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Drawings for plaza revealed

Up next: decide on location, find funds, get local feedback

By Lori Sorenson

There's still no location or funding for a downtown plaza, but a final concept drawing was presented Monday night to about 50 people at Grand Prairie Events.

Plaza Committee Chairman Dave Haugom called the meeting a "big reveal" of work done to this point. "This plan takes all the ideas from our previous meetings and it's all rolled out tonight," he said. "The three main concepts that we had agreed on are morphed into one."

Haugom and grant-funded consultants from the University of Minnesota clearly stated that the plan would need to be adjusted once a location is found and as funding is approved.

Meanwhile, Haugom said, Monday's drawing is still a working document.

"We'll look to engage the public ... What do you like about it? What don't you like about it? How will we find funding sources for it?"

Monday's event was the third and final public plaza meeting after three years of discussion, 18 committee meetings, seven presentations and 60 days of public comment.

The final drawing is similar to other sketches considered for the space of one-half block.

Based on community feedback throughout the process, it has open and flexible spaces, a water feature with both flowing water (as deep as a foot in places) and splash fountains. It has green space with trees, native grasses and local materials. It has plenty of parking and handicap access — including restrooms — for people of all abilities.

It has a performance stage with a nearby covered pavilion for concessions and other eateries and it incorporates a variety of open spaces featuring public art and seating assemblies for smaller gatherings that can be adjusted as needed.

Best of three designs combined

According to Dr. Virajita Singh from the University of Minnesota College of Design, it was the concept that combined all the best of three previous drawings considered at the March community meeting.

Plaza design revealed/see page 3



Reminder of sacrifices etched in stone

Mavis Fodness photos/0523 Paver Stones

Vance Walgrave sprays a newly etched Veterans Memorial paver with black paint. Walgrave has sandblasted the names of Rock County veterans on almost 2,000 pavers at the memorial located on the courthouse square in Luverne. The new ones will be ready for Memorial Day visitors this weekend.

Pavers at Rock County Veterans Memorial are permanent reminder of sacrifices

By Mavis Fodness

As each Memorial Day and Veterans Day approaches, local sandblaster Vance Walgrave is busy etching names onto pavers for veteran memorials throughout southwest Minnesota.

In Luverne, however, the pavers are engraved on-site at the Rock County Veterans Memorial.

Walgrave, owner of Those Blasted Things, brought his equipment to the courthouse grounds Thursday, May 16, to etch a paver that joins almost 2,000 others he's already completed since the 2007 memorial was dedicated.

Pavers at Veterans Memorial/see page 17



Vance Walgrave carefully tapes the rubber stencil to protect the other pavers from the sandblasting.

Community tours new garage for EMS Week

By Lori Sorenson

Sanford Luverne's new ambulance garage is ready for use, and a Saturday morning open house gave community members a glimpse inside their local emergency services.

One of the first people there was Luverne's Gene Cragoe, who last week observed what he calls the fifth anniversary of his second birthday.

"Five years ago I almost died, and these guys brought me back," he said.

Cragoe suffered a cardiac arrest while driving on Highway 75 in Luverne near the home of local EMT Melissa Sterrett who noticed he was in trouble.

"She saved my brain," Cragoe said, referring to the critical CPR Sterrett performed until her colleagues arrived with an automatic external defibrillator to shock his heart back into rhythm.

He was one of dozens of local individuals and organizations who supported the fundraising campaign for the new ambulance garage.

"Patient care is advanced by working together as a community," ambulance manager Harlan Vande Kieft said Saturday, referring to support from private donations, state grants and the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The \$420,000 garage is a relatively nondescript brick building with bays for two ambulance trucks, a bathroom and shower and an equipment storage room.

What it represents for patients, however, is an improved space that allows medical professionals to more efficiently respond to their emergencies.

For example, the old garage is located near the former hospital building (now city hall and Minnesota West) in the middle of town.

"It's right in the middle of a residential area where kids are running around," said Jill Johnson, a full-time paramedic with the Rock County Ambulance service.

"We're trying to get there in our private vehicles and leave in the trucks to respond to a call."

She said newer trucks have outgrown the old spaces. Overhead doors allow only a half-inch clearance for side mirrors and there's barely room to walk around the trucks when they're both parked inside.

The new garage is east of Sanford

Ambulance garage/see page 6

Entrepreneur showcase debuts with 15 student-led southwest Minnesota businesses

By Mavis Fodness

Fifteen high school students displayed the results of a new yearlong program intended to prepare enterprising young people for careers in the business community.

Southwest Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities began in the fall of 2018 as a cooperative vocational education option for up to 22 students in Luverne, Ellsworth, Edgerton, Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek and Pipestone school districts.

Sixteen students ultimately participated in the new program sponsored by local businesses, and 15 young entrepreneurs displayed their unique businesses at the CEO Showcase at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne May 15.

CEO facilitator Cody Henrichs said the businesses were in various

CEO Showcase/see page 5



Mavis Fodness photo/0523 CEO Showcase 2019

Adrian High School senior Beau Loosbrock (center) talks about the robotic camera used in his business, BCL Televising, to view the inside of tile and sewer piping. He already has clients lined up to use his services.

County OKs EDA, cities and townships to decide

By Mavis Fodness

In the coming weeks city and township officials will decide whether or not to join the newly formed Rock County Economic Development Authority.

A 14-member committee of county commissioners studied the pros and cons of forming a countywide EDA for two months before recommending the new board.

Robin Weis with the Southwest Regional Development Commission outlined the committee's findings at the Rock County Board's May 7 meeting.

She said three key issues had come into focus: economic development, housing, and community development programs and services.

Each issue was broken into three categories: current level,

existing gaps in programs and services, and capacity and ability to expand services and/or opportunities for development.

"The most important area is the capacity and ability to expand services," Weis said. "Those are areas where we felt there are gaps and something could be done about them, and it would definitely improve Rock County," she said.

Cities and townships within Rock County need to pass resolutions to join the county EDA.

The committee also recommended a provision in case a city decides on membership to the county EDA and the surrounding township does not.

"A city may exercise control," as it relates to development, as two

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2019 Memorial Day Services

May 27 10 am

*In case of rain:
Hardwick
Legion Hall*

Hardwick Memorial Day Program Hardwick Veterans Memorial

Guest speaker: Greta VanderBrink, sister of Everett Bosch, KIA WWII Veteran
Special readings by Gunnar Oldre, 2019 Boy Stater & Sophie Lanoue, 2019 Girl Stater
Special music by Bruce Dysthe
Sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion Arthur Moeller Post #478

May 27 9 am

Refreshments to follow

Hills Memorial Day Program Hills American Legion

Placing of the wreath at Memorial Gardens on Main Street.

May 27 10:30am

Beaver Creek Memorial Day Program

First Presbyterian Church of Beaver Creek

Guest Speaker: Zona Hornstra

7 - 10 a.m. - Breakfast at Fire Hall

9:45 a.m. - Coffee & Bars at Church

11:15 a.m. - Program at Beaver Creek Cemetery with American Legion and Luverne VFW

May 26 dusk

*In case of rain:
Vigil at St. Catherine's
Catholic Church*

Rock County Veterans Memorial Candlelight Vigil Rock County Courthouse Square

Honoring the Service & Sacrifice of Rock County Service Members

**Open House & Reception
Herreid Military Museum
6-8pm**

Please bring your own chair

May 27 10:30am

Luverne Memorial Day Program

Maplewood Cemetery

Memorial Day Address

Shane Berning

Luverne High School Band

Noon Potluck Dinner at the American Legion Post 123, Luverne

Sponsored by the Rock County VFW Post 2757, American Legion Post 123 and its Auxiliary

May 30 2:30pm

Military honors conducted by American Legion Post 123 & VFW Post 2757, of Luverne.

Minnesota Veterans Home Program

Veterans Home Dining Room

Keynote Speaker: Bill Brockberg, Nobles County Veterans Service Officer

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Caregivers Support Group will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, in the conference room at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at the American Reformed Church parking lot to carpool to Knobloch greenhouse. Call 507-597-6378 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, in the Beaver Creek Township Hall.

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

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

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

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

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

Hardwick Memorial Day program

The Hardwick Memorial Day program will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the Veterans Memorial. (Rain location is Hardwick Legion Hall). The event is sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion Post #478.

Men's prayer breakfast May 31

A men's prayer breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m. Friday, May 31, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Breakfast will be served by The Bluestem, and cost is \$15 at the door.

Community Ed offers summer activities

Register by e-mailing C.Arends@isd2184.net or calling 507-283-4724.

Decorate your home or yard with a **Succulent Planter** that you will make at Harmony Gardens on **May 23**. Fee is \$25 which includes everything needed.

Learn to play soccer or brush up on your soccer skills for ages 3 through grade 4 (as attended during 18-19 school year) beginning **June 3**. Recommended for those students who have never played, that want to do soccer league in August. Fee is \$30 for this two-week class.

Early Play Ball at 5:30 p.m. teaches beginning T-ball skills to ages 4-kindergarten (as attended during 18-19 school year). Fee is \$30 for this two-week class that starts **June 3**.

Students who attended grades 2-5 during the 18-19 school year are invited to attend **Mindfulness for Kids** Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning **June 4** taught by Marie Atkinson-Smeins. See improvement in areas of paying attention, enhanced focus, improved social skills, self-regulating, and increased compassion. Fee is \$34 for this four-week class.

Keep your lower insurance premium by taking the **Defensive Driving Refresher** class on **June 4**. Fee is \$20

Slime, goo, experiments—**Reaction 2 Fun! Adventure Day Camp** June 7 for grades 1-4 as attended during the past year. Fee is \$15.

"Crit Happens" at Coffey Contemporary Arts is for all practicing artists, ages 17 and older, to bring a completed work to be critiqued at the professional level with the large group. **Free of charge, but requires registration**—call 283-4724. Meet at 7 p.m. on June 14, July 12, July 26, Aug. 9, Aug. 23

A **Magical Musical Play** offered at Luverne Street Music the **week of June 17** needs student actors grades K-4 (as attended during the past school year) to help save the crops in this fun country-style garden hoedown! Fee is \$40

Hands-on Fun Project Day is for students who attended grades 3-7 during the 18-19 school year. Students will choose three activities and may even complete a project that could be entered into the county fair. Fee is \$15 for this four-hour class on **June 17**.

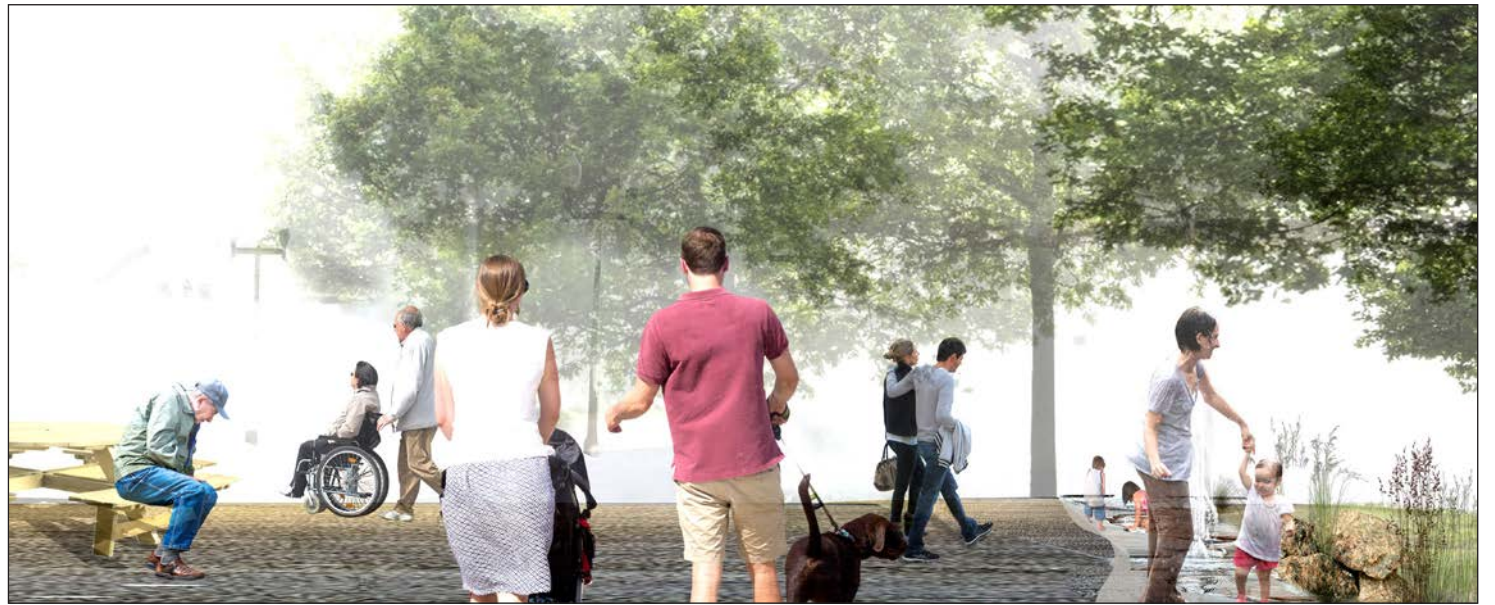
Create a one-of-a-kind project at **Chalk Couture** on **June 17**. Fee is \$35. Open to grade 7 through adult.

Nature Impressions participants (ages 3 to grade 3 and older as attended during 18-19 school year) will take a nature walk with Poplar Creek residents to gather items and then create beautiful impressions in clay on **June 18**. Fee is \$17.

Upcoming chartered bus trips include:

*Minnesota Twins Trip is **July 21**. Fee is \$92.

*Guys and Dolls Guthrie Theatre on **Aug. 24**. Fee is \$113.



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Downtown plaza drawings revealed/continued from page 1

"It's not so much a big reveal as it is a development," she said, adding again that the plan will need to be adapted as a location and funding sources are found.

Singh and Master of Landscape Architecture student Haily Schmitz are working with Anne Dybsetter from the University of Minnesota Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership to develop a conceptual design for an outdoor public plaza in downtown.

The team presented drawings and recommendations Monday night, pointing out key priorities the community had identified that helped shape the final concept:

Does it do what you want it to do? Does it look like what you want it to look like? Does it appeal to kids and youth? Does it appeal to adults?

When people at the meeting were encouraged to ask questions and share ideas, the topic of safety came up in a few different forms, primarily for children.

For example, one person pointed out that a child can drown in only a few inches of water, and another person questioned about safety near traffic.

While the plaza can be adapted to address safety issues, Community Education Director and Plaza Committee member Karen Willers warned against being too safe.

"These are valid concerns, but we tend to overprotect our children," she said, pointing out the success of the Outdoor Classroom near the elementary school.

"Those kids love to explore, feel, touch, and walk in it... Yes there have been some skinned

knees... but keep in mind the freedom to explore; it's part of development."

What's next for plaza?

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere spoke about future steps in the process. For example, the plaza concept will be displayed at the Rock County Fair and it will also be online for community feedback.

There will continue to be plaza events in the History Center parking lot this summer on the third Thursdays in July, August and September.

"That's not the decided location," she said. "The History Center has just been gracious enough to let us use their parking lot."

She also ventured into the possibility of a local half-cent or quarter-cent sales tax to fund the plaza.

