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New smartphone emergency alerts activated in Rock County

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County emergency officials now have the ability to send local messages to everyone's cell phone.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge and Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre are now certified to use the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System or IPAWS.

"As long as you don't deactivate it

off your smartphone you're going to get the information," Verbrugge said.

IPAWS is administrated through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is a part of the nation's alert and warning system, according to the FEMA website.

IPAWS provides messages of high alert on a nationwide basis to citizens in a time of civil defense, natural disaster, terrorist attack or other hazards

to public safety.

The same system can be used locally to broadcast messages of missing persons, hazardous materials transport and public safety messages if personnel receive the proper certification.

The county currently subscribes to the Nixle system, which is primarily used by the sheriff's office. Anyone who wants to receive messages about

weather alerts and road closures must sign up for the service.

There was no added cost to the county or its users for IPAWS.

Verbrugge said a message sent through the system must meet certain criteria before it is broadcast. Proper use of the system was covered during the certification training.

Forty-four counties in Minnesota are certified to use the IPAWS

system with Lyon and Pipestone counties located in southwest Minnesota. Also certified is the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

IPAWS is also available nationwide. Travelers will automatically receive messages on their phones if traveling through a county sending an IPAWS message.

How much is Sharkee's property valued at?

City accepts appraisal at council meeting, considers next step

By Lori Sorenson

A commercial appraisal of the Sharkee's property on South Highway 75 has been completed, and Luverne City Council members reviewed that information at their Tuesday night meeting.

That appraised value — which is not public information — will be used to develop a purchase agreement between the city of Luverne and owner Dave Halverson and his creditors.

According to City Administrator John Call, the appraisal is part of the process for acquiring the property through eminent domain.

Closed since April 2014

Sharkee's bar and restaurant has been closed since April 2014 when health code violations, mainly basement sewage backup, forced its shutdown.

Then on May 26, 2014, the building suffered damage from a fire reportedly set by arsonists. The arson remains under investigation but is essentially a cold case.

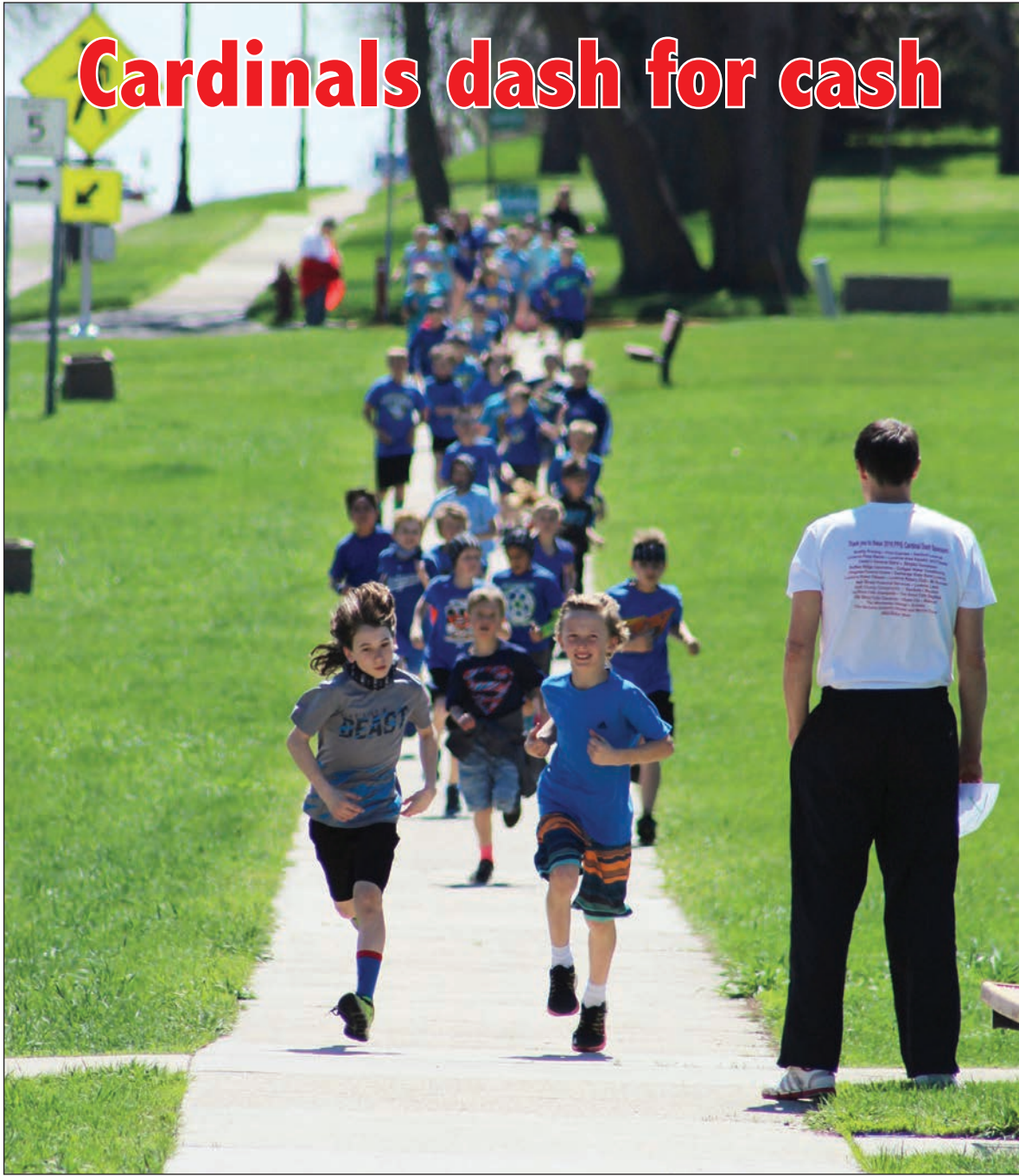
Meanwhile, the property has fallen into further disrepair, and Halverson has reportedly ignored notices of building code violations in April 2014 and April 2015.

As such, city charter and state law allows the city to acquire the property through condemnation proceedings, which were set in motion September 2015.

What's it worth?

One of the first steps in eminent domain proceedings is to have the

Sharkee's appraisal/see page 8A



Mavis Fodness Photo/0428 Cardinal Dash 2016

Sage Viessman (left) and Blaik Bork lead the Second Annual Cardinal Dash Friday around the Luverne School campus. Fifth-grade teacher Gordie Hansen (far right) monitors the more-than-one-mile course.

Cardinal Dash nets \$10,000 for booster club

By Mavis Fodness

Friday's weather was ideal for the Second Annual Cardinal Dash, but fundraising goals fell short for the Parents Partners in Education event.

PPIE will have around \$10,000 to support its various events, down from last year's \$12,600 amount.

"Overall, everyone seems to enjoy it," said organizer Anne Shelton. "Everybody gets outside."

Last month the 539 students at Luverne El-

ementary School were given pledge packets and challenged to gather monetary pledges for the Cardinal Dash: Keeping Cardinal Kids Running.

The Dash replaced the group's previous frozen food fundraiser.

After completing the run, participants gathered on the high school football field for a Zumba session before the award presentation.

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Gravel permit granted despite proximity to private well

By Mavis Fodness

A Rock County resident's worry over his drinking water quality prompted Rock County Commissioners to review a recent gravel extraction request.

At the Tuesday, April 19, County Board meeting, two motions were made to grant conditional use permits to Reker Construction & Aggregate LLC of Adrian.

Reker requested renewal of the five-year gravel extraction permit in Section 26 of Clinton Township.

The first motion to grant the permit lapsed for the lack of a second.

After a break, Commissioner Stan Williamson made the motion again to grant the permit based on the recommendations of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission and the county attorney.

Commissioners unanimously granted Reker the gravel extraction permit.

Hearing on April 11 draws citizen concerns

The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on Reker's permit request and one other request on April 11.

In the public hearing for Reker Construction's conditional use permit, Hartman told commissioners that adjacent property owner Brad Bos raised 13 issues relating to the extraction permit.

Last year Bos drilled a new 40-foot well to supply drinking water to his home. The new well is located on the northeast corner of his farm and 300 feet from the southernmost border of the extraction area.

Current permit conditions require a pit to operate 500 feet from

Gravel permit/see page 8A

Student composes band concert music

By Lori Sorenson

Seventeen-year-old Mitchell Graber hopes to write music for Disney someday.

The Luverne High School junior composed a song called "Glory" that will be performed during Friday night's spring band concert.

The song has an action film sound to it, and it's the first in a portfolio that Graber hopes will lead to a composing career in Hollywood.

"I want to write music for films — maybe Disney," he said when asked what he'll do with a music composition major he's pursuing at Concordia College, Moorhead.

"I enjoy listening to film scores," Graber said when asked what inspired his band concert song. "That is what has had the most influence on my musical writing style and specifically 'Glory.'"

According to Luverne High

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Lori Sorenson photo/mitchel graber music

Mitchell Graber (front) composed a song for Friday's band concert. He's pictured with his choir director Seana Graber and band director Richard Owen.

City lifts water ban that's been in place since 2012

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Tuesday night meeting to lift a watering ban that has been in place since 2012.

Adequate spring rains and winter snow melt have raised the static levels of city wells, but Luverne water users also have the luxury of a guaranteed source from the Missouri River aquifer.

In March the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System officially reached Luverne, which signed up to receive up to 821,000 gallons per day.

The treated water is softer and less expensive than what comes from local wells, which is harder water and requires more treatment.

Since March 18, Luverne has been served 100 percent by the piped-in water from Lewis and Clark. Eventually it will be mixed with

local water from the city's north well field. The city's south well field by the airport will be placed on standby, activated only if needed.

Those south wells are particularly high in manganese and other minerals that make it more expensive to treat, so it makes more sense for the city to rely more on Lewis and Clark water.

At their April 19 meeting, council members discussed their water options and celebrated the fact that Luverne has finally secured a reliable water source.

"It's time to go out and celebrate," Mayor Pat Baustian remarked, adding that it will put Luverne in a better place for future industrial growth.

Luverne will always have the option to fall back on local water

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 2, in the library basement for election of officers. Dianne Karlstad will give a program on self-binding a baby blanket. All quilters are welcome.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the home of clerk Teresa Kramer.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Luverne. Call Stephanie at 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 Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Summer Community Education

Watch your **May 1 Announcer** for the Summer Community Education brochure. Registration for many **summer recreation sport activities is due by Thursday, May 19**. Be sure to sign up for morning recreation, basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis, arts and crafts, gymnastics, football, wrestling, track and field.

Afternoon Escape at Palace April 28

Thanks to sponsors Pizza Ranch and Hartquist Funeral Home, the Palace Theatre in Luverne will show “Spotlight,” the true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese. The movie begins at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28. Admission is \$5.

City to flush fire hydrants May 2-6

The City of Luverne Water Department will flush fire hydrants from Monday, May 2, through Friday, May 6. Residents should check for signs of discoloration before using water. If discoloration appears, run tap water until clear.

Relay for Life caregiver nominations and team registrations due May 1

The Rock County Relay for Life Committee will accept team registrations until May 1 for the June 10 Relay for Life at the Luverne City Park. Community members are also encouraged to nominate a caregiver to be honored at Relay for Life. Nomination forms are available at Mercie Domagala’s office at American Family Insurance on West Main Street or mdomagal@amfam.com. Nominations are due by May 1. Call 507-734-2174 with questions.

Ecumenical breakfast May 4

First Presbyterian Church of Luverne will host an ecumenical breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4. All area women are invited. Speaker will be Deb Rieck on “Proof of Romans 8:28.”

Bank Nite movie ‘Inside Out’ May 5

The free Bank Nite movie, Disney Pixar’s “Inside Out,” rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for “Bank Nite” in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

‘DNA Geneology 101’ offered May 5

Greg Gropel, a member of the Ostfriesland Genealogy Society of America, will offer “DNA Geneology 101” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Luverne Community Ed classroom, CE802. Gropel will share his findings about DNA basics on types of tests, names of testing companies, cost factors and how DNA can be used to determine ethnicity, ancestors migration patterns and to discover lost cousins. Call 283-4724 to register.

Ride to Guthrie for “South Pacific”

Luverne Community Education is offering a trip to the Guthrie Theater Sunday, June 26, to see the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, “South Pacific.” Cost of \$85 covers bus ride and theater ticket. For more details or to register, call 283-4724.

Sanford Hospice hosts charity dinner, auction

By Lori Sorenson

The 18th Annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction drew 375 people to the Sanford Luverne Hospice fundraiser Saturday, April 23.

The Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne accommodated a packed house for the event, which featured a Boston theme.

According to Sanford Luverne Hospice volunteer coordinator Helen Saum, it was too early to know how much money the event brought in, but she said last year’s event raised \$75,000 in net proceeds.

She said 100 percent of the proceeds stay local to support the hospice program, which serves patients and families in a 30-mile radius of Luverne.

“Knowing that 100 percent of the proceeds stay local and directly support hospice care for loved ones and their families in our area is something I am extremely grateful for,” Saum said.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Hospice Awards recognizing three individuals for their contributions to the hospice program. The 2016 Award recipients were Hospice Team member Brigitte Wieneke, Friend of Hospice Nate Golla and Hospice Volunteer Glenda Schomacker.

Wieneke recently retired after working at The Cottage since it opened in 1998 (18 years ago).

“Brigitte is known for her true compassion and the quality of her care given to hundreds of patients over the years as well as the sup-



Award recipients at Saturday night’s Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction include (from left) Nate Golla, 2016 Friend of Hospice; Brigitte Wieneke, 2016 Hospice Team Member; and Glenda Schomacker, 2016 Hospice Volunteer. They were presented with unique art pieces designed by Luverne artist Cody Henrichs.

port to their families,” Paige Hoffman, last year’s honored team member said.

“Brigitte is known for her ability to make people feel at ease, her dignified care to each individual, and she always made time to sit at the bedside and hold a hand of her patients when they need-

ed it. Brigitte is also known for her humor and ‘singing’ around the house. She has been a valued employee and will be missed, but not forgotten, by all those she has come in contact with.”

Golla was chosen as Friend of Hospice by the Hospice Advisory Board for

his important role as master of ceremonies of the annual dinner and auction for the past six years.

“As M.C., Nate keeps the event moving throughout the night and he has a wonderful ability to interact with an audience of nearly 400 people,” Saum said.

“He entices the bidding with his sense of humor and belief in the cause. Nate was honored for his personal and professional support of the hospice program over the years.”

Schomacker served as a Patient Care Volunteer since 2003. She completed additional 11th Hour Volunteer training and often volunteered from midnight to early morning shifts to stay at the bedside of an actively dying patient.

“She is truly caring and compassionate and a valued long-time hospice volunteer and deserving of this recognition,” Saum said.

Award recipients received a unique artwork this year created by Cody Henrichs.

Henrichs lives in Luverne with his wife, Nicole (Aaker), and he teaches art at Adrian High School. The awards were of two hands cast and set in a wooden frame. “Hands mark the human connection in hospice care, and hands are often the first and last point of connection in life and in death,” Henrichs said.

Questions about hospice care or services available may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice office at 283-1805.

Birkestrand retires from Rock County Heartland Express

By Mavis Fodness

With the retirement of longtime Heartland Express employee Elaine Birkestrand set for Sunday, May 1, county officials have been discussing different options to fill her position.

Heartland Express provides public transportation to families, older adults and people with disabilities.

The countywide service began in 1991.

Birkestrand began as a part-time bus driver in 1994 a year after the local service earned the Minnesota Public Transit of the Year award from the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

“It’s really a great service in our county,” Birkestrand said.

In the years since she has worked with the Heartland Express, Birkestrand will leave as its full-time dispatcher and administrative assistant.

County commissioners voted to fill the dispatcher position immediately and on April 19 adopted a resolution

to work with Western Community Action.

WCA could provide management services to the county’s transit service including the insurance billing to various entities currently completed by Birkestrand.

