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## Mystery element discolors properties in Luverne

*MPCA and MDH testing samples to determine if harmful to human health or to the environment*

**By Lori Sorenson**

Marvin and Beverly Hoogland's house on Carsrud Circle in Luverne is supposed to be white, but lately it looks more yellow than white.

Something in the air has deposited brownish-yellow speckles all over their white vinyl siding giving it a dirty, weathered appearance.

And their home isn't the only one. Dozens of properties, mostly in the western neighborhoods of town, are sporting similar discoloration on siding, gutters, window trim, railings and other materials.

On white it's particularly prominent, and washing it off is no small task.

The Hooglands learned this two years ago when the speckles first showed up on their white house.

"Marv washed the whole house and it was clean again," Bev said. "And now it's back.... He's just sick about it."

The Den Herder Construction shop on Edgell Street is also covered in speckles — again.

"The problem is if you're spending money cleaning it, you're never going to win the battle," Jim Den Herder said.

As a contractor Marv Hoogland had access to scaffolding, tools and commercial grade cleaners to tackle the job of scrubbing the entire exterior of his house.

Many other homeowners, however, found it was easier to paint over the stains — and some opted for a darker color that would mask the spots if they were to return.

George and Corrine Bonnema on West Warren Street said they first noticed discoloration more than a decade ago.

"In 2007 we noticed the brown/

**Mystery discoloration/see page 8A**

## Hoppy Easter!

Wind chills were in the single digits Saturday morning in the Magnolia City Park, but dozens of 4-H members and their families distributed 2,400 plastic eggs stuffed with candy and prizes for bundled-up children to find. In the photo below, Autumn deCesare shares a moment with an apprehensive bunny.



In the photograph above, Michaela Sandbulte holds a bunny for 5-year-old Summer Aning to pet after the Easter egg hunt.

Star Herald photos by Lori Sorenson



Above, Magnolia Juniors 4-H member Ayden Bonnett cradles Kennedy the kid goat for visitors to meet and pet. At right, Zella Peterson discovers how soft a 2-day-old calf can be.

## LHS 1956 bleachers to be replaced with new, roomier rows

**By Mavis Fodness**

Players and fans will enjoy a little more legroom when new bleachers are installed in the Luverne High School gymnasium this summer.

School Board members recently approved a bid of \$119,150 from Seating and Athletic Facility Enterprises Inc. of Ellendale. The bid includes \$10,500 to remove the existing wood and steel bleachers.

The new telescopic seating structure is constructed of plastic and steel and will accommodate 1,025 persons. When not in use, the four sections of bench seats and trends fold to about 4 feet from the gymnasium's north and south walls.

Seating capacity is less than the original 1956 bleachers due to wider walkway tread, seats and a shorter extension from the wall.

The wider treads will provide four extra inches of legroom (from 22 to 24 inches) and two more inches on the seat (from 10 to 12 inches).

Fewer rows allows for more floor space between the court and seats.

The new system will have 10 rows of bleacher seating on the south side of the gym and 12 rows on the north. The current system has 14 on the south side and 13 on the north.

Player folding chairs and scoring tables can be placed on the south side of the gym with the new system.

The seat surface will be flat, not angled like the current bleachers in the elementary gymnasium.

"They will be more comfortable than the elementary bleachers," said salesman Steve Snyder.

Bleachers were the topic of a March 6 Luverne School Board workshop.

Board member Tim Jarchow said last fall the uncomfortable slope of the elementary bleacher bench seats (installed new in 1998) was mentioned several times during the district's long-range facility public input sessions.

No one mentioned replacing the older high school bleachers.

"I don't feel comfortable replacing 20-year-old bleachers and then leave the 60-year-old bleachers un-

**New bleachers/see page 8A**

## Rock County Relay for Life moves event indoors

**By Lori Sorenson**

This year's Rock County Relay for Life will move indoors and will follow a shorter format, according to local organizer Lisa Ehlers.

"We're trying something new, and hopefully it will allow for more people to participate who haven't been able to come to the park," said Ehlers, who chairs the local chapter of Relay for Life.

The 2018 event will be Thursday, June 7, in the Luverne Elementary School commons.

"Families often vacation in the summer, and we're hoping that moving it to a Thursday will attract those who might be gone on the weekend," Ehlers said.

Rock County's first Relay for Life started 18 years ago on the track at Luverne High School.

The event, hosted in communities all over the country, is a signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

*"We're trying something new, and hopefully it will allow for more people to participate who haven't been able to come to the park."*

— Lisa Ehlers, Relay for Life chair

Relay teams raise money throughout the year and turn in their donations during the Relay event, which celebrates cancer survivors and remembers friends and loved ones who died of cancer.

Initially, teams "relayed" through the night to symbolize the difficult journey of cancer treatments. Rock County discontinued overnight

**The Locals/continued on 2A**



Lori Sorenson photo/0405 the locals band group photo

The Locals band members (from left) Shawn Kinsinger, Kenny Rolling, Keith Maine, Dean Luethje, Susan Schneekloth, Susan Skattum and Chris Nowatzki rehearse at the Carnegie Cultural Center Monday night.

## Locals play 'One Hit Wonders' April 14

**By Lori Sorenson**

The Locals are returning to the Palace stage next weekend with another round of pop song tributes — this time focusing on "One Hit Wonders."

The show, which benefits the

Luverne Optimists Club, will feature songs by artists who have made only "one trip up the pop charts," according to organizer Kenny Rolling.

"It's stuff that everyone will recognize," he said. "It will have everything from '70s to the '90s

with a few from the '60s and 2000s."

In all, the program lists 35 songs and includes a few "name that tune" contests in between.

"If we played straight through

**The Locals/continued on 3A**



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Pink Ladies of Sanford Luverne Hospital** will meet at noon Monday, April 9, in the Sanford Blue Mound Room for a potluck salad luncheon and business meeting. Members are asked to bring their own dishes and silverware.

**Blue Mound Quilters** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Rock County Library to discuss the upcoming quilt show and have a demonstration. New members are always welcome.

**Matthew 6 Board of Directors** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

**Luverne Lions Club** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Visitors are welcome.

**Rock County VFW Post 2757** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, in the Herreid Military Museum. Call Buck, 449-0632.

**Lady Luverne Red Hats** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 13, at the Green Lantern in Hardwick for lunch followed by cards and games. Call Donna at 507-283-8019 by April 11 to RSVP.

**Parkinson's Support Group** will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Speaker Gary Pauley PWP will speak on the journey of Parkinson's disease. Call 507-530-3307 with questions.

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 with questions.

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

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

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

### LHS spring play April 6-7

Luverne High School will present its spring play, a comedy mystery called "Writing a Will Can Be Murder" by Eddie McPherson, Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7, in the school auditorium. Both productions of the 85-minute, two-act play begin at 7 p.m. Concessions are available. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students. Activity passes are accepted.

### Grief Support Group starts April 5

Sanford Luverne Hospice will offer a five-week Grief Support Group from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays from April 5 through May 3 in the Blue Mound Room of Sanford Luverne Medical Center. The meetings are free, confidential and open to anyone in the area grieving the loss of a loved one. Pre-register by calling 507-283-1805.

### Friday night Revelations April 6

The Luverne chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association will host Friday night Bible study of Revelations at 7 p.m. starting April 6 at the First Assembly of God Church on County Road 4 west of Luverne. Call 507-920-8656 for information.

### National Library Week April 8-14

To celebrate National Library Week April 8-14, the Rock County Library will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, with refreshments and drawings for prizes.

A special treat for children will be Jim Oliver's presentation of the puppet show, "The Singing Children," at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14.

### Performing arts workshop April 14

Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to the Rock County 4-H Performing Arts Workshop Saturday, April 14, at the Rock County Extension Office in Luverne.