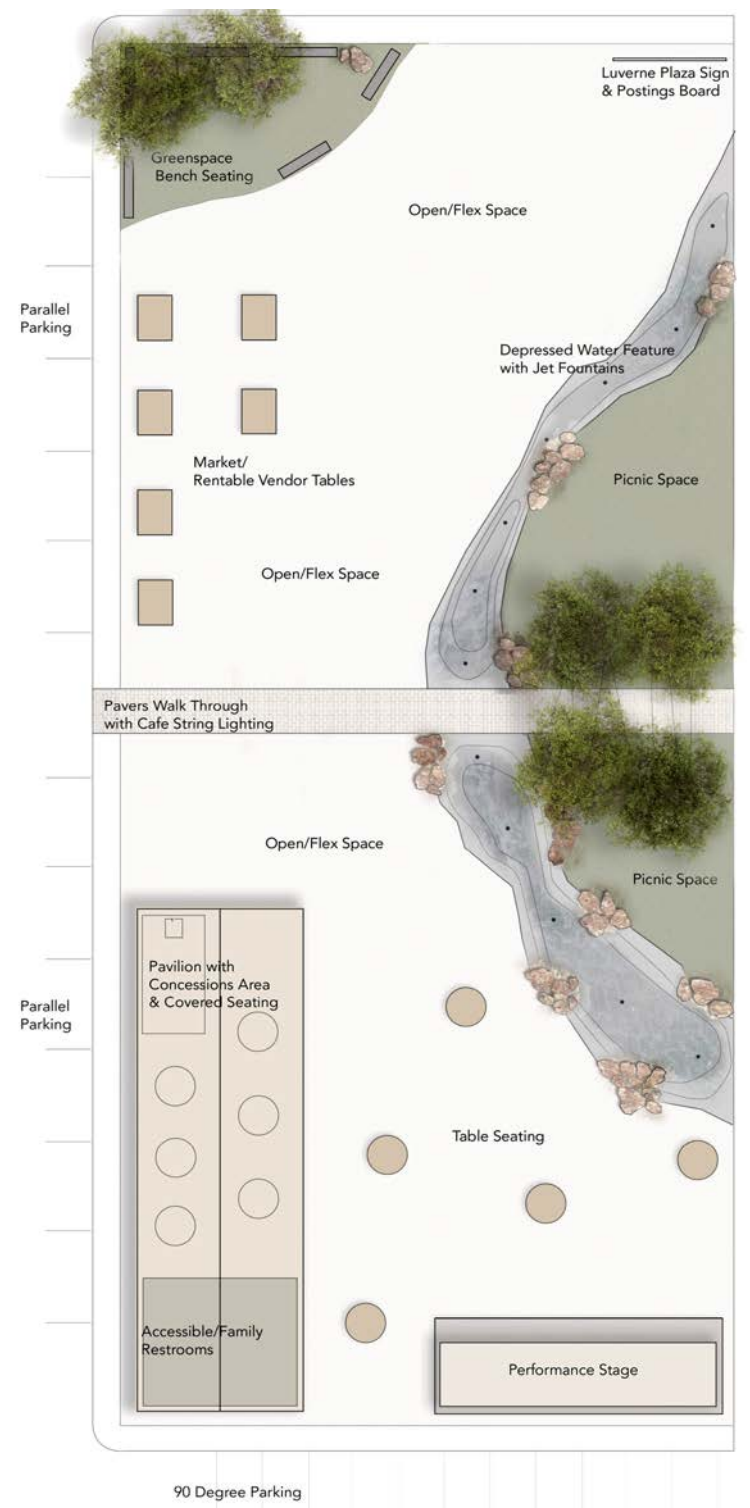
"The city council did not suggest this; it's not for police, fire or streets," Lanphere said, admitting she'll "take a lot of heat" for bringing it up.

"It's something the committee has talked about... Other communities have done this to pay for local amenities."

That discussion and other aspects of the plaza will be part of the ongoing development, she said while encouraging community input.

"Let's have a place where people can go after work to relax and enjoy the outdoors," Lanphere said. "Let's make Luverne a really great place for everyone to live."

Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow (L.I.F.T.), Luverne Area Chamber, along with other community organizations and businesses have been partnering to host the plaza development process.



Seating assemblies for smaller gatherings can be adjusted as needed, and planters can be moved to form zones.

Rock County Sheriff's Office investigates vehicle thefts

By Lori Sorenson

One stolen vehicle has been located and another has been reported stolen, according to information from the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

A minivan was stolen May 11 from Centennial Apartments in Luverne and was recovered this past weekend in Sioux Falls.

The report stated that the red 2003 Dodge Caravan had been parked at 120 N. Spring Street with the doors locked.

There were no leads on suspects in that case, but the Sioux Falls Police Department notified Rock County that it had been found in a parking lot on Summit Avenue and it was picked up Monday.

Meanwhile the Sheriff's Office received a report of a stolen vehicle on Sunday afternoon around 2:19 pm from Jim DenHerder.

The 2004 white Ford F350 pickup was in his locked shop at 804 Edgehill Street and was taken sometime between Friday evening and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

It appears that someone had pushed in a window, climbed in the shop and took the truck.

There are unknown suspects at this time.

Anyone with information about the case is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at the non-emergency phone number, 507-283-5000.



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Robot vacuum reveals lessons in finding hidden dirt and finding home

Against my better judgment we purchased a vacuum robot this spring. It's not a Roomba, but it's better, according to my sister who enthusiastically recommended it.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

We have a light-colored dog and dark-colored flooring so pet hair dust bunnies make daily appearances.

When the robot came on sale for half price, I clicked "add to cart," "proceed to checkout" and "buy."

A week later a big box showed up on our doorstep, with another box inside it and finally a box inside that one that held carefully packed electronics that looked like an oversized hockey puck.

It came with a sizable instruction book and a tri-fold card labeled "instructions at a glance."

The book is still in its cellophane wrapper, but the front page of "instructions at a glance" helped me plug in the base charger (also known as "home"), place the device on the charger (for the initial 4-hour charge) and insert batteries in the remote control.

I later learned the buttons on the remote can command the robot to clean along the edges of a room, clean in a concentrated circle, clean randomly around the house and come home.

The default route must be "random," because pressing the "auto" button on the device prompted it to back out of "home" base and head across the room until it encountered a pair of boots. It reversed sharply and continued around the boots.

It continued in this way ping-ponging between objects on the floor and doorframes and wallboards all the while eating pet hair and debris.

While the thing was indeed cleaning the house, its work pat-

tern was so random I had a hard time appreciating it.

For example, it wheeled right on by a big hairball on its way to the wall and never did come back to get it.

Meanwhile, it circled the coffee table on the living room carpet repeatedly, bouncing off the couch, love seat and chair as it went.

It must have been dirty in there, because eventually a red light appeared and the thing stopped with an urgent beep to indicate a full canister.

Sure enough. A pile of dirt, debris and pet hair emptied into the garbage can. Gross.

I decided that was a good time to test the "home" button, which sent the device in search of its charging base.

Which it never did find. So I picked it up and plopped it in the kitchen near the charger. It still couldn't find home.

As long as it was roaming around on the hard surface, I turned on the vacuum mode, hoping it would find the dust bunnies it bypassed the first go-round.

It didn't. It made a beeline for the living room where it promptly circled the coffee table. Again.

While I was happy it was cleaning the carpet, the visible dirt on the dark hard surface flooring remained.

I usually clean the obvious stuff first, and if time and motivation allow, I do the rest.

I wondered if the robot was teaching a lesson.

We all have dirt, visible or not, and sometimes it's the dirt we can't see that we should worry about the most.

And apparently finding home isn't a big deal.

Poverty is alive and well in Rock County; just ask the high school students

In the April 30 poverty simulation at Grand Prairie Events, Luverne High School student Alyssa Nattress was assigned the role of a 9-year-old whose mother was in prison and her father wasn't in the picture.

She and her 7-year-old brother lived with their disabled grandpa and their grandma who worked full time and couldn't tend to them much because of her work hours.

Nattress described the hardships of living in a dangerous neighborhood where they were robbed and they robbed from others to meet basic needs. They were even sold into sex trafficking with the promise of better opportunities, only to find themselves victimized again.

"This was an eye-opener for me," Nattress wrote in a paper for her high school economics class taught by David Rysdam. "I didn't realize how many people actually struggle and are in poverty."

She was one of 23 LHS students who participated in the simulation, sponsored by the Blandin Foundation and the local #LuvLuvAll advocacy group.

The April 30 event was the second one in Luverne, and it was the second time Rysdam sent students to participate. "The students were engaged, out

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By Lori Sorenson, Rock County Star Herald Editor

of their comfort zones and it had an impact on those that needed to hear the message the most," he said.

Jaden Knips said he went to the simulation for extra credit in Rysdam's class, but he got a lot more than extra points.

He played the role of a young man just out of prison paying support for a child he never saw and he lived with a woman with a child from a man who didn't support the child. His full-time job barely paid the bills, and they were on the edge of losing their home.

"Not only did I learn a little bit of what poverty was like, I learned that people in poverty don't just sit there and do nothing," Knips said. "They have a bunch of stuff they do every day just to try and make things work."

Sara Ernst reported a similar experience.

"... Honestly it was one of the most eye-opening experiences I've had in

a while," she said about playing the role of a 16-year-old pregnant student who found school to be a safe haven from turmoil at home where only one of her parents had a job.

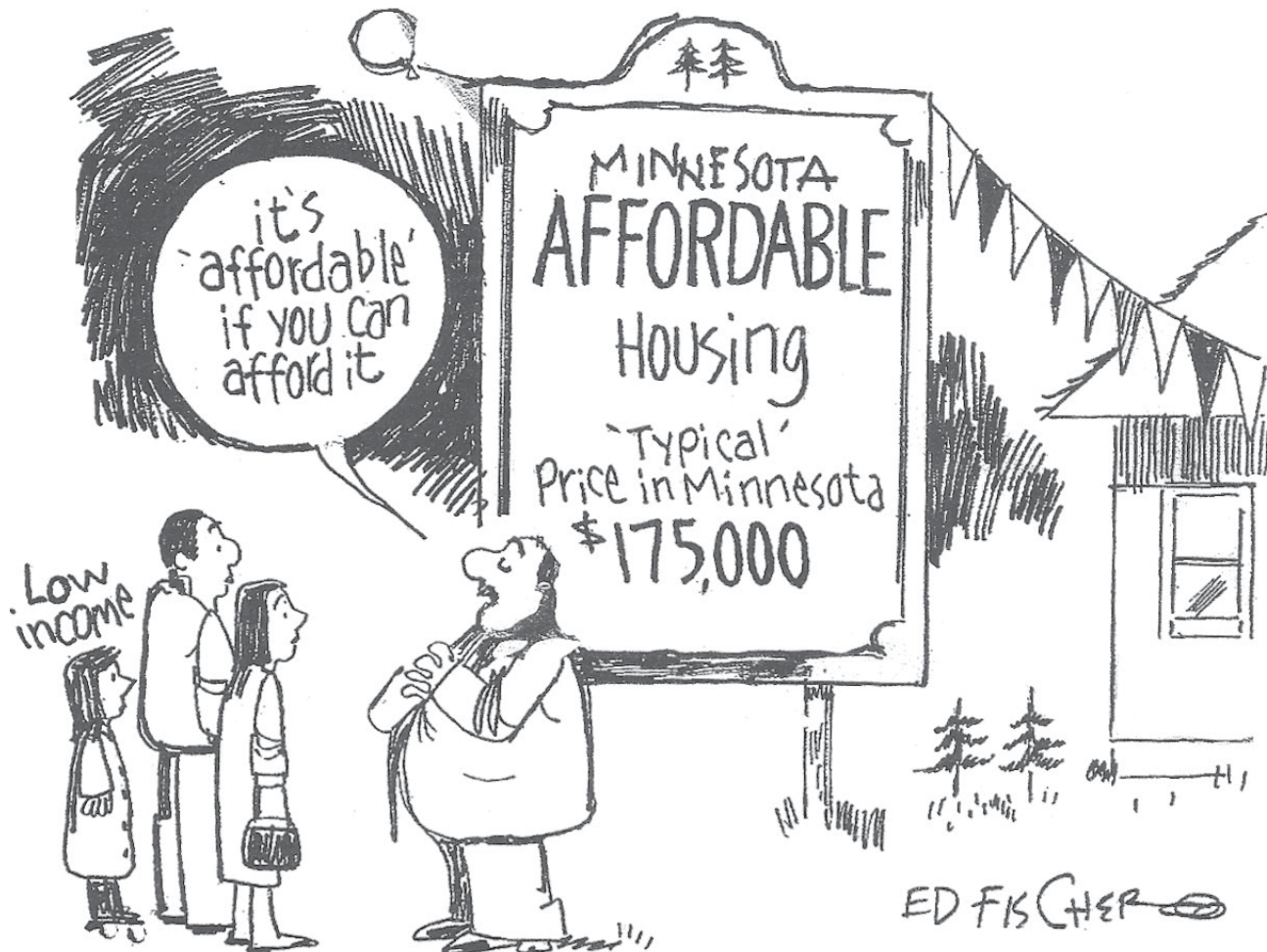
"We struggled to pay all of our bills and never had money to eat," she said. "Despite all our efforts, we were evicted."

Mallory Thorson reported being grateful for a stable home with parents who had stable jobs. Another student, Jocelyn Cazer, was so moved by the experience she said she'd become a social worker in order to help people.

The students noticed a pattern of exploiting poor people.

"... They are usually impoverished because they get caught in a long cycle of borrowing money, pay a debt, paying the loan off, running

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An increase in age and getting older are two different lifestages

When you start to age, that's different from getting older — at least I differentiate between the two.

Getting older has more pluses than minuses. On the plus side, as you get older, you get your driver's license. A few years older you can vote. Tack on a couple more years after you're old enough to vote and you can enjoy an adult beverage, and so on.

With aging, the minuses outnumber the plusses.

The aging minuses can start at any age, I guess. That is probably where the saying, "You're as young as you feel," came from.

You can't stop the getting older process. The numbers just keep adding up. The aging thing, however, you can delay.

Is hair starting to turn gray? Color it. Are your body parts starting to sag? Nip and tuck them.

Is your nighttime performance



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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not what it used to be? Take a blue pill.

Can't see the small print anymore? Get yourself a pair of cheaters.

Can't remember where you put your cheaters? Post-it notes help me.

One day you're hot, the next day you're cold? You must work at the Star Herald.

Can't hear the TV? Turn it up.

Can't hear the wife like you used to? OK, that might be one of

the few plusses.

Those are the physical signs of aging, but sometimes it's the emotional side of the aging ledger that you notice and think about more than you should.

One of those times happened to me recently.

Mary and I, along with our daughter Jenna and her family, were going to carpool to Redwood Falls for our grandson's First Communion.

Jenna had recently purchased a new vehicle and we were going to all ride in that. I have driven to everything and anything that we have ever attended as a family, but for this trip I was delegated to ride shotgun. I know it was her new vehicle and all. I did kind of enjoy relaxing and taking in the sights along the way, but I couldn't help the aging feeling creeping into my mind as I sat in the shotgun seat.

At first I thought I was just overreacting. That was until I brought it up at coffee the next week and the oldest guy at coffee, not to mention Tim Connell by name, said he remembered that same feeling when it happened to him.

Now that I have had time to think about this, I've come to the conclusion that I'll ride shotgun for as long as I can, because a bigger fear is someday they will just leave me home.

Poppies thank veterans for their service to country

To the Editor:

Our governor has proclaimed May as Poppy Month.

What exactly does that mean? It means that many Minnesotans have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom and it is only fitting we recognize those courageous veterans.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliary have adopted the poppy as their commemorative symbol. These poppies create a tangible tribute to our heroes, both the fallen and our living veterans and their families.

Let's wear that poppy proudly in their honor. What a great way to say "Thank you for your service."

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 10

- Complainant reported road rage eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5 near Beaver Creek.
- Assistance from another department was requested.
- Complainant on West Hatting Street requested to unlock their vehicle.
- Theft was reported at location near Valley Springs.
- Complainant reported suspicious vehicle in parking lot in Valley Springs.
- Subject was arrested with Rock County warrant in Marshall.
- Complainant on 161st Street reported vandalism property damage.
- Complainant reported road closure due to culvert construction near Kanaranzi.
- Complainant reported suspicious activity on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant reported theft on Spring Street.
- Complainant reported kids mudding on 71st Street and 134th Avenue near Luverne.
- Complainant reported harassing communications.

May 11

- An accident was reported on Interstate 90, mile marker 19 near Magnolia.
- Complainant at North Spring Street reported motor vehicle theft.
- Complainant requested a welfare check on West Edgehill Drive.
- Complainant on South Donaldson Street reported an unlicensed driver.
- Suspicious activity was reported on Spring Street.
- Extra patrol was requested at location on North Spring Street.
- Complainant reported an erratic driver westbound on County Road 4 near Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported theft.
- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle near Ellsworth.
- Complainant reported suspicious activity near Kenneth.
- Complainant reported a hit and run near Steen.
- Complainant reported suspicious activity on Elm Street.

May 12

- Deputy assisted another department eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 2-3 near Beaver Creek.
- An open door was reported on East Main Street.
- An open door was reported on East Main Street.
- An open door was reported on East Main Street.
- A driving complaint was reported at location westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 19 near Magnolia.
- Suspicious activity was reported north of Interstate 90 and one mile east of Beaver Creek.
- Report of subjects skateboarding in roadway at location at S. West Park and Main streets.
- Complainant requested to do a follow-up and speak with deputy.

May 13

- Complainant reported suspicious activity on Kniss Avenue and Elm.
- Complainant in Beaver Creek reported truancy.
- Complainant requested a welfare check be conducted on North McKenzie Street.
- Complainant reported a court hearing.
- Complainant in Luverne reported the Gideons will be handing out testaments.

- Complainant requested deputy for assistance near Beaver Creek.

May 14

- Complainant near Kanaranzi reported a parking issue.
- Complainant requested to check a vehicle on North Cedar Street.
- Complainant on North Spring Street reported people driving fast through the alley.
- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue requested a deputy drive by location and look for a vehicle.
- Complainant on North Kniss Avenue reported a runaway.
- Complainant reported big chunks of mud on road at location near Luverne.
- Complainant reported he will park an empty truck at location on Main while he eats.
- Complainant reported issue with people being at location and not on the lease.
- Complainant reported a car missing from location on North Blue Mound Avenue.
- Complainant reported a warrant hit in Sioux Falls.

