# Highway 75 road work starts soon

Construction begins week of May 11 with culvert replacement

**By Lori Sorenson** 

Highway 75 (Kniss Street) in Luverne will be under construction from May 11 to early September with a short in-town detour at the start of the project.

To prepare business owners and residents along that route, the city of Luverne hosted a preconstruction meeting Tuesday night, April 21, in Luverne City Hall.

The meeting, which attracted about 30 people, addressed the staging of the project, detour routes and projected timing of the project.

Project engineer Gary Kurth, with DGR in Rock Rapids, conducted the meeting and used a Google Earth map on projector to illustrate the course of the construction.

He said the most inconvenient part of the project, replacing the Poplar Creek culvert, will occur first.

Even though detour signs will be set several blocks away, "through traffic" will be allowed to business up to the "hard closure" where the culvert is located.

The hard closure will be between the south corner of the McClure Plumbing and Heating property and the northeast corner of the Herman Motors construction site.

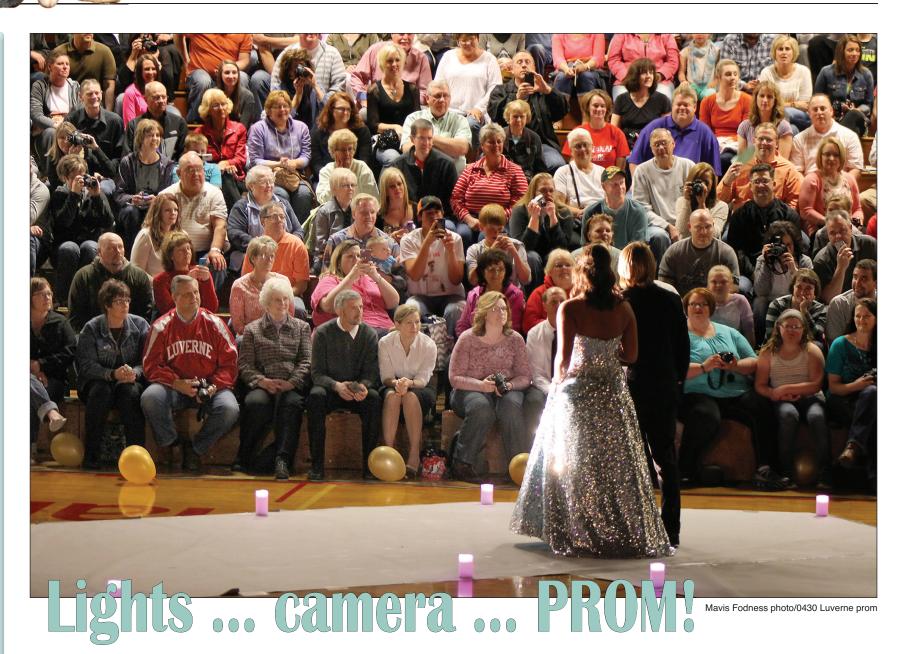
The estimated time of the hard closure could be four weeks, depending on weather and circumstances.

In addition to replacing the culvert, workers will bury two major infrastructure lines under the culvert — a water main and a gas line.

That work will be done in addition to tearing out pavement, removing the box that's there, replacing rip rap and other necessary work.

Kurth said traffic can be allowed

**Highway 75 construction**/see 3A



Luverne High School seniors Caitlin Hartman and Cory Stroeh pause during the grand march Saturday, April 25, in the high school gymnasium. It was a busy weekend for students all over southwest Minnesota as Adrian High School and Hills-Beaver Creek students also celebrated prom Friday and Saturday nights. See those photographs, in addition to coverage of Ellsworth's April 18 event, on page 1B of this Star Herald.

# Four properties receive abatements, one pending appeal

By Mavis Fodness

Four Rock County residences received more than \$5,000 in tax credits and another property is under consideration after Rock County Commissioners approved recommendations from Tom Houselog, county land records director.

Houselog has been conducting local board of appeal and equalization meetings, where residents can question the upcoming property tax assessments or request disaster credits. Eighteen out of the 20 townships and cities have been completed, he said.

Two of the requests were

disaster-related, specifically fire damage.

In order to qualify, structures

must receive 50 percent or more in damage, Houselog said.

The other two property tax requests were due to errors in data

entry. Houselog said the errors have been corrected.

At their April 21 meeting, commissioners approved the following homeowners, property addresses, amount of the abatement or correction and/or tax credits and the reasons as follows:

•Audrey Gabrielson, 1402 Victory Circle, Luverne; \$373.30 abatement for 2014, \$379.30 credit for taxes payable in 2015; due to an August 2014 fire •New Horizon Farms, Rose Dell Township Section 13; \$2,082.52 abatement for 2014, \$1,802.04 credit for 2015; due to a January 2014 fire that destroyed the hog production

•Gertrude Wessels, Kanaranzi Township Section 23; \$638 credit in taxes payable 2015; due to an error in homestead determination.

**Property tax adjustments**/see 5A

# State test suspension has little effect in area schools

By Mavis Fodness

Area school districts lost a testing day when the Minnesota Department of Education temporarily suspended use of the state's online testing website.

On Tuesday, April 21, Commissioner Brenda Cassellius announced in a press release that the testing site would be shut down until technical problems within the testing system were resolved.

No timeframe was given on how long the test company, Pearson, would have the system offline.

The system was back online for students and administrators on Thursday, April 23.

The problem occurred, according to the state department, when students failed to access the system to complete the tests, a problem not experienced locally.

"The majority of the problems have occurred on the administrative side of the program," said Stacy Gillette, Luverne Public School's testing administrator.

"That is the side I use to set up and monitor the test sessions."

Up until last week, the testing had been progressing relatively smoothly.

In the state nearly 400,000 tests have been completed with the recent technical problems not adversely impacting those tests already completed.

Districts across the state have

Minnesota
Comprehensive
Assessment
Testing suspended
April 21; system back
online April 23

been testing students in grades 3-10 in reading, math and/or science as part of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment program. Districts were allowed to begin March 9.

Locally, effects of the daylong suspension were minimal due to how local school districts set up their testing schedules.

"The (Hills-Beaver Creek) district has a number of makeup days scheduled to accommodate unforeseen circumstances such as this," said Superintendent Todd Holthaus.

Because districts set up their own testing, the schedules are also flexible.

"Our students are back in class receiving instruction instead of testing," said Adrian Public School Superintendent Roger Graff.

Because the break in the test schedule affected districts statewide, Commissioner Cassellius extended the districts' MCA completion deadline in May by an additional two days.

# Miracle of birth

# Luverne woman delivers babies for New York couple



Submitted photo

Caitlin and Aaron Altman and their three children, (from left) Joselyn, Ashton and Braylynn, pose with the twins shortly after their birth. The twin boys, Mateo and Nicholas Melcher, are sons of Michael Melcher, New York, and were delivered March 5 by Caitlin, who served as a gestational surrogate for the New York couple.

"I feel my children are the best things that happened in my life. Why not be able to give that to someone else?" — Caitlin Altman By Mavis Fodness

Thanks to a local woman, a New York dad is able to raise twin sons as his own, a life event he didn't even think was possible until only a few years ago.

Michael Melcher compares life before his children's births to that of the main character in "The Wizard of Oz" movie.

"Dorothy said the first part of her life is black and white," he said. "Then she wakes up in Oz and it's all in color."

On March 5, identical twins Mateo and Nicolas Melcher were born at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls via gestational surrogate Caitlin (Rosin) Altman. She is a 2007 graduate and

Hardwick native living in Luverne. She and her husband, Aaron, also an LHS 2007 grad, have three children of their own, ages 7, 5 and 3. "I feel my children are the best

things that happened in my life," she said. "Why not be able to give that to someone else?"

That someone else turned out to be Melcher, 51, a New York City partner in a mentoring company assisting executives with specific leadership goals. He never thought he could reach one of his own personal goals with his partner of 20 years, Jason, to have children of his own.

'I grew up in an era for gay peo-

**Gestational surrogacy**/see 2A



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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

# Meetings

Kenneth Cemetery Association will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Kenneth Lutheran Church.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 4, at Take 16 Brewery in Luverne. A meeting and election of officers will be at 7:45 p.m. at the library

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at the home of the clerk Teresa Kramer.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, to carpool from St. Catherine Catholic Church's east parking lot for lunch at Safari Bar and Grill in Renner. A 2 p.m. tour of Renner Lutheran Church will follow lunch. RSVP to Connie by Thursday, May 7, at 283-8470.

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Hospital in Luverne. Rock County VFW Auxiliary Post #2757 will meet at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the Minnesota Veterans

Home in Luverne. Tourist Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the American Legion in Luverne.

American Legion Post #123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the post home.

Al-Anon meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the library. Call 605-321-4324.

# LES kindergartners present program

Luverne Elementary kindergarten classes will present their music program, "A Day in the Country" at 2 p.m. Friday, May 1, in the Luverne Elementary gym.

# Bike rodeo May 2

The Luverne Optimist Club and Rock County Sheriff's Office will host their annual bike rodeo at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Luverne Community Education parking lot. Call 920-9387 with questions.

# Redemption Riders Run for Son May 2

The Christian Motorcyclists Association will host its an $nual\,Runfor the Son\,Saturday, May\,2, with the\,Redemption$ Riders chapter meeting at 7:30 a.m. at Luverne Kawasaki. They will ride for approximately 120 miles round trip to help raise money to help present the gospel of Jesus. Call Kim Bakke at 507-304-1455

# Luverne Optimist sandbox refills May 4

The Luverne Optimist Club and W&N Construction will sponsor their annual sandbox fill Monday, May 4, starting at 6 p.m. Call Audrey, 283-2018, to reserve sand.

# First Presbyterian Breakfast is May 6

The First Presbyterian Church of Luverne will host its Ecumenical Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the church. Pam Miller, who works with the American Heart Association, will present the program, "Take Care of Yourself — Fulfill God's Purpose for Your Life." All women are invited to attend.

# Volunteer recognition May 6

A volunteer recognition open house will be from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 6, at the Luverne Senior Center. Coffee and donuts will be available and music will be provided by the Luverne Senior High Choir at 11:20 a.m. Socialize, relax and stay for lunch at 11:45 a.m. RSVP to 507-283-9846 to order lunch.

# Luverne pops concert set for May 8

The Luverne Middle School and High School choirs will present their pops concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, in the elementary gym. The concert will feature the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade choirs, the ninth-grade girls' choir and the concert choir singing music from Disney movies. Cost for the concert is \$4 for school-age children and \$6 for adults. Activity passes will also be accepted.

# Bank Nite movie 'Big Hero 6' May 7

The free Bank Nite movie, "Big Hero 6," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 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.

# St. Catherine students bless trees for Earth Day

## By Lori Sorenson

Father Tom Jennings and the Wednesday afternoon students at St. Catherine Church, Luverne, celebrated Earth Day April 22 with trees, flowers and other living things.

The city of Luverne is planting 70 new trees on city boulevards for Arbor Day, and Jennings and the children blessed one of them with Easter water.

The tree is a flowering crab apple tree, which grows berries that feed birds and provide beauty on the boulevards.

As part of the Earth Day observation, nature lover and amateur photographer Alex Miller shared nature photos he's taken and talked about a wetlands restoration project near his home by Hardwick.

Representatives from the Natural Resources **Conservation Service** talked about earth-friendly practices, such as reducing tiling, planting cover crops, composting household waste and more.

In addition to the blessing of the new tree, the event included a procession of children with plants and flowers to decorate the altar.



Stephanie Christensen photos/0430 earth day at st catherine

The Wednesday after-school students at St. Catherine gather for a group photo after the blessing of the tree. Pictured below, Camden Janiszeski (left) and Andy Halverson wheel a tree to the front of St. Catherine Church sanctuary to be blessed. Below, right, Larenzie Axness (left) and Ava Steinhoff proceed to the altar with their potted flowers.





Michael Melcher holds his twin sons shortly after their birth March 5 in Sioux Falls. Luverne's Caitlin Altman served as the gestational surrogate.

# Surrogate birth/from 1A

ple when it wasn't clear that we could have children," Melcher said. "A lot of people my age are not alive. A lot of guys in my peer group died in the early '80s and '90s before they had a chance to be in a changed society where things like being a parent are possible."

Almost three years ago, Melcher attended a conterence in New York titled, "Men Having Babies." Besides guest speakers, the conference included representatives from various fertility clinics and surrogate agencies. Fate led Melcher to choose a Minnesota agency to find a gestational surrogate.

"I have a real soft spot for Minnesota," he said. "Maybe because I grew up watching 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show' ... the Midwest is full of very solid people."

The International Assisted Reproduction Center (IARC) in Maple Grove paired Melcher with Altman, whose Google search found IARC.

Both filled out biographies, each reading the others before the agency arranged the introductory phone call that lasted two hours.

"He is very thorough," Altman said. "I felt very confident and comfortable everything would go well."

For Altman and Melcher, No. 1 became a wellused number:

•Altman was the first surrogate Melcher talked

Both only wanted to carry and raise one baby.

Surrogate birth/continued on page 3A

# Surrogate birth comes with a price tag

# **By Mavis Fodness**

Costs of assisted reproduction vary greatly from state to state, depending on the procedure and the type of agreement.

According to surrogate law expert Steven Snyder, the Midwest is the most economical location for a surrogacy agreement, with total costs ranging from \$80,000 to \$120,000, if results are successful the first time.

Snyder, an attorney in Maple Grove, has overseen 300 surrogate agreements, handling 80 percent in Minnesota through the International Assisted Reproductive Center (IARC). He has completed three surrogate agreements in Rock County.

One of those agreement was with Luverne's Beth Bartels, who was a gestational surrogate 10 years ago for a couple from London, England.

"It was such a cool experience," she said. "I developed a relationship with the parents and (the birth of twins) was a fulfillment of a lifelong dream for them."

The gestational surrogate plays a small but important role in helping couples have children. Technology has boosted the success from assisted-reproductive services to 58 percent. However, it is difficult to know how often a gestational surrogate is used.