The workshop will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and is free to 4-H'ers and non-members. Focus of the workshop will be on stage acting and include learning about the basics that includes dancing. Register by Friday, April 5 by calling or emailing the Extension office at 507-283-1302 or mnext-rock@umn.edu.

### Free Southern Gospel Concert April 15

The American Reformed Church in Luverne will sponsor a free Southern Gospel Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the church. The group "Triumphant Sound Quartet" will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments follow.



Mavis Fodness photo/0405 April Snow

### April (snow) showers bring ... ?

Sixth-grader Jacob Jurrens bundles up against Tuesday's snow shower that had Luverne Public Schools dismissing at 11:30 a.m. Travel was expected to become hazardous that afternoon when forecasters predicted 20- to 30-mph winds. The April snow arrived just after Easter, covering these large decorative plastic eggs with several inches of white snow (at right).



### Relay for Life/ from page 1A

events several years ago. Since Rock County's first event in 2000, local fundraising efforts have topped many Relay events in communities twice the size of the one in Luverne.

At its peak, the fundraising event has contributed more than \$70,000 to the American Cancer Society.

In recent years, however, Ehlers said participation has dwindled, even after discontinuing the overnight format.

"The last two years in the park have been so blazing hot," she said.

"And for elderly people, it's hard to get around on the uneven ground."

She said moving Relay activities indoors will keep all the action in one place — rather than spread across the park — and it will mean less work for volunteers facilitating the outdoor setup.

"We're doing something new, and we're hoping it will attract new people," Ehlers said.

"Just come and show up, eat supper and have fun."

The June 7 event will start at 5 p.m. with a catered meal, and the program — speakers, silent auction, ponytail auction, and more — will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Now is the time for participants to get involved and or to donate to the Relay For Life of Rock County.

Teams should sign up soon at relayforlife.org or by contacting Ehlers at 283-4463.

### April snow delays vegetable planting; see demonstrations at Expo April 7

Oh, the joy of Minnesota in spring!

It keeps us guessing, but at this point, I'm not expecting an early spring. Good or bad, we are just along for the ride and we just have to adapt.

So, if you are into starting your own tomato and pepper plants indoors, I would recommend waiting for another week or two.

Those two vegetable plants will not tolerate cold, and getting them started too early will result in tall, lanky plants that will have a hard time adjusting to the cruel world when you plant them in your garden.

Walking through my yard on Sunday, I noticed quite a few daffodil and tulip leaves poking up through the wood mulch. I know some people get concerned when they see those new little shoots and then the weather turns nasty.

But the cold will not affect them at this stage because they are accustomed to the night temperature being below freezing, so that puts the brakes on quick growth. Then we are getting more snow, so that will be insulation to provide another layer of protection.



### KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

The snow is especially beneficial for strawberry plants in addition to any perennials that emerge early.

I'm inviting anyone interested to attend either or both of the two seminars I will be giving for the Love the Ladies Expo at Grand Prairie Events this Saturday.

At 10 a.m. I'll be coaching new gardeners about the basics to get started gardening. I want every serious gardener to be successful, so what I have to share will be encouraging and educational.

At 2 p.m. I'm going to demonstrate flower arranging in its simplest form ... that means everyone with just a few or with lots of flowers can learn how to make an arrangement. ... Again, we'll have fun just understanding how to make it work.

Did I mention that the event is free to attend?

### New Medicare cards issued in 2018

Medicare will begin issuing a completely new type of Medicare card this spring.

The new cards will have a new Medicare number format that is unique to each person, rather than using a Social Security number.

The cards will have randomly assigned numbers called Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBI). The MBI will replace the existing Social Security-based Health Insurance

Claim Number (HICN), both on the cards and in various government and health care systems.

This change will help prevent fraud, fight identify theft and protect private information.

People who are already on Medicare will receive their new card sometime between April 2018 and April 2019.

They will be mailed to the address Social Security has on

file. Those on Medicare should make sure their address is up-to-date, or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.myssa.gov to make sure.

The Senior LinkAge Line can offer assistance at 1-800-333-2433 or at www.MinnesotaHelp.info. It's a free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, the Minnesota State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Minnesota Senior Medicare Patrol.



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# City approves 10-year comprehensive plan to guide future growth

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne now has an updated comprehensive plan to guide city development for the next 10 years, according to City Council action on March 27.

"One thing that struck me is that our city leaders wanted a useable document — not just a big book that sits on the shelf — to keep them grounded as they plan for the future," Councilwoman Caroline Thorson said at the March 27 City Council meeting.

She also said Luverne's plan is unique from other city plans in that it identifies tourism — making Luverne a travel destination — and urban design as priorities.

Thorson is the city liaison member on the Planning and Zoning Commission that adopted the plan after the March 20 public meeting and recommended the City Council approve it.

Council members praised Building and Zoning Supervisor Chad McClure and Luverne Economic Development Authority Director Holly Sammons for leading the process.

"It's about how we see growth happening around the city with infrastructure, community development, industry, housing, destination branding, land use and more," Sammons told the EDA in February.

"This tool provides a strategic plan for all the things we've talked about in the past few years."

In August 2016, the city contracted with consultants Bolton and Menk, Mankato, for \$50,000 to guide the process, and Sammons said the professional service was valuable in coordinating the interrelated efforts of various groups involved.

The "interrelated elements" working together in the comprehensive plan include:

- demographics and data analysis.
- land use planning and zoning.

- housing.
- parks and trails and natural resources.
- transportation.
- infrastructure and utilities.
- tourism.
- urban design and economic development.

The city's Comprehensive Plan, as in years past, is an amendable document, but specifies firm goals. Among these are:

- work with the city, school and county on a solution to child care shortage.
- expand recreational opportunities by renovating and expanding the pool and fitness center and adding an indoor walking track.
- facilitate the construction of workforce housing along with an overall increase in residential construction to meet housing needs.
- enhance tourism and destination branding initiatives and take advantage of the 210,000 people within a 30-mile radius of the community who could contribute to the local economy.
- construct the necessary infrastructure — roads, electrical substation and utilities — to facilitate growth and expansion of the industrial park.
- acquire and develop property to accommodate the future need for residential, commercial and industrial growth.
- continue trail development to enhance recreational opportunities and provide connections to other community amenities.

"This plan identifies places where change is needed and sets the type of land use and location to meet the needs of the community," the document points out in the introductory statement.

"It has the larger effect of influencing the character of the community and the quality of life in Luverne."

The document itself is available to the public on the city's website, cityofluverne.org.

# County ok's giving more ROW tracts to adjacent landowners

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners unanimously agreed March 20 to return just over two acres of highway right-of-way back to the adjacent property owners.

The resolution vacated .53 acres to Charles Schriver and 1.28 acres to Gerald Bruggeman along County Road 4 in Section 35 of Beaver Creek Township.

The parcels are located near Manley and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

County Engineer Mark Sehr recommended vacating the 2.18 acres that were part of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's 1977 Trunk Highway Turnback program.

Sehr has no plans to expand County Road 4, which means the easements are no longer necessary.

"We don't see any public need or purpose for it," he said. Fifty years ago, County Road 4 was a state-maintained highway through Rock County to Sioux Falls.

With the completion of Interstate 90 in the 1960s, state officials turned former state highways and resulting land easements back to counties

in 1977.

As the state highway system began in the 1920s, easements were acquired in anticipation of possible highway expansions.

Sehr said he wasn't aware of the easements until Schriver inquired about cutting down a tree located on a different right-of-way property.

Commissioners vacated those 1.03 acres to Schriver in 2017.

Both Schriver and Bruggeman have maintained the current irregularly shaped right-of-way parcels as part of their own properties for several years.

Property taxes will be assessed to the new property owners in 2019.