May 15

- Complainant on East Barck reported a hit and run accident.
- Complainant requested a gas voucher.
- Complainant reported a probation violation.
- Complainant reported trucks not on truck route in Luverne.
- Complainant reported training for ERU training in Fairmont.
- Complainant reported suspicious activity on West Brown Street.
- Complainant reported possible theft and attempt to enter a structure on 71st Street near Luverne.

May 16

- Report of a driver with unrestrained children at location on West Warren Street.
- A welfare check was requested on North McKenzie Street.
- Suspicious activity was reported at location on east side of dam.
- Deputy conducted a follow-up on North Freeman Avenue.
- Complainant at North Kniss Avenue location reported a vulnerable adult.
- A welfare check was requested at location on North Lincoln Street.
- Suspicious activity was reported at location near Hills.
- Complainant reported golf carts on the bike path in Luverne.

May 17

- Complainant reported cattle out at location near Steen.
- A911 call was received with child on line near Steen.
- A follow-up was conducted near Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported an alarm on East Luverne Street.
- A complainant requested to retrieve vehicle from impound.

In addition, officers responded to 8 transports, 7 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 5 paper services, 1 deer accident, 7 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 24 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 4 drug court tests, 4 permits to purchase/carry, 1 stalled vehicle, 8 traffic stops, 11 abandoned 911 calls and 2 tests.

Kanaranzi Creek bridge to get emergency repairs

By Mavis Fodness

Emergency repairs will be made to the bridge along County Road 1 in southeast Rock County. Ice flow this spring damaged the bridge's wood pilings, allowing a three-inch sag to develop on the bridge deck. Repairs are estimated at \$52,500. Since state officials deemed the repairs as an emergency, the county is able to tap into the Federal Highway Emergency Fund to pay for the completed work. Commissioners agreed May 7 to repair the bridge over Kanaranzi Creek with plans to replace the structure in the future.

Once a contractor has been secured, repairs will take almost three months to complete.

The repairs involve the installation of new steel pilings and transfer girders under the existing structure, according to County Engineer Mark Sehr.

Replacement of the bridge is expected to take place in the next five years. Until the repairs are completed, the bridge remains open. Traffic is restricted to one lane with a 20,000-pound weight limit.



Photo courtesy of the Rock County Highway Department

Emergency repairs will take place this spring to reopen the County Road 1 bridge in southeast Rock County to semitrailer traffic. Ice flow damaged the bridge's wood pilings, causing the bridge deck to sag. On April 9, traffic was restricted to one lane and no more than 20,000 pounds.

Once repairs are complete, weights will return to previous load limits. The one-lane restriction began April 9. No semitrailer traffic is allowed on the bridge until repairs are completed. The

damaged bridge continues to be monitored twice a week by highway officials. "If we notice anymore movement, we will close it down," Sehr said.

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stages of development. Some students sold merchandise while others sold services. One student business gets off the ground this spring with customers at the ready.

Student businesses feature handmade items

Hills-Beaver Creek junior Madison Spath created "Paths," a home décor business.

She said creating the 14 items featured in her business allowed her to spend time with her dad, Mike, in the woodworking shop.

Spath named her business Paths as a play on her last name.

Offering one-of-a-kind merchandise was also the basis for creating businesses for:

- Edgerton High School's Courtney Fey, whose business "Scrunchoxox," sold homemade scrunchies, a fabric-covered elastic band used to fasten hair into ponytails

- McCall Stegenga, a senior from Luverne, created "Cozy Calf," which featured handmade baby blankets with looped satin ribbons along the edges. The tabs are meant to stimulate and/or comfort an infant or toddler through their fingering of the blanket's tabs.
- Homemade cakes and cupcakes was the business idea of Luverne senior Halle Hough. She created "Magnolia Gourmet Cakes" to provide clients with specialized cakes for birthdays, weddings, graduations and other special events.

- Southwest Minnesota Christian High School's Andra Homandberg created Hom&Berg, which specializes in creating weighted blankets and sleep masks. She uses Himalayan salt as weight material instead of plastic pellets. The healthy minerals "can help with sickness and sores along with giving that special hug-like stimulus."

Other students market unique items to consumers

Some students researched products and became distributors for unique items for their business idea. Mallory Jean Remund from Pipestone High School created "Mallory Jean," a fitness company that sells women's active wear and accessories.

Her mission statement: "At Mallory Jean our mission is to help people become the best version of themselves while looking great."

Remund said she intends to continue her business while



Courtney Fey, a student at Edgerton High School, is one of 16 high school students participating in the first Southwest Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities.

In a CEO showcase event Wednesday evening, May 15, in Luverne, Fey displayed her business, Scrunchoxox, to visitors like Kristi Scholten from Hills.

Kiara Honken (left), a junior at Hills-Beaver Creek High School, discusses her business, Kiara's Pet Sitting, with Mavis Remund from Pipestone.

Mavis Fodness photos/0523 CEO Showcase 2019

in college with long-term goals of owning her own fitness center.

Other students and their distributed items include:

- "Bears Pairs" by Luverne High School junior Claire Baustian provides fun, unique socks for anyone to wear. The company promises: "If you buy a pair, we donate a percentage of the proceeds to charity."

- Sara Knips, an Adrian High School senior, created "Nobles & Co.," a T-shirt company whose products "emote confidence and energy" that supports women and promotes kindness.

- Joe Van Essen, Edgerton High School, expanded his interest in the family farm by expanding his own feeder cattle business under the name Van Essen Farms.

Developing a business with personal skills

The promotion of a personal skill allowed some students to create service-oriented businesses.

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Kiara Honken designed a business based on her love of animals.

"Kiara's Pet Sitting" was the result of her participation in

the CEO class. She expanded her client base by understanding the importance of communication in business.

"I honestly didn't want to talk to people," she said.

Other students promoting a service to help others included:

- Luverne High School senior Lilli Donahue who created "Write Grant," a grant writing service for artists, community projects and nonprofit organizations.

- "Royal Playhouse Children's Theatre" is the creation of Hills-Beaver Creek High School senior Josie Scholten. She shares her love of theatre and performance with children through education and staging of community presentations.

- Sixta Barrios from Pipestone High School created "Dual Conversations" to provide classroom instruction for Spanish- and English-language learners with everyday conversational phrases.

- Luverne High School senior Matthew Ziegler founded "eMERGE Digital Marketing." His company specializes in social media marketing management and advanced marketing analytics.

Student's business idea becomes career choice

One student's business, however, became more than just a classroom assignment.

Adrian High School senior Beau Loosbrock developed "BCL Televising," a pipe and sewer camera service, a business he plans to continue as a career choice.

Loosbrock's family owns a tiling company near Wilmont and would often subcontract with an outside company to film inside tile and sewer pipes because no one locally provided the service.

Beau Loosbrock worked with a loan officer to finance the video monitor and motorized camera. He remodeled an enclosed trailer and purchased a pickup.

He estimated he has \$140,000 invested in his company.

Several jobs have already been scheduled, which Loosbrock plans to complete after graduating from high school later this month.

"This program has been phenomenal in the area for our kids," Loosbrock's mom, Miki, said.

"For Beau, it's been pivotal."

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New Rock County Ambulance garage showcased Saturday for EMS week/continued from page 1

Luverne near the ER services on an accessible street with designated parking for emergency responders to park their private vehicles while they respond to calls.

Until the driveway is complete, trucks will still need to back out, but they'll later be able to drive through the building via a roundabout access.

Sterile supplies will still be kept in the hospital, but garage storage space will be used for backboards, tools and other frequently needed items.

The roomy bathroom with a shower is also a necessity.

"It's for decontamination ... We clean up after every call," Johnson said. "A few weeks ago we were in a cattle yard. Sometimes we're in hazmat situations, or we go from one call to another and we can't have bodily fluids from the previous call still on us."

She said all this allows medical professionals to more efficiently respond to emergencies and improves patient outcomes.

The Rock County Ambulance team has 24 members who respond to an average of 1,000 calls per year.

Vande Kieft said the new ambulance garage is an example of local leaders and professional pooling resources to benefit the community.

The Rock County Ambulance service coordinates with the city of Luverne, Rock County and Sanford to improve emergency response for those who need it.

"The person who wins is the person lying on the ground," Vande Kieft said. "He doesn't care who shows up; he just needs help."



Lori Sorenson photo.0523 ambulance garage

The new Rock County Ambulance garage is ready to house emergency vehicles, and Sanford hosted an open house Saturday morning, May 18, to show off the new \$420,000 facility built entirely with private community donations.

"We're doing the best we can because we're an important part of the community."

— Harlan Vande Kieft, ambulance manager

life support services (at \$1,300 per call).

- 257 required basic life support services (\$1,000 per call).

- 363 were transfers from Sanford Luverne to another hospital (\$1,000 to \$1,700 per call depending on the level of care needed).

- 157 were calls that didn't require transports, such as lift assists for someone who has slipped off a chair, but still required the minimum \$300 ambulance response.

"We don't bill for these calls, but we still have to pay our staff for their response time," Vande Kieft said.

"That's what give back ... Sometimes I don't think the community understands how that works."

He also explained that Sanford often doesn't recoup the full cost of ambulance services, because for patients on Medicare and Medicaid, the state reimburses only about half.

"It's a huge story," Vande Kieft said. "We're constantly working to increase reimbursements. ... We apply for grants and we're doing the best we can because we're an important part of the community."

By the numbers: Ambulance responds to 1,000 calls per year

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Ambulance team has 24 members. This number includes:

- 14 emergency medical technicians (three in Hills equipped with response equipment).

- seven paramedics.
- three registered nurses who are EMTs trained in hands-on paramedic duties.

The ambulance responds to an average 1,000 calls per year for the past three years.

Using 2018's total 992 calls, that translates to 28,454 total call hours for the year in 2018, and it breaks down to an average of 37 hours per week per person on the ambulance team.

But for the medics, (one needs to accompany each

call) those numbers are much higher.

"Troy Thone had 4,000 hours last year, and that's not sustainable," Vande Kieft said. "Luverne is very fortunate to have the ambulance staff that we have."

As Rock County's population continues to age, he said these medical response incidents will continue to increase.

Seventy-two is the average age of a person needing local ambulance services.

But as the number of ambulance calls continues to increase, the number of responders is decreasing.

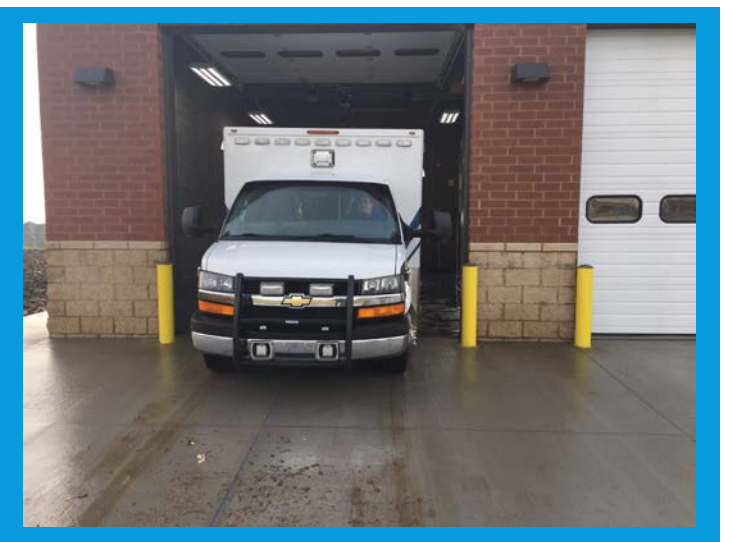
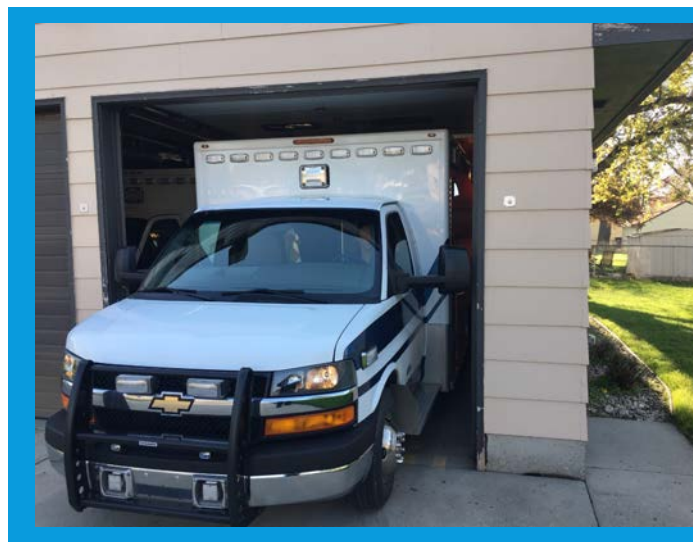
"It's important for the community to understand what some of these people give."

Of the 992 calls in 2018:

- 577 required advanced



Saturday's open house at the new ambulance garage included information about telehealth technology employed in the new trucks by EMS and EMTs. In the image on the left, Jill Johnson confers with physicians and nurses at the hospital via a live feed through a monitor mounted in the corner of the truck. Lanette Elbers is pictured with the monitor as it appears on the hospital end of the feed. The communication allows ER staff to be better prepared for patients that arrive at the hospital.



Rock County Ambulance manager Harlan Vande Kieft (left) makes latex glove balloons for his boys, Ben and Will, during the open house Saturday morning. In the photographs above, a slide show during the open house compared the old ambulance garage to the new one. These images show only inches between the side mirrors in the old garage, compared with the extra space allowed for the new facility. The new garage also has front and back overhead doors to allow trucks to drive through without having to back out. Vande Kieft said all these considerations save time for first responders heading to emergencies. The new facility also has a restroom and shower for decontamination after responders return from their calls.

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into more debt, and so on," wrote Jordan Winter.

"I think it ties into what we learned about with monetary policy, with how debt is a normal thing for so many people. It's just how our society and system works."

Others simply learned compassion.

"This experience showed me not to judge people, because you never know what someone is going through in their life or how much they are struggling to be able to provide their family with necessities," wrote Ali Elsabagh.

"It helped humble me and made me grateful for everything that I have in my life that I take for granted every day."

Rysdam said the simulation is an important part of education

for the community, and students' reactions confirm the value of taking them out of the classroom to attend the event.

"I feel that there are lessons that are better learned through experience rather than the text. ... We have to make sure that our students are civic-minded contributors to society and their community," he said.

"Exercises such as these take the students out of their comfort zone and expose them to a part of our community that they may be completely unaware of. People living poverty are not going to tap you on the shoulder and tell you their story; it is often quite the opposite."

See this story at www.star-herald.com for a link to all the students' responses to the poverty simulation.

County to form EDA/continued from page 1

miles from the city border," according to the committee report.

The committee also recommended a nine-member EDA board, two of which would be county commissioners.

Commissioners adopted a resolution in early February to form the study committee.

The committee was comprised of representatives from the cities of Beaver Creek, Hills, Jasper, Luverne, Magnolia, Hardwick, Kenneth and Steen, three township representatives, a housing authority representative, and two county commissioners.

Commissioners Gary Overgaard and Jody Reisch served on the study committee.

"It was a good process to go through — it was much needed,"

Reisch said. "I think it will help us to be more organized in our approach to development throughout the whole county."

The committee met Feb. 19 and again April 4 before issuing a recommendation to establish a county EDA board.

The nine-member board would become advocates for Rock County.

While Luverne has a full-time EDA director, outlying towns and townships in Rock County do not have a dedicated person marketing the area. The county EDA board will fill that void for all members.

The board will become a point of contact or a reference to new or existing business owners expanding in or seeking to move the county.

"A lot of development is going on outside of city boundaries," said

county administrator Kyle Oldre.

Within the past year, Midwest Dry Cast opened for business in Luverne Township.

Within the last six years, New Vision Co-Op expanded its fertilizer plant in Beaver Creek Township, its feed mill operation in Magnolia Township and the Prairie Rose Wind Farm constructed phase one of its renewable energy production project in Springwater, Denver and Rosedell townships.

The new county EDA will assist to find investors for the opportunity zones.

Last year, the federal government designated the southern third of Rock County as Opportunity Zones. The zones are meant to encourage long-term business investments.

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Mavis Fodness photos/0523 Flex Rocket

Students in Richard Owen's Flex Time class on rocketry spent Wednesday afternoon, May 15, launching their creations, including this large rocket that required a Notice to Airmen requirement to the local airport because of the height the rocket could reach.

Blast off!

Extra length of school day leads to rocketry experience for students

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School band instructor Richard Owen gave his jazz band students a little extra lesson May 15.

Three days before the district closed for the summer, Owen and his students set up a launch pad on the west side of the school campus.

About a dozen rockets of varying sizes were constructed by the students or assembled from kits and were ready for their maiden flights.

For several weeks the students learned about rockets, design and flight stability.

