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Ballots arrive at courthouse

More residents choosing early voting options

By Mavis Fodness

A record number of absentee ballots will be issued in Rock County if the first three weeks of absentee voting is any indication.

As of noon Monday, 116 absentee ballots have been issued since the voting option opened Sept. 23, according to Rock County Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz.

Her office has also added 75 new voters and updated 71 voter registration records.

"We've never been this busy this early," she said.

There are three weeks left before the general election.

In the 2014 general election, 260 people from Rock County voted absentee.

Kurtz speculated this year's presidential election has drawn voters' attention earlier than normal along with the state's easier absentee balloting process.

The state's no-excuse voting reform began two years ago. It allows any eligible voter to request an absentee ballot, which must be returned to the local auditor's office on or before Nov. 8.

Voters who requested absentee ballots must have them returned to the auditor/treasurer's office by 3 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters who received mail ballots have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to submit them at the auditor/treasurer's office.

Ballots not received either in person or in the mail after that date will not be counted. Postmarked ballots arriving after Nov. 8 would also not count.

A deadline reminder will be included in each of the mail ballots going out in Rock County late this week.

During the August primary election 40 mail ballots arrived at the Rock County Courthouse after the election deadline and were not included in the election results.

A tie resulted in the District 3 Commissioners race, which was broken in a card draw.

Voters can check the status of their ballot at mnvotes.org.

Each ballot is assigned a unique number, Kurtz said. When that ballot is returned to the auditor's office, it

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Lori Sorenson photo/luverne street music carnegie Saturday afternoon for Luverne Street Music's "Grand Open House."

Music school celebrates improved Carnegie, launches community band and choir

By Lori Sorenson

Saturday was a big day for local music lovers and fans of the Carnegie Cultural Center on North Freeman Avenue.

Luverne Street Music took over the lease with the city in March for the building, which has been under construction for remodeling since then.

The "Grand Open House" was a chance to show off the stately building as well as accomplishments of the blossoming non-profit music school.

The program has grown from 30 students and four teachers in 2013 to 100 students and 16 instructors today. In addition to private vocal and instru-

mental lessons, the curriculum includes summer music camp, a children's choir, a pre-school string program and a chamber orchestra, plus a puppet theater camp and community band and choir on the horizon.

Students were on hand for short recitals during Saturday's open house.

Student composes 'Grandpa's Song'

Among the performers was 11-year-old Ross Bergman, son of Brian and Tami (Ver Steeg) Berg-

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Seeking quieter roadways

Beaver Creek residents request speed study for County Road 4

By Mavis Fodness

Vehicle noise is a consequence of living near an interstate highway system, and Beaver Creek residents realize the easy access to that roadway has its pitfalls.

They didn't realize more of that traffic would find its way through their city of 294 people in recent months.

Beaver Creek Mayor Jamie Dysthe and council member Josh Tuene brought a request to the Rock County Board to conduct a speed study on County Road 4, located on the north edge of the city limits.

The Rock County Commissioners supported the resolution at their Oct. 4 meeting, requesting the Minnesota Department of Transportation to conduct the study.

High speeds and safety were listed as primary reasons for the study.

Don and Jean Pap have lived next to County Road 4 in Beaver Creek for almost 17 years.

"It (traffic) goes from early morning to early evening," Jean said.

"When they use their Jake Brakes they make a terrible amount of noise."

Their home is located about 75 feet from the road.

She said since South Dakota's weigh station began 24/7 operations on Interstate 90, more trucks have been driving past her home.

Speed limit signs of 55 mph (eastbound) and 30 mph (westbound) are located within a half block of their residence.

"It's a pretty abbreviated section," county engineer Mark Sehr said.

Traffic traveling west into the 30 mph speed limit is entering the reduced speed area from a sloping curve.

To assist large trucks or recreational vehicles to slow down, drivers often apply the compression release engine brake or Jake Brake, which causes the engine to make a distinctive cackle as the engine slows the vehicle.

The Jake Brake is used to save the wear and tear on the vehicle's brakes.

Beaver Creek council members talked about the Paps' noise complaint at their Sept. 14 meeting.

The traffic noise can be heard throughout the town, however.

Beaver Creek speed zone/see 5A

Retirement prompts sheriff's office restructuring

By Mavis Fodness

With the retirement of dispatcher/supervisor Terri Ebert at the end of the year, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge told commissioners at their Oct. 4 County Board meeting he is able to restructure his department.

Ebert's position will be advertised without the current supervisory duties attached.

The job reclassification allows Verbrugge to budget for a dispatch replacement and offer one of his current officers a promotion without increasing his existing budget.

"Now was a good time to restructure the office and how it was being laid out and maybe looking at getting a nighttime supervisor and restructuring the dispatcher center as well," he said.

Verbrugge had originally requested an additional \$10,000 in his 2017 budget for the sergeant position.

Commissioners unanimously supported the job description change and sergeant position.

In other business, commissioners met Scott Adams, the new employee in the Land Records Office. Adams had previously worked with Cragoe Realty in Luverne for more than 11 years.

Commissioners start meetings with Pledge of Allegiance

Rock County Commissioners have opted to begin their bi-monthly meetings by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The practice began Oct. 4 as a suggestion from chairman Jody Reisch.

"In light of what is going on in our nation, I sometimes think it's a forgotten piece of our day," he said.

None of the commissioners objected.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1013 Fire Prevention 2016

Fire safety lessons

Fireman Nick Mead shows Luverne first-graders the equipment truck at the Luverne Fire Station Monday morning. The students toured the fire station, learned fire safety and rode in a fire truck in recognition of Fire Prevention Month. See pages 6 and 7 for more photographs and information about the special week.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet for lunch at Tally Ho Café in Edgerton Friday, Oct. 14. Carpool from St. Catherine east lot at 11 a.m. RSVP by calling Connie Wieneke at 507-283-8470.

MS Support Group will meet Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Southwest Health and Human Services. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2964.

Caregivers Support Group will meet at Mary Jane Brown Home, Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 5-6:30 p.m. Anyone dealing with caregiving is encouraged to attend.

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

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the lower level of Sanford Luverne. Call 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Highway 3 closed south of Kenneth

County Highway 3 will be closed 2 1/2 miles south of Kenneth for bridge replacement for roughly two weeks. Call the Rock County Highway Department, 507-283-5010.

Red Arrow local fund drive underway

Rock County Red Arrow 2016 fund drive continues until Oct. 14 with the theme, "Standing Strong in Service to Rock County." The organization raises funds for 29 local organizations. Call 283-9050, to learn how to give.

Domestic Violence Awareness Oct. 13

Show your support by attending Domestic Violence Awareness Night from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Luverne Farmers Market. There will be dance performances starting at 6 p.m. by young women from Spotlight Dance and Performing Arts Academy. Stop by the Southwest Crisis Center table for information. Southwest Crisis Center can help. Visit 114 W. Main Street Luverne or mnsbcc.org or call the safeline at 1-800-376-4311.

Ten Pigs Traveling Trunk Show Oct. 14

Join Derek Anderson, author-illustrator of "Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Adventure," for a one-of-a-kind show at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in the Rock County Library basement. Anderson will talk about "The Greatest Job in the World," get you dancing, make you laugh with goofy props, and involve the audience in a group drawing activity.

Scarecrow Festival Oct. 15

The Veterans Home 10th annual Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 15 (note change of date), from 10-11:15 a.m. with carnival games and great prizes. Scarecrow displays will be judged that day, so come and vote for your favorites.

A.C.E. offers Time Out for You! Oct. 19

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota will host a Medicare information event at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Human Services Building. Topics covered include Medicare Supplement Insurance coverage, plan options, plan pricing and information about eligibility and more. Call 283-5064 with questions.

Fire Department movie 'BFG' at Palace

The Luverne Fire Department will show their annual benefit movie, "BFG," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, and at 4, 7, and 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Community Ed bus to Science Museum

Community Education is offering families the opportunity to take a trip to the Science Museum and the Mall of America Thursday, Oct. 20, during MEA break. The fee is \$55 for the cost of the museum ticket and the bus ride. Call 507-283-4724 to reserve seats.

Monthly Food Ministry Oct. 20

The monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, meat and bread. Children are asked to wait outside.



Lori Sorenson photos/1013 history center auction



History on the auction block

The auction Saturday afternoon at the History Center in Luverne took in roughly \$3,000 for the Rock County Historical Society. Items sold included duplicates that the History Center no longer needed, donated items from the past that weren't suitable for display and extra items donated for the auction in an effort to bring in more proceeds to help fund Historical Society operations. The History Center in the former Ford dealership downtown will be open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, and will be open during regular museum hours from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays thereafter.

Pictured above, Jim Sherwood looks over a display of mannequins, which were popular auction items Saturday.

At left, Elzora Ott went home with a decorative plate that had a chip in the edge. "I'll turn that to the bottom and no one will see it," she said.

Greg Burger named Outstanding Chamber Member

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Greg Burger was honored Monday night as the 2015 outstanding chamber member.

During a reception at Sterling's Café, Chamber Board President Ryan Wynia presented him with a Sioux quartzite decorative slab with his name and honor engraved in it.

Wynia spoke of Burger's 40-year banking career, 32 of which were with Minnwest Bank. Burger retired as bank president this spring.

"Greg's service to the community didn't stop at the bank door," Wynia said, referring to Burger's volunteer work in a myriad of local organizations and causes.

Among them were the Rock County Development Corporation, Hospital Foundation, Luverne Area Community Foundation, Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow, Rock County Historical Society and more.

"It is our honor, as the Luverne Area Chamber, to recognize you for your leadership, service, integrity and dedication to make Luverne a place where we love the life," Wynia told Burger at the reception.

Burger said he was overwhelmed by the recognition. "It's quite a deal when



Lori Sorenson photo/1013 burger outstanding chamber member

Pictured for the Outstanding Chamber Member recognition event Monday evening at Sterling's are (from left) Mark Ommen, Ryan Wynia, Nancy Scheidt, Isaac DeBoer, Greg Burger, Janet Burger, Ryan Burger, Annie Opitz, Sherri Thompson, Laurie Ketterling and Heidi Papik.

you get honored for doing something you love," he said. "Giving back to a community that's given so much to me, personally and professionally."

He said he often tells people he didn't grow up here, but he grew here.

"When I moved here at 33 years old, I thought I knew everything," he said. "But I grew."

He said he and his wife,

Janet, didn't have a long-term goal of staying in Luverne for the duration of his banking career.

"But I grew to love this community," he said. "It's my home."

He pledged to continue working to make Luverne a better place, and he encouraged others in the room to do the same.

"Luverne needs to con-

tinue to grow for years to come," Burger said. "This is why Luverne is what it is."

The Luverne Area Chamber Board of Directors began the Outstanding Chamber Member Program in 2005 to recognize retired or semi-retired individuals who help the community through volunteer time, talent, leadership and resources.

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Midwest Fire hosts tours for Manufacturing Day

By Lori Sorenson

Friday, Oct. 7, was National Manufacturing Day, and Luverne's Midwest Fire opened its doors for tours to celebrate the occasion and hopefully inspire students to choose careers in manufacturing.

Tyler LeBrun, manufacturing engineer/production manager at Midwest Fire, said it's important to connect with young people while they're still in high school and expose them to career opportunities in manufacturing.

"At Midwest Fire we have jobs in a clean working environment with a high degree of technology," he said. "It's not just working on an assembly line,"

The Luverne facility designs and manufactures fire trucks and equipment for fire departments across the Midwest and United States.

LeBrun said the process requires skilled labor and experience in all kinds of work from sales and marketing to machining and engineering.

He said he's proud of the fact that Midwest Fire has been able to attract and retain quality employees.

"Other than the one we just hired, our newest employee has been here seven years," LeBrun said.

In addition to community groups and interested individuals, high school students from Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek toured the facility Friday.

Among other things, they learned manufacturing jobs start at around \$60,000 per year and average \$77,000 among all manufacturing



Lori Sorenson photos/1013 midwest fire tours

Midwest Fire engineer and production manager Tyler LeBrun (far left) leads a tour of Hills-Beaver Creek students through the facility Friday for Manufacturing Day. Pictured are (from left) Brittney Wilkus, Jennifer Konz, Tom Sandager, Orvil Swenson, Dustin Teune, Brandon Wilkus, Josh Kueter and Trevor Dolphin.

Pictured at right, Midwest Fire plumber Doug Grimsrud shows students the ins and outs of a 1,000-gallon-per-minute pump system for a fire truck.



workers in the United States.

Career opportunities in manufacturing can include welders, engineers, assemblers, machinists, electricians, computer programmers, fabricators, designers, operations managers, human resources, sales and marketing professionals and more.

H-BC students also

toured Hills Stainless Steel in Luverne.

H-BC teacher Tom Sandager said the trip was a worthwhile experience.

"I think it showed the kids the wide range of possibilities in manufacturing and fabrication," he said. "They got to see every step from marketing to design to fabrication."

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man, rural Kenneth.

Not long after starting piano lessons at Luverne Street Music, Bergman was composing his own music.

One piece, "Grandpa's Song," was created in memory of his grandpa, Evan Ver Steeg, who passed away in May.

Bergman played that song Saturday on the grand piano in the open space of the Carnegie's reception area, sunlight streaming through the signature arched windows.

Twila Ver Steeg wept quietly near the piano as her grandson's fingers flowed across the ivory keys. "It happens every time I hear it," she said dabbing at her eyes.

"I feel so blessed," she said, trying to explain the tears of pride for her grandson and tears of pain for the recent loss of her husband.

"And I feel ... That's where music speaks — when words fail."

She said she's heard "Grandpa's Song" several times, but it doesn't always sound the same, depending on the mood of the pianist.

"You can just tell how he's feeling by how he plays," Ver Steeg said. "The piano just speaks."

She said her grandson's natural talent was nurtured at Luverne Street Music.

"He's had terrific instructors here," Ver Steeg said, adding that his first teacher was Drew Weis, then a student at Luverne High School and gifted pianist.

Community band and choir

Saturday's open house also provided an opportunity for people to sign up for Luverne Street Music's community band and choir.

"We have all this musical talent in Luverne," said organizer Janine Papik, when she first announced the groups in January. "It would be fun to get everyone together and do this."

She's been urging adults with musical interests to join the band and/or choir in lending live music to local com-



Lori Sorenson photos/1013 carnegie luverne street music

Luverne Street Music piano student Egypt Forrest performs during the open house at the Carnegie Saturday afternoon.

At right, Twila Ver Steeg reacts to her grandson's original composition of "Grandpa's Song," that he created in memory of Evan Ver Steeg, who died in May.

munity events and festivals.

For example, the community band will perform at a Veterans Day event in November, and she's coordinating a Christmas cantata, "Breath of Heaven," to be performed in the Palace Theatre Dec. 10.

"The music selected for both groups is awesome," Papik said.

"Vocalists and instrumentalists are needed for both groups."

Rehearsal schedules were distributed at Saturday's open house, but those who missed it can still sign up with Papik at janinepapik@hotmail.com or 605-321-2055.

Papik has been working

with Luverne Street Music President LaDonna Iveland, Chamber Director Jane Wil-dun Lanphere and Luverne High School band director Richard Owen.

"The idea is that we'd have this core of musicians who can fit a performance to whatever occasion comes up," Papik said.

Iveland said the program is blessed to have reached this point in its growth and relocation. "We're so grateful for everyone's support of Luverne Street Music," she said.

Information is also available at the Chamber, luverne-chamber@co.rock.mn.us or 507-283-4061.

Producers reminded to report forage and fall-seeded crops by Nov. 15

Rock County producers are reminded that the acreage reporting deadline for all forage and fall-seeded crops is fast approaching.