"There are no industry statistics," Snyder said pointing to the wide range of available surrogacy services.

For example, Snyder said, if a couple creates an embryo using their own sperm and egg, cost ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Costs are higher, up to \$25,000, if an egg donor is

Surrogate fees can be free if a friend or family member agrees to carry the baby to full term, but most surrogates receive payment for the care they give to the developing child, Snyder said.

Those payments range from \$15,000 to \$35,000, depending on whether it is the surrogate's first or second pregnancy.

"Experienced surrogates for more," he said.

For surrogates who view their service as more altruistic, like many Midwest surrogates do, the cost is also less, Snyder said.

The surrogate's medical insurance handles the cost of prenatal care and delivery with the intended parent paying the \$2,000 to \$10,000 medical deductible.

Agencies such as IARC charge about \$20,000 if all the agency's services are used from surrogate introduction to the court proceedings involved in transferring parental rights (\$6,000 to \$8,000).

"It costs a lot of money but you can't really put a number on it," Snyder said. "(Having a child) is a wonderful miracle."





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# Highway 75 construction/ continued from page 1A

through once a soft surface (gravel) is replaced, but he assured affected businesses in that area that he'd communicate with them about closures and timeframes for reopening.

Business owners particularly concerned about the detourwere Joel Herman, who is expecting semi-loads of car deliveries in June, and Nate Golla, who said 90 trucks per day enter and exit the Farm Store property.

Kurth said he would work with them on possible truck detour routes in order to keep traffic patterns moving smoothly.

He also told some concerned business owners, such as the Cozy Rest Motel owners, that temporary business would be allowed in order to remind motoring customers where the businesses are and that they're open for business.

He said traffic wouldn't be detoured at I-90 and that the exit and entrance ramps to Luverne wouldn't be closed at any time.

The official detour is east on Hatting to Freeman, then north to Warren and backwest to Highway 75.

One message Kurth repeated throughout the meeting was that he and the contractors would work to make sure all businesses had access of some kind to and from their property.

One exception is a storage facility owned by Al Aanenson, and Kurth asked him, "How well do you get along with your neighbor, Opsata?'

Aanenson smiled and said he did and that he'd work with Opsata to come and go through that adjacent property.

At Tuesday's meeting, Kurth provided an overview of the construction, which will affect Highway 75 from Interstate 90 to the north city limits.

The project consists of a variety of work including:

 Resurfacing (mill and overlay) from I-90 to Main

•Seal coating from Main Street to north city limits

•Replacing a box culvert between Harrison Street and Edgehill Street over Poplar Creek (this is the detoured

•Watermainworknorth of Harrison St. to Main St.

 Sidewalk improvements for accessibility

•Revised signal at Main

•Restriping from four lanes to three lanes (one lane each way with center lane for left turns)

The \$2.7 million project is a partnership between the city of Luverne and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Business owners and residents at the meeting were asked to provide their cell phone and email contact information in order to alert them to water shut-offs, detours and other interruptions.

'We're going to try to keep everyone informed, and would like to communicate with you instantaneously via text or email," said City Administrator John Call.

**Duininck Incorporated** of Prinsburg was awarded the contract.



Students in grades 5-12, under the direction of Richard Owen and Angie Swenson, perform in a combined band the final number of Friday night's concert, "Shorewood Overture," by Michael Story.

# Students present spring instrumental concert

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Instrumental Music Department presented its 2015 Spring Concert Friday night, April 24, in the Cardinal Gym.

The annual event included performances by the fifth-grade band, under the direction of Angie Swenson, and by the sixth-grade, seventh- and eighth-grade and high school bands, all under the direction of Richard Owen.

New to this year's spring event was a combined performance of all the bands playing "Shorewood Overture," by Michael Story.

In addition to the customary

farewell by senior band students, Owen presented the 2015 band awards and scholarships.

The David A. Buffington Memorial Award was presented to Sam Ykema and Mitchell Graber. The award was established in memory of a former LHS trombone player and is given to students who demonstrate character, loyalty and dedication.

The Carl Nash Award for outstanding contributions to the band program by a junior was awarded to Ryleigh Beers and Katerina Siebert.

The Tony Maiello Award for marching band excellence went to Connor Crabtree.

The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, a national award for outstanding jazz band performance, was given to Cole Bosch.

Drew Weis was selected to receive the John Philip Sousa Award, the most prestigious award for high school instrumentalists.

The Papik Family Music Scholarship was presented to Monaya Hustoft. It's given in honor of Gary and Janine Papik's three children who all were in band and choir all four years of their high school careers.

It's the 14<sup>th</sup> year the Papiks have handed out the award, which comes with a \$300 scholarship.

# Surrogate birth/from page 2A

Only one donor egg was

•The first in vitro fertilization treatment resulted in

a pregnancy. Altman's first ultrasound revealed she was carrying two embryos.

Shock was the initial reaction to the news of identi-

Melcher thought the medical equipment was faulty.

"I thought maybe ... (in the Midwest) they don't have the most up-to-date ultrasounds and they are just looking at the same one from two different angles," Melcher said.

For Aaron Altman, Caitlin's tears were thought to be an emotional response to having a child for someone

His viewing of the ultrasound showed two distinct fetuses inside one placenta. Caitlin was afraid of the possible complications as the babies developed.

This was never a concern before during her other easy pregnancies.

However, none of those concerns occurred and Mateo (5 pounds, 13 ounces) and Nicolas (6 pounds, 6 ounces) were delivered as two healthy babies at just over 35 weeks of gestation by Caesarean section. Caitlin's worry of extra stretch marks, a possible miscarriage or development of genetic defects

At 12 days old, the boys went home with Melcher, their biological father, to

Time spent with the twins in the neonatal intensive care unit allowed Altman to ease into the inevitable giving up of the babies to Melcher and his partner, Jason.

Melcher himself also made the transition easier with his desire to keep the Altman family involved in the boys' lives.

"I want my kids to know their whole story," he said. "I view Caitlin and Aaron and the egg donor as extended family.







Above, left, high school band students perform "Music from the Hunger Games" during Friday night's band concert. Above, right, Angie Swenson directs fifth-grade band members in their performance of "Camptown Races." Below left, seventh- and eighthgrade students perform "Ballad for Trumpet," which included a trumpet solo by Quinn Buss (pictured at left). Below, right, high school trumpet players (from left) Joe Guy, Brandon Winter and Mitchell Muller play their parts in the song, "The Machine Awakes."





# Cardinal jazz bands take concert on the road

**By Mavis Fodness** 

The Luverne Public Schools Instrumental Music Department conducted its 2015 Spring Jazz Concert Tuesday, April 21, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

According to director Richard Owen, the groups first performed at the church last year and returned because of the facility's excellent acoustics for audience members to better hear the small group of performers.

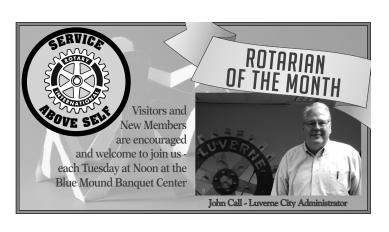
Students performed seven numbers and featured middle school soloist Jonah Louwagie on trumpet and high school students Tatiana Gust (saxophone), Ryleigh Beers (saxophone), Madi Schandelmeier (trumpet) and Cole Bosch (percussion).



Mavis Fodness photo/0430 Jazz Band MS

The Luverne Middle School Jazz Band poses after their spring concert performance Tuesday, April 21, at the American Reformed Church. Jazz band members are (front, left) Elise Jarchow, Ainslie Robinson; (being held) Nathan Lindsley and John Miller; (third row) Destiny Matthiesen, director Richard Owen, Jonah Louwagie, Cade Wenninger; (back) Hunter Sandbulte and Isabel Smeins. Missing is Peter Baustian.









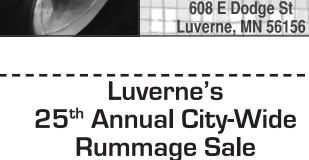
Clinton Township will be excepting gravel bids for crushed gravel to be applied to township roads.

Bids will opened on

Monday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the Township Hall

Clinton Township has the right to reject any or all bids.

Lowell Bonnema, Clerk



**APRIL 30 • MAY 1 • MAY 2** 

Check the listings for rummage sale hours of operation!

Find great bargains at rummage sales throughout the Luverne community! Look for the official rummage sale signs!



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# PINION

Defying the family odds

# Sometimes life's about not giving up

Experiences often shape who we are and define what we become in life.

No one knows that better than Juan Carreon, a 19-year-old I met for the first time during his gradua-

tion ceremony on April 15. The informal afternoon gathering at Pizza Ranch was full of smiles, congratulatory conversations and tears of happiness from Carreon, his family members and Luverne High School faculty and administra-

School officials came to know Iuan well because he is one of those students who didn't let what life dealt him define who he is or, better yet, what he wasn't.

He wasn't stupid.

He wasn't lazy. He just needed a chance and the right environment to learn, especially math.

His mother, Janice Harris-Buesing, blames herself, wishing she could have helped him more with homework while battling her own health problems when Juan was in elementary school. She thought moving him from Missouri to Minnesota to live with family members would be best as she dealt with her health.

Instead of making the situation better, coming to a new environment was not conducive to learning. Juan often felt like an outsider, disconnected from his family. He often would stare at his homework, unsure of what needed to be completed or how to do it.

He said after months of being unable to finish a worksheet, teachers stopped giving him the papers.

Substance abuse could have led Juan to drop out of school entirely.



# RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

While visiting friends in Sioux City, Iowa, he stole from stores just to eat, and a drug overdose brought him to his

The experience made him feel like a failure and propelled him to continue in school. This time he open-enrolled to Luverne, where he ultimately found support at the alternative learning center.

But the journey still wasn't

Juan could have dropped out of school last year when he didn't have enough credits to graduate. One student did drop out of the 2014 class.

Instead of letting the feeling of failure overwhelm him, he moved forward.

Teachers at the alternative learning center said they didn't give up on him because he didn't give up on himself. He worked through the self-study program for mathematics earlier this month.

Juan said for his family's sake, he is considering participating in Luverne's May 17 graduation ceremonies. In his family, high school diplomas can be counted on one hand.

It was suggested that he should be the commencement speaker because he didn't let his experiences take him away in a less positive direction.

"Now he has a diploma; he has a future," said Superintendent Gary Fisher.

Juan plans to join a family member as an electrical journeyman - entrance of which requires a high school diploma.



Mavis Fodness photo/0430 Mavis Column Juan Juan Carreon receives the vinyl folder that will hold his Luverne High School Class of 2015 diploma from Principal Ryan Johnson earlier this month. Carreon worked through the school's alternative school to achieve the diploma that only a handful of members in his family

have achieved.

# Spring is here; let's focus on the prairie

# Life on the Prairie series to celebrate Rock County nature

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

With winter safely behind us, the Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie are seeing an increasing number of visitors enjoying the outdoors.

Wedon'thavelakesormountains in Rock County, but we do enjoy our prairie vistas with their Sioux quartzite outcroppings, which are beautiful in themselves.

To call attention to these natural resources, we will celebrate Life on the Prairie, Summer 2015.

It's an effort by Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau, Blue Mounds State Park, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Minnesota DNR, Brandenburg Prairie Foundation, Council for Arts and Humanities Rock County and Luverne Area Chamber.

And the purpose is to honor the county's Northern Tallgrass Prairie.

The Northern Tallgrass Prairie was once this continent's largest ecosystem with over 30 million acres.

Today, less than 1 percent of the original Northern Tallgrass Prairie remains intact.

Rock County is home to approximately 2,500 acres with 1,000 acres at Touch the Sky Prairie and 1,500 acres at Blue Mounds State Park.

The prairie remained intact partially due to the prominent glacial ridge of Sioux quartzite that runs through

On May 29, park manager Chris Ingebretsen will present "Bison at the Blue Mounds State Park" at 8 p.m. in the amphitheater.

the county.

On May 30, DNR botanist Fred Harris and herpetologist Jeff Leclere will present "Vernal Pools and Herps at Blue Mounds and Touch the Sky' at 10 a.m. in the state park interpretive center.

On June 13, author Jim Kersten will present "Our Amazing Sioux Quartzite Country" about the glacial ridge at 10 a.m. in the state park interpretive center.

On June 13, musician Paul Imhotle will present a concert on the prairie, "Sounds of Strings," at 7 p.m. at the state part interpretive center.

On June 21, poet and author Freya Manfred will present "Words on the Prairie" at 3:30 p.m. at the state park interpretive center.

On Aug. 14, park manager Chris Ingebretsen will present "Bison at the Blue Mounds State Park" at 8 p.m. in the amphitheater.

On Aug. 15, naturalist Howard  $Paul \, of the \, \bar{U.S.} \, Fish \, \& \, Wildlife \, Service$ will present "AWalkon the Prairie" at 9 a.m. starting at the west kiosk parking lot at Touch the Sky Prairie.

The events are free and open to

The goal of this summer's 2015 Life on the Prairie series is to educate, promote, preserve and expand the knowledge of native prairie in Southwest Minnesota.

Let's pencil in these events and plan to enjoy the gifts Mother Nature blessed us with here in Rock County.



# Almost casualty to annual junk days, chair finds new life, memories in backyard

Last week was the citywide junk pickup, and by unofficial observation the amount of junk that is put on the curb is dwindling from year to year.

Junk pickup is definitely on my top 10 list of favorite city perks. I don't really have a top 10 list but if I did, junk pickup would be ahead of leaf pick up, but behind snow removal.

At our household, junk pickup does cause some contention between Mary and me. For the most part we are in agreement as to what makes it curbside, but without fail an item or two are up for debate as to whether or not they are junk.

The item up for contention this year was an Adirondack chair our daughter, Emily, made in woodworking class back in the eighth grade nearly 15 years ago. Emily did a great job building the chair and it's had a good life on the deck in Redwood Falls and a few good years here in Luverne.