"Some actual rocket science went into this course," Owen said.

"There were some creative designs that took extra steps to make them stable enough to fly, but overall they were very successful."

Each student passed a National Association of Rocketry quiz before participating in the Wednesday afternoon launch.

"I told them they could take it multiple times if necessary," Owen said. "But they all had to get 100 percent on it to be able to participate in the launch."

Because students used glue, paint and rocket repellent, each student also signed a waiver to participate.

Many parents watched the Wednesday afternoon launch event on the west side of the school campus.

Owen used his own hobby experience and equipment, showing the students how to correctly and safely launch rockets.

Students placed an igniter into the tail of each rocket after



Left: John Miller holds what's left of the "Big Red," whose parachute failed to deploy, allowing the rocket to plunge nose first into the soft ground.

Right: Holden Overgaard (far left), Sawyer Saker and teacher Richard Owen refold the rocket's parachute to make sure it works properly after launch.

they added wadding to protect the parachute. They then attached the battery-powered igniters at each launch pad to the rocket.

At a five-second countdown, students pressed the controller, launching the rockets into the wind.

Wind speeds were calculated to accommodate the parachute opening so the rocket would float back to the ground near the launch area.

Winds, however, were twice the predicted 4 to 6 miles per hour.

"We did pretty well at getting them to land in the field and were lucky to have an open space like that near the school," Owen said.

One rocket, dubbed "Big Red," suffered a parachute failure and

plunged nose first into the soft ground.

The launch and rocket construction was a joint effort between Xavier Carbonneau, Matthew Jelken and John Miller.

The nose of the rocket plunged about seven inches into the soft ground. The rocket crumbled into pieces around the plastic nose cone.

"It took me 20 seconds to get it out of the ground," Miller said.

Students also witnessed a large rocket launch.

Due to its size and the height it could reach, Owen was required to notify the Luverne Municipal Airport, which issued a Notice to Airmen. A NOTAM tells pilots about the time of



the rocket launch and its location.

Owen suggested the rocketry class after the jazz band wrapped up its performances several weeks ago.

The jazz band practiced during one of the middle-high school's designated Flex Time sessions.

Flex Time is the extra half hour the district built into the school day for the next two years to accommodate this summer's longer construction timeframe.

From 2 to 2:30 p.m. each school day, students and staff completed learning labs, communicated one-on-one or completed group enrichment activities such as the jazz band practice and rocketry class.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Marvin and Jeanette Skalicky will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Luverne Pizza Ranch invites you to celebrate **Rose Ruddy's** retirement with her on Monday, June 3, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Cake will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An open house bridal shower for **Sydney Esselink**, bride-to-be of **Devin Heitkamp**, will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at Take 16 in Luverne.

MENU

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day. Site closed.

Tuesday, May 28: Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, rosy applesauce. Program: 9 a.m. Board meeting. Bruce Dysthe music.

Wednesday, May 29: Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, May 30: Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, cake.

Friday, May 31: Lemon pepper fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cobbler.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

The Bistro (formerly known as Senior Dining) offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Scholarships awarded

Several area students received \$1,500 scholarships from the Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America, the corporate giving program of Compeer Financial.

They are Adrian High School students Dakota John, Hannah Kruse and Paige Madison and Luverne High School senior Nathan Overgaard.

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on their academic achievement, essay writing and involvement in agricultural and community organizations.

Compeer Financial is a member-owned farm credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities.



Lori Sorenson photo/0523 red arrow donates to generations

Community investment

Rock County Red Arrow recently gave a \$1,000 donation to Generations (formerly known as Rock County Senior Citizens) to support the upcoming building project for a new dining and activities center. Pictured are (from left) Generations president George Bonnema, Red Arrow board members Peggy Adams, Mike Schacht and Mary McLaughlin.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Papik Motors in Luverne learned last week that it survived the latest round of cuts announced by General Motors.

Last week the automaker notified 1,100 dealerships — 18 in Minnesota — that it will pull its brand off their lots.

Papik Motors in Luverne is not among the dealerships affected. According to owner Gary Papik, Luverne, the local dealership remains strong.

"Papik Motors is proud of its staff, facility and financial resources, all of which have helped the dealership grow and prosper," Papik said Tuesday.

25 years ago (1994)

•Kindergarten students in Luverne Elementary School will attend classes all day beginning this fall.

After hearing two options, the Board unanimously approved an all-day kindergarten schedule. One group of children will attend classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday from September through February, and the second group will attend classes Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from March through the end of school.

50 years ago (1969)

•Another military honor for heroism in Vietnam has been conferred on Sp. 5 Jerome "Poncho" Egan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Egan, Luverne, it was learned this week.

Egan, winner of the Soldiers' Medal last year, received word that he had been named for the Army Commendation Medal Award.

75 years ago (1944)

•Lightning during a brief thunder shower about 4 a.m.

Wednesday caused damage to several places in the city of Luverne, and some loss in the outlying areas.

A bolt hit the Ray Weston home on West Lincoln, burning out some of the electrical wiring, and damaging the ceiling in the kitchen. A light fixture in the dining room was burned off, and fuses were blown from their sockets. Several transformer fuses south of Main street were burned out, and a large cottonwood tree near the Lloyd Sodemann home was hit.

Six head of hogs were reported killed on the Ben Slieter farm in Martin township. Two head of steers were killed for Thompson and Nelson near Magnolia; Bernard Top of Kanaranzi township reported one cow killed, and August Hamann of Mound township lost a yearling steer and a mule colt.

100 years ago (1919)

•Initial steps towards the organization of a new Luverne corporation to be known as the Quartzite Quarries, Inc., which will specialize in the production and sale of crushed rock and other road building materials, have been taken and articles of incorporation are published elsewhere in this issue.

The incorporators are J. E. Treat, Wm. Jacobsen, John P. Coffey, Harper Shaffer, S. A. Coss, Frank Michael and A. A. Anderson, who are to serve as the first board of directors. Under its charter the corporation is authorized to issue not to exceed \$200,000 of stock, in shares of \$100 each.

The purchase of the Hazzard farm at the Mounds some months ago by a syndicate of Luverne business men was made with a view to the formation of the new corporation. The sale of that part of the farm lying east of the Rock Island right of way a few weeks ago in no way altered the original plans, for the hundred thirty odd acres on the west side of the railway is a solid mass of stone deposits.



Lori Sorenson photo/0523 backpack volunteers

Volunteers (from left) Dick Smook, Laurin Carroll, Denny Strassburg and Keith Erickson made their final deliveries last week for the Luverne BackPack Program, which began 10 years ago.

Volunteers complete their last BackPack delivery

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne BackPack Program is in its 10th year of providing at-risk children with nutritious, pre-packaged foods for weekends until school and access to meal programs resume.

This program is funded by local donations, staffed by volunteers and serves more than 200 children ages preschool to 12th grade during the school year.

In its first year in 2009, 75 students in Luverne Elementary School received meals, discretely tucked into their backpacks. That number doubled in the first two years.

Since then the program expanded to include preschool and middle school, and recently re-established

a summer program to fill the gaps in nutrition for families having trouble making ends meet.

The success of the program lies in its network of loyal financial backers, like the Luverne Area Community Foundation, and reliable volunteers who pack the food bags that contain two breakfasts, lunches, snacks and one fresh fruit and fruit juice.

The meals are divided into bags and dropped into large Rubbermaid tubs to be delivered by volunteers.

Dick Smook, Keith Erickson and Laurin Carroll have been delivering totes since the program started, and they were later joined by Denny Strassburg as the program expanded.

Ten Rubbermaid totes are delivered weekly to the elementary school, three to Community Education for Discovery Time preschool students, one to Head Start and one to Little Lambs.

"It's a good program," Smook said. "It helps a lot of kids and families."

He and the other three men made their final deliveries last week and their roles will be filled by new volunteers.

Donations for the Backpack Program can be directed to the Luverne Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 623, 102 E. Main St., Luverne.

Sponsorship for one student is \$150 for the school year.

Now is the optimal time to prune pines, encourage growth

This is the right time to prune any plants in the pine family.



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

flowers will continue looking great if they get fed adequately ... not excessively.

Every plant food that is sold will give the nutrient analysis on the container. You don't have to remember that combination, just be sure that of the three numbers listed, the middle number should be higher than the first and last numbers. That nutrient analysis indicates a balanced fertilizer for our blooming friends.

In the event you are growing plants for their foliage rather than flowers, the first number in the analysis should be the highest. As long as you follow the directions, usually 1 teaspoon per gallon of water, you can safely feed with every watering.

It seems that this spring, every time I feel it is safe to plant my tender, warmth-loving plants, the weather throws a curve at us. It's Monday morning and I think I spent three hours yesterday afternoon trying to protect plants from predicted frost. Well, this morning, I'm not sure how close we got to freezing or how long that temperature was at that level, but I am hoping that is done for the season!

And then how about all these purple flowers that are appearing in lawns all over town? That, my friend, is

called creeping charlie or ground ivy. Plenty of moisture last summer and fall and then a nice snow cover for the winter and another wet and cool spring and this weed is HAPPY! Sometimes I think we should just use it in place of our grass because it is ruggedly hardy, stays green without watering, doesn't have to be mowed and has a minty fragrance and pretty purple flowers.

Therein lies the problem because that is how we got it in the first place. It was brought in to use as a ground cover, but it soon became evident that ground ivy doesn't play by the rules and it doesn't care where your property begins and ends. It spreads by seed as well as stolons that grow on the surface of the soil, and it spreads rapidly.

Getting rid of it is another story ... it is hard to kill. Trimec herbicide used double strength with repeat treatments every two weeks will get the best of it but it will require diligent attention to the repeat applications to be effective.

Another choice is to hire a professional lawn service to do the treatments. Ignoring it doesn't mean it will go away!

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

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



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Community leader award

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian received the Community Leader award from Missouri River Energy Services Wednesday night in Sioux Falls. He was honored during the MRES annual conference where he received a plaque "in recognition of his years of service to the Luverne municipal utilities and the city of Luverne." Baustian has been Luverne's mayor since 2011 and, prior to that, he was an alderman from 2003 through 2010. He was joined at the conference by his wife, Katie, and their children (from left) Jack, Claire and Peter.

Third District VFW re-elects Luverne's Underwood to command post

Buck Underwood of VFW Post 2757, Luverne, was re-elected commander for 2019 to 2021 at this year's Third District Veterans of Foreign Wars District Convention in Canby.

VFW Third District is comprised of 18 posts and about 1,500 members in southwest Minnesota.

Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsor more than a dozen community and youth events throughout the year in support of veterans, their families, school children and cities and towns.

Underwood has been an active member of Post 2757 for 14 years and has served as its quartermaster for the past 12 years.

During his past two years as district commander, the Third District has endorsed the VFW Minnesota Teacher of the Year and has had outstanding submissions in the VFW's Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy programs.

Underwood served in the Army from 1964 to his honorable discharge as a sergeant in 1967. He was awarded the Purple Heart medal for injuries sustained in combat in Vietnam. Underwood was also awarded the Vietnam Service and Campaign medal, Unit Valorous Citation medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm device.

Also elected as senior vice commander for Third District from this area was Bill Brockberg, a VFW member from Worthington Post 3958. Brockberg is the Nobles County veterans



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Buck Underwood (left) receives the Third District Commander gavel from the state VFW senior vice president Chad Solheid.

service officer in Worthington.

Luverne student attends media camp, program airs June 14

Luverne High School student Xavier Carbonneau is one of nine students from the region selected to attend a media camp June 10-14 in Sioux Falls.

KSFY Television and the Washington Pavilion host the free camp to introduce concepts in TV news production, including reporting, writing, video production and advertising.

Students were selected based on course work in school, an audition and their interest in a future career in television. A demo tape showing their on-camera skills was part of the application.

Students will produce a five-minute newscast that will air at the end of KSFY News at 5 and 6 p.m. on June 14.

LIBRARY NEWS

Contact the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register for events.

Fine amnesty: now through May 31, Ask the librarians how to have your late fee fines forgiven.

Mr. Twister (kick off to the summer reading program) 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 4. Ice cream social to follow.

Story Hour, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays, June 6-July 25, for ages 4, 5 and kindergarten.

Laptime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays, June 7-July 26.

Story & Art, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 5-July 24, for first- through fifth-grade.



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No library fees for some late returns

Rock County Library materials can now be kept for three weeks

By Mavis Fodness

Late fees will no longer be charged on materials turned in after the due date to the Rock County Library.

Library director Calla Jarvie made the policy change announcement May 15.

"As of today there will no longer be late fees for books, audiobooks and music CDs," she said.

The length of the borrowing period was also lengthened from two to three weeks.

The new late fee policy doesn't apply to old fines, but until May 31 individuals can ask for the accrued late fees to be waived.

"Patrons just have to come in and talk to us or

give us a call, and we can waive their late fees, excluding DVD fees and lost item fees," she said.

About 250 checkouts occur daily from the library located on Main Street Luverne. Of that amount, about 83 of those items will come back after the due date.

Late fee penalties are 10 cents per day.

"My entire library philosophy revolves around eliminating barriers," Jarvie said. "Fines on books are a barrier to library access, and we are not interested in punishing people who use the library."

Young families, day care providers and teachers were the most affected clientele by the previous late fee policy.

"If they check out 50 picture books and they are a day late, that's \$5 right away," Jarvie said. "We are not in the business of making money — we are in the business of providing resources to the

community."

Of the materials checked out each month, only one or two of the items are actually lost. The patron checking out the item will still have to pay for the replacement, Jarvie said.

Notification of late items will still take place through email or a phone call from a staff member.

The borrowing period was lengthened in response to today's lifestyle.

"It's tough to get a book done in two weeks with busy schedules, especially if you have a stack of books to get through," Jarvie said.

The maximum borrowing length is now a combined nine weeks.

DVDs, however, can only be borrowed for one week and are still subject to the \$1 per day late fee.

The Wi-Fi hotspots, a new item at the library, are also available for checkout for two weeks and are subject to the \$1 per day late fee.



Submitted photos

Fourth-graders from Luverne Elementary and adults from Rock County Opportunities paint canvases together May 7 in a field trip taken by students to the RCO facility.

FSA NEWS

FSA 2019 acreage reporting deadlines

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the county FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

Please see the following 2019 acreage reporting deadlines for Minnesota:

- Nov. 15, 2018: fall seeded crops.
- Jan. 2, 2019: Apiculture.
- Jan. 15, 2019: Apples.
- July 15, 2019: all other crops.

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the

acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

• If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

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

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policyholders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered

crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the county FSA office.

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Building community

Luverne fourth-graders enjoy field trip to Rock County Opportunities

By Mavis Fodness

End of school year field trips allow students and teachers a break from normal classroom activities.

Leaving the building for a morning field trip doesn't mean that learning stops.

On May 7 the 100 Luverne Elementary fourth-graders traveled in two groups to Rock County Opportunities.

RCO serves adults with developmental and related disabilities.

Last year the students helped RCO move landscape rock around their building. This year the students participated in activities with RCO clients in the sensory room, a space the nonprofit organization wants to expand through a fundraiser.

"RCO clients talked about how fun and memorable the day was," said RCO Executive Director Elizabeth Schear. "It was wonderful to have new faces come into our building to brighten the day."

Students and clients painted together to create artwork that is now for sale to help with the RCO fundraiser.



Artwork created by the elementary students and RCO clients is for sale at the Rock County Opportunities facility, located at the west end of Main Street in Luverne.

They also played games of bingo and participated in other activities.

"The kids absolutely loved it," said teacher Deb Hoogendoorn. "Many students didn't know what RCO was or where it is, so it was great to see them so excited after our trip."

The May 7 field trip may become an annual event between RCO and the elementary students.

"It was great to see students in a whole new light and see them interact with the clients," Hoogendoorn said. "Dozens asked if we could do this again."

Director Schear re-

ceived similar feedback from clients.

"I am hopeful that events like this will encourage more interaction between RCO and the community and more awareness of all the fun activities that are happening in this corner of Luverne," she said.

The artwork and other handcrafted items can be purchased through the RCO office RCO located at the end of West Main Street in Luverne. Contact RCO at 507-283-4582 for more information.

Currently RCO is fundraising for a bubble wall in the sensory room.

USDA announces sign-up period for RCPP-CSP

The deadline for Re-sources Conservation Partnership Program - Conservation Stewardship Program applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2019 is Friday, June 21, 2019. This special RCPP-CSP sign-up is targeted for four partnership projects:

- Improving Working Lands for Monarch Butterflies.
- Agricultural Water Quality Certification.
- Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape.
- Prairie Pothole Working Lands Partnership.

"The USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service partners with other

conservation entities to benefit Minnesota landowners and resources. RCPP-CSP projects continue to be a very effective tool for private landowners to achieve their conservation and management goals," said Troy Daniell, Minnesota NRCS state conservationist. "CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled. RCPP brings in valuable partners to provide additional assistance."

