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Abatement requested for Hills New Vision expansion

By Mavis Fodness

New Vision Co-op is seeking to merge its two current Hills locations into one under a \$9.2 million planned expansion and relocation plan.

A joint Rock County and Martin Township tax abatement public hearing will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, in the commissioners' room at the Rock County Courthouse.

Commissioners set the time and date at their March 8 meeting after County Administrator Kyle Oldre briefly talked about New Vision's proposed project.

Oldre said co-op officials asked both the county and Martin Township officials to forego collecting property taxes on the expansion project for the next 10 years.

"It (tax abatement request) doesn't impact the current taxes that it pays," Oldre said.

"What he is requesting is abatement on the new bin."

Under the plan, New Vision would construct a new 1.2 million bushel grain bin at a cost of \$3.4 million and a 9,300-ton fertilizer plant.

The plant would cost \$5.7 million and would replace the current 800-ton plant in the city of Hills.

Frank McDowell, New Vision's chief executive officer, made the request.

"It's a \$9.2 million investment project and that's a considerable stake in the community," McDowell said in a phone interview last week.

"It's a responsibility of the government to support these successful local businesses and to support these local investments."

If granted, the abatement could save the co-op about \$7,300 in annual tax payments for 10 years.

Co-op officials are not asking to abate taxes to the Hills-Beaver Creek School District. The district is expected to collect an additional \$9,000 annually.

Under New Vision's plan, its in-town location would close and the bins and buildings offered for sale. All operations would move a mile north to the out-of-town location.

Along with the expansion, the co-op estimates it would add six additional full-time employees and one-and one-half full-time equivalent in part-time positions over the next three years.

The facility currently employs 10 people.

Commissioners and Martin Township officials will make a final vote on the tax abatement request at the April 5 meeting. Martin Township officials have indicated they support the proposal.

"The township board was favorable because there still would be funds coming into the school district," said Doug Bos, a Martin Township board member who attended the March 8 commissioners meeting.

Besides Hills, New Vision Co-op has facilities in 14 other locations including Ellsworth, Magnolia, Adrian and Beaver Creek within the Star Herald coverage area.

Its main office is located in Brewster.

New Vision purchased the Hills terminal location along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway in 2003.

This is the second expansion project New Vision has undertaken in Rock County in the past five years.

In 2011 New Vision constructed a new feed mill near Magnolia.

The county granted a five-year tax abatement of \$18,500 annually for that \$16 million expansion project.

Luverne Fire Department battles all-night blaze at Gevo

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Fire Department and Rock County ambulance responded to a report of a dryer fire around 11:30 p.m. Monday at the Gevo plant on the west side of Luverne.

According to Fire Chief David Van Batavia, when firefighters arrived at the scene flames were coming from a dryer, but the blaze was contained.

He said the explosion doors (pressure relief doors) had blown off, but it's unclear how much other damage occurred at the plant.

The primary concern was cooling down the source of the blaze in order

to prevent heat from affecting other areas of the plant, which produces highly combustible isobutanol and ethanol.

"We're always nervous out there," Van Batavia said, adding that the Luverne Fire Department has toured the facility and worked with plant employees about how to respond to potential emergencies there.

"We rely on the staff about what we can touch and what we can't, and they were already spraying things down with their own hoses when we got there."

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(Submitted photo)

Luverne firefighters work to extinguish a dryer fire at Gevo Monday night.



Nineteen-month-old Brielle Bullerman gets acquainted with Midnight the miniature Rex held by Magnolia Juniors 4-H member Grace Sandbulte at Saturday's Easter egg hunt in Magnolia.

Hardy Easter egg hunters brave snow in Magnolia



Genesis Soto (left) is enamored by a bunny.

Swapping candy is an important part of an Easter egg hunt for Lucas Madison (left), Cash Bonnett, Jacob Madison, Sawyer Saker and Holden Overgaard pictured below.

Below left, plastic Easter eggs lay nestled in the snow, waiting to be found. The Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club stuffed about 1,000 eggs for this year's event.



Luverne 'creamery pond' to be known officially as 'The Lake'

By Lori Sorenson

The gravel pit pond in Luverne has become known as the Creamery Pond, due to its proximity to the former Land 'O Lakes creamery.

There's no longer a creamery in Luverne, and Land 'O Lakes is now Great Plains Processing, but the little body of water has retained the Creamery Pond identity for lack of a better name.

Now city leaders and adjacent property owners are adopting a

formal name for the water, especially due to recent marketing events.

Traci Davis (who owns adjacent land by the pond with her husband, Mike Davis) and Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere attended the March 15 Luverne City Council meeting to propose "The Lake" as the new name for the pond.



"It's been my honor to work with a great group of people down at the Creamery Pond," said Lanphere, speaking on behalf of the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau.

She said since the successful July 4 celebration and the recent "Get Hooked" fishing tournament, a formal name for the pond would be a good idea for marketing

purposes.

"The idea of a 'stock pond' doesn't exactly capture the vision of what this space can be," Lanphere said.

In the past couple of years the nearby space at the west end of Edgell Street has been cleaned up and the beach has been groomed as a public swimming area.

The DNR has also stocked the water with fish to encourage local

Pond named 'The Lake'/see 2A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Luverne Lions will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 28, at Blue Mound Banquet Center. Visitors are welcome.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at the home of Ray Hansen.

Pleasant View Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the home of Richard and Ruth Opsata at 110 West Luverne Street. For more information contact Jan Nuffer at 507-855-2266.

Luverne Lady Red Hats will meet for lunch at Sterling's Café at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 8. Contact Kay Umbreit at 507-283-2778 to make reservations by Tuesday, April 5.

Beaver Creek Township Board of Appeal and Equalization will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, April 11.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

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

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

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

Blood drive April 4

Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne will host a Red Cross blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Monday, April 4. To make an appointment to donate, download the free Red Cross **Blood Donor App**, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Luverne Kindergarten Round-Up

Luverne Kindergarten Round-Up will be Thursday, March 31, at the Luverne Elementary School. Session one is geared toward new kindergarten parents and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Session 2 is an informal meet and greet time and will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Children must be five years old before Sept. 1, 2016, in order to register for kindergarten. Call the Elementary Office at 507-283-4497.

'I STILL Do' Marriage Enrichment

Couples are welcome to join FamilyLife from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Living Rock Church in Luverne to affirm the fundamental importance of a strong, healthy, committed marriage in every culture. Lunch will be catered by The Bluestem. Cost is \$40 per couple.

Grief support group begins April 4

Sanford Luverne Hospice will offer a five-week Grief Support Group beginning April 4. Meetings will be Mondays from April 4 to May 2 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Sanford Luverne Medical Center in the Blue Mound Room. Register by calling the Hospice office at 507-283-1805.

'Alvin and the Chipmunks' April 7

The free Bank Nite movie, "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne through April. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. **Appointments are required.** Evening appointments are also available. Bring Social Security cards to appointments. The service is free for any private individual with a simple tax format. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.

Community Ed

For more information or to register for these activities call Community Ed at 283-4724.

Vinyasa Yoga beginning on March 29 for 8 weeks. Fee is \$42. *Note: Take Vin/Yin and Vinyasa Yoga combo class for \$75*

Vin/Yin Yoga beginning on March 31 for 8 weeks. Fee is \$42. *Note: Take Vin/Yin and Vinyasa Yoga combo class for \$75.*

On **March 30** you will learn how to prevent injury and increase your flexibility at **Stretching and Flexibility class.** Fee is \$5..

Learn how to relieve pain in your joints and muscles using the colored tape that you see on athletes at **Kinesiotaping 101 on March 30.** Fee is \$5.



Mavis Fodness photo/0324 Library Ribbon Cutting

Luverne Area Chamber President Kullen Schroht (far left) and past president Mike Smith (far right) hold the ribbon for the Rock County Community Library's ribbon-cutting ceremony on St. Patrick's Day March 17. Pictured from left is Faye Bremer, Schroht, Annie Opitz, Heidi Sehr, Joyce Oldre, Lauri Ketterling, Tina Petronek, Patti Olson, Gloria Rust, Commissioner Ken Hoime, Bruce Olson, Bronwyn Wenzel, Camilla Graff, Linda Gulden, Ryan Wynia, Serena Gutnik, Dolly Remme, Barb Verhey, Meredith Vase-laar, (unnamed boy), Linda Limesand, Christine Thorson, Mark Ommen, Commissioner Sherri Thompson and Smith.

Community celebrates library's reopening

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's Allie Parkhurst took advantage of the Rock County Community Library's grand reopening last Thursday, checking out 11 easy-read books.

Three days after the facility reopened to regular hours, patrons got a look at the improvements and were able to check out materials again. The facility had been closed for the past month as materials were moved from the basement back to the main floor.

The official ribbon-cutting took place Thursday, March 17.

"It's beautiful," Parkhurst said. "It's nice, easy to navigate."

Along with new paint, carpeting and shelving, library officials also relocated the various centers. Now the children's library is located closer to the circulation desk, and the

teenage book selection and public computers have their own separate rooms.

"Good," is how 9-year-old Katia Jarchow described her experience in the new teen reading room. She was busy reading in the quiet area after the facility's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Jarchow and Parkhurst weren't the only patrons getting their first looks at the improvements and checking out materials.

During the first four days of the library's reopening, 1,043 books, magazines and audiobooks were checked out. That's 151 more materials checked out than the same time last year.

The first day of business appeared to be the busiest.

"We were nonstop all day long," said children's librarian Bronwyn Wenzel.

Funding of the improve-



Mavis Fodness photo/0324 Library Ribbon Cutting

Enjoying a book are 11-year-old Anja Jarchow and Lydia, 5.

ments were a joint effort of county officials, the library board of directors and the Friends of the Library support group.

"We thank the county commissioners for seeing a need," said Bruce Olson, a library board director.

He also commended the

Friends group.

"Oftentimes if there is a need, they come up with the funds for it," Olson added.

Commissioners approved \$175,000 for the library improvements. As final costs are being tallied, the project is expected to be at or under budget.

Creamery pond to be known as 'The Lake'/continued from 1A

anglers to use the water.

"Chris [Ingebretsen] at the state park — since there's not a pond there anymore — said he's encouraged people to come swim at the Creamery Pond, and visitors say, 'Creamery Pond?'"

At Tuesday's meeting there was some discussion about the origin of the body of water and its cleanliness.

Clean water, spring fed

Vance Walgrave, who also attended the meeting, said it originated as a gravel pit that was used in the 1920s to build Highway 75 and Old Highway 16.