Like all deck furniture, time and the sun have a way of getting the best of it, and this chair has seen its better days.

Over the years I have repainted it and replaced a board here and there, but it was time for the curb.

This wasn't the first year I tried to get the chair curbside for the junk pickup, but this year was going to be different.

Emily has long since moved on, and Mary was out of town while I was moving junk to the curb.

It's not like I don't have a heart,



# FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager **Tollefson Publishing** 

and I did feel a little bad setting the chair at the curb alongside the pile of meaningless junk. As I walked away from the curb, I glanced back over my shoulder, and I could have sworn the chair looked sad.

Ihadhoped that may be someone would spot the chair and salvage it before the city guys picked it up the next morning.

I made the mistake of taking a picture of the chair curbside and textingit to Emily. Her response was swift and to the point. She simply texted back that I was no longer her father.

Shortly after I received Emily's text, Mary pulled into the driveway and I thought, "OMG I'm in trouble now." Just as she was taking me to the cleaners (if you know what I mean), a truck pulled up to the curb and was giving the chair the once-over. Mary said if they take that chair she was going to cry. Only God knows what would have happened to me.

It was time for a little tough love, and I told Mary that it was time for

the chair to go and I went to the shed in the backyard to find more junk to

Now, I don't know if you know my wife, and God forbid if I ever told you her age or weight, but she doesn't go a buck twenty soaking wet. Lo and behold, as I looked out of the shed, here she came down the hill leading to the backyard with that chair hoisted up over her head.

Her determination to save that chair was inspiring, to say the least. It didn't take me long to figure out this was no place for tough love. It was time for a compromise.

We still have the chair. It's not for sitting on any more. It's more of a yard ornament. The chair has found a new home under one of the apple trees.

I kind of have to admit the chair looks happy just sitting there. About the only thing the chair holds now is memories. It's been just a little over a week since the chair was saved from the junk pickup, and, truth be told, I am glad it was.

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# Dispatch Report

**April 17** 

•Complainant reported someone tried to get into the building on E. Lincoln Street.

•Complainant reported that a fire is getting out of control around County Rd. 8 and smoke is over the road. Complainant reported that subject has a history of burning other people's property. Checked it out and nothing appears to be out of control. Subject called in a controlled burn.

•Complainant reported that earlier his neighbor had been burning and he called the fire department. Deputy advised he spoke with complainant about this and told him to call the sheriff on Monday.

•Complainant reported she tried to withdraw money at the ATM and the transaction went through but the money did not come out. Contacted officer of the bank and were advised nothing could be done until tomor-

•Complainant reported she spoke with Social Services about her brother abusing her trust fund and she needs to report it to the sheriff's office, too.

 Complainant reported that the last resident was evicted from this residence and no one should be there. Owner was contacted and advised there is a window out and lights on. Deputy reported the house was searched and everything appears to be fine

### April 18

•Deputy conducted a traffic stop on County Rd. 17 and 61st Street. Erwin's was contacted to tow vehicle.

 Complainant reported they are releasing subject from jail and can't get hold of the victim. Deputy went to victim's house but there was no one home. Will try later.

 Complainant reported subject is being destructive, breaking things and threatening to harm himself and others. Deputy transported subject to

the ER for a mental health evaluation.

 $\bullet Deputy arrested subject for DWI$ and took him to jail.

•Dispatcher received a 911 call with only static on the other end. No answer on callback and no answer from manager. Deputy advised the office was locked and no one was there. Phone problem.

 Complainant reported her sister punched her in the face and won't let her leave. Deputy advised complainant did not wish to press charges. She took her children and left.

## April 19

 Complainant reported there is  $someone\,throwing\,things\,at\,his\,house$ and they broke a window. Complainant believes he knows who did it and they are having a party in his garage. Deputy reported most of the parties were asked to leave the property and not come back.

•Complainant reported her sister is being threatened. Deputy spoke with subject and advised him to quit bothering her.

•Pipestone County received a report of a possible domestic in Rock County. Daughter left residence.

### April 20

•Dispatcher received a 911 call with static on the line. No answer on callback. Sent deputy. Finally reached owner on cell phone who said everything was OK.

 Complainant reported subject called and made some veiled threats to their business.

 Complainant reported wood ly $ingon the {\it rail} road {\it tracks} in the {\it middle}$ of S. Kniss Avenue.

 Complainant reported subject just came in and smells like alcohol. He is no longer there.

 Complainant reported she is being harassed.

 Complainant reported a fall detection alarm. Contacted subject's son and he said everything is OK.

April 21

•Complainantreported someone broke a window last night.

•Complainantreportedsomeone hacked her computer and is threatening to crash it if she doesn't send \$200 to an offshore account. Complainant stated subject shut her computer down while on the phone with her. Subject stated he is from Microsoft.

·Complainant reported loud music on W. Mead Court. Deputy spoke with the resident about the noise and they said they would keep it down.

### April 22

 Complainant reported they had fall detection alarm. Contacted subject to see if she needed an ambulance and she said she did not and would let Lifeline know.

•Complainant came to the RCSO to turn in pills and wanted us to count and take possession of them. Complainant was advised that we don't do this and all she had to do was put them in the container in the lobby.

## April 23

•Deputy conducted a traffic stop and cited subject for driving after revocation and had the vehicle towed by G & S.

 Complainant reported he found a wallet. Contacted owner and property was returned.

•Complainant requested we stand by while they repo a propane tank from subject who has not paid her bill and has made threats against the company.

•Reserved for narcotics info.

•Complainant reported an assault that occurred at school in Hills. Her daughter is the victim.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 deer accident, 1 transport, 1 funeral escort, 18 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 3 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 1 driver's license check, 1 gas drive-off, 8 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 2 purchase/carry permits and issued 27 burn permits.



Kirsten Eisma photo

# Unexpected visitor in town

Damon and Kirsten Eisma noticed this visitor Monday afternoon, April 20, in a tree across the street from their house on North East Park Street. "Pretty cool," Damon said. "I heard on the news last night that bald eagles are showing up in New York City, too."

# Property tax adjustments/from 1A

•Ezra and Caitlin Breyfogle, 901 N. McKenzie Ave.; \$212 credit in taxes payable in 2015; due to an error in homestead determination.

The abatements and credits totaled \$5,487.16.

Houselog said one additional disaster-related request was made

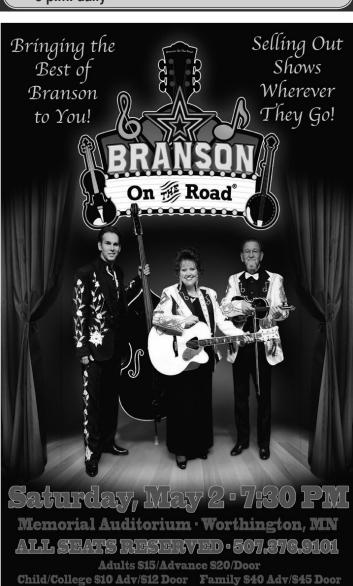
by Chad and TyAnn Kramer, 1657 Highway 75, for a November 2014 house fire. However, the state Fire Marshal Office is still determining a cause.

"We cannot do anything with that property until that issue is resolved," he said.

# dining & entertainment















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# **Star Herald** COMMUNITY



Stacy Kruse leads Luverne Elementary School students, staff and parents in a Zumba routine.



Births

A girl, Eleanor Rees, weighing7pounds,13ounces, 20 1/2 inches long, was born to Eric and Amber Wespi, Gilbert, Arizona, on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Grandparents are Dale and Kathe Runge, Andover, and George and Karen Wespi, Hillsboro, Oregon. Great-grandmother is Eileen Hocking, Luverne.

# Open houses

Betty Mann will celebrate her 85th birthday with

an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for Kristen Carlisle (bride-to-be of Nic Uilk) will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick.

# **Card showers**

Tillie Clark will celebrate her 85th birthday on Sunday, May 3. Greetings may be sent to her at 608 E. Dodge St., Luverne, MN 56156.

# Cardinal Dash raises funds for school causes

**By Mavis Fodness** 

Luverne's Parents Partners in Education (PPIE) completed a unique fundraiser Friday, April 24, in a fun run around the Luverne Public School's ball fields.

This was the first year the group organized the event that had kindergarten through fifth-grade students request pledges from community members and then run a halfmile to a two-mile course.

"Cardinal Dash: Keeping Cardinal Kids Running" replaced the group's frozen food fundraiser with the fun run

"We also wanted an event that would encourage families to get outside and be active together," said PPIE member and organizer Anne Shelton.

Shelton and fellow member Amy Nelson organized Friday's Cardinal Dash event. 'We were thrilled to see

how excited everyone was about the event," Shelton said. "We didn't meet our goal, but we still feel it was a success."

The group raised \$12,600 in pledges, short of the \$20,000 goal set last fall.

However, with the numerous prizes given away and the holding back of the grand prize if the fundraising goal was met, Shelton said enthusiasm is building for keeping the Cardinal Dash as an annual event.

enough "We earned money to support our kids next year and we have a good foundation to build on in the future," she said.

The monies go toward enhancing educational activities, such as the upcoming kindergarten track and field day, guest speaker assemblies and the Presidential Physical Fitness awards.

Above, right: Second-grader Jackson Ganun completes a half-mile run. Jerad Arp (right) came directly from work (complete with pencil behind ear) to run with daughter, Jaelyn.

For the Cardinal Dash, students earned prizes for pledge amounts plus students were eligible for the numerous raffle drawings. Because PPIE didn't reach its goal, the grand prize was kept for possible release next year.

This year, the thirdgrade class earned the most pledges as a group and fifth-grader Tenley Nelson earned the most pledges as

an individual.

More than 530 elementary students ran in Friday's Cardinal Dash with 235 students returning pledge envelopes with donations, Sheldon said.

"We are very pleased with the entire event," she said. "It was a challenge and we learned a great deal in organizing and planning it ... it fuels my excitement for next year."

# MENU

**C**ELEBRATIONS

# **Senior Citizens**

Friday, May 1: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti, lettuce, green beans, garlic bread, ice

Program: Monthly birthdays. Betty Mann's 85<sup>th</sup>. 11:30 a.m. Kitchen Kut-ups. Peer Helpers visit.

Monday, May 4: Baked rigatoni and beef, corn, fruit salad, bread, pudding.

Program: 1 p.m. Senior Citizens Meeting.

Tuesday, May 5: Taco salad (meat, salsa, cheese, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, sour cream), dinner roll, fruit, dessert.

Program: Two Buck Tuesday sponsored by Myhre

Wednesday, May 6: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes,

How low can temps go before

carrots, bread, pineapple.

Program: 9 a.m.-noon Open House Volunteer coffee. 11:40 a.m. music with LHS choir. Egg, coffee and donuts.

Thursday, May 7: Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, peas, pears, raspberry parfait dessert.

Friday, May 8: Parmesan chicken, baked potato, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cocktail.

Program: Peer Helpers visit. Farewell Party. Senior Dining offers well-

balancedandaffordablemeals in a community atmosphere. Bring a friend or make new ones.

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



# BITS BY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County **Historical Society** 

 ${\it The following appeared}$ in the Rock County Herald on April 28, 1922:

TWO LUVERNE COM-PANIES SECURE LARGE **CONTRACTS** 

National Concrete Co. Se-

# 1922: Nobles County orders concrete, Sioux City orders crushed stone from **Rock County manufacturers**

cures \$36,000 Tile Order; Quartzite Quarries, Inc., Sells 200 Carloads Crushed

Two of Luverne's manufacturing concerns, the National Concrete Materials Co., and the Quartzite Quarries, Inc., have secured substantial contracts for their products during the past week.

The National Concrete Materials Co., was awarded a \$36,000 contract for drainage pipe as a part of a \$69,000 drainage system project let last week by the Nobles Coun-

ty board of commissioners. The Quartzite Quarries, Inc., contract consists of an order secured this week by Manager Harper Shaffer for

about two hundred carloads of crushed rock, to be shipped to Omaha, Neb., for use on the roads of Douglas county. An order also was secured for crushed rock to be shipped to Sioux City.

It is expected that operations will be started at the stone crushing plant sometime during the coming week, or not later than May 1.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

# young plants show frost damage?

Last week had me wondering just how much cold the tendernewgrowth of perennials, shrubs, and trees could ac-

tually tolerate ... nature never fails to amaze me. At 25 degrees for a low, I saw very little damage to anything, including my blooming daffodils. I'm hoping that was the last of that kind of cold we will

see for many months! Speaking of daffodils, their display lasted for more than two weeks this year. That is impressive. Spring-blooming bulbs develop their flower buds in the bulb for the next year immediately after they finish flowering.



# By George Bonnema, Luverne Flowers

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

If you need to thin or move the bulbs, do not dig them until the foliage turns yellow. At that point, either dig the bulbs or label their location because once the foliage is gone, they can be pretty hard to find. You can replant the bulbs immediately or store them in your basement until fall ... just don't forget to get them back into the ground!

Right now is the time to apply pre-emergence crab grass control. Now is also a good time to use weed spray to control creeping charlie and other broadleaf weeds in your lawn. I like to eliminate dandelions before they bloom to prevent that crop of seeds.

If you have summer-blooming bulbs to plant, it is safe to get those planted now. By the time they emerge, we should be past our last frost date.

I hope you are enjoying the exuberance of this time of year ... we wait so long and it passes so quickly!

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

# SMSU scholarship recipients

Emilie Baartman has been selected to receive the University Gala Fine Arts, Forensics, and Richard A. Baun Memorial scholarships for the 2015-16 school year at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Emilie plans to major in theatre and communication studies: broadcasting and digital media. She is the daughter of Bruce and Vicki Baartman, Brandon, South Dakota, formerly of Luverne.

Alex Weis, son of Tony and Natasha Weis, Luverne, has been selected to receive a Foundation Distinguished Student Scholarship for the 2015-16 school year at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

He plans to major in physical education/ teaching.

# SMSU announces graduates

Four area students will graduate from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, on Saturday, May 9.