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications

to their local NRCS office by Friday, June 21, 2019, to ensure their applications are considered for 2019 funding.

More Information

For additional information about RCPP-CSP, contact your local USDA service center.

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Girls place eighth in True Team field

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal girls made their initial appearance at the Minnesota State Class AA True Team Track and Field Championships Saturday at Stillwater High School.

Competing in an 11-team field, the Cardinals placed eighth with a 361-point effort.

Luverne topped Cloquet (330), Byron (260.5) and Visitation (243.5).

Willmar (546.5), Rocori (544.5), Waseca (438), Perham (415), Monticello (413.5), Foley (386) and Mankato East (375.5) topped the Cardinals in the team standings.

Two LHS individuals combined efforts to win one meet title and place second in two events at the meet.

LHS freshman Tenley Nelson had a big day as a distance runner.

Nelson won the 1,600-meter run and placed second in the 3,200-meter run with respective 5:13.93 and 11:28.75 times.

Nelson also was a member of Luverne's 1,600-meter relay, which placed third in 4:16.12.

Regan Feit, Autumn Nath and Tianna Lais rounded out the relay.

Junior Mallory Thorson found some success as a jumper.

Thorson, who placed 11th in the long jump with a distance of 15-2 3/4, finished second in the triple jump after covering 34-9.

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

Fifth place: 3,200 relay (Feit, Nath, Lais and Jadynd Anderson), 10:11.46.
Seventh place: Gabrielle Ferrell, triple jump, 33-4.



Star Herald file photo

Tenley Nelson

Eighth place: Feit, 300 hurdles, 50.12; 800 relay (Nath, Mallory Oye, Ivy Hudson and Sydney Biever), 1:51.81.
Ninth place: Lais, 400, 1:03.01.
10th place: Gracie Zewiske, 200, 27.12; 400 relay (Hudson, Oye, Zewiske and Biever), 53.27.
11th place: Zewiske, 100, 13.38; Jocelyn Hart, shot, 32-2; Hart, discus, 96-4.
12th place: Anderson, 800, 2:34.26.
13th place: Brooklyn Ver Steeg, 400, 1:04.66; Jenna DeBates, 3,200, 12:22.57; Thorson, 100 hurdles, 18.17; Lais and Feit cleared 7-6 to share 13th place in the pole vault.
14th place: Biever, 200, 27.53; Tia Hadler, shot, 31-3 3/4; Jadynd Hart, discus, 84-4.
16th place: Ferrell, long jump, 14-8 3/4.
17th place: Ferrell, 300 hurdles, 52.16; Nath, high jump, 4-6.
18th place: Hudson, 100, 13.7; Elise Jarchow, 100 hurdles, 18.85; Elizabeth Wagner, high jump, 4-4.
19th place: Ver Steeg, 800, 2:40.19; Wagner, 1,600, 5:55.63.

Cards take first tennis step

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne's quest to capture a 10th consecutive Section 3A Team Tennis Tournament Championship began in a positive way Monday at the Luverne High School courts.

The Cardinals entertained Yellow Medicine East during a quarterfinal-round clash.

Second-seeded LHS passed the test by rolling to a 7-0 victory over the Sting, the tournament's seventh seed.

The win sends the 11-6 Cardinals to Redwood Falls Tuesday (May 21), where the tournament's semifinals and finals will be staged.

LHS took care of business against the Sting, winning six of the seven matches in straight sets.

"We really played well today," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"Our singles players are working on getting to the net and being aggressive in their points. Our doubles players are using the angles on the court to win their points. We are getting much better at using the angles to get the ball off the court without giving the other team a chance to return it."

All three LHS doubles squads prevailed in straight sets.

Matt Sehr and Cole Stoltenberg saddled Austin Canatsey and Derrick Lien with a pair of 6-0 setbacks at No. 1, while Jordan Winter and Carson Ehde notched a pair of 6-1 wins over Isaac Olevslon and Clayton Wintz at No. 2.

Blake Frahm and Griffen Jarchow notched a pair of 6-0 conquests against Gage Corner and Mason Rhode at No. 3.



John Rittenhouse photo/0523 tennis 9

Luverne freshman Colin Schoeneman strikes a forehand during Monday's Section 3A Team Tennis Tournament match against Yellow Medicine East in Luverne.

Three of Luverne's four singles wins came in straight sets. Matt Jelken (6-3, 6-2 over Ean Clarke at No. 1), Colin Schoeneman (6-1, 6-0 over

Jackson Torgerson at No. 3) and Pierce Cunningham (7-6, 6-2 over Brandon Beyer at No. 4) prevailed without dropping a set.

Graham Cunningham came out on the winning end of a 6-3, 2-6, 10-6 match against Tyler Syring at second singles.

Huisman cracks BSC golf roster

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School junior made the all-league golf team during the Big South Conference Tournament Monday at the Rose Lake Golf Club near Fairmont.

Along with the points she produced during the conference meets in the regular season, Luverne's Anna Huisman turned in a ninth-place showing on Monday to become one of 18 players to make the All-BSC Golf Team.

Huisman fired a 90 to lead the Cardinals to a seventh-place finish in a 12-team field.

LHS posted a score of 396 strokes and won a tiebreaker with Pipestone (396) to place seventh.

The Cards also topped Windom (412), Blue Earth Area (413), Jackson County Central (429) and Redwood Valley (479).

Marshall won a tiebreaker against Waseca (both teams shot 356s) to win the team title.

Fairmont (319), St. Peter (383), New Ulm (387) and Worthington (394) round out the top six teams.

Paige Sandbulte, Morgan Gonnerman and Elise Ferrell added respective 95-, 104- and 107-stroke rounds to Luverne's

team score.

Cheyenne Schutz and McCall Stegenga shot 108- and 115-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Fairmont's Bergen Senf claimed the individual title with an 81.

The LHS boys topped Windom 374-381 to place 11th in a 12-team field Monday.

Marshall (320), JCC (323), Fairmont (350), Waseca (354), NU (355), RWV (356), Worthington (360) and Pipestone (368) topped the Cards.

Henry Harquist led the Cardinals and posted the 13th-best score of 81 strokes.

Carter Stemper, Cooper Arends and Jack Golla added 90-, 94- and 109-stroke rounds to Luverne's team tally, while Gunnar Oldre and Carter Loosbrock turned in 110- and 116-stroke efforts without impacting the scoring.

BEA's Braden Gudahl and St. Peter's Carter Doose shot 72s to lead the field.

The 20-23 Cardinal girls open Section 3AA play at Oakdale Golf Course near Buffalo Lake Wednesday (May 22), while the 8-23 LHS boys play the same course Thursday.



Star Herald file photo

Anna Huisman

AHS wins two of three on diamond

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team won two of three road games during a seven-day span.

The Dragons rolled to a nine-run victory in Heron Lake May 14 before losing a one-run decision in Minneota Thursday.

AHS bounced back to post an 11-run win in Worthington Monday, leaving the Dragons with an 8-9 record heading into Thursday's regular season finale against Renville County West Thursday in Renville.

Adrian 16, WHS 5

A 10-run rally in the third inning lifted the Dragons to an 11-run victory in Worthington Monday.

The score was tied at two heading into the third frame, when AHS assumed control of the contest with its 10-run outburst before outscoring the Trojans 4-3 in the final three frames.

Nathan Rahe secured the pitching winning after tossing 1 2/3 innings of one-hit relief.

Grant Jansma (five runs in 3 1/3 innings) and Ian Stamer (one inning) also pitched for the Dragons.

Stamer, who set a school record by registering his 23rd stolen base of the season during the game, led AHS with four hits and drove in three runs.

Lance Luettel chased home three runs with three hits, while Brent Hokeness and Marshall registered two hits and three RBIs each.

Minneota 8, AHS 7

A late rally by the host team left the Dragons with a one-run loss during Thursday's game in Minneota.

Adrian scored the game's first seven runs, but Minneota plated the final eight counters to earn the victory.

AHS plated two runs in the first and fourth innings and added three counters in the third inning to gain the upper hand early.

Minneota scored one run in the bottom of the fourth inning, two in the sixth and five in the seventh to upend the Dragons.

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Luverne boys fall in Big South Conference baseball championship

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal baseball team broke even when it played a pair of games in Marshall.

The Cardinals topped the Tigers by five runs in a regularly scheduled game Thursday before falling by three runs during the Big South Conference championship game Monday.

The loss left LHS sporting a 17-2 record heading into the regular season finale against Murray County Central Tuesday (May 21).

Luverne opens the Section 3AA Tournament by taking

on Martin County West 11 a.m. Saturday at Redbird Field.

Marshall 4, LHS 1

The Cardinals took their second loss of the season when they squared off against the Tigers for the BSC championship Monday in Marshall.

Luverne sported a 1-0 lead during the contest, but the Tigers limited the Cards to two hits overall to set the stage for a come-from-behind victory.

LHS opened the scoring in the top half of the fourth in-

ning when Colby Crabtree singled and scored on a single by Derek Lundgren.

Marshall overcame the deficit by staging two-run rallies in the fourth and sixth innings.

Ben Serie took the pitching loss after yielding two runs in 3 1/3 innings.

Jake Haugen tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings, while Crabtree (two runs), Cade Wenninger and Lundgren each recorded one out.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Serie | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nath | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Crabtree | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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|----------|---|---|---|---|
| Bartels | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Haugen | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lundgren | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Buss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reisch | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sterrett | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nekali | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

LHS 9, Marshall 4

A strong start lifted the Cardinals to a five-run victory during Thursday's game in Marshall.

Luverne plated eight runs in the first three innings of the game and coasted to a convincing victory.

LHS, which received two RBI efforts from four different players, assumed control of the contest by outscoring

the Tigers 7-1 in the first three frames.

The Cards scored five runs during a first-inning rally that included a two-run double by Isaiah Bartels, a run-scoring single by Haugen, an RBI single from Gaige Nath and a sacrifice fly by Charlie Reisch.

The score was 7-0 after Nath slapped an RBI single before scoring on a ground out by Haugen in the second.

Lundgren singled and scored on a passed ball in the third inning to make it 8-1 before Reisch capped the scoring for LHS with an RBI

double in the fifth.

Bartels pitched 3 1/3 innings of one-run, three-hit relief to earn the win.

Lundgren tossed the first 2 1/3 innings (three runs and five hits), while Haugen tossed a scoreless seventh frame.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Serie | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Nath | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Crabtree | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bartels | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Haugen | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Lundgren | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Reisch | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Buss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sterrett | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nekali | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Raider is one of a kind

In my series about dog personalities, I've written about my first dog, Scout, and I wrote about Tracer, the very best of the great three dogs I own.



Outdoors

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

comes to co-piloting on a long drive he is the easiest to take along. He was the slowest to house train, about two months, but will still tank up if you let him. Tanking up is when he will drink from the water bowl until he looks like he is going to blow up. Does not happen very often but I still have to keep an eye on him after supper. If he tanks up, he can't make it till morning and will need to be let out in the night.

He has the best eyesight of all of my dogs. We were on a South Dakota hunt in December and I was walking on the outside of a food plot with Raider.

The gunners on the end were about 200 yards away and Raider would run way out to the end of the field and make their retrieves. I could not imagine how he could even see the birds fall.

I have never been a fan of 85- to 90-pound labs. A smaller retriever is easier to lift into the back of the dog truck. There is nothing a 90-pound lab can do that my 45-pound lab can't, except for maybe doing better in a dog fight, which my dogs don't do.

I have several chew bones on the floor in the living room. More than one for each dog. It does not matter how many bones are not in use, Raider will always go steal a bone from a dog that already has one. This merry-go-round is quite comical if you watch it for an evening.

Raider never pushes any buttons. He is easy to be around and is virtually never in trouble. He actually likes hugs. My other two dogs don't. Raider will stretch out across my chest and get about a 10-minute hug. Almost like he has been tranquilized.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com.

Raider it was. Raider looks like a much smaller version of his dad, weighing at about 50 pounds. His dad weighs 65 pounds and his uncle Sarge weighs 70 pounds. This is living proof that each dog is an individual.

All of the dogs came from the same genetics. My brother took a puppy from the same litter and his dog, Smoke, has yet a totally different look.

Raider is the only dog I had to work pretty hard on to make him not bark. He will occasionally let out one "woof" when the house door opens, and my girlfriend does not think that is a totally bad thing. I let it pass, as long it is only one woof.

Raider was much like Sarge in that it took him till the end of his second hunting season to really figure out what he was supposed to do. I guess this is pretty normal. He is harder on the birds when making retrieves than my other two, but they are not chewed up or anything like that. He just does not want to drop quite as easily as the other pair.

Raider loves riding in the truck, and when it

Cardinals split softball set with Trojans

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal softball team wrapped up a 15-4 regular season by splitting a doubleheader with Worthington Thursday in Luverne.

The Cardinals pulled out a 3-2 win in Game 1, but the Trojans rolled to a 14-2, five-inning victory in the finale.

LHS erased a pair of deficits to secure a one-run win in the opener.

Halle Hough, who led the Cards with two hits, knotted the score at one with an RBI single in the third inning before Rylee Olson tied the score at two with a solo home run in the sixth.

LHS produced the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Carly Olson was hit by a pitch before being lifted in favor of pinch-runner Reghan Bork.

Bork scored from first base when Shelby Kracht delivered an RBI double.

Rylee Olson pitched seven innings of five-hit, nine-strikeout ball to earn the win in Game 1.

Sydne Johnson and Billi Connell produced the other hits for LHS in the first game.

Worthington scored 11 runs in the first two innings of the game to set the stage for a 12-run, five-inning victory in Game 2.



John Rittenhouse photo/0523 lsb 8
Luverne junior Sydne Johnson strides past Worthington's catcher to score the first run of Thursday's 3-2 victory in Game 1 of a twin bill. The Cards and Trojans split the set.

Hough, who paced the Cards with two hits, was saddled with the pitching loss after working two innings of six-hit, 11-run (10 were earned) ball. Rozilyn Oye worked the next

three innings, surrendering three hits and three runs (two were earned).

Connell (one RBI), Rylee Olson, Carly Olson and Johnson recorded the other hits

for LHS.

The Cardinals earned the second seed for the Section 3AA Tournament and hosted Tracy-Milroy-Balaton to open the event Tuesday, May 21.

H-BC girls, EHS boys second at RRC meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls and Ellsworth boys turned in second-place efforts at the Red Rock Conference Track and Field Championships Thursday in Slayton.

Southwest Christian-Edgerton girls (157 points) and boys (140 points) claimed both team titles at the event.

H-BC's girls placed second with 138.5 points, and the Ellsworth boys earned second with 103 points.

AHS and EHS placed fifth and eighth respectively in the girls' field with 31 and two points respectively.

The H-BC boys finished fifth and Adrian eighth with 62 and 28 points.

The Patriot girls collected seven conference titles and placed second in two events to highlight their meet appearance.

Layla Deelstra (13.37 in the 100 and 28.99 in the 200), Sidney Fick (32-0 1/2 in the shot put), Abby Knobloch (30-11 1/2 in the discus) and Taryn Rauk (15-0 in the long jump) claimed individual crowns for the Patriots.

H-BC also won the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective 55.05 and 1:52.32 efforts.

Joslyn Birger, Fick, Madison Spath and Ashlee Kelderman formed the 400-meter squad, while Kelderman, Fick, Spath and Deelstra teamed up in the 800.

Placing second individually for H-BC were Rauk (13.71 in the 100, 28.66 in the 200 and 1:04.85 in the 400) and Knobloch (30-11 1/2 in the shot).

H-BC's 1,600-meter relay consisting of Sidney and Kenadie Fick, Spath and Taylor Durst finished second in 4:28.75.

The EHS boys won four meet titles and placed second in four events to set the stage for their second-place showing.

Kade Boltjes (23.86 in the 200 and 52.84 in the 400), Sean Boltjes (43.14 in the 300 hurdles) and Brandon Kramer (129-0 in the discus) won event titles for the Panthers.

Kade Boltjes placed second in the 100 (11.78) and long jump (19-0 1/2), while Sean Boltjes finished second in the 200 (23.86) and the 110 hurdles (15.84).

The H-BC boys captured two meet titles and placed second in one event during the meet.

The Patriots won the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective 46.83 and 1:39.62 efforts.

Dewell Rauk, Luke LaRock, Liam Raymon and Tyson Bork formed the 400-meter squad, while Rauk, LaRock, Gavin

Wysong and Raymon teamed up in the 800.

Cole Baker covered 39-5 1/4 to place second in the triple jump for the Patriots.

The Adrian boys captured one meet title and placed second in one event, while the Dragon girls registered two second-place efforts.

Scot Edwards took top honors in the shot put with a toss of 48-2, while Tucker Wieneke whipped the discus 127-11 to place second.

Moriah Bullerman placed second in the 800-meter run (2:35.5) and ran a leg with the 800-meter relay, which finished second in 1:56.15 for the AHS girls.