“We don’t want to do anything that would be a detriment to our current services and take a step backward,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

More than 25,000 rides are provided and buses travel more than 75,000 miles in the county on a yearly basis.

Additional rides are coordinated through Heartland’s volunteer driver program for transportation outside of Rock County.

WCA’s Community Transit program currently provides rides in five counties of Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Cottonwood and Jackson. WCA also coordinates or manages the public transit systems in Pipestone and Murray counties.

Summer recreation book coming

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Registration for many **summer recreation sport activities** is due by **Thursday, May 19**. Be sure to sign up for morning recreation, basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis, arts and crafts, gymnastics, football, wrestling, track and field. For information or to register for these activities call Community Ed at 283-4724.

Flag Football begins on **May 3** for Grades 1 and 2. Fee is \$15.

Defensive Driving Refresher class meets **May 19**. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

Discovery **Time School Readiness Preschool** registrations are being accepted now for September of 2016. There are classes for ages three, four and five.

Families, daycares, and visitors are invited to play and learn in the **Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom** located on the southwest corner of school property. Engraved brick pavers line the path into the classroom and are sold to cover costs for upkeep and new materials. For paver ordering information, call 283-4724.

New residents — census information needed for pre-school children: If you are new to the community, please call Community Education at 283-4724 with your family information for all children ages 0 up to kindergarten. The school district uses the information for planning purposes, mailing out flyers regarding school events, including the state-mandated preschool screening for all 3-year-old children living in Minnesota. If your child is 4 years old and has not been screened, please call 283-4724. The screening should be completed prior to kindergarten.

Preschool Classes for ages 3 – 5 Years: Half day Preschool classes are offered during the school year for children who are 3 years of age up to kindergarten age. Enrollments are accepted throughout the school year. Age is determined as of Sept. 1 of present school year. Free or reduced rates are available if income guidelines are met. Call 283-4724 for more information.



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Values rise 3 percent in Beaver Creek

Two property values reduced at board of equalization meeting

By Mavis Fodness

Recent property sales in Beaver Creek prompted local assessors to increase market values.

However, the increase wasn't as much as necessary to meet state requirements.

Tom Houselog, Rock County Land Records director, explained the increase in market values to Beaver Creek City Council members at their annual board of appeals and equalization meeting Wednesday evening, April 20.

Beaver Creek had five qualified sales from October 2014 to September 2015 with a median price at 84.95 percent of current market values.

State statute requires market values of similar properties to stay between 90 and 105 percent.

The analysis of qualifying sales above or below that percentage determines if a particular market's value is increased or decreased.

If six home sales occurred within the time period instead of five, Houselog said he would have been mandated to reach the 90 percent level this year. However, he was able to negotiate for an increase of half the amount under a plan with state officials.

Some properties in Beaver Creek experienced a significant drop in market value while others increased.

Houselog said he dropped the value of the Beaver Creek golf course and clubhouse a collective 24.5 percent. The course dropped 50 percent in market value with the lack of maintained greens.

He said he treated the land value at 25 percent over the market value of pastureland. The value of the clubhouse was raised about 25 percent.

One sale of a shed prompted Houselog and city assessor Pete Jesson to take a closer look at all sheds located within the city of Beaver Creek.

Houselog said they found two distinct shed models with two other sheds similar to the one sold.

The research prompted one property to be increased 79.7 percent in value to bring

"We were just trying to equalize the same properties."

— Tom Houselog, Rock County Land Records director

that structure within the 95 percent of the sold shed's market value.

Of the three residents attending the meeting, two questioned the large increase. "I felt it (the valuation) was extremely low to the other two," Houselog said.

Jessen didn't attend the April 20 public meeting.

The two developed a comparable market price formula for the sheds using the size, height, materials, purpose and age of the building rather than basing market value on the one qualified sale.

"We were just trying to equalize the same properties," Houselog said.

After the analysis was applied to the shed properties, one property was at 100 percent of market value.

The council voted 3-0 (Mayor Jamie Dysthe abstained from voting and Josh Boomgaarden wasn't at the meeting) to lower the value of the property at 314 E. First Ave. to the 95 percent level as the other comparable properties.

Arnold and Debra Brondsema are listed as owners of the property, according to Houselog.

The council heard Ted Winter's request to reduce the market value on his residential property at 201 S. Second St.

The home has a partial basement, which decreases the home's value, Winter pointed out. Houselog agreed and the council approved of the change.



Lori Sorenson photo/0428 ostermeier

Southwest Crisis Center volunteer Ginny Ostermeier will be honored at Saturday's Faces of Hope banquet. "It's really important that you're a good listener, because it's all about them," she said of her work.

Rock County volunteer honored at Crisis Center banquet

Southwest Crisis Center hosts Faces of Hope banquet Saturday, April 30

By Lori Sorenson

Ginny Ostermeier knows what it's like to be in crisis and to need help.

That's why she was happy to give back when she had an opportunity to volunteer at the Southwest Crisis Center as an advocate for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

"Like many advocates, I've had past experiences with that, and I had people beside me during that time and it's so important," Ostermeier said.

"When you're going through trauma, you're ashamed and you find it hard to talk about. It makes it hard to trust people."

Being able to tell victims she's been there and she understands has made Ostermeier a valuable Crisis Center advocate over the past several years.

It's also what led her peers to nominate her for this year's Faces of Hope Award, which she'll receive at the Southwest Crisis Center's annual banquet Saturday, April 30, in Windom.

"Ginny has a quiet, calm demeanor and instantly puts survivors/victims at ease," said Kari Drost of the Southwest Crisis Center nominating committee.

Drost said Ostermeier once

reached out to a woman who wasn't even aware of the Crisis Center, but Ostermeier accompanied the woman to court and helped her through the crisis.

"I didn't do it for that reason," Ostermeier said about the award.

"I love the girls in the office, and I'm very grateful for all the training."

She will be honored on April 30 with volunteers from the other four counties served by the Southwest Crisis Center. They are Worthington Police Detective Dave Hoffman, Assistant Cottonwood County Attorney Lori Buchheim, Pipestone County Deputy Court Clerk Jason Shear and Jackson County Sheriff's Investigator Kelly Mitchell.

Ostermeier said she's looking forward to the event as an opportunity to encourage more people to volunteer for the Southwest Crisis Center in the spotlight.

"More people should consider it," she said about becoming an advocate.

"They train you in everything you need to know about being an advocate. ... You just talk when they come through the door. And you listen. A lot of listening. It's really important that you're a good listener, because it's all about them."

The Faces of Hope banquet

begins with a social hour at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation and a dance. The location is the Windom Community Center.

Tickets for the banquet, which is a primary fundraiser for the Crisis Center, are available at the Southwest Crisis Center office at 114 West Main Street, Luverne, for \$35. The phone number is 283-9917.

They are also available online at www.mnswcc.org. Seating for a table of eight can be purchased for \$250.

All money raised will help fund direct services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.

About the Southwest Crisis Center

The Southwest Crisis Center provides a wide variety of support and information to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.

It is the initial contact for victims in crisis through a 24-hour safe line, as well as through referrals from law enforcement, medical personnel, court administration, and other agencies such as churches, and health and human service groups. More information is available at www.mnswcc.org.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month; TXT4Life saves lives

By Lori Sorenson

Saving a life could be as simple as a text message.

A team of local professionals is working to get the message out about TXT4Life, a suicide prevention resource that uses texting as a way for those in crisis to seek help anonymously.

Because youth are most at risk for suicide (the second leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds), it's designed to respond to their most-used method of communication.

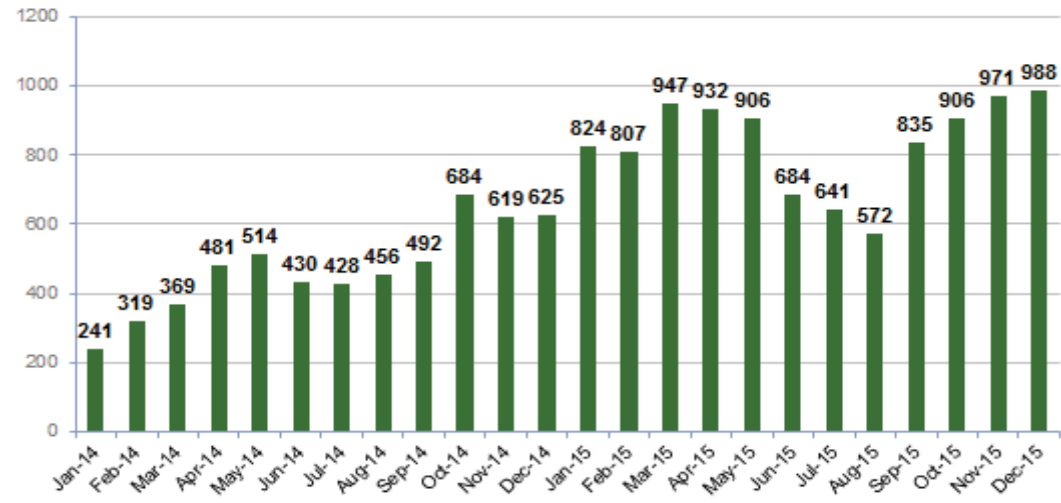
"Teens were not getting connected to crisis services by phone calls," said Amber Nase, regional TXT4Life coordinator for Southwestern Mental Health Center.

"Calling and talking directly to someone can be difficult, so texting may be easier and more comfortable for teens reaching out for help."

The service is free, confidential and anonymous, and it's available anytime, day or night.

And it's not just for youth. "Anyone can use it, regardless of their age or location," said Nase, whose work covers Rock, Nobles, Pipestone, Cottonwood and Jackson counties.

Here's how it works: When individuals text the word "life" to 6122, they are connected with trained counselors who can listen, provide tools and resources and help them get to a safe place, both emotionally and physically. In 2013, the first year it was offered, the program handled 3,480 text sessions in the five-county southwest Minnesota area. In 2014 there



This TXT4Life graphic shows texts by month, noting that activity spikes around the holidays.

were 5,658 and last year there were 10,000.

"The numbers are kind of shocking," said Scott Johnson, director of the Southwestern Mental Health Center in Luverne. "When Amber goes out and presents, we start getting texts. It's getting used."

He said the biggest challenge is sharing information about TXT4Life with those who could be helped by it.

"We're still losing people; the folks who are isolated and don't reach out are the most

at risk," Johnson said. "One of the important things is to get the word out."

That's why the Southwestern Mental Health Center applied for — and received — a grant through Canvas Health to fund Nase's half-time job, which is to spread the word about TXT4Life.

She visits with schools, organizations, hospitals, law enforcement, crisis centers and other groups. She also sets up booths at area events, like the recent home show in Luverne and at the Rock

County Fair.

The service is available in 39 Minnesota Counties and will be expanded to the rest of Greater Minnesota as funding allows.

Nase said her presentations are most effective in small settings like school health classes.

"We talk about who could be at risk — really, anyone could be at risk — and we have them take out their phones and enter the text number," Nase said.

Johnson pointed out that

no one is immune from mental health problems.

"It's an equal opportunity illness. It can affect anyone at any time," he said. "Serious mental health conditions can be severely disabling at times and sometimes life-threatening."

It's important to intervene before a condition is left untreated for too long, and Johnson said 85 percent of people respond well to treatment, whether it's medication or therapy or both.

So far, the majority (58 percent) of TXT4Life sessions have been with females between the ages of 12-17. The primary issues were suicide (22 percent), mental health (21 percent) and relationships (12 percent).

"We mostly help people who are contemplating suicide," Johnson said. "They may be feeling hopeless or helpless, or they may have lost a job or lost a loved one."

In addition to promoting TXT4Life, Nase talks about local resources that are available.

For example, SWMH has a mobile crisis team of mental health professionals that can respond to emergencies — on site if need be. The Mobile

Crisis Hotline number is 1-800-642-1525.

Often the help comes via certified on-call professionals who listen to problems and steer people toward resources in their communities.

"They could potentially save a life," Nase said.

"When people come up to me and say they used the program, when I learn that it impacted even one person, it's rewarding to me."

Johnson said, "It does save lives. We have intervened in life-threatening situations and it's rewarding. ... These are real things that cause people real distress, and they need help."

Sometimes people check back in later to say how they're doing. "I've had help since the last time I've texted in," was one message that came in on April 8, 2015. "I'm getting treatment, and I want to thank you for saving my life."

To learn more about TXT4Life, see www.txt4life.org.

For more information about mental health services in southwest Minnesota, see www.swmhc.org.

Open House
Bridal Shower
Peyten Petersen
Bride to be of
Derek Elbers
SATURDAY
APRIL 30
12 PM
American Reformed
Church, Luverne
The couple is registered at Sears and Bed, Bath & Beyond

Bernice Christensen
SATURDAY
APRIL 30
80th BIRTHDAY
Card Shower
The family is having a card shower. Please help give Bernice a birthday to remember by filling her mailbox with birthday wishes!
Greetings may be sent to:
105 Parkview Dr
Lake Benton, MN 56149

Come & Go Bridal Shower
Krista Getzel
BRIDE-TO-BE OF Jonathan Kurtz
Saturday,
MAY 7
11AM - 1PM
Senior Center
Luverne
The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond
Please bring a favorite recipe to share.

Tractors, Trucks & Eight Point Bucks - That's what little boys are made of!
Baby Boy Shower
Brandt
Kelsey & Greg Brandt
Saturday, May 7
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
GrandStay Hotel, Luverne
One request, please bring a book instead of a card and write a note inside.
Registered at Target

Trying to record history when history decides to be history before it hits the printed page

Story development takes on different forms in the world of journalism.

There are timeless stories — those that can be published anytime and entertain readers about a subject.

Then there are the fast-breaking stories. These are full of facts about an event or incident. These run in the upcoming publication and inform readers of the latest news.

And then there are the stories completed as a record of history.

These stories can be tricky as to when they should be written. Reporters run the chance that the record of history could be history before it ever hits the printed page.

It was one of those stories that I researched but never wrote because events changed too quickly.

In February gasoline prices in Minnesota hit a 13-year low. That's not a monumental number but one that deserved some recognition in the local paper for the sake of history.

At Luverne stations a gallon of retail gas cost drivers \$1.49 and the price appeared to be heading lower. The question and the hesitancy in completing the story was how low the gas and diesel prices would go before they would start rising again.

I did some preliminary research and asked a few people about how they felt about the current gas prices.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Eastern Farmers Co-op's Dan Kindt said the low prices were bringing smiles to everybody who was filling their tanks.

"Wow. This is a lot better than last year," Kindt reported vehicle owners saying.

Last year in Minnesota gas at the pump averaged \$2.43 per gallon, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Two years ago the average was \$3.36.

At almost half the price, a story on local gas prices appeared to be warranted. However, I wasn't fast enough in putting the fingers to the keyboard.

In a matter of days, the price of gas was higher by double digits.

With the story of low gas prices no longer a timely story, my notes lingered on my computer, figuratively gathering dust.

Personally, however, I couldn't be happier that prices are still relatively low. With a new horse trailer in our driveway, I am looking forward to trying a little camping this year.

Gas prices are forecast around the current \$2.04 per gallon for the rest of the year.

It is hoped, however, that my travel plans don't cause gas prices to rise as they did when I tried to capture history in a story.

'It's not your fault.'

A letter to survivors of sexual assault

Entire month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Jen Lindsey
Southwest Crisis Center advocate, Rock County office

Dear survivors of sexual assault,

It's not your fault. You didn't ask for it. I believe you.

You might be thinking that you're not a victim of sexual violence because you weren't kicking and screaming or because it was someone you knew. The truth is that 82 percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone the victim knows. Sexual assault is not only what most people think of as rape. If another person has had any kind of unwanted sexual contact with you that left you feeling violated, confused, guilty or ashamed, you could be a victim of sexual assault.

It's OK if you didn't fight back or say no. Most people don't. It's your body and no one has a right to touch it without your consent. Sometimes we are scared to say no. Sometimes we freeze and don't know what to do. Sometimes we feel like we have to say yes even when we don't want to. Silence, tolerance and submission are not consent.