They are Brenda Parsley, Adrian, summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting/finance; Nathan Fransman, Beaver Creek, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education/  $early\,childhood\,education; and\,from\,Hills\,Taylor$ Vaughn, magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality management and marketing; and Jayme Wiertzema, summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in art education.



Lori Sorenson photo/0430 poppies

# Poppy promotion begins in May

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2757 and American Legion Post 123 will conduct their annual poppy promotion in May. Posters will be distributed in the coming week, and poppies will be available May 21. Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian is pictured here with VFW Auxiliary President Annabelle Frakes (left) and American Legion Auxiliary President Dianna Tomlinson. Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans and all proceeds are used to benefit veterans and their families. Locally, some funds are used to purchase newspapers for the library at the Minnesota Veterans Home, for Operation Uplink (phone cards) and to provide puzzles and treats for Bingo and Christmas gifts for veterans. "Plan to wear your poppy to the cemetery services on Memorial Day to personally show gratitude for the services of our military," Frakes said.

# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

# **Community Ed**

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

Check the April 26 Luverne Announcer for the summer community education brochure listing classes and activities for all ages for the summer. Many activities have discounted registration fees paid ahead of May 13, including morning rec, arts/crafts, golf, gymnastics, running, volleyball, basketball, and tennis.

Using real flowers crafty kids will make a gift for mom at Flower Pot Creations May 4. Fee is \$10.

Keep your car insurance discount by taking this refresher **Defensive Driving** class on **May 6**. Fee is \$20

Student Driver Education class is being offered beginning June 15 to students in eighth grade or older. Fee is \$290 due with registration and covers 30 hours of classroom and six hours of behind the wheel driving.

1,2,3 Magic — A Discipline Battle Plan is for parents who would like to learn some new techniques to work with their children ages 2-12 years. Stacy Schepel, school social worker, will present this 2 evening class on May 11 and 18. Fee is \$65. Scholarships are available.

Concerned about your child's development (ages 0-5 years)? Call 283-4724 for a private screening at no cost.

Check out the Community Education brochure on the Luverne School website, the community Educa-

Register for 2015-16 **Discovery Time** preschool. There are openings for children ages 3, 4, or 5 years in the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon classes.

All 3-vear-old children living in Minnesota will do an Early Childhood Screening as they near age 4. If your child is nearly 4 years old or already 4 and has not been screened, call 283-4724 to arrange an appointment.

# Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter presents awards at annual banquet

The Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter annual Awards Banquet was Monday, April 6, at the Luverne Elementary School Commons. Tony's Catering of Brandon provided the food for the meal.

The 2014-2015 FFA Chapter Officer team conducted the meeting. Team members include Kaitlynn Brouwer, historian; Kris Severtson, parliamentarian; Johnathon VanDerBrink, sentinel; Sierra Somnis, reporter; Caitlyn Hartman, treasurer; Joanna Westphal, secretary; D.J. Reker, vice president; and Andrea Severtson, president.

### Scholarship

Scholarship pins were awarded to chapter members who have maintained a 3.2 GPA during the past year.

Earning scholarship pins were Hans Bakken, Trey Baustian, Jeffrey Cauwels, Aric Meinerts, Dylan Mente, Cody Sasker, C.C. Sexton, Mckenna Westphal, J.J. Dooyema, Tommy Norman, Kris Severtson, Josh Zemler, Tanner Baustian, Ryleigh Beers, Zoe Brown, Madi Oye, Jenna Schelhaas, Katerina Siebert, Megan Tweet, Mira Uithoven, Jacob Van Santen, Derek Krueger, Mackenzie Wagner, Kurt Christians, Brent Zemler, Caitlin Hartman, D.J. Reker, Andrea Severtson, Sierra Somnis, Dalton Wenzel and Joanna Westphal.



Proficiency awards were handed out during the recent Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter Awards Banquet recently. Pictured are (front, left) Micah Stensland-Bos, Kris Severtson, Alena Hilfers, Amber DeGroot, Samantha Boyle; (second row) Andrea Severtson, Kaitlynn Brouwer, Karissa Hamann, Mackenzie Wagner, Megan Tweet; (back row) Brennan Nelson, Ryleigh Beers, D.J. Reker, Caitlin Hartman, Sierra Somnis, Annabell Petronek and Johnathon VanDerBrink.

### Leadership

Chapter members earning 100 points or more during the past year received leadership pins.

Recipients were Kris Severtson, Ryleigh Beers, Madi Oye, Stephanie Riggs, Karissa Hamann, Derek Krueger, Kaitlynn Brouwer, Kurt Christians, Jacob Fick, Caitlin Hartman, Jazmine Olson, Brennan Nelson, D.I. Reker, Michelle Reves. Andrea Severtson, Sierra Somnis, Johnathon VanDerBrink,

Andrew Verhey, Dalton Wenzel, Joanna Westphal, Samantha Zahnow, Samantha Boyle and Brent Zemler.

### **Greenhand Degree** Greenhand Degree pins

were awarded to members for their first year of membership.

Greenhand awards were given to Hans Bakken, Trey Baustian, Talon Coners, Tyler Fick, Dylan Mente, Jaden Seney, Jacob Van Santen, Eli Bakken, Makayla Bakken, Jack Baustian, Amber DeGroot, Alena Hilfers, Tyler Reisdorfer, C.C. Sexton, Mckenna Westphal, Jeffrey Cauwels, Payton Fick, Aric Meinerts, Cody Sasker and Ethan Thorson.

## **Chapter Degree**

Chapter Degree pins were awarded to members for two years of membership in the chapter. Recipients were Kris Se-

vertson, Riley Baker, Tommy Norman, Annabell Petronek,

Severtson named Chapter Star Farmer, DeKalb recipient

Quintin Nelson, Katerina Siebert, Erik Tofteland, Andrew Verhey, Derek Krueger, Zoe Brown, Megan Tweet, Mackenzie Wagner, Josh Zemler and J.J. Dooyema.

# **Proficiency**

Proficiency Award plaques were awarded to members for their SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) projects during this past year.

Earning plaques in beef production were Jeffrey Cauwels, Kris Severtson, Tanner Baustian, Mackenzie Wagner, Mitchell Wagner, Megan Tweet, Andrea Severtson, Samantha Boyle and Ryleigh Beers.

Earning awards in agricultural services were Alena Hilfers, Ryleigh Beers, Karissa Hamann, Sierra Somnis, Andrew Verhey, Kurt Christians, Brent Zemler, Caitlin Hartman, Andrea Severtson and Samantha Boyle.

Amber DeGroot won an award in forage production.

Fruit and vegetable production award winners were Annabell Petronek and Caitlin Hartman.

Earning awards in goat production were Josh Zemler and Andrea Severtson.

Swine production award recipients were Ryleigh Beers, Kaitlynn Brouwer and Samantha Boyle.

An award in home and/or community development was

presented to Ryleigh Beers.

Agricultural mechanics repair and maintenance award recipients were Micah Stensland-Bos, Jacob Fick, Brennan Nelson, D.J. Reker and Johnathon VanDerBrink.

VanDerBrink also received an award in agricultural communications.

Equine science awards were given to Andrea Severtson and Samantha Boyle, and Severtson also received a dairy production-placement award.

Samantha Boyle received awards in small animal care and management and poultry production.

# **Chapter Star recipients**

The following FFA Chapter Star Awards were presented:

Luverne-Adrian Chapter Star Greenhand plaque: Jeffrey

Luverne-Adrian Chapter Star in Placement: Karissa Hamann.

Luverne-Adrian Chapter Starin Agribusiness: Samantha Boyle.

Luverne-Adrian Chapter Star Farmer: Andrea Severtson.

### 2015-16 Officer Team

The 2015-2016 Luverne-Adrian officer team members are I.I. Doovema, parliamentarian; Eli Bakken, sentinel; Madi Oye, secretary/reporter; Kris Severtson, treasurer; Steph Riggs, vice president; and Ryleigh Beers, president.



Andrea Severtson holds the Dekalb and the Chapter Star Farmer awards. Her dad, Sterling, (above, right) was also named the Chapter Star Farmer almost 30 years ago.

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Completing an outstanding supervised agricultural experience or SAE is only one requirement for the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter's Star Farmer Award, one of the chapter's top awards.

For this year's recipient Andrea Severtson, a Luverne High School senior, it was a matter of more than one experience.

Her adviser, Dennis Moritz, could have selected her most recent SAE in goat production. Severtson built a herd of fainting goats.

Then there is her beef production care and management SAE, where her herd grew from a single bottle calf

to four cow/calf pairs.

In addition, Severtson is involved in developing proficiencies in equine science, agricultural services and dairy production, all of which could be developed into an SAE.

Severtson's interest in and love of animals began as a young child and has grown into becoming a career.

"I like the genetics and reproduction (of livestock production)," she said.

Often found caring for her various livestock on the family farm south of Kenneth, Severtson said she plans to pursue a bachelor of science in animal science at South Dakota State University in

Brookings. After achieving the four-year degree, she plans to apply for veterinary school. It was one of her animal loves that propels Severtson to become a doctor.

A horse named Sturgis, a more than 20-year-old palomino gelding, was found struggling to get to his feet in October 2013. With the assistance of a local veterinarian, Sturgis died peacefully.

The experience and compassion of the veterinarian left Severtson with the desire to help others to humanely take care of their livestock.

Mom Denise is not surprised her daughter would make animals a career choice. "She's always had a

love of agriculture and farming," she said. Andrea's exposure be-

gan young with a dairy calf named Bella, now a 6-yearold Holstein in her grandparents' dairy herd. Because of Bella's de-

meanor ("she's sassy," Andrea said), she earned a first-place in dairy handling and an opportunity to compete at this week's state FFA Convention.

"Each of (the breeds) have different temperaments," she said. "The Brown Swiss is very head-strong" like Bella.

Based on her SAE projects, academics and work ethic, Severtson was also selected as the chapter's DeKalb award winner.

# **Rufus Garnmeister**

Rufus Herman Garnmeister, 90, Luverne, died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Wednesday, April 29, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemeterv in Luverne.

Rufus Garnmeister was born March 25, 1925, to Herman and Emma (Bunte) Garnmeister at home near George, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm.

He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church of George and attended country school through the eighth grade near

In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during World War II. Rufus served in England, Germany, France, Morocco, Holland, Austria and Belgium under General Patton. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Iowa.

On Jan. 8, 1950, he married Verna Stange at St. Paul Lutheran Church of rural Hull, Iowa. The couple settled on a farm in Springwater Township, Rock County. Rufus worked the land and raised Hereford and Angus cattle, poultry and pigs.

He received awards for his contour farming methods. In 1973 Rufus retired from farming and worked at Luverne Truck Equipment until 1987.

In 2001, after 51 years on the farm, Rufus and Verna moved to Luverne. In 2012 Rufus became a resident of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

He was a member of St.

John Lutheran Church in

Luverne, where he served as an elder, participated with Stephen Ministry, evangelism and LCEF.

He taught teen Bible classes for 28 years, sharing his faith with words of wisdom sprinkled with wit. He served

as a 4-H leader and was the superintendent of the beef barn at the Rock County Fair for several years. He loved to sing, read and garden.

He enjoyed staying up to date on issues relating to soil conservation, politics, farming and raising cattle. He enjoyed telling jokes and having a good laugh.

Rufus is survived by his wife of 65 years, Verna Garnmeister, Luverne; three daughters, Paula (John) Peterson, Parker, Colorado, Mary (Claude) Vahle, Highland, California, and Ruth (Scott) Kannenberg, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; five grandchildren, Sarah (Kevin), John (Amie), Kathryn (Luke), Andrew, and Jared; three great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Marianne Garnmeister, Greenville, South Carolina; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings, Vertis, Herman, and Albert Garnmeister and Loretta Vanden Mark.

Memorials may be directed to Little Lambs Preschool at St. John Lutheran Church, 803 North Cedar, Luverne, MN 56156.

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

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# **Arnold Spath** -

Hills, died Sunday April 19, 2015, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

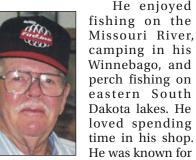
A funeral service was Saturday, April 25, at Renner Lutheran Church, Renner, South Dakota. Burial was at Hills of Rest Memorial Park in

Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Arnold Spath was born Sept. 14, 1920, to Thomas and Lulu (McChristy) Spath in Centerville, South Dakota. The family moved to Sioux Falls, and he attended Washington High School. Mike worked for Western Union when he was a teen to assist his family. He enlisted in the Army and served as a sergeant in the 376th Bomb Group, 514 Squadron in North Africa. He received an honorable discharge in 1945.

On Feb. 28, 1945, he married Audrey Ritter. They had two children, Greg Spath and Gwen Wawers. The family moved to Brookings, South Dakota, where he was in the roofing business with his uncle.

In 1958 the family moved back to Sioux Falls, and he built their home in Meadow View Acres. Mike was a finish and layout carpenter for Henry Carlson Company, retiring in 1982. He worked on McKennan Hospital, Gilbert Science Center and Northwestern

Arnold "Mike" Spath, 94, Bell buildings. He enjoyed



He was known for buildingtheround house in Hills for his son in 1973. Mike is survived by a son, Greg (Dianna) Spath,

time in his shop.

Luverne; a daughter, Gwen (Craig) Wawers, Pocatello, Idaho; four grandchildren, Jennifer (Ardell) Van Wettering, Jill (Shawn) Swenson, all of Luverne, Mike (Robin) Spath, Hills, and Gay (Jon) Demaree, Farmington; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Maxine Horning, Watertown, South Dakota; and a sister-in-law, Donna Gallant, Hills.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey, in 2008; his parents; his parents-in-law, Clell and Ella Mae Ritter; two sisters, Dorothy Jensen and Nancy Markan; and a brother, Thomas Spath.

Memorials may be directed to Hills-Beaver Creek Foundation, Hills-Beaver Creek School District.