Hannah Henning, Bailey Lonneman and Kendra Frodermann round out the relay squad.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0523 redbirds 10

Tyler Reisdorfer follows an offering from Tracy's pitcher during a May 15 game at Redbird Field.

Redbirds remain perfect with 10-0 win over Tracy

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds reeled off their third consecutive amateur baseball win when they topped the Tracy Engineers 10-0 in eight innings at Redbird Field May 15.

Codie Zeutenhorst and Tyler Reisdorfer pitched a combined shutout and Zach Loosbrock drove in three runs with four hits to highlight the victory.

Jaxon Nelson gave Luverne a 1-0 lead with a sacrifice fly in the second inning before

the Redbirds exploded for five runs in the third inning.

Phil Paquette, Loosbrock and Nelson singled home runs and Skyler Wenninger registered a sacrifice fly to highlight the third-inning surge.

Paquette recorded a sacrifice fly and Loosbrock singled home a run to make it an 8-0 game in the sixth frame.

Loosbrock singled home a run and Declan Beers was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to end the game in the eighth inning.

Zeutenhorst gained the pitching win by twirling seven innings of three-hit, 10-strikeout ball. Reisdorfer tossed the final frame.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|-------------|----|---|---|----|
| Reisdorfer | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Beers | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Paquette | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Wenninger | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Zeutenhorst | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| DeBoer | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mauer | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Loosbrock | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Gonzalez | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nelson | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Crabtree | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Hokeness (two RBIs), Luettel (one RBI) and Wagner (one RBI) led Adrian at the plate with two hits each.

Luettel was tagged with the pitching loss after surrendering one hit and one run during a one-inning relief stint.

Stamer (six innings, seven runs and four hits) started the game on the mound.

Adrian 12, HL-O-F 3

The Dragons finished a 6-4 Red Rock Conference season with a nine-run win over the Coyotes May 14 in Heron Lake. Adrian scored nine runs

in the first four innings of play and never trailed in the contest.

Jansma pitched six innings of six-hit, two-run (one was earned), eight-strikeout ball to nail down the win for the Dragons.

Stamer, who led Adrian with four hits and drove in two runs, surrendered one hit and one run during a seventh-inning relief stint.

Hokeness (two RBIs) and Trace Kremin recorded three hits for the winners, while Luettel (three RBIs) and Wagner (one RBI) added two hits each to the winning cause.

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

H-BC girls
 Third place: K.Fick, 800, 2:35.31; 3,200 relay (Lauren Tatge, Ana Hagen, Taylor Durst and K.Fick), 11:14.31.
 Fourth place: Durst, 400, 1:06.63; Hagen, 3,200, 13:42.15; Peyton Bennett, triple jump, 30-9.
 Fifth place: K.Fick, high jump, 4-4.
 Sixth place: Kelderman, 100, 14.03; Knobloch, 300 hurdles, 55.2.
 Seventh place: Tatge, 1,600, 6:21.41; Joslyn Birger, triple jump, 29-6 1/2; Aspin Shimp and Larissa Steinhoff both cleared 4-4 to share seventh place in the high jump.
 Eighth place: Shimp, 400, 1:11.31; Birger, 100 hurdles, 19:15; Deelstra, long jump, 13-6 1/2.

Seven area golfers secure spots on all-league roster

By John Rittenhouse

The first four-stage Red Rock Conference Golf Tournament came to an end at the Worthington Country Club May 14.

The Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek girls placed second and sixth respectively in seven-team fields, with the AHS and H-BC boys finishing second and sixth in a six-team field.

Adrian's girls turned in a 1,667-stroke tally to place second to Murray County Central (1,566) in the final standings.

Westbrook (1,728), Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda (1,758), Mountain Lake Area (2,007) and H-BC (2,026) round out the field.

Madelyn Odell led AHS, which turned in the second-best team score of 431 strokes on Day 4, by carding a 102.

Gracia Elias, Annika Elias and Josi Altman added respective 106-, 109- and 114-stroke efforts to Adrian's team tally, while Madeline Wagner and Taya Elias posted 118 and

127-stroke scores without influencing the scoring.

H-BC, which registered the sixth-best team score of 521 strokes during Day 4, received a 97-stroke effort from Tess Van Maanen.

Hannah Fick, Bryn Monagueau and Kailey Rozeboom contributed 106-, 150- and 168-stroke scores to H-BC's team tally.

MCC's Abby Hamann (240) won the individual tournament title and is one of 10 members of the All-RRC squad.

Adrian's Gracia Elias (303, fifth), Odell (306, sixth), Annika Elias (307, seventh), and Altman (313, 10th) made the all-league team, as did H-BC's Van Maanen (286, second) and Fick (311, eighth).

HL-O-F landed the team title in boys' competition with a 1,345-stroke tally.

Adrian (1,515), W-WG (1,519), SWC (1,526), Red Rock Central (1,595) and H-BC (1,606) round out the field.

AHS, which turned in the third-best team tally (385 strokes) on Day 4, received a 90-stroke effort from Brock Henning.

Easton Braun, Logan Nogosok and Landyn Loosbrock added 95-, 99- and 101-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally, while Landon Runia shot a 109 without impacting the scoring.

Thomas Dysthe fired a 94 to lead H-BC during the final round, while Jacob Anness, Austin Allen and Dallas Page contributed 96-, 99- and 105-stroke efforts to the team tally.

Ty Bundesen posted a 113 without influencing the scoring for H-BC, which turned in the field's fifth-best team score during the final day of play.

MCC's Jack Pierson claimed the RRC individual title with 233 strokes.

Adrian's Henning made the All-RRC squad by placing sixth in the final standings with a 256.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| BSC baseball | BSC softball | BSC tennis |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Luverne 10-0 | Pipestone 10-0 | St. James 4-0 |
| Windom 7-3 | Luverne 8-2 | Worthington 3-1 |
| Pipestone 7-3 | St. James 5-5 | Luverne 2-2 |
| RWV 3-7 | JCC 4-6 | Pipestone 1-3 |
| St. James 2-8 | Windom 3-7 | RWV 0-4 |
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Dragons cap 3-13 regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team completed a 3-13 regular season by splitting a pair of games last week.

The Dragons posted a three-run home win over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda May 14 before dropping a five-run decision in Windom Thursday.

AA opened the Section 3A Tournament by taking on Wabasso Tuesday (May 21) in Slayton.

Windom 5, AA 0

The Dragons were unable to take advantage of a strong pitching performance from Avery Balster during Thursday's game in Windom.

Balster limited Windom to five hits and fanned two batters in six innings, but the Eagles answered the challenge by producing the lone five runs of the contest.

Windom plated single runs in the first and fourth innings and pushed three runs across home plate in the third.

AA received one hit each from Kristina Cauwels, Shaw-

na Rogers and Sam Moulton.

AA 3, HL-O-F 1

The Dragons completed a 2-8 Red Rock Conference season by winning their third game of the year May 14 in Ellsworth.

AA squared off against HL-O-F in a tightly contested battle that ended with the Dragons posting a two-run win.

AA opened the scoring in the home half of the fourth inning when Rogers and Autumn Grussing delivered RBI singles.

The Coyotes trimmed the difference to one (2-1) with a run in the top of the sixth inning, but Rogers tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Grussing in the bottom of the sixth to cap the scoring in the contest.

Rogers, who led AA with two hits, tossed seven innings of eight-hit, eight-run ball to earn the win.

Grussing, Cauwels, Halle Heitkamp and Kendra DeBeer added one hit each to the winning cause.



John Rittenhouse photo/0523 asb 3

AA third baseman Sam Moulton prepares to make a backhanded play during a 3-1 win over HL-O-F May 14 in Ellsworth.

Sandbulte aces hole at RWV Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne golf teams placed second in three-squad fields at the Redwood Valley Invitational May 14 at the Redwood Falls Golf Club.

The 18-hole events ended with Pipestone and the host team claiming the team titles.

Pipestone, which received a medal-earning round from Emma Budden (93 strokes), posted a score of 394 strokes

to best LHS (403) and RWV (436).

LHS senior Paige Sandbulte turned in Luverne's second-best score of 97 strokes at the event, but she did produce the shot of the play.

Sandbulte aced the par-3, 87-yard 13th hole with a pitching wedge.

McCall Stegenga led the Cards with a 95, while Anna



Sandbulte

Huisman and Cheyenne Schutz added respective 98- and 113-stroke scores to the team tally.

Morgan Gonnerman and Elise Ferrell posted 114- and 119-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

With Zach Josephson firing a 75 to earn medalist honors, RWV won the team title with 325 strokes. LHS and

Pipestone placed second and third with 346- and 381-stroke efforts.

Carter Stemper led LHS with an 85, while Henry Hartquist, Cooper Arends and Carter Loosbrock added 85-, 87- and 91-stroke scores to the team tally.

Jack Golla and Brody DeBates posted 93- and 102-stroke rounds without contributing to the scoring.

Trojan relays attract three area programs

By John Rittenhouse

Athletes from Luverne, Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek high schools competed at an abbreviated version of the Trojan Relays May 14 in Worthington.

The day started under sunny skies before the weather turned around 7 p.m., when rain and lightning brought the meet to an end with a number of events not being staged.

Competing in Class AA, the LHS girls tied for first place with Marshall in an eight-team field.

The LHS boys scored 46 points to place fifth out of eight teams in a field led by Worthington (80 points).

Competing in Class A, the H-BC girls placed second (64 points) and Adrian seventh (20 points) in a seven-team field paced by Southwest Christian-Egerton (81 points).

The H-BC boys placed fourth (56.5 points) and Adrian sixth (37.5 points) in a seven-team field led by SWC-E (75 points).

Luverne athletes won three meet titles in Worthington.

Ivy Hudson, Mallory Oye, Gracie Zewiske and Sydney Biever took top honors in the

400-meter relay with a time of 52.02, while Autumn Nath, Oye, Hudson and Biever won the 800-meter relay in 1:50.78.

The LHS boys' 800-meter relay consisting of Ashton Sandbulte, Jed Dooyema, Jordy Thone and Jonah Friedrichsen produced the winning time of 1:33.32.

The H-BC girls won four event titles and placed second in one event to highlight their second-place performance.

Sidney Fick won the shot put crown with a toss of 31-5 and Taryn Rauk covered 15-6 to win the long jump for H-BC.

Madison Spah, Fick, Layla Deelstra and Rauk claimed the 400- and 800-meter relay titles with respective 52.86 and 1:52.26 times.

H-BC's Abby Knobloch placed second in the shot put with a distance of 29-7.

The H-BC boys placed first in the 400-meter relay and second in the 800-meter event with respective times of 46.67 and 1:37.73.

Dewell Rauk, Luke LaRock, Gavin Wysong and Tyson Bork ran the 400, while Rauk, LaRock, Wysong and Hunter Bork formed the 800-meter

squad.

Adrian's Scot Edwards won the shot put and placed second in the discus with respective 44-6 and 118-7 tosses.

Adrian's Hannah Henning, Bailey Lonneman, Moriah Bullerman and Kendra Frodermann finished second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:57.26.

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

Luverne girls
Third place: Elizabeth Wagner, 1,600, 5:44.65.

Fourth place: Jenna DeBates, 1,600, 5:58.54; Tia Hadler, shot, 32-0; Tiana Lais, long jump, 14-8 1/2.

Fifth place: Zewiske, 100, 13.48; Jocelyn Hart, shot, 31-9; Gabrielle Ferrell, long jump, 14-6.

Sixth place: Meghan Mollberg, 100, 13.9.

Seventh place: Mallory Thorson, 100 hurdles, 18.59; Jadyn Hart, discus, 82-10 1/4.

Luverne boys
Third place: Zach Ahrendt, shot, 41-11 1/2; 3,200 relay (Austin Winter, Brayden Tofteland, Dalton DeSollar and Thone), 8:34.87.

Fourth place: Tofteland, 1,600, 4:55.01; Kameron Keene, discus, 117-6.

Fifth place: Matt Ziegler, discus, 112-8.

Sixth place: Sandbulte, 100, 11.95; Nicholas Kiers, 110 hurdles, 18.03.

Seventh place: Friedrichsen, high jump, 5-4.

H-BC girls
Third place: Ana Hagen, 1,600, 6:12.31.
Fifth place: Ashlee Kelderman, 100, 14.03.

Sixth place: Knobloch, discus, 78-4 1/2.
Seventh place: Deelstra, long jump, 13-6 1/2.

Eighth place: Joslyn Birger, 100 hurdles, 19.64.

H-BC boys
Third place: H.Bork, 100, 11.86; Cole Baker, triple jump, 38-3 3/4.

Fourth place: Garrett Raymon, discus, 114-6; Wysong, 100, 12.00.

Fifth place: Braydon Taubert, 110 hurdles, 19.24; Taubert, high jump, 5-0.

Sixth place: Tryce Bennett, high jump, 5-0; Liam Raymon, triple jump, 35-6.

Seventh place: Easton Harnack, 110 hurdles, 20.44.

Eighth place: Chase Bosch, discus, 93-4.

Adrian boys
Fourth place: 400 relay (Dakota John, Edwards, Tahj Schroeder and Christian Weidert), 49.69; 800 relay (John, Braxton Vortherms, Schroeder and Weidert), 1:43.16.

Fifth place: John, triple jump, 36-9.

Sixth place: Tucker Wieneke, discus, 113-11.

Eighth place: John, 100, 12.88.

Adrian girls
Third place: Sammy Wieneke, discus, 92-0.

Fifth place: 400 relay (Henning, Brianna Reckamp, Lonneman and Frodermann), 55.48.

Eighth place: Hunter Penning, 1,600, 6:28.99; Reckamp, long jump, 13-5.

Thalhuber's days of calling games are winding down

A voice familiar to area sports fans will be heard a little less when the high school baseball season comes to an end later this spring.



After 44 years in the radio business, Bruce Thalhuber will no longer be calling games as a play-by-play announcer for KQAD radio.

Bruce T., as he is referred to by many, will continue his duties as the operations manager for the station and work a shift at the station from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m., but his days of describing the action at activities will come to an end when the high school baseball season is complete.

It will be an end to a remarkable run that spans five decades and includes two stints in Luverne, where he's known as the voice of Cardinal athletics.

"It's time to give someone else a turn (to do play-by-play announcing)," he said.

"I want to go out while I can still do the job pretty well instead of just hanging onto it."

I'm sure he will miss the gig, but at least Thalhuber will be leaving on his own terms after living his dream for a number of years.

Thalhuber said he never played sports during his high school days at Sioux Falls Washington, but he always wanted to call games as an announcer.

After graduating from Washington in 1972, he chased his dream by preparing for his career at Brown Institute in Minneapolis.

He graduated from Brown in 1974 and got a job at a radio station in Madison, South Dakota, but it didn't pan out.

"I think I lasted two weeks. I just hated it there," he said.

He returned to Sioux Falls after his brief stint in Madison and worked at a gas station before being informed by Harold Norman that he needed a radio announcer in Luverne.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Bruce applied for and got the job in the winter of 1975, and he completed his first 5-11 p.m. shift at the station on Feb. 17.

In the fall of that year, his dream of calling an athletic event became a reality.

"I only got about an hour's notice, but I was told I would be calling a football game in the fall of 1975. It wasn't much of a warning, but I did it."

Thalhuber said he was the station's backup play-by-play announcer until he was let go by the station in 1982, the same year he was hired by the Worthington radio station, where he worked regular shifts and served as the backup play-by-play announcer until 1993.

Shortly after being relieved of his duties in Worthington, he was offered a job in Luverne later that year and he has worked here ever since.

Bruce was a color commentator for Keith Maine at activities until 2000, when Maine left the post. Thalhuber became the No. 1 play-by-play announcer for a 19-year run that is coming to an end.

"I've seen a lot of great games and have a lot of great memories, so it's hard to pinpoint what was my favorite game that I announced when someone asks. All I know is that fans around here are rabid about their sports, and the way they support their athletic programs is incredible," he said.

Something Thalhuber takes pride in is calling games while meeting his objective.

"My main goal is never to be the show when calling a game. My goal was to make listeners feel like they are at the game watching it themselves," he concluded.

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net

Friday, May 24: 10 a.m. Mass at Tuff Home. Saturday, May 25: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Leo. Sunday, May 26: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. Tuesday, May 28: 7 p.m. Finance Council. 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, May 29: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982

www.luverncrc.com — office@luverncrc.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, May 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne

Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org

Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, May 23: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, May 26: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, May 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, May 30: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor

Thursday, May 23: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at The Centennial. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace Lutheran. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at The Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle. Friday, May 24: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, May 25: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 26: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. Monday, May 27: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, May 28: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at the Vets. 5 p.m. Youth Thunder Road. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Grace Lutheran. Wednesday, May 29: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, May 30: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834

pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 26: No Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, May 24: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, May 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, May 28: Noon staff meeting. Wednesday, May 29: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, May 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, May 25: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, May 26: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. No ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, May 27: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, May 29: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, May 30: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcuverne.com
Thursday, May 23: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (start of summer schedule). 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, May 28: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Thursday, May 23: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, May 24: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 26: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, May 27: 10 a.m. Memorial Day Program at Hardwick Memorial. Tuesday, May 28: 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at church. Thursday, May 30: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, May 26: 10 a.m. Combined worship at Palisade Lutheran Church.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Thursday, May 23: 1:30 WELCA Meeting. Sunday, May 26: 10 a.m. Combined worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church.