"It's spring fed, based on the level of the aquifer, so the water in there is really clean," Walgrave said. "It's cleaner than most other bodies of water around here."

Davis said the water was 8 feet deep at the end of the dock last time it was measured, and it's 11 feet deep at its deepest.

Through the years it was also referred to as the Sybesma Pit when it was used to water nearby farmland, and for a while it was known as the Carsrud Pit.

"There's never been a formal name, but as we move forward with the second phase of the Loop, it would be nice to know what to call it as we develop signage and other materials," Lanphere said.

Even though it's not a lake by definition, she said that name would have better connotations for swimming and fishing, especially since the area has recently been improved for those uses.

And since it's not a lake, the renaming process doesn't

need to be coordinated with the DNR. "It's a destination in the city, and the city can name it as such," Lanphere said.

City Council members said they would consider a formal resolution to adopt The Lake as the formal name of the creamery pond.

The item was on the agenda for such action at the March 22 meeting.

New name and logo to be used for July 4 marketing

Also at the March 15 meeting, Lanphere and Davis presented possible logos designed by Quality Printing for The Lake, incorporating colors from Luverne's official city logo.

The new name and logo will likely make its first appearance on promotional materials for the July 4 Beach Bash

and Fireworks Extravaganza planned for this summer.

The Luverne CVB and Fourth of July Committee is working on planning the free all-day event, which will include a triathlon, DJ music, bean bag tournament, kids sandcastle contest, volleyball tournament, log rolling contest, parade on the pond, concessions, beer garden and fireworks.

The committee is seeking volunteers and sponsorships. Donations can be sent to the Luverne Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 213 East Luverne St., Luverne, MN 56156.

Contact the Chamber with questions or to sign up to volunteer. The phone number is 507-283-4061, or email luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.



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Rock County Relay for Life to honor caregivers

By Lori Sorenson

Each year Rock County Relay for Life recognizes survivors who share stories about their experiences with cancer.

This year, in addition to having an Honorary Survivor, the group is recognizing an Honorary Caregiver.

"Caregivers are often unsung heroes in the journey of a cancer patient," said Jennifer Evans of the American Cancer Society.

"They are a constant source of strength, encouragement and, most of all, support."

She said there are many different types of support that caregivers can provide.

"We often think of a spouse, a parent, a sibling, an adult child or another close relative as being caregivers for cancer patients," Evans said.

"They are with the cancer

patient day in and day out, keeping doctor's appointments and treatment schedules organized and holding all of the pieces of the puzzle together on the difficult journey."

A caregiver also can be anyone who provides any kind of support for a patient during their cancer journey.

"It could be a friend preparing a meal, a nurse who provides care to the patient while they are receiving treatment, a child sharing a picture they've drawn or a coworker who just takes time to call and ask how things are going," Evans said.

"Anyone who does something to fight back against cancer and support a patient on their journey is a caregiver."

She said it's important to understand that a caregiver never stops being a caregiver.

"Even if the patient they supported is no longer with us, the support that they provided is no less important," Evans said.

"The role that all caregivers fulfill in the lives of cancer patients is pivotal, undeniable and, above all, unforgettable." Community members are encouraged to nominate a caregiver to be honored at the June 10 Relay for Life event at the Luverne City Park.

Nomination forms are available at Merciec Domagala's office at the American Family Insurance office on West Main Street or mdomaga@amfam.com.

Nominations are due by May 1.

Relay for Life is a national fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Rock County's first Relay event was in 2001.

National Guard to close armories in Luverne and Pipestone, build one new

By Mavis Fodness

County officials will meet with city and school representatives next month to discuss the Minnesota National Guard's plan to replace its aging armories.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre spoke recently with National Guard officials about their plans to close the Luverne and Pipestone armories and build one facility for

both guard units in a centralized location.

"They want to construct the next generation of armories," Oldre said.

The new armories blend community needs with those of guard training facilities.

Oldre said the new generation of armories could include community use areas such as water parks, basketball courts or ice rinks.

Oldre said the National Guard might ask for proposals from interested communities as soon as this fall.

The guard's adjutant general would decide the new armory location and construction as part of the 10-year plan.

At Tuesday's meeting, commissioners agreed to give the topic to the liaison committee of the school, county and city for discussion.

Eligible farmers encouraged to apply for 'Physical' Location Waiver Policy at FSA

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages those producers who have a farm or tract that is located in another county, and for which there is an Agriculture Risk Coverage - County (ARC-CO) program election, to give the Rock County FSA Office a call at 507-283-2369 to schedule an appointment to consider an option that has recently become available.

These ARC-CO producers have a one-time opportunity to request that the farm's 2014 and/or 2015 ARC-CO payment be calculated based on the physical location of the farm or tract.

Currently payments are made based upon payment factors associated with the county where the FSA records are administered. There are several farms and tracts that received the 2014 Rock County ARC-CO payment that are physically located in a neighboring county. The FSA Office has been

provided with a payment calculator to assist these producers with their 2014 waiver decision.

The waiver request is a separate decision for 2014 and 2015. However, a 2015 calculator is not available due to the fact that county actual yields and marketing year prices will not be determined until later in the year. All that is currently available for 2015 are projected but not final marketing year average prices; and NASS yields for each county that USDA will finalize in September 2016.

To assist producers with their 2015 waiver decision, FSA will publish 2015 benchmark revenues and guarantees on the public-facing ARC-PLC internet site. Preliminary payment rates are also available on the site.

If the waiver option is requested, all producers with payment shares on the farm's enrollment contract must sign the waiver request form

CCC-861-A for 2014 and/or 2015 and submit it to the FSA office that administers the farm, by the April 15, 2016, deadline.

While Rock County 2014 ARC-CO payments were mostly higher than our neighboring counties, because of the very poor yields that we had in 2014, the same might not be true for 2015 when Rock County enjoyed record-setting crop yields. Please contact the Rock County FSA Office by April 15, 2016, with any questions.

Postcards have been mailed to all operators with ARC-CO farms that meet the criteria for the waiver policy.

For 2016 and future years, the waiver policy will not be available but producers will have the flexibility to request farm record changes through August 1 of each year.

Contact Fraser Norton, FSA County Director, at fraser.norton@mn.usda.gov or call 507-283-2369, ext. 2.



Mavis Fodness photo/0317 Auxiliary Disbanding

Annabelle Frakes holds the official charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 2757 issued to the Luverne group in 1933. The group voted last week to surrender its charter and disband due to the lack of active members.

Local VFW Auxiliary votes to surrender charter

By Mavis Fodness

A lack of participation has forced a local service group to disband and surrender its charter to the state organization.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary No. 2757 officially folded Tuesday, March 8, during a vote involving a fraction of its members.

Eight members attended the last meeting, according to auxiliary president Annabelle Frakes of Luverne.

The auxiliary has 92 members of which 55 are life members located in 10 different states.

"We don't have any young members," Frakes, 88, added.

The lack of active members limited fundraising efforts as well as the activities the auxiliary could complete.

Frakes said three of its regular attendees are age 90 or older with only one member under the age of 80.

The lack of active members was noticeable at the group's February meeting when a lack of a quorum (five members) postponed the final vote until last week.

The Luverne ladies auxiliary was founded on Sept. 24, 1933, with 27 charter members.

To be an auxiliary member, a potential member must have a family member who fought in a war overseas. This could be a father, grandfather, brother or spouse.

"It is quite a wide circle," said Kathy

Brockberg, third district auxiliary president.

To help auxiliaries gain new members, male family members of female soldiers were allowed to join, Brockberg added.

However, the new requirement wasn't bringing in new members, a common concern for several organizations, she said.

The VFW auxiliary was formed as a service organization for area veterans.

"We do everything we can for veterans," Brockberg said.

Frakes has been an auxiliary member for more than 60 years. Her late husband, Neil Frakes, served in World War II.

Despite not have an official auxiliary group in Luverne, some previous auxiliary activities will continue as members can be "at-large" members of the state auxiliary.

Marching in parades, ceremonies on Memorial Day, assisting with poppy sales and hosting coffee times at the veterans home could continue.

"This (the coffees) will continue until I can't walk anymore," Frakes said.

She will also look at joining a nearby auxiliary, most located within 30 miles of Luverne. Rejoining another auxiliary is open to all current members.

The local auxiliary can be reactivated, Frakes said.

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Bucket on kitchen counter means spring is here

There's one sure sign that spring has arrived at my house.

A bucket may not be as exciting as watching geese fly north or the winter wind having a little less bite. In my house the large container on the kitchen counter signifies spring is here.

Along with the bucket, a rubber nipple and a two-quart plastic bottle often join the clutter. Their appearance means a newborn farm animal needs human intervention.

This year a black calf requires the milk mixture twice a day due to his mommy's lack of interest in feeding him on her own.

Life can be tough on the farm.

My family has seen and raised a lot of these "orphans."

A decade ago, when the kids were still in school, bottle-feeding lambs was a common activity. Their arrival in January and February was a sure sign spring was just around the corner.

One lamb in particular had an especially hard entrance into the world.

We named him Lambert.

That he was given a name was a good sign that this story has a happy ending.

His story didn't start out so happy.

A first-time mommy didn't understand to lie down to have a baby or that people can assist in relieving her discomfort. The stress from the ever-on-the-move mother left Lambert with a head the size of a softball. Until the swelling subsided, the little guy was unable to open his mouth to drink milk.

Not ones to give up, we would manage to get mouthfuls of liquid into Lambert until the swelling came down for him to drink on his own. When he did drink, however, he couldn't



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

stand. Thinking he was just too weak, I would prop him between my knees as he drank. However, he always immediately lay down when done.

Closer inspection revealed Lambert's back leg had been stepped on and broken.

Paint sticks and duct tape stabilized the leg until the bone healed and he was good to stand on his own. He had, like others before him, lived in the basement until strong enough to be outside.

Once outdoors, Lambert was the first to greet everyone in the morning. He would always escape from the barn and would be found on the front steps at the house. After while it was easier to let him run than keep putting him in a pen.

His freedom lasted until he would compete with the dog to see who would get inside the house first. It wasn't unusual to have Lambert baa a greeting as he reached the kitchen.

Eventually Lambert went to market. This is the usual scenario for livestock on the farm.

Our kids fully understood that farm animals are raised for food. That was illustrated one year with a jersey calf.

Because it takes about a year for a calf to reach market weight, we did name the calf. Instead of naming the big, brown-eyed calf Daisy or another cute name, his name was Roast Beef. After all, he would end up as food once he was market-ready.