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

(0430 F)

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# Effie Gertz

Effie B. Gertz, 90, Fremont, puzzles and crocheting. Wisconsin, formerly of

Luverne, died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Appleton Medical Center in Appleton, Wisconsin.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Effie Gehrke was born Dec. 11, 1924, to Gustavand Minnie (Wallenberg) Gehrke in Luverne. On Aug. 30, 1951, she married Clarence Gertz. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She was a faithful woman and family was very important to her. She enjoyed doing jigsaw



Effie is survived by two daughters, Bet-

ty (Dennis) Ulman, Fremont, and Connie (Steve) Shinneman, Chandler, Arizona; four grandchildren. Sara Ulman, Andrew Ulman (Allison Smith), Rachel Bustillos and

Thomas (Trina) Bustillos; two great-grandchildren; two special nieces, Sharon (Harold) Froehlich and Marcia Ossenfort, Luverne; and a special friend, Lindsay Eichkoff.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers. (0430 F)



# **Notice To All Bidders**

Springwater Township is accepting bids for mowing the township hall and the cemetery. Bids should be per mowing. Bidder will furnish their own equipment and fuel. The Township board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A certificate of insurance **MUST ACCOMPANY** all bids! Bids must be submitted before Tuesday, May 5th, 2015

Teresa Kramer, Clerk, 137 131st St., Garretson, SD 57030

or presented at the township board meeting that evening at

the home of the clerk. Teresa Kramer

Springwater Township Clerk

# Happy Birthday Betty Wann



Betty Mann will be 85 years old on May 1.

This is also her 20th year as president of the Rock County Historical Society.

Her friend, Esther Spease Frakes, came up with the perfect way to celebrate Betty's birthday and the landmark year with the Historical Society.

"We can give Betty the best gift for her 85th birthday on May 1 by making a donation in her honor to the Rock County Historical Society for their new building," Frakes wrote in an open letter to friends. Mann has spoken of the History Center as a dream she hopes to see come true. That's why Frakes hopes her friend gets that special birthday gift.

"It's not often that we get the chance to do something really special for a special person on a special occasion ... but this is one of those times," Frakes wrote.

"Betty Mann has worked tirelessly and passionately to preserve and promote Rock County history, and her dream is to see the current Herman Ford building become the new History Center."

85th Birthday OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 2 2-4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

Spurring excitement in the fundraising process is the announcement that an anonymous donor will match contributions up to \$300,000.

Mail greetings to:

Include in the card a check written to the

Betty Mann 213 Cashin Drive Luverne, MN 56156 Include in the card a check written to the Rock County Historical Society for any amount.

The amount on the check will be matched by the anonymous donor.

Donation to the Historical Society is a charitable donation and is tax-deductible.

# Rock County Historical Society

The Herman Motor Building on Main Street will become the new History Center once the Ford dealership moves to its new South Highway 75 location. The History Center will provide more room for displays and working areas for history accumulation. At the present time this space is shared for a number of projects and leads to wasting time when everything needs to be put away as work continues. The Historical Society has also accumulated a large number of items that can't be displayed because of the lack of display space. The new site will triple the display space, which will allow the community and visitors to enjoy artifacts that have never been seen before. A major benefit of the History Center will be its handicap accessibility, something was never attainable at the current museum on North Freeman Avenue.



Fundraising for the project began last year, and supporters have so far raised \$750,000 toward what's now become a \$1.5 million goal. Costs include the building purchase, interior renovation and remodeling, exterior renovation and improvements and parking and green space.

All donations are tax exempt and can be spread out over a period of time up to five years. Pledges are accepted in the form of dollars, stock, land or any other negotiable instruments. We need the help of everyone and we will continue to work hard to meet our goal. We feel this is a very important project not only for the Historical Society, but also the entire community of Rock County and we want to prove that HISTORY MATTERS!

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# Star Herald ARIETY



Mavis Fodness photo/0430 Luverne prom

Morgan Bain from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, takes a picture Saturday afternoon, April 25, as Luverne High School prepares for its 2015 prom. Pictured from left are Luverne school's Jacob Jarchow, Mitchell Oehlerts, Cory Stroeh, Joe Sommers and Jonathan Gacke.

# Area gymnasiums transformed into elegant venues for area prom activities

Area gymnasiums were turned into sparkling cities as local high schools hosted their

annual prom festivities. Luverne High School's junior-senior prom was Saturday night, April 25, with the theme, "A Night in the City."

Occurring at the same time was Adrian High School's prom with "Hollywood Nights" as their 2015 prom theme.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School made "2015" their entire prom theme at the Hugo

Goehle gym in Hills. Prom activities took place there on Friday, April 24.

Ellsworth High School used "Rustic Elegance" as their prom theme at the event that took place Saturday, April 18.



Glenda McGaffee photos/0430 prom photo Hills-Beaver Creek Seniors Noah Holthaus, Matt McLeod, Justin Sandbulte and Braden Ellingson



Mavis Fodness photo/0430 Luverne prom Mistress and master of ceremonies Madison Crabtree and Knute Oldre (far left) announce Toby Sengvongxay and Blair Altman during Luverne High School's grand march Saturday night.



Mavis Fodness photo/0430 Luverne prom Luverne High School prom-goers also walked through the auditorium during grand march. Pictured is junior Brandon Staeffler escorting Samantha Feikema from Edgerton.



Joyce McCarthy/0430 Adrian prom Adrian High School prom-goers (from left) Madisyn Dingmann, Megan Tweet, Olivia Weidert and Mackenzie Wagner take time Saturday night for a picture.

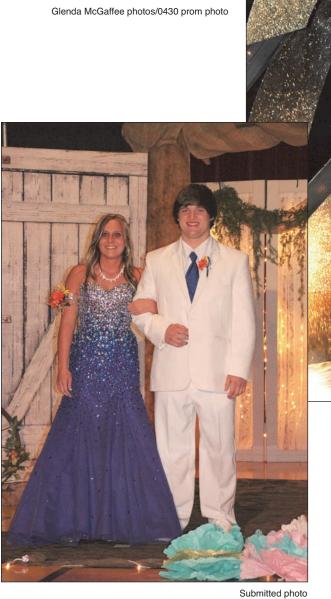


Also posing for a picture are Adrian High School prom-goers (from left) Carter Van Dyke, Logan Rogers, Adam Aggen, Nathan Hendel, Matt Slater and Ryan Elias.



Submitted photo At right: Modeling tuxedo coats at the Ellsworth High School prom are (from left) Christin Stuber, Brenna Kramer and Megan Popkes.

**Ellsworth** 



show off their golf skills during the 2015 prom Saturday night.

H-BC

grand march

At right: Dalton Klarenbeek and

Tori Bork attend H-BC's

Saturday night in Hills.

Heidi Nolte and Tyler Kurrasch pose at Ellsworth High School's prom, "Rustic Elegance," April 18.

# Star Herald PORTS

# Girls post first BSC softball victory

### By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls went 1-3 when they played in a pair of Big South Conference doubleheaders.

The Cardinals lost two games in Jackson County Central in Jackson Thursday before splitting a twin bill with Windom Monday in Windom.

Luverne, 2-8 overall, hosts Pipestone for two games Thursday.

# Windom twin bill

The Cardinals picked up their first conference win of the season during Monday's doubleheader in Windom.

After falling 11-1 in six innings to open the set, LHS bounced back to win the nightcap by a 6-3 tally.

The Eagles put together five-run rallies in the first and fifth

innings to set the stage for a 10-run win in the opener. Luverne scored its lone run in the third inning.

Ariel DeBeer, who led the Cards with two hits at the plate, pitched five-plus innings and took the loss. She fanned four batters and yielded 13 hits. Madi Oye doubled in the opener, while Susan Thompson and

Bryanna Wessels added singles to the cause. Luverne scored five runs in the bottom half of the first inning

and added another counter in the fourth to best the Eagles by three runs in the finale. Playing in her first varsity game, Rilee Olson pitched seven

innings of six-hit, five-strikeout ball to earn the win.

Olson also led the Cards with three hits, while Alexis Hiller, DeBeer and Oye charted two hits each.

Brianna Jonason, Thompson, Katie Kracht, Wessels and Kayla Thone added one hit each at the plate.

## JCC twin bill

The Cardinals dropped a pair of competitive games when they challenged the Huskies in a doubleheader Thursday in Jackson. JCC came alive in the middle innings to pull out a 6-0 win in

LHS sported a 6-2 lead in the finale, but the Huskies outscored the Cardinals 6-1 in the final three innings to pull out an 8-7 win.  $Game\,1\,was\,scoreless\,after\,three\,innings\,of\,play, but\,JCC\,scored$ three runs in the fourth inning, two in the fifth and one in the sixth to prevail by six runs.

DeBeer pitched all six innings for the Cards and limited JCC

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# Tennis team ups record to 9-3

### By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team posted a pair of victories to up its season record to 9-3.

The Cardinals rolled to a five-point win in Worthington Thursday before nipping Madison, South Dakota, by one point Monday in Luverne.

LHS plays in Redwood Falls Thursday.

## LHS 4, Madison 3

The Cardinals notched their ninth win of the season when they bested Madison by one point Monday in Luverne.

LHS went 3-0 in doubles and notched one singles win to seal the victory.

"We were carried by our doubles teams," said LHS coach Greg Antoine.

"We continue to do things well in doubles. We move well, seem to be in the right place at the right time and finish off the points well in doubles."

Afterfalling6-4in the first set at No. 1 doubles to Matt Graff and Gabe Richards, Luverne's Dalton Schoeneman and Chris Jelken battled back to take the second set 6-3 before winning a super tiebreaker (10-5) in the third set.

Mark Robinson and Cade VerSteeg posted a 7-6 (7-3 in the tiebreaker), 6-0 win over Marcus Van Den Bosch and Derek Breusch at second doubles, while Tanner Baustian and Layne Curtis posted a 6-2 and 7-5 victory against Chase Zingmark and Dylan Zingmark at third doubles.



Luverne's Jacob Jarchow scrambles down the back of the court to return a forehand shot during Monday's 4-3 home win over Madison. The win left LHS sporting a 9-3 record.

Luverne's singles win came from Isaac Gillette, who notched 6-2 and 6-1 victories over Blake Kennington at No. 4.

Madison received singles wins from Kevin Shan (6-0, 6-0 over Cory Stroeh at No. 1), Logan Jager (6-3, 6-3 over Jacob Jarchow at No. 2) and Mitch Hansen (6-2, 6-2 over Trey Baustian at No. 3).

## Luverne 6, WHS 1

The Cardinals upped their Big South Conference record to 2-0 with a five-point win over the Trojans in Worthington Thursday.

Luverne won all three doubles matches and went 3-1 in singles to win the battle with WHS.

"The match was a lot closer than the final score indicates." said coach Antoine.

"We got off to a slow start in most of our matches, but we really have a good attitude about our games right now. We are playing with a lot of confidence in our points and matches. Tennis a mental game and we seem to be finding a way to win right now."

Schoeneman and Jelken posted 6-1 and 6-0 victories against Jonah McDonald and Orissa Nitibhon at first doubles, while Robinson and VerSteeg notched 6-4 and

6-3 victories against Bryan Doeden and Blaine Doeden

at No. 2. Tanner Baustian and Gillette secured 7-5 and 6-0 wins against Levi Blanchard and Sebastian Licea at third doubles.

Stroeh (6-3, 7-6, 7-1 in the tiebreaker over Nick Newman at No. 2), Jarchow (6-1, 6-0 over Greg Langerude at No. 3) and Trey Baustian (7-5, 6-1 over Jordan Jensen at No. 4) prevailed in singles for LHS.

Worthington's Andrew Johnson handed Erik Wohnoutka 6-0 and 6-1 setbacks at first singles.

John Rittenhouse photo/0430 golf 21

Senior Casey Klosterbuer chips onto the seventh green during a home match with Marshall.

# Cardinal boys slip to 1-3 in league play with two losses

# By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' golf team dropped a pair of matches to Big South Conference opponents.

The Cardinals fell by 14 strokes to Marshall in Luverne April 21 before taking a 21-stroke setback in Jackson Monday.

Luverne, 1-4 overall, plays

in Redwood Falls Thursday.

# **JCC 162, Luverne 183**

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a 21-stroke decisionwhentheychallenged Jackson County Central in Jackson Monday.

Joe Brinkman shot a 37 to lead the Huskies to a convincing victory.

Colton Arends led the Cards with a 43, while Chaz Smedsrud, Cov Gonnerman and Jack Baustian contributed respective 44-, 47- and 49-stroke scores to the team

Mark Spreiter and Casey Klosterbuer shot 50- and

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# Huskies, Tigers upend Luverne in conference competition

### By John Rittenhouse The Luverne girls' golf team

took a pair of losses from Big South Conference opponents. Marshall topped the Cardinals by 32 shots in Luverne April 21. LHS fell by 24 shots to Jackson County

Central in Jackson Monday. The 2-7 Cardinals play in Redwood Falls Thursday.

# **JCC 188, Luverne 212**

The home-standing Huskies rolled to a 24-shot win over the Cardinals in Jackson Monday. Abby Brinkman led JCC to victory by carding a 40.

Hailey Remme paced the Cards with a 51, while Hannah VerSteeg, Makayla Sterrett and Madison Crabtree contributed respective 52-, 54- and 55-stroke scores to the team tally.

McCall Stegenga and Hailey Frankenshot56-and64-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

# Marshall 177, LHS 209

The Cardinals were unable to knock off the Tigers when the teams met on a windy and cold day at the Luverne Country Club April 21.

Led by a medal-earning round from Hannah Peterson, theTigersstrolledtoa32-stroke victory over LHS.

Peterson shot a five-over-



John Rittenhouse photo/0430 golf 6

Madison Crabtree chips onto the LCC's first green during a home match against the Marshall Tigers April 21.

par 41 to lead all players.

Remme paced LHS with a 50, while Sterrett, Crabtree and Franken rounded out the team scoring by shooting 53s. VerSteegcardeda54without impacting the scoring.