Sexual assault can look like a friendly hug that turns into an unwanted groping. It can be a touch that's made to look accidental. It can be a "if you love me, you'll let me," "you have to finish what you started," "you're just so beautiful I can't control myself," "have a few more drinks so you'll loosen up," or "I'll be so depressed and kill myself if I can't have you." These are coercive and emotionally abusive tactics. It's scary and confusing to think about but this is not part of a healthy relationship. It gets even more confusing

when it's someone close to us that we care about. We don't want to make them angry, hurt them, send them to jail, ruin their lives or have our friends and neighbors find out. What many people don't realize is that by the time a sexual assault occurs, the victim has oftentimes already suffered emotional abuse that has given the perpetrator power and keeps victims silent and blaming themselves. So most survivors stay silent.

Even if you do find the strength to tell someone, you may get responses such as "why didn't you tell anyone sooner?" "why didn't you defend yourself?" "I'd never let him get away with that," or "what did you do to encourage him?" This might be hurtful and make you regret telling anyone.

These are victim-blaming statements, and sadly a lot of people unknowingly say things that will only make you feel worse. I hope that you have supportive people in your life and don't have to experience that. Eventually you may come to a point in your healing journey where you don't need validation from others. You know the truth, what he/she did, the kind of person he/she is and the strength it took to put the broken pieces of yourself back together.

You can make your own choices, you can tell someone or you can keep it to yourself. It's not about getting justice or doing what you're told is the right thing. It's about doing what you need to do to heal and be whole again. Whatever you decide, this is

what I want you to know. It's not your fault and you didn't ask for it. You're not responsible for another person's actions just because you're pretty, sweet, understanding, a good listener or any other kind of wonderful.

You didn't deserve it because of what you were wearing, how you treated him/her or anything that happened in the past. You might feel alone because no one understands and no one believes you. You may be too scared and lost to search the darkness you're in but there are others there with you, others who understand and who will believe you.

I'm sorry that sexual assault happened to you and I'm sorry if you're suffering because of it.

Sexual assault is a trauma. The ability to take steps forward is often impaired and sometimes help is needed. If you're struggling with feelings of guilt, fear, powerlessness, shame, betrayal, anger and denial, we have advocates you can talk to.

The Southwest Crisis Center provides a wide variety of support and information to victims and survivors of sexual assault in southwestern Minnesota. Our services are free, confidential and victim-centered, which means you will guide your own process, make your own decisions, and can count on us for information, support, and referral. Please call 507-283-9917 for our Luverne office, visit our website www.mnswcc.org or call 1-800-376-4311 for 24-hour assistance.

Years of tying shoes the wrong way is easily corrected

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but I am here to tell you this old dog can still be trained.

I was on a sales call at Cragoe Realty last week and it's not unusual for Gene Cragoe and me to get enthralled in a conversation about this, that or the other thing. Well, last week we had one of those conversations, and about midway through discussing the topic of the day, Gene leans over to me and says, "You tie your shoes wrong."

I told him, "I have been tying my shoes that way all my life and now you come along and tell me I'm doing it wrong."

Not only have I been tying my shoes the same way for 50-plus years, I have been double-knotting them for the past 30 years. Nonetheless, according to Gene, I was doing it wrong.

As you can imagine, the topic of discussion changed from whatever we were talking about to shoe-tying.

It wasn't long and Gene was giving me a shoe-tying lesson.

Apparently where I was going astray was after I make my bunny ear



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

with one side of the lace I was wrapping the other string over the bunny ear. Instead, according to Gene, "the shoe tying police," I should go under the bunny ear.

You might be asking yourself as I did, "What difference does it make?" Well, according to the shoe-tying police, the bunny ears flop neatly to each side of your shoe if tied correctly.

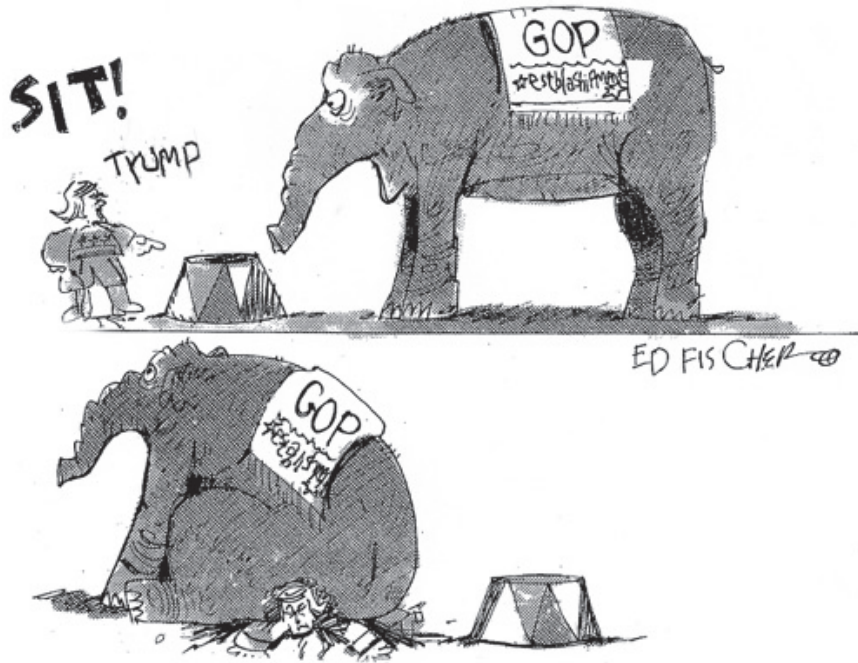
Gene also says they stay tied better so I won't have to double-knot my shoes anymore. Truth be told, I wasn't really buying into this looping the string under the bunny ear crap, but I figured we would agree to disagree.

Later that day I was putting my

shoes on, and as I was tying them, I thought about our conversation earlier that day. So I thought, "What the heck. I'll give it a try." Tying your shoes the same way all your life and then suddenly changing the way you do it is a bit of a challenge.

After a couple of attempts I mastered it. I felt like a 3-year-old who just successfully tied his shoes for the first time. Sure enough, the bunny ears flop one on each side of my shoe just like Gene said they would, and I haven't had to double-knot my laces either.

So there you go. This old dog learned a new trick and is tying his shoes the Gene Cragoe way.



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. Questions can be directed to editor@star-herald.com, or 507-283-2333.

Remembering those who served our country; Luverne's Poppy Day scheduled for May 26

To the Editor:

Each year, usually in May, you see citizens wearing little red crepe paper poppies. These flowers, the memorial flowers of the American Legion Auxiliary, are offered to you by volunteers of the American Legion Post #123.

This year in Luverne Poppy Day will be Thursday, May 26. This is not

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just a local program; it is a nationwide program.

Thousands of America's fighting men and women have been called to make the sacrifice for freedom, and the poppy has become the symbol of all our past wars.

This is why we ask you to please place this little red poppy over your heart in tribute to the sacrifices they made.

We cannot stress enough that

these poppies are never sold. They are given in exchange for a donation. We assure you any amount is certainly appreciated.

Another good question: What is the money used for? It is used for veterans and their families.

Now to the great need of military families the American Legion Executive Committee voted to expand the

use of funds to active duty service members and their families who demonstrate a financial need.

When you are asked to wear a little red poppy, smile, accept the poppy, pause for a few moments, remember the men and women who serve our country.

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Luverne FCCLA Chapter competes at state event

The Luverne FCCLA Chapter had 14 students attend the state conference and compete in STAR events.

Through their hard work and dedication eight students brought home a gold placing, five students brought home a silver placing and one student brought home a bronze placing.

Zoe Brown placed first in her STAR event category, which qualifies her for the National FCCLA conference in July.

Over 1,000 middle and high school students gathered for Minnesota FCCLA's (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) annual State Leadership Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel April 14-16.

This year's student-created theme was "Agents of Change" celebrating the organization's 70th birthday.

Another feature at the state conference included participation in over 30 different categories through STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events.

Chapter members gave presentations about projects they've organized and executed this past year (having advanced from Regional competitions) for an opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference in San Diego this summer.

Projects covered a wide scope of current issues that address anything from bullying, to fitness to traffic safety.

The three-day conference also included student officer elections on the regional and state levels, a silent auction, and a distracted driving summit. These opportunities gave participants time to unite and collaborate in a positive, youth-orientated atmosphere.

FCCLA—a nationwide Career and Technical Student Organization—helps students



Submitted photo

Luverne FCCLA members who participated in state competition include (front row from left) Zoe Brown, Nicole Aanenson, Alyssa Kienholz, (second row) Sam Aanenson, Mira Uithoven, (third row) Adriana Gonzalez, Jenna Schelhaas, Courtney Wendland, (fourth row) Grace Sweeney, Melissa Tweet, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, (back) Kat Siebert and Nicole Kneip. Madi Oye is not pictured.

develop leadership skills and address important societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences

education.

The organization nationally has over 200,000 members from 50 state associa-

tions, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, involving over 10 million youth since its founding in 1945.

CELEBRATIONS

Open House

An open house bridal shower for **Savannah Tuzo**, bride-to-be of **John Sandbulte**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Reformed Church of Steen.

Card Shower

Bernice Christensen will celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday, April 30. Greetings may be sent to her at 105 Parkview Drive, Lake Benton, MN 56149.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, May 2: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti, fruit, green beans, garlic bread, ice cream.

Program: 1 p.m. Senior Citizens meeting.

Tuesday, May 3: Hamburger, oven-browned potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb sauce.

Program: Two-buck Tuesdaysponsored by St. John Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, May 4: Chicken in cream sauce, biscuit, peas and carrots, peaches, cream puff dessert.

Program: Honor Korean

Veterans.

Thursday, May 5: Pork loin, potatoes, creamed carrots, bread, poke cake.

Program: Music and Dancing with Bruce Dysthe.

Friday, May 6: Taco salad, fresh fruit, bar.

Program: Students visit with Senior Service Day.

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

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

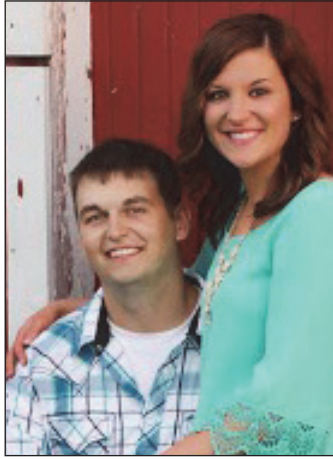
ENGAGEMENT

Darwin and Darla Timmer, Ellsworth, and Terrence and Kim Clark, Sibley, Iowa, announce the engagement of their children, Leah Timmer and Austin Clark.

Leah is a 2010 graduate of Ellsworth Public High School, Ellsworth, and a 2014 graduate of South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota. She is employed at U.S. Bank in Sibley, Iowa.

Austin is a 2011 graduate of George Little Rock High School in George, Iowa, and a 2015 graduate of South Dakota State University, Brookings. He farms near Sibley.

The couple is planning a July 9, 2016, wedding at the



Leah Timmer and Austin Clark

Christian Reformed Church in Luverne.

Student artwork displayed in Sioux Falls museum

The artwork of 17-year-old Brandon Sprock, son of Luverne High School graduate Sara (Schomacker) Sprock, is on display at the Museum of Visual Materials, Sioux Falls, through April 30.

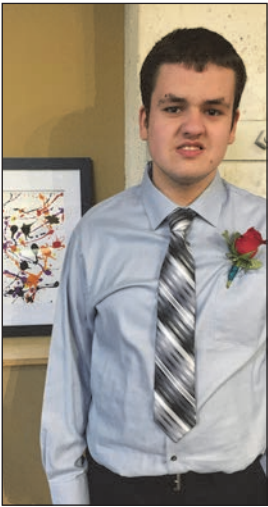
In December the South Dakota Arts Council and Arts South Dakota put out a call for art to be created by students across the state of South Dakota.

Sprock, a student at LifeScape Specialty School in Sioux Falls and a George, Iowa, native, was one of those artists to provide artwork in hopes of being featured in the South Dakota Arts Advocacy Day at the South Dakota State Legislature.

Sprock's artwork, "Splat," was one of those chosen from more than 200 submissions and was presented to the State Legislature as evidence of the importance of the arts in the education of youth.

Sprock has faced many challenges in navigating the world as a person living with autism, but the art room has been an exception, according to his mother.

"In the art room it does not matter that there may be communication barriers or learning challenges — the arts



Brandon Sprock is pictured with his artwork that is on display at the Museum of Visual Materials in Sioux Falls through April 30.

have allowed him to create, express, live, and succeed in his own unique and vibrant way," she said.

"In the art room Brandon has no difficulty; he creates from his heart, full of life and carefree — which shows so much more of his amazing personality."

When asked if Brandon wanted to participate in this opportunity to create for the South Dakota Legislature, she said there was no question. "Any chance he can get to splatter paint with his teacher, he will take it."

Brandon is the grandson of LeRoy and Glenda Schomacker, Luverne.

SCHOOL NEWS

Taubert initiated into Phi Eta Sigma

Carey Taubert, Hills-Beaver Creek High School, was initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines. Membership in the Morningside chapter is open to full-time freshman men who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Area students to graduate from Minnesota West

Minnesota West Community and Technical College will recognize graduates at commencement ceremonies on area campuses on the following dates:

•Luverne Center and Pipestone Campus – 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Pipestone High School Gymnasium.

•Worthington Campus – 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Minnesota West Center for Health and Wellness.

•Jackson Campus – 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center.

•Canby Campus – 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Canby High School Gymnasium.

•Granite Falls Campus – 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the Yellow Medicine East High School Gymnasium.

Area students graduating from Minnesota West are as follows:

•Adrian: SamanthaJo Buffington, Christalee Castaneda, Harlie Homan, Nancy Landeros, Breanne Lyons and Alex Ochiengi.

•Hills: Rachel Horsman and Heather Klarenbeek.

•Luverne: Kierstin Aanenson, Gretchen Feight Nowatzki, Tesfaye

For best control attack now while weeds are still actively growing

Driving through town yesterday, I commented that our spring season is a full two weeks ahead of average. The flowering crab blossoms are opening and the color of tulips and Virginia bluebells is what I hope to see the week of Mother's Day. Two weeks less of winter is fine in my book and I am appreciating every day of it!

If you have weeds and creeping Charlie showing up in your lawn, this is the perfect time to attack that problem. Weed sprays are most effective when the weeds are growing actively, and they are really growing actively right now.

Vegetables you should be getting planted soon in your



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

garden are peas, onions, beets, carrots, radishes, potatoes, lettuce in any form, spinach, kale, kohlrabi, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage and onions. These vegetables prefer a cool soil temperature to get growing, and that good start will make a big difference in their productivity later.

If your landscape has perennials that seem to be getting too big, i.e.: miniature daylilies, purple dome asters, tall orna-

mental grass, hosta, etc., this is a good time to get out your spade and remove half of that clump. Fill the vacated spot with soil and the shape of the remaining plant will not be affected. You will be rewarded with a much healthier perennial that will be less susceptible to disease problems and produce better color.

Many perennial plants expand toward the outside of their growing perimeter, and the center often dies out from being too

crowded. You can't prevent this, but you will alleviate the problem by removing half and thereby create a new outside edge.

And speaking of perennials, this is the best time to apply a granular fertilizer to provide a nutrient boost for those plants for the growing season. Perennials have their burst of new growth at this point in the growing season after which they mature and develop their blooming apparatus.

In my article last week, I talked about applying Systemic Rose Care. This is a granular product, not a liquid spray as the heading given to my article indicated. I apologize if that was misleading to you.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iuu.net.

OBITUARIES

Brant Israelson

Brant W. Israelson, 52, Hesperia, California, died April 16, 2016, in Hesperia.

A memorial service was Saturday, April 23, at Burning Bush Church in Victorville, California.