Lori Sorenson photos/0405 the locals band nowatzki

Chris Nowatzki plays guitar for The Locals. Pictured with him Monday night in the Carnegie are Susan Skattum on keyboard and lead female vocalist Susan Schneekloth.

## Locals to play 'One Hit Wonders' April 14/continued from 1A

and didn't talk, it would be a little over two hours, but of course we'll talk a little bit, and there will be an intermission."

Rolling is lead guitarist and sings lead in some pieces, as do most of the all-Rock County musicians.

Susan Skattum plays keyboard. On drums is Dean Luethje, Keith Maine plays bass guitar, and Chris Nowatzki plays guitar.

Susan Schneekloth is lead female vocalist, and newcomer Shawn Kinsinger is lead male vocalist for this show, plus he contributes percussion, saxophone and keyboard.

"Shawn is an amazing talent," Rolling said. "He's the life of the party."

Rolling said Kinsinger epitomizes the group's purpose — to showcase local talent.

"That's been the plan for this group from Day 1," he said. "We're hoping to draw more Luverne musicians out of the woodwork for future shows."

The group organized last year as a way to bring local musical talent together for events that would also benefit a local charity.

Their first show, a Tribute to the Steve Miller Band, partnered with the Luverne Street Music non-profit and performed to large crowds with rave reviews.

"I think we proved that you don't have to be an experienced musician to get up on stage and put on a good show," Rolling said.

The charity component also proved to be successful.

"I think we've stumbled across a pretty good formula for the fundraising part of it," Rolling said about partnering with local non-profits. "There's really not a lot they need to do, and they benefit from the proceeds."

The "One Hit Wonders" show starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Tickets are available online at [www.palacetheatre.us](http://www.palacetheatre.us) or at the Palace Box Office at 104 East Main Street. Hours are from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is 507-283-4339.



Keith Maine plays bass guitar for The Locals band.



Shawn Kinsinger (left) is lead vocalist for many of the songs, but he also plays percussion with Dean Luethje.



adding that the group will write original plays that correlate with the musical theme.

Without spoiling the surprise, Rolling described it as a "spoof on Elvira, Mistress of the Dark," (played by D.J. Luethje) who bears Elvis Presley's child after he dies.

On Dec. 15 the Locals will perform a "Rock 'n Roll Christmas," with what they hope will be new Luverne talent. "If someone wants to be part of this one, they should contact us," Rolling said.

### The Locals to perform Oct. 13 and Dec. 15

The Locals have two more shows already booked at the Palace this year.

On Oct. 13, the Saturday of the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Luverne, their charity partner will be the Green Earth Players.

"It will be half theatrical and half musical," Rolling said,



Kenny Rolling (left) is lead guitarist and sings lead in some numbers for the April 14 "One Hit Wonders." Pictured at right, Susan Schneekloth (in foreground) is lead female vocalist and Susan Skattum (back) plays keyboard.



### Kenneth Annual Cemetary Meeting

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### BEAVER CREEK MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING

**RESCHEDULED**  
Due to inclement weather the Annual meeting of the policyholders of the Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company, has been postponed until Tuesday, April 10th at 2:00pm at the Luverne Pizza Ranch for the purpose of electing 1 Director for a term of three years, for hearing reports of Officers for the past year, and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Every Policyholder is sincerely requested and urged to be present.

Door prizes will be given at the meeting. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

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## For better or worse, casual relationship results in 25-year anniversary

April 21 will be an anniversary of sorts.

On that day 25 years ago, I began what would become a long-term relationship with the Star Herald. When Roger Tollefson offered me the job, I was already in a relationship with the Worthington Daily Globe. Breaking up is hard to do. But I did, sensing a daytime relationship would be healthier than my nighttime copy editing at the Globe.

And, of course, it didn't hurt that Luverne was closer to my parents in Kenneth.

And so began the new relationship.

Other than a front-page story announcing a new editor, it started out as most relationships do, casually.

After all, I was young. Things could change. Life could change. And my journalism degree had groomed me for daily newspapers, after all.

I might be too good for a small weekly.

The feelings were apparently mutual. On her first day, the newbie was trusted with stories about a Rotary Club speaker and a new surgeon coming to town.

Not exactly memorable assignments, but fair, given the circumstances.

A week later we were still together — the paper didn't fire me and I didn't quit.

And so the relationship blossomed.

Soon I was writing columns and attending County Board meetings.

The first meeting generated stories about the auditor treasurer positions combining, solutions for an aging jail building and about local childhood immunizations falling behind.

Meaty stuff.

The stuff you'd find in a daily newspaper.

But my college friends who were married to daily newspapers questioned my judgment.



## ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

"Aren't you bored?" asked one who covered cops and courts in St. Paul.

"Does anything even happen in those sleepy little towns?"

Actually, I told them, my new relationship was quite satisfying. What I was doing here mattered. And my readers offered feedback.

Sometimes immediate. Sometimes in the grocery store or at church.

Sometimes it wasn't pleasant (if a name was misspelled or if someone's child was in the court news), but often it was positive, especially with happy feature stories.

It all added up to healthy communication.

Which leads to a healthy relationship. Which has a way of leading to a long-term, committed relationship.

We stayed together, the newspaper and I, for better or worse, in sickness and health.

A 100-year flood ravaged Rock County only a month into my new job.

And there were many, many "for worse" stories — a drowning, a public suicide, felony drug sales and other tragedies — in that first year.

These were trying times (not unlike those found in a daily newspaper).

But there were many more "for better" stories — endearing stories about cancer survival and personal achievements and business successes and community growth.

Week after week, through joys and sorrows, I grew ever more fond of my Star Herald and its readers and their communities.

For 25 years.

Half a lifetime. Mine, at least. I'll be 50 this year.

Happy anniversary, dear readers.

I wish us many more.

## Thank a volunteer today

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Countless hours are given by our local volunteers to various causes in and around Rock County.

These selfless individuals never want repayment. They don't like being singled out, but we want to recognize this dedicated group of individuals and encourage others that it's never too late to join them.

Tuesday was National Service Recognition Day as proclaimed by the Rock County Commissioners.

"We are grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping make our great county stronger, safer and healthier," the proclamation read.

"And we encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to their com-

munities."

Many organizations rely on volunteers to carry out their missions but none are as large or as diverse as A.C.E. of Rock County.

In 2018 A.C.E. (Advocate, Connect, Educate.) managed 439 people and their giving of 50,485 hours through the local volunteer agency.

The unselfish nature of our volunteers equaled 25 full-time employee hours to activities in education, non-profit groups, health care and government agencies.