Morgan Kern, Katie Reisdorfer and Suarez), 56.77.

Eighth place: Sauer, 1,600, 6:13.65.

Third place: Logan Stratton, shot, 43-11 ½; Stratton, discus, 14-9. Fourth place: 400 relay (Halverson, Tanner Wiese, B.Winter and Mitchell

Muller), 48.58. Fifth place: B.Winter, 400, 55.95; D.J.

Reker, discus, 118-8. Sixth place: Halverson, 100, 12.35;

J.Dooyema, 800, 2:19.32; Weis, 1,600, 5:10.17; Muller, 110 hurdles,

18.94; Ben Wagner, high jump, 5-0. Seventh place: Dalton DeSollar,

3,200, 11:57.96; Dylan Thorson, shot, 40-31/2; Brennan Hart, discus, 112-2;

Third place: Theron Miller, high jump, 5-4; 400 relay (Zach Bierman, Miller, Tanner Kamm and Recker), 48.14.

Eli Haugom, high jump, 4-10.

# Luverne, Adrian track squads compete at Worthington Invitational

# By John Rittenhouse

Trackteams from Luverne and Adrian competed at the Worthington Invitational Thursday. The Luverne girls ran

away with the team title by scoring 182.83 points to best second-place Worthington (145 points) and the rest of the eight-team field.

The Worthington boys toppedLuverne 179.5-139.5 to emerge as the team champion in an eight-team field.

The Adrian boys scored 37.5 points and the AHS girls recorded 25 points to place seventh in their respective

The LHS girls won six event titles and placed second in five events during their run to the team crown.

Kynzie Smedsrud (16.89 in the 100 hurdles and 49.53 in the 300 hurdles) and Gabrielle Ferrell (2:28.32 in the 800 and 5:24.18 in the 1,600) won two individual events each.

Morgan Edwards claimed the shot put title with a toss of 36-7 1/2.

Luverne also won the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:52.38. Sierra Schmuck, NaomiDooyema, Smedsrud and Joci Oye formed the

Dooyema (27.52 in the 200), Kami Sawtelle (34-2 in the shot), Bergin Flom (7-6 in the pole vault) and Tianna Doppenberg (14-11 34 in the long jump) placed second individually.

Schmuck, Dooyema, Oye and Doppenberg placed second in the 800-meter relay in 53.34.

Moriah Bullerman turned in the best effort for the AHS girls by placing second in 5:49.05.

The Luverne boys won six meet championships and placed second in four events during the meet.

Jackson Winter won the 100- and 200-meter dashes with respective 11.3 and 22.71 times, while Payton Stemper (2:09.11 in the 800), Ethan Marshall (10:43.22 in the 3,200) and Jeremiah Dooyema (10-0 in the pole vault) claimed one individual crown each.

LHS also won the 800-meter relay with a time

of 1:35.94. Jackson Winter, Cyris Halverson, Brandon Winter and Trenton Rops formed the team.

 $Rops \, placed \, second \, in \, the \,$ 110- and 300-meter hurdles with respective 16.02 and 42.35 efforts.

The Cards placed second inthe 1,600-and 3,200-meter relays with 3:42.7 and 8:35.47 times. Stemper, Drew Weis, Marshall and Mitchell Oehlerts formed the squads.

Taylor Recker turned in the top effort for the AHS boys by clearing 5-8 to win the high jump.

Here is a look at the rest of the top eight efforts turned in by area athletes at the meet.

LHS girls Third place: Jaidyn Elbers, 300 hurdles, 50.73; Elbers 100 hurdles, 18.52; Sawtelle, discus, 103-8; Madison Schandelmeier, pole valt, 7-6; Smedsrud, triple jump, 30-9 ½. Fourth place: Schmuck, 100, 13.55; Doppenberg, 200, 28.04; Mackenzie Petersen, 300 hurdles, 53.06; Edwards, discus, 102-6; 800 relay (Sydney Biever, Melissa Teal, Greta Ahrendt and Meghan Mollberg), 1:59.25; 1,600 relay (Ferrell, Elbers, Petersen and Ivy Hudson), 4:33.88; 3,200 relay (Schandelmeier, Mariah 3,200 relay (Schandelmeier, Mariah Aukes, Mallory Thorson and Madison Reisdorfer), 10:55.72. Fifth place: Doppenberg, 100, 13.66; Claire Baustian, 3,200, 13:37.41. Sixth place: Oye, 100, 13.72; Reisdorfer, 1,600, 6:04.28; Petersen, 100 hurdles, 19.23; Aukes, pole yeaut 6.0

Seventh place: Flom, high jump, 4-4. Eighth place: Hannah Ehlers, pole vault, 6-0; Thorson, long jump,

Adrian girls
Fourth place: Bullerman, 800,

Fifth place: Katia Suarez, 400, 1:07.64. Seventh place: Morgan Sauer, 3,200,

13:40.1; 400 relay (Shaina Combs,

Fourth place: 1,600 relay (Bierman, Kamm, Miller and Recker), 3:45.72. Fifth place: 800 relay (Bierman, Chris Christians, Kamm and Sixth place: Miller, 200, 24.84.

Seventh place: 400 relay (Kasey Madtson, Quinn Cleveland, Tristian Nelson and Hunter Heitkamp), 50.7. Eighth place: Christians, 400, 1:00.45; Kamm, high jump, 4-10.

# Luverne Lanes salutes championship teams



Rock Veterinary Clinic won the Monday Night Ladies League and City Tournament bowling titles. Team members include (from left) Missy Merrill, Pat Weerheim, Leanne Maciejack and Sue Buffington. Missing is Kathy Popp.



John Rittenhouse photo/0430 bowl thrivent

Thrivent Financial captured the Men's Thursday Night League bowling championship. Team members include (from left) Wayne Uilk, Mike Hoover and Dave Remme. Missing is Arden Fick.

# Sawtelle wins NSIC title

# By John Rittenhouse

Katlyn Sawtelle, a 2010 Luverne High School graduate, won the hepthahlon at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference meet in Mankato

The University of Sioux Falls senior set a school record in the 100-meter hurdles and matched her school record with 5,049 points in the hepthahlon.

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52-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

# Marshall 174, LHS 188

The Cardinals couldn't upset Marshall when the teams met at the Luverne Country Club April 21.

Strong winds and cool playing conditions didn't seem to influence Marshall's

Jacob Baker, who captured medalist honors for the meet by firing a two-over-par 38.

Smedsrudled the charge for the Cards by registering a 43. Spreiter, Gonnerman and

Baustian added respective 45-, 48- and 52-stroke rounds to Luverne's team tally.

Seth Miller and Klosterbuer both shot 53s without influencing the scoring.

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Kracht came up with Luverne's lone hit in the contest when she singled in the fifth inning.

Luverne put together threerun rallies in the first and third innings to sport a 6-2 lead after four innings of play in the finale.

LHS remained in front (7-4) when five innings were complete, but JCC plated four runs in the top of the sixth to

set the stage for an 8-7 win. Kaitlyn Roberts took the pitching loss for LHS after tossing five and one-third innings for eight-run, eight hit ball.

DeBeer, who belted a home run at the plate, pitched one and two-thirds scoreless innings in relief of Roberts.

Kracht tripled, Thompson doubled and Jonason and Roberts chipped in singles.

# Arrows, Fairmont upend LHS in baseball

By John Rittenhouse

A slumping Luverne baseball team couldn't snap what stands as a four-game slide when the Cardinals lost three games in a span of seven

The Cards fell by seven runs in Pipestone April 21 before taking a 17-run thumping from the Arrows Thursday in Luverne. Fairmont topped the Cards by seven runs at Redbird Field Monday.

The 4-6 Cards host Jackson County Central for a twin bill Thursday.

### Fairmont 11, LHS 4

Luverne lost its fourth consecutive game when it fell to Fairmont by seven runs Monday in Luverne.

The Cards led 1-0 when Andrew Verhey delivered an RBI single in the bottom of the first, but FHS scored 11 runs in the next five innings to open an 11-1 cushion.

Luverne capped the scoring with a three-run rally in the bottom of the sixth featuring RBI singles from Joe Sommers and Jaxon Nelson and a sacrifice fly by Connor Hoffman.

Connor Crabtree yielded a pair of unearned runs in three innings and was saddled with the pitching loss.

Verhey surrendered six runs in two and one-third innings, Cole Bosch two runs intwo-thirdsofoneinning and Connor Sandbulte tossed a scoreless seventh frame.

Box score	AB	R	Н	ВΙ
Hoffman	3	1	3	1
Vajgrt	2	0	0	0
Nelson	2	0	1	1
Verhey	4	0	3	1
Crabtree	3	0	1	0
Bosch	4	1	1	0
Suelter	4	1	1	0
Overgaard	3	1	0	0
Sommers	3	0	1	1
Olson	2	0	1	0
Baum	1	0	0	0

# Pipestone 22, LHS 5

The Cardinals couldn't turn things around when they played the Arrows in Luverne Thursday.

Pipestone put together a 12run rally in the second inning and scored eight runs in the seventh to set the stage for a

17-run victory. Luverne scored one run in



Senior Connor Hoffman avoids a sliding Pipestone runner to complete a throw to first base during Thursday's Big South Conference baseball game at Redbird Field.

the bottom of the second and two counters in the fourth and fifth frames, but the Cards couldn't climb back into contention after falling behind 12-0 in the top of the second.

Nelson reached base on an error and scored on an error in the second, and Jakob Olson crushed a two-run home run to left field for the Cards in the fourth.

Verhey and Hoffman stroked singles and scored on a throwing error to account for Luverne's runs in the fifth.

Tommy Vajgrt yielded 10 runs in one and one-third innings and took the pitching

Zach Suelter (three runs in two-thirds of one inning), Nick Overgaard (four runs in four innings) and Hoffman (five runs in one inning) also pitched for LHS.

Hoffman Crabtree Vajgrt **Behrends** Nelson Overgaard Olson

# Pipestone 10, LHS 3

Martinez

The Cardinals dropped their fourth straight conference clash when they challenged the Arrows in Pipestone April

Pipestone scored seven runs in the home half of the first inning and never lost control of the game largely due to Luverne's pitching woes. The Cards walked 12 batters

and hit two batters with pitches during the contest.

The score was 8-0 before LHS plated its first two runs of the game in the top of the fourth.

Bosch singled and scored on a passed ball and Verhey walked and scored on an error.

Pipestone score twice in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 10-2 game before LHS scored the final run in the seventh. Sandbulte reached base on

a fielder's choice and scored at the end of a double steal.

Overgaard started on the mound and took the loss.

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loffman	3	0	1	0
/ajgrt	4	0	0	0
Bosch	4	1	1	0
/erhey	2	1	1	0
Crabtree	3	0	1	0
Velson	3	0	0	0
Sommers	3	0	0	0
Overgaard	3	0	1	0
Sandbulte	2	1	0	0

# Adrian squads register combined 7-0 record

# **By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian golf teams found success when they played at a pair of events.

The Dragons swept their opponents during a home triangular Thursday. The AHS boys went 2-0 at an event in Fulda Monday, while the girls went 1-0.

Adrian hosts a triangular Thursday.

# Fulda triangular

The AHS squads produced a combined 3-0 record at a triangular meet in Fulda Monday.

The AHS boys turned in a 169-stroke total to best Westbrook-Walnut Grove (185) and Fulda (197).

The Dragon girls bested Fulda 184-216, while W-WG was incomplete.

Adrian's Collin Kemper earned medalist honors for the boys by shooting a 41, while Ben Henning (42), Ryan Elias (43) and Brady Henning (43) made contributions to the team tally.

Tommy McCarthy and Mitchell Veld shot respective 44- and 47-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

Mackenzie Wagner led the AHS girls to a 32-shot win over Fulda by firing a 44.

Alexia Kemper, Katie Wieneke and Jada Elias added 45-,46- and 49-stroke scores to the team tally, while Madelyn

Odell and Courtney Penning turned in 65- and 66-stroke rounds without padding the team score.

# AHS triangular

The Adrian golf teams dominated play when they entertained a pair of foes for a triangular meet Thursday in Adrian.

The Adrian boys took top honors with a 161-stroke total in a field that included Fulda (211) and SWC (226).

Ben Henning carded a two-over-par 38 to capture medalist honors for AHS.

Elias, Kemperand McCarthy capped the team scoring by registering 41s for the winners, while Veld and Henning shot

respective 51- and 54-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring. SWC's Jacob Kreun and

Fulda's Cory Renneke led their squads by shooting 47s. The Adrian girls recorded a

190-stroke effort to top Fulda (225) and SWC (262).

Wieneke led the Dragons by carding a medal-clinching round of 42 strokes.

Wagner shot a 48 for the hosts, while Elias and Kemper capped the team scoring with Odell and Penning shot 58-

and 66-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring. Caitlyn Strenge paced Fulda with a 51, while Katie Van Dam

led the E-Gals with a 54.

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# Luverne girls still chasing No. 1 goal

With the first month of the 2015 spring sports season nearly complete, something stands out in my mind.



The Luverne girls' track team is living up to lofty expectations.

The Cardinals ran away with the team championships at the Cardinal Relays and the Worthington Invitational in their last two outings, and there is no reason to believe they won't capture the team crown at the Arrow Relays in Pipestone Tuesday.

There is no question the team is meeting their preseason expectations.

The way they are getting the job done is what has captured my attention.

Four key contributors were sidelined during the Cardinal Relays, and three of them were off the track in Worthington last Saturday.

That means LHS is not at full strength, but the Cards are dominating the competition.

"We always preach the team concept in our program, and anytime you take someone out of the lineup, the team suffers," said LHS coach Craig Nelson.

"The good thing for us is we have some depth. Our production does not drop off a lot when some of our kids are missing. We have kids who can fill in the spots where we have some injuries, and they are doing a great job."

The kids who have accepted the challenge of filling in the lineup are replacing some pretty talented athletes.