Brant was born July 15, 1963, to Raney and Janet Israelson in Shenandoah, Iowa. The family moved to Hickman, Nebraska, when he was 2 years old. When he was 15, the family moved to Luverne. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1981 and attended college in Willmar.

In 1985 he moved to Yermo, California, where he started in the water well drilling and pump industry. In 2004 he started working for Layne Christensen as an account manager.

During his career he developed a special relationship with his clients and co-workers.

Brant was a larger-than-

life man who was charismatic, honest, funny, yet witty and sarcastic. He had a passion for golf, the Nebraska Cornhuskers and singing country music. Brant took pride in everything he did. He loved his family and friends.

Brant is survived by his grandmother, Madge May; his parents, Janet and Raney Israelson; his wife, Valerie; sons Tyler (Renee and grandchildren Austin and Connor), Tanner, Angel and Dominic; a daughter, Miraya; a sister, Staci (Monte) Zwaan; nieces Mackenzi and Chazni, and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, maternal grandfather and a nephew, Zachary Zwaan.

Arrangements were by Desert View Funeral Home of Victorville, California, www.dignitymemorial.com.

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Marcella Mielke

Marcella Dorothy "Sally" Mielke, 99, New Ulm, died Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Center in Luverne.

A mass of Christian burial was Friday, April 22, at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Burial followed in the New Ulm Catholic Cemetery.

Marcella Dorothy Mueller was born Oct. 4, 1916, to Joseph and Helena (Brandel) Mueller in West Newton Township, Nicollet County.

She married Leonard Mielke on Oct. 17, 1933, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in New Ulm. Sally was employed at Veigel's Kaiserhoff where she was known as the "Rib Lady" from 1951 to 1996 when she retired.

Sally was a member of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Christian Mothers Society and the Active Friends Extension Group. She enjoyed listening

to old time music and tending her flower garden. Sally enjoyed playing scrabble with friends at the Senior Citizens Center, scrapbooking, and doll collecting. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends.

Sally is survived by her son, Leonard Mielke Jr., Cedar; three daughters, Carol Haycraft, Luverne, Jan Ginn, New Ulm, and Ruth (Richard) Koppen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lorraine Mielke, Sleepy Eye.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sons, William Mielke in infancy and Richard Mielke, and her sons-in-law Richard Haycraft and Richard "Dick" Ginn.

Arrangements were by Minnesota Valley Funeral Home North Chapel in New Ulm, www.mvfh.org

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•National Guard members from the Luverne and Pipestone unit have been gone since September and deployed last month to Iraq.

But that doesn't mean they're completely without the comforts of home.

Family Readiness Coordinator Gina Newman and several families of deployed soldiers have been arranging to send monthly care packages overseas.

25 years ago (1991)

•In a sudden move which few people expected, Lampert Building Center made a corporate decision to close its Luverne yard last week.

Company employees in the affected stores received notice on Friday afternoon.

The Luverne store closed for the final time at noon on Saturday.

50 years ago (1966)

•Area Highway Patrolmen of late have been trying out a new and improved means of measuring and recording vehicle speeds on highways. Tuesday afternoon State Highway Patrol Sgt. Joel Brown of Worthington demonstrated the equipment in Luverne.

The equipment, which operates for hours off an ordinary 12-volt battery via a cigarette lighter attachment, can measure the speed of vehicles at distances up to 1,500 feet on cars and 3,000 feet on trucks.

75 years ago (1941)

•Complete modernization of the domestic science department of the Luverne high school was voted at an adjourned meeting of the board of education Monday evening. In the change the present gas stoves will be discarded and eight new electric stoves installed. A complete outfit of new fixtures, including sinks and cupboards will also be installed and other facilities added.

The present equipment in the department has been in use for many years, and owing to the changes in domestic science work modernization of the equipment has become imperative.

100 years ago (1916)

•With several different road grading machines already here, the indications are that the road building contest to be held next Tuesday, May 2nd, by the county commissioners, will be an event of much importance to all township officers, road overseers and others interested in road work.

The commissioners desire to purchase a road grader, and the contest has been arranged for in order to enable the different manufactures of graders to demonstrate the possibilities of their machines and incidentally to enable the board to decide which grader is best suited for their needs. Consequently the concerns competing will undoubtedly leave no stone, or dirt either, unturned in their efforts to secure the order.

Olga Thorson Gabrielson

Olga Edith Thorson Gabrielson, 85, Luverne, died Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at the Crossroads Care Center in Worthington.

A funeral service was Saturday, April 23, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Olga Haaak was born April 6, 1931, to Adolf and Ragna (Langsnes) Haaakon the Langsnes farm near Konsmo, Norway. She was baptized and confirmed in the Konsmo Lutheran Church. She received her education through the Agedal school system. She then furthered her education by attending gymnasium (college) in Mandal and studied what at that time was called "Engelskinja", which was a humanities study of English and German language. Olga then attended and graduated from the business school (Handelsskolen) in Kristiansand. She then went to work at the Hoie factory (http://hoie.com). The company offered her a job to travel to the United States to learn English and then return to Norway to be responsible for the English correspondence. Olga traveled to the United States in May of 1954. She was met in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by her sister Esther and family of Luverne. While Olga was at her sister's, she worked at housekeeping, babysitting and at the Farmers Union. She later took a job waitressing at the Luverne Pool Hall Café, where she met Lawrence Thorson.

On Feb. 26, 1956, Olga married Lawrence Thorson at Zion Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple made their home on Lawrence's farm southeast of Luverne and farmed together until their retirement in 1990. In 1994 they moved into town.

Dianne Johnson

Dianne J. Johnson, 64, Ellsworth, died Monday, April 18, 2016, at Sanford Luverne Hospice in Luverne.

A funeral service was Friday, April 22, at Bethel Reformed Church in rural Little Rock, Iowa. Burial followed at Bethel Reformed Cemetery.

Dianne Jean Bergman was born Aug. 3, 1951, to John Bergman and Margaret (Stratmeier) at Sibley, Iowa. She was raised on a farm near Little Rock. She attended school in Little Rock and graduated from Little Rock High School.

On Feb. 9, 1971, Dianne married Harlan Johnson at Salem Reformed Church in Little Rock. They made their home near Ellsworth for a couple of years. In 1974 they moved to Adrian until 1986. From 1987 to 1990 they lived on a farm near Ellsworth before moving into Ellsworth in 1990. Dianne worked as a church secretary at the Adrian/Magnolia United Methodist Church, at the Ellsworth Veterinary Clinic as a receptionist, and as head cook at the Ellsworth Public School. She also did various cake decorating and event catering.

Dianne was a member of the Bethel Reformed Church

Lawrence died Feb. 13, 1997.

On Jan. 10, 1998, Olga married Russell Gabrielson at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. He died Oct. 19, 2007. In May 2014 Olga became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. In December 2014 she moved to the Crossroads Care Center in Worthington.

Olga was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was an active member of GLCW and served as the Ways and Means chairperson of her circle. She and her sister Esther made 130 Kransekake (Norwegian wedding cakes) for many area weddings. Olga enjoyed entertaining family and friends, especially during the holidays. Some of her hobbies included swimming, baking, taking walks and painting.

She is survived by two children, Pamela (Jack) Hommen of Fargo, North Dakota, and Jeffrey Thorson of Luverne; two grandchildren, Andrew (Nikki) Hommen of Avon, and Alicia (Randy) McCullum of Eagan; five great-grandchildren, Brandon and Molly Hommen, and Jackson, Madison, and Tyson McCullum; two sisters, Esther Olson of Luverne, and Torhild (Baard) Hageland of Hageland, Norway; a sister-in-law, Karen Haaak of Konsmo, Norway; the family of Russell Gabrielson; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Lawrence Thorson and Russell Gabrielson; a daughter, Kathryn Thorson; her parents; and two brothers, Reidar (Ingemarie) Haaak and Ragnvald Haaak.

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

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Robert Jensen

Robert Craig "Bob" Jensen, 73, Luverne, died Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne at a later date. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Robert Jensen was born Aug. 20, 1942, to Morris and Lola (Johnson) Jensen in Luverne. He was raised, confirmed and educated in Luverne.

He graduated from Luverne High School in 1960. Bob served his country in the Minnesota National Guard from 1964 to 1970.

He worked at Thermo King Refrigeration before working with Elliott & Anderson Floor Covering for over 28 years. After retiring in the early 1990s, he held various

part-time jobs.

Bob was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, where he volunteered many hours, and he was a current member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Bob volunteered at Project Car for many years. He belonged to the Autobahn BMW Riders and the Siouxland Goldwing club. He enjoyed riding motorcycles for over fifty years.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Kristin Togtman, Arlington, Texas; two nieces, Brenda Rieger, Sioux Falls, and Annie Kamphaus, Nevis; a cousin, Ike (Doreen) Wiese, Luverne; special friends Duane and Peg Lammert, Sioux Falls; and several other cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carol Christianson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

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Albert Bot

Albert Francis "Al" Bot, 94, Luverne, died Sunday, April 24, 2016, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Albert Bot was born June 6, 1921, to William and Mary (Stassen) Bot in Ghent. He grew up and attended school in Marshall, graduating from Marshall High School in 1939.

In 1942 Al entered the service of his country during World War II and was active in the Pacific Theater. He served in both branches of the Marines and Navy and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He then attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, where he studied pharmacy. In 1948 he left the Midwest and moved to Colorado, California, where he worked at the Orange Avenue Pharmacy.

On February 6, 1952, Al married Barbara Breen.

In 1955 Al and Barb moved to Luverne, where they raised their five children. Al owned and operated Bot Drug Store on Main Street in Luverne for 34 years until his retirement in 1989. In 2009 Al entered the care of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Al was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne and was active

with the Knights of Columbus.

He was a member of Rotary Club, had served as president of the Luverne Country Club, and was on the Luverne School Board for 13 years. He enjoyed tennis, bridge, golf, fishing, camping, traveling, gardening and spending time with

his family.

Al is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Luverne; five children, Kris Anne (Robert) Christenson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Robin (John) Fritsch, Sioux Falls, Jono (Susan) Bot, Sioux Falls, Connie (Rodney) England, Minneapolis, and Jennifer (Kerry) Middleton, Edina; 14 grandchildren, Brooks, Jono, Kaitlin and Marie Claire Christenson, Andrew, Rachel, Joanna, Veronica and Luke Fritsch, Kelli Spader, Patrick and Philip England, and Jack and Andrea Middleton; and three great-grandchildren, Josie, Jhaimann and Briggs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Fritsch; a grandson, Thomas Cole England; four brothers, Louis, William, Joseph, and John Bot; and four sisters, Betty Mack, Mary Van Moore, Helen Johnson, and Donna Withers.

Memorials are preferred to Luverne Dollars for Scholars or Sanford Luverne Hospice.

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Graber music/from page 1A

School Band Director Richard Owen, it's the first time he's directed a student-composed piece in a concert, and it's likely a first in the school's history.

"I first heard it as a digital recording, and I liked the tune," Owen said. "We often want to find something that connects with our audience as well as the musicians, and I liked what this sounded like."

Graber, a percussionist, smiled when asked what it was like to hear the song performed by his high school band peers.

"It was nice to hear an actual band playing it," he said. "The recordings are nice, but the woodwinds and low brass are deeper sounding than a digital recording can be."

Graber's mother, Seana Graber (Luverne High School choir director) said she first learned of her son's composing last fall when she heard a digital recording of a song he composed with a free version of Finale software.

"I couldn't believe what I was hearing — that he had done this," she said about the song written for a string quartet.

With a little more experimenting and purchasing the full software version of Finale, Mitchell Graber approached Owen in January about composing something for the high school band.

"We discussed some specific things like tempo and dynamics to make more like what he had in mind," Owen said. "Normally it's up to me to interpret music, but it was nice to have the composer right here for me to ask, 'Is this what you're looking for?' That was fun for me."

The Finale software allows composers to choose which instruments they

"We often want to find something that connects with our audience as well as the musicians, and I liked what this sounded like."

— Richard Owen,
LHS band director

want to hear in the piece and opens a score with a separate line for each part.

"I first messed around on the keyboard for a melody, then I added the instruments," Graber said. His song ended up with 30 different parts with special attention on mallet instruments.

When asked why he called it "Glory," he said, "I've been asked that a bigillion times and it's basically because I couldn't call it 'Band Piece.'"

Even though he still has his senior year ahead of him, Graber will start this fall at Concordia where he'll complete his high school credits while getting a jump on his major.

"I feel like I can advance what I want to do more there than I can here," Graber said.

Owen said he wishes he could offer the one-on-one tutoring that Graber's degree requires, but the demands of his full-time directing duties in Luverne wouldn't allow for that.

Graber's "Glory" will be the second number performed by the high school band in the spring concert.

The event will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, in the Luverne Elementary School gymnasium. It includes performances by band students in fifth through 12 grades.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0428 Cardinal Dash 2016

Stacy Kruse (on the bleachers) leads a Zumba performance before organizers announce award winners for the annual fundraiser for the Parents Partners in Education advisory group. **Below**, Deb Hoogendoorn's fourth-graders earn the Cardinal Dash trophy for raising the most pledges for the event. Pictured from left are Zakada Bradley, Brittani Roskamp, Aiden Worshek, Jacob Madison, Tucker Dammann, Grace Runia, Sawyer Saker, Natalie Chanthavong, Will Serie, Ryan Fick, Zane Verba, Morgan Jonas, Zoe Perkins, Lucas Enninga, Makena Nelson, Jeremiah Shelton, Gavin DeBeer, Valeria Cazares, Alexa Hodgen, Cash Bonnett, Deb Hoogendoorn, Abby Boltjes, Addison Huiskes and Lydia Schuld. Not pictured are Aidan Dozark and Patrick Kroski.

Cardinal Dash raises \$10,000 for PPIE/continued from page 1A

Deb Hoogendoorn's fourth-grade class earned the Cardinal Dash trophy for returning the highest amount in pledges. Sandy Klosterbuer's first-graders returned the second highest amount.

Prizes were also given individually based on the pledge amounts, and 204 students earned individual prizes, including 44 students reaching \$100 or more in pledges.

Shelton said the number of this year's pledges was down 20 percent from last year when 235 students returned the pledge envelopes. Feedback indicated other fundraisers were occurring at the same time and could have hindered the amount of community pledges.

Another possible hindrance to the group's fundraising efforts could be the community's understanding

of PPIE's purpose.

PPIE is the school's parent advisory group and sponsors several educational activities within the school.

Each year the group sponsors the Respect Lunch, author visits, guest speakers and swimming lessons for all second- and third- graders.

"Sometimes that's the only time students learn to swim," Shelton said.

Amy Nelson assisted Shelton and treasurer Aaron Perkins with the Cardinal Dash.

She said instead of one large fundraiser, PPIE is considering a fall fundraiser event along with the spring Cardinal Dash. The group is considering an event in conjunction with the high school's fall Homecoming activities.

"We want to expand Homecoming to the elementary level," Nelson said.



PPIE will conduct its last meeting of the school year at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, in

the elementary media center. All parents are welcome to attend.

Sharkee's property appraisal/continued from page 1A

property appraised in order to determine a fair payment to the owner.

The appraisal accepted Tuesday will be used to negotiate a purchase price for the property.

The city's attorney, Robert Scott of Flaherty and Hood, St. Paul, will work with Halverson's attorney, Damon Eisma, Luverne, to negotiate a purchase agreement.

If they arrive at an agreement, the city will use this price to buy the property from Halverson. That action would come to a future council meeting.

If not, the next steps in the process of eminent domain will begin. This includes a panel of three commercial assessors that would determine a fair price that the city could buy the property for.

The eminent domain process requires the city to reimburse Halverson up to \$5,000 for his own appraiser, should he decide to hire one.

"The whole thing hinges on a lot of appraisals," Call said. "The process is in motion, and this is another step in that process."