The acreage reporting deadline of Nov. 15, 2016, applies to the following 2017 crops:

- Forage for grazing, including pasture.
- Forage production - fall seeding (insured/no insurance).
- Forage production - prior year seeding (insured/no insurance).
- Fall-seeded small grains (winter wheat, oats, barley, etc.).

Producers are required to file an annual acreage report at the FSA Office for all of the cropland acreage on the farm in order to be eligible to receive payments for several programs.

These include the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, CRP, Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), as well as FSA Disaster Programs and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

The FSA Office recently mailed the required documentation to Rock County forage producers. So please check your mail, sign the FSA-578 form and return it to the FSA Office as soon as possible.

Since we do not know who might have planted any small grains this fall, the onus will be on these producers to report such crops to the FSA Office by the Nov. 15 deadline.

The following exceptions apply:

• If the crop has not been planted by Nov. 15, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

• If a producer acquires additional acreage after Nov. 15, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the FSA Office.

• If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15, 2017.

NAP policyholders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of Nov. 15, 2016, or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Late-filed fees will apply when filing an acreage report with FSA after the Nov. 15, 2016, deadline for these crops.

July 15, 2017, will remain as the deadline to file an acreage report with FSA for most other crops.

Producers are also encouraged to report all pasture they may have, including native grass and wooded pastures, etc. to FSA for future program purposes such as the Livestock Forage Program (LFP).

For more information on FSA programs, visit the Rock County FSA Office, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation, or give us a call at 507-283-2369.

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This grandma reflects on what toddler walks really mean

My granddaughters have reached the toddler stage so "going for a walk" has taken on a whole new meaning.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Grandma is old, but it's not too late to help her learn how to really take a walk. The toddler girls will help her!

Traditionally, "going for a walk" means moving quickly with the goal of increasing one's heart rate.

Toddler walks are different. Toddler walks are more focused on sticks, rocks, leaves and worms and less focused on physical fitness. Or getting anywhere. Or actually walking.

Toddlers live in the moment and sometimes the moment involves sampling the various rocks available for tasting on the trail. Sometimes "the moment" requires leaving the beaten path and making a beeline for someone's lawn ornament.

(Insert squeal of delight here.)

Every moment is filled with delight.

Well, nearly every moment. The moments spent trying to pass by the park are filled with writhing, twisting little bodies trying to escape their captors who intend to take them to places that are "not the park."

Sometimes there are other kids in the park. They have chalk and sand toys. Toddlers take the chalk and sand toys. The other kids cry. Toddlers run.

Going to the park is fun. The swings are fun. Toddler girls love the swings. Swings make tummies feel funny.

Slides are fun. Slides are dangerous. Slides make Grandma nervous. Toddler girls love the slides — especially when Grandma runs at breakneck speed to stop them from scaling the ladder alone.

Spy a kitty and chase it out of the park.

Resume walk. The path is filled with wonders. Black rocks. Brown rocks. White rocks — all beautiful. All tasty.

Leaves now cover the trail. Red leaves. Yellow leaves. Brown leaves — all beautiful. All tasty.

There are sticks on the trail. Long ones. Short ones. Sticks for hitting!

"We do not hit." A worm! Is it tasty? Grandma says, "No!"

Grandma is kind of a spoilsport. She does not eat rocks or leaves or hit with sticks.

She does not swing on the swings or slide on the slide. She does not chase kitties or squeal with delight when she finds a worm.

Grandma is old, but it's not too late to help her learn how to really take a walk. The toddler girls will help her!

Event was more than meeting at a pole

Our young people deserve praise for their positive actions

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Last week the Star Herald covered the Luverne Middle School-High School students' participation in the nationwide event "See You at the Pole."

The last time such a gathering occurred in Luverne was at the turn of the new millennium, and community members resoundingly indicated it was about time.

Pictures from last week's brief gathering in front of the middle-high school were posted on our Facebook site, documenting Luverne students joining more than 3 million other students around the world in the global event of prayer.

The social media post struck a positive cord with viewers in record numbers — nearly 19,000 views.

"I applaud the schools and churches for allowing this to happen," wrote Shane Palmquist. "Unfortunately it'll be a matter of 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... and someone will complain, and it'll never happen again. Good job, LHS!!"

The centuries-old debate

separating church and state has been misconstrued through the years. Our founding fathers recognized the importance of freedom of religion in our nation and made a governance provision in the constitution for that freedom.

The Sept. 28 event at our local high school was conducted outside of the school building and the school day. Even though the student-led gathering didn't need permission from school officials to take place, our young people asked anyway.

The event was intended to promote harmony among youth and encourage one another to step forward to end the recent escalating

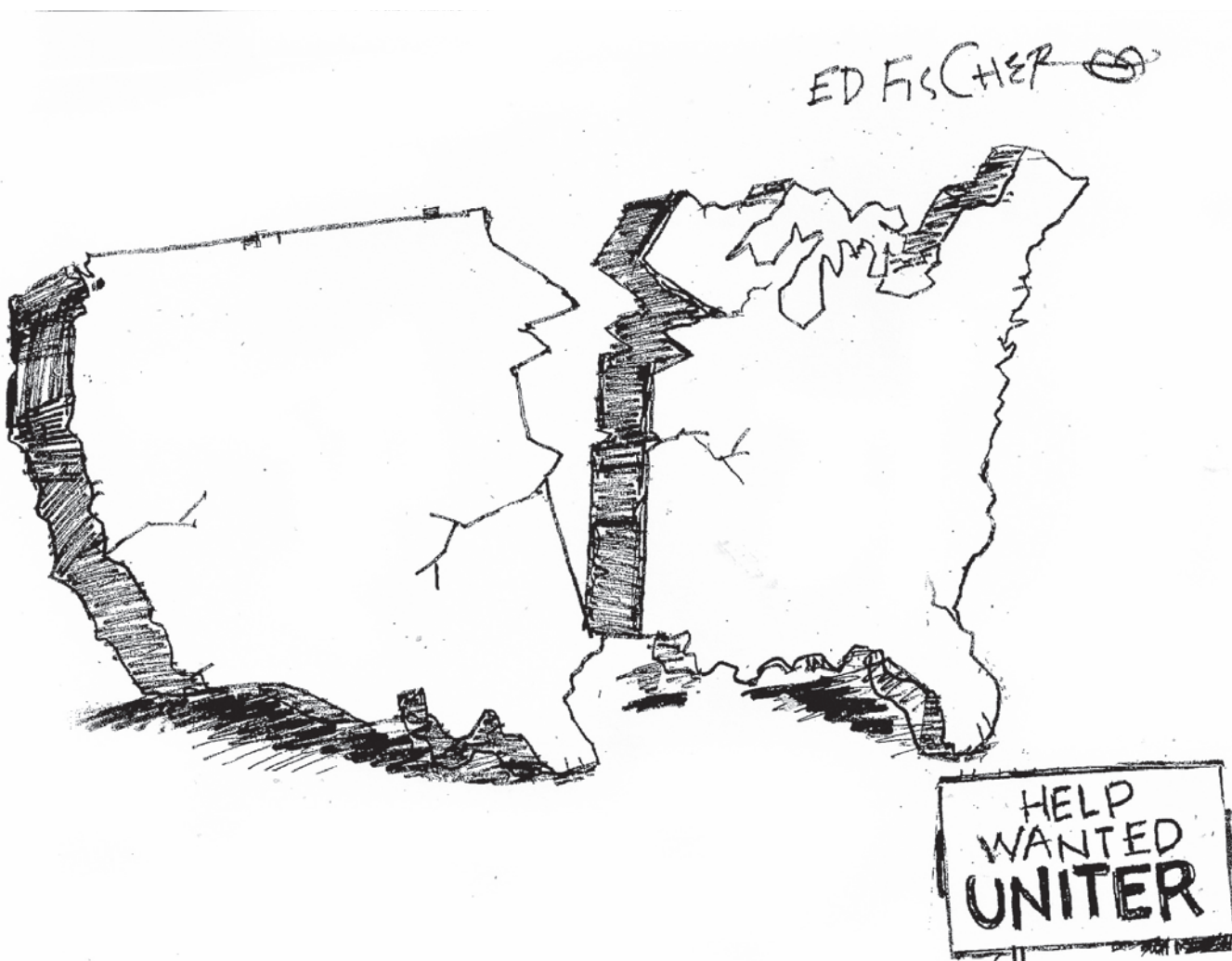
incidents of hate and violence in our country and in our world.

We at the Star Herald commend these young people. Many will become the future leaders of our country, and these same students may finally be the ones to orchestrate peace in the world.

After all, they have their hearts in the right place.

Maritza Nohemi Gibbs wrote, "This is great to have the next generation take a stand. God bless each one that did it, in a very special way."

We couldn't agree more. These people need and deserve our continued support as they mature and establish their place in the world.



Strap on your spurs as we take the health insurance ride

Just a second while I strap on my spurs because I am about to get on my high horse.

A year ago on this page I wrote about the rising cost of health care because of the Affordable Healthcare Act, otherwise known as Obamacare.

Well, affordable health care is anything but affordable. Premiums are skyrocketing beyond belief and at the same time deductibles are reaching five figures in an effort to curtail rising premiums.

With premiums rising 50-67 percent for 2017, remember that is on top of nearly the same increases for 2016.

Blue Cross recently announced they are dropping 103,000 subscribers — of which I am one — due to substantial losses.

The two other major carriers expected to pick up the bulk of the booted BCBS insured are Medica and Health Partners.

Medica has announced it will only enroll 50,000 new enrollees and no longer pay the agent that sells the new enrollee the policy a commission for doing so. Boy, now that is an incentive to make the sale!

Health Partners basically told



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

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outstate Minnesota to take a flying leap because they are limiting their individual health insurance market to the seven-county metro area and the four counties surrounding St. Cloud.

Obamacare and MNsure have been a disaster from the get-go and have cost millions if not billions of dollars, and they are both about to come crashing down.

If you think I'm crying "Wolf" here, give Mike Rothman a call. He is the commerce commissioner for our great state. He said these measures — by that, I mean letting the insurance providers bail on us — were needed to avoid the collapse of the individual health insurance market.

If that isn't enough, MNsure is making preparation for the onslaught of new enrollees come Nov. 1, when the new open enrollment period begins. We all know how well they handled the initial enrollment period two years ago.

So if you think this can be fixed by the folks that gave us Obamacare, think again. It's up to us, the voters, to fix this mess. You can start by heading to the voting booth on Nov. 8 and throw out the people in the House and Senate who voted for this mess to start with.

Remember, they're the ones that decided to pass the Obamacare bill and then read it later.

How has that worked out for you?

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Frakes explains the real meaning of disparity

To the Editor:

Have you heard about this Kaepernick dude? Professional football player who won't stand for the National Anthem because of what he perceives as racial injustice?

Hello! This guy plays in the NFL. Let's talk real disparity.

Racial disparity: How many white faces do you see in the huddle?

Gender disparity: How many women do you see in the huddle?

Physical disparity: How many 5'10" 180-lb. people do you see in the huddle?

Business disparity: When I was

in business, I know that if I sold a product or service that injured a customer or employee once every ten years, I would have been fined or shut down. In the NFL they haul off people by the truckload! Every game! OSHA — that's only for the common people.

So ... now we have this privileged football player dishonoring the men, women, black, white, Hispanic, Asian and Native Americans who sacrificed, sometimes everything, so this guy could be a nitwit. Oh, poor baby!

Bill Frakes
Luverne

Election season policy:

Please note that our Letters to the Editor policy during election season has some unique guidelines. For example, the Star Herald accepts only original letters — not form letters from campaigns. We do not accept letters written for the express purpose of endorsing candidates. Letters must focus on issues in a campaign rather than simply encouraging a vote for a candidate without merit. Above all, we encourage readers to be active participants in local, state and national elections.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 30
 •Complainant reported an open vehicle door in Beaver Creek. Deputy reported nothing suspicious and secured the vehicle door.

•Pipestone County requested we attempt to locate a suicidal male who may be near Luverne.

•Complainant reported a person on a bicycle, two miles west of Magnolia, possibly broken down and needing assistance.

•Complainant reported some vandalism. There is a suspect.

•Complainant reported family issues between estranged parents.

•Complainant requested the fire department be paged to the ethanol plant for something smoldering. They are needed as a precautionary measure.

•Complainant reported she has a flat tire at location. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Complainant reported a Razor scooter at location since yesterday. Complainant would like a deputy to come and pick it up. Scooter is black in color with some writing on it in blue.

•Complainant reported a possible stabbing of a young male subject in the neck at location. Complainant is hearing this third-hand.

Oct. 1
 •The Beaver Creek Fire Department reported they are doing a scheduled house burn at 211 South Third Street in Beaver Creek.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported a female he let stay with him will not get her stuff and leave. Complainant would like her removed. Subject is sitting on complainant's steps and complainant thinks she has been drinking. Complainant doesn't know her last name, but her first name is Carmen. Deputy advised female party left.

•Complainant reported she is out of town and her neighbor called her to tell her that some boys are jumping off her roof onto her trampoline.

•Complainant reported he lost a wheel on a grain wagon at Highway 75 and West Warren Street. It is blocking the road.

•Deputy received a report of kids climbing on train cars at South Kniss and Fletcher. No one on the trains when deputy arrived, but there were kids in the area, and they were warned to stay off the trains.

•Complainant reported a red car with no taillights and faint headlights. Car went south on County Road 17.

•Complainant reported a fight taking place outside of the Eagles. Subject is an instigator in the fight.

Oct. 2
 •Complainant requested deputy for a family dispute that she advised is going to get bad.

Oct. 3
 •Complainant reported a man came in to talk to her. He was in Sioux Falls over the weekend and got into an altercation. It was reported there, but now he is afraid they will come here and find him.

•Complainant reported that someone opened a window partially and cut the screen. Complainant thinks someone tried to break in.

•Deputy reported a white bike on the 500 block of North Cedar Street. White Next single speed in bike lockup.

•Complainant reported a washer and couch in the ditch on 10th Avenue ¼ mile south of 61st Street. Washer was taken to the landfill. Couch is still in ditch. Will send pictures over in the morning.

•Complainant reported some debris in roadway on County Road 9 and 101st Street possibly blew off a semi. Debris moved to ditch.

•Complainant turned in a wallet. Contacted Hillcrest and owner is staying there. They will tell him to come and pick it up.

•Complainant found

phone at the City Centre Apartments. Deputy returned it to owner.

•Complainant reported that subjects went to his house and harassed his wife.

Oct. 4
 •Complainant reported child neglect and drug use.

•Complainant reported a vehicle parked in field approach on County Road 13 ¼ mile west of County Road 17.

•Complainant reported he had a blowout on a truck. He can't get it changed tonight and wants to leave the truck on County Road 3. Deputy said it needs to be moved. Son called back to report they have a tire and will be out to change it. Deputy reported the spare is low, so they will move it to a field approach.

Oct. 5
 •Complainant reported that a vehicle, along with a trailer last registered in 2002, was parked in the Magnolia Campground for a long period of time and didn't pay for staying there.

•Complainant reported a possible downed aircraft. Aircraft left Sioux Falls Joe Foss Field and lost radio and radar contact near the Minnesota border. Complainant phoned back and reported that the plane had been found and had safely landed at a grass strip near Valley Springs.

•Complainant dropped off phone he had found on his postal route. Phone description: Samsung gold in color with a black and silver case.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle at West Dodge and Cedar Street. Says there are two men in it. Car is a beige four-door sedan from early 1990s.

•Complainant reported that his ex, who has a restraining order against him, came to his home today and took some plants that belonged to her.

Oct. 6
 •Complainant reported that the City Hall garage is across the street and the door is open and lights are going on and off. Would like a deputy to check it out. Deputy reported that it is a faulty door opener and to contact someone to look at it.