Tayla Peterson (tendonitis) is Luverne's

# From the **SIDELINES**

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

top sprinter, and Madison Schandelmeier (general soreness) is an outstanding distance runner.

Both Peterson and Schandelmeier represented Luverne at the state meet last June, as did Jadyn Anderson (stress fracture), a key runner in the middle distances.

Add Shelbie Nath (back) to the list of the walking wounded, and LHS has been missing four athletes who were expected to be key members for the 2015 team.

Peterson and Schandelmeier are expected to return to the team this year, but it's unclear if Anderson and Nath will be back on the track

Luverne, however, seems to be moving forward without missing a beat.

In fact, based on recent results, there's no reason to believe the Cardinals won't be able to reach their ultimate goal that was established prior to the season.

"Again, it goes back to having great depth. Have a number of kids who can compete in multiple events, even if they are not their favorite events, has been crucial for us," Nelson said.

"We've won some good meets, but everything we do is gearing up for the Section True Team we'll be hosting Monday. Our goal is to win that meet and give our girls a chance to defend the state title they won last year later in May, and I think we have the potential to do that."

# Adrian Area drops tight games to Lakeview, Worthington

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team couldn't snap what stands as an eight-game losing streak after three outings since Thursday.

The Dragons lost a doubleheader in Mountain Lake Thursday, dropped a one-run home decision to Lakeview Friday and lost a  $one\text{-}rungame\,in\,Worthington$ Monday.

Worthington 8, AA 7

The Dragons squandered a big lead during Monday's game in Worthington.

AA sported a 7-2 advantage after three and one-half innings of play, but the Trojans scored six unanswered runs in the next three innings to pull out a one-run victory.

Brooke Grussing hit a tworun home run and led the Dragons at the plate with two hits.

Dreesen took the pitching loss in relief of Jodi Bents.



Adrian Area's Devin Dreesen slaps a tag on Lakeview's Bailey

Buntjer to register an out at home plate Friday in Ellsworth.

## Lakeview 6, AA 5

The Dragons dropped a game in heartbreaking fashionwhen they entertained the Lakers Friday in Ellsworth.

AA opened a 5-4 lead after five innings of play, but a late rally by Lakeview settled the issue.

The Dragons led 1-0 before the Lakers put together a four $run \, rally in \, the \, top \, of the \, fourth$ inning to gain a three-run (4-1)advantage.

AA regained the lead (5-4)

when Lunt belted a grand slam home run over the left-field fence in the bottom of the fifth, but the Lakers scored twice in the top of the seventh and blanked the Dragons in the bottom half of the frame to

win by one. Bents slapped two hits for the Dragons.

Dreesen tossed seven innings of five-hit, six-run ball and took the loss.

MLA twin bill

The Dragons slipped to 0-4 in RRC play after dropping a doubleheader to MLA in

Ellsworth Thursday. The Wolverines never faced a deficit in the set as they registered consecutive 8-4

MLA scored three runs in the top half of the first inning and outscored AA 5-4 the rest of the way to prevail in the

opener. AA, which scored two runs in the bottom of the first and plated single runs in the sixth and seventh innings, received two-hit efforts from

Dreesen pitched all seven innings of the opener and yielded eight hits.

Dingmann and Grussing.

MLA scored seven runs in the first three innings to set the stage for victory in the finale.

Weidert registered two hits and Grussing doubled for the Dragons.

Dreesen and Bents pitched in the game for AA.

# Patriots, Panthers mix it up at Rebel Relays

# By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek and Ellsworth track squads helped form four-team fields at the Rebel Relays in Slayton Thursday.

The H-BC and Ellsworth boys placed fourth and fifth with 101- and 49-point totals respectively.

Redwood Valley claimed the team championship with 149.5 points.

H-BC placed fourth and Ellsworth sixth with respective 79-and nine-point totals in the girls' standings.

Pipestone landed the team title with 183 points.

The Patriot boys won a pair of meet titles and placed second in five events to highlight their appearance at the meet.

Zach Scholten cleared 6-0 to win the high jump and Carey Taubert covered 40-1 to take top honors in the triple jump.

Isaiah Vis turned in a pair of second-place performances (19-6 ½ in the long jump and 39-6 in the triple jump), while Carson Baker finished second

in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:57.2.

The Patriots also placed second in the 400-meter and medley relays with respective 47.89 and 4:06.8 times.

Cooper Vaughn, Drew Forshey, Vis and Taubert turned in a 47.89 in the 400, while Isaiah Wagenaar, Forshey, Taubert and Baker completed the medley in

Jon Beekman claimed three individual meet crown stole adthe Panther boys to their fifthplace finish.

Beekman won the 100 (11.71), 200 (24.01) and the long jump (20-2).

The Patriot girls claimed three meet titles and placed second in three events in Slayton.

Grace Bundesen, who cleared 4-10 to win the high jump, also ran a leg with H-BC's medley relay team.

Madison Spath, Paige Tilstra and Jenna Wilgenburg teamed up with Bundesen to produce a time of 4:35.35 in the medley.

Tilstra, Spath, Sidney Fick and Wilgenberg took top honors in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:21.93.

H-BC's Tessa Velgersdyk finished second in the 100 in 13.97.

The Patriots placed second in the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective 54.81 and 1:53.37 times.

Spath, Bundesen, Fick and Velgersdyk ran the 400. Tilstra, Bundesen, Fick and Wilgenburg formed the 800-meter squad.

Christin Stuber registered a pair of fourth-place performances (14.5 in the 100 and 29.87 in the 200) to lead the Panther girls in Slayton.

Here is a look at the rest of the point-producing efforts turned in by area athletes at the meet.

H-BC boys Third place: Wagenaar, 100, 12.4; Forshey, high jump, 5-4; 800 relay (Vaughn, Scholten, Vis and Taubert),

Fourth place: Vaughn, 100, 12.5; Nick Kiers, 200, 26.59; Scholten, shot, 35-9; Scholten, discus, 109-3; 1,600 relay

(Jacob Wingert, Dawson Leenderts, Dean Fuerstenberg and Trenton Bass), 4:24.92.

Fifth place: Kiers, 400, 59.92; Forshey,

300 hurdles, 47.58. Sixth place: Wagenaar, 300 hurdles, 49.83; Vaughn, long jump, 17-3 ¾. Eighth place: Leenderts, 800, 2:32.9.

Ellsworth boys
Third place: 400 relay (Tyler Kurrasch,
Cole Meester, Madison Lewis and
Beekman), 48.78.
Fourth place: Meester, 800, 2:20.9.

Fifth place: Kurrasch, discus, 104-1; medley relay (Lewis, Meester, Bobby Walkowaik and Malik Herman), 4:26.06. Sixth place: Lewis, 200, 26.92; Nathan Wallenberg, 1,600, 5:23.8; Sean Boltes, 110 hurdles, 22.7; Kurrasch, shot, 34-3; 800 relay (S.Boltjes, Carter Boyenga, Samuel Kramer and Kade Boltjes),

Seventh place: Herman, 400, 1:00.79; Wallenberg, 800, 2:28.1; Lewis, triple jump, 35-5. Eighth place: Kurrasch, 100, 13.0.

Third place: Tilstra, triple jump, 29-6; Fick, long jump, 14-0. Fourth place: Olivia Richards, 800, 3:06; Kourtney Rozeboom, shot, 28-11. Fifth place: Rozeboom, discus, 73-7;

Richards, triple jump, 28-7. Sixth place: Richards, 1,600, 6:45.5. Eighth place: Hunter Harvey, 100, 15.66; Haley Leuthold, 200, 31.73; Spath, long jump, 13-0 ½

Sixth place: Hannah Kramer, discus, Eighth place: Stuber, 400, 1:13.32.

# H-BC tops HL-O on links

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team surpassed the .500 mark atter posting a 213-251 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday in Lakefield.

With Justin Sandbulte earning medalist honors by shooting a 46 to lead the charge, the Patriots defeated the Wildcats by 38 strokes to improve their season record

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Stuart Plimpton, Braden Ellingson and Preston Maassen added respective 48-, 57- and 62-stroke scores to H-BC's team tally.

Noah Holthaus and Derek Fick fired 66- and 69-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Ben Shedahl paced the Wildcats with a 51.

# Adrian sweeps set from MLA

# By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team uppeditsRedRockConference record to 4-0 by sweeping a doubleheader from Mountain Lake Area in Mountain Lake Thursday.

The Dragons came from behind in both games to secure 4-2 and 10-4 victories. After taking a 1-0 lead with

an RBI single from Michael Preuss early in Game 1, the Dragons fell behind 2-1 after four innings of play.

AHS knotted the score at two when Landon Rogers reached base on a fielder's choice and scored on an error in the fifth before winning the game in the seventh with RBI singles from Brady Lonneman and Tony Sieve.

Logan Rogers pitched three and two-thirds innings of scoreless, hitless relief to get the win in the opener. He fanned nine batters.

Sieve yielded one run in three innings and Lonneman surrendered one run in twothirds of one inning.

MLA plated three runs in Game 2 before Adrian rallied to outscore the Wolverines 10-1 the rest of the game.

The Dragonstied the game at three in the bottom of the third when Ryan Wieneke singled and scored on a sacrifice fly and Sieve delivered a two-run double.

Adrian moved in front 4-3 when Nolan Rogers doubled and scored on a fielder's choice by Cody Polzine in the fourth inning.

The Dragonsiced the contest with a six-run rally in the fifth inning featuring a tworun single by Preuss, an RBI double by Landon Rogers and RBI singles from Sieve, Polzine and Nolan Rogers.

Lonneman tossed four and two-thirds innings on the mound to get the win, while Logan Rogers earned a save after tossing two and one-third innings of one-run ball.



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> **Luverne Christian Reformed Church** 605 N. Estev St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luverncrc.com - luvernecrc@ymail.com Roger Sparks, Pastor

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

Thursday, April 30: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, May 1: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, May 3: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6:00 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, May 5: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, May 7: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

### **Grace Lutheran Church** 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com Ron Nichols, Pastor Josh Enderson, Pastor

Thursday, April 30: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. GLCW Salad luncheon. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, May 1: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, May 2: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 3: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast; Worship. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship. Monday, May 4: 9 a.m. Bible Study at Mary Jane Brown. 4 p.m. Telecast. 5:45 p.m. Echoes. Tuesday, May 5: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 6: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 7 p.m. Choir. Thursday, May 7: 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

### **Bethany Lutheran Church** 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com Andrew M. Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, May 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, May 6: 3:20 p.m. Catechism Class. Thursday, May 7: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, April 30: 4:30 p.m. Just For Kix. Friday, May 1: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, May 2: 9:30 a.m. Disaster response training. 11:30 a.m. CMA Run for Sun. 2 to 8 p.m. Girls Scouts fatherdaughter event. Sunday, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, May 4: 5 to 8 p.m. Pizza Ranch Tip Night for Junior RCYF. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, May 5: 1 p.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 5 p.m. Caregiver Class. Wednesday, May 6: 6:30 p.m. VBS teacher meeting. 7 p.m. Ceramics cleaning; Abide Praise Team. Thursday, May 7: 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out.

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

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

Thursday, April 30: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, May 3: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Worship. 2 to 4 p.m. Hanson/Vis open house bridal shower in Fellowship Hall. Tuesday, April 28: 7 p.m. Endowment Committee meeting. Wednesday, April 29: 6 p.m. FUEL Children's Ministry. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, April 30: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, May 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 6 p.m. Confirmation dinner and special Session meeting. Monday, May 4: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, May 5: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, May 6: 7 p.m. Choir.

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Saturday, May 2: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 3: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Graduated breakfast; Last Sunday School. Monday, May 4: 3:15 p.m. Staff meeting. 7:30 p.m. Elders' meeting. Tuesday, May 5: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 6: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. VBS Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, May 7: 2 p.m. Women's Society. 7 p.m. Little Lambs graduation.

### **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

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nhardwick.com Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, April 30: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, May 1: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Saturday, May 2: 9 a.m. Congregational Day of Doing. Sunday, May 3: 9 a.m. Mentor Program. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner, Service Group #1. Monday, May 4: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 6: 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. LWML meeting. Thursday, May 7: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

### **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 3: Note service time change. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Dinner. Wednesday, May 6: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir.

### **Palisade Lutheran Church** 211 121st St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, May 3: Note service time change. 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, May 6: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

### First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Beaver Creek

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Third Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle.

> **Kenneth Lutheran Church** 340 Church St., Kenneth Office Ph. 283-4804: Home Ph. 879-3216 www.hkz.lutheranweb.net Kerry Boese, Pastor

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By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan Western Minnesota Network chaplain

when we hear of the needs of others. Although none of us can solve all of the problems of the world, each of us can make a difference by doing our part, right where we are.

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Lord, Thank You for Your grace. We want to serve You and live with You forever. Show us what You would have us do. Help us see the needs all around us. Open our eyes and hearts to ways in which we can give Your love to those who are hurting. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Kristi Franken, Pastor

Thursday, April 30: Newsletter mailed. Sunday, May 3: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, May 5: 10 a.m. Bible Study at Adrian Senior Dining. Wednesday, May 6: 6:45 p.m. Confirmation meeting in Magnolia.

### **Steen Reformed Church** 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336 Reuben Sinnema, Pastor

Saturday, May 2: 2 to 4 p.m. Gertie Ann (Van Batavia) Bodewitz 80th birthday open house. Sunday, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; Pulpit Supply by Dan Ramaker (morning and evening). 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Evening Service. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Thursday, May 7: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study.

### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Interim Pastor Grant Fisher** 112 N. Main St., Hills

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Sunday, May 3: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Last day of Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, May 5: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Wednesday, May 6: 9 a.m. Quilting. No eighth- and ninth-grade confirmation. 7 p.m. Church Board. 8 p.m. Church Council.