Meanwhile city to also improve adjacent Mert's lot

The city is also buying the Mert's Repair lot (for \$160,000) to the east of Sharkee's, and has sold Marlin Kracht a new lot in the Industrial Park (for \$10,000) for his planned expansion.

Once the city owns both the Sharkee's and Mert's Repair properties (roughly four acres total), the plan is to demolish the buildings on the lots and use Tax Increment

Financing as a tool to work with a private developer to redevelop the properties.

When a tax increment district is established, the property owner pays property taxes based on the higher market value after the improvements are made.

The original amount of taxes based on the unimproved property continues to be paid to the county, city and school district.

The difference between the two amounts (the old taxes and what would be the new taxes based on the property's improved value) is used to pay off the debt accrued to pay for the improvements.

The Luverne City Council set a public hearing on the proposed TIF establishment for 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, in Luverne City Hall.

Gravel permit/from page 1A

a private dwelling. Reker's request meets that requirement.

"I am not against the excavation of gravel," Bos said at the commissioners meeting. "I am just trying to protect my well."

Williamson, who is a representative on the planning and zoning commission, said each of Bos' concerns was addressed at the public hearing.

Three of the issues — placing of a berm between the well and gravel pit, extraction below the waterline, and holding the pit operator liable for well contamination — garnered the most discussion.

The three issues were also discussed at the commissioners meeting after County Administrator Kyle Oldre read a letter from Bos about his drinking water concerns.

County Attorney Don Klosterbuer said the commissioners couldn't deny the permit based solely on its proximity to a private well.

He said gravel extraction doesn't place nitrates in the ground and there is no information supporting that gravel extraction below the water table increases or decreases nitrate infiltration.

"Having worked with rural water for many years, I can tell you water problems are seldom single sourced. It is a very active aquifer — it flows through there pretty good," Klosterbuer said. "Quite honestly, nitrates are going to almost always be related to agricultural practices."

If the well does become

contaminated, however, it is the well owner's responsibility to investigate the cause, Klosterbuer said.

If the source is pinpointed to one source such as gravel extraction, the operation is shut down immediately and the permit is revoked per existing regulations.

"In that respect the domestic well has protection because of its high priority," he said.

Because the topography is relatively flat where the extraction would take place in proximity to Bos' farm, the building of a berm between the well area and the gravel extraction could impede water from flowing naturally to the Rock River.

Mitch Reker with Reker construction said he doesn't intend to contaminate a well.

"But I also know from the time I was 4 years old, we had to go to my grandmother's house and haul water because our well was contaminated and there wasn't a gravel pit within three miles of us but there were a lot of cornfields," he said.

Dog kennel permit granted

Planning and Zoning Director Eric Hartman said no public comment was received on Vernon and Gloria Brouwer's application to operate a small-scale dog kennel and dog breeding operation in Section 4 of Rosdell Township.

Commissioners unanimously granted the conditional use permit.

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Members of the County K9s 4-H Club helped member Mira Uithoven (front row, third from left) finish an FCCLA community leadership project to sew 50 pillowcases for her Every Pillow Has A Story that will be donated locally. Holding up the completed pillowcases at their April 18 4-H meeting are (front from left) Annaliese Braucht, Riley Anderson, Uithoven, Cassandra Chesley, Aisha Porter, Gabriella Porter, (back) Adayla Rouzer, Alexa Chesley, Adam Fodness, Sophie Holmberg and Candice Porter.

Goal reached for 'Every Pillow has a Story' pillowcase project

Story By Mavis Fodness



Mavis Fodness Photo/Pillow Project Final
Above: Mira Uithoven (right) points to the area just inside the fabric's selvage to place the next pillowcase seam with 4-H'er Cassandra Chesley. **At Right:** A crisp line is essential in sewing a straight edge.



One last workday recently wrapped up the local contribution to the One Million Pillowcase Project.

Earlier this year, Luverne High School Senior Mira Uithoven joined the challenge as part of her FCCLA National Leadership Service in Action project with the assistance of her 4-H Club, the County K9s.

Uithoven's goal was to fundraise for materials and sew 50 pillowcases, of which 35 would be donated to local children and 15 would be given to the Sanford Children's Hospital.

Her 4-H Club members finished the last of the sewing Monday, April 18.

Uithoven called her project, "Every Pillow has a Story."

When she began her project, Uithoven recognized each child is fighting life's battle

and they all have different experiences and stories. She saw it as her job to make one of the pages of their stories a great one.

"Many people can relate to that feeling, after a long and stressful day of work or school, when you finally lay your head down on your pillow and you're just like 'Ahhhh, finally the day is over.' I started the project to give children that ahhh moment," she said.

Now that her project is finished and the pillowcases are ready for distribution, Uithoven said the final story for the project is written for herself.

"A pillowcase is something that I take for granted everyday and for the children receiving it, this might be the first gift they have every received," Uithoven said. "A little act of kindness can go a long way."



Mavis Fodness Photo/Pillow Project Final

Above: Annaliese Braucht (right) holds the edge of a pillowcase with Mira Uithoven.



Mavis Fodness Photo/Pillow Project Final

At Right: Accompanying each pillowcase is a personally colored tag depicting either the 4-H clover or the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America's rose logo. Pictured from top are Judy Chesley and Sonja Braucht, County K9s adult leaders, and 4-H'er Adayla Rouzer.

1924: Three gangsters identified and arrested in Ashcreek bank robbery

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 30, 1924:

THREE ARE ARRESTED FOR ASH-CREEK BANK ROBBERY

Members of Notorious Gang Are Apprehended and Positively Identified at Sioux Falls

Largely through clever work on the part of C. D. Brown, of St. Paul, who has been the directing head of the criminal detection department of the Minnesota Bankers' association for many years, three of the four men who participated in the day-light robbery of the Ashcreek State bank Wednesday afternoon of last week, are now under the care of Sheriff Frank Wiggins.

The alleged bank robbers under confinement are Carroll Denbow, Ray Lage and Frank Davis, all rated as hardened criminals, with Davis as the brains of the organization. All three of the men were apprehended at Sioux Falls, Sunday afternoon. Denbow and Davis were brought here later the same night by Sheriff Wiggins and Deputy Sheriff Kitterman and Mr. Brown arrived Monday with Lage.

A fourth member of the party, who is thought to be in possession of the new Buick automobile which



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

the robbers used, and which it has since been ascertained was stolen at Spencer, Iowa, is still at large. It is expected, however, that he will be apprehended in a short time.

Several bank robberies, including that of the Wall Lake, S. D. bank in April are laid at the door of this gang by Mr. Brown, and his information was that the robbers had planned to hold up the bank at St. Leo, a small inland town near Northfield Tuesday, and then go to the twin cities to dispose of their loot. But, of course, the arrest of three members of the gang Sunday upset these plans.

Before the men were brought here Sunday night, Geo. M. LaDue, who was in charge of the Ashcreek bank at the time it was robbed, was called to Sioux Falls, to identify the suspected men. And the identification was considered unusually complete for Mr. LaDue not only instantly recognized Denbow and Davis as the

two men who entered the bank, but they also gave unmistakable signs of recognizing him, when they were led into the waiting room at the county jail, where Mr. LaDue was seated with about twenty other people.

Hardened criminals as they appeared to be, those who were watching them declare that the moment their gaze became focused on Mr. LaDue, the twitching of Denbow's eyes, and Davis's jaws clearly indicated unwilling recognition, although they sought to put up a bold front when confronted by Mr. LaDue, and declared that he was mistaken.

The arrested men had been under surveillance at Sioux Falls since Friday, and are known to have entered that place on the afternoon of the robbery in an old Ford automobile, which they are thought to have secreted near Sioux Falls, before the robbery. Lage is believed to have been the driver of the new Buick car

on the trip to Ashcreek.

Denbow and Lage were arrested Sunday afternoon while in front of the place where they had had rooms. Davis was then in a downtown restaurant, but in some mysterious way he received word of the two men's arrest, and attempted to effect an escape out of the back way at the restaurant. He was captured after a chase that ended near the Queen Bee mills.

Just before he was captured he was seen to throw his gun into the river, and considerable pains have since been expended to recover it, for it is believed to be a peculiarly marked army revolver, that was the property of the cashier of the Wall Lake bank, which was taken at the time of this robbery.

Mr. Brown has a fairly complete record of Denbow and Lage, both of whom were involved in the Milwaukee railway jewelry robbery at Sioux Falls, and who but recently gained their release from the South Dakota penitentiary. Both are Sioux Falls boys.

Who Davis is, is a mystery to Mr. Brown, and in an effort to get his record, pictures of him were taken Wednesday, and arrangements made to send them broadcast. He is somewhat older than the other two, and is thought to come from Oklahoma.

In the opinion of those who professed to be versed in criminology, he is a bad actor, commonly dubbed a "killer," who will stop at nothing to go through with any job that he attempts.

A studied effort is being made to prevent the three men from communicating with each other. Davis and Lage occupy cells on different floors in the Rock county jail, and Denbow is confined in a cell in the Nobles county jail at Worthington.

Owing to the absence of County Attorney Canfield, the preliminary examinations of the accused men has been postponed until the fore part of next week. Denbow will be given a hearing Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock before Judge Reynold's; Davis Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and Lage Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Thorough rechecking following the robbery of the Ashcreek bank disclosed that they secured \$1,316, of which \$960 was in Liberty bonds and war savings stamps. This loss is fully covered by insurance.

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@iu.net.



John Rittenhouse photo/0428 lbb 12

Luverne third baseman Blake Baum can't slap a tag on this St. James runner to register an out during Friday's twin bill at Redbird Field. Baum registered four hits during the set to help the Cardinals sweep the doubleheader.

Cards sweep Saints in BSC set

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne baseball team swept a Big South Conference doubleheader from the St. James Saints Friday at Redbird Field.
The Cardinals posted a 10-0 win in the opener and prevailed 12-2 in the nightcap. LHS upped its league record to 4-2 with the wins.

LHS 10, St. James 2
Cole Bosch and Jaxon Nelson tossed a combined shut-out and Jakob Olson drove in three runs at the plate to highlight Luverne's 10-run win in Game 1.
Bosch earned the win by tossing four innings of one-hit, four-strikeout ball before giving way to Nelson, who worked the final frame.
Nelson fanned two batters and yielded one hit.
Olson delivered an RBI

single to open the scoring in the first inning and added an RBI single, along with Jesse Reed, during a two-run rally in the second to make it a 3-0 game.
LHS upped the lead to 5-0 in the third.
Nick Overgaard tripled and scored when Kaden Erickson reached base on an error. Erickson scored the second run of the frame when Blake Baum singled.
The Cards ended the game with a five-run rally in the fifth inning featuring a two-run double by Connor Sandbulte and a game-ending sacrifice fly by Olson.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	4	1	1	2
Reed	4	3	2	1
Nelson	3	0	2	0
Olson	3	0	3	3
Johnson	0	0	0	0
Bosch	3	0	0	0
Overgaard	2	1	1	0
Nekali	2	0	0	0

Reisdorfer	0	1	0	0
Erickson	3	2	1	0
Baum	3	2	3	1

LHS 12, St. James 2
The Cardinals completed their sweep by rolling to a 10-run victory in the finale.
Tyler Reisdorfer tossed a complete game and four LHS players drove in two runs each at the plate.
Reisdorfer limited the Saints to four hits and registered four strikeouts in five innings.
LHS led 8-0 two and one-half innings into the game and out-scored the Saints 4-2 the rest of the way to win the game in five innings.
Bosch singled and scored the game's first run in the second inning when Erickson bounced out.
LHS exploded for seven runs in the third inning.
Baum slapped a two-run single, while Nelson, Olson,

Chase Johnson and Sandbulte chipped in run-scoring singles during the rally.
Erickson drew a bases-loaded walk during the frame.
St. James scored twice in the bottom of the third to make it an 8-2 game before LHS scored three times in the fourth and once in the fifth to ice the win.
Bosch ripped a two-run double and Johnson recorded a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning.
Reed reached base on a fielder's choice and scored on a ground out by Nelson in the fifth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	3	0	2	1
Reed	4	2	0	0
Nelson	4	2	3	2
Olson	3	0	1	1
Beers	0	1	0	0
Nielsen	0	0	0	0
Bosch	3	3	2	2
Overgaard	1	1	0	0
Erickson	2	1	1	1
Johnson	2	1	1	2
Baum	3	1	1	2

Netters run perfect record to 8-0

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne tennis team ran its record to 8-0 after securing a pair of road wins last week.
The Cardinals posted a seven-point victory in Harrisburg, South Dakota, April 19. LHS pulled out a one-point win at Lac qui Parle Valley High School near Madison Saturday.
LHS plays Sioux Falls Lincoln's junior varsity squad Thursday in Sioux Falls.

Luverne 4, LQPV 3
The Cardinals prevailed in a hard-fought match on a windy day near Madison Saturday.
The teams split four singles matches, but Luverne secured the victory by going 2-1 in doubles.
"This was a big win in the section," said LHS coach Greg Antoine. "It really opens the door for the No. 1 seed in the section tournament if we can keep playing this well in section matches."
Luverne's doubles wins came at No. 1 and No. 3.
Dalton Schoeneman and Layne Curtis secured a 7-6 (7-4 in the tiebreaker), 7-5 win over Trevor Sigdahl and Hunter Olson at No. 1, while Trey Baustian and Isaac Gillette posted a 7-6 (7-2 in the tiebreaker), 6-2 victory over Conrad Matthies and Blake Buer at No. 3.
Chris Jelken (7-5, 6-0 over Ryan Borstad) and Mark Robinson (6-2, 6-1 over Cody McKesson) prevailed in singles for the Cards.
LQPV's singles wins came from Jess Hansen (6-0, 6-2 over Erik Wohnoutka) and Eli Weber (6-4, 6-4 over Jacob Jarchow).
LQPV's Kain Matties and Dalton Kostad posted a pair of 6-4 victories over Cade VerSteeg and Tanner Baustian at second doubles.

LHS 8, Harrisburg 1
The Cardinals registered their seventh consecutive victory when they rolled to a seven-point win over the Tigers April 19 in Harrisburg, South Dakota.
Luverne went 5-1 in singles and took all three doubles matches during a nine-point contest played under South Dakota rules.
Jacob Jarchow (6-0, 6-1 over Ken Ostebee), Chris Jelken (6-1, 6-0 over Kolby Reynolds), Robinson (6-1, 6-0 over Karter Lein), Trey Baustian (6-1, 6-0 over Gavin Hatch) and Luke Jarchow (6-3, 6-4 over Jacob Hansen) notched singles wins for the Cards.
Jelken and Schoeneman nailed down 6-2 and 6-1 wins over Jackson Stoutamire and Reynolds at first doubles for LHS, while VerSteeg and Tanner Baustian secured 6-1 and 6-0 victories over Hansen and Hatch at No. 2.
Layne Curtis and Isaac Gillette downed Lein and Cole Van Holland by 6-2 and 6-1 tallies at third doubles.
Harrisburg's win came from Stoutamire, who handed Wohnoutka 6-3 and 6-2 setbacks at first singles.

LHS softball team posts first victory Thursday

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne softball team posted its first victory of the 2016 season Thursday in St. James.
Taking on the Saints in a Big South Conference doubleheader, the Cardinals came up on the short end of an 8-7 decision in the opener.
Luverne bounced back to

secure a convincing 12-4 win in Game 2, snapping a five-game losing skid.
The Cards scored the first three runs in Game 1 and sported a 5-2 advantage after plating a pair of runs in the top of the third inning.
The Saints put together

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Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club members have experienced a hectic pace that includes competing at three events since March 12. Some of the participants include (front row, from left) Jerzey Hood, Gabe Vis, Liam Brown, Zach Brown, Perceyis Trierweiler, (back) Zoe Brown, Russell Aanenson and Jason Aanenson. Missing are Tom Brown, Cody Henrichs and Nathan Lindsley.