•Complainant reported that her boyfriend was at her apartment and she wants him gone. She told him not to come over because she and the kids were sleeping, but he came anyway. He is holding the keys to her vehicle and won't give them to her.

•Complainant reported a full size dark colored van pulled off on the side of the road at location, and the man waved at him like he wanted him to stop, but complainant was in a work vehicle and couldn't. He did not get a license plate. Deputy drove both ways on that road and was unable to locate anyone.

•Complainant requested a deputy to location to check on a stalled vehicle on I-90 between mile markers 6 and 7. Deputy was unable to locate any vehicle between Beaver Creek and Luverne.

•Complainant reported subject, against whom she has a protection order, is putting pictures of her on Facebook.

•Complainant reported some debris in the passing lane on I-90 before bridge by Beaver Creek. Deputy removed debris from location.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

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•Complainant reported that he and his wife are separated and his kids are with her at a house he feels is not a fit environment. Complainant wished to speak to a deputy about his options.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 transport, 1 funeral escort, 5 traffic stops, 18 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 2 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 6 false alarms, 2 driver's license checks, 6 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 2 drug court tests, and issued 4 purchase/carry permits and 5 burn permits.



We salute our Rock County Fire Departments

Luverne Fire & Rescue Department



Luverne Fire Department members are (front, from left) Tim Walgrave, Jesse Woodley, Jordan Siebenahler, Jeremy Lehman, Seth Goebel, Zach Cowell, Scott Ketterling, Jodi Reisch, Anthony Graphenteen, Derek Elbers, James Rahm, Austin Kurtz, (second row) Chief David Van Batavia, Andrew Hamann, Travis Franken, Dave Riphagen, Jordan Kopp, Mike Hodgen, Eric Lammert, Craig Shelton, Aric Uithoven, Nick Mead, Mike Ketterling, Jon Kurtz, Mark Kurtz, (back) Al Pilaczynski, Chad Ver Steeg and Chad Buss. (Lori Sorenson photo)



The Luverne Fire Department Open House, Thursday, October 13, from 6-8 p.m. Information on smoke alarms, people will be able to try on our gear, and a home sprinkler demo at 7 p.m. Serving hot dogs and beans. Come join us!



Kenneth Fire & Rescue Department

Members of the Kenneth Fire Department include Josh Ossefoort, Derek Sandbulte, Aaron Sandbulte, Troy Riley, Brian Jonas and Dan Roskamp.

Hills Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Hills Fire Department include (from left) Mitchell Leuthold, Jesse Gauglar, Paul Page, Derek Bundesen, Collin Leuthold, Mike Spath, Tyler Den Herder, Mark Top, Jeff Bass, Dalton Bass, Dan Fick, Justin Van Maanen, Tim Durst, Lance Larson and Wade Jellema. Not pictured: Jared Rozeboom, Casey Swenson, Brian Kraayenhof, Mark DeBoer, Dylan Klarenbeek and Kelly Leuthold. (Glenda McGaffee photo)

Magnolia Fire & Rescue Department



Magnolia Fire Department and First Responders include (from left) Robert Somnis, Jessica Peters, Tom Strassburg, chief Scott Dohlmann, Stacie Dohlmann, Steve DeGroot, Jean DeGroot and Dennis Madison. Not pictured: Lucas Dohlmann, Chris DeGroot, Ben Peters and Jason Dohlmann. (Mavis Fodness photo)

Hardwick Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Hardwick Fire Department and First Responders include (front row from left) Jason Thorson, Don Luitjens, Tony Roos, chief Lowell Schelhaas (second row) Chelsey Javner, Dan Kindt, Tom Haas, Don Bryan (back) Joan Kindt, Jen Heitman and Jen Luitjens. Not pictured: Brian Gacke, Craig Mulder, Nic Johnson, Miles Brown, John Javner and Aaron Altman. (Mavis Fodness photo)

Beaver Creek Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Beaver Creek Fire Department are front (from left) Shannon Tatge, Kelly Vis, Josh Teune and Travis Broesder, (back) Dave Olson, Jason Rauk, Chad Rauk, Andrew Blank and Daryl Fuerstenburg. Not pictured: Rick Tatge, Ryan Rauk, Matt Sandbulte, Brad Hassebroek and Aaron Blank. (Glenda McGaffee photo)

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Artist Lois Young selects a bowl to paint, remarking that this will be a new endeavor for her, since she's accustomed to painting china.

Local artists, Methodist church team up for unique fundraising supper

Story and Photos by Lori Sorenson

United Methodist Church volunteers will serve their annual soup supper in uniquely painted, handmade pottery bowls on Nov. 4.

"Bowls for a Cause" is an effort of the local arts community and creative members of the church to support the local emergency food shelf and the arts, according to Cindy Reverts of the Rock County Fine Arts Association.

She said the project started this summer when artists at the Rock County Fair made bowls on a pottery wheel as an art demonstration.

Those bowls, in addition to hundreds of others, showed up in the Methodist Church basement Wednesday, Oct. 5, during the mid-week meal and worship classes.

Church students and community members splashed color on the raw pottery bowls to give them each their own personality.



John Hilfers personalizes a bowl to contribute to the Nov. 4 United Methodist Church soup supper fundraiser.

"We're getting some good feedback from the community on it so far," Reverts said. "We have over 100 bowls for the supper."

Rock County Fine Arts volunteers are now working on getting them fired and glazed in time for the Nov. 4 event.

"Handmade pottery bowls will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to be taken home with their new owners," Reverts said.

A freewill offering for the supper will be collected and all of the proceeds remain in Rock County.

Bowls for a Cause supper will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church basement. Rock County Fine Arts volunteers will also be on hand to serve.

"Come down to get a unique bowl, fill it with soup and enjoy a meal on us," Reverts said.

CELEBRATIONS

Card Shower

Bernice Aukes will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, Oct. 13. Greetings may be sent to her at Tuff Memorial Home, 505 E. 4th St. Room 31, Hills, MN 56138.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•They didn't plan the training to coincide with National Prevention Week, but members of the Luverne Fire Department handled three house fires in two days this week.

They burned down a rural house Monday night as part of a training exercise, but at 1 a.m. and about 7 p.m. Tuesday they responded to fires at abandoned rural farm places. ...

Sheriff Mike Winkels said the fires are suspicious, but there was no evidence to suggest arson yet. "If people have any information about these fires, definitely give us a call," he said.

25 years ago (1991)

•Gert and Vicki Bruynes of Hardwick are doing their share to help Rock County walk around the world.

For them it is more than a month-long effort. In fact, if their yearly totals were added up, they might eventually walk around the world on their own.

Each afternoon when Gert gets home from work, she changes into her walking shoes, and she and her daughter start hiking the roads near their home on the edge of Hardwick. They walk four miles each day.

50 years ago (1966)

•A 12-room two-floor educational unit will be added to Bethany Lutheran Church with work beginning this fall and completion scheduled for next year. ...

Members of the building committee are: John Arends, Erling Hoiland, Jim Hoiland, Walter Halverson, Herman Schmidt, Robert Erickson, LaVern Kafka and Verdell Lorenzen.

75 years ago (1941)

•Joe Baker, of Luverne township, who operates the northeast quarter of section 30, made his bid Friday morning for top corn-growing honors when a test of his field of Pioneer Hybrid revealed a yield of 102.3 bushels to the acre. ...

The field of hybrid was the object of much interest throughout the growing season, and Friday was set as the day on which to determine the yield. M.H. Voelz and John L. Green, both Luverne men, were present as unbiased witnesses for the test, which was identical with that used in official state contests.

100 years ago (1916)

•From an advertisement: The goal of half a century is achieved.

For fifty years and more, the Two Spool Sewing Machine has been the dream and goal of inventors and large sums of money have been spent in unsuccessful efforts to produce it.

After years of patient, unflagging work, we have succeeded. We have overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and have finally produced the Eldredge Two Spool—a thoroughly practical and entirely satisfactory sewing machine, that sews direct from two spools of thread.



Above: Nancy Frakes (left), Chantel Connell and Sage Viessman enjoy their painting time Oct. 5 in the church basement.



At right: Wanda Clarke of Dakota Potters Supply (far right) instructs Wednesday night church students at United Methodist Church on how to proceed with painting their bowls.

They are (from left) Danny Aning, Silvia Recuero, Journey Dwire, Billi Connell and Colby Crabtree.

1896 agriculture by the numbers

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on December 4, 1896:

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1896

The Total Acreage of Various Farm Products, the Number of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, and Other Facts of Interest—Some Comparisons With the Statistics for 1895

The agricultural statement of Rock county for the year 1896, prepared by the county auditor from the statistics gathered by the assessors in the several precincts, embodies some interesting facts. The summary shows that there are 451 farms in the county with a total of 114,211 acres under cultivation. The acreage of grain and other products was as follows:

Wheat	.....43,213
Oats	.....22,737
Corn	.....22,250
Barley	.....20,255
Rye	.....331
Buckwheat	.....51
Potatoes	.....627
Beans	.....6
Cultivated hay	.....1,844
Flax	.....2,819
Other products	.....78

In 1895 the total number of acres under cultivation was



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

102,840, and the acreage of the various products was as follows:

Wheat	.....30,120
Oats	.....21,313
Corn	.....23,746
Barley	.....21,698
Rye	.....86
Potatoes	.....460
Beans	.....16
Cultivated hay	.....1,681
Flax	.....3,688
Other products	.....32

The yield from this acreage in 1895 was as follows: Wheat, 665,830 bu.; oats, 843,375 bu.; corn, 456,281 bu.; barley, 728,555 bu.; rye, 2,272 bu.; potatoes, 34,385 bu.; beans 57 bu.;

cultivated hay, 2,112 tons; flax, 40,520 bushels.

The number of horses, cattle and hogs in the county for the year 1896 is given in the following:

Horses, under 3 years	.....742
Horses, over 3 years	.....2,743
Cattle, under 3 years	.....2,148
Cows	.....2,413
All other cattle	.....33
Hogs	.....7,749
Mules and asses	.....62
Sheep	.....719

In 1895 there were 1,086 sheep sheared in the fall and the amount of wool was 2,471 lbs. In 1896 there were 341 sheep sheared in the spring and the amount of wool was 2,888 lbs. There were 2,000 milch cows in the county in 1895 and the total butter product was 206,175 lbs. In 1895 there were 3,059 apple trees, 440 of which were bearing; this year there are 3,342 apple trees, of which 1,127 bore fruit. There were 225 acres of forest trees planted and growing in the county this year.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



Lori Sorenson photo/1013 hospice table tour beetles

Beetles make appearance at Hospice brunch

The Carbonneau boys, sons of Mike and Molly Carbonneau, Luverne, made a special appearance as the "Fab Four" Saturday for the annual Sanford Luverne Hospice Tour of Tables brunch in the Blue Mound Banquet Center. The boys (pictured from left), Zander, Parker, Oliver and Xavier, performed a lip sync rendition of "Twist and Shout," for the event, which features theme-decorated tables and a silent auction to benefit the hospice program. The Carbonneau table was decorated with Beetles records and memorabilia.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Oct. 17: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Honey mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Herman Motors.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Lasagna, California blend vegetables, peaches, garlic bread, cookie.

Thursday, Oct. 20: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, buttered cabbage, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Friday, Oct. 21: Lemon fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, slice of pie.

Program: Monthly birthday party with music from the band.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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



Submitted Photo

Homecoming king and queen crowned

Luverne High School conducted its Homecoming coronation Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the Luverne Elementary School. Pictured (front, left) are exchange student escorts Hailey Franken and Taylor Kern, freshman representative Reka Meinerts, sophomore representative Greta Ahrendt, junior representative Anika Gust, pages Easton Johnson and Ingrid Mostad, queen candidates Mariah Aukes, Bergin Flom, Ashton Krueger, Itzel Soto-Guerrero, (back) program attendant Matthew Hup, exchange students Arham Ahanaf and Levin Stuker, freshman representative Jordan Winter, sophomore representative Will Mumme, junior representative Derek Fodness, king Derek Thorson, queen Madison Crabtree, king candidates Layne Curtis, Chris Jelken, Solomon Nielsen and Logan Stratton, and program attendants Andrew Reisch and Ariel DeBeer.

OBITUARIES

Erwin De Boer

Erwin Roy De Boer, 73, Hills, died unexpectedly Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at his home in Hills.



A funeral service was at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Reformed Church of Steen, with a private burial at the United Reformed Cemetery in Hills.

Erwin De Boer was born Aug. 23, 1943, to Frank and Berdella (Vander Meulen) De Boer in Sanborn, Iowa. He lived in Sanborn, Harris, Iowa, Round Lake, and Lake Park, Iowa. His education included the Christian Elementary School in Ocheyden, Iowa; Lake Park, Iowa, public school; the Hills Christian school; and Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. As a young man he helped his father with his grinding business and worked for local farmers. He later worked for Larson's Hardware and Duel Manufacturing. He also joined the U.S. Army Reserve and served from 1964 until 1970.

Erwin married Faith Kroon Sept. 8, 1967, at the Reformed Church of Steen. They lived in rural Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Steen before moving to their home in Hills in 1985. Erwin worked at Schoon's Automotive (Papik's Automotive) in Luverne before purchasing Henry's 66 Service

Station in Hills in 1978.

He was a member of the Reformed Church of Steen, Puller & Tower Association, and the Hills American Legion Post No. 399. He enjoyed camping with his family. He worked with original classic cars and attended and participated in cars shows. He enjoyed anything that was mechanical. Most of all, he loved his family and grandchildren. His customers were also very important to him.

He is survived by his wife, Faith De Boer, Hills; three children, Mark (Kelly) De Boer and Sharon (Denny) Doerr, Hills, and Pamela (Shane) McMath, Rapid City, South Dakota; eleven grandchildren; two brothers, Chuck (Rheta) De Boer, Sanborn, and Burdett "Butch" De Boer, Alvord, Iowa; four sisters, Mary (Allen) Van Raalte, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Alma (Erwin) Kooistra, Rock Valley, Iowa, Mina Brandt, Remsen, Iowa, and Carmen (Greg) Dougherty, Valley Springs, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Berdella De Boer.

Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(1013 F)

Robert Rolph

Robert Ray Rolph, 92, Luverne, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, with a time of sharing at 1:30 p.m., at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A graveside committal service with military honors will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Robert Rolph was born June 27, 1924, to Verne and Florence (Anderson) Rolph in Magnolia Township. He was raised on the farm and attended school in Magnolia. Bob graduated from Magnolia High School in June 1942. Throughout his upbringing, Bob worked with his father, who taught him the trade of carpentry. In 1943 he joined the United States Army. During his service, Bob worked as a medic and was stationed in both Florida and Alaska. Following his honorable discharge, he returned home and continued working as a carpenter.

On May 18, 1948, Bob married Eva Lou Lafrentz at Peace Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in

Luverne. Bob went to work in a cabinet shop in Luverne owned by Vernon Frakes. In 1958 he bought the shop from Vern and operated the business as Rolph's Cabinet Shop until his retirement. Eva Lou died June 23, 2007.

Bob led a very simple life. He enjoyed reading, listening to music and playing cards, especially pinocle. He and Eva Lou enjoyed traveling, including trips to Hawaii, Alaska and Okinawa, Japan. Most of all, Bob loved his wife and family.

Bob is survived by two daughters, Cheryl (Larry) Nath and Patricia Rolph, all of Luverne; ten grandchildren, Tracy LaSueur, Shelley Kurasaka, Joshua, Jeremiah, Jennifer, Joseph, Jonathan, and Jacob Nath, Kristy, and Mikkel Olsen; six great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Lou; a daughter, Jerallee Kurasaka; his parents; two brothers, Doug and Zane Rolph; and two infant twin sisters.