Naming him Roast Beef made it easier at the dinner table when the kids would ask, "What's for dinner?"

The answer ... roast beef.

Where does your food come from? (Don't say, 'The grocery store')

Where does your food come from?

For many Americans, the answer is the grocery store, and for those of us living in an agricultural community, that's a disturbing answer.

The grocery store isn't where food comes from. It's just where food is distributed. In reality, far too many people are unaware of the role American agriculture plays in their daily lives ... and what it really takes to have food on their dinner table.

Just a few generations ago, most people were a part of — and had friends or relatives involved with — agriculture. Today, that's no longer the case.

That's why it's important to call attention to National Ag Day every spring in March, because agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of life ... food, fiber, clothing, and shelter. And it's important to recognize that contribution.

American farmers are working harder than ever, and it shows. Today,

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each American farmer feeds more than 144 people. And the need for food produced in the United States is more important than ever.

Agriculture is this nation's No. 1 export and is vitally important in sustaining a healthy economy.

And it's not just the farmer who makes our food possible. The entire agriculture industry — all the way to the grocery store — is comprised of vital links in a chain that brings food to every citizen — and millions of people abroad.

It's easy to take agriculture for granted in America. Our food is readily accessible and safe. For this, we are fortunate.

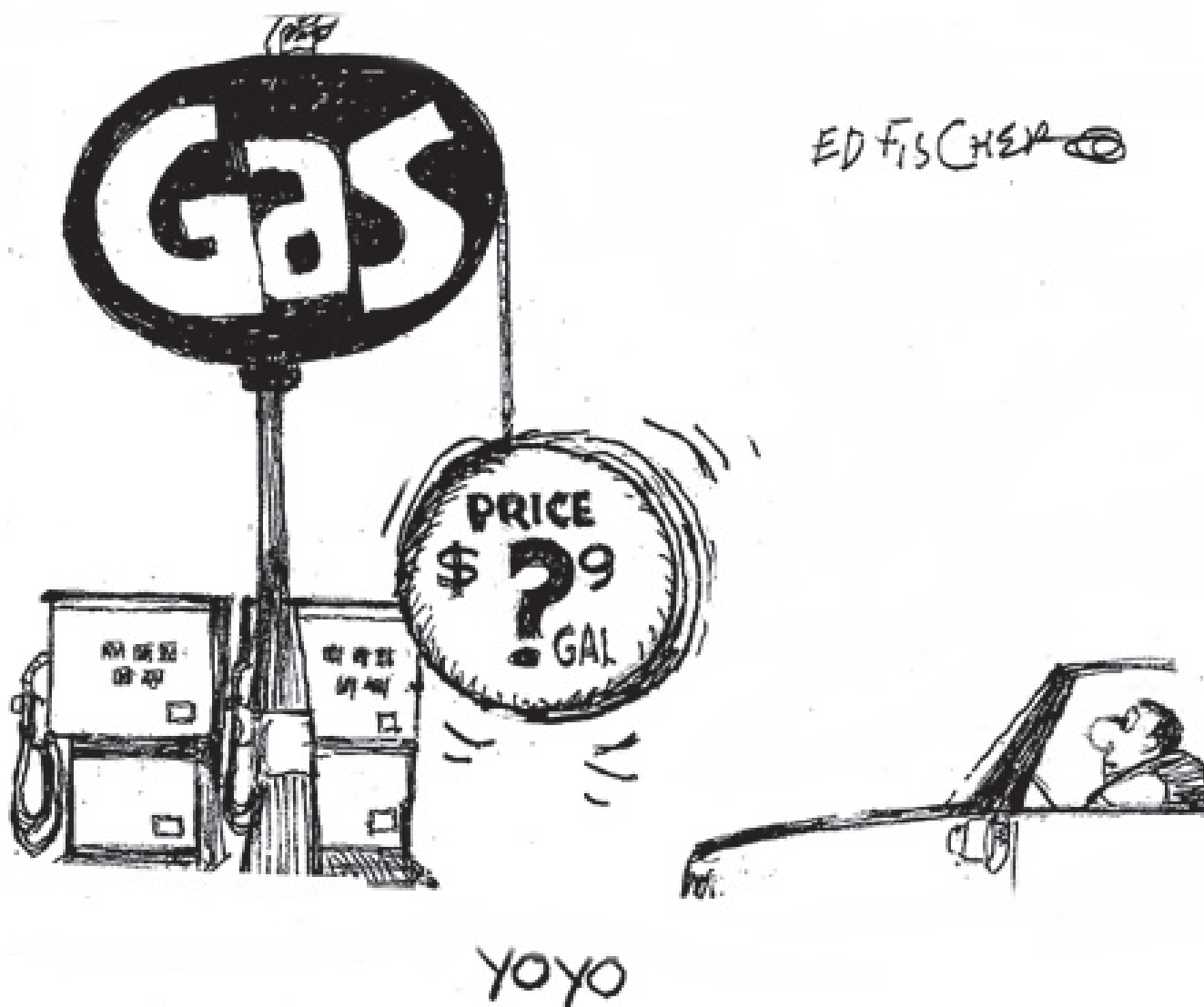
But that doesn't mean we don't

have an obligation to recognize how it's made possible.

The Agriculture Council of America sponsored National Ag Day on March 15, and the entire Month of March is a good time to reflect on — and be grateful for — American agriculture.

The Star Herald has always been an enthusiastic cheerleader for agriculture in Rock County, and next week's edition will include an Agriculture Special Edition.

Be sure to watch for that insert, which will feature important information on ag contributions, current challenges facing agriculture and important technology advances, all going on right here in Rock County.



Veldkamp: Egdorf is an inspiration for others to excel

To the Editor:

What a beautiful tribute to the "Princess On Ice," Erika Egdorf, in the March 17 issue of the Star Herald.

Erika is a young woman who showed the world what one person can do if she puts her mind to it!

You have the right to be proud of all your medals and trophies. And to think that a doctor gave your mother such an insulting diagnosis at birth.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

You surely showed him!
You are an inspiration to me and many others.
God bless you, Erika, as you

continue excelling in whatever you choose to do.

Frances Veldkamp
Luverne

CAHRC: Grateful for assistance in moving out of Carnegie

To the Editor:

Packing and moving out can be a monumental task, especially after 23 years of being in one building. This is what the Council for Arts and Humanities in Rock County (CAHRC) faced in February and accomplished when it moved out of the Carnegie Cultural Center. It would not have happened without a lot of help in

both areas.

Members of the Rock County Fine Arts Association (RCFAA) and the Blue Mound Woodcarvers were particularly helpful, along with family and friends who assisted in closing out the Gift Gallery and packing up in preparation for the move.

We also appreciated help from city employees, county employees,

Schomacker Cleaning, Peer Helpers, Independent Studies Students, along with members of CAHRC, RCFAA, The Blue Mound Woodcarvers and Green Earth Players.

There were many people involved with this transition and we're so grateful to anyone and everyone who helped us.

CAHRC Board of Directors

Ask a Trooper: Tow dolly can be used for non-running vehicle as long as criteria are met

Q: If I rent a properly licensed and lighted tow dolly from a rental company, can I tow a non-running vehicle that is not licensed (no current plates) and not insured? Do I need taillights in addition to the dolly lights?

A: A tow dolly is for those that may not know. A tow dolly is little more than two wheels, an axle and a tow-hitch used to tow a front-wheel drive suspension vehicle behind a recreational vehicle or other larger vehicle. It is generally designed to tow a vehicle with the front wheels on the tow dolly. To answer your question, I would say you can do this as long as you're meeting the following criteria:

- The vehicle you are using to tow the dolly is properly registered, insured and legal to tow the non-running vehicle (hitch, weight ratings, etc.).

- The dolly is properly registered and has the required dolly lights and reflectors.

- If the non-running vehicle sticks out beyond the dolly, it must be equipped with at least two tail lamps on the rear. The lamps must be on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practical.

You may want to talk with your auto insurance agent about insuring the non-running vehicle. Even though the towing vehicle has insurance coverage, it might not apply if something happened to the non-running vehicle.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol, at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, Minnesota 55901-5848, or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 11

•Dispatch received a 911 call with a male and female screaming constantly. Sounded like she was driving and probably drunk. He was trying to get her to pull over, and she didn't want to. She kept saying something about him slapping her across the face. Dispatch contacted AT&T and was able to get the owner of the phone and they also pinged the location.

•Deputy stopped to do a check on an individual with a warrant.

•Complainant reported a 1.5 to 2 year old alone. Deputy brought child to the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Checked with residents in the area. Made contact with the parent. Mom was sleeping and struggles with anxiety. Visibly shaken when the child returned.

•Complainant requested a residence check through the weekend until they get new locks.

•Complainant reported a white van speeding at location. Transferred to Patrol.

•Deputy spoke to subject about the hours of the park and his activity out there. Nothing illegal going on.

•Deputy was requested to check on things at apartment building.

•Stopped at bonfire at the Rez in Hills to check on an Iowa vehicle that was uninvited. Dispatch also received a call on the vehicle, possibly older and tan in color. It has a loud muffler. Vehicle would tear down the street near the elevator and then backup and turn down a side street.

March 12

•Deputy checked on a vehicle at the Interpretive Center. Male and female minors. Parents were notified.

•Complainant reported he has shared custody of the kids, and his ex moved to Luverne a month ago. Deputy explained to complainant that he would need to see the court order before he could do anything. Complainant did not understand.

•Complainant reported someone shot up a vehicle.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

•Complainant reported unsafe driving of neighboring vehicle.

•Complainant requested a deputy deliver a message to someone for her.

•Deputy reported a vehicle up over the curb at Freeman Avenue and Warren Street. Subject has had driving issues before in 2015 and was supposed to do an evaluation by April, 2015. Deputy checked on subject, and he was not intoxicated. Will request another evaluation test be completed.

March 13

•Complainant reported they were hearing popping noises like fireworks or gun-

shots. Deputy found subject and a friend who were drinking and setting off fireworks.

•Complainant reports she is having custody issues.

•Deputy patrolled area checking for a wanted person.

•Complainant reported a driving complaint on I-90. Transferred to Patrol.

•Complainant reported the theft of wood from his wood pile.

•Complainant reported someone has been in empty apartments again. Nothing was left behind, but the doors were unlocked and the heat was turned up again.

•Complainant reported she was told by her case manager to call law enforcement if her ex didn't let her daughter call her. Deputy advised it will be sent to Family Services.

•Complainant reported a suspicious car driving around Hardwick really slow. He is going over and over the same streets. This has been going on for about 20 minutes.