Club members compete three times

By John Rittenhouse
Members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club have kept themselves busy by competing at three events since March 12.
The stretch started with an appearance at the Iowa Governor's Cup in Ames March 12.
The martial artists also competed at the South Dakota Tae Kwon Do Championships in Tea April 12 and the Brookings, South Dakota, Tae Kwon Do Championships April 16.
Cody Henrichs won the sparring title in the 31-and-over division and placed second in sparring in the 18-31 division in Ames.
Zach Brown, who placed second in forms, claimed a sparring title in Ames as well, as did Jerzey Hood, who placed third in forms.
Perceyis Trierweiler won a title in forms and placed second in sparring in Ames.
Jason Aanenson (second in sparring and third in forms), Russell Aanenson (third in forms and sparring) and Liam Brown (third in forms and sparring) also placed in Ames.
Zach and Liam Brown captured forms and sparring championships in Tea.
Henrichs, Hood (third in sparring), Trierweiler (third

in sparring) and Zoe Brown (fourth in sparring) landed forms titles in Tea.
Gabe Vis, who placed second in forms at the Tea event, won a sparring title.
Tom Brown (third in forms and sparring), and Nathan Lindsley (fourth in forms and sparring) also competed in Tea.
Hood, who placed third in forms, captured a sparring championship in Brookings.
Trierweiler (second in forms and sparring) and Vis (second in sparring and third in forms) also competed in Brookings.

Luverne girls, Adrian teams take swings at Worthington Invitational

By John Rittenhouse
Two golf programs from the Star Herald coverage area competed at the Worthington Invitational Saturday at the Worthington Country Club.
Luverne and Adrian fielded complete teams for the girls' competition.
The Adrian boys participated in the tournament as well.
The event turned into a good one for the Cardinal girls, who placed second in a field of seven complete teams with 395 strokes.
With Abby Brinkman leading the way by firing an 83 to capture the individual championship, Jackson County Central claimed the team title with 387 strokes.

Worthington (403), Adrian (428), Fairmont (451), Fulda (466) and Murray County Central (502) capped the field.
Madison Crabtree led the Cardinals to their second-place finish as a team by registering a 94 to place fifth individually.
Makayla Sterrett and Hannah VerSteeg recorded 97s for LHS, while Jenna Zewiske capped the team scoring with a 107.
Samantha Pierce and Zoe Sandbulte registered respective 118- and 124-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring for the 7-1 Cardinals.
Alexia Kemper paved the way to Adrian's fourth-place performance as a team by shooting a 93 to earn a share of second place individually.
Mackenzie Wagner, Jada Elias and Madelyn Odell contributed 105-, 108- and 124-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally.



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Adrian senior Jada Elias shot a 108 at the Worthington Invitational Saturday. AHS placed fourth as a team.

Annika Elias and Courtney Penning shot 131- and 147-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring for the 9-5 Dragons.
The Adrian boys turned in a 393-stroke effort to place seventh in a field of eight complete teams.
The Dragons topped Fulda (398) during the event.
Worthington Black (333), JCC (342), Fairmont (363), Pipestone (372) and Worthington Red (372) led the field.
Ryan Elias carded 91 to lead the Dragons.
Mitchell Veld, Brady Henning and Cole Weidert padded the team tally with 95-, 96- and 111-stroke efforts.
Landon Runia and John Christians shot 116- and 128-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring for the 6-11 Dragons.
Playing with Worthington Black, Tyler Van Hove won the individual title after shooting a 74.

APRIL 19 SPORTS REPLAY

Baseball Dragons blank MLA

The Adrian baseball team ran its Red Rock Conference record to 5-0 with a 4-0 home win over Mountain Lake Area. Landon Rogers tossed four and one-third innings of two-hit ball to earn the win before giving way to Logan Rogers (one and one-third innings) and Michael Preuss (one inning), who completed the shutout. Preuss belted a solo homerun to open the scoring in the game.

Patriot golf boys prevail in Iowa

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team secured a 203-228 win over Edgerton-Southwest Christian at Meadow Acres Country Club near Larchwood, Iowa. Stuart Plimpton earned medalist honors for H-BC by carding a nine-over-par 45. Trevor Paulsen, Preston Maassen and Dylan Taubert added respective 49-, 54- and 55-stroke scores to the winning tally.

Adrian golf teams compete in Sanborn

The Adrian golf squads mixed it up in multi-team events hosted by Red Rock Central. The AHS girls placed second as a team with 215 strokes during a triangular competition involving Windom (194) and RRC (242). Alexia Kemper (48), Mackenzie Wagner (54), Jada Elias (55) and Madelyn Odell (58) made contributions to the team tally. The Adrian boys turned in a 209-stroke effort to place third in a quadrangular competition involving Redwood Valley (166), Windom (197) and RRC (237). Ryan Elias (40), Brady Henning (50), Cole Weidert (55) and Mitchell Veld (64) provided the scoring for AHS.

Wolverines keep AA softball team winless

The Adrian Area softball team dropped its fourth consecutive contest when it came up on the short end of a 7-4 decision against Mountain Lake Area in Mountain Lake. The score was knotted at three after three innings of play, but MLA scored three unanswered runs in the final three and one-half frames. Devin Dreesen tossed six innings of four-strikeout ball for the Dragons and led AA at the plate with three hits.

Area track teams unite at Fulda meet in Slayton

Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth competed at the Fulda Invitational in Slayton. H-BC (26.5 points), EHS (25) and AHS (24) placed seventh, eighth and ninth respectively in a 12-team boys' field. H-BC (33.2) and Adrian (32) placed seventh and eighth in a 10-team girls' field. The H-BC boys received second-place efforts from Zach Scholten (39-10 in the shot put) and Drew Forshey (18.51 in the 110 hurdles), while Grace Bundesen earned a share of second place in the high jump for the girls by clearing 4-8. Moriah Bullerman (5:51.51 in the 1,600) and Morgan Penning (13:41.28 in the 3,200) placed second for the AHS girls, while the boys' 1,600-meter (Zach Bierman, Logan Ahlers, Hunter Heitkamp and Fran Serrao) relay placed third in 3:50. Sean Boltjes turned in a pair of fourth-place finishes (18.69 in the 110 hurdles and 49.35 in the 300 hurdles) to lead the EHS boys.

Luverne Lanes honors 2015-16 league champions



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Luverne Lanes won the Monday Night League championship. Team members include (from left) Evie Kephart, David Weis and Tyra Feekes. Missing are Marie Opheim and Diane Kracht.



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McClure Electric took top honors in the Thursday Night League. Team members include (from left) Jeremy Tiesler, Ryan Fey and Jeremy Gehm. Missing is Ashley Veen.

LHS track girls second, boys third in Fairmont

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne track teams came up short at the Fairmont Triangular April 19. The Luverne girls earned a share of second place by matching Waseca's 51-point total. Fairmont won the team title with 84 points. Fairmont completed a sweep by winning the boys' crown with 86 points. Waseca and LHS placed second and third with 54 and 46 points respectively. The Cardinal girls won six meet titles and placed second in three events. Courtney Siebenahler (15-8 in the long jump and 35-11 ¼ in the triple jump) and Morgan Edwards (36-11 in the shot and

114-0 in the discus) captured two individual titles each for the Cards. Luverne's Madison Schandemeier won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:41.5, while Tianna Doppenberg, Mackenzie Petersen, Sierra Schmuck and Siebenahler teamed up to win the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:52.4. Gabrielle Ferrell finished second on the 800- and 1,600-meter runs with respective 2:34.7 and 5:40.03 efforts for the Cards, while Bergin Flom cleared 8-0 to place second in the pole vault. The LHS boys won four events and placed second seven times in Fairmont. Mitchell Muller (42.7 in the 300 hurdles), Quinton

Siebenahler (23.8 in the 200), Brennan Hart (134-1 in the discus) and Matt Hup (12-0 in the pole vault) prevailed individually for LHS. Logan Stratton (48-6 in the shot and 127-3 in the discus), Cyris Halverson (12.0 in the 100), Muller (17.3 in the 110 hurdles) and Siebenahler (18-2 in the long jump) finished second individually. The Cards also placed second in the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective 47.2 and 1:37.1 efforts. Halverson, Andrew Reisch, Brandon Claussen and Siebenahler ran the 400, while Halverson, Muller, Hup and Siebenahler teamed up in the 800. Here is a look at the rest

of Luverne's point-earning efforts at the Fairmont Invitational meet. **Luverne girls** Third place: Schmuck, 200, 28.7; Kami Sawtelle, discus, 103-11; Flom, high jump, 4-8; Schandemeier, pole vault, 7-6; 3,200 relay (Autumn Nath, Jacynd Anderson, Regan Feit and Schandemeier), 10:12.8; 400 relay (Doppenberg, Ivy Hudson, Gracie Hudson and Sydney Biever), 55.8; 1,600 relay (Gracie Zewiske, Nath, Jacynd Elbers and Ferrell), 4:31.9. Fourth place: Zewiske, 100, 13.7; Zewiske, 400, 1:07.7; Elbers, 300 hurdles, 53.0. **Luverne boys** Third place: Jeremiah Dooyema, pole vault, 10-0; 3,200 relay (Brandon Winter, Dooyema, Shane Berning and Derek Krueger), 9:36.5; 1,600 relay (Dooyema, Cole Claussen, Ben Wagner and Eli Haugom), 3:58. Fourth place: Dalton DeSollar, 1,600, 5:01.3; Dylan Thorson, shot, 40-10 ½; Winter, 400, 55.7.

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two- and three-run rallies in the fourth and fifth innings to move in front 7-5, but LHS knotted the score at seven after scoring twice in the top of the seventh. St. James, however, produced a run with one out in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a one-run win. Ariel DeBeer and Mariah

Aukes turned in three-hit efforts at the plate for LHS, while Rylee Olson and Makayla Huisman chipped in two hits each. Natasha Thone, Katie Kracht and Zayna Hustoft added one hit each to the winning cause. Olson took the pitching loss after tossing six and one-third innings of eight-hit, 10-strike-

out ball. Game 2 was knotted at four after the Saints produced three runs in the top half of the third inning, but the rest of the game belonged to LHS. The Cards outscored St. James 8-0 in the final four innings to earn a victory. Aukes, DeBeer, Kracht, Kaitlyn Roberts and Thone reg-

istered two hits at the plate, while Olson, Hustoft and Hanna Honerman added one hit each. DeBeer secured the pitching win after working seven innings of five-hit, four-strikeout ball. The 1-5 Cards host Jackson County Central for a twin bill Thursday.

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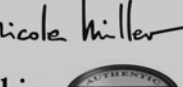


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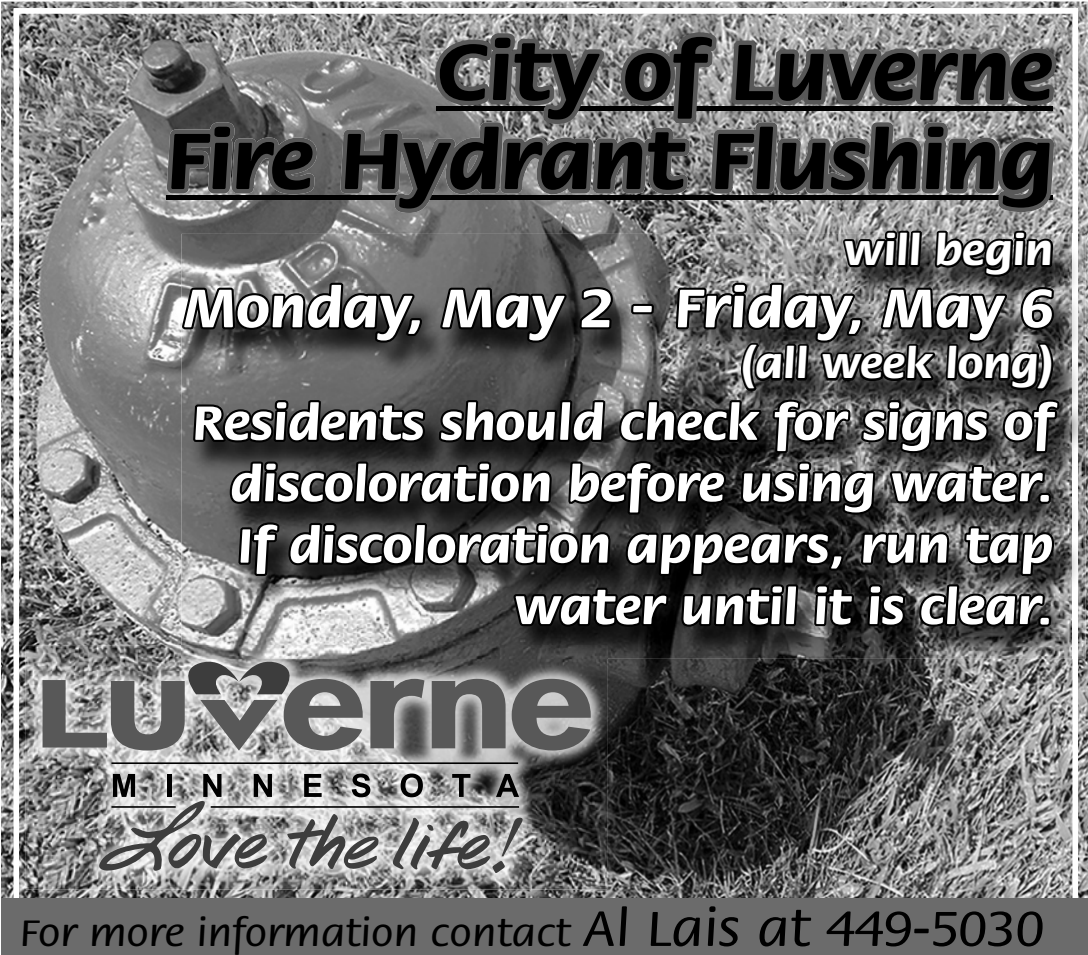


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Patriots are playing above expectations

Hills-Beaver Creek golf coach Dan Ellingson is a pleasantly surprised man these days.



Nearly one month into a season Ellingson thought would be a rebuilding year, he finds himself being the mentor of a boys' team that has compiled a 6-2 record to date.

"If you would have told me we would be 6-2 a month ago, I would have been happy that you said that," Ellingson said.

"I just don't know if I would have believed it. We are a young team that doesn't have a lot of experience, but we are playing pretty well so far."

To be honest, the Patriots are playing beyond expectations.

H-BC entered the campaign with two players with past varsity experience and two other boys who have participated in the program in the past, but not at the varsity level.

Needless to say, they have formed a pretty solid foursome that has led the Patriots to their 6-2 record.

"We started the year with four guys with golf experience, and they have been our scorers at every meet this season," Ellingson said.

"They not are only scoring pretty well, they've shot personal-best rounds so they are playing at a level they never have before."

Senior Stuart Plimpton, who has been playing varsity golf since the seventh grade and is this year's team leader, shot his first sub-40 tally when he carded a 39 in Fulda last week.

Senior Trevor Paulsen, who didn't participate in the program last year, and sophomore Dylan Taubert, who played junior varsity golf in 2015, have recorded the best rounds of their careers as well.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Sophomore Preston Maassen was a member of H-BC's postseason squad last season and has been a consistent contributor to the team's success in 2016.

While Plimpton, Paulsen, Taubert and Maassen have formed a quality foursome in April, Ellingson is hoping some other members of the program can develop to the point where they can help the varsity team as well.

Freshman Noah Hellerud and seventh-grader Thomas Dysthe have taken their first swings during varsity matches this spring, and they represent the program's future.

"We haven't used their scores yet, but they have shot in the 50s a couple of times for us," Ellingson said.

"It would nice to get them playing well so we can use their scores when one of the top four guys has a bad day."

As things stand now, Ellingson is pleased with the way things have gone for his team so far this spring.

He was thinking a .500 year would have been a good one for H-BC back in March.

Now he believes the Patriots could end the campaign with a winning record.

"I think we can," he said.