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

(1013 F)

Lorna Watts

Lorna Lee Watts, 80, Luverne, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.



A funeral was Saturday, Oct. 8, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial was in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Lorna Hawes was born June 23, 1936, to Lawrence and Leola (Grimm) Hawes in Hardwick. She attended country school near Hardwick and graduated from Luverne High School in 1954. Lorna worked as a telephone operator and also as a receptionist for Dr. Donald Odland in Luverne.

Lorna married Ralph Watts on Dec. 15, 1956, in Luverne. The couple lived and farmed in Luverne. Lorna also worked with her husband at several businesses, including Mid-States Sporting Goods, Ralph Watts Fur Co. and Luverne Silo.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, traveling to

casinos and spending time with family.

Lorna is survived by her husband, Ralph Watts, Luverne; five children, Julie (fiancé, Bob) Watts, Maple Grove; Valerie (Terry) Egger, Alexandria; Tim Watts, Ellinwood, Kansas; Greg (Barb) Watts, Norfolk, Nebraska; and Jane (Tom) Heiberger, Brandon, South Dakota; seven grandchildren, Shelley (Brent) Thornton, Kameron Watts, Harry Heiberger, Henry Heiberger, Grace Heiberger, Danielle Watts-Boll and Austin Watts-Boll; a sister, Beverly (David) Skyberg, Detroit Lakes; and Larry (Mary) Hawes, Beaver Creek.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Steven Watts; a brother, Randy Hawes; and a sister, Donna Jean Knudson.

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

(1013 F)

Mavis Arends

Mavis Jean Arends, 71, Ellsworth, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016, at the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington.



A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial of cremains will take place in Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis at a later date.

Mavis Lens was born April 24, 1945, to Martin and Jennie (Broesder) Lenz in Luverne. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1963.

Mavis married Larry "Rip" Arends on Sept. 3, 1966, in Slayton. After their marriage the couple lived in Ellsworth. Mavis worked at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home, in Ellsworth and at the Ellsworth

Elementary School as a paraprofessional.

She was a member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. She enjoyed shopping, attending garage sales and traveling to casinos.

Mavis is survived by two children, Craig (Heather) Arends, Maple Grove, and Brenda Arends, Apple Valley; two grandchildren, Emily and Gabriel Arends; a brother, Dellis (Marianne) Lenz, Hanover; and two nieces, Sarah and Rachel Lenz.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Larry, on Oct. 23, 2015.

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

(1013 F)

Carol Scheerhorn

Carol Janice Scheerhorn, 76, Hills, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, at Sanford Luverne Hospital in Luverne.



A funeral service was Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills.

Carol Moore was born May 11, 1940, to Elliot and Grace (Taylor) Moore in Pipestone. She grew up in Pipestone and attended school there.

On Oct. 12, 1957, she married Eugene Scheerhorn at the United Methodist Church in Pipestone. They moved to Hills and have lived there for the last forty years. During that time they owned and operated Blue Chip Book Binding.

One of Carol's favorite pastimes was camping and fishing with her husband. She

also enjoyed reading, spoiling her cats and collecting dolls and antiques. She loved spending time with her family.

Carol is survived by her husband, Eugene Scheerhorn, Hills; five children, Julie (Russ) Berkland, Estherville, Iowa, Randy (Judy) Scheerhorn, St. Cloud, Lori (Jeff) Enger, Jasper, Doug (Sheri) Scheerhorn, Beaver Creek, and Patti (Steve) Vugteveen, Valley Springs, South Dakota; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers and four sisters; and a grandson, Christopher Nath. Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(1013 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Margaret Erickson

Margaret "Peg" Erickson, 78, Pipestone, formerly of Jasper, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2016, at Falls Landing Assisted Living in Pipestone.

A funeral service was Friday, Oct. 7, at Celebrate Church, Meadow Campus, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Burial was in Jasper City Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were through Hartquist Funeral Home in Pipestone, www.hartquistfuneral.com

(1013 DN)

Miriam Hansen

Miriam Joyce Hansen, 84, formerly of Hardwick, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, at the Temperance Lake Ridge Assisted Living in Sherburne.

Funeral arrangements are pending through Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com

(1013 DN)

Arthur Grootwassink

Arthur Grootwassink, 89, Edgerton, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton.

Funeral arrangements were through Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com

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Voters to decide school board leadership

By Mavis Fodness

Today's Star Herald contains the second of four candidate profiles involving the contested races in Rock County. Each candidate was asked the same two questions with a 300-word limit.

Last week we focused on the races for mayor in Hardwick and Beaver Creek along with the two candidates vying for the North Ward council position for the city of Luverne.

The general election is Nov. 8. Featured candidate profiles in coming weeks will be in these editions:
Today: School board candidates of Luverne, Adrian, Ellsworth and Hills-Beaver Creek.
Oct. 20: Districts 1 and 3 Commissioner race.
Oct. 27: State senate and House of Representatives.

- 1.) List experiences that will be helpful in fulfilling the position's duties if you win the Nov. 8 general election.
- 2.) What do you think are the primary challenges facing your community and how will you lead your school through these challenges

Shelley Sandbulte for Luverne School Board

Shelley Sandbulte is running for reelection to the Luverne Public School Board. She and her husband, Ned, have two children, Taylor Pedersen, 26, and Connor Sandbulte, 19. The couple has lived in rural Luverne for 18 years.



1.) •Six years serving on the school board.
 •Three levels of training for school board position.
 •Twenty-six years as licensed psychologist in private practice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Scope of practice is post-traumatic stress disorder (e.g. sexual abuse, veterans.)

•Fourteen years as an RN at Sioux Valley (now Sanford) Hospital; nine years in the trauma center.
 2.) The scope of the school board mission is to serve students to the best of our ability. In order to do this, we maintain a continuous monitoring of technology, administration, teachers and all staff (i.e. food service, building and ground maintenance as well as safe fleet of vehicles and skilled

bus drivers.)
 I believe one challenge has been helping those without children or who no longer have school-aged children in our school district to understand that these young people are our future. All dollars spent for the district must go through a check-and-balance process.
 I feel our administration is held accountable to be good stewards of the money.

Colleen Deutsch for Luverne School Board

Incumbent Luverne School Board member Colleen Deutsch is seeking her fifth term. She and her husband, Doug, have lived in rural Luverne for more than 26 years and have four children, Amber (Ben) Winkels, Caitlyn, Derek and Dustin. All of them are LHS graduates. They also have two grandchildren, Ainsley and Brinley.



2.) Two challenges are education funding and declining enrollment. We need to continue to advocate and work with our legislators and governor for appropriate and adequate funding. It will be essential to evaluate difficult funding decisions but my goal is to make choices that have the least impact on students and the classroom.

1.) •Member of Luverne School Board for 16 years.
 •Active with Special Olympics, St. John Lutheran Church, Thrivent Action Teams and Hardwick All School Reunion. Past involvement - Parents Partners in Education; Girl Scouts; Sunday School and Midweek teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and Board of Christian Education, and other organizations.

•We need to continue to embrace technology to keep up with the learning demands of the 21st century. It will be very important to work closely with the administration team and technology committee to monitor technology tools in the ever-evolving digital world.

•A nurse for 33+ years - currently an ICF Care Coordinator at LifeScape in Sioux Falls.
 •Served in the Army Reserves for 8+ years, activated for Desert Storm and honorably discharged as a captain.
 •A long-term resident of Luverne.

•Attract and hire quality teachers in specific fields and substitute teachers due to teacher shortages.

I'm very interested and concerned about all members of our community. We need to make sure we are providing educational opportunities to build a strong foundation to help everyone in becoming responsible and productive citizens.

I will continue to work hard for the community and school with the administration team, board members, teachers, students, and other essential school staff such as bus drivers, cooks, custodians, paraprofessionals, office staff, school nurse, etc. along with families and community members to provide quality education to all students to empower them to be successful and reach their highest academic achievement.

Kenny Rolling for Luverne School Board

Kenny Rolling is running for a seat on the Luverne School Board. He and his wife, Stacey, are nine-year residents of Luverne and have two children, Henry, a ninth-grader, and Kate, a third-grader, in Luverne Public Schools.



professionals to help our school district continue to provide admirable services to these individuals.

1.) With a career of business management, I will be able to apply these skills to provide effective governance of school district affairs which are under control of the school board. I will offer careful oversight of district financial concerns, balancing student needs while maintaining a strict fiduciary responsibility to my fellow taxpayers.

2.) A couple of the primary challenges I feel our school and community are facing are bullying and providing our youth with the tools necessary to become independent members of our community. I will focus on continuing the school district's efforts to eliminate bullying through education of the student body, providing real-world experience to the students regarding the impact of bullying, and enforcing the district's policies dealing with infractions of these policies.

Also, as a parent of a child with special needs, I have developed an understanding of the school district's role in education and other developmental services for individuals with various special needs. I will use this knowledge and my acquired network of pro-

I will also champion our educators' efforts to help students discern their vocations carefully and ensure that they achieve the proper tools they will need to either enter into the workforce or to continue their education toward a marketable degree.

Tim Jarchow for Luverne School Board

Tim Jarchow is seeking a seat on the Luverne School Board. Jarchow and his wife Kayla have been married for 19 years and have three sons: Jacob, Luke and Benjamin.



1.) I have worked in retail for 15 years and served on retail committees. I was a deacon in our church, two years as chairman. I have been a board member of the Luverne Baseball Association for seven years, and vice president for the past four years. I have 15 years of coaching experience in various sports that my children have participated in: soccer, flag football, baseball and basketball.

the changes and growth of the school, and appreciate all of the hard work done by the teachers, coaches and administration.

2.) There are no specific problems or challenges that have brought about my decision to seek this position.
 I feel that our community and school have many more strengths than weaknesses. The greatest of these is the willingness of good people volunteering their time to give our kids a great place to grow and learn.

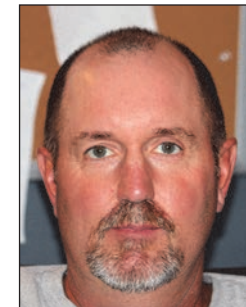
I would be honored to have the opportunity to lend my voice and opinions to ensure that our students are always provided a quality education, good nutrition, and an atmosphere to learn that is free of stereotypes and bullying.

Thank you in advance for this opportunity.

With the exception of college, I have lived in Luverne my entire life. I attended Luverne High School, and now my children do as well. I have witnessed

Keith Sieve for Adrian School Board

Keith Sieve is running for a position on the Adrian School Board. He and his wife, Lisa, live in rural Wilmont and have three children, Brianna, Emily and Jacob. Sieve has lived in the school district most of his life.



looking at ways to get the most bang for the tax dollars spent.

1.) I am a farmer and deal with the challenges of running a business every day. I am a graduate of Adrian Public Schools. I have a bachelor's degree in biology from South Dakota State University. I am on the advisory board for New Vision Co-op.

2.) Challenges are:
 •The diverse population of kids attending our school seeing that they are all given the opportunity for a decent education and the ability to use that education once they graduate.
 •The amount of money it takes to run a school along with government involvement. Our tax dollars must be used wisely and stretched as far as possible.

I teach CCD religion classes and coach basketball. My kids attend Adrian Public Schools and I want to be more involved in the running of the school. I want our tax dollars to be spent wisely and believe in

Hiring and keeping good educators. We must pay a decent wage to keep our teachers and support staff with the district. With good educators comes a great standing in the education community, which leads to a higher enrollment.

Lisa Kruger for Adrian School Board

Lisa Kruger is seeking reelection to the Adrian School Board. She and her husband, Ryan, have four children, Brooke (19), Payton (16), Drake (11) and Jordan (6). They have lived in Adrian for the past five years and have lived in the Adrian School District for 12 years.



1.) I am a current board member of the District 511 School Board. I have served on this board for four years. I have coached the fifth- and sixth-grade boys/girls traveling basketball teams for six years.

organizations. As part of my duties as a board member, I have served on the community education board and the staff development board.

2.) When issues arise within our district, they are addressed at our board meetings where we discuss and act on resolutions that we believe best fit our community and schools.

We have an outstanding school district compiled of some of the best teachers and staff around. I am proud to be a part of this school district; to have a graduate from Adrian; and to have my children attend here.

I have taught religious education at St. Adrian for six years in different grade levels. I am also a member of various church

David Bullerman for Adrian School Board

David Bullerman is seeking reelection to the Adrian School Board after serving one four-year term. He and his wife, Ann, have five children, Hannah, Moriah, Isaac, Hali and Jesse. Bullerman has lived at the same rural Adrian address for 47 years.



1.) I manage, own and budget our family farm operation.

2.) A current challenge facing our district is being able to keep our doors open. We need to make our school attractive to families outside our district and be able to retain good quality teachers.

Mark Lonneman for Adrian School Board

Mark Lonneman is seeking reelection to the Adrian School Board. He and his wife, Lori, have four children, Aaron, Shaina, Kayla and Brady. All have attended Adrian Public Schools. Lonneman has lived in Adrian his entire life and has farmed for more than 35 years.



1.) I have been on the Adrian School Board the last 16 years and have been chairman for the

last 14 years.

2.) A primary challenge I see facing our schools involves staying within our budget while still keeping the schools safe and providing excellent educational opportunities. We need to stay competitive with salaries and health care benefits or we will lose staff to bigger schools that have more resources.

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Amie Fick for H-BC School Board

Amie Fick is seeking her second four-year term on the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board. She and her husband, Marlin, have lived in Beaver Creek for more than 23 years, alongside the farm homestead of 60+ years. The couple has a son, Tyler, 14.



1.) Serving on H-BC's school board is my greatest experience.

•Working with policies, budgets/audits, curriculums, teacher's union, contracts

•Serving on focus committees: community strategic planning, building and grounds, policy, gifted and talented.

•Played key role in successful financial turnaround of H-BC. I'm mostly proud of taking a \$600,000 deficit, turning it into a surplus in under three years — auditors predicted 5+ years for turnaround.

•Lowered tax levy. We have worked on growing our school with the following:

•Expanded technology, Chromebook laptops for students.

•Updated H-BC curriculum for Ag and other courses, allowing students to compete nationally, increasing achievement scores.

•Wonderful new elementary playground and carpeting.

•Adding teaching staff.

•New buses, updated bus garage.

I'm 110 percent committed to the future of H-BC, making honest, sound, transparent decisions, with a heart for our kids and a promise to work hard

for you every day.

2.) Key challenges are financial sustainability and student achievement.

It's critical to manage dollars so H-BC doesn't get back into debt. One upcoming project is a new roof for the elementary school that could cost over \$100,000.

I'm on the building and grounds committee and am very familiar with the processes to help drive the best decisions. With experience, I'm ready to take on this and any other challenge immediately.

I support teaching innovations:

•Giving students planners to organize workload.

•Funding one to one initiative so all students get laptops.

•Investing in curriculum.

•Help teaching staff to focus on high needs students who don't qualify for SPED.

•Ongoing, current testing to catch student needs faster.

•Creative approaches to education are driven at the board level to support our wonderful staff.

I've been proud to serve these past four years being fiscally responsible, while putting students first at H-BC. All kiddos deserve our best.

Blake Wysong for H-BC School Board

Blake Wysong is vying for election to the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board. He was born and raised in the H-BC School District. A year ago he and his wife, Denise, moved to Beaver Creek with their children Avery Jr. (junior) and Gavin (eighth grade).



1.) I am passionate about our community and the H-BC school district and ensuring we are successful. As a graduate of H-BC, I felt prepared how to learn, deal with and adjust to face whatever challenges and opportunities life would present, and I want that same opportunity for everyone who attends H-BC.

I have been blessed to spend the vast majority of my professional career working with people from all over the world to develop themselves and those around them to grow and be more than they ever thought possible. My passion is to help people be successful, and I view my role as a board member as helping each student and our school to reach the highest level of success possible.