First Presbyterian Church

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

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Pastor Nancy Manning

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Friday, May 24: 7 p.m. H-BC Graduation. Saturday, May 25: Basement reserved for Bundesen graduation. Sunday, May 26: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, May 28: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Chapel. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village. Wednesday, May 29: 9 a.m. Quilting. Thursday, May 30: 7 p.m. Bunco Night in church basement.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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Next time you face a difficult situation, consider several possibilities of what God might be doing in your life through the difficulty. He might be helping you see the strength of your faith. "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 16-7.

Trials often reveal that we cannot depend on our self but on God's divine resources. "For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren," Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead." 2 Corinthians 1:8-9.

At times the Lord allows struggles in life to teach us obedience. Consider what the writer of Hebrews says, "And have you forgotten the

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser, First Baptist Church, Luverne

exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves.'" Hebrews 12:5-6. Often struggles will mold us to be more Christ-like in our life.

God allows bad things to happen to his people so he can show them his great compassion. David said, "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him." Psalm 103:13.

James tells us that when we have problems, we are to count it as joy, because of the benefits it produces in our life. "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4.

Next time you face a trial, consider what God might be teaching you rather than complaining or thinking God has turned his back on you.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net

www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, May 23: 9:30 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association. Saturday, May 25: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, May 26: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home; Worship at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Assemble Newsletter. 7 p.m. NYG Bible Study. Thursday, May 30: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jess Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

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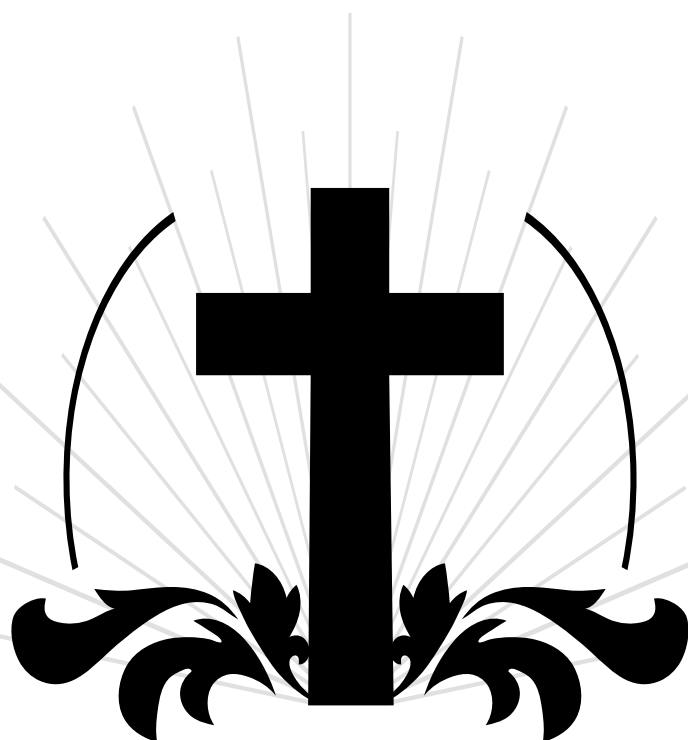
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Rock County Commissioners meet Feb. 19

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse February 19, 2019

The meeting was called order by Vice Chair Overgaard with Commissioners Thompson, Reisch and Williamson present and Commissioner Burger absent; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the February 19, 2019 County Board Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the February 05, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, presented an update from the National Sheriff's Conference of which he had attended in Washington D.C. Overall the conference was good and provided for excellent networking opportunities; the MN Sheriff's Association paid from travel and lodging expenses.

The Sheriff informed the County Board that he is looking to replace (13) portable radios at a cost of \$45,291.00; also stated that the mobile radios need replacing as well but those will be replaced when squad cars are changed. The Sheriff was directed to inquire if funds were available from the Radio Board for new acquisitions and if the bid of \$45,291.00 from RayCom is from the state bid; action was tabled until the next meeting by order of the Vice Chair.

The Sheriff informed the County Board of (2) auto accidents involving the same squad car and resulted in the vehicle being totaled. The Sheriff stated he placed an order to lease a 2019 Tahoe/Police to replace the damaged/total vehicle.

The County Board thanked the Sheriff and staff for conducting ALICE training on February 12th.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for payment; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

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| FEBRUARY 19, 2019 CLAIMS OVER | \$2,000 |
| CHS | \$8,333.62 |
| FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC | 2,500.00 |
| INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORP | 2,403.00 |
| KETTERLING SERVICES INC | 7,726.27 |
| LYON COUNTY LANDFILL | 11,539.10 |
| PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM | 14,779.69 |
| STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC | 2,994.30 |
| SWPTSA | 3,400.00 |
| 75 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 | 35,918.69 |
| TOTAL | \$89,594.67 |

The Auditor/Treasurer reviewed the Fund Balance report with the County Board stating that the report reflected receipt of the township allocation from the state and that those funds will be distributed to townships; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented an update of a MACO conference of which she attended; she informed the County Board of major changes for the Presidential Primary scheduled for March of 2020 which potentially will increase election expenditures by \$10,000 - \$15,000 with no additional reimbursements. The Auditor/Treasurer requested adopting a resolution of support for S.F. 847 and H.F. 1153 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 201.091, subdivision 4; 204B.14, subdivisions 2, 4; 204C.10; 207A.12; 207A.13; 207A.14; 207A.15, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter:

- allowing the presidential nomination primary to be conducted by mail
 - restricting access to voter party designation
 - requiring the use of a single ballot in the presidential nomination primary
 - Removing the cap of \$150 per polling place and \$100 per precinct for reimbursement to the counties and authorizing all expenses incurred to ensure that counties are made whole and not subject to an unfunded mandate
- Upon discussion, it was determined that the Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator would research and/or develop language for a resolution of support for S.F. 847/H.F. 1153 and present at a future meeting.

Ryan Holtz, Rural Water Systems Manger, reviewed a 5-year capital improvement plan for system repairs; also stated that Rural Water is eligible to apply for a loan with Minnesota Department of Health and requested authorization to proceed with a loan application for \$250,000 with terms of 0.9% interest with a 20-year pay back. The purpose of the loan would be to expedite high priority repairs on the 40-year system. On a recommendation from the Rural Water Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard to move forward with the MDH loan application.

Holtz also presented an activity update stating that the State Park hook up project is complete and resulted \$58,000 under budget, 2018 had 13 new hook ups and currently 5 additional are scheduled for 2019 and that they will continue to monitor the water usage of the system.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented (2) resolutions, applications for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) for street improvement projects in the City of Hardwick and on 41st Street in Martin Township; the Engineer stated that the City of Hardwick and Martin Township would also need to approve the application as well.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 04-19, LRIP Application of \$500,000 for Martin Township 41st Street from CSAH 6 to New Vision Coop, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve Resolution No. 05-19, LRIP Application of \$400,000 for the City of Hardwick Local Street Improvement, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented on updated on the Governor's Emergency Management conference of which he had attended. He stated that the University of MN will be conducting the region's Hazardous Mitigation Plan development/renewal, that represents a change as previously that resource that done by the Regional Development Commission.

Oldre also stated that the Association of Minnesota Emergency Management (AMEM) has legislation to substantially increase the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG); if approved, the effective date will be March 2020.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Rock County EDA Study Committee will have their first meeting on February 19, 2019 at 7:00PM in the Herreid Board meeting room.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a request from Murray County to adopt a resolution to request from Southern Prairie Community Care that all members of the organization receive equal shares of excess funds; no action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southwest MN Opportunities Council.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: BRRRA and ALICA training.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Rural Water, BRRRA, ALICE training.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: ALICE training, Township fire meeting, Solid Waste, Rural Energy, Fair Board, AMC Legislative Conference, SWMN Art Council.

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

(5-23)

Rock County Commissioners met March 5

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse March 5, 2019

The meeting was called order by Chair Burger with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the March 05, 2019 agenda to include a correction of item 3.2, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the February 19, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Library Board appointments – Bruce Olson & Rebecca Aanenson-Banks
Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director presented (2) conditional use permits for Central Specialties:

1. W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township, placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

2. NW 1/4 of Section 13 of Vienna Township, placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman informed the County Board that he and the County Attorney's office are conducting an in-depth research regarding permitting a campground; more details will be presented as they become available.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, presented (2) price quotes to replace (13) portable radios:

- Raycom \$45,291.78
- West Central Communication - \$50,435.56

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Raycom price quote of \$45,291.78 and to pay the expenditure from the General Revenue/Capital Equipment Fund, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for payment; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the claims, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

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| MARCH 5, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000 | |
| A & B BUSINESS INC | \$2,271.77 |
| CENTERPOINT ENERGY | 2,947.64 |
| CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC | 2,870.76 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY | 6,402.00 |
| FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR | 5,618.60 |
| GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON | 2,904.40 |
| KIBBLE EQUIPMENT | 3,600.00 |
| MN COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN | 2,585.00 |
| ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES | 2,469.03 |
| SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | 30,877.25 |
| UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP INC | 15,992.80 |
| ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC | 15,622.00 |
| 73 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 | 26,418.55 |
| TOTAL | \$120,579.80 |

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report to the County Board and expressed concerns regarding the Transfer Station and Environmental balances; also provided information regarding the Landfill Contingency fund balance of \$92,603.52 which was used to pay expenses directly related to the landfill. Rock County no longer owns the landfill and all expenses are paid by the state, therefore, the funds in the Landfill Contingency fund could be utilized elsewhere. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to transfer funds from the Landfill Contingency fund to the Transfer Station fund and Environmental fund with the amount to be determined from the Auditor/Treasurer; additional discussion followed regarding preserving funds from the Landfill Contingency fund to be utilized in determining future needs of the Transfer Station. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to amend the motion on the table to reflect a transfer of \$15,000 from the Landfill Contingency fund to the Transfer Station fund, declared carried on a voice vote; amended motion was voted on and declared carried on a unanimous vote. The Auditor/Treasurer stated that she would follow up with the LMO Director to determine if some of the expenditures from Environmental could be shifted to another fund.

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

The County Board was in receipt of the 2018 wind production tax, payable in 2019 of \$754,440.51; the amount is a decrease of \$60,000 from the previous year. The Auditor/Treasurer stated that \$754,440.51 covers the bond payments only with no remaining funds for highway capital equipment.

The County Board was informed of the results of a State Auditor Desk Review of the 2017 audit; (4) minor issues were cited, but not enough to re-open the audit. No action was taken.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of final contract payment of \$778,082.43 for SP 067-591-005, the Luverne Loop Phase II Trail; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested authorization to bid let SAP 067-615-007, a road improvement project on CSAH 15, from CSAH 9 to Nobles County Line; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to approve with a bid letting date of March 11, 2019, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested authorization to bid let SAP 067-598-020, SAP 067-612-009, SAP 067-615-010, (3) bridge replacements with box culverts; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve with a bid letting date of April 1, 2019, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board thanked the Highway Department staff for their snow removal efforts.

The Administrator presented an update from the EDA Study Committee meeting stating that it was well attended. Regional Development Commission Director Jay Trusty presented an overview of the governance of an Economic Development Authority and their ability levy tax dollars. The Study Committee discussed whether or not there would be a levy and if so, how much and also how will the EDA be staffed. Oldre also stated that all municipalities would have the option to opt out of the EDA every 5-years.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: City/County Liaison and Rock/Nobles Community Corrections.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: no report

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: LIFT event

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Blandin, EDA Study Committee, Township Fire meeting where they mutually came to a 5-year agreement, Planning & Zoning and City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Rock/Nobles Community Corrections, Southwest Health & Human Services and the LIFT event.

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

(5-23)

Rock County Commissioners meet March 19

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse March 19, 2019

The meeting was called order by Chair Burger with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and County Attorney Jeff Haubrich.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the March 19, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the March 05, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Resolution No. 07-18, BCA/CJDN JPA on behalf of Rock County Sheriff and Rock County Attorney
2. Court Date Services Subscriber Amendment to CJDN Agreement
3. Resolution No. 08-19, Proclaiming April 2, 2019 National Service Recognition Day
4. Amendment #2 to BMSW Water Project (allows for additional construction time)

Isaac DeBoer, President and Lee Sells, Vice President of the Rock County Ag Society, presented an activity update stating they have implemented \$530,000 of capital improvements over the past 10-years. The improvements were paid for by grants, loans and community donations. DeBoer and Sells discussed potential future capital improvements and informed the County Board that they are conducting a mailing fundraiser for 2019; also stated that Rock County Ag Society appreciates the appropriation increase for 2019.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$500; also included an additional claim of \$3,441.92 for plumbing repairs at the Human Services building. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to pay the claims and per diems, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

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| MARCH 19, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000 | |
| ASSN OF MN COUNTIES | \$8,668.00 |
| BUSSE PLUMBING, HEATING, & A-C INC | 3,441.92 |
| CHS | 15,475.82 |
| CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC | 37,718.99 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY | 6,322.00 |
| ERICKSON ENGINEERING | 7,866.00 |
| HERMAN MOTOR CO | 3,499.03 |

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| HOWES OIL CO | 2,610.50 |
| KETTERLING SERVICES INC | 6,575.78 |
| LIVERNE/CITY OF | 9,189.17 |
| LYON COUNTY LANDFILL | 10,784.70 |
| MORRIS ELECTRONICS | 17,591.82 |
| NEWMAN SIGNS INC | 7,015.22 |
| ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | 2,008.01 |
| ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES | 2,417.99 |
| SGI | 3,282.63 |
| STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC | 5,264.89 |
| THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP | 5,504.91 |
| TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING | 3,618.79 |
| 81 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 | 34,608.84 |
| TOTAL | \$193,465.01 |

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected the \$15,000 fund transfer from the March 2nd meeting; Kurtz stated she is still working with the Land Management Office Director to adjust the department payroll percentages from Water Plan to Environmental and also requested authorization to transfer \$25,000 from Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) to Environmental; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. The Auditor/Treasurer is also researching the Soil & Water Conservation District administrative allocations.

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

The Auditor/Treasurer stated that tax statements will mailed out next week and also available for review online.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented bid results for Project SAP 067-615-007, full depth reclamation with gravel base and new bituminous pavement surface on CSAH, from CSAH 9 to Nobles County in Kanaranzi Township:

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| Duininck Inc. | \$2,263,398.84 |
| Central Specialties Inc. | \$2,281,179.38 |
| Knife River Corporation | \$2,287,668.97 |
| Myrl and Roy's Paving, Inc. | \$3,611,689.10 |

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the low compliant bid from Duininck Inc. for \$2,263,398.84, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer present bid results for the 2019 pavement striping contract:

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| Traffic Marking Services | \$72,025.70 |
| AAA Striping Services | \$72,379.88 |

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the bid from Traffic Marking Services for \$72,025.70, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer reviewed the Road and Bridge 5-Year Construction plan, which does not include the Koehn and Walnut Street construction project and the (4) remaining box culvert projects scheduled in 2018. After the review and discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve 5-Year Construction plan for 2019-2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented a road condition update; the Engineer stated that grading will resume on the gravel roads as the condition of the road improves and that weight limits were posted on March 15th.

The Administrator informed the County Board that surrounding counties have declared a disaster resulting from the March 14 flood event due to excessive rain and snow melt as the state threshold for damages is \$18,000. The Administrator requested to approve Resolution No. 06-19, Declaring a Disaster in Rock County; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. The Administrator stated that the flood event will remain open for a period of 30-days in the event there are additional damages.

The Administrator also stated that the Salvation Army dropped off Flood Buckets at the Sheriff's Office to assist residents with clean-up efforts.

The County Board was in receipt of a resolution requesting to support legislation for adequate funding to Minnesota Statewide Transportation system; after considerable discussion, no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of a request from Murray County to support a request to Southern Prairie Community Care for a distribution of funds; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to send a letter to member counties of SPPC requesting a reconsideration of distribution of funds, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board of an April 4 meeting with the PEW Research organization to discuss rural broadband.

The County Board was in receipt of an annual meeting notice for Southwest Mental Health scheduled for April 10 at 6:00PM at Grand Prairie Event center in Luverne.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Library and SMOG.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Chief Elected Officials Board and stated that the workforce center will be hosting an open house.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: SWMH, SWCD, Extension and Beaver Creek township meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Vienna Township meeting and Extension meeting.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: SWMH

The Administrator informed the County Board that he will be out of the office from March 25-28; presented as information only.