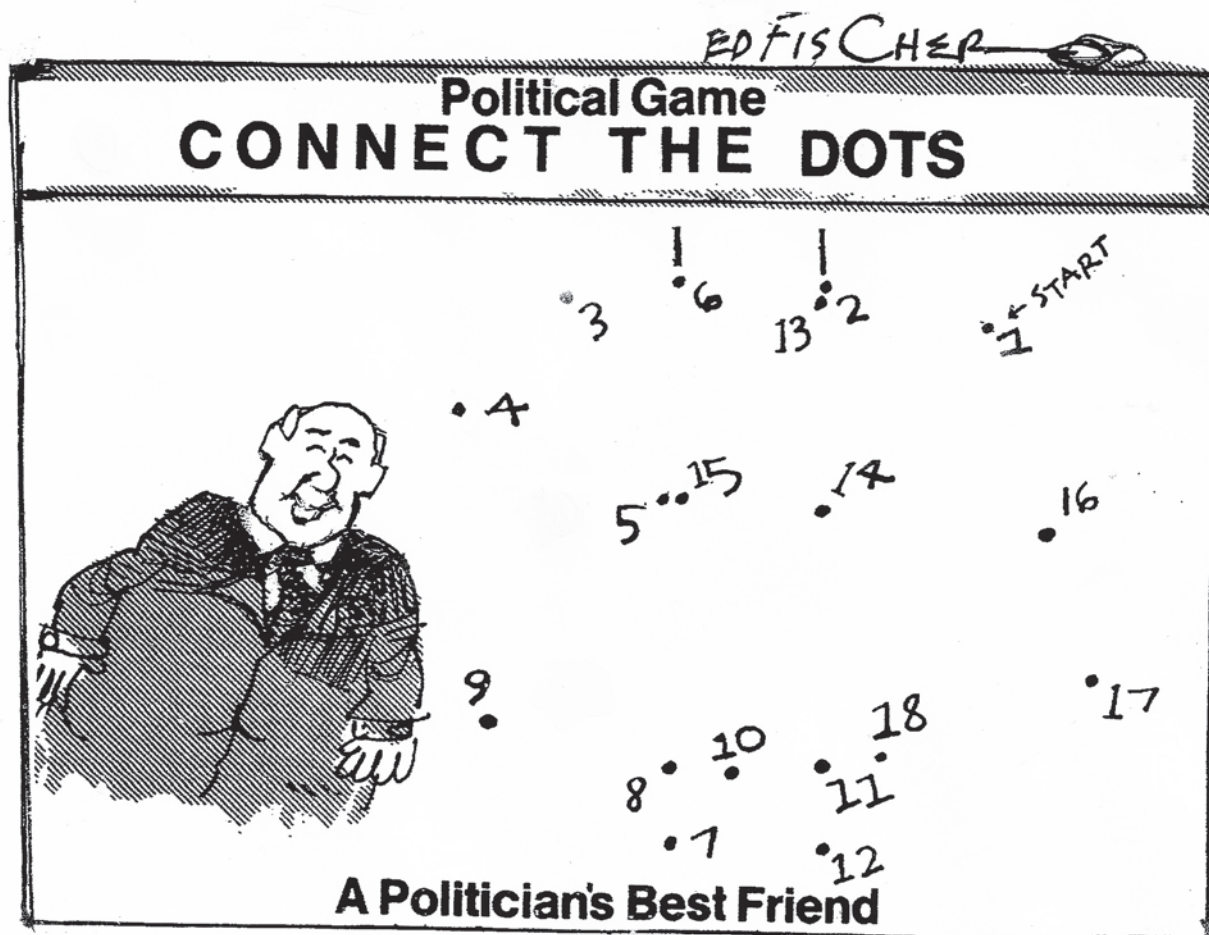
Volunteers are important mem-

bers of our society and they should be made to feel important.

For those who are thinking about giving of their time, it's not too late.

According to Rock County's recently signed resolution, programs like A.C.E. expand economic opportunities by creating a more sustainable community by providing education, career skills and leadership abilities for those who serve.

We thank all of you who find ways to give back to our communities.



## Frakes: Democracy founded on secret ballot

To the Editor:

I see that the talking heads in D.C. want to grill Zuckerberg about the privacy of our communications.

The Russians, Chinese, North Koreans, Iranians and others routinely steal stuff from our computers and they're worried about Zuckerberg gleaming a little info from public information?

Years ago, before the computer

age, if you happened to donate money to a national nonprofit "save the environment" group, after a while you would be getting solicitations from every nonprofit trying to save every thing on the earth. How did that happen?

Of course, the hypocrisy is overwhelming. One of the foundations of our democracy is the secret ballot. I would like our socially conscientious

## VOICE OF OUR READERS

and politically correct politicians to explain exactly how gerrymandering works!

Bill Frakes  
Luverne

## Crabtree: Tobacco cessation services need to continue

To the Editor:

My name is Dr. Joshua Crabtree and I live and work in Luverne. I have been a family physician for Sanford Clinic in Luverne since August of 2002.

I am hopeful that our Rock County lawmakers will support HF 3291/SF 3006, a common-sense bill that would dedicate ongoing funding to tobacco cessation services here in Minnesota. The following stats are reasons why this is so important:

- Over 6,300 Minnesotans die each year from tobacco use.

- 580,000 Minnesota adults still smoke and need help quitting.

- Smokers' health care costs average 34 percent higher than nonsmokers'.

- In Minnesota the annual cost of smoking is estimated at over \$7 billion: more than \$3 billion in excess health care costs and \$4 billion in lost productivity.

Minnesota physicians and medi-

cal providers need a trustworthy, statewide resource to refer patients who are trying to quit smoking and tobacco use. At our clinic we regularly refer patients who want to quit tobacco to QUITPLAN Services, Minnesota's statewide cessation service, which offers free help to any tobacco user in Minnesota. It has been proven that smoking cessation efforts have been and will continue to be successful.

- Cessation counseling combined with medications can more than triple the chances of a smoker successfully quitting.

- QUITPLAN Services has helped more than 170,000 Minnesota smokers.

- For every dollar Minnesota invests in counseling and nicotine medications, \$1.29 would be saved annually.

Statewide cessation services are essential to help smokers kick the habit and embrace healthier lives.

The evidence is clear that having the right cessation medication, quitting tools and support makes it much more likely people will succeed in quitting. These services will no longer be available to all Minnesotans by 2020 unless legislators act now. A prudent taxpayer question might be "Why have we not spent more on this life-saving and money-saving effort, especially when the money should be there for the state to use?"

The state of Minnesota collected more than \$840 million in tobacco taxes and settlement fees last year; yet less than 1 percent of that was spent on tobacco prevention and cessation.

Please consider this information when deciding on HF 3291/SF 3006. There are too many Minnesotans that need this help to not move forward and support this bill.

Joshua Crabtree, MD  
Sanford Health  
Luverne

## Rep. Schomacker's bill makes it easier for nurses to do their jobs across state lines

In an effort to improve health care in Minnesota for out-of-state patients, state Rep. Joe Schomacker (R-Luverne) is sponsoring legislation that would create a nurse licensure compact.

"Our local hospitals tell me all the time that it's difficult under current law to not have a compact in place," Schomacker said. "For example, if someone comes from Rock Rapids or Garretson and receives treatment at a southwestern Minnesota hospital, it can be problematic for nurses who need to call back with a prescription or follow up due to the problems associated with exchanging medical information across state lines."

Schomacker's Nurse Licensure Compact gives nurses the opportunity to be licensed in the nurse's home state or state of residency (if the state is part

of the compact) to practice in other member states. States must adopt the compact through legislation in order to be members, and Schomacker's legislation would allow Minnesota to become a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact. Currently 29 other states are involved with the compact.

In a 2017 survey of licensed nurses from the state board of nursing, more than 80 percent of nurses support adoption of the compact. The same survey showed that of nurses that have a compact license today from another state, 93 percent of them found the compact beneficial to their profession.

"We want to make it easier for hospitals to provide health care, make it easier for nurses to practice in their field and this is a great way to get that done. The best part is that nurses overwhelmingly want it too," Schomacker concluded.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**March 23**

- Complainant reported drug search at Luverne High School.
- Complainant reported motor vehicle theft.
- Complainant requested to speak with deputy regarding a disturbing the peace complaint.
- Complainant reported a ding in her car from a car in Teal's parking lot.
- Complainant reported a really nasty scam on his phone.
- Complainant reported a welfare check in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant requested a welfare check on Cedar Street.

**March 24**

- 911 call static muffled; same upon call back.
- Complainant requested deputy to assist G&S with lights.
- Complainant reported an accident on Main Street.
- Complainant requested a deputy in Garretson. Thinks neighbor is throwing beer bottles on their lawn and driveway.
- Complainant reported the snow plow hit their mailbox.
- Complainant reported a white trailblazer has not been moved and the snow plow will have to plow around it.
- Complainant reported unknown vehicle is blocking the driveway on East Park Street.