I've also had the opportunity to either sit on or participate in countless

project teams, committees and boards, so I have a good understanding of how to collaborate with people of varying backgrounds and points of view to help reach the best possible outcome.

2.) A few things come to mind:

•Sustain and/or grow student enrollment and how we best support that through student-teacher ratio, teacher qualifications, specialized learning, facility space and high academic achievement.

•Ensure we remain on a sound financial track and maintain discipline with regard to funding, spending and utilization of available resources.

•Keep up with the pace of ever-changing technology and ensure access for our students.

I will take the time to consistently and fully understand the facts surrounding challenges and opportunities from all points of view and not form opinions or make decisions based on emotion or a narrow serving agenda. Integrity and character are my core values and I will work to ensure the right decisions are made for our school and all who are impacted.

Tami Rauk for H-BC School Board

Tami Rauk is seeking election to the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board. She and her husband, Chad, have lived in Beaver Creek for 16 years and have three children, Taryn (eighth grade), Brynn (fifth grade) and Jordyn (preschool).



1.) My professional background and education in the accounting and human resources fields have given me opportunities to work on budgets, financial reporting and analysis, compliance, regulatory issues, and highly confidential information. Having children in preschool, elementary and junior high in the school district gives me a unique insight into the day-to-day happenings at H-BC. I believe being elected to the H-BC school board gives me an opportunity to be a part of continuing to make this district a great place for all children to get the best education possible today and in the future.

2.) The administration and board of H-BC have tackled great challenges in the past 4-5 years and have brought us through a very tough/bleak statutory

operating debt situation. Our challenge is to continue that progress. We have a great strategic plan in place that challenges us to make strides in student achievement, give our staff proper training and development to facilitate that achievement, and continue to effectively manage the school district's resources while always being mindful of how we allocate taxpayer resources. The plan is aggressive while remaining attainable.

I believe the Board's responsibility is to support the administration and staff in achieving those goals for the children in the H-BC school district and showing our taxpayers that their hard-earned dollars are being well spent.

We have outstanding community support here. The elementary playground project is an excellent example of how the community rallies to provide the absolute best for our kids. If elected to the board, I hope to advance the vision that has been laid out while being accountable to the communities that we serve.

Tim Bosch for H-BC School Board

Tim Bosch is seeking election to the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board. He and his wife, Trisha, have three children that attend H-BC, Chase, 14, Sawyer, 10, and Hope, 6.



1.) I am a lifetime resident of the H-BC school district. I have worked with and for some excellent businesses in the agriculture and construction industries.

I have been an employee and an employer and currently manage the livestock/crop farm that my wife and I own.

2.) I believe that one of the biggest challenges and blessings the district faces is increasing enrollment numbers and the difficulties in staffing that can bring,

I will work to ensure that our students have everything they need to achieve their goals, so that when they graduate from H-BC they will be able to move on and become productive members of their community. This includes providing them with teachers, curriculum, and courses

that will challenge them and prepare them for their future.

I would do my part to hire the best possible teachers to educate our students. We must ensure that all students are receiving the instruction and attention they require.

Karin Moser for H-BC School Board

Karin Moser is seeking reelection to the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board. She and her husband, Stuart, who is an H-BC Alumnus, live in rural Beaver Creek where they built a home in the spring of 2005. The couple has four children at H-BC, Samantha (seventh grade), Cody (sixth grade), Jack (fourth grade) and Hailey (second grade).



1.) Being a board member these past few years has been a great experience. I believe I have fulfilled the positions duties from assisting the district through budget cuts, hiring of new staff and successfully getting out of statutory operating debt sooner than planned. Thanks to our local community and your support to the board of education and administration.

Other beneficial experiences are being involved with policy, transportation and community education. Being a part of these committees has given me insight on helping to improve and update policies, vehicles and district community events. I was part of the strategic plan team working with the board, community and administration in helping to establish a district plan and

timelines/goals.

I'm dedicated and believe in every student's highest academic potential and achieving results, allowing them to discover new opportunities and be successful after they leave our doors at H-BC. I think back over the past four years and the great strides this district has made — look where we are today! I've learned a lot, made mistakes, but keep striving to do what is best for our students and our district moving forward.

2.) Primary challenges currently faced today are test scores, graduation rates, class sizes, curriculum and tier I-III education.

Currently we have a plan in place to address many of these issues, but yet we need to continually strive to improve upon the overall quality of education. I believe in the importance of honesty and integrity and will welcome criticism, continue to ask questions, expect results, hold individuals accountable and strive for transparency for the best education possible to all our students.

I would love the opportunity to continue to help lead our school through these challenges and be an advocate for education at H-BC.

Kari Kueter for H-BC School Board

Kari Kueter is seeking election to the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board. She and her husband, James, live in Hills, where they have lived for 18 years. The couple has four children: Josh, 16, Kyle, 15, Casey, 12, and Jayden, 9.



1.) I have an early childhood development associate degree that allows me to realize the importance of identifying children early who may have learning issues and prepare them for their school career.

As a childcare provider, it also allows me to see how important it is to communicate with parents.

It is very important that school districts keep people informed on how they are spending taxpayers' money.

I also have students that attend both the schools, which allows me to stay current with what is happening and see the needs that may be occurring.

I have had the privilege of learning how the board works from my husband and have attended several board meetings throughout the years to see how it operates.

2.) One challenge I see

facing our school district is class sizes. Our class sizes are continuing to grow, which is a good thing, but we no longer have the smaller classes we used to. If hiring more teachers isn't possible, we need to look at hiring more paraprofessionals to help our teachers during core classes.

Keeping up with curriculum that is always changing is another challenge but something I believe is well worth the money. Money should be set aside each year to make sure we are giving the kids in our school district the best education possible.

We need to keep up with repairs to our buildings. We need to put a new roof on our elementary school, which is going to cost the district. We need to start discussing how the district is going to pay for it.

Our district has been through a lot over the years. We need to remember, though, that we need to stay within our means and keep saving money. The district's children are worth every penny spent on improving their education.

Jeff Boltjes for Ellsworth School Board

Jeff Boltjes is seeking reelection to the Ellsworth School Board. He and his wife, Deb, have lived in Ellsworth for 16 years and have three children who attended Ellsworth Public School.



1.) I graduated from South Dakota State University, Brookings, with a degree in pharmacy. I have had the opportunity to work in many different areas in the pharmacy profession.

I have been a member of the Ellsworth Public School board for the past 16 years.

2.) All schools face

funding issues. Our challenge is to continue to get the most education out of every dollar spent. I would like to expand the quality education Ellsworth provides by incorporating more technology, with the ultimate goal of instituting the One-to-One Initiative. The One-to-One Initiative would

complement our teacher-to-student ratio of 1:9 by allowing even more student contact and also allowing parents to be more involved in the education of their children.

Rebecca Dreesen for Ellsworth School Board

Rebecca Dreesen is seeking a position on the Ellsworth School Board. She grew up in Ellsworth and attended Ellsworth Public Schools. She and her husband, Chad, have lived near Ellsworth for 14 years. The couple has three daughters, Devin, a high school junior, Morgan, a ninth-grader, and Breklyn, a first-grader.



1.) I worked as a program director for a juvenile corrections facility for 17 years. My experience includes working with the public as well as with coworkers (being a team player and leader).

Growing up and attending school in Ellsworth will help me fulfill the position with open eyes as I have seen and experienced many changes within the school district throughout the years.

2.) Since this is my first time running for school board, my goals are simple ... as a

small school district I want to keep the school open by providing a quality education to all students who attend Ellsworth. The district has made substantial progress the last couple of years, and I hope to continue to build on the success that has been achieved through changes that have been made.

The biggest issue or challenge that I foresee would be keeping the school open. Ellsworth is a very small school district, which can pose ongoing issues.

I would love to see all three of my children graduate from Ellsworth because the school district has a lot to offer every student. I am running for school board because I want to make a difference and help keep the community alive. If I want my voice to be heard, then I have to make an effort to do my part in the community, which includes the school district.

Lindsey Jenniges for Ellsworth School Board

Lindsey Jenniges is seeking election to the Ellsworth School Board. She and her husband, Tom, have lived in rural Ellsworth for 10 years. The couple has three children. Jackson, 7, is a first-grader; Jolee, 5, is a kindergarten and Samuel is 3.



1.) I grew up in Luverne. After graduation I attended college at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a minor in family studies. I then went on to obtain my master's degree in clinical social work from a joint program at the University of St. Thomas and College of St. Catherine.

I am a licensed mental health professional. Upon graduation, I worked for two years at a residential treatment center for male juvenile offenders. I then worked at a community mental health center where I provided school-based mental health services to children and their families, as well as provided outpatient mental health therapy to both adults and children.

I am currently in my third year as a special education school social worker in the Worthington school district. I am actively involved at St. Mary's Church in Ellsworth, where I teach faith formation and cantor.

2.) I think one of the primary challenges facing the Ellsworth community is keeping the Ellsworth School open for many years to come. I want to continue to see Ellsworth remain an independent school district that provides a quality education to all students at all levels. I also believe that we need to provide all students with the resources (technology, social supports, etc.) that they need to be successful and make the best of their educational experience.

I feel that having a background in both the mental health and education fields would make me a great asset to the Ellsworth School Board.

My children are young, and I am invested in doing what I can to continue to make the Ellsworth Public School a great place to educate our future.

Randy Buntjer for Ellsworth School Board

Randy Buntjer is running for Ellsworth School Board. He and his wife, Connie, have been married for 27 years and moved to the Ellsworth area 10 years ago. The couple has four children, who have all attended Ellsworth Public Schools, and three grandchildren. Buntjer grew up south of Worthington.



1.) I have owned my own auction and realty business for over 20 years. I have been a member of the Ellsworth Community Club for 12 years and have been the treasurer for the

past five years. I have also been on Bethel Reformed Church board as deacon, and feel that I have the knowledge and experience it takes to make the right choices for our school.

2.) One of the biggest challenges we are dealing with would be enrollment, so I feel we need to reach out to these families within the local community and make them more familiar with the benefits of going to a smaller school, and what our school has to offer their children.



Lori Sorenson photo/holy trinity church to close

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Luverne will host its final worship service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Lowell and Roni Feit (left) and Bob DeYong are the only remaining members of the historic church.

Church for sale

Historic Holy Trinity Episcopal Church to close doors

By Lori Sorenson

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Luverne will host its final worship service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

The remaining three members, Lowell and Roni Feit and Bob DeYong, made the announcement last week.

"The way I look at it, it takes organization to make a church, and we're down to the base — we're it," said Lowell Feit. "We're no longer self-sustaining."

After Oct. 22, the church "will just be a building, and it just breaks my heart," said Roni Feit.

The three members will continue worshipping in the Hilger Commons across the street from the church, and they welcome others to join them.

"Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them," DeYong said, quoting Matthew 18:20 from the Bible.

The church building itself will be

for sale, and that's been hard for the tiny congregation to accept.

"How do you sell a church?" said DeYong. "I would hope another congregation could use it for a church; then it could still be a house of God."

He said anyone who's worshipped in the Holy Trinity sanctuary understands its special place for Christians.

"You can't go into that church without feeling something special," DeYong said. "The spirit is so strong."

Lowell Feit said it's as if every one of the church's rocks has a name — in memory of believers from generations ago. Recent church leaders included Anne Rinkel, Barb Bot, Tim and Jeanette Tange-man and Bonnie Hilger.

"If you stand in the sanctuary in the morning with the sun streaming through the stained glass, it's breathtaking," Lowell Feit said.

Their most recent pastor was Judi

Wiley, who now lives in Ohio.

She will return to Holy Trinity in Luverne to lead the Oct. 22 service, and Coleen Tully, Episcopal priest in Marshall, will also share in leading that service.

Holy Trinity congregation members — all three of them — said they hope the community joins them for this farewell event. Refreshments will be served in Hilger Commons afterward.

Even those who never worshipped there have recognized the church as a significant Luverne landmark on the corner of Luverne Street and Cedar Avenue.

It was built in 1891 by R.B. Hinkly with Sioux quartzite stone from the Blue Mound Quarry, which he owned.

The arched windows of the church, which were shipped in from England, are all still original, as is the altar and solid oak woodwork throughout.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

Volunteers to help with Medicare enrollment Oct 19

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging Inc. will assist Medicare beneficiaries with their 2017 Medicare plan research and enrollment on Oct. 19.

Trained volunteers will be available by appointment in Luverne at Poplar Creek Assisted Living. To schedule an appointment, call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433.

Medicare beneficiaries need to bring with them current insurance information, their Medicare card and their medications.

The 2017 annual enrollment period for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans runs from Oct. 15, 2016, to Dec. 7, 2016.

During this time, you can enroll in a plan if you did not previously enroll or change to

a new plan. Changes then become effective on Jan. 1, 2017. If you do not make changes by Dec. 7, 2016, in most cases you will not be able to change plans again until 2018.

If you have questions or need further information, contact the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433.

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Call 1-800-333-2433 for assistance or go to www.MinnesotaHelp.info to chat live with a Senior LinkAge Line specialist.

Community corrections director receives statewide recognition

Rock Nobles Community Corrections Director Jon Ramlo received the Jack Young Corrections Award for 2016 at the recent Minnesota Association of Community Correction Act Counties annual conference in Nisswa, Minnesota.



of the Court Services Tracking System executive board and Drug Court Initiatives group.

His willingness to serve at the state level meant making a six-hour round trip to fulfill his commitments.

The nomination of Ramlo for the award noted: "What is more impressive is how he handles his work and carries himself. I have seen someone that is always kind and always caring about his colleagues and his staff. It is important for him to recognize others around him while not looking to be recognized himself."

Ramlo has been Rock Nobles Community Corrections director for 13 years. His office is housed in Worthington.

The Jack Young Award is given to individuals who have furthered the mission of community corrections having made outstanding contributions to the development and improvement of community corrections in Minnesota.

Ramlo is past president of MACCAC, a representative to the Crimnet Taskforce, chairman of the conference planning group and a member

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Lori Sorenson photo/bovine emergency response

Attendees of the Oct. 5 Bovine Emergency Response Program assemble near a corral at the Rock Veterinary Clinic, Luverne, for instruction on how to handle an animal in crisis.

Bovine Emergency Response Program offers lesson in handling animals in crisis

By Lori Sorenson

A Bovine Emergency Response Plan and Training in Luverne Wednesday, Oct. 5,

offered tips and tools for law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, public safety officials and veterinarians.

Sponsored by the Minnesota Beef Council, the one-day training addressed transportation hazards, euthanizing injured animals, safe animal handling, familiarity with livestock trailers and more.

"We are seeing more and more animal transportation on our roads and we have dealt with these types of crashes in the past," said Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

"It is always good for us to train and get a better perspective on how to treat and deal with animals when they are stressed."

Veterinarian Erin deKoning of the Rock Veterinary Clinic, Luverne, said she was glad to see the training offered locally.

"I think we're grossly underprepared for how we would handle something like that," she said, "if a cattle truck were to tip over in the middle of the road."

REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE

The second half real estate tax installment for all non-agricultural property is due

October 17, 2016. To avoid penalty, payment may be made at the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse or mailed to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer **postmarked on or before October 17th.** Please keep in mind the post-office deadlines when mailing in payments and remit the appropriate stubs to assure proper credit. Payments postmarked after October 17th **will** be returned for the tax and penalty due at that time.

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Netters complete season

By John Rittenhouse

The 2016 tennis season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinals during the opening rounds of the Section 3A Individual Tournament Friday in St. Peter.

Two LHS singles players and one doubles team won their opening matches at the event.