"If we can continue to shoot team scores in the low 190s, it gives you a chance to beat teams at triangulars in our league and section. We still have to play some of the stronger teams on our schedule, but I'm happy with the way things have gone for us so far."

H-BC boys rout HL-O at Iowa course

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team upped its record to 6-2 with a victory in Iowa Thursday.

Hosting their second consecutive meet at Meadow Acres Country Club near Larchwood, the Patriots squared off against Heron Lake-Okabena.

H-BC turned in a commanding effort by besting the Wildcats 193-247.

Stuart Plimpton led the Patriots to their 54-shot victory by registering a seven-over-par 43 to secure medalist honors.

Trevor Paulsen, Preston Maassen and Dylan Taubert contributed respective 47-, 51- and 52-stroke rounds to the winning team tally.

Thomas Dysthe shot a 56 without impacting the scoring. Ben Sheldahl led the Wildcats with a 52.

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys compete at the Fulda Triangular Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0428 hbc 11
H-BC's Preston Maassen chips the ball onto the second green at Meadow Acres Country Club.

Adrian girls sweep foes at AACC Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian golf teams entertained a pair of opponents for a triangular at the Adrian Area Country Club Thursday.

The day turned into a good one for the AHS girls, as they topped both Fulda and Southwest Christian-Edgerton.

The Dragon boys went 1-1, defeating SWC-E and falling to Fulda.

Alexia Kemper paved the way to victory for the AHS girls by firing a 48 to secure medalist honors.

Kemper's round led the Dragons to a 212-stroke tally, which was good enough to best both Fulda (215) and SWC-E (252).

Mackenzie Wagner, Jada Elias and Madelyn Odell contributed respective 52-, 54- and 58-stroke rounds to the winning team tally.

Annika Elias shot a 59 and Courtney Penning a 64 without impacting the scoring.

Amber Breuker led the Raiders with a 49, while Jennifer Schelhaas paced SWC-E with a 60.

Ryan Elias registered a five-over-par 41 to secure medalist honors for an AHS boys' team that recorded a 193-stroke total.

Fulda bested the Dragons with a 177, while SWC-E capped the field with a 212.

Mitchell Veld, Brady Henning and Cole Weidert con-



John Rittenhouse photo/0428 ahs 12
Adrian's Alexia Kemper fired a 12-over-par 48 to secure medalist honors during the Adrian Triangular Thursday. The Dragon girls defeated Fulda and Southwest Christian-Edgerton.

tributed 42-, 51- and 54-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally, while Landon Runia and John

Christians didn't impact the scoring with 57- and 58-shot efforts.

Cory Renneke paced the Raiders with a 43, while Derek Fey carded a 50 to lead SWC-E.

Eagles take two from LHS baseball team

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team came up empty in two attempts to defeat the Windom Eagles.

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a five-run decision in Windom April 19. The Eagles nipped Luverne by two runs at Redbird Field Monday.

LHS, 6-3 overall, plays in Pipestone Thursday.

Windom 6, LHS 4

The Eagles plated a pair of late runs to down the Cardinals Monday in Luverne.

LHS erased a 4-0 deficit to knot the score at four, but Windom scored twice in the top of the seventh inning to secure the victory.

After falling behind by four runs three and one-half innings into the game, Luverne trimmed the difference to three runs (4-1) when Nick Overgaard drew a bases-loaded walk to plate Jaxon Nelson in the bottom of the fourth.

The Cards knotted the score with a three-run rally in the fifth.

Connor Sandbulte, Nelson and Cole Bosch registered RBI doubles during the frame.

Overgaard tossed all seven innings and was saddled with the pitching loss.

He fanned seven batters, walked three and yielded six hits.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	4	1	1	1
Reed	4	0	0	0
Nelson	4	2	1	1
Olson	3	0	1	0
Bosch	2	0	1	1
Overgaard	2	0	0	1



John Rittenhouse photo/0428 lbb 7
Luverne senior second baseman Connor Sandbulte leaves the infield to save an errant throw from reaching the outfield during Friday's home doubleheader against St. James. Luverne swept the Big South Conference set with the Saints, but the Cardinals dropped a league game to Windom Monday.

Nekali	2	0	0	0
Ericson	2	0	0	0
Baum	2	1	0	0

Windom 8, LHS 3

The Cardinals dropped their second Big South Conference game of the season when they took on the Eagles April 19 in Windom.

Luverne led 2-0 when Nelson and Jakob Olson registered back-to-back RBI doubles in the top half of the first inning, but Windom outscored LHS

8-1 the rest of the way to win by five runs.

The Eagles scored once in the bottom of the first and twice in the fourth inning to gain a 3-2 edge.

The Cards knotted the score at three when Nelson singled and scored on an RBI single by Bosch in the top of the fifth.

Windom, however, scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth and once in the sixth to put the game away.

Overgaard took the pitching loss after tossing five and one-third innings of six-run ball.

Blake Baum registered the final two outs and yielded two runs.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	4	1	0	0
Reed	4	0	1	0
Nelson	4	2	2	1
Olson	2	0	1	1
Bosch	2	0	1	1
Overgaard	3	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	3	0	0	0
Baum	2	0	1	0
Haugen	1	0	0	0

SPORTS BRIEF

College track

Two Luverne High School graduates experienced a successful weekend as members of college track programs.

Alex Weis, a 2013 LHS gradu-

ate who is a senior member of the Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall) squad, won the hammer throw and shot put titles and placed second in the discus Saturday

at the Red Raider open in Orange City, Iowa.

Tayla Peterson, a 2015 Luverne High School graduate who is a freshman member of the Northern State Univer-

sity (Aberdeen, South Dakota) squad, helped the school's 400-meter relay win a championship and placed fourth in the 200-meter dash at a home meet Saturday.

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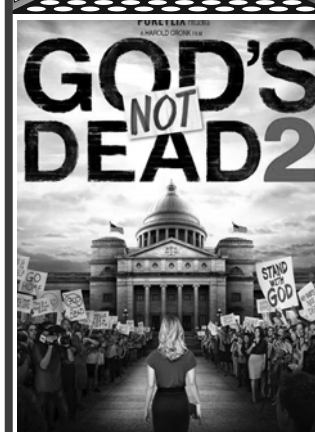
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Thursday, April 28: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, April 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 6:15 p.m. Camp Shetek Annual Meeting. Sunday, May 1: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service; Summer Youth Program organizational meeting. Tuesday, May 3: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, May 5: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlu-

theranhardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, April 28: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, April 28: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner — Service Group 1. 1:30 p.m. Movie Day — God's not Dead 2 at Palace Theatre (meet at Pizza Ranch following movie). Monday, May 2: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 4: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. LWML Bible Study. 8 p.m. LWML meeting. Thursday, May 5: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Circuit Wide Ascension Day Communion at Zion in Hardwick.

United Methodist Church

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

Thursday, April 28: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are. 4:30 p.m. Angels Bible Study. Tuesday, May 3: 3 p.m. Sewing Day. 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Care Committee meeting. 7 p.m. Worship and Music Committee meeting. Wednesday, May 4: 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation end of the year party at The Lake/Creamery Pond. 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, May 5: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, May 2: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, May 3: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, May 4: 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 7 p.m. Choir.

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, April 28: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at United Methodist in Adrian. Saturday, May 30: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. Monday, May 2: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 7:30 p.m. Elders meeting. Tuesday, May 3: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 4: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, April 5: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. 7 p.m. Worship at Zion Lutheran in Hardwick.

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: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
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.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Dinner.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, April 28: 1:30 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting. Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. May 5: 8 p.m. Church Council 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
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; Adrian Sunday School.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor
Sunday, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Gospel is not for sale

One of the characteristics of a Postmodern culture is the supreme importance of friendship.



BUILT ON
A ROCK

By Dick Lauger, Pastor,
First Baptist Church

19:15). James wrote about "personal favoritism" (2:1) and "showing partiality" (2:9). We treat our friends, however we choose them, differently.

Rare is the parent who sides with the teacher over a snippy daughter or who marches his shoplifting son to the store for apologies and restitution. While we in the Christian community pay lip service to "tough love," we quickly wilt when a friend needs a good dose of truth kindly spoken. Friendship outweighs truth and transforms "tough" into "sticky," the melted candy bar of the Spirit's fruit.

Postmodern friendships make us better at confronting confronters. Confronters are intolerant and unloving. Confronters drive people away. Confronters give the gospel and the church a bad name. Confronters are judgmental and not like Jesus. While we need to confront in love, the postmodern trend makes the enemy of our friend our enemy as well.

The antidote is not a swing toward harshness. We are challenged to treat everyone as the same neighbor. This has never been easy, but considering the culture, we all may have to concentrate a bit more. We cannot afford to let friendship define truth. The gospel is not for sale at any price, even at the cost of a friend.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

112 N. Main St., Hills

Hills United Reformed Church

Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, May 3: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, May 4: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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.

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Rock County Commissioners meet March 8

Herreid Board Room **9:00 A.M.**
Rock County Courthouse **March 8, 2016**

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the March 08, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the February 16, 2016 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1.Resolution No. 08-16, PERA Police Officer Declaration
Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, requested approval of an agreement with SEH for hydro-geologic services and demotion capacity evaluations at the Transfer Station for a cost of \$7,500; motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the agreement with SEH, declared carried on a voice vote.
Hartman indicated he would present information regarding an equipment purchase at the next meeting.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director, requested approval of a letter requesting from BSWR a one year extension of the current Comprehensive Water Plan; motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

There was a considerable discussion regarding the damage structure at the Blue Mound State Park and the public input meeting hosted by the DNR; it was determined that a follow up meeting should be scheduled with DNR and the County Board to continue discussions regarding all options before a decision is finalized.

The Administrator informed the County Board that New Vision Coop is planning an expansion project in Martin Township to include a new fertilizer and grain storage facility and would be requesting a tax abatement from the county; a tax abatement request requires a Public Hearing. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to set a Public Hearing date of April 5, 2016 to allow public comment regarding details of the tax abatement for New Vision Coop, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator also stated that he and the Engineer are researching options to make 141st street in Martin Township a 10-ton road.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the 5-year construction plan for 2016-2020; he will also present the 5-year plan at the Annual Road and Bridge meeting scheduled for March 22, 2016 at 1:00PM in the basement of the Rock County Community Library.

The Engineer presented information regarding Wheelage taxation; to implement the new tax, a notice must be submitted to the Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services Division by August 1st for a 2017 effective date. Based on 2014 data from DPS, the wheelage tax would generate \$93,880 for Rock County.

The Engineer requested authorization to discuss at the Annual Road and Bridge meeting and authorization was given by the Chair.

The Engineer also informed the County Board that Pipestone County will be implementing an Aggregate Tax using the state's rate of \$.15 per ton/\$.21 per cubic yard. This will impact Rock County as it negates special legislation authorizing Rock County to collect a lower rate of \$.07 per ton/\$.10 per cubic yard. After considerable discussion, the County Board took no action.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,275.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing – March 08, 2016:		
American Communications Inc	\$2,618.40	
Brad Hauck Woodworking	\$7,680.00	
Centerpoint Energy	\$3,140.05	
Computer Professionals Unlimited	\$5,999.00	
Country Cupboards Inc	\$4,925.00	
Davis Typewriter	\$27,553.36	
Fleet Services Division-Admin FMR	\$5,305.47	
H & L Mesabi	\$6,405.00	
Honken Construction	\$4,030.00	
Jack's Uniforms & Equip	\$4,908.00	
Jones Library Sales Inc.	\$32,247.45	
Ketterling Services	\$5,718.34	
Morris Electronics	\$10,910.40	
Racom	\$2,569.42	
Rock County Opportunities	\$2,648.86	
Sanders Inc	\$3,422.55	
Sanford Health	\$14,405.09	
Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc	\$2,609.16	
Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp	\$3,135.75	
Vander Stoep Furniture Inc	\$13,998.01	
Waytek, Inc	\$4,141.70	
Jones Library Sales Inc.	\$9,300.00	
Library Consulting	\$3,304.36	
100 Payments less than \$2,000	\$42,299.92	
Total	\$223,275.29	

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report. The Auditor/ Treasurer stated that Library Trust funds have been depleted and that bond fund proceeds are being utilized to pay the remaining expenses on the building project.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve a liquor license for the Luverne Country Club, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2016 Boards & Committees appointments, declared carried on a voice vote.

Advocate Education Connect

Sherri Thompson	
Ron Boyenga (Alternate)	
Airport	Ashley Kurtz
Ron Boyenga	Lana Henrichs
Paul Dougherty	
Melvin Fick	

AS400 Computer Committee

Kyle Oldre	
Ashley Kurtz	
Tom Houselog	
Shawn Sweeney	
Lana Henrichs	

Association of Minnesota Counties

All Commissioners	
Kyle Oldre	
Mark Sehr	
Susan Skattum	

AMC Policy Committees

Environmental & Natural Resources – Boyenga	
General Government – Reisch	
Health & Human Svcs – Thompson	
Public Safety – Hoime	
Transportation – Williamson	

AMC District VIII Committees

Ag & Transportation – Hoime	
Ag & Rural Development Task Force- Boyenga & Hoime	
ATP – Boyenga (alternate)	
Land Use – Hoime	
Health & Human Services - Thompson	

Audit Committee

Ron Boyenga	
Jody Reisch	
Kyle Oldre	
Susan Skattum	

Ron Boyenga	
Evan Verbrugge	
Terri Ebert	
Dave Van Batavia	
Kyle Oldre	
Rock County Ambulance Rep	
Jeff Bass	
John Call	

Economic Development Committee

Jody Reisch	
Ron Boyenga	

Extension Committee

Ken Hoime	
Stan Williamson	
Tom Sandager	
Stacie Mente	
Kristi Jessen	
Derek Boeve	
Kyle Hemme	
Teresa Kingsinger	

Judicial Ditch Advisory Board

Stan Williamson	
Ken Hoime	
Eugene Peterson	
Arnold Wenzel	
Roger Brockberg	
Robert Williamson	

Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed

Connie Frahm	
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Law Library Committee

Jody Reisch	
Tim Connell	
Damon Eisma	

Luverne City/County Liaison Committee

Jody Reisch	
Ken Hoime	
Kyle Oldre	

Luverne Community Economic Development Corporation

Jody Reisch	
Kyle Oldre (Alternate)	

Lyon County Regional Landfill

Ken Hoime	
Ron Boyenga (Alternate)	

Multi County HRA

Jody Reisch	
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Personnel Committee

Ron Boyenga	
Jody Reisch	
Don Klosterbuer	
Kyle Oldre	
Daryl Fuerstenberg	
Steve Baumgard	
Arlyn Gehrke	
Ashley Kurtz	

Personnel Board of Appeals

Gary Fisher	
John Call	
Chris Sorenson	

Private Industry Council Chief Elected Officials Board

Sherri Thompson	
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Planning & Zoning Committee

Stan Williamson	
Cliff Schilling	
Brad Petersen	
Connie Frahm	
Gordon Mulder	
Gawaine Dekievers	
Mark Vander Pol	
Mary Thompson (non-voting member)	
Eric Hartman (non-voting member)	
Don Klosterbuer (non-voting member)	

Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

Cliff Schilling	
Brad Petersen	
Connie Frahm	
Gordon Mulder	
Gawaine Dekievers	
Mark Vander Pol	

Plum Creek Library Committee

Ron Boyenga (Alternate)	
Jody Reisch	
Patsy Amborn	

Rock/Pipestone County Collaborative

Jody Reisch	
SWHHS Rep	
Scott Johnson	
PIC Representative	
Todd Holthaus	
Neal Steffl	
Gary Fisher	
Jon Ramlo	
Holli Arp	
Kyle Oldre	

Rock County Community Library

Jody Reisch	
Barbie Meinerts	
Joyce Oldre	
Rebecca Aanenson-Banks	
Molly Carbonneau	
Tena Petronek	
Bruce Olson	

Rock County Opportunities

Stan Williamson	
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The Administrator led a discussion regarding the Heartland Express department and how to move forward in providing transit services – management contract, consolidation or let it remain the same. After considerable discussion, motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to authorize filling the Transportation Dispatcher/ Administrative Assistant position with a Dispatcher position, and to continue discussions with Western Community Action Program (WCAP) for management contract services and/or consolidation, declared carried on a voice vote.

