester.

It's the third such procedure for the 71-year-old governor who has weathered a handful of health problems during his two terms in office. Dayton previously had two similar back surgeries and a 2013 procedure to repair a hip muscle.

Last year Dayton revealed he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer one day after collapsing during his State of the State address. Dayton had surgery and is now in remission.

Dayton is set to leave office in January.

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Dear Friends –

Thank you to the people of Luverne for graciously hosting the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. I was so looking forward to joining all of you for this weekend's events. Unfortunately, I am recovering from back surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. I can assure you, I would much rather be with you!

Over the past eight years, the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener has become a very special Minnesota tradition, made possible by our tremendous host communities. Your hard work over the last year to plan and pull off this spectacular event is greatly appreciated – by all Minnesotans, who cherish our outdoor traditions. It is a testament to the character of your people, the pride you have in your city, and the passion we all share for our state's treasured natural resources.

Again, thank you for your hard work. Bag a rooster for me this weekend. Even better, teach a young person to hunt and respect Minnesota's great outdoors. That is one of the greatest investments any of us can make to deliver an even Better Minnesota for our children and grandchildren.

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Thank you, Gov. Mark Dayton

Members of the local committee that organized the Governor's Hunt weekend in Luverne arranged to have this slab of Sioux quartzite engraved for Gov. Mark Dayton. It was a token of appreciation from Luverne and Rock County to the governor for founding the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in 2011. It was presented to Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach during the Friday night banquet in Grand Prairie Events, and she took it with her to give to the governor when she returned to St. Paul the next day. Vance Walgrave of Those Blasted Things in Luverne did the engraving for the rock, which is pictured on the stage at the banquet hall Friday afternoon.

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U.S. Rep. Walz finds success in the field on land near Kenneth



Sandwiched between weather patterns of dismal rain last week and Sunday morning snow, Saturday hunters enjoyed warm sunshine and blue skies. That made up for otherwise challenging hunting conditions of standing water and standing fields of corn and soybeans.

Congressman Tim Walz remarked during his hunt near Kenneth that he could hear the roosters cackling in the cornfield next to a grassy field his group hunted Saturday morning.

He did bring home a bird, as did dozens of other hunters who returned with a total of 26 pheasants.



Congressman Walz hunted on Roger Tweet's land east of Kenneth Saturday. He's pictured above with Paul Tweet, Roger's son, after he bagged a pheasant near a waterway (pictured in the photo on top, right). He's pictured at right with hunter guide Don Dinger, Explore Minnesota Director John Edman and True Media representative Charles Howe.



(Lori Sorenson photos/1018 Gov Hunt Walz)



In the photo at left, DNR conservation officer Annette Kylo addresses hunters Saturday morning at the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener breakfast at Grand Prairie Events in downtown Luverne. She stressed to those participating to have a safe hunting experience. The opener began at 9 a.m.

(Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Gov Hunt Breakfast)

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Aaron (above, far left) and Steve Gould address the audience during their extreme shooting exhibition Saturday afternoon at the Rock County Sportsman's Club east of Luverne. **Right:** Aaron demonstrates behind-the-back shooting as his brother Steve watches. Hundreds of spent shotgun shells litter the grass.



Don't try this at home

Gould brothers use shotguns in extreme shooting performance

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Aaron and Steve Gould wowed participants at the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener through a mixture of "safety first" and "don't try this at home" gun maneuvers.

The Gould brothers developed a passion for exhibition shooting and together formed Gould Brothers Extreme Shooting or GBX in 2009.

They perform their extreme shooting performance with shotguns.

At Saturday's show they shot dozens of clay pigeons (up to seven on one throw). They shot at grapes, a basketball, lumps of coal and (supposedly, though it couldn't be seen) a mustard seed.

The brothers challenged each other to shoot behind their backs, bending over backward and while completing pushups and sit-ups.

Audience members earned prizes if they suggested shooting sequences the brothers couldn't complete.

The brothers ended their 45-minute performance competing in a contest to see who could shoot a series of vegetables and fruits. They finished their performance by hitting exploding targets in midair. (Earplugs were provided to audience members before the performance began.)

The Luverne show was the Gould Brothers' only appearance in their home state of Minnesota this year.

Both indicated they also like to hunt and gave a special Saturday morning presentation to members of the Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne high school trap shooting teams.

The presentation included shooting tips of keeping both eyes open, knowing eye dominance, and focusing on the clay targets.



Right: Steve Gould hits a succession of lumps of coal as his older brother Aaron watches.



Left: The Gould brothers sign autographs after their exhibition show including the hole-ridden basketball. They also signed spent shell casings and clay pigeons like the one below, left. **Below:** Brad Strootmann watches the Gould Brothers' shooting exhibition with his yellow Lab.



Left: Steve Gould holds a specially designed exhibition shotgun. One of the shotguns used during their Saturday afternoon show in Luverne could hold more than a dozen shells.



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Mavis Fodness photos/1018 Gov Hunt Women heads up the Women's Mentoring Program for the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Friday afternoon. **Below:** Meadow Kauffeld (center), mentors and hunter hosts discuss how they plan to safely walk fields during the Saturday hunt.