The Cardinals, however, were unable to qualify for the semifinals that were staged Wednesday (Oct. 12) in St. Peter.

Luverne's Stephanie Pierce disposed of St. Peter's Olivia Pfeffer by 6-2 and 6-0 tallies in the opening round before falling by 6-3 and 6-1 scores to St. James' Zoie Becker in the quarterfinals.

Carissa Cunningham won a three-set match (2-6, 6-3, 7-5) over St. James' Kristin Leimer in a play-in match to face Maple River's Vanessa Barkosky in the opening round.

Barkosky eliminated Cunningham by handing her a pair of 6-1 setbacks.

Luverne's Kayla Thone and Kayla Rud posted a 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over RV's Samantha Walter and Zoe Macklanburg in the opening-round match in doubles.

St. James' Miranda Jacoby and Hannah Loewen handed Thone and Rud 6-1 and 6-3 setbacks in the quarterfinals.

Luverne's Riley Severtson and Sierra Wieneke lost their opening round doubles match to RV's Karlie Reis and Courtney Engholm by 6-1 and 6-2 tallies.

Cardinal gridgers rout St. James

By John Rittenhouse

Homecoming night at Cardinal Field Friday turned into a rousing success for the Luverne football team.

After trailing by one point in the game's first quarter, the Cardinals scored 31 unanswered points over the final three stanzas to secure a 37-7 victory over the St. James Saints.

Senior fullback Solomon Nielsen led the charge by rushing for 84 yards and four touchdowns.

After surrendering a touchdown at the end of St. James' initial offensive possession of the game, the LHS defense limited the Saints to two first downs the rest of the night and blanked the visitors over the final 38:28 of the game.

Both teams opened the contest with impressive drives.

Luverne received the game's opening kickoff and promptly covered 77 yards in 14 plays with Nielsen capping the march with a two-run plunge at the 6:33 mark of the first quarter.

The drive, which was followed by an unsuccessful extra-point attempt, featured an 11-yard run by Kasyn Kruse and a 28-yard Jake Haugen-to-Layne Curtis pass completion.

St. James didn't seem to be bothered by Luverne's opening series.

The Saints advanced the ball 68 yards in nine plays during their opening possession of the contest.

The drive ended with quarterback Sandin Skow tossing a nine-yard touchdown strike to Jacob Brey.

Roi Wessels booted the extra point following the touchdown to give the Saints a 7-6 edge.

The game's second quarter belonged to the Cardinals, who produced 21 points to open a 27-7 halftime advan-



Luverne senior Solomon Nielsen hurdles a teammate after hauling in a pass during Friday's 37-7 home win over St. James. Nielsen ran for 84 yards and four touchdowns in the contest.

John Rittenhouse photo/1013 lfb 5

tage. LHS covered 71 yards in 11 plays with its second offensive

possession, which included 12-yard runs by Nielsen and Declan Beers.

Nielsen finished the drive with a one-yard run and carried in the ensuing two-point

conversion to make it a 14-7 game at the 10:15 mark of the second stanza.

Luverne produced touchdowns with its fourth and fifth offensive possessions of the game as well.

LHS defender Tyler Reisdorfer picked off a pass on Luverne's 47-yard line at the 6:08 mark of the second stanza.

The LHS offense moved the ball 53 yards in five plays to make it a 20-7 difference when Nielsen scored on an eight-yard run with 4:38 remaining in the first half.

Haugen recorded a 14-yard run and completed a pass to Jeremiah Dooyema during the drive.

Luverne covered 55 yards in two plays during its next offensive possession.

Sophomore quarterback Ben Serie delivered a 43-yard touchdown pass to Curtis, and Chris Jelken added the extra point to give the Cards a 27-7 cushion they would take into the second half.

Luverne iced the game by taking advantage of short fields to produce 10 points in the first 4:13 of the third quarter.

A short field by the Saints gave LHS the ball on the St. James' 33-yard line early in the second half.

Nielsen capped his four-touchdown effort with a nine-yard run and Jelken added the extra point to up the lead to 34-7:33 into the third quarter.

Another short punt by the Saints gave LHS the ball on the St. James' 32 moments later.

Jelken booted a 27-yard field goal six plays later to cap the scoring in the game with 7:47 remaining in the third quarter.

LHS, which has won two consecutive games, takes a 4-2 record into a game in Blue Earth Friday.

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Patriots post six victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team compiled an impressive 6-1 record during a stretch of playing in three events in five days.

The Patriots posted Red Rock Conference wins over Mountain Lake Area and Murray County Central Oct. 4 and Thursday respectively.

H-BC went 4-1 at the Subway Classic in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

The 17-2 Patriots host Fulda Tuesday.

Subway Classic

The Patriots went 4-1 overall and won the consolation championship of the Gold Bracket during the weekend tournament in Marshall.

The Patriots won a pair of pool matches on Friday to qualify for Gold Bracket competition on Saturday, where H-BC went 2-1 to win the consolation title in the bracket.

"I was really happy with the way we played overall," said Patriot coach Susan Bork.

"Every girl played well. No one person stood out. We worked well together and played well together as a team."

H-BC secured pool wins in straight sets over Lakeview (25-18, 25-19) and Martin County West (25-21, 25-18) on Friday to qualify for the Gold Bracket on Saturday.

The Patriots met eventual bracket champion MACCRAY in the opening round Saturday morning, dropping 25-20 and 25-23 decisions to the Wolverines.

The Patriots bounced back to beat Heron Lake-Okabena (25-19, 25-20) in the consolation semifinals before downing Central Minnesota Christian (21-25, 25-19, 12-12) in the consolation championship.



Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore Sidney Fick fields a serve during an Oct. 4 home match against Mountain Lake Area. Fick recorded five kills during a 3-0 victory over the Wolverines.

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H-BC 3, MCC 0

The Patriots ran their league record to 7-0 with Thursday's sweep of the Raiders in Slayton.

The home-standing Raiders offered H-BC a challenge before falling 25-21 in the opening set.

The Patriots dominated play by securing 25-17 and 25-9 wins in the second and third sets respectively to complete a 3-0 sweep and up their league record to 7-0.

Jasmine Lingen (eight kills

and 11 of 13 serving), Mekayla Kolbrek (11 of 11 serving with three aces) and Sidney Fick (nine blocks and six kills) played key matches for H-BC.

Olivia Richards registered seven kills and Avery Wysong notched 12 set assists for the winners.

H-BC 3, MLA 0

The Patriots posted their sixth consecutive conference victory when they swept the Wolverines Oct. 4 in Hills.

H-BC dominated the Wol-

verines during the first two sets of the night before completing a 3-0 sweep with a hard-fought win in the finale.

The opening set was knotted at one when H-BC went on a 9-1 run ending with a service point from Wysong to open a 10-2 advantage.

MLA scored three consecutive points to make it a five-point difference (10-5) moments later, but H-BC responded by going on a 15-3 run

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Dragons run over Knights in Tyler

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons turned a successful night of running the ball into a convincing victory when they took on Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Friday in Tyler.

Adrian racked up 394 yards on the ground and registered seven rushing touchdowns during a 48-14 thumping of the Knights.

"The boys played well," said AHS coach Randy Strand.

"We controlled the line of scrimmage and our backs ran well."

Adrian settled the issue in the game's first half, when it scored 21 points in the opening quarter and 20 more in the second stanza to open a 41-0 lead.

AHS received the game's opening kickoff and promptly

moved the ball 66 yards in six plays with Nick Harder capping the march with a 20-yard touchdown run.

Dominic Cansales added his first of four extra points following the touchdown to make it 7-0 2:04 into the contest.

Adrian's second offensive possession lasted two plays as Dakota John raced 65 yards for a touchdown to make it a 13-0 game at the 5:57 mark of the opening quarter.

The Dragons capped the first quarter with a nine-play, 57-yard march ending with a one-yard plunge by Dylan Gyberg with 1:09 remaining.

John carried in the two-point conversion to up the lead to 21-0.

Adrian's Tristian White

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Late touchdown lifts Dutchmen over H-BC

By John Rittenhouse

A showdown between the top two nine-man football teams in Southwest Minnesota turned into a shootout Friday in Edgerton.

Hills-Beaver Creek and Edgerton-Ellsworth combined efforts to produce 824 yards and 84 points in a crucial game for both teams.

E-E cast the final stones of the game by recording a touchdown and a two-point conversion with less than two minutes remaining in regulation play to secure a 46-38 victory.

"It was a great game," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

"E-E is a good team with a good senior class. We were able to run the ball when we needed to, but they were always able to answer back. Hopefully this game will make

us better when we try to take care of business next week."

H-BC, which trailed by 16 points at one stage of the first half, put together a seven-play drive after Preston Maassen recovered a fumble to knot the score at 38 with 1:56 left to play.

The march ended with quarterback Zach Scholten tossing a 34-yard touchdown pass to Josh Kueter before hooking up with Jed Burgers for a successful conversion pass to tie the game.

E-E, however, moved the ball 68 yards in six plays with Jaden Bloemendaal scoring on a 26-yard run. E-E quarterback Landon Buckridge carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to make it a 46-38 difference.

H-BC did get one more offen-

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H-BC's Olivia Richards delivers a spike at the net during an Oct. 4 home win over Mountain Lake Area.

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to secure a 25-8 victory after Fick delivered a set-ending service ace.

A service point from Avery Van Roekel gave the Patriots a 6-2 lead in the second set before MLA battled back to make it a one-point difference (7-6) moments later.

Van Roekel delivered a kill to cap a 12-3 run that upped the lead to 10 points (19-9) and H-BC outscored the Wolverines 6-3 the rest of the set to prevail 25-12 when Van Roekel delivered a service point.

MLA scored the first two points of the third set and sported three more two-point cushions in the most competitive contest of the match.

H-BC erased an 18-16 deficit with a 7-2 surge ending with an ace tip from Emma Baker to open a 23-20 advantage, but the Wolverines recorded the next three points to knot the score at 23.

H-BC bounced back to score the next two points to win 25-23 after Wysong recorded a block at the net.

Van Roekel and Lingen led H-BC with six kills, while Fick chipped in five.

Wysong played a solid match with 19 set assists, four ace serves and four blocks.

Courtney Kruger charted nine digs and Ashley Esselink added four blocks to the winning cause.

Cards place third in Pipestone Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team went 2-2 during a pair of outings late last week.

The Cardinals lost a three-set match in Worthington Thursday before going 2-1 and placing third at the Pipestone Tournament Saturday.

Luverne, 12-11 overall, hosts Pipestone Thursday.

Pipestone tourney

The Cardinals went 2-1 and placed third in an eight-team field during Saturday's Tournament in Pipestone.

Luverne posted three-set wins over Fairmont and Southwest Christian as well as dropping a three-set match to Canby.

LHS fell 26-24 in the first set against Fairmont before bouncing back to secure 25-13 and 15-5 victories in the final two sets.

The Cards secured a 25-20 win in the second set against Canby, but the Lancers prevailed 25-16 and 15-9 in the first and third sets.

SWC notched a 25-21 win in the opening set of their match with the Cards, who rallied to secure 25-22 and 15-13 victories in the final two sets.

Hailey Remme (nine blocks, 33 of 37 serving with four aces and 11 kills), Madison Crabtree (26 digs and 10 kills), Ariel DeBeer (29 set assists and 28 of 29 serving with one ace) and Alexis Ferrell (24 kills and 25 of 25 serving with 12 aces) played solid tournaments.

Katie Kracht (49 digs), Sierra Schmuck (24 set assists) and Hailey Franken (10 kills) emerged as key contributors as well.

Worthington 3, LHS 0

The Cardinals dropped their fourth consecutive Big South Conference match when they took on the Trojans in Worthington Thursday.

LHS made a bid to win the final two sets before succumbing to late surges by Worthington during what ended as a 3-0 setback.

The Trojans scored the first five points of the opening set



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Luverne senior Hailey Franken registered four kills during Thursday's volleyball match in Worthington. The Cardinals slipped to 1-4 in league play with a 3-0 loss.

on the way to building a 10-4 advantage.

Luverne trailed by four (12-8) when Crabtree registered a kill, but the Trojans countered with a 12-3 run to open a 24-11 advantage before settling

with a 12-point win (25-13) at set's end.

A service point from DeBeer gave the Cards a 4-1 lead early in the second set and the advantage swelled to four points (14-10) when Ferrell delivered

a service point.

WHS battled back to knot the score at four different occasions, but the Cards regained the lead at 22-20 when Crab-

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FALL SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Mariah Aukes

Sport: Cross Country
Parents: Mark and Mary Aukes
Favorite Subject: Biology
Extra-Curricular Activities: Cross Country, Hockey, Softball, Peer Helping, Student Council
Future Plans: I plan to attend college and work in the medical field.



Knute Oldre



Sport: Football
Position: Offensive Line
Parents: Kyle and Sara Oldre
Favorite Subject: Physical
Extra-Curricular Activities: Speech, Mock Trial, Student Council
Future Plans: Go to college at Gustavus or St. Olaf, then pursue a career in law.

Madison Crabtree

Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle
Parents: Joshua and Emily Crabtree
Favorite Subject: Lunch :) (Probably math)
Extra-Curricular Activities: Volleyball, Hockey, Golf, Band, Student Council
Future Plans: Go to college and live life!



Christopher Jelken



Sport: Football
Position: OL/DL/Kicker
Parents: James and Paula Jelken
Favorite Subject: Calculus
Extra-Curricular Activities: Band, Choir, Football, Hockey, Tennis, BPA, Student Council
Future Plans: Attend college for Business and Engineering, Travel the World



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Rock County Land Records director

Passion for game leads Ellsworth's Boom into HOF

It's been 10 long years since he played a fast-pitch softball game.



For Ellsworth's Marlin Boom, one decade seems like an eternity. Softball was a big part of Boom's life during a 30-year career that included playing ball in four different decades.

His passion for the game started in 1976 and was a constant in his life until 2006, when Boom decided to hang up his spikes for good at the age of 60.

His lengthy career will be celebrated Oct. 29 at the Monterey Ballroom in Owatonna, when he will be inducted into the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame with 15 others during a ceremony that evening.

"This came as a surprise to me," said Boom.

"I didn't know anything about it until a couple of weeks ago. They were asking me things like how many home runs and hits I've had, but I didn't know. We didn't have computers to log things like that when I started playing and we threw the scorebook away at the end of the year."

All one needs to know about Marlin Boom is that he was a man who loved playing softball.

He played as a first baseman most of his 30-year career, but he also played every other defensive position with the exceptions of pitching and catching.

Boom was known to be an outstanding hitter, a trait he credits to being blessed with the God-given ability to see different pitches and react to them at the plate.

"I always liked to hit. I was a pretty good hitter," he offered.

It was Boom's potent bat that helped some of the teams he played with accomplish great things.

He played with a 45-and-older team based in St. James that won a national championship in Clearwater, Florida, in the 1980s.

Boom also won a state championship as a member

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

of the Ellsworth Town team in the early 1990s.

Producing major conquests on the diamond gave Boom satisfaction, but the fact that he got to share those experiences with his family made it even more special.

"Softball was a family activity for us for a lot of years," he said.

"I got the chance to play with my boys (Chad and B.J.) for a while and it brought us together because we did things like camp out when we went to tournaments. I always played softball with the family there."

Although Boom retired from softball in 2006 at the age of 60, he still remains around the game.

With three granddaughters playing the game in the spring and summer months, Boom is an avid spectator as well as an umpire at times.

"I decided to quit playing when I lost my desire to win. When I lost my competitiveness, I decided it was time to hang up the spikes," he said.

"To be honest, I really haven't gotten away from the game. I'll umpire junior varsity games ASA (Amateur Softball Association) in Sioux Falls in the summer. I still go to 100 games a year to watch my granddaughters play as well. So don't ask me if I miss softball because I haven't gotten away from it yet."

