

Community Matters



Luverne Area Community Foundation

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LACF Awards \$18,000 in grants to local organizations

HEALTHCARE FUND GRANTS:

Sanford Luverne Clinic - awarded \$10,500 to purchase a SonoSite portable ultrasound device.

BackPack Program - awarded \$4,000 toward the food service program for at risk children in our community.

GENERAL FUND GRANTS:

Brandenburg Prairie Foundation - awarded \$3,000 toward signage and educational programs for Touch the Sky Prairie.

Council for Arts & Humanities in Rock County - awarded \$500 toward the Bookmark Project celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Manfred.

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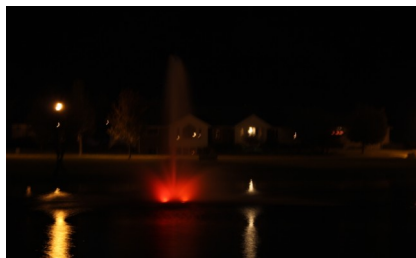
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The Fountain at Veteran's Pond

Last March, the Luverne Area Community Foundation granted \$1,000 to the City of Luverne towards the purchase and installation of the fountain in Veteran's Pond. The fountain eliminates the need for chemicals that were used to control algae and weeds and provides an aesthetically pleasing view, especially at night.

Rock County Community Library benefits from LACF Grant

In October of 2010, Luverne Area Community Foundation awarded the Rock County Friends of the Library \$2,500 to enhance the internet and technology services at the library. The grant money was utilized to replace three aging public computers and to purchase three additional computers to help meet a growing community need. The following summary demonstrates how the generosity of the Luverne Area Community Foundation is fruitful, and the goals stated by the Friends of the Library in the grant application are well met.



Since the new computer system came online in mid-December of 2010, computer usage at the Rock County Community Library has increased by an average of fifty-percent. It's easy to attribute the usage increase to doubling the computer stations; however, the much more reliable computers and internet connection are gaining back the confidence of patrons who sought technology services elsewhere or have gone without. Also, with six new computers, patrons rarely have to wait in line to sign-up for a computer, and once they are at a station, their business is completed faster with the up-to-date and speedy operating systems.

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The new computers are utilized in a variety of ways, but two of the most common non-entertainment activities have been job searching and continuing education. Many patrons express their appreciation for having technology available that accommodates their needs in this time of economic uncertainty and tight finances. For many, finding a job, applying online, and distance learning wouldn't be a reality without the additional computers and the internet access they provide. Furthermore, the ability to electronically communicate with possible employers, teachers, and loved ones who provide support is invaluable to patrons.

As a library staff, we often ask each other how we got by with only three aging computers. When all six computer stations are filled and other patrons eagerly await their turn, it is apparent that LACF's generosity and grant money is making a great impact in the library and the community.

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GiveMN's "Give to the Max Day" Returns on Nov. 16

What if you could help us win \$1,000 just by giving \$10 bucks? On November 16, Give to the Max Day, you can.

Last year, more than 42,000 donors logged on to GiveMN.org and gave over \$10 million to Minnesota nonprofits in 24 hours during Give to the Max Day. Luverne Area Community Foundation, together with GiveMN.org—a first-of-its-kind giving website for nonprofits in Minnesota—is working to create a stronger nonprofit community for Luverne and Minnesota.

During GiveMN's Give to the Max Day, a \$1,000 "Golden Ticket" will be given to a random donor's chosen organization every hour. You could be that donor! Prize grants will also be awarded to the top *three* small nonprofit organizations which receive the *most dollars* on Give to the Max Day.

By giving online with GiveMN, YOU have the opportunity to make a huge difference in our area. We hope you will help support our community by logging on to www.GiveMN.org on November 16 and give to Luverne Area Community Foundation. Be a part of this historic event and join this "Great Minnesota Give Together!"

To participate in Give to the Max Day for Luverne Area Community Foundation, log on to www.GiveMN.org, enter Luverne in the search field and Luverne Area Community Foundation will appear. Click on the green **Donate** button on the right and follow the online instructions. Your donation will help us make this a record-breaking day!