Lori Sorenson photo/1018 Gov Hunt Luverne hunters Sharon Miller (center) and Katie Hemme (right) share laughs with Don Dinger, who served as a hunter host during the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Saturday.

Dogs take center stage for morning hunt, afternoon parade

By Mavis Fodness

One key element to a successful pheasant hunt is finding the elusive birds.

Often, to avoid danger, ring-necked pheasants run rather than fly.

Assisting to get the birds into the air is the purpose of a good hunting dog, according to John Giudice.

Giudice is a wildlife research biologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He lives in Stacy, Minnesota, and completed the dog demonstrations to the Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek sixth-grade students Friday.

He said people can hunt without a dog, but finding a fallen bird in the tall grass is just as hard as getting the birds to fly in the air.

While humans can see where the bird falls, dogs have a special organ that's better than the human eye. "There is nothing like a dog's nose," he said.

Giudice trains Labrador retrievers to find the hidden birds.

Through hand gestures and whistles he is able to

guide the dog near to where the bird fell. The dog's nose does the actual finding and retrieval.

Giudice said people don't have to hunt pheasants with dogs.

"But a good hunting dog adds to the hunt," he said.

A canine's enthusiasm and love for retrieving can rub off on a hunter and add to the overall outdoor experience.

Eleven women participated in the event, the most of any Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.

"We just want to expose them to hunting," said DNR's Kristi Coughlin. "We want them to come away with 'I want to hunt.'"

Women are the fastest-growing hunter group, Coughlin said.

Most need the opportunity to try the sport in a safe venue.

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Mavis Fodness photo/1018 Gov Hunt Parade
Hunting dogs used during the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Saturday were honored during an afternoon dog parade at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

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For 14-year-old Cheyenne Schulz of Luverne the experience with Coughlin and the other women instilled a confidence to try hunting again.

"It was just a lot of fun," Schulz said.

Friday afternoon the women's group met with their six mentors and talked about what they looked forward to the most about hunting the next day.

Katie Hemme of Luverne participated in Saturday morning's Women's Mentored Hunt as well.

She immediately mentioned her fascination with watching the dogs and not focusing on the actual hunt.

"I might forget to put bullets in the gun," she said.

Sixty dogs participated in the governor's pheasant hunt and helped the 17 hunting groups comprised of more than 100 hunters bag 26 birds.

Many of those same dogs participated in the Bird Dog Parade Saturday afternoon.

The parade was a first-time event for a governor's hunt.

The event took place at the Rock County Sportsman's Club east of Luverne.

Dog owners introduced themselves and their dogs before walking in front of audience members. Many patted the enthusiastic canines as they walked past the stands.



Lori Sorenson photo/1018 Gov Hunt



Above: Hunting dogs used during the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Saturday were honored during an afternoon dog parade at the Rock County Sportsman's Club. Left: Brad Strootman leans against a tree at the Sportsman's Club with Paul Nester as Strootman's dog, Keeper, rests nearby.



Lori Sorenson photo/1018 Gov Hunt

Above: Tom Remme from Kenneth prepares his dog, Reggie, for the Hunting Dog Parade. Right: More than 100 hunters and hunter hosts gathered under the tent for Saturday lunch at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.



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Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener chairman Rick Peterson presents the Polaris Ranger keys to Merlin Wynia, whose name was drawn from 500 raffle tickets.

Wynia's name drawn for Ranger Raffle

By Lori Sorenson

Merlin Wynia, Luverne, was the lucky winner of the 2018 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 side-by-side ATV.

His name was drawn from a crowded field of 500 raffle tickets that were sold from a limited stock of 600.

Polaris Industries, Minneapolis, donated the machine, and raffle tickets were sold at \$50 apiece to help defray the cost of hosting the governor's opener in Luverne.

Wynia's name was drawn at the Friday night banquet in Grand Prairie Events, Luverne, where raffle tickets were also drawn for the commemorative 12-gauge shotgun.

Luverne's Jeff Stewart won the gun (pictured at right), which had the Luverne Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting logo engraved in the wooden handle.

More than 300 gun raffle tickets were sold at \$10 each for the gun that was valued



Dan Stevens (right) received a Jim Brandenburg print for having the longest tail feather. He gave it to landowner Stan Williamson (second from right).

at \$1,200.

Three local landowners each won \$500 after their names were drawn from a pool of 26 landowners who volunteered their ground for Saturday morning pheasant hunting.

Winners were Rock County's Rodney Lowe of rural Garretson, Darla Faber, Luverne, and Gerald Bundesen, Steen.

Hunter Dan Stevens received a Jim Brandenburg



print of the Blue Mounds State Park prairie grasses because he brought in the longest tail feather. He ended up giving the print to Stan Williamson who offered his land for the hunt.

Nature's beauty decorates banquet hall

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Chantel Connell was the creative mastermind behind the table centerpieces and other decorative pieces used at Grand Prairie Events Friday night for the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Luverne.

She used a combination of silk, autumn-colored leaves and dried prairie grasses to assemble the centerpieces — more than 60 of them in all — in rustic wooden toolboxes.