**March 25**

- Deputy conducted a roadside assist.
- Complainant reported his ex stole his things while he was out camping.
- Complainant reported a blue VW Passat type car driving around being noisy on Cedar Street.
- Complainant reported a bike has been lying on his sidewalk for a week on Warren Street.

**March 26**

- Complainant reported assault in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported stalled vehicle on Highway 270.
- Complainant called Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding child abuse.
- Complainant reported theft of medication in Hills.
- Complainant requested escort to impound for vehicle release.
- Complainant requested welfare check on Blue Mound Ave.
- Property returned to owner.
- Complainant reported she can't find her mom.
- Complainant reported

someone plowed a bunch of snow into roadway on County Road 8 and it is impassable.

- Complainant reported domestic assault on Blue Mound Ave.

- Complainant reported welfare check on Main Street.
- Complainant reported a car parked outside running for a half hour.

**March 27**

- Received a 911 misdial from Hills number.
- Complainant requested welfare check in Hardwick.
- Report of car accident on Estey Street.

- Complainant reported a trailer in the lane of traffic on Christiansen Drive.
- Complainant requested to speak with deputy about a previous issue.

- Complainant reported mail tampering in Hills.
- Complainant reported mail theft in Hills.

- Complainant reported pedestrian light malfunction on Main Street.
- Complainant reported alarm at Rock County Court House.

**March 28**

- Property found.
- Complainant reported a purse was taken from her home on McKenzie Street.

- Complainant requested to file slander charges.
- Complainant reported suicidal juvenile at Luverne High School.

- Complainant reported metal debris in roadway on I-90.

**March 29**

- Complainant reported vandalism on Oakley Street.
- Complainant reported a New Vision truck just went by. He rode his jake brake from the radio station into town.

- Complainant reported someone just broke into his house on Warren Street.

- Complainant reported he is a victim of identity theft.
- Complainant reported a dog is chasing some kids.
- Complainant reported he is getting harassing calls day and night.

- Complainant reported possible domestic on Luverne Street. Requested welfare check.

- Complainant reported a driving complaint.
- ERU callout for barricaded subject.

In addition, officers also responded to 19 traffic stops, 15 ambulance runs, 10 permits to purchase/carry, 1 driver's license check, 12 burn permits, 4 fingerprint requests, 6 escorts, 7 vehicles in the ditch, 1 test, 5 animal complaints, 6 drug court tests, 6 child maltreatment reports, 1 abandoned vehicle, 1 public assist, 5 paper service attempts, 1 background check and 1 warrant.



Lori Sorenson photos/0405 demolition at 319 north freeman

## City buys house on North Freeman Avenue

City crews on March 28 began the demolition process at 319 N. Freeman by clearing the house of personal items and hazardous materials. The house will be demolished later this spring as part of the city's ongoing blight removal process. According to city officials, the property was vacated due to heating equipment failure, which in turn caused the entire plumbing system to freeze up and become unusable. An inspection revealed a "substantial amount of mold, asbestos and water damage throughout the structure" prompting the structure to be declared unfit for human occupancy. It was determined that repairing the house would be cost prohibitive. The city paid \$15,000 to Danelle Hamilton for the property; closing date was March 9.



## Deputies arrest four drug suspects on I-90

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County deputies seized two pounds of marijuana and arrested four people last week after stopping a speeding car on I-90.

According to the complaint filed in Rock County District Court, deputies were notified around 7 p.m. on March 27 that a red Camaro with Washington plates was speeding eastbound from the South Dakota border.

A deputy pulled the car over as it approached the Beaver Creek exit after his radar recorded its speed at 96 mph.

Approaching the driver's side of the vehicle, he immediately detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car.

He spoke with the driver,

18-year-old Jasiah Inpeace Tolbert of Tacoma, Washington, who acknowledged speeding, but thought it was more like 77 mph.

Tolbert didn't have a driver's license — only a personal ID, and he apologized for speeding.

Meanwhile, a second deputy arrived at the scene and confirmed the strong odor of marijuana.

When asked about the odor, Tolbert blamed a back seat passenger, 18-year-old Nakita Lafayedra Blue, who had a vape pen pure THC in it.

According to the complaint, Blue told deputies that the car belonged to her and that they were going to her grandmother's funeral in Tennessee.

She reportedly admitted to vaping THC to get high and volunteered to look for the pen, but deputies said they would search the vehicle.

Tolbert and 19-year-old Sophia Lynn Blakeslee were placed in one squad car, and Blue and 20-year-old Carlo Devon Williams were placed in the other.

When searching the Camaro, deputies found loose marijuana all over the interior (a total of 1.4 grams), a plastic cup with loose marijuana, a roach clip, a purple vape pen for THC and a black pen for tobacco, THC oil refill for the vape pen, multiple scent containers and numerous \$1 bills all over the car's interior.

In the trunk they found a small bag with two more THC

vape pen refills and another larger plastic bag containing more than 2 pounds of marijuana.

All four were taken to the Rock County Law Enforcement Center in Luverne for questioning.

In separate interviews the individuals' stories weren't consistent about who the marijuana belonged to or about where they were going.

Some said it was a cousin's funeral and another called it a family get-together. One claimed to "know nothing about anything."

All four individuals were charged with various degrees of drug possession, and Tolbert faces additional charges of driving without a license and speeding.

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## CELEBRATIONS

### Births

A boy, Kully James, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and 20 1/4 inches long, was born Thursday, March 8, 2018, at Sanford Sioux Falls to **Tony and Melissa Sandbulte**, Luverne. He joins brothers Krosby and Hobey.

Grandparents are Tom and Marlene Kopp and Donn and Sue Sandbulte, all of Luverne. Great-grandmothers are Gladys Siebenahler and Janice Sandbulte, also of Luverne.

### Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Kendra Doerr**, bride-to-be of **Trevor Paulsen**, will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

A bridal shower for **Amanda Oeltjenbruns**, bride-to-be of **Trevor Englund**, will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

**Jim Johannsen** will celebrate his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Luverne Eagles Club. Greetings may also be sent to him at 110 Walnut Street, Room 110, Luverne, MN 56156.

### Card showers

**Jerry and Adell Johnson** will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, April 7. Greetings may be sent to them at 805 N. Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, April 9:** Creamed chicken over biscuits, broccoli, coleslaw, pudding.  
Program: Pinochle.

**Tuesday, April 10:** Pork chop, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread, rosy applesauce.  
Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Main Street Financial.

**Wednesday, April 11:** Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears.  
Program: Cards with Alyce.

**Thursday, April 12:** Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, fruit cobbler.  
Program: Half price day; game day.

**Friday, April 13:** Baked fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, bread, dessert.

*Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at [www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).*

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## Superiors earned by LHS concert band

Luverne High School concert band received superior marks from judges at the recent Large Group Ensemble Contest in Pipestone.

The concert band earned superior marks from the judges of 39, 39 and 37.

According to director Richard Owen, the maximum score is 40. A superior rating is for scoring 40-35, an excellent rating is for scoring 34-28, a good rating for scoring 27-22

and a fair rating for 21 or below.

Nine fifth- and sixth-grade students will perform with the Southwest Minnesota Band Directors Association honor band April 14 in Wabasso.

Hallie Pergande, Cameron Smith, Maria Rops and Katherine Pizel will participate in the fifth-grade band. Uriel Hernandez, Emma Lusty, Patrick Kroski, Nathan Kinsinger and Henry Hartquist will be in the sixth-grade band.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mike Haburn and Peyton Arends, both of Osakis, announce their engagement.

Peyton is the daughter of Paul and Teresa Arends, Luverne. She is a 2011 graduate of Luverne High School and is currently employed at Walgreens.

Mike is the son of Jodi Haburn, St. Cloud, and Ralph Brandenburg, Madison, Wisconsin. He is a 2012 graduate of Foley High School and a 2017 graduate of Alexandria Community and Technical College. He is employed at Brenton Engineering.