•Deputy reported subject was burning in Hardwick. Checked and burn permit is not valid. He was advised to get a new one. He went to get the skid loader and put the fire out.

•Complainant reported a car is driving past spinning the tires in Hardwick.

•Deputy walked through apartment building at location. They found three open doors.

March 14

•Dispatch received a 911 call from Beaver Creek that was busy on callback. Notified deputy.

•Dispatch received many, many calls from people stating that their power was out. They were perturbed when told that dispatch didn't know what happened and didn't know when the power would be back on.

•Complainant reported an alarm at a business. It was due to power outage.

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•Complainant requested assistance setting up portable oxygen due to power outage. Deputy assisted.

•Complainant reported Lifeline activation for subject. Deputy assisted.

•Complainant reported theft of some personal items.

•Dispatcher received a trouble alarm from business. Key holder will get it straightened out tomorrow.

•Dispatch received 911. Could hear a male talking. Call disconnected. When complainant was reached, he advised it was an accidental dial.

•Dispatch received 911. No answer on callback. Notified deputy.

•Complainant found an EBT card in the parking lot and brought it to the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

•Complainant requested a deputy to his yard for a cat

that was dying. Complainant wanted somebody to put it out of its misery.

March 15

•Complainant reported concerns about possible child abuse.

•Complainant requested deputy for an assist.

•Complainant reported he lost a 200 pound Holstein calf. It is unknown how it got out of its crate.

•Complainant reported a vulnerable adult.

•Complainant received a report of 70 gallons thin stillage spilled. It was cleaned up properly.

•Complainant reported she received a check for a mixer, and when she took it to the bank, they advised her the account on the check is closed.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about issues with neighbors. Deputy spoke to both parties.

•Complainant reported his brother was driving along the ditch and found a social security card. Card was brought into dispatch and mailed into social security.

•Complainant reported they have a resident who refuses to leave the aquatic center. Complainant requested assistance.

March 16

•Complainant reported he locked his keys in his vehicle in Hills.

•Complainant reported she is getting calls saying she owes money, and if she doesn't pay, there will be a warrant issued for her. Today she got an email from the same person. He has the last four digits of her social security number. This is fraud.

•Complainant reported she is getting calls from someone saying they are from the IRS. This is a scam.

•Complainant reported problems with a mother and son.

•Complainant reported the road signs at location have blown down. Gave to Patrol.

•Complainant reported subject is burning, and there is a burn ban. Deputy spoke with subject, and told him to put it out. Deputy explained the rules of a burn permit to him.

•Complainant reported Saturday a subject went into her shop and harassed her mom. There is the ongoing issue over parking. Complainant reported the sign subject put up for her parking is blowing over and hitting complainant's car. It is not damaging it right now, but if the wind continues to blow, it is going to.

•Complainant reported some issues with a client that lives at an HSI house.

•Dispatcher received a 911 call with no one on the line. Contacted complainant, and he is fine.

•Complainant requested a deputy accompany him on some probation checks.

•Complainant reported when he came out of church

someone had stolen an Adidas gym bag and contents along with a change holder and contents.

•Complainant was walking the bike trails when he spotted a black Chevrolet pickup pull into the entrance of Henning Construction and turn off its lights. It seemed odd for this time of night. Sent deputies to check it out.

•Deputy spoke with subject who was trying to deliver a package on 150th Avenue. He was back on Darlene's Bend. Deputy gave him directions on where to go.

March 17

•Deputy did a search for a wanted person.

•Complainant reported the theft of his fire pit valued at \$50. He was going to check with management to see if they had picked it up.

•Complainant reported smoke from a fire rolling across the roadway. There is a burn ban currently enacted.

•Luverne Fire assisted with St. Patrick's Day parade.

•Complainant reported fire in shed at location. Paged Luverne Fire Department and ambulance.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 transports, 19 traffic stops, 3 DWIs, 14 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 10 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 1 driver's license check, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 5 money escorts, and issued 16 purchase/carry permits and 33 burn permits.



Mavis Fodness photo/0324 Broadband Project Begins

Workers from Jerke Construction Crane Service, Sioux Falls, and Alliance Communications, Garretson, maneuver the largest of five reinforced concrete huts into place last week. This repurposed equipment hut, being lifted into place in Hardwick, is the largest and the heaviest at 56,000 pounds.

Alliance begins fiber optic/ continued from page 1A

Some of the 660 miles of fiber-optic cable has already arrived at the central storage area in Luverne.

Work on the main fiber line to connect each of the huts together will begin first.

Current plans have several crews from Michel's Corporation from Brownsville, Wisconsin, burying cable at the same time.

Crews will begin in the Jasper area with one crew moving south to Beaver Creek while another heads east to Hardwick. They will meet at the hubs near Magnolia,

Hulcher said.

Work on the main fiber line is expected to take almost two months to complete.

"Then crews will come back and take fiber to the homes," Hulcher added.

According to stipulations from the state of Minnesota, Alliance has until June 2017 to complete all installations.

"The plan for fiber construction is to have the bulk of the fiber plowing completed in the fall and some light cleanup after that which might carry over to the spring of 2017," Hulcher said.

LAND FOR SALE

LEGAL: Approximately 80 acres described as the N1/2 of the SE1/4 of 32-102-44, Rock County, Minnesota. Highly productive farmland.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., March 25, 2016, at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN. All bidders will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with a ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing on or by May 1, 2016.

Sale is subject to approval by heirs of Eldon and Veronica Gradert. For further details contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 283-4828.

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Final speech team meets yield fourth-place finishes

Members begin preparations for sub-section competition on March 29

The Luverne Cardinal speech team competed in its final two invitational events of the season, the Big South Conference meet in New Ulm and the Southwest Minnesota State University Invitational in Marshall.

At the Big South Conference in New Ulm Thursday, the Cardinal speech team finished fourth behind Marshall, St. Peter and Fairmont.

Luverne speech team members earning awards at the Big South meet were Derek Krueger, fourth, Great Speeches; Knute Oldre, second, Discussion; Hannah Hoogland, sixth, Extemporaneous Reading; Paul Witte III, third, Storytelling; Grace Sweeney, fourth, Extemporaneous Reading; and Dylan Thorson, third, Extemporaneous Speaking.

Oldre also received all-conference honorable mention medal. Kruger, Hoogland, Witte, Sweeney and Thorson received all-conference honorable mention certificates.

Thirty-one members of the Cardinal Speech team were among the more than 450 students competing at the Marshall event Saturday. The Cardinals finished fourth out of 20 teams.

Luverne had four first-place finishers: Hannah Hoogland, Extemporaneous Reading; Paul Witte III, Storytelling; Dylan Thorson, Extemporaneous Speaking and Knute Oldre, Discussion.

Other place winners were Samantha Ykema, second, Discussion; Derek Krueger, fifth, Great Speeches; and Ryleigh Beers, seventh, Informative Speaking.

Several Luverne speech members received excellence award ribbons for finishing in the top 20 percent of their individual categories.

Earning ribbons were Jacinda Hustoft, Creative Expression; Alexa Chesley and Hannah Ehlers in Duo Interpretation; Grace Sweeney, Courtney Wendland and Nicole Hoogland, Extemporaneous Reading; Gunnar Oldre, Humorous Interpretation; Jessica Anderson, Original Oratory; Kat Siebert, Prose Reading; Marisol Hartshorn, Julia Ferguson and Xavier Carbonneau, Storytelling.

The Speech Team begins sub-section competition Tuesday, March 29 in Adrian. The final three descriptions of the 13 speech categories are in the public address events:

Great Speeches: The speaker delivers a historical or contemporary speech that was originally given before an audience by a person of prominence. A minimum



Luverne Cardinal Speech team members who earned awards at the SMSU invitational Saturday in Marshall were (front, left) Samantha Ykema, Knute Oldre, Derek Krueger, Paul Witte III, Dylan Thorson, (second row) Julia Ferguson, Ryleigh Beers, Grace Sweeney, Hannah Hoogland, Marisol Hartshorn, Alexa Chesley, (third row) Courtney Wendland; Nicole Hoogland, Jessica Anderson, Jacinda Hustoft, Hannah Ehlers, (back) Kat Siebert, Gunnar Oldre and Xavier Carbonneau.

of 25% of the presentation must be the contestant's own material. The contestant must justify the selection of the speech as great and include information about the speaker, subject, original audience, and occasion. Statements, analysis and exposition should be interspersed throughout. Research is required and a script is optional. The time limit is 10 minutes.

Informative Speaking: The contestant presents his/her own composition of which no more than 10% is direct quotation. This should be in an original, factual speech on a subject of general interest with the purpose of informing. Qualities of thought, composition/organization and delivery methods are critiqued during competition. The use of



Submitted photos
Cardinal Speech team members who competed in the final round of the Big South Conference meet and conference recognition include (from left) Derek Krueger, Knute Oldre (all-conference), Hannah Hoogland, Paul Witte III, Grace Sweeney and Dylan Thorson.

visual aids is optional. Research is required and the use of a script is optional. The time limit is 10 minutes.

Original Oratory: The contestant delivers an oration of his/her own writing. Usually the topic is

one of universal appeal and the speech is of a persuasive nature. Research is necessary and the use of a script is optional. The time limit is 10 minutes.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Maybrie Kae, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, 21 inches long, was born Wednesday, March 2, 2016, to **Tyler and Kala Bush**, Hills, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. She joins two brothers, Micah, 8, and Malachi, 5. Grandparents are Ron and Kim Menning, Edgerton, and Keith and Annette Elbers, Hills. Great-grandparents are Art and Mary Ann Zylstra, Edgerton, and Gilbert and Henrietta Elbers, Luverne.

Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Heather Hansel**, bride-to-be of **Greg Dougherty II**, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at 120 West 1st Street (Hwy 270), Hills.

An open house baby shower for **Steph Roozenboom** will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the American Reformed Church, 304 North Fairview Drive, Luverne.

An open house retirement celebration for **Greg Burger** will be from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at the Minnwest Bank in downtown Luverne.

Card Showers

Alyce McClure will celebrate her 85th birthday on March 30. Greetings may be sent to 720 North Freeman, Luverne, MN 56156.

Rollie and Lynn Crawford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 19. Greetings may be sent to them at 282 81st Street, Beaver Creek, MN 56116.

Betty Nath will celebrate her 90th birthday Thursday, March 31. Greetings may be sent to her at 505 E. 4th St., Hills, MN 56138.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Beers awarded the Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Ryleigh Beers, a Luverne High School senior, was awarded a Certificate of Excellence through The Prudential Spirit of Community Award. The award recognizes the top 10 percent of middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

The award is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Ryleigh is the daughter of Brad and Jane Beers of Luverne.