Boom hasn't lost his love of the game either.

"I played the game all of those years because I enjoyed it," he said.

"I played on every softball diamond in a 100-mile radius (of Ellsworth) and in too many states to recall. So yes, I guess you can say I loved the game."

Panther girls fall six times in five days

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team was unable to produce its first win of the season during three outings last week.

The Panthers lost Red Rock Conference matches to Fulda and Westbrook-Walnut Grove Oct. 4 and Thursday respectively before going 0-4 at the Harris-Lake Park Tournament Saturday in Lake Park, Iowa.

Ellsworth, 0-22 overall, hosts Edgerton Thursday.

H-LP tourney

The Panthers dropped four consecutive two-set matches during Saturday's tournament in Lake Park.

Host Harris-Lake Park handed the Panthers 21-10 and 21-15 setbacks in the opening round.

South O'Brien upended EHS by 21-14 tallies in the second round, while Rock Valley posted 21-10 and 21-3 victories over the Panthers in the third round.

Kingsley-Pierson saddled the Panthers with 21-7 and 21-10 setbacks in the final match of the event.

W-WG 3, Ellsworth 0

Ellsworth couldn't get much going offensively when it challenged the Chargers in Westbrook Thursday.

W-WG limited the Panthers to 10 or fewer points in all three sets of a 3-0 victory.

The Chargers secured 25-9, 25-10 and 25-6 wins during the match.

Hannah Kramer registered two kills for EHS, while Sierra Smith charted one kill and one assist.

Devin Dreesen added one kill to Ellsworth's cause, while Hailee Nolte served one ace.

Fulda 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers were unable to secure a victory when they challenged the Raiders in Fulda Oct. 4.

EHS did produce more points with every set, but it wasn't enough to keep the Raiders from outscoring the Panthers 75-49 during a three-set sweep.

Fulda rolled to a 25-12 win in the first set before securing 25-17 and 25-20 victories in the second and third sets respectively.

Kramer turned in a 10-kill effort at the net, while Dreesen (five kills and one ace serve) and Smith (three kills and one ace serve) had productive nights as well.

Grace Mulder served two aces for the Panthers.

Raiders sweep Dragons in Fulda Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball team was unable to win their second consecutive match when they took on the Fulda Raiders in Fulda Thursday.

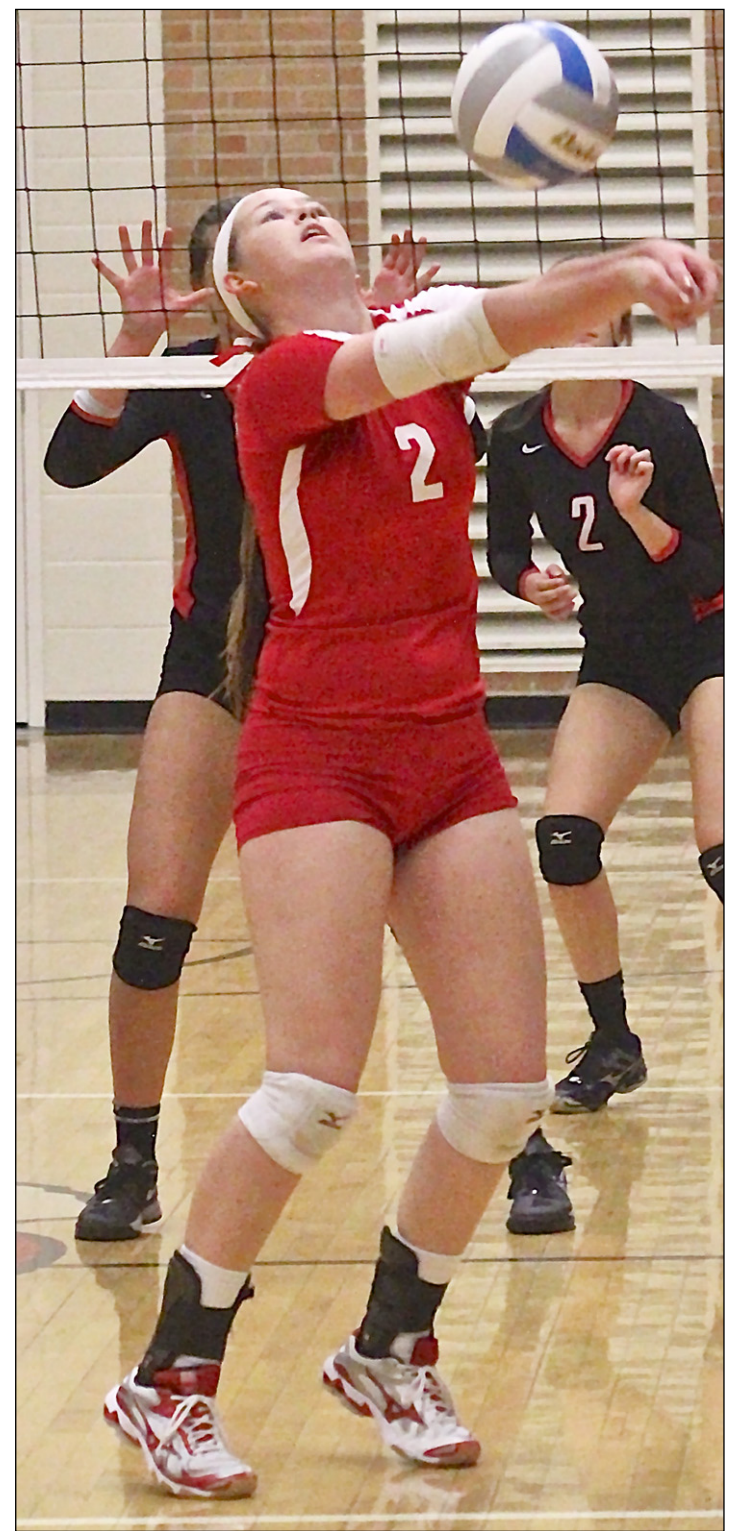
AHS scored 20 or more points in all three sets, but Fulda withstood the challenge to secure a 3-0 win.

The Raiders posted 25-21, 25-20 and 25-22 victories dur-

ing their sweep of the Dragons.

Kasie Tweet (15 of 16 serving with seven aces and seven kills) and Paige Bullerman (13 of 13 serving with four kills) played strong matches for Adrian.

Paige Tweet chipped in six kills for the 3-12 Dragons, who play in Mountain Lake Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/1013 lvb 8

Luverne senior Ariel DeBeer charted 20 set assists during Thursday's volleyball match in Worthington.

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tree served a point.

The Trojans bounced back to score the next five points to post a 25-22 win.

Luverne led 10-7 when Kami Sawtelle recorded an ace tip in the third set, but the Cardinals were unable to maintain the advantage.

WHS moved in front 15-14 and withstood Luverne's remaining challenges to win

by a 25-23 tally.

DeBeer (15 of 15 serving with one ace and 20 set assists) and Kracht (24 digs and 10 of 10 serving) played well in multiple areas for LHS, while Ferrell recorded a team-high 13 kills.

Sawtelle and Franken recorded four kills each, while Schmuck chipped in 10 digs.

FALL STANDINGS

South Central District White Division football

JCC	5-0
RWV	5-0
Luverne	3-2
BEA	3-2
Pipstone	2-3
St. James	1-4
Windom	1-4

MCW

0-5	
Southwest District West Sub-District	
Minneota	5-0
Lakeview	4-1
Adrian	3-2
D-B	3-2
LQPV	3-3

Canby

3-3	
MCC	2-3
T-M-B	2-3
R-T-R	1-4
Ortonville	0-5
South District West Division football	
Cleveland	6-0

E-E

6-0	
H-BC	4-2
MLA	4-2
Fulda	3-3
Madelia	2-4
W-WG	2-4
HL-O	1-5
Nicollet	1-5
G-H-EC-T	1-5

BOWLING

Thursday Night Bowling League

Team standings: PD's Bar Flies, 4; The Troublemakers, 4; Billy Goats, 3; Mark's Electric, 1; Kruser's Bruisers, 0. High Scratch Game: Chris Nelson, 202; Jeff Runia, 196; Ken Clark, 196. High Scratch Series: Chris Nelson, 577; Jeff Runia, 567; Ken Clark, 547. Team High Scratch Game: The Troublemakers; 694, Billy Goats, 616. Team High Scratch Series: The Troublemakers, 1971; Billy Goats, 1776. Team High Handicap Game: The Troublemakers, 871; Billy Goats 787. Team High Handicap Series: The Troublemakers, 2502; Billy Goats, 2289

Monday Night League

Team standings: Luverne Lanes, 3; Rock Vet Clinic, 1. High Scratch Game: Sue Buffington, 181; J.R. Weis, 148; David Weis, 145. High Scratch Series: Sue Buffington, 408; Pat Weerheim, 402; J.R. Weis, 394. Team High Scratch Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 556. Team High Scratch Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 1520. Team High Handicap Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 729. Team High Handicap Series: Luverne Lanes, 2097.

SPORTS BRIEF

LHS grad honored

Steve Ellsworth, a 1964 Luverne High School graduate, was recently inducted into the Central Lyon (Rock Rapids, Iowa) Athletic Hall of Fame. Ellsworth served as a junior high and high school track coach at CL for 25 years.

Ellsworth played football, basketball and baseball at LHS, and was a starting offensive guard and 1966 MVP of the Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa) football team, where he played from 1966-68.

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Team statistics
Luverne: 248 rushing yards, 126 passing yards, 374 total yards, 21 first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.
St. James: 20 rushing yards, 64 passing yards, 84 total yards, four first

downs, two penalties for 20 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Nielsen 15-84, Kruse 8-35, Haugen 4-34, Beers 5-30, Brayden

Jacobsma 4-26, Will Natte 5-16, Levi Stuker 2-12, Jed Dooyema 1-9, Tanner Wiese 2-2, Curtis 1-0. Passing: Haugen 5-6 for 66 yards, Serie 5-7 for 60 yards. Receiving: Curtis 3-83, Nielsen 2-21, Jr.Dooyema 1-14, Daniel Totteland 2-8,

Kruse 1-0, Damian Reese 1-0. Defense: Curtis six tackles, Beers four tackles, Andrew Reich four tackles, Jr.Dooyema 3.5 tackles, Matt Ziegler three tackles, Riley Baker two tackles, Logan Stratton two tackles, Reisdorfer two tackles and one interception.

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picked off a pass early in the second quarter to set up an eight-play, 67-yard drive.

John capped the march with a seven-yard run to make it a 27-0 game 2:37 into the stanza.

The AHS defense stopped R-T-R on downs at the 50-yard line as the second quarter progressed.

Gyberg exploded for a 50-yard run during the next play to make it a 34-0 contest with 7:00 remaining in the first half.

The Knights lost the ball on

downs at their own 45-yard line moments later.

The Dragons covered 45 yards in six plays during their ensuing possession, which ended with Gyberg scoring on a one-yard run that made it a 41-0 game at the intermission.

R-T-R snapped Adrian's 41-point run when Jake Fischer scored on a 12-yard run at the 8:47 mark of the third quarter.

Adrian's first offensive possession of the second half

developed into a seven-play, 55-yard drive capped by a 24-yard run by Harder at the 5:05 mark to up the lead to 48-6.

Fischer capped the scoring with a 10-yard run and a successful conversion run with 18 seconds left in the third quarter.

The 4-2 Dragons cap their home slate during the regular season Friday when they host Lac qui Parle Valley Cardinals for a District clash.

Team statistics
Adrian: 394 rushing yards, 24 passing yards, 418 total yards, 18 first downs, two penalties for 15 yards, zero turnovers.
R-T-R: 146 rushing yards, 15 passing yards, 169 total yards, seven first downs, zero penalties, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Harder 12-112, Gyberg 9-80, John 12-165, Alex Loosbrock 4-22, Beau Bullerman 2-11, Trace Kremin 1-0, Brandon Schnoor 2-2, Ethan Stamer 1-2, T.White 1-0. Passing: Loosbrock 1-2 for 24 yards. Receiving: Brendyn White 1-24. Defense: Landon Rogers seven tackles, Dylan Werkman seven tackles, Gyberg six tackles, T.White one interception.

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Star Herald CHURCH

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St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Oct. 13: 10:30 a.m. St. Catherine Anointing Mass. 1-4 p.m. Fun Day. 2:30 p.m. Mass at Tuff Home. Friday, Oct. 14: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, Oct. 15: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Oct. 16: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 1 p.m. Highway 75 cleanup. 2 p.m. Heron Lake Mass. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Monday, Oct. 17: 10 a.m. Book Bunch. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 9:30 a.m. Book Study. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. No Faith Formation. 8 p.m. St. Mary Knights of Columbus. Thursday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. FallFest meeting.

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

Sunday, Oct. 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Oct. 17: 9 a.m. PERK-UP at Mary Jane Brown Home. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 9:30 a.m. CoffeeBreak/StoryHour. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. GEMS and Cadets.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 13: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 14: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School with Pastors Lauger and Moser. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Pastors Lauger and Moser. Noon Welcome potluck lunch for Pastor Walt and Beryl Moser. No evening service. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Oct. 20: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 13: 2 p.m. GLCW at Tuff Home in Hills. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Oct. 14: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 15: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Oct. 16: 8:15 a.m. Worship with Communion; Radio Broadcast. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Sunday School. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion; New member recognition; Baptism of Liam Strassburg. New member reception/luncheon follows service. 4:30 p.m. Confirmation class photos. 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Banquet with parents in Fellowship Hall.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorpalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 13: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship; Sunday School sings. Monday, Oct. 17: 7 p.m. Quarterly voters' meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 3:30 p.m. Communion at the Veterans Home. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 3:45 p.m. Catechism Class. 6:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, Oct. 14: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder team meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 19: No Midweek.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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.

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
211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@alliancecom.net
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Oct. 13: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf open. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry. Saturday, Oct. 15: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Worship. No A.L.I.V.E. youth groups. Monday, Oct. 17: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Wednesday, Oct. 19: MEA Break — no youth activities. 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Thursday, Oct. 20: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Service of Worship.

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
Thursday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salad Luncheon. 1 p.m. Parkinson's support group. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild. Friday, Oct. 14: 6 p.m. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Oct. 15: 1 p.m. High school corn maze outing. 3:30 p.m. Van Santen and Bushfield wedding. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Puffins Fundraiser Oct. 16-31. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, Oct. 17: Newsletter deadline. 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. 6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction class. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Senior Choir. No evening youth activities. Thursday, Oct. 20: No Little Lambs. 9 a.m. History Committee meeting.

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

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 13: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 14: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion; Sunday School sings. Monday, Oct. 17: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 6:30 p.m. 2017 LWML planning meeting. Thursday, Oct. 20: 2 p.m. Zion hosts Mary Jane Brown Home birthday party. 3:30 p.m. Zion 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
Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir Practice.

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Oct. 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 1:30 p.m. WELCA regular meeting.

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

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

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

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Adrian. 6:30-7:15 p.m. G1.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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.

Physical activity

I am beginning to enjoy things I can no longer do.



In typical American fashion, my life has been fairly active physically. I have enjoyed hiking and jogging and softball and basketball. I have coached my kids in soccer and baseball and helped them in just about anything they were inclined to try.

The years have taken away my ability to participate in many of these activities. Reflexes and stamina and a metal hip and other circumstances combine to make many such things impossible. Twenty baseballs are in a box in the garage, formerly used to pitch to my son and his teams. I no longer own shoes dedicated to soccer. The practice equipment and coaching manuals have been passed on to more youthful bodies.