The couple is planning a June 16, 2018, wedding at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.



**Peyton Arends and Mike Haburn**



Mavis Fodness photos/0405 Hardwick Goal Seekers  
Sadie VanGrootheest (left) and Deb Fodness join hands as Hardwick Goal Seekers president Glenda Jacobsma (center, left) and Rayola Bryan recite the group's "Hand in Hand Poem" (inset) at the end of Monday's meeting. Linda Fodness is far right.

## Hardwick Goal Seekers maintain ideal weight for 47 years

By Mavis Fodness

Each Monday the Hardwick Goal Seekers faithfully weigh in, record the results, and discuss how the eight members can continue achieving their individual health goals.

They close their meetings by joining hands around the table. They recite a poem about extending a caring hand because the "goal is a lonely road."

The offer of support has been repeated at each meeting for 47 years. The group meets weekly at the city hall in Hardwick.

Linda Fodness of Edgerton is the last of the group's founding members.

"You can be a lifer if you want to be," she said. "I like the accountability. It's a lifelong struggle, especially since I love food as much as I do."

For daughter-in-law Deb Fodness of rural Hardwick it was a matter of a healthy life that pulled her to the club.

Deb discovered she was a borderline diabetic after she joined in 2005. Weight loss and a healthier diet abated the disease.

She was named Best Loser of the Year at the group's celebration last month. The group had an accumulative loss of 45.5 pounds. Deb contributed 6 pounds to that total.

However, she is quick to credit the others for her success.

"They all encouraged me," Deb said.

Lucy Ask of Kenneth rejoined the group in 2014 because she missed the encouragement and group focus on weight gain.

Through the 47 years, Linda Fodness said many members have come and gone. At its peak, the group had 40 members.

"It took well over an hour to weigh in," she

said.

Sadie VanGrootheest of Hardwick joined in 1977 and appreciates the sharing of information.

"I would be huge," she said. "It helps to talk with each other ... and give tips on what to eat and what not to eat."

Monday's program focused on meal planning and developing a grocery list.

Leading the discussions was Luverne's Glenda Jacobsma, a member since 1984. She was named the group's Miss Inspiration for 2017.

"It's important for me to step on that scale and feel I wouldn't be at the weight I am today without the support I feel from them," she said.

The Goal Seekers are not about losing large amounts of weight and then leaving the group. It's about keeping a balance.

Jacobsma said they use doctor-recommended weights and try to stay within the parameters of 3 pounds over or 7 pounds under that number.

Being underweight is not healthy, she said, and the group encourages members to be closer to their ideal weight.

Jacobsma is one of two goalies in the group. She has maintained her ideal weight for an extended period of time. Hardwick's Connie Petersen is the group's other goalie. Petersen joined in 1992.

Petersen said it's easy to say you're going to lose or maintain a certain weight but it's harder when facing the possibility yourself.

Luverne's Colleen Cragoe, who joined in 1978, echoed the importance of having outside support.

"It helps to know where you're at. If you gain a pound or two, you just have to keep trying," she said.

Cragoe, Linda Fodness, Deb Fodness, Sadie VanGrootheest, Ask and Rayola Bryan of rural Jas-



Rayola Bryan (left) is the official weight checker for the Hardwick Goal Seekers. On Monday, she weighs Colleen Cragoe before the group's weekly meeting at the Hardwick City Hall.

per are the group's seekers, so named because they are still seeking their ideal weights.

The Hardwick Goal Seekers began in 1971 and was recently a part of the Taking Off Pounds Sensibly or TOPS organization. The group decided to do their own programming instead of paying dues to an organization.

Dues are \$5 per year.

"Nowhere could you get in a weight loss group for \$5," Jacobsma said.

To join the Hardwick Goal Seekers, contact Jacobsma at 507-449-0568.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2008)

•The Luverne School Board last week approved a one-year leave of absence for choir instructor Kyle Eastman to further his education.

He will complete his master's of music in music education with an emphasis in choral conducting at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz., where he's studied for the past two summers.

Eastman said he wants to further his education partly because of a personal goal, but also because he'll learn new ways of teaching and presenting music, which benefits his students.

Eastman said he feels that choral music, and singing in general is one of the most "intimate ways" to promote music, which benefits his students.

### 25 years ago (1993)

•Dale Dean Dafoe, 24, Sioux Falls, was charged April 11 with six felony counts surrounding the March 16 abduction of a Luverne woman.

Dafoe is charged with one count of kidnapping, four counts of sexual assault and one count of assault. According to the complaint, Dafoe kidnapped the woman from Luverne. She escaped in Mitchell, S.D.

According to the Mitchell Police Department, after she escaped Dafoe led the South Dakota Highway Patrol on a high-speed chase east from Mitchell on Interstate 90. The chase ended in Minnehaha County near the Humboldt exit, where Dafoe apparently shot himself in the neck. He is currently being held by South Dakota authorities.

### 50 years ago (1968)

•Rain, totaling .72 inches, fell here yesterday up to 1 p.m. bringing badly needed moisture as the planting season is getting under way.

Only a little over an inch of moisture has been recorded here during the past three months. The Sioux Falls weather bureau reported this week that the past six months have been the driest the area has experienced in the last 70 years.

The .31 of an inch of rain which fell on March 18 enabled

the farmers to find sufficient surface moisture in the ground so that they could do their small grain planting. However, very little small grain is sown in this day and age, and their concern is now for sufficient moisture for the planting of their corn and soybean crops.

### 75 years ago (1943)

•Tin, one of the nation's most scarce, yet most important metals, will be collected in Luverne on Friday, April 9, it was announced this week by Alvin Fitzer, chairman of the local tin salvage committee.

Because the war has cut off normal tin supplies, the nation's needs must be almost solely obtained from scrap and especially from tin cans. A new detinning process, introduced last fall, make it possible now to remove all the tin from tin cans, and at the same time, conserve the iron that goes into the making of the cans.

All housewives are urged to cooperate with the local committee next week by placing their tin cans (cleaned and flattened) in a box on the curb in front of their homes. Trucks will be sent out to collect them on that day, and the tin collected will go to Marshall where it will be shipped together with collection from other towns in southwestern Minnesota to a detinning plant.

### 100 years ago (1918)

•Rock County is again called upon to furnish men for army service. This time the quota consists of thirteen registrants for the mechanical department of the aviation corps, and they are to entrain here next Monday for Cincinnati, Ohio, where they will be given a special course of instruction at the Cincinnati university before being assigned to an aviation corps.

Under the orders received by the local board the first of the week, the quota must be made up wholly of registrants who are in class 1, but anyone in this class is privileged to volunteer his services, and if the required number are not secured by enlistments, the board will be compelled to draft enough men to bring the quota up to the required number taking only such men as are deemed well qualified for this branch of the service. The requirements call only for quick thinking, intelligent men who have completed at least the eighth grade of a grammar school.



## Mystery contamination causes discoloration on Luverne properties/continued from page 1A

yellow on the rain gutters and down spouts, white trim around the windows and our fences," Corrine said.

"We have a decorated ceramic Easter egg someone gave to us that year with the month and year painted on it. That is our reminder of when this first started happening."

They took action immediately to try to determine what it was.

"I remember we took razor blades and tried to scrape it off our windows for a sample," she said. "We took off our rain gutter spouts and the pickets off our picket fences to be tested, but they couldn't find anything then."

The problem has recurred annually, always in March and April, and the last couple of years have been particularly problematic.

Bonnema said once the summer sun hits full strength, around mid June, the discoloration fades.

"But it comes back," she said, adding that some porous surfaces, like Fiberglas, are more susceptible.

Keith Smedsrud can attest to this.