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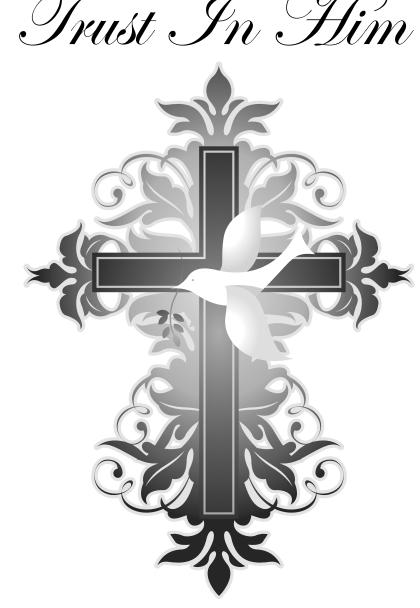
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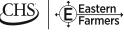




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TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON

MORTGAGE: 100015700061886038 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON

MORTGAGE: America's Wholesale Lender RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 211 East Fletcher Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1660.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 3 in Block 13 in Warren and Kniss' Addition to the

Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,000.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE,

INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$60,885.70 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to

recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 14, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owneroccupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 16, 2015, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORT-GAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESI-DENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: March 2, 2015

Bank of America, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888

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# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 21

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 23, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$131,100.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Betty Birdsey, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE

MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed August 9, 2007, Rock County Recorder,

as Document Number 167203

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Eight-six feet (S 86') of Lot One (1) in Block Twenty-five (25) in Van Eps and Vary's Addition to the

Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 504 N Cedar St, Luverne, MN 56156

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-1456-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE

OF THE NOTICE: \$66,965.29 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 21, 2015, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step,

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 12 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owneroccupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 21, 2016, or the next business day if May 21, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESI-DENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: March 27, 2015

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

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# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 11

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 30, 2009

MORTGAGOR: Kimberly A. Lange, an unmarried woman.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc..

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 4, 2009 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 172481.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.. Dated June 11, 2014 Recorded June 18, 2014, as Document No. 184107.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORT-GAGE: 100061907000122275

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORT-

GAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 304 East 2nd Street, Hardwick, MN 56134

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 14.0134.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lots 9 and 10, in Block 2, in Halverson's Addition to the

City of Hardwick COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$38,919.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUD-

ING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$41,394.09 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover

the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described

property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 11, 2015, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR. DUCED 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 DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: April 6, 2015

Bank of America, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300

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# ISD #2184 convenes for special meeting April 16

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,** ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

**APRIL 16, 2015** 

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on April 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Dave Riphagen and Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Reva Sehr. Also present: Gary Fisher, Ryan Johnson, Deb Ward, Student A, Parent of Student A, and Aunt of Student A.

Chairperson Dave Riphagen called the meeting to order.

unanimously carried.

Middle/High School Principal Ryan Johnson reviewed the weapons violation incident with the School Board. Discussion was held. The readmittance plan was reviewed. Student will return to school on April 17,

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion

Jodi Bosch, Clerk

# **Mann Made Custom Wood**working assumes name

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SIGNED BY: /s/ Cory Jerold Mann

MAILING ADDRESS: None provided

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: cbacmann2@msn.com

(4-30, 5-7)

# ISD #2184 School Board meets April 9

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on April 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen

Deutsch, Eric Hartman, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Dave Riphagen and Shellev Sandbulte. Also present: Gary Fisher, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Jodi Rops, Kara Ahrendt, Lexie Severtson, Cole Bosch, Lori Nath, Scott Nath, Travis Kriens - K101/KQAD Radio, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Vice-Chairperson Katie Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Elementary School Principal Stacy Gillette presented enrollment and staffing projections for the 2015-16 school year. Middle/High School Principal Ryan Johnson reviewed the 2015-16 Student Course Requests and staffing projections. Superintendent Gary Fisher reviewed current enrollments and the ages 0-4 census with the school board. He also disbursed copies of the flexible learning year survey. Member Sehr wanted to go on record that she is not in favor of this survey. Discus-

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the March 26, 2015, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented information regarding the Revised Expenditure Budget. Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve the revised budget in the amount of \$18,387,993.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the major medical insurance proposal for Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage through the SW/WC Service Cooperative pool effective July 1, 2015. It was noted that there will be an approximate 15 percent increase in the premium. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the Memorandum of

Agreement with County, City, and School District for RFB Crossing Signs on Highway

75 at Barck and Dodge streets. Discussion was held. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve a request from Southwest Minnesota State University for Lucas Nath to complete a 15-hour practicum with Dennis Moritz, Ag. Education. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. A School Board retreat was scheduled for May 14 at 5:00 p.m. The scheduled school board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 14 is cancelled.

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

Jodi Bosch, Clerk (4-30)



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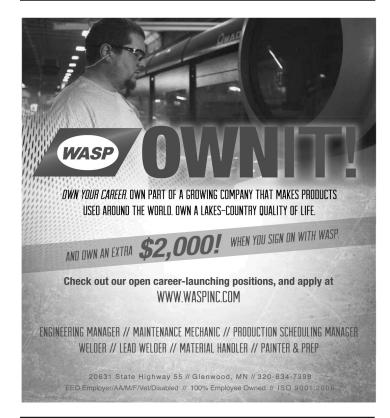
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# VACANCY NOTICE

- Position: 1 fte SLD-(Specific Learning Disabilities) Teacher • Caseload: Both Elementary and Secondary students
- Qualifications: Current Minnesota K-12 SLD Teacher
- license or the ability to obtain MN licensure.
- Application Deadline: Position open until filled.
- Starting Date: August 2015
- **Apply To**: Superintendent, Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, 301 N. Summit Ave., PO Box 547 Hills, MN 56138, t.holthaus@isd671.net Please send letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three current letters of reference
- Comments: Preference will be given to candidates having experience working with Autistic students and a willingness to secure additional coursework to qualify for the MN ASD Licensure. MN EBD licensure also preferential.
- Location: The Hills-Beaver Creek School District is located in Southwest MN - approximately 20 miles from Sioux Falls, SD. The district borders both South Dakota and Iowa. The district's K-12 enrollment is approximately 350 students. Pay and benefits are competitive for the area.
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- Caseload: Secondary Students
- Qualifications: Current Minnesota Vocational Agriculture Teacher license or the ability to obtain MN licensure.
- Application Deadline: Position open until filled.
- Starting Date: August 2015
- Apply To: Superintendent, Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, 301 N. Summit Ave., PO Box 547 Hills, MN 56138, t.holthaus@isd671.net Please send letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three current letters of reference
- **Comments**: This is an excellent opportunity. The district has been donated 10 acres that will be used as a Land Lab. Currently working to partner with the U of MN extension to work on research projects. Low class sizes. Many opportunities for teaching candidate to take the program to the next level!
- Location: The Hills-Beaver Creek School District is located in Southwest MN - approximately 20 miles from Sioux Falls, SD. The district borders both South Dakota and Iowa. The district's K-12 enrollment is approximately 350 students. Pay and benefits are competitive for the area.
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(4.26-5.14)

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(4.19-5.7)

Looking for people to help bottle feed calves. Good wages, flexible hours, south of Magnolia. Contact Gary at 507-920-5942. (4.19-5.7)

Do you like to spend your days playing and watching kids grow and learn? Do you like to have your night and evenings free? Then this may be the position for you. Lil' Dreamers Learning Center is hiring a full-time preschool teacher. Would prefer someone with CDA or degree but will train the right candidate. If interested please email your resume or any questions to lildreamers@ alliancecom.net or call 605-594-2104. (4.16-5.3)

# **CARDS OF THANKS**

The family of Allen Vis wishes to thank each and every one of you that offered a prayer, visited, sent a card, attended Allen's visitation/funeral or showed care and concern to any member of his extended family.

(4.30-5.3)

The family of Steve Hup would like to thank everyone for the love, prayers and overwhelming support during the loss of Steve. Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated. There are so many things on earth we simply can't explain — why one of us is taken while the rest of us remain. But till the day we see the Lord and he make all things clear, we must find comfort knowing that His love is ever near. Warm regards,

**Debbie and Lindsay Hup** Andrea and Dusty Kovarna John and Alvina Hup Ken and Sue Hup **Dave and Teresa Hup** (4.30-5.2)

County scores online

# **RENTALS**

For Rent: Two-bedroom, all electric ground-level apartment with attached garage, kitchen appliances, laundry hookups and central AC. 507-283-2574. (4.30-5.16)

For Rent: Very nice two-bedroom upstairs apartment stove and refrigerator furnished. No pets. Call 507-283-4095 or 507-290-1948.

For Rent: Large one-bedroom upstairs apartment. Includes utilities, stove, refrigerator and A/C. No pets and references needed. Call 507-227-1589.

For Rent: Small efficiency apartment, second floor, near downtown. \$250/month, plus utilities. Call 605-201-6427.

For Rent: Nice one-bedroom apartment, minimal steps, garage on-site laundry, snow and grass maintenance done and water and sewer paid. \$435. 507-227-5103. (4.23-5.10)

For Rent: Third-floor one-bedroom apartment. Tenant pays gas and electric. No smoking, no pets. Good references required. 507-283-9794.

Centennial Apartments has a one-bedroom, no smoking apartment available. All utilities included except cable and phone. Section 8 assistance available. Must be 62, handicapped or disabled. Call 507-283-2652. EHO. (tc)

# \$400 RENT CONCESSION AT ROCK **CREEK TOWNHOMES!**

Sign a 12 month lease today and

receive \$400 in rent coupons to be used during the first year! W/D hook-ups, attached garage, no pets/smoking. Call Pam: -507-283-4746

Make Your Move

This SPRING! **Stone Creek** Townhomes has a 3 BR available now! Rent is based on 30% of income, bi-level,

central air. Call Julie: 507-283-4793

Equal Housing Opportunity

# **REAL ESTATE**

For Sale by Owner: Lake home located at 44 Lakeview Dr., Lake Shetek. Three-bedroom, two-bath. Great location. Viewing by appointment only. 507-227-9225. (4.23-5.10)

Where the blacktop ends, country life begins. Located just outside Luverne city limits is the best of both worlds! Country living close to town. Three bedroom, two bath, large kitchen/dining room, finished basement, new shop, new roof and gutters, geothermal heat. Lots of storage both outside and in. Asking \$235,000. Serious inquires only. 507-920-3816. Acreage. (4.19-5.7)

### **COMMERCIAL**

For Rent: Large to medium office space available now! Plenty of parking for your clients, conveniently located in the Prairie Office Building just west of Taco John's off Hwy. 75. Call today to set up a time to view. 605-202-0413.

(4.26-5.14)

Office Space for Rent: Ideal downtown location. Quality building. Several sizes available. Utilities included. Call Randy Creeger, 507-220-1105 or randy.creeger@gmail.com.

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

HAVE A UNIQUE SERVICE OR BUSINESS? Get the word out to over 1.4 million households. Call WIDE AREA CLASSIFIEDS today, 507-359-7326. (tc)



**RENTALS** 

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1 & 2 Bedrooms **Newly Remodeled** 

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## **AGRICULTURAL**

We have several crews of rock pickers and we also do any type of farm work. 712-943-2084.

## **WINDOWS**

We custom build and install Energy Star Therm-O-Loc Windows. Call Mike at Adrian Glass for a free in-home demonstration and estimate. 101 E. Pearl, Adrian, MN 56110. 507-483-2228.

# **FOR SALE**

Beef for Sale: Split half, split quarters. Call Marten Kruger at 507-920-9386. (4.26-5.7)

For Sale: Spruce trees for sale by Pipestone County Pheasants Forever. \$2.50 each, sold in lots of 50. To order call 507-825-3914. (4.12-4.30)

### **SERVICES**

Meyer Mowing: Free estimates, hedge trimming, lawn edging, lawn aerating, garden tilling, mowing, thatching, small tree trimming. Will haul clippings. 507-227-2445.

(4.2-5.11)

# WANTED

Buying old cars, trucks, scrap iron, old farm equipment, tin, wire. Ericksen Salvage, Charlie Ericksen, 605-254-4654.



# **GARAGE SALES**

Multi-family Garage Sale: Furniture, small appliances, lots of new, slightly used items, too much to list. 12-5 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, and 12-5 p.m. Thursday, May 7, and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9. 1270 21st St., Steen. Gravel road into Steen, one mile before Iowa border. Watch for (4.30-5.2)sign.

Huge Five-family Sale: Antiques, knickknacks, pictures, linens, books, puzzles, toys, games, luggage car carrier, TVs, LOTS OF MISCELLA-NEOUS, lots of large, 2X-3X clothing, lots of men's jeans - starting at 28 waist. 8 a.m.-? Wednesday, April 29, through Friday, May 1, 501 E. Fairway Dr., Luverne. (4.26-4.30)

Rummage Sale: Girl and girl teen clothes, boy clothes, table and chairs, rabbit cage, toys and much more. 2:30 p.m.-? Thursday, April 30 and 8 a.m.-? Friday, May 1. 1016 Service Dr., Luverne. (4.26-4.30)

Rummage Sale: Baby boy clothing, 3-18 months, Play 'n Pak, swing, jumper, baby toys, household items, women's clothes, 12-14. 4-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, May 1. 306 S. Fairview Dr., Luverne. (4.26-4.30)

Rummage Sale: Lift seat, kitchen wares, décor, lounge chairs, stair gates, lots of free items. 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 7 a.m.-?? Friday, May 1, and 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, May 2. 900 White Thunder Circle, Luverne. (4.23-5.2)

Rummage Sale: Little Tykes, motorized riding toys, girls 0-7, quality outerwear, adult clothes, couch, chair. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 8 a.m.noon Saturday, May 2. 305 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne.

(4.26-4.30)

Garage Sale: Clothing, boys size 4-7 and etc., household items, furniture, much miscellaneous. 1 p.m.-? Friday, May 1, and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 2. 325 S. Fassett St., Luverne. (4.26-4.30)

Grandpa's workshop rummage will be open again. Have now cleaned out the attic and basement and some closets, so have lots of household items. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and Saturday, May 16. Located in the garage between 403 and 409 E. Bishop St., Luverne.

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