Lori Sorenson photo/0317 new vision gives to foodshelf

New Vision donates to Food Shelf

Mark Overgaard of New Vision Coop presents a check to Mary Gehrke of the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf Thursday afternoon, March 10, at the Food Shelf in the basement of the United Methodist Church. New Vision gave \$1,000, which was matched by Land 'O Lakes for another \$1,000. Because March is Minnesota FoodShare Month, those donations will be matched by other corporate and civic donations to make the gift go even further.

New begonia varieties grow well in sun

I mentioned last week that I would write about some of my favorite blooming annual plants to use in planters or gardens, and today I will start with begonias.

Until recent years, varieties of begonias were pretty much plants for shade; however, two of my recommendations for sun or shade are Dragon Wing Begonia and Big Begonia. Both of these are in the "wax leaf" type and will grow well in either sun or shade. In sun, the foliage will develop a glossy brilliant green or a bronzy color, depending on the variety. The Dragon



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

Wing has arching stems and the flowers are pendulous, hanging beneath that stem. The Big Begonia is an upright grower with large flowers produced at the top of each stem. Both bloom continuously all summer. Removing the seed capsules as they develop will keep these plants looking more tidy, but the flowers keep coming even if you don't do the dead-heading.

My preference for both of these varieties is to use them in planters rather than hanging baskets. The growth just

gets too heavy for baskets and with our tendency of frequent spring winds, they often sustain too much damage and consequently lose their shape. Used in a planter, they are well mannered and don't tend to crowd out their neighbors.

These begonias will grow to 12 inches in height and usually develop several stems per plant, and they are available in pink and red.

This is a plant that does not disappoint and works great for combination pots or specimens by themselves.

1924: Rock County residents give food for children starving in Germany

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on March 28, 1924:

RELIEF FOR STARVING CHILDREN OF GERMANY

People of Rock county Asked To Help In Saving Two Million Kiddies Facing Starvation

COUNTY-WIDE DRIVE FOR FUNDS SOON TO BE MADE

Mayor Leach Appoints committee, With A. O. Moreaux as Chairman to Conduct Mercy Work

A drive to raise a fund of \$1,000 to aid in the relief of starving children in Germany, will be made in Rock county within a short time, according to plans formulated the first of



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

this week.

Mayor George E. Leach, of Minneapolis, who recently returned from a visit to Germany, is heading the relief movement in Minnesota, and has appointed a committee in Rock county, with A. O. Moreaux as county chairman to conduct the local campaign. Other

members of the committee named by Mr. Leach are:

A. A. Anderson, Geo. Michaelson, Frank F. Michael, Paul K. Myers, W. H. Englekling, Mrs. J. E. Treat, Mrs. C. J. Martin, Rev. P. H. Ristau, City of Luverne; Henry Rolfs, Battle Plain; O. I. Godfrey, Julius Stoterau, Beaver Creek twp.; Nick Kahler, Beaver

Creek village; Rev. Goehle, Steen; Ed Ackerman, Kanaranzi; Joe Willers, Luverne twp.; Rudolph Jauert, Mound; H. J. Hemme, Denver; Peter Burmeister, Rose Dell; Fred Rockman, Martin; Wm. Prieze, Clinton; F. C. Nuffer, Hills; J. C. Johansen, Hardwick; Henrig Hass, Vienna.

Some of the above members of the committee have given notice of their inability to act, and it is expected that Mayor Leach will make appointments to fill these vacancies in a day or two.

At a meeting of the members of the committee held Tuesday afternoon in the municipal court room in the city hall, it was decided to make a house-to-house campaign

throughout the county to solicit funds. Tentative plans were also laid for other activities and these plans will be completed at another meeting of the whole committee some time next week. The plans include an invitation to Mayor Leach to visit Luverne at an early date to tell of conditions he found in Germany.

In view of the fact that a house-to-house campaign in the county represents quite a task, it was decided at Tuesday's meeting to ask Mayor Leach to appoint four additional members of the committee from each township. This request has been sent to Mr. Leach, and as soon as these additional committeemen selected by him and

the vacancies above referred to are filled, another meeting of the committee will be held and final plans for the drive outlined.

It is proposed to raise \$250,000 in Minnesota, and Rock county's suggested quota is 10 cents per capita. Fifty cents, it is said, will feed one child for a month, and \$5 will feed one child until the next harvest. Over two million children it is claimed, are facing starvation.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.

OBITUARIES

John Kreuch III

John William Kreuch III, 61, White Bear Lake, died unexpectedly Monday, March 14, 2016, at his home.



A funeral service was Saturday, March 19, 2016, at Mueller Memorial - Lake Chapel in White Bear Lake. Private burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Owatonna.

John William Kreuch III was born Nov. 12, 1954, to John Kreuch II and Billye Barrows in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, and then worked as a social worker. On July 24, 1985, he married Jane Mullally.

John enjoyed music, sports, especially the Min-

nesota Vikings and LA Lakers, and most of all spending time and chatting with family and friends. He would always lend an ear and had a great laugh. He was known as caring and generous.

He is survived by three children, Johnny (Lyndsey) and Katie Rose (Jarod), St. Paul, and Matt, Norfolk, Virginia; two siblings, Janice (Dave) and Karen (Cliff), both of Santa Fe, New Mexico; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Jane Kreuch.

Arrangements were by Mueller Memorial of White Bear Lake, muellermemorial.com.

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DEATH NOTICE

Jessica Julius

Jessica 'Jay' Jean Julius, 38, Des Moines, Iowa, formerly of Ellsworth, died Friday, March 18, 2016, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the Bethel Reformed Cemetery south of Ellsworth.

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

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BUSINESS NEWS

Local meat processor receives award

Brian and Kathy Chapa, Ellsworth, were honored for their entry in the 2016 Minnesota Meat Processors Convention at St. Cloud Civic Center in St. Cloud recently.

The Chapas, owners of Ellsworth Locker, were awarded champion for their bone-in ham and braunschweiger entries. They earned reserve champion for their mushroom and Swiss brats as well as their smoked pork sausage.

A total of 461 meat products were entered in 26 different categories.

Products were judged by 42 experts in the meat industry.



Lori Sorenson photo/0324 CWG gives to Red Arrow

Red meets Green

Members of Rock County Red Arrow visited Continental Western Group in Luverne Thursday, March 17, to deliver green-frosted shamrock cookies in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The gesture was also an expression of appreciation for the company's recent donation of more than \$18,000 through employee payroll deductions in 2015. Pictured are (front, from left) Nadine Schoep, Shelley John, Jackie Gyberg, (second row) Martha Morse, Krista Ahrendt, Lisa Wiese, Mary Rauk, Kelly Heard, Mary McLaughlin, Chuck Eglund, Mike Schacht, (back row) Dianne Ossenfort, Amy Sandbulte, Marlys Dirks, Samantha DeBates, Natalie Woodley, Carol Morgan and Molly Bowman.

Red Arrow was founded in 1965 on the premise that it would simplify giving for area residents by coordinating one major fundraising drive that would support dozens of local charities. To support the 2016 fund drive, contact Dianne Ossenfort at 283-9050.



Masons give to Community Education

Bryce Stoltenberg, Master of the Ben Franklin Lodge (center), gives a check for \$7,486.36 to TJ Newgard of the Luverne Basketball Association and Karen Willers of Luverne Community Education to help keep costs down for basketball participants. The money is used to pay coaches and to buy equipment, jerseys and other supplies. The Masons matched the Community Education/Luverne Basketball Association's income from the Jan. 30 fifth- and sixth-grade tournament and steak fry fundraiser.

Lori Sorenson photo/0317 masons donation

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

A contingent of Rock County residents joined thousands of family members and friends at a Mississippi military base last week to spend time with soldiers about to head overseas.

There are 73 National Guard members with the Luverne and Pipestone units who will join 2,600 Minnesota soldiers leaving for Iraq.

That represents the largest number of the state's National Guard troops to see combat since World War II.

25 years ago (1991)

The first step was the purchase of a new library building; the next is finding an owner for the old library.

Luverne City Administrator Steve Perkins encouraged the City Council Monday to begin making future plans for the Carnegie library building at 205 N. Freeman Ave.

Perkins said the Green Earth Players theater company and the Rock County Historical Society have both expressed interest in the building.

50 years ago (1966)

The Luverne fire department turned thumbs down on the city council's proposal to submit the question of a site for a new fire hall to the voters.

At a special meeting of the fire department Thursday night, the firemen voted against the city's vacant lot at the corner of Lincoln and Spring as one of the sites, and went on record as favoring the old creamery property only.

At a meeting held Wednesday of last week, the council had proposed that the question of the location of the building be decided by the voters. They had proposed two sites, the city's vacant lot and the creamery property.

75 years ago (1941)

President Roosevelt's speech Saturday night caused quite a stir in domestic and international quarters when he made "total Victory" over the dictators the objective of an American "total effort." He warned that inconvenience and sacrifice lie ahead for the nation and that "you will feel the impact of this gigantic effort in your daily lives."

The president hailed the passage of the lease-lend bill by Congress as a decision ending "any attempts at appeasement in our land; the end of urging us to get along with the dictators; the end of compromise with tyranny and the forces of oppression." The address was one of the president's most vigorous utterances, a speech bristling with determination to eliminate Naziism as a world force, and dedicating the material and industrial resources of the country anew to that purpose. Despite its dangerous tone, the speech generally met with favorable reaction, even from many of the president's most bitter critics.

100 years ago (1916)

An idea of the number of people from this vicinity who witnessed the presentation of "The Birth of a Nation" at Sioux Falls on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the closing days for this attraction, is given by the statement that the Omaha company sold seventy-five tickets to that place during that period.

Of the total number, twenty-one tickets were sold Thursday, twenty-three Friday and thirty-one Saturday. All who purchased tickets did not go to Sioux Falls for the express purpose of seeing the great photoplay, of course, but a great majority of them did, and it is estimated that more than two hundred and fifty Rock county people saw the production during its two weeks' run in that city.

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Tuesday, March 29: Pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, dinner roll, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Thri-vent. Rob Bolger.

Wednesday, March 30: Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Thursday, March 31:

Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, bread, pudding.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Vetch nominated as outstanding senior

Saint Mary's University Social Studies Education major Samuel Vetch, son of David and Sara Vetch, Luverne, was nominated for the university's Outstanding Senior Male Award.