The new topper he bought for his pickup last year was white to match his white pickup, which he parks in his driveway at the corner of South Donaldson and Edgell streets.

The Fiberglas topper is now a deep shade of brownish yellow, while the pickup remains white.

"It took a half day with rubbing compound to get it clean the first time, but I'm not going to keep doing it until they know where it's coming from," Smedsrud said.



Lori Sorenson photos/0405 iron oxide on properties

Marvin and Beverly Hoogland's house on Carsrud Circle in Luverne is supposed to be white, but lately it looks more yellow than white. Something in the air has deposited brownish-yellow speckles all over their white vinyl siding giving it a dirty, weathered appearance.

### What is it? Where is it coming from? Is it harmful to humans and/or the environment?

Retired city power plant employee Norman DeJongh owns property on Edgell Street and said he's tired of watching his neighborhood

turn brown.

He said he worked with city officials and state pollution control people two years ago.

"We had all these people out here and nothing happened," he said.

In 2016 lab results showed

the substance was iron oxide, and the next step would be to determine where it came from and how to prevent it from happening again.

But as it turns out, those lab results were inconclusive, and now residents are back to square one.



Lori Sorenson photos/0405 iron oxide pickup topper

Keith Smedsrud bought a new topper last year for his pickup that he parks in his driveway at the corner of South Donaldson and Edgell streets. It was white to match his white pickup but something in the air is turning it a dirty yellow color.

After several residents — including DeJongh — contacted the MPCA again this spring, state officials returned to Luverne two weeks ago.

This time measurable samples were taken to the St. Paul lab of the Minnesota Department of Health, according to Cory Boeck of the MPCA air quality division.

"Our main concern is to determine if it's a risk to human health or to the environment," Boeck said.

He wasn't able to say how soon test results would be available, so affected residents again find themselves waiting ... and cleaning and painting.

Hoogland said the speckles are troublesome for reasons beyond appearances.

"What are we breathing?" she said. "That's more important than the color of the house."

Bonnema has the same concerns.

"If this is going on all the time, and we only see it this time of year, what is the condition of our lungs?" she said. "How can we love the life in Luverne when this keeps happening?"

She said some families in her neighborhood don't let their children play outside this time of year, and she's talked to homeowners on the other side of town where discoloration is appearing on properties.

"When we're driving through town, we notice it, because we know what to look for," Bonnema said. "It's on Lincoln Street, Luverne Street, downtown and on the other side of the river."

While lab tests are pending, DeJongh said he's done waiting. "This can't go on," he said.

## New gym bleachers in Luverne Middle School-High School/continued from page 1A

changed," he said.

Over the years modifications were made to the high school bleachers to meet new safety standards but items could still fall between the treads and hit the floor.

The new bleachers are constructed with enclosed walkway treads, preventing items from falling through.

Wheelchair seating can be accommodated in notched-out areas in the benches of the four new bleacher sections.

A built-in power system allows for easier collapse and

extension of each bleacher section, eliminating manual assembly.

Seat color is red with gray treads. No words are written on bleachers' undersides when folded against the wall.

Four sections allow space for the current folding wall divider.

A committee consisting of district personnel and coaches decided to keep the existing wall.

"If there are three physical education classes they can still split the gymnasium in half"

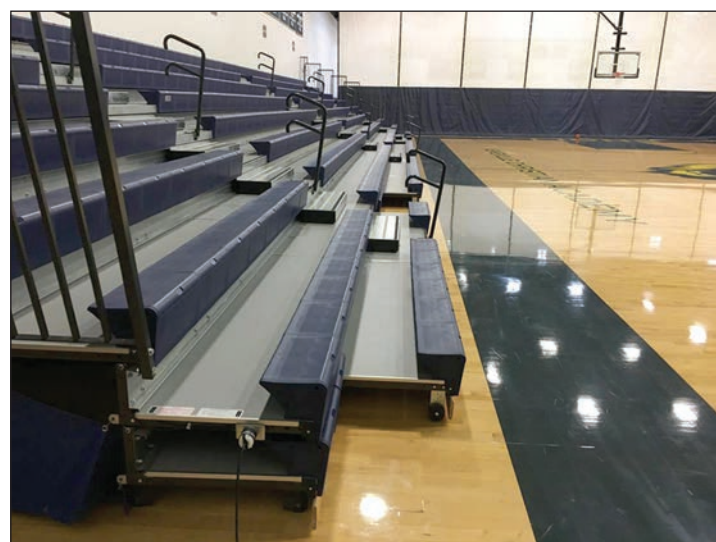
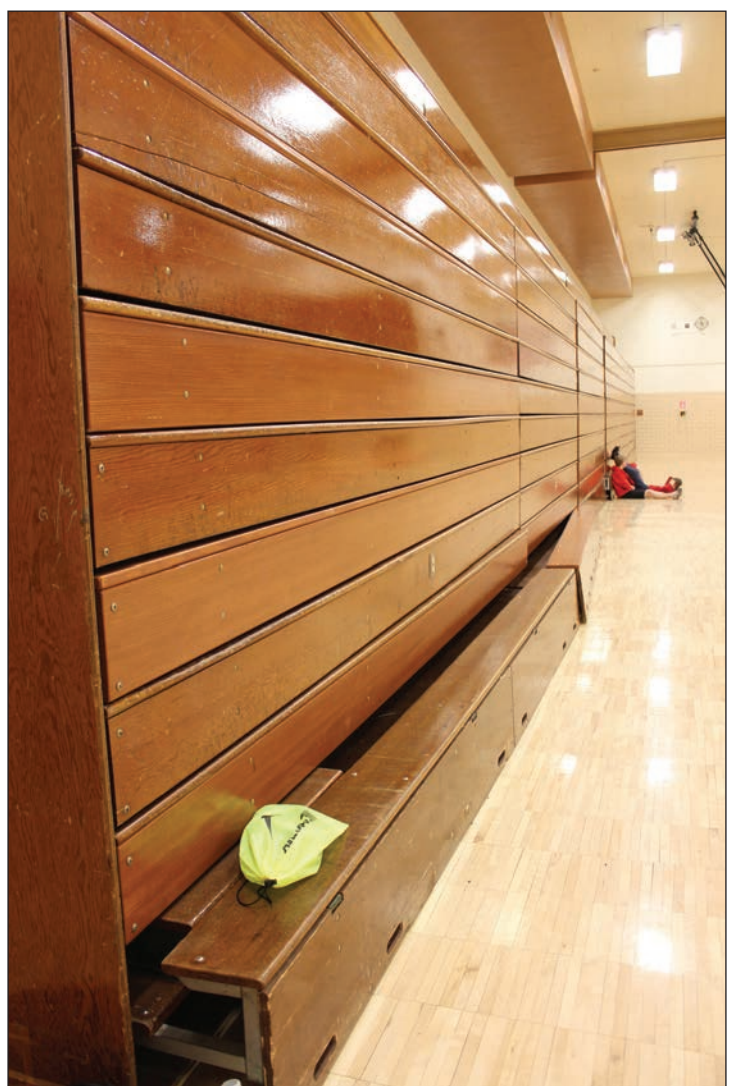


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The 63-year-old bleachers in the Luverne Middle-High School gymnasium will be replaced this summer with seats similar to the ones pictured here. The new telescopic plastic bench seats and steel-framed structure has wheelchair nooks and more legroom for spectators than the previous wood and steel structure. The new bleachers are also enclosed to prevent items from falling through the walkway risers.



Mavis Fodness photo/0404 HS Bleachers

This summer the wood and steel bleachers in the Luverne Middle-High School gymnasium will be removed and replaced with new plastic and steel bleachers that are more comfortable, safer and handicap-accessible.

said athletic director Todd Oye.

The wall provides a better sound barrier for a classroom setting versus a drop down curtain.