One would expect to be nostalgic about such a decline. I am entering the retirement portion of life. The days behind are far more than the days ahead. For many people a sense of desperation sets in. They become bitter or try to recapture a measure of youth or go into denial with a face lift here and creative combing there. For others the choice is resignation. "Give me the TV remote, a daily meal out for my expanding waistline and some leisure to run about the country, and I will go quietly."

Perhaps the truth of Psalm 90 is at work here. "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days" (v. 14). If our Lord is truly satisfying, should not this be our experience throughout life? Satisfac-

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Dick Lauger, First Baptist Church, Luverne

tion in youth helps choose wisely career and spouse and child rearing and lifestyle. Satisfaction in middle age helps confront change and difficulty in those same aspects of daily living, a firewall against the traps and temptations of this world. Looking back realistically at all that satisfaction sets the table for the last third.

I have had numerous examples to follow. My parents continued to bike and work out regularly and attend church and Bible studies with much younger folk. They pursued personal interests like quilting and chess into their eighties and nineties. First Baptist of Luverne has a wonderful group of senior saints who have not begun to put down their Bibles and paint brushes and smiles and prayers and checkbooks and willing wisdom. So the road is marked clearly.

Satisfaction is good. It seeps down deep into every corner of one's heart and mind. Satisfaction looks back with few regrets because nothing is regrettable about God. He forgives. He cleanses. He guides. He uses. He fills ... marvelously. If you are older than I, thanks. I really, really appreciate your example. If you are my generation, measure well your soul. You don't have much time left to make changes. If you are young, listen to a soon-to-be-old geezer. Drink deeply of our Lord. The best will be empty without Him. The worst will be satisfying with Him.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
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e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Friday, Oct. 14: 4:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Oct. 15: 4 p.m. Goettsch/Brandt wedding. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Group. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Village Circle at Garden Room in Village. 6:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Group. Thursday, Oct. 20: Confirmation retreat at Lake Shetek.

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Oct. 27

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 2, 2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$54,863.43
MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Ely Wright and Amber Rae Wright, a married couple
MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.
SERVICER: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 7, 2009, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 171680

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The North Fifty-eight (N. 58) feet of Lot Three (3) in Block Two (2) in Kniss Park Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 120 Donaldson St S, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0852-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$82,100.08

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; 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: October 27, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

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 April 27, 2017, or the next business day if April 27, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"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 FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **De Noble, Austin & Company PC**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

212 E. Main St. Luverne, MN 56156

List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address: (Required)

Name: **De Noble & Company PC**

Address: **212 E. Main St., Luverne, MN 56156**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the persons(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

Signature : /s/ **David De Noble** DATE: 9-27-16

Print Name and Title: **David De Noble, CPA/President**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **davidd@denoblepc.com**

(10-06, 10-13)

Bluestem Catering Co. assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

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ASSUMED NAME: **Bluestem Catering Co.**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

1202 S. Kniss Avenue Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Relyks, Inc.**

Address: **1202 S. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the persons(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

Signature : /s/ **Skyler Hoiland** DATE: 9-14-16

MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **chefskyler@gmail.com**

(10-06, 10-13)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Nov. 3

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 20, 2002

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$55,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Pamela K. Duerr, a married woman, as her sole and separate property

MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association ND

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: November 21, 2002 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 154376

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

Lender or Broker: U.S. Bank National Association ND

Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 210 S Donaldson St, Luverne, MN 56156-1709

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-1286-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The S. 50 feet of Lots 1 and 2 and the S. 50 feet of the E. 7 feet of Lot 3 all in Block 4 in Randall and Holbert's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$49,166.26

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; 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 03, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on May 03, 2017, or the next business day if May 03, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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.

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: August 01, 2016

MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank, National Association successor by merger to U.S. Bank National Association ND

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200

Woodbury, MN 55125-2296

(651) 209-3300

File Number: 036131F01

(09-15, 09-22, 09-29, 10-6, 10-13, 10-20)

General Election includes Sunday liquor question

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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 8, 2016, 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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election has been called and will be held in and for the City of Luverne, State of Minnesota on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in conjunction with the state general election, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

CITY QUESTION 1 (LUVERNE)

QUESTION TO ALLOW ISSUANCE OF SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES TO ELLIGIBLE LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

Shall the Luverne City Council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?

YES

NO

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 7, 2016.

Dated: August 23, 2016

Jessica Mead, City Clerk

City of Luverne, Minnesota

(10-13, 10-20)

Fick probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

COURT FILE NO. __67-PR-16-296__

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of LUCILLE FICK,

Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is given that an application for informal appointment of Personal Representative has been filed with the Registrar. The Last Will and Testament has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Arden Fick, whose address is 1063 71st St., Luverne, MN 56156, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition

and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (Subject to Minn. Stat. 524.2-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: October 3, 2016

/s/ Sharon L. Tellinghuisen

Registrar

Dated: October 3, 2016

/s/ Denise Brandel

Court Administrator

Attorney for Applicant

Heath R. Oberloh (Atty ID - 031822X)

Lindquist & Vennum LLP

101 South Reid Street, Suite 302

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103

Telephone: (605) 978-5903

Email: hoherloh@lindquist.com

(10-13, 10-20)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Nov. 3

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Darryl R. Boltjes and Marti K. Boltjes, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 by assignment recorded on March 5, 2014 as Document Number 183568 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$76,500.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 11, 2006

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 25, 2006 as Document Number 164883 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$84,388.10

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Seventy Feet of the West One Hundred Thirty-five Feet of the North Half of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) of PJ Kniss Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements, if any, Rock County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 114 N DONALDSON ST, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1418

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0970-000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100055140023452580

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2017.

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.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: August 30, 2016

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR

SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,

SERIES 2006-3

Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.

N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.

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Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.

Attorneys for Mortgagee

The Academy Professional Building

25 North Dale Street

St. Paul, MN 55102

(651) 209-9760

(15-2085-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(09-08, 09-15, 09-22, 09-29, 10-06, 10-13)

Rock County Commissioners meet Sept. 20

Herreid Board Room **9:00 A.M.**

Rock County Courthouse **September 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Reisch with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to approve the September 20, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the September 06, 2016 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Extension Committee appointment – Nate Golla

2. Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed appointment – Anthony Boyenga

Jay Trusty, Regional Development Commission Executive Director, reviewed the RDC's strategic plan with priorities along with program updates. Trusty stated that Commissioner Thompson, Mike Davis and Keith Elbers are Rock County's representatives on the Regional Development Commission.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, requested authorization to renew the Zuercher maintenance contract for \$1,059.00 and that the expense is E911 eligible; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Sheriff informed the County Board that he was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Terri Ebert, Dispatch Supervisor effective December 30, 2016 and requested authorization to backfill the position to allow for training; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Sheriff introduced Chad Kempema, newest full time deputy; Kempema

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brings 15 years of law enforcement experience. The County Board wished him well.

Dave Haugom, Veterans Services Officer, presented an update of a recent conference he had attended; the conference featured breakout sessions, legislative updates and networking. He stated that he is required to attend a spring and fall conference for accreditation. Haugom expressed an interest in serving as honor guard for the Legion and VFW; motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to support Haugom's efforts in serving in honor guard activities, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented per diems of \$750.00 and the claims; motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:

CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	7,050.29
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	5,867.00
EVERBRIDGE INC	3,914.00
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	3,587.16
HENNING CONSTRUCTION, INC	9,450.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	9,434.41
KUSTOM SIGNALS, INC	4,068.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	2,012.60
LUVERNE/CITY OF	9,429.82
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	18,097.50
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	2,559.73
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	10,971.00
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	7,576.50
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,467.46
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	20,938.38
TITAN MACHINERY-SIOUX FALLS	2,180.26
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	7,040.00
WHEELCO TRUCK & TRAILER PARTS INC	5,185.73
Total	35,627.21
Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to approve the fund balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.	167,457.05

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the re-issuance of lost warrant # 42168 for \$209.64 and warrant #42284 for \$699.42, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board that the 2015 audit is ready for release and an exit interview is scheduled for September 21. The Auditor/Treasurer presented an update regarding fund reserves and stated that bond expenditures and Road and Bridge advancements are the reasoning for the fluctuations in amount of reserves on hand reported by the audit.

The Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer led a discussion regarding the preliminary levy; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to set the preliminary levy at 6.5% increase, motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Commissioners Boyenga, Hoime and Reisch voting nay. Additional discussion followed.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to set the preliminary levy at 5.75% increase, motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Commissioner Boyenga, Williamson and Thompson voting nay. Additional discussion followed.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to set the preliminary levy at \$5,469,492.00 a 6.13% increase, motion declared carried on a 3-2 with Commissioner Boyenga and Hoime voting nay.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested to set the 2016 Truth and Taxation Hearing for December 13 at 6:00PM; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson to approve the Truth and Taxation schedule and change the December 13 County Board meeting time to 4:00PM, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board had a brief discussion regarding AMC Annual Conference attendance and lodging accommodations.

The Administrator informed the County Board that he attended a Blandin event where he presented information regarding the Rock County's Broadband project; presented as information only.

Commissioner Items: Commissioner Williamson informed the County Board that he attended an SWCD, Southwestern Mental Health, Rock County Opportunities and Extension meetings.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he had attended a Solid Waste and Rural Energy meetings where they toured the new recycling facility in Redwood Falls and solar farm in Renville County; also attended a Rock/Nobles Community Corrections board meeting.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that he had attended a SWHHS meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the A.C.E. Volunteer Appreciation event which was well attended along with a PIC/Chief Elected Officials meeting. She was informed the County Board of a Manufacturing Day event held at Midwest Fire on October 7th.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the Commission Department Road Tour event, a Library meeting and the AMC District Conference.

With no further business to come before the County Board, meeting was declared adjourned

(10-13)

EMPLOYMENT

United Methodist Church is seeking a secretary for 20 hours per week. Send Resume to 109 N. Freeman Attn: Pastor Dorie. (10.9-10.27)

Adrian Public Schools is seeking applicants for full-time (40 hr/wk) custodian. Salary based on experience, benefits include employer contribution to life and health insurance, paid sick, vacation, holiday and personal leave. Preferred applicants will have a boiler license, be able to operate and maintain equipment, and have a basic understanding of plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems, be able to lift 50 lbs., and have excellent references. Applications are available at www.isd511.net. Please send applications with references to District Office, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. (10.9-10.27)

EMPLOYMENT

Southwest Crisis Center is seeking a full-time Advocate for their Pipestone office. This position will work to advocate on behalf of those who are experiencing or have experienced domestic and sexual violence and sexual exploitation/trafficking. Position is benefits eligible. Training will be provided. For full position description please visit www.mnswcc.org. To apply send cover letter, resume, and three professional references to: Kari Voss-Drost, P.O. Box 111, Worthington, MN 56187. (10.2-10.20)

New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has a full-time Insulation Installer position available. Monday through Friday, health insurance, vacation, holiday, bonus opportunities. Will train. Call Dean at 605-376-3006 or 507-673-2548. (tc)

EMPLOYMENT

Nursing Assistant: Parkview Manor has openings for part-time nursing aides with benefits to include: health insurance, public retirement plan, and holiday pay. New wages \$11.90/ hr. or more with experience. \$2000 scholarships available for students. Will provide training or pay for experience. Contact Darnell Krull, 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call 507-967-2388. (tc)

EMPLOYMENT

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Applications for employment available at Jasper Sunrise Village, 100 Robert Avenue, Jasper, MN, or contact nurse Rita DeWitte at 507-348-8620

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TRAINING: Training in oocytes and embryo grading provided.
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS
• Attention to detail
• Ability to look through microscope
• Ability to search & grade embryos and oocytes and/or ability to learn
• Good communication skills
• Good organizational skills to help with scheduling and recording data
POSITION SPECIFICATIONS
Education: High school, BA/BS Degree (preferred)
Experience:
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LOST/FOUND

Lost: Border Collie Dog - 20lbs. Brownish/Red with some white color. Near Magnolia, MN on October 6th. Contact J. Matthiesen at 507-227-6776 with ANY details. (10.13-10.30)

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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED

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CHILD CARE

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The family of Lorna Lee Watts would like to give thanks to Pastor Dorie, and the Methodist Church Staff, Hospice Staff, Dingmann Funeral Home Staff, and all who sent memorials, cards, food, flowers, and for the visits. Your kindness will be forever in our hearts.
Ralph Watts Family
(10.13-10.16)

A special thank you to everyone who has supported us following the death of our mother Cecelia Altman. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be comfort to us. A special thanks to the Luverne Hospice staff for all the comfort and care you gave mom. It will not be forgotten.

**Alan & Jackie Altman,
Cliff & Tammi Altman,
Patti & Dave Olson,
Scott Altman**
(10.13-10.16)

The American Red Cross wants to thank all the Volunteers, the callers, kitchen helpers, welcomers, and especially the blood donors that made the Drive a success. Thanks to Grace Lutheran Church for the use of the facilities, and thanks to Lila for the Pizza Ranch coupons.

**Norma Brandt,
Delores Mulligan,
coordinators**
(10.9-10.13)

Thank you to our family and friends for the cards, gifts, and congratulatory messages for our 50th Anniversary. We are delighted you could celebrate with us. We are so blessed.

Gary and Jean Staeffler
(10.9-10.13)

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, well wishes, gifts, and attending my 40 years as a hairstylist open house. I owe my success and happiness to all of my clients (past and future) A special thanks to Faye Bremer for putting on the open house.

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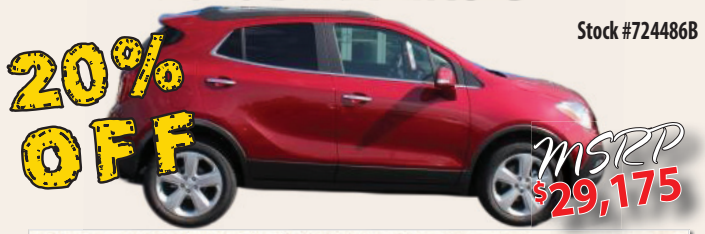
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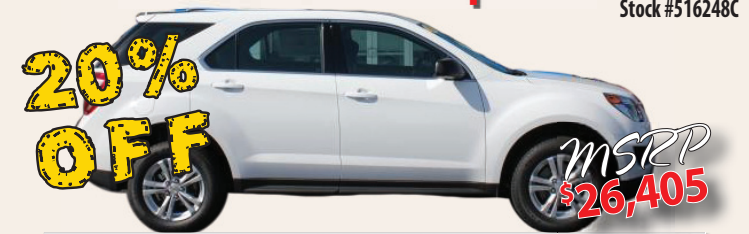
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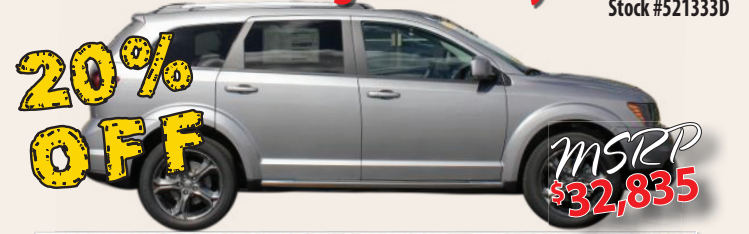
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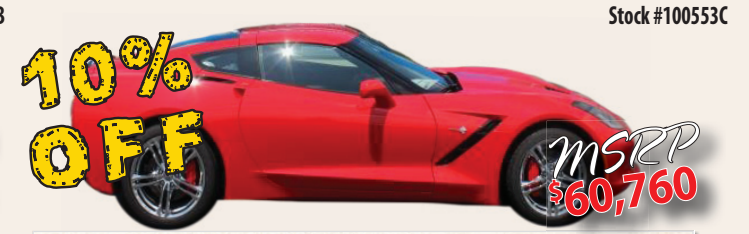
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