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

(5-23)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 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 the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 18, 2011
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,200.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Mark W. Verba and Nikki Verba, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association ND, n/k/a U.S. Bank National Association successor by merger to U.S. Bank National Association ND
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 16, 2011 as Document Number 178158 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Seventy-two (N.72) feet of Lot Four (4), in Block Four (4), in P.J. Kniss' Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota. Subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, reservations, leases and restrictions of record, all legal highways, all right of way, all zoning, building and other laws, ordinances and regulations, all rights of tenants in possession, and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable.

Being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Document No. 167033, of the Rock County, Minnesota Records.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 323 LINCOLN ST W, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1429

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$59,337.00

TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: U.S. Bank National Association ND, n/k/a U.S. Bank National Association successor by merger to U.S. Bank National Association ND

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0981-000
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 13, 2020.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None
Dated: May 1, 2019

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By:
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Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
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Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(19-0183-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
(05-16, 05-23, 05-30, 06-06, 06-13, 06-20)

Notice to creditors of Scholl probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-19-146

Estate of
Traci A. Scholl,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representatives has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Sally DeNeui, whose address is 2178 20th Ave., Jasper, Minnesota, 56144, and Darren DeNeui, whose address is 27580 365th Ave., Platte, South Dakota, 57369, as personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representatives must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 5/8/19

Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

Dated: 5/8/19

Attorney for Personal Representatives
Ashley J.P. Schmit
Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit, L.L.P.
603 2nd Street
Jackson, MN, 56143
Attorney License No: 0395771
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Email: jackson@swmnlaw.com

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated 5-8-19

(5-16, 5-23)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 7

ORDINANCE NO. 7, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LUVERNE CITY CODE CHAPTER 90, ANIMALS, AMENDING SECTION 90.26 UNLAWFUL ACTS AND REMEDIES, SUBDIVISION (C)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That City Code Chapter 90, Animals, amending Section 90.26, Unlawful Acts and Remedies, Subdivision (C), is hereby amended to read as follows: **§90.26 UNLAWFUL ACTS AND REMEDIES.**

(C) It is unlawful for the owner of any animal to suffer or permit the animal to disturb the peace and quiet of the city or any of its residents by howling, crying, barking or making any other loud or unusual noise. If a dog is outside on any private premises and is so disturbing the peace, a law enforcement officer may summarily abate the nuisance by impounding the dog. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this division (C) if an animal continues to disturb the peace and quiet for a period of five minutes or more.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2019.

Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
John M. Call, City Administrator
(5-23)

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:00 pm. The purpose is to act on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

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| Applicant: | Reker Construction & Aggregate, Inc. |
| Property Owner: | Christoffer and Kathryn Rust |
| Location: | A portion of the E 1/2 of Section 12 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota |
| Conditional Use: | Gravel extraction, stockpiling, and processing |
| Zoning District: | A-2, General Agriculture |

Dated: May 16, 2019

By Order of the Rock County Planning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(5-16, 5-23)

EMPLOYMENT

Help wanted: Full-time persons to plant, spray and combine corn. Also semi truck driver, No CDL required. Benefits, local farm. Call 507-370-1590. (5.19-6.27)

New Life Treatment Center, Woodstock, MN, a faith-based non-profit sincerely dedicated to our clients, delivers quality care to clients with substance use disorder. Need to be a team player. Rewarding working environment. Competitive wages based on work history, great benefits, Health benefits available, paid time off. EOE Call 507-777-4321 ext. 203 to apply. Positions available: Full/Part Time Client Care Tech - assists the nurses, cleans rooms, performs clerical tasks, takes vital signs, assist with intakes, monitors clients and enforces the client rules, med-certification a plus. Help create a consistent, calm and supportive therapeutic environment for our clients. Full/Part-time Cook - Join our dietary team, primarily working weekend days, two or three weekends per month. Experience needed. (5.16-6.2)

Southwestern Youth Services (SYS), a nonprofit residential behavior treatment center for boys ages 10-18, is seeking a PART-TIME SPED teacher with MN licensing. The position has flexible, family friendly hours, summers off, and competitive wages. SYS is located one mile north of Interstate 90 in Magnolia, MN, 26 miles east of Brandon and 27 miles west of Worthington. For more information contact Carole Nasasz (cnaasz@southwestyouth.org) (5.23-6.9)

US Foods is hiring Class A CDL Delivery Drivers! Luverne location Mon-Fri, early morning until finished. Great pay and full benefits start on first day of hire! Apply on-line at www.usfoods.com/jobs. (5.23-5.26)

HELP WANTED

CHS Luverne location is looking for a **CDL DRIVER** in our feed dept. Must be able to lift 50+ pounds + follow safety procedures. CHS offers competitive pay & benefits package + paid holidays & vacation. Apply online @ CHS under careers or call David 283-4418.

CHS Job #15206BR

EMPLOYMENT

The Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council is seeking a full-time Youth Career Pathway Navigator based out of Worthington, MN. The Youth Career Pathway Navigator will serve as an advocate for participants in Career Pathway Programs and provide case management and participant follow-up as well as serve as the business liaison. The navigator is responsible for career exploration and career advising activities; building employability skills; assisting with the coordination of experiential learning opportunities or Work Based Learning; facilitating participant intake, eligibility determination, file maintenance, and participant career plan identification/development; providing tailored support services; and helping participants navigate the various resources available to help overcome barriers to success. The Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council offers individualized employment and training services for youth and adults seeking new employment, changing careers, or re-entering the workforce. We are a private, nonprofit organization that works to build tomorrow's workforce through partnerships with a shared focus on training and leadership in the 14 county region of Southwest Minnesota. Strong benefit package including health insurance, life insurance, 401K Retirement, vacation, sick time, and holidays. Starting salary range - DOQ. Position description available at: www.swmnpic.org. Interested individuals should submit a Letter of Interest and Resume to: Eriann Faris, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, 607 West Main Street, Marshall MN 56258 or via e-mail to efaris@swmnpic.org. Application Deadline: May 28th, 2019. (5.19-5.23)

Habilitative Services, Inc. is hiring a FT RN in Luverne, a PT RN in Lakefield, and PT LPN or PT RN in Worthington. Apply online at habsvinc.com or indeed.com

RENTALS

For Rent: one-bedroom apartment near downtown Luverne. \$290 per month. No pets. Call 605-201-6427. (tc)

For Rent: two-bedroom apartment, one block from downtown Luverne. Kitchen, bathroom, laundry; no pets; available immediately. Discount with longer lease. Call 507-283-4915, other apartments available. (5.12-5.30)

Mobile Home For Rent: two-bedroom, one bath. Stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer included. Call 605-366-7695. (5.9-5.26)

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FOR SALE

For Sale: Landscaping rock 1.5 and 3/4 inch rock. Also do stump grinding. Call Wayne Biever Construction at 507-227-4521 or 507-283-4614. Also have yard dirt. (5.9-5.26)

Free Hostas - you come and dig and you can take them. Please call 412-735-4372, Hardwick, to set up an appointment. (5.19-5.23)

AGRICULTURAL

WE HAVE SEVERAL CREWS OF BEAN WALKERS.

We also pick rock, put up and take down fences. We will do any type of farm work. Call 712-943-2084, 712-251-3277 or 712-899-5219

EMPLOYMENT

Habilitative Services, Inc. is hiring a Program Supervisor in Luverne. This is a high medical needs home with enhanced wages. Experience in the human service field is a plus. Apply on line at Indeed.com or Habsvinc.com.



Habilitative Services, Inc.



The Tuff Memorial Home is currently hiring a full time **Evening Cook - 11am - 7pm** and a **Part-time Day Cook**.

If interested, contact Eli Ripley at 507-962-3275 or email eripley@tuffmemorialhome.com

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- LPN HOSPICE - PT
- PHYSICAL THERAPIST - PRN
- PARAMEDIC - PRN
- PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN - PRN
- RN, HOSPITAL - FT, PRN

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Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company is looking for a full time Fire Apparatus Assembler. Our team is looking for an individual who has a positive attitude, organizational skills and can work in a fast-paced professional manufacturing environment.

Duties: General assembly, plumbing, electrical, or fabrication, as well as assist in implementation and sustainment of 5S and lean efforts.

Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. This position requires strong work ethic and mechanical aptitude. Experience in the fire apparatus field, a bonus, but not required. Applications are available online at www.midwestfire.com.

To apply, please email application or resume to darcie@midwestfire.com. You may also apply in person at our facility located at 901 Commerce Rd, Luverne MN, office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday.

HELP WANTED

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Southwest Minnesota public accounting firm is currently seeking applicants for staff accountant position. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree in accounting. Experience in public accounting would be a plus, but not required. The position would include providing accounting, income tax and audit services to a variety of clients. The firm offers a competitive compensation package including health and life insurance, cafeteria plan, retirement plan and paid vacation and holidays.

Please submit resume by **June 7, 2019** to Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP, PO Box 707, Pipestone, MN 56164 or contactp@mtcocpa.com

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New pavers etched at Rock County Veterans Memorial/from page 1

"Even though it is just one, it's important to the family," Walgrave said.

Edward Tofteland's name was etched on one of the 11-by-4-inch bricks that comprise the

walkway from the memorial to the Luverne Street sidewalk.

Tofteland's son, Joel, of Apple Valley, purchased the paver in remembrance of his dad's military service.

"I know very little about his military background," he admitted.

What is known is etched on the paver: Edward Tofteland, Army, WWII.

Joel said his dad, like many other 21-year-olds of that era, was drafted into the military in 1942.

Edward, the only son of Jens and Jenny Tofteland, served about six months before returning to help out at the family farm northeast of Beaver Creek.

Edward farmed until his death in 1983 at age 62.

He married Mary, and the couple had five other children in addition to Joel — Janece, June, Joan, Marvin and Rodney.

They all grew up on the homestead once located northeast of Beaver Creek, near where Marvin Tofteland currently farms.

The Veterans Memorial pavers can be purchased for or by residents who live or have lived in Rock County, were honorably discharged from the armed forces or are currently on active duty. There is no requirement on length of service.

Pavers cost \$125, and the funds from the sale of the pavers is used for perpetual care of the monument.

Like his father, Joel Tofteland was also drafted into the military, serving two years in the Army during the Vietnam War.

"All the veterans there deserve recognition," Tofteland said. "My next challenge is to do one for myself."

A full list of names etched on the pavers is located at rockcountyveteransmemorial.com, which also has an application form to purchase a paver.



Mavis Fodness photos/0523 paver stones

At left, air blasts sand through a specially made tip as Vance Walgrave etches Edward Tofteland's name into a paver. Above, the newest paver to the Rock County Veterans Memorial is allowed to dry before the tape and rubber stencil are removed.

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS

Do you have questions about:

- LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
- WARTIME SERVICE VS PEACE TIME
- DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE CONNECTED INJURY OR ILLNESS
- ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED VETERANS
- PENSION
- SPOUSE OF A VETERAN WHO DIED FROM SERVICE CONNECTED CONDITION
- DEATH PENSIONS TO SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILDREN
- BURIAL BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- DENTAL BENEFITS
- CHAMPVA
- TRICARE AND TRICARE FOR LIFE
- VOCATIONAL REHAB AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- VET CENTERS
- EDUCATION BENEFITS
- LIFE INSURANCE
- HOME LOAN GUARANTIES
- AGENT ORANGE (Vietnam and Blue Water Navy)
- POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
- BENEFITS FOR FEMALE VETERANS
- STATE BENEFITS
- OBTAINING MILITARY RECORDS AND AWARDS
- CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS
- NATIONAL GUARD VS ACTIVE DUTY

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Thursday, May 23

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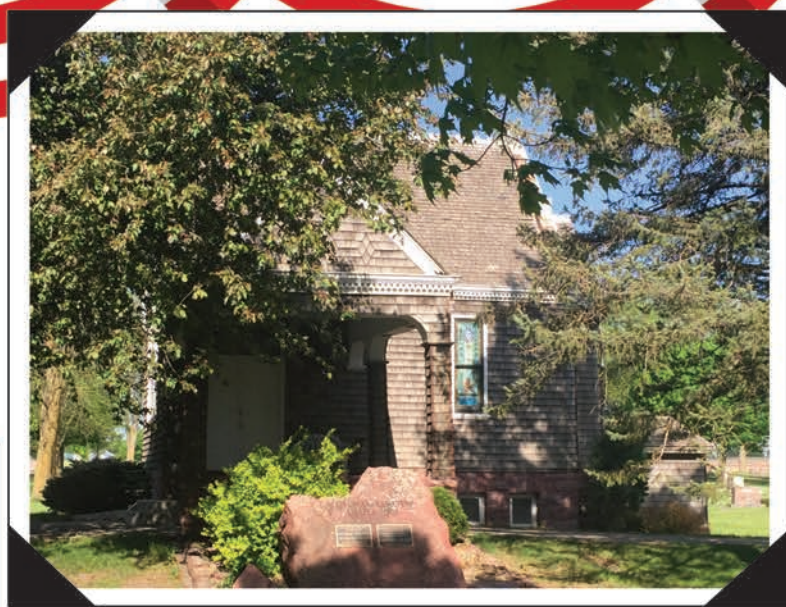
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MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

The Maplewood Chapel was built in the Spring of 1905. In 1980 it was nominated and accepted to the National Register of Historic Places. With your help the Cemetery can continue to repair and redecorate to preserve this historic landmark.

We ask you to remember Maplewood Cemetery in your annual contributions, or a percentage of your estate or Memorial giving of loved ones, for the maintenance of Maplewood. Donations of any amount are graciously accepted. All donations will be acknowledged. We want to keep Maplewood Cemetery up to the highest possible standards.



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P.O. Box 902
1042 W. Warren, Luverne, MN 56156
Phone: 507-283-2462

THE MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO REMEMBERED THE CEMETERY WITH DONATIONS. YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE.

2018-2019 Cemetery Donations

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| Luverne Flowers | Billy Cowell | Dawn Maxwell |
| Arla Bakken | Mike Davis | Tom Nergaard |
| Richard Bakken | Wayne Gertz | Gary Papik |
| in memory of Anne Bowman | in memory of Denne Gertz | Kyle Remme |
| Virgil & Bev Christensen | Wanda Kafka | Ben Vander Kooi |

Maplewood Cemetery Board of Directors
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Ben Vander Kooi, Legal Advisor
Dan Dingmann, Jeff Hartquist, Advisors
Billy Cowell, Superintendent



Loop celebration activities on Thursday, May 16, started and ended at The Lake where prizes were awarded and a meal was served.



Photos and text by Mavis Fodness

Above, Allison and Owen Lysne bicycle The Loop on their way to earning a T-shirt for successfully completing the scavenger hunt along the bike trail.

Luverne celebrates The Loop trail

After months of rain, snow and gray skies, the Luverne Area Chamber organized a "Bike, Walk, Ride" event for Thursday, May 16, on The Loop bike trail with a fundraiser pork loin sandwich meal at The Lake.

The event was deemed a success when rain showers stayed away. According to chamber director Jane Lanphere, local businesses and organizations teamed up to host the fun event and fundraiser for the July 4 fireworks display. The event raised \$3,600 and includes a match challenge by the Ben Franklin Lodge members.

Participants were encouraged to enjoy The Loop by riding bikes, walking or accepting a special opportunity to ride on chauffeured golf carts. A children's scavenger hunt encouraged about 120 kids to dismount their bikes and enjoy three of the pocket parks and nature areas located along The Loop.

In the photo at right, Deb Boomgaarden (left) leads Mollee Pick, Lucy Knips, Tenlee Pick, Nick Buss and Jessica Knips along The Loop.

The Loop winds its way past the Luverne Public School ball fields. For the Thursday night "Bike, Walk, Ride" event, participants could enjoy a chauffeured golf cart ride around the five-mile bike path (see below, right).



Matt Nath (right) and his daughter, Rosalie, enjoy The Loop from the back of a golf cart. At left, Christensen Farms serves "Prairie Fresh" pork loin sandwiches, chips, cookies and root beer floats to participants of the "Bike, Walk, Ride" event on The Loop.



School's out for (extended) summer

Luverne schools wrapped up the 2018-19 school year Friday, and by Monday teachers and staff had removed classroom items from the middle-high school's west wing, choir and band rooms. The district received permission from the state to begin classes before Labor Day last fall and extend the school day an extra 30 minutes for an early dismissal this spring May 17. Classes this fall begin later, Sept. 16, to allow contractors four months of construction time without students. Above, Debbie Kneip packs up materials Monday in the current middle-high school band room. All the band materials were removed to another classroom until the new band-choir suite, currently under construction in the former Little Theater, is finished this fall.



Ron Stuckenbroker (left) and Lowell Schelhaas remove desks from a classroom in the middle-high school west wing that will soon undergo remodeling upgrades.