Nominees demonstrate the ideals of scholarship, character, leadership, service to colleagues and the university community, as well as genuine concern for the needs of others.

Vetch's involvement at

Saint Mary's includes Lasalian Collegians, tutoring and disability services, and Delta Epsilon Sigma (national scholastic honor society), and he was a leader for Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreats along with participation in musical groups and intramural activities.

After graduation, he plans to volunteer at Cretin-Derham Hall as a teacher and campus minister.

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Dryer fire at Gevo/continued from page 1A

He also said this isn't the first time the Luverne Fire Department has responded to a dryer fire at the plant.

He said four trucks and about 25 firemen were on the scene until nearly 4 a.m. and finished cleaning and putting away equipment around 5 a.m.

Gevo President Chris Ryan, Denver, Colorado, told the Star Herald Tuesday morning he had spoken with plant manager Mike Stanley, Luverne, that morning.

"Mike's pretty tired this morning," Ryan said. "The

team out there and the fire department did a phenomenal job working together to handle the fire."

He said dryer fires aren't that uncommon at plants like Gevo because of the heat involved in the drying the feed byproducts from corn.

Ryan said the fact that the explosion doors blew off means the equipment was working properly to release pressure. "They're designed to come off in an event like this," Ryan said.

He said no one was hurt

and neighborhood residents weren't in any danger, but the plant was shut down while staff assessed the damage.

Ryan traveled from Denver to Luverne Tuesday to work with staff on investigating the cause of the blaze.

Gevo is a renewable technology, chemical and biofuels company that purchased the former Agri-Energy Ethanol plant in 2010.

The Luverne plant was built in 1996 by local farmer investors and went online with ethanol production in 1998.



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Luck O' the Irish

Dan Kindt walks in front of the CHS Eastern Farmers Co-op parade entry handing out candy during Luverne's St. Patrick's Day Parade Thursday afternoon on Main Street. He also handed out flyers advertising their Reuben Sandwich fundraiser at the Eagles Club after the parade. The event raised \$1,500 for the Rock County Food Shelf.

Lisa Hoftiezer hands out candy to parade goers as part of the Pizza Ranch entry.

Temperatures were cool for the 15-minute event, reaching the low 40s.



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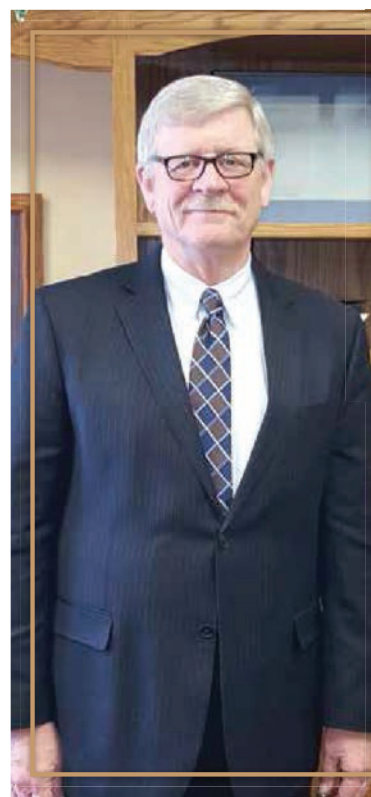
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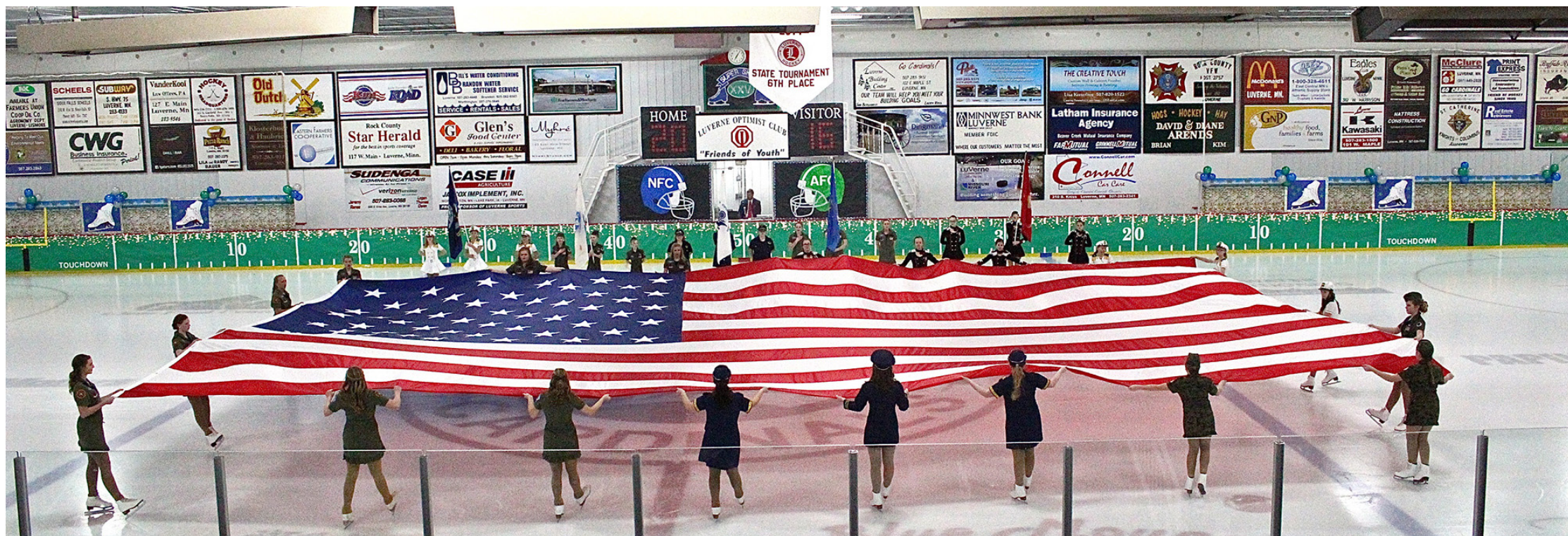


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Members of the Blue Mound Figure Skaters stretch Old Glory across the ice as a part of their Salute to the Troops number during Friday's ice show at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Skaters perform 25th annual ice shows

By John Rittenhouse

The Blue Mound Figure Skating Club celebrated 25 years of performing ice shows at the Blue Mound Ice Arena over the weekend.

Super Skate XXV, a Super Bowl-themed silver anniversary production, was performed in front of big crowds at the arena on Friday and Saturday nights.

A total of 70 skaters including adults and a two-year-old took part in the presentations.

They performed a total of 38 numbers each night, 19 in each half of the nightly spectacles.

Senior skaters Haley Reusch, Alyssa Kienholz and Anisa Vanden Bosch performed solo numbers over the weekend, as did retiring skater Erika Egendorf.

Madi Jo Frankenhoff, Anna Boyd, Ashley Hohn, Alyssa Nattress, Makayla Huisman, Emma Baker and Moriah Flanagan turned in solo numbers as well.

Instructors Courtney De-Boer, Katie Kopp, Sarah Nuffer, Gretchen Luze, Cathy Shearer and Sabrina Sowles organized the shows with the help of student helpers Brooke Top, Riley Severtson, Breanna Richtersma, Morgan Bain, Baker, Frankenhoff, Flanagan and Huisman.

The always-popular father/daughter and figure skaters/hockey player numbers were staged during both performances as well.



John Rittenhouse photo/0324 skate 16 Soloist Makayla Huisman smiles to the crowd at the end of her number Friday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0324 skate 5 Harley Carlberg looks to an instructor for direction during Friday's ice show.



John Rittenhouse photo/0324 skate 4

Moriah Flanagan performs one of 11 solo numbers during Friday's show at the BMIA. It was the 25th year the BMFS presented ice shows at the local rink.



John Rittenhouse photo/0324 skate 18

Madison Reusch acknowledges the crowd in her mascot costume during Friday's ice show at the BMIA.

Haugen receives honor

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School senior landed a postseason award from Big South Conference officials.

Morgan Haugen, a starting guard for the LHS girls' basketball squad, made the 2015-16 All-BSC Western Division Girls' Basketball Team.

Haugen is one of 10 players on the all-league roster.

Marshall, the champion of the Western Division, led all teams by drawing three all-conference selections.

Seniors Mariah Mulso, Lexi Saugstad and Emily Buysse represent the Tigers on the team.

Pipestone and Redwood Valley received two all-league

selections each.

Juniors Rachel Skyberg and Alexis Evans grace the list for Pipestone, while seniors Nicole Bunting and Marissa Mace cracked the list for RWV.

Windom junior Madison Maras and Worthington sophomore Emma Thuringer round out the all-conference list.

Four players received honorable mention from the league's coaches.

Worthington juniors Ahmitara Alwal and Emily Shaffer drew the honors for the Trojans.

Jackson County Central eighth-grader Alaina Wolff and Marshall senior Abby Louwagie round out the honorable mention selections.



John Rittenhouse photo/0317 egb

Ellsworth's Megan Popkes (left) made the 2015-16 All-Red Rock Conference Girls' Basketball Team. Devin Dreesen (right) received honorable mention.



John Rittenhouse photo/0310 agb

Adrian's Jodi Bents (right) made the 2015-16 All-Red Rock Conference Girls' Basketball Team. Hannah Bullerman (left) drew honorable mention.

Area athletes collect Red Rock Conference awards

By John Rittenhouse

Seven athletes from the Star Herald coverage area raked in postseason honors from Red Rock Conference officials.

Two Hills-Beaver Creek players and one each from Adrian and Ellsworth made the 2015-16 All-Red Rock Conference Girls' Basketball Team.

One player each from H-BC, Adrian and Ellsworth drew honorable mention from the league's coaches. H-BC junior Avery Van Roekel and freshman Sidney Fick, Adrian senior Jodi Bents and Ellsworth senior Megan Popkes made the 18-player all-conference roster.

H-BC freshman Grace Bundesen, Adrian sophomore Hannah Bullerman and Ellsworth sophomore Devin Dreesen received three of the 12 honorable mention

selections doled out by league officials.

Southwest Christian and Red Rock Central led all teams by drawing four selections each to the all-league team.

Seniors Hope Veldkamp and Ann Pater, junior Chantel Groen and sophomore Emily Nerem represent the E-Gals.

Senior Olivia Bittner and juniors Ramsey Piotter, Taylor Price and Rachel Kedl made the team for the Falcons.

Edgerton matched H-BC by landing two all-conference selections.

Senior Mia Wassink and junior Elizabeth Buckridge are the Flying Dutchmen on the roster.