A discussion regarding County Volunteer Recognition was tabled until the March 22nd meeting.

Rock County/HBC School Liaison

Stan Williamson	
Jody Reisch	
Kyle Oldre	
Ali Breuer	
Scott Johnson	
Don Klosterbuer	
Evan Verbrugge	

Rock County/Luverne School Liaison

Sherri Thompson	
Ken Hoime	
Kyle Oldre	
Stacy Schepel	
Scott Johnson	
Don Klosterbuer	
Evan Verbrugge	

Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Advisory Board

Ken Hoime	
Jody Reisch	
Don Klosterbuer	
Jon Ramlo	
Evan Verbrugge	

Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Executive Board

Ken Hoime	
Jody Reisch	
Evan Verbrugge	

Rock County Rural Water

Stan Williamson	
Paul Heironimus	
Matt Boeve	
Paul Arends	
Vernon VandenBerg	
Lila Bauer	
Dell Walraven	

Rock County Veterans Memorial

Rick Peterson	
Annabelle Frakes	
Bill DeBates	
Wendell Erickson	
Gregg Groepel	
Warren Herreid	
Kyle Oldre	

Safety Committee

Kyle Oldre	
Susan Skattum	
Highway Union Rep	
Deputy Union Rep	
Mark Jensen	
Justin Feikema	
Al Hartz	
Gary Kurtz	

Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Stan Williamson	
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SWCD/Rock County Liaison

Stan Williamson	
Jody Reisch	
Norm Overgaard	
Eugene Cragoe	

Southern Prairie Community Care

Sherri Thompson	
Ron Boyenga (alt)	

Southwest Health & Human Services

Sherri Thompson	
Ron Boyenga	

Southwest Health & Human Services Nursing Hands Committee

Sherri Thompson	
Ron Boyenga (alternate)	

Southwestern Mental Health Center

Ron Boyenga	
Stan Williamson	
Jane Lanphere	

Southwest MN Adult Mental Health Consortium

Stan Williamson	
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Southwest Minnesota Opportunities Council

Jody Reisch	
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Southwest Regional Development Commission

Sherri Thompson	
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Emergency Communications Board

Jody Reisch	
Kyle Oldre (alternate)	

Southwest Regional Radio Committee

Evan Verbrugge	
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Southwest Regional Rural Energy Task Force

Ken Hoime	
Ron Boyenga (Alternate)	

Southwest Solid Waste Board

Ken Hoime	
Ron Boyenga (Alternate)	

Southwest Regional EMS Board

Harlan Vande Kieft	
Jody Reisch (alternate)	

SWMN Tourism

Jane Lanphere	
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The County Board was in receipt of information regarding County Economies 2015, Opportunities and Challenges; presented as informational only.

The County Board was invited to a Ribbon Cutting event on March 14th celebrating the arrival of Lewis & Clark water to the City of Luverne.

The County Board was informed a Ribbon Cutting event on March 17th at the Rock County Community Library celebrating the completion of the building renovation.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that cell phone coverage remains substandard in the southeast portion of the county and that he has concerns about potential damages during the fiber install. The Administrator indicated that he would contact Alliance Communications and invite them to the Annual Road & Bridge meeting on March 22nd. Boyenga also stated he attended a Southwest Health and Human Services meeting which indicated that the organization is dealing with the after effects of heroin.

Commission Thompson stated that she attended a Southwest Health and Human Services meeting, Southern Prairie Community Care and legislative round table meeting; also inquired about the status of the pedestrian crossing lights on Highway 75, the Administrator stated that the City of Luverne is working on it with DGR.

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

(04-28)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 19

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: 1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated 06/20/2008 executed by Enchanted Lakes Properties, LLC, a Limited Liability Company ("Original Mortgagor"), to 21st Century Bank, a Minnesota Corporation ("Mortgagee"), and recorded on 06/30/2008 as Document No. 169393 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

2. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$67,500.00.

3. At the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: \$56,937.11 (Mortgage) plus \$4,819.42 (Real Estate Taxes and late charges), for a total owing of \$61,756.53.

4. Pursuant to the power of sale clause in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land legally described as:

The North 650 feet of the West 450 feet of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, in Township 101 North, of Range 47 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Rock County, Minnesota.

Common Address: 256 41st Street, Hills, MN 56138.

PID: 08-0254-000

will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota at public auction on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

5. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 months after the date of the sale.

6. 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.

Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage:
21st Century Bank

Attorneys for Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage:

Thomas P Dolphin, Jr. – 0386646
Wayne M. Spangler – 0396721

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(3-24, 3-31, 4-7, 4-14, 4-21, 4-28)

Luverne Board of Appeal and Equalization meets May 10

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Luverne City will meet at 4:00 P.M., on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 2016 at Luverne City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

All persons wishing to be heard should be present at the hearing or present written comments previous to the hearing to the City Clerk. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507)-449-9898

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(4-28)

City of Luverne Notice of petition in condemnation

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION BY THE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA OF REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF ROCK, STATE OF MINNESOTA TO ABATE A NUISANCE AND HAZARDOUS BUILDING.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Dist. Ct. File No. 67-CV-16-87

Case Type: Condemnation

City of Luverne,
Petitioner
Vs.

Marja Ramage; Troy Duskin; Jody Duskin; the County of Rock, a political subdivision of the state of Minnesota; Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., a corporation under the state of Delaware;

and
Also, all other persons known, or unknown claiming any right, title estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein;

Respondents,

TO THE RESPONDENTS HEREINABOVE NAMED:

YOU, and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of May, 2016 at 3:45 P.M. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard the above named Petitioner will present to the above named Court a Petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands in the City of Luverne to abate a nuisance and hazardous building. The Petition requests that the Court issue, at this hearing, the following relief:

1. Adjudging that said taking is for a public purpose, is necessary, and is authorized by law;
2. Appointing three disinterested commissioners, and at least one alternate, to appraise and report the amount of damages that will be occasioned upon the several holders and potential holders of title on account of the taking; fixing the time and place fir the first meeting of three commissioners, prescribing their compensation; and requiring the commissioners to file their report with the District Court Administrator within 365 days from the date of the order appointing the commissioners unless said time be further extended by the court;
3. Adjudging that the estate acquired by Petitioner in said lands shall be an estate in fee simple absolute, all as described in the Petition, together with all improvements, fixtures, trees, shrubs, grass and herbage within and upon this real property, and

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5. Adjudging that Marja Ramage, Troy Duskin, and Jody Duskin are appropriately joined as respondents and are necessary parties within the meaning of Minn. R. Civ. Pro. 19. 6. Ordering such other and further relief as may be proper and pursuant to law. The Petitioner serves its right to recover any damages resulting from the presence of any pollutants contaminants, or hazardous materials on the property described herein, from all potential responsible parties in a separate legal action. The intent of Petitioner is that the costs to abate the nuisance and hazardous building should be reflected in the appraised value of these lands. The objects of said Petition are to take, to abate a blighted property and hazardous building located thereon, being a public nuisance, the lands and/or interest as described and indicated more specifically below, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, together with the following rights: all improvements, fixtures, trees, shrubs, grass, and herbage within and upon this real property, and have exclusive control of the same. Said taking is subject to existing highways, streets, and right-of-way record. The lands desired and proposed to be so taken are situate in Rock County, Minnesota, and are described as follows, and the names of all persons appearing of record or known to the Petitioner, to be the owners of said lands or interest therein, including all whom your Petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each as nearly as can be ascertained, are specifically described and indicated in EXHIBIT A below. Any party wishing to challenge the public use or public purpose, necessity, or authority for the taking must appear at the court hearing and state the objections or must appeal within 60 days of a court order. The court order approving the public use or public purpose, necessity, and authority for the taking is final unless an appeal is brought within 60 days after the service of the order on the party. Dated: March 29, 2016 /s/ Benjamin Denton Special Assistant Luverne City Attorney Attorney I.D. # 316143 320 E. Main Street-PO Box 261 Pipestone, MN 56164 507-825-9969 EXHIBIT A: Legal Description of real estate to be acquired: The North Ninety-six (N.96) feet of Lot Twenty (20) and the North Ninety-two (N.92) feet of the West Fifty (W.50) feet of Lot Nineteen (19) in Block Twelve (12) in Warren and Kniss' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Rock County Recorder and Registrar of Titles. Abstract/Torrens: Abstract NAMES OF KNOWN PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LAND AND NATURE OF INTEREST: Troy Duskin and Jody Duskin Owner of Contract for Deed Vendee's Interest in Fee Simple Marja Ramage Owner of Contract for Deed Vendor's Interest in Fee Simple Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., Easement for Provision of Natural Gas Utility a corporation under the laws of the state of Delaware County of Rock Lien for Collection of Unpaid Taxes, if any PIN: 20-1657-000 Dated: April 12, 2016

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
(04-21 , 04-24, 05-05)

Vander Pol applies for
livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Mark Vander Pol has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 6 in Battle Plain Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

Published at the request of Mark Vander Pol.

(4-28)

Luverne EDA public
hearing set for May 9

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been called and will be held for the Luverne Economic Development Authority, on Monday, the 9th of May, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Office Building at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider public input regarding the sale of the East 100.25 feet of Lot 2 in the Subdivision of Lot 1 in Block 4 in P.J. Kniss' Addition in the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota to Scott & Tammy Heibult.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing, ask questions, and/or give comments. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the hearing by addressing them to the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN (507-449-5033).

BY ORDER OF THE LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Patrick Baustian, President
Luverne Economic Development Authority
305 E. Luverne St.
Luverne, MN 56156
Phone: 507-283-2388

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City Planning Commission
public hearing May 16

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR MAY 16, 2016
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on a requested conditional use application submitted by Scott Heibult to construct a new 36'x40' single story commercial building at 117 N Kniss, City of Luverne. Brief legal description: E 100' 3" OF 2 OF SUBDIV OF LOT 1 BLOCK 4, City of Luverne.

All persons wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the conditional use request should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior thereto to the Building Official. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 28th day of April, 2016.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(4-28)

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Daycare: Licensed daycare has openings available for ages ranging from 12 months to 11 years of age. Please call 507-920-8449 for more details. (tc)

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CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Chad Carlson would like to thank the ambulance crew, fire department and hospital staff that assisted after the accident. Also a special thanks to Jeff Hartquist and Pastor Dave and the women of the United Methodist Church who served the lunch. Thanks also to everyone who offered prayers, hugs, food, flowers, plants and memorials. Chad truly loved his daughter Kaitlyn and will be missed by many. **Roger Carlson and Family** (4.28-5.1)

A huge thank you to the Luverne Sanford Staff. From the ambulance drivers, nursing, therapy, dietary, and house-keeping for all of your care and concern. Thank you to Doctor Garlker, Crabtree, and Morgan for their excellent care. Thank you to my family for being there for me. Thanks again. **Doris Schmuck** (4.28-5.1)

On behalf of the Kvaas family, we would like to extend our deepest thank you for all of the cards, condolences and comforting words. We will continue to miss and love Danny Kvaas. **The Kvaas Family** (4.24-4.28)

Thank you First Farmers and Merchants for packaging the February Backpack Program. **The Backpack Program** (4.28-5.1)

On behalf of the Stacey Bork Family and Bork Benefit Committee, please accept our sincere gratitude for your generosity of time and/or donations to help make the Benefit Event a wonderful success. It truly identifies the greatness of family, friends and area businesses coming together to support a neighbor/friend in a time of need. Your responsiveness to our requests will not be forgotten. Thank you very much again.

Stacey Bork Family and Benefit Committee (4.24-4.28)

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Gr. 5-8/7-12 SCIENCE Part Time
VACANCY NOTICE

- **Position:** :30 fte Grades 5-8 OR 7-12 SCIENCE
- **Qualifications:** Current Minnesota 5-8 general science OR 7-12 SCIENCE Teacher license, or ability to obtain.
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
- **Starting Date:** 2016 School Year
- **Apply To:** Superintendent, Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138. Or via email: t.holthaus@isd671.net Please send; letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three (3) current letters of reference.
- **Comments:** Successful candidate will have a passion for instruction of secondary (5-8 OR 7-12) SCIENCE. Multiple openings. Position may be combined with other part-time positions for those individuals with multiple licensure.
- **Location:** The Hills-Beaver Creek School district is located in the far Southwest corner of the state of Minnesota. The district lies just 20 miles east of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are a tiny (growing) family orientated school district with a strong desire to assist our students in their learning. The Jr./Sr. High building was newly constructed in 2011.

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SECONDARY MATHEMATICS Part Time
VACANCY NOTICE

- **Position:** :30 fte Grades 7-12 Math
- **Qualifications:** Current Minnesota 7-12 Mathematics Teacher license, or ability to obtain.
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
- **Starting Date:** 2016 School Year
- **Apply To:** Superintendent, Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138. Or via email: t.holthaus@isd671.net Please send; letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three (3) current letters of reference.
- **Comments:** Successful candidate will have a passion for instruction of secondary mathematics. Multiple openings. Position may be combined with other part-time positions for those individuals with multiple licensure.
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EMPLOYMENT

Design Craft of Luverne, Inc. Your Local Commercial Construction Contractor is looking for construction laborers and experienced carpenters for immediate employment. Stop in at our office at 904 Commerce Road and fill out an application. Phone 507-283-2600. Labor rates \$12-15/hr, experienced carpenters \$15/20 DOQ. (4.21-5.8)

Need someone to tend to flower beds and yard work. Call 507-669-2585. (4.17-5.5)

Registered Nurse/LPN-Parkview Manor, a municipal skilled nursing facility is accepting applications for a part-time charge nurse position. Wages commensurate with experience. \$2000 scholarship available for students. Benefits include vacation, holiday, and PERA retirement plan. Contact Darnell Krull 308 Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, Mn 56129 or call 507-967-2482 (tc)

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SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES Part Time VACANCY NOTICE

- **Position:** 30 fte Grades 7-12 SOCIAL STUDIES
- **Qualifications:** Current Minnesota 7-12 SOCIAL STUDIES Teacher license, or ability to obtain.
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
- **Starting Date:** 2016 School Year
- **Apply To:** Superintendent, Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138. Or via email: t.holthaus@isd671.net
Please send: letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three (3) current letters of reference.
- **Comments:** Successful candidate will have a passion for instruction of secondary SOCIAL STUDIES. Multiple openings. Position may be combined with other part-time positions for those individuals with multiple licensure.
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ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN ROCK COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Engineering Technician for the Rock County Land Management Office until May 6, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. Responsibilities include providing assistance to landowners for implementation of conservation practices using a wide array of programs. Duties will include making personal, one on one contacts with prospective, long-term conservation program participants and provide technical assistance to interested landowners in collaboration with local, state and federal agencies (SWCD, NRCS, FSA, DNR, MCPA etc.). A majority of the work is conducted outdoors. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent with a minimum of a 2-year degree in a related field and 1 year of work-related experience. This position is a full-time grant funded position with full benefits. Starting hourly wage range will be

\$19.13 - \$21.52, DOQ. Grant funding is for 3-5 years with possible period extensions.

To obtain a job description and an application for this position, please access the Rock County website at co.rock.mn.us/employment.html or contact Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065 or email susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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SECONDARY ENGLISH Part Time VACANCY NOTICE

- **Position:** 30 fte Grades 7-12 ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS
- **Qualifications:** Current Minnesota 7-12 ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS Teacher license, or ability to obtain.
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
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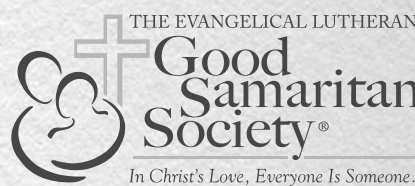
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