She used reeds and other waterway species to create taller ensembles in wooden nail kegs that were placed around the banquet hall.

Connell, who served on the local host committee for the governor's opener, is advertising sales director at the Star Herald where the former press room and storage area were used in the assembly process.

At one point in early October, the back room felt like



Chantel Connell created the centerpieces used at the Friday night banquet for the Governor's Opener weekend.

a jungle of prairie grasses during assembly, which committee member Mary Peterson helped with.

Star Herald editor Lori Sorenson and Connell's father, Melvin Viessman, contributed to the creations with truckloads of prairie grasses and other ornament-

tal native species for the centerpieces.

At the end of Friday night's banquet, the centerpieces were offered for sale at \$25 apiece to benefit the Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek high school trap shooting teams.



The Chamber's pheasant mascot (Heather Johnson) poses with Star Herald nutcrackers that are outfitted with blaze orange T-shirts in honor of the Governor's Opener weekend.



Luverne Rotary and LACF bring 'Church of Cash' to Take 16

In addition to the dog parade and exhibition shooting, the community and visitors in town for the Governor's Opener were invited to a free Johnny Cash tribute band Friday night and Saturday afternoon at Take 16 Brewing Company on East Main Street under the tent. Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener chairman Rick Peterson said "Church of Cash" appealed to all ages and drew big crowds to the local brewery. "It doesn't matter how old or young you are; everyone knows Johnny Cash music," he said. The shows were free, thanks to sponsorships by Luverne Rotary Club and the Luverne Area Community Foundation. Dubbed the "Pheasant Pheasta," the band played for crowds who were able to try the special weekend craft brew, "Phestbier," which is a limited edition flavor.

At left, Luverne Chamber assistant Reva Sehr and the Chamber's pheasant mascot (modeled by Dylan Dump) mingle with the crowd at the Rock County Sportsman's Club Saturday afternoon for the Bird Dog Parade and trick shooting show.



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'Pheasant Pheasta' to be annual fall event in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

It's not every year a community gets to host a Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, but Luverne learned that it is, indeed, a hunting destination.

It's estimated that the event brings roughly \$1 million worth of publicity to a host community, considering nearly 150 members of media and government offices typically attend weekend activities and participate in the hunt.

Now that the dust has settled from the Governor's Opener weekend, Luverne leaders are taking stock of future opportunities.

At the Friday night banquet, Committee Chairman Rick Peterson announced that Luverne will continue to celebrate future hunting seasons.

"The driving factor is to make it a Luverne tradition every pheasant hunting season," he said, referring to it as an annual "Pheasant Pheasta" (pronounced "fiesta").

"The idea is to make it a celebration that people come back to Luverne for a reunion of sorts — for the pheasants, friends and fellowship."

Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere worked in partnership with Peterson to lead the local hosting efforts.

She said after seeing the crowds of blaze orange and the money that was spent in Luverne over the weekend, hunting is too big of an opportunity to pass up.

"We've been working for years on tourism in Luverne," Lanphere said.

"We don't have opportunities for lakes and fishing, but



Lori Sorenson photo/1019 gov hunt flag

The Luverne Fire Department members got in the hunting party spirit Friday afternoon when they displayed an oversized American flag from the end of their ladder truck. The flag, framed by blue skies and Luverne's downtown architecture added a welcoming touch for hundreds of visitors approaching Grand Prairie Events parking lot for the Friday night banquet. "What better welcome can you have to our town than the American flag," said Fire Chief David Van Batavia. Pictured here, fireman Jonathon Kurtz helped to keep the flag unfurled when a brisk south breeze kept wrapping it around the ladder.



Submitted photo

Averie Schafer of Belle Plaine shows off the pheasant feather she found at Dragon Fly while shopping during the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Saturday. GPHO attendees stated they were impressed how the Luverne community joined in to embrace the pheasant-hunting weekend.

now that we've made our big splash we know that hunting can be a big deal here." Without the governor, without the media and without state dignitaries, Lanphere said she still sees plenty of tourism opportunities. She shared the following information about hunting and its economic value:

Hunting is part of Minnesota's culture

- 477,000 people hunt in Minnesota each year.
- 5.5 million days are spent hunting in Minnesota.

Hunting supports Minnesota's economy

- Hunters support over 12,400 jobs in Minnesota.
- Hunting generates \$417 million in salaries and wages.
- Yearly spending by hunters in Minnesota is \$733 million.
- The average Minnesota hunter spends \$1,500 each year.

Hunting is a key source of tax revenue

- Hunters generate \$93 million in taxes for the state of Minnesota.
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Minnesota hunting: the bottom line

- The total ripple effect from hunting in Minnesota is \$1.3 billion.



Giant pheasants greet visitors to Luverne on South Highway 75

Local artists joined efforts in welcoming pheasant hunters and visitors Oct. 12-13 by crafting two 30-foot wooden pheasants that are displayed along South Highway 75. With help from a SMAC grant, Rock County Fine Arts summoned volunteers and local talent to complete the project earlier this month. Luverne artists Cody Henrichs and Cindy Reverts took the lead on the project with many local helpers.



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