Mountain Lake Area senior Signey Stoesz, Heron Lake-Okabena senior Andrea Hinkeldey, Fulda junior Randi Tiesler and Westbrook-Walnut



John Rittenhouse photo/0310 hgb

H-BC's Avery Van Roekel (left) and Sidney Fick (middle) made the 2015-16 All-Red Rock Conference Girls' Basketball Team. Grace Bundesen (right) drew honorable mention.

Grove junior Cassidy Mischke round out the All-RRC squad. Other players drawing hon-

orable mention include SWC RRC/continued on page 2B



Star Herald file photo

Luverne senior Morgan Haugen (left) drew honorable mention from the BSC girls' basketball coaches.



Cody Henrichs



Blake Miller

New coaches take over Adrian programs

By John Rittenhouse

The 2016 spring sports season will bring some coaching changes to teams from the Star Herald coverage area.

The Adrian track teams will be led by co-coaches this season, while the Adrian Area softball team will play for a new head coach.

Judy Huisman, a longtime employee of the Ellsworth School District, is the new coach of the AA softball program.

Huisman replaces Dean Schnaible, who resigned from the position after serving as the coach for seven years (2009-15).

Huisman served as Schnaible's assistant during all seven years of his tenure.

"I really won't be changing anything because Dean set up a solid program and this will be a continuation of that," Huisman said.

"We may try bunting and running a little more this year, but that would be the only change we'll make."

Huisman, a 1975 graduate of Little Rock, Iowa, High School, has been employed at EHS since 1979 in countless capacities.

She graduated from Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, in the spring of 1979 before landing a job at EHS later that year.

Huisman works in the District office and has served as the activities director the past two years.

Huisman did serve as the head girls' basketball coach at EHS from 1983 through 1993,



Judy Huisman

but this is her first assignment since then.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," Huisman said.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun. We have a good nucleus of seniors on this team so it will be fun to see what we can do."

Cody Henrichs and Blake Miller are serving as co-coaches of the Adrian track program this spring.

They replace Tom Sandager, who served as the program's head coach for three years (2013-15).

Henrichs served as Sandager's assistant last season and will work with the sprinters as well as with the kids in some field events.

"I'm excited about this year," Henrichs said.

"I love working with the kids we have over here and I love Adrian. I'm excited about this opportunity."

Henrichs is a 2001 Luverne

High School graduate who participated in the football and baseball programs.

He attended the University of Sioux Falls for one year after leaving LHS before serving in the United States Army.

After his Army days, Henrichs attended and instructed at the Rhode Island School of Design (in Providence) before returning to the Midwest.

Henrichs has worked as the art instructor and an assistant football coach at AHS the last two years.

"We have 70 kids interested in track this year, which is way up from the 31 athletes we had last year," he offered.

"This should be a fun year."

Like Henrichs, Miller has been employed by the Adrian School District the last two years.

Miller is the elementary school physical education instructor.

He served as a varsity assistant in the boys' basketball program for one year before taking over the head coaching position during the recently completed 2015-16 season.

He was a junior high baseball coach in Adrian last year, but he's much more comfortable with the sport of track and field.

"I was involved in track in high school and was the head coach of the Dell Rapids St. Mary's cross country team for one year," Miller said.

"They needed help in the baseball program last year, but track is more in my comfort zone."

A 2006 graduate of West Lyon High School (near Inwood, Iowa), Miller furthered his education at Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota, before graduating in 2011.

He was the head cross country and boys' basketball coach at DRSM during the 2012-13 school year and worked as a basketball assistant coach at Sioux Falls Roosevelt in 2013-14 before landing his position in Adrian the following year.

Miller will be working with the distance and middle distance runners in the AHS track program.

"This is another opportunity for me to work with the fine student body we have in Adrian," Miller said.

"I like track because it's a sport that all comes down to the individual. It takes a lot of guts to run and push your body to the maximum extent to see how much you can succeed."

Goal shifts with brackets busted

What I thought was the unthinkable became a reality over the weekend.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Less than three days into the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship, I was officially stripped of any chance of winning our average office pool.

To be honest, I never expect to emerge as pool champion.

The criteria I put in place prior to filling out the brackets put me in an underdog role before the first round games' tipoffs on the opening Thursday.

First of all, I'll never pick the overall No. 1 seed to win the national championship.

Not only would that taint the celebration if everything fell in my favor, it would leave me believing that I lack originality.

Another personal rule I follow during the selection process is to make sure never to have more than two No. 1 seeds reach the Final Four.

In my mind, that would be taking the easy way out of being anything close to original.

I took that belief to a different level this year by only moving one top seed onto the tournament's final two rounds in Houston.

Instead, my version of the Final Four included two No. 2 seeds and a No. 4 along with top-seeded Kansas.

Truth be told, I felt pretty good about my predictions when the task of penciling out my brackets was complete.

I started feeling even better about my work after play was complete on Thursday, but that all changed late Friday afternoon.

When the Big 10 Tournament champion Michigan State Spartans were upset by a No. 15 seed, my potential national champion was eliminated from the field.

It was a humbling feeling that spoiled my mood for a couple of hours, but I regained some hope after snapping some shots at the ice show in town Friday evening.

Recalling the time I actually won the pool five years ago by being the only one to have picked a team to reach the Final Four, I hurried home to find a new path to the championship.

Ultimately, I found one. It required three of the No. 1 seeds to be eliminated prior to the Final Four along with Kansas being defeated during or prior to the championship game.

The odds were largely stacked against me, but all I needed was to have the No. 1 seeds fall and slip fourth-seeded Kentucky into the final four. That simply didn't happen.

After Michigan State left me feeling vulnerable on Friday, another Big 10 entry sealed my fate when Indiana ousted the Wildcats late Saturday afternoon.

The moral to this story is there isn't one.

Although I have no chance of winning anything, I've reached the decision not to change my strategy in the coming years.

As for the next two weeks, I've adopted a more modest goal that will keep me interested in the tournament.

My ambition is not to finish last in our 16-player field.

Unfortunately for a guy with mostly busted brackets, the chance of that happening is highly unlikely.

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senior Kassydi Vreeman and sophomore Brooklyn DeKam, MLA seniors Bailey Swanson

and Chanah Brandt, Edgerton junior Jenny Nelson, HL-O senior Megan Haberman,

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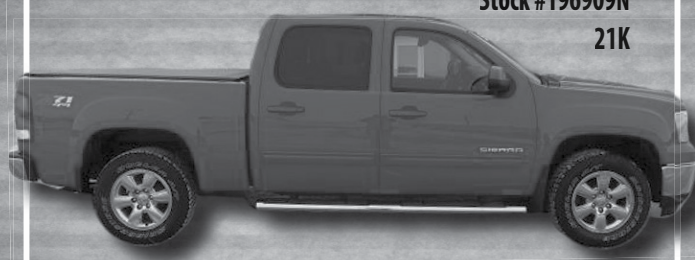
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Thursday, March 24: 9:30 a.m. Rachel and Naomi Circles. 2 p.m. Sarah at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 5:30 p.m. Fifth grade Seder Meal. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship. Friday, March 25: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Worship. Saturday, March 26: 2 p.m. Special Grace showing of "Risen" at Palace Theatre. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, March 27: 7 a.m. Worship with Communion. 8 a.m. Brunch. 8:15 a.m. Radio Worship. 10 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, March 28: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, March 29: 7 a.m. Dorcas at the Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Wednesday, March 30: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. FAITHWEAVERS. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, March 31: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla and Elizabeth circles.

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Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service. Friday, March 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, March 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, March 29: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, March 30: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir.

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Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service. Friday, March 25: 7 p.m. Good Friday Service. Saturday, March 26: 6 p.m. Senior High set-up. Sunday, March 27: 8 a.m. SonRise Service. 9-10 a.m. Brunch. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, March 28: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, March 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, March 30: 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 7 p.m. Choir. 8 p.m. Deacons meeting.

New Life Celebration Church
211 E. Main St., Luverne

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

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

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, March 24: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion. Friday, March 25: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service. Sunday, March 27: 7:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Communion. 8:30 a.m. Men's Club Easter Breakfast. Monday, March 28: 1 p.m. Quilting Haiti Projects. Tuesday, March 29: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Church. Thursday, March 31: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Palisade Lutheran. Friday, March 25: 7 p.m. Community Good Friday Service. Sunday, March 27: 10 a.m. Festive Service with Holy Communion. Wednesday, March 30: 7 p.m. Choir.

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, March 24: 1:30 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service. Friday, March 25: 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at First Lutheran. Sunday, March 27: 7 a.m. Sunrise Service with breakfast to follow.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor

Thursday, March 24: 6:45 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service at Adrian United Methodist Church. Sunday, March 27: 7 a.m. Youth Easter Service at Magnolia UMC. 8 a.m. Breakfast. 9 a.m. Regular Worship with Communion. Wednesday, March 30: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC.

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

Sunday, March 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, March 30: 7 p.m. Midweek.

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.

Running on empty

Have you ever heard the phrase "running on empty"? Someone may say that at the point of being tired, worn out, worn down, feeling out of steam, or in a dark situation.

I'm sure that was more than the case for the followers of Jesus after his crucifixion and death. They had seen Jesus hauled off for trial, nailed to the wooden beams of a Roman cross, breathing out his last with a loud cry, and dying. Peter, John, Mary Magdalene, and those who had faithfully followed Jesus were out of steam. They no longer knew where they were going or what to do next. What now that Jesus is dead? And then the most unexpected of events — the resurrection of Jesus.

The Gospel according to John tells us that one of the reactions to the news of resurrection was running. "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple..." (John 20:1-2). Mary ran! She ran to tell Simon Peter and John. She ran to tell them that the tomb had been opened and was empty. The response of Peter and John (the other disciple) was to run! "So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first." (John 20:3-4). They were running, but no longer on empty! The grandest of miracles had

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church

happened! It didn't take long before Jesus himself appeared to Mary ... and then to the disciples. Sadness was turned into inexpressible joy. Focus on death was turned to focus on life. Mourning a dead man was turned into celebrating a Living Savior. Easter turns running on empty into running on faith!

When you are running on faith in a risen, living Savior, you can sense and realize a difference to life now. I once heard someone state the results of Christ's resurrection this way: The Risen Christ brings pardon for the past, power for the present, and promise for the future. Another person has said, "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ means nothing is hopeless anymore."

Here we are a few days before Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are many among us who feel like they are running on empty. I may even number myself among them. There is a reason why gospel is truly "good news." Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! He offers forgiveness, renewal, and fresh hope.

May the celebration of Easter send us running on faith!

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Thursday, March 24: No Little Lambs. 5:15 p.m. Senior Choir. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion. Friday, March 25: No Little Lambs. 7 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service. Saturday, March 26: 8:30 a.m. Chancel Guild. No Worship. Sunday, March 27: 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion. 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast. 9 a.m. Easter Celebration Service with Holy Communion. No Christian Education Hour. Monday, March 28: No Little Lambs. Tuesday, March 29: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, March 30: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Youth Board. Thursday, March 31: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions.

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.

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 19

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

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

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

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

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

Common Address: 256 41st Street, Hills, MN 56138.
PID: 08-0254-000

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

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

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

Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage:
21st Century Bank

Attorneys for Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage:

Thomas P Dolphin, Jr. - 0386646

Wayne M. Spangler - 0396721

21st Century Bank

17 Washington Avenue N

Minneapolis, MN 55401

(763)792-3711

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

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 30, 2009

MORTGAGOR: Shawn M. Sweeney and Deanna M. Sweeney, husband and wife.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc..

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 30, 2009 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 171844.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP. Dated February 27, 2012 Recorded March 5, 2012, as Document No. 178695.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100061907000105866

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank, a Minnesota Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1119 North Lindale Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.0470.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 5 in Block 8 in Blue Mound 1st Addition to the City of Luverne

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$125,152.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$129,232.66

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2016 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

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

Dated: March 16, 2016

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

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(03-24, 03-31, 04-07, 04-14, 04-21, 04-28)

Conditional use hearing March 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant for the following:

Applicant: Central Specialties

Property Owner: Henning Construction

Location: W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township,

Zoning District: T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota. A-1, Limited Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Bremik Materials, Inc.
Location: E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota.

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Duininc, Inc.
Property Owner: Marcella Scott
Location: NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 4 and part of NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 14 of Denver Township; T104N R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Duininc, Inc.
Property Owner: Marcella Scott
Location: A portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-17, 3-24)

Jansma Farms, Inc. conditional use hearing March 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR JANSMA FARMS, INC.

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne , Minnesota at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant and
Property Owner: Jansma farms, Inc.
Location: SE 1/4 of Section 14 of Kanaranzi Township, T101N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota.

Conditional Use: Expansion of an existing feedlot within 1/4 mile of a nearby residence by more than 250 animal units.

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The feedlot consists of a total confinement barn holding 180 head of finishing swine along with open lots and a partial confinement barn holding 400 head of finishing cattle. Using 0.3 animal units per head of finishing swine, totaling 54 animal units, and 1.0 animal unit per head of finishing cattle, totaling 400 animal units, the total capacity of the existing site is 454 animal units.

The proposed modification will be to close the total confinement swine barn and some open lots. The remaining open lot and partial confinement barn will hold 170 head of feeder cattle and the expansion consists of a new total confinement barn and will hold 800 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the cattle barn will be stored in a poured concrete pit and manure storage on the open lot will be a manure pack on the lot.

After expansion, the site will have a total capacity of 919 animal units.

Dated: March 17, 2016

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-17, 3-24)

Van De Berg conditional use hearing March 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR BRAD VAN DE BERG

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne , Minnesota at 7:40 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant and
Property Owner: Brad Van De Berg
Location: NW 1/4 of Section 22 of Martin Township, T101N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota.

Conditional Use: Expansion of an existing feedlot within 1/4 mile of a nearby residence by more than 250 animal units.

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The Conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of 280 head of finishing cattle housed in open lots. Using 1.0 animal unit per head, the existing capacity of the site is 280 animal units.

The proposed expansion includes constructing a new total confinement barn with under-floor concrete pit with the barn holding 900 head of finishing cattle and a new confinement bed pack barn to hold 90 head of finishing cattle. The open lots will be eliminated.

After the expansion, the feedlot will consist of 990 head of finishing cattle for a total of 990 animal units.

Dated: March 17, 2016

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-17, 3-24)

Rock County seeks sealed proposals by April 22

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

C.P. 067-401-016

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 22nd, 2016.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Quantities of Work are: 2,194 gallons of 4" ReflectORIZED Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint - White and 2,792 gallons of 4" ReflectORIZED Centerline Pavement Marking Paint - Yellow.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$30.00

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-401-016". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.

Rock County Highway Engineer

(3-24, 3-31, 4-7)

County property tax abatement hearing April 5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rock County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at the Commissioners' Room, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, for the abatement of certain real property located in the Township of Martin, County of Rock, more particularly described as:

That part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township One Hundred One (101) North, of Range Forty-six (46) West, of the 5th Principle Meridian, in Rock County, Minnesota described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 16; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 34 seconds East, (assumed bearings), along South line of Southwest Quarter of said Section 16, a distance of 846.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 03 degrees 12 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 1200.00 feet; thence at a right angle, North 86 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 400.00 feet; thence at a right angle, North 03 degrees 12 minutes 26 seconds West to the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 16, a distance of 1424.71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 14 seconds East, along the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 16 to Burlington Northern right of way, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence South 03 degrees 12 minutes 26 seconds East, along Burlington Northern right of way, to the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 16, a distance of 2646.81 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 34 seconds West, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 16 a distance of 500 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

for the abatement of real estate taxes for a period of up to ten (10) years pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §469.183. That the estimated total abatement, on an annual basis, for the County of Rock, is \$5,222.00. All persons desiring to be heard should appear at the hearing or present written comments to be presented at the hearing by delivering the same to the Rock County Administrator, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2016.

County of Rock
By: /s/ Kyle Oldre

Its County Administrator

(3-24, 3-31)

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EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, MN is hiring Night Supervisors (11 pm-7 am) to work with male juveniles in a residential setting. Part time, and/or Full-time, \$11.50-\$12.00/hr (or based on education), benefits, pd. holidays, overnight shifts. Must be 21 yrs old and have high school diploma. Send application or resume to PO Box 40 Magnolia, MN 56158 or stop by for an application. For further information contact Don or Jeremy at 507-283-4425. (3.24-3.7)

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Adrian Elementary School is seeking applications for Elementary Title I with K-12 ELL combination teaching position, Beginning the 2016-17 school year. Minnesota Licensure Required and preferable with ELL Licensures. Coaching opportunities available. Submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of MN License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you may contact Principal, Russ Lofthus at r.lofthus@isd511.net or call 507-483-2225. Position open until filled. (3.13-3.31)

EMPLOYMENT

The Garretson School District is seeking a full-time custodian for a 3:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. shift during the school year and day hours during the summer. Duties include cleaning and light maintenance. Benefits include health insurance, dental insurance, and South Dakota Retirement. Applications may be picked up at the Garretson School Administration Office. The Garretson School District does not discriminate in hiring or compensation based on race, creed, color, religion, nationality, sex, handicapping condition, or age. Position opened until filled. EOE (3.13-3.31)

Adrian Elementary School is seeking applications for an Upper Elementary Classroom Instructor, beginning the 2016-17 school year. Minnesota Licensure required. Coaching opportunities available. Submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of MN License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you may contact Principal, Russ Lofthus at r.lofthus@isd511.net or call 507-483-2225. Position open until filled. (3.13-3.31)

Adrian Public School is seeking applications for a 5-12 Band Instructor - Long Term Substitute due to maternity leave for the 2016-17 school year. Beginning September 6th through October 14th. Minnesota Licensure Required. Submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you can email or contact the Principal, Tim Christensen at t.christensen@isd511.net or at 507-483-2232. Position open until filled. (3.10-3.27)

Construction help wanted on hog barns. Please call for more details. 507-920-7553. (3.6-3.24)

FamilyU, Luverne's School Aged Child Care Program, is seeking applicants for a Child Care Assistant for Summer 2016. Qualified candidates must be a high school sophomore or older, have experience working with K-5 children, and demonstrate positive behavior management skills. Weekday hours vary from 15-40 hours per week, May 16 through August 26. Apply at Luverne Community Education, 709 N. Kniss Ave, Luverne. Application deadline is April 15. EOE (3.24-4.7)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for sharing in our grief and lifting our hearts. We are blessed to be in this Christian community where love and support abound so much. Bernie will be missed by all. God bless you all. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there that all, just thought if us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

**Kari Schaap
Schaap and Koelewyn families**

With sincere thanks to everyone who attended, sent cards, flowers, and gifts on my 85th Birthday. Your kindness makes such a difference.

Gloria Aanenson
(3.24-3.27)

Packing and moving out can be a monumental task, especially after 23 years of being in one building. This is what the Council for Arts and Humanities in Rock County (CAHRC) faced in February and accomplished when it had to move out of the Carnegie. It would not have happened without a LOT of help in both areas. We wish to thank the members of the Rock County Fine Arts Association (RCFAA), The Blue Mound Woodcarvers, along with family and friends for their assistance in closing out the Gift Gallery and packing up in preparation for the move. More thanks is extended to those who helped to coordinate and perform the move; city employees, county employees, Schomackers Cleaning, Peer Helpers, Independent Studies Students, along with members of CAHRC, RCFAA, The Blue Mound Woodcarvers, and Green Earth Players. There were many people involved with this transition, so one more BIG thank you to anyone and everyone who helped us.

CAHRC Board of Directors
(3.24-3.27)

Thank you all for showing me care and concern following my car accident. I don't know who you are, but Thank you to the woman that came upon me, and called 911. Thank you to the man that came down the ditch and kept encouraging me until the Sheriff's department came and the 3 of you were able to help me out of the car. Thank you to the Ambulance staff, and the Sanford ER and Medical Staff. This once again confirms how I feel about the 'small town atmosphere'. Awesome! Besides all of you that I mentioned, thank you for all the cards, calls, emails, texts. I also believe that I had 3 guardian angels with me that morning. Again, thank all of you, and Thank you God!

Carol Bertrand
(3.24-3.27)


The family of Charles Janssen would like to say thank-you for all of your kind words, prayers, food and memorials. The Dingmann staff and to Pastor Paul for all of his support during our time of need.

**Gerda Janssen
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VACANCY NOTICE

- **Position:** 1 fle SLD-(Specific Learning Disabilities) Teacher
- **Caseload:** Both Elementary and Secondary students
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- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
- **Starting Date:** August 2016
- **Apply To:** Superintendent, Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 t.holthaus@isd671.net Please send letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three current letters of reference
- **Comments:** Preference will be given to candidates having experience working with Autistic students and a willingness to secure additional coursework to qualify for the MN ASD licensure. MN EBD licensure also preferential.
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