The bleachers will be paid for with existing district funds; they are not part of the \$30 million voter approved campus improvement project.

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## Coach of Luverne's championship team passes away

By John Rittenhouse

The man who led the 1964 Luverne High School basketball team to the state championship is gone.

Ray Merry passed away at his Plymouth home March 19 at the age of 88.

Although he only coached in Luverne for a short time, Merry will be remembered forever as the man who truly put the city on the map, overseeing a team that captured the school's lone state basketball title under the old one-class format.

Merry served as a head coach in Goodhue and Magnolia before taking over the head coaching position in Luverne prior to the 1961-62 season.

Merry's first two Cardinal teams reached the District 8 championship games and compiled a 26-12 record. During his third year as the LHS mentor, the Cardinals went 20-5 and won the state tournament.

Merry and his charges etched their names in history by reeling off 11 consecutive victories to capture the state title at the end of the 1963-64 season.

Merry moved from Luverne to Robbinsdale, where he served as the head basketball coach for three more years as he pursued a future career in high school administration.

The reason why he chose to leave Luverne following the championship season was a selfless one.

Both Ray and his wife, Mary Merry, wanted to be closer to the major medical resources that were available near the Twin Cities for their daughter, Jeanne.

Jeanne was facing the challenges of osteogenesis imperfecta at that time.

*"He was the one who took a bunch of good ballplayers, brought us together and got us to play well together as a team. He took us from being a good team to a great team with his motivation, and that's the sign of a good leader."*

- Greg Thone,

1964 LHS basketball team member

"It's pretty hard to blame him for leaving," said Greg Thone, a current Luverne resident and starting guard for the 1963-64 team.

"His daughter was handicapped and he wanted to be closer to the place where she could receive her treatments. I didn't know that until recently, but that's the big reason why he left. That's pretty special."

What Merry accomplished during his short stay in Luverne is pretty special as well.

Thone recalled Merry as being a focused individual who would get very excited at times.

As an example, Thone recalled an attention-capturing talk he gave the team after a less than impressive performance against Hutchinson at the state tournament.

"When we didn't play the way he liked, we would hear about it. We played poorly against Hutchinson and he let us know that we did."

That doesn't mean Merry was a tyrant.

He earned Thone's respect for being a coach who treated

every one of his players equally and tried to get every member of the team to improve individually.

Merry also was a religious man who let his leaders lead.

"He let me lead the team in prayer before games, and I really appreciated that privilege," Thone said.

Merry also was the manager of a three-member coaching staff that was deemed to be way ahead of its time by 1963-64 team member Rich Iverson.

Harry Franz was a vocal assistant who provided the program with top-notch scouting reports, while Bob Lorentzen was an assistant that provided a calming influence on the bench.

Above all, the coaching staff as a whole knew the game of basketball.

Thone says the starting five during the championship season consisted of three centers, one forward and one guard.

LHS struggled offensively when the team started the season with a 9-5 record, but Merry tweaked the team's offensive approach late in the regular season, and it resulted



Star Herald file photo

Ray Merry (front, second right), the head coach of Luverne's 1964 state basketball championship team, passed away at the age of 88 March 19 at his home in Plymouth. This picture was taken during the All-School Reunion at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in August of 2014 at a ceremony honoring the 50th anniversary of the championship. Bob Lorentzen (front, second left) was Merry's assistant coach. Also pictured are team members Curt Laudon (front, left), Greg Thone (front, right), Bill Toms (back, left) John Beyer (back, middle) and Rich Iverson (back, right). Merry left Luverne after the championship season.

in an 11-game winning streak to cap a 20-5 season.

"We basically moved two of the centers up to the free-throw line, which allowed me to be on the top of the key," Thone said.

"That gave me more room to operate and choose which side of the lane to drive with the ball. That's when things started jelling for us because

that tweak opened things up for everyone."

Thone feels bad about not being able to pay Merry a visit in recent years, but he was thankful he received the opportunity to catch up with the coach during the All-School Reunion in 2014.

"He wasn't doing well physically at the time, but it was such a pleasure to be

with him when he came to the reunion. I really admired him for coming," Thone said.

"He was the one who took a bunch of good ballplayers, brought us together and got us to play well together as a team. He took us from being a good team to a great team with his motivation, and that's the sign of a good leader."



John Rittenhouse photo/0405 lhs bh

Four members of the Luverne High School boys' hockey program received postseason honors from Big South Conference officials last week. Daniel Tofteland (left), Declan Beers (middle) and Kasyn Kruse (pictured below) made the 2017-18 All-Big South Conference Boys' Hockey Team. Trey Roberts (right) has landed one of the league's seven honorable mention awards doled out by the league's coaches.

## Cards draw honors

By John Rittenhouse

Four members of the Luverne High School boys' hockey program received postseason honors from Big South Conference officials last week.

Three Cardinal players were selected to the 2017-18 All-BSC Hockey Team.

One LHS athlete drew honorable mention recognition from the league's coaches.

LHS, which won the BSC title with a 15-1 record, placed three seniors on the all-league roster.

Making the 13-player All-BSC squad are forward Declan Beers, forward Kasyn Kruse and goalie Daniel Tofteland.

Trey Roberts, a senior defenseman, is one of seven players to draw honorable mention.

Marshall matched Luverne by landing three all-conference selections.

Senior Chase VanDeVere, junior Mason Plante and sophomore Kaleb Welvaert represent the Tigers on the team.

Minnesota River and Waseca picked up two spots on the all-conference roster.

Senior Matt Plieseis and junior Danny McCabe



Kruse

represent the MR Bulldogs.

Seniors Brett Attenberger and Peter Meyer made the team for Waseca.

New Ulm senior Landon Strong, Redwood Valley junior Luke Ryan and Windom senior Ethan Becker round out the all-conference team.

Other players drawing honorable mention include MR juniors Tyson Sowder, Hunter Wilmes and Andrew Regner, Marshall sophomore Dominik Caspers and New Ulm senior Luke Scheid and sophomore Glavine Schugel.

## Youth wrestlers earn trip to Rochester

By John Rittenhouse

Seven members of the Luverne Youth Wrestling Club punched their tickets to state competition March 24.

The local organization sent 15 wrestlers to the Northland Youth Wrestling Association's Region 2 Tournament in Windom that day.

Seven of the entries earned berths into state competition by placing first, second, third or fourth in their respective divisions.

The Luverne delegation competes in the NYWA State Tournament in Rochester, which begins today and runs through Sunday.

Kane Akkerman advances to Rochester as a region champion.

Akkerman placed first at 130 pounds for wrestlers in the first and second grades at the event in Windom.

Jaden Reisch and Mayson Akkerman placed second in their divisions at the region event.

Reisch competed in the 120-pound class for fifth- and sixth-graders, while Akkerman wrestled in the 155-pound class for fifth- and sixth-graders.

Braylynn Altman, Jade Johnson and Ashton Altman qualified for state by placing third at the region level.

Braylynn Altman mixed it

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John Rittenhouse photo/0405 wrestling

Seven members of the Luverne Youth Wrestling Club will compete at the Northland Youth Wrestling Association State Tournament in Rochester April 5-8. They are (front row, from left) Braylynn Altman, Ashton Altman, Brody Kopp, (back) Jaden Reisch, Jude Johnson, Kane Akkerman and Masyn Akkerman. Aaron Altman coaches the Cardinals.

## Tennis team makes 2018 debut Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team made its 2018 debut Saturday at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

The Cardinals competed in a doubles tournament that was hosted by St. Peter and included St. James and Mankato West high schools.

LHS dropped all three of its matches against the participating schools, but

the Cardinals did get the chance to test their skills for the first time this season.

"Nobody had much practice before the tournament so we all were on even ground in that respect," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"We gained a lot of valuable experience that we'll carry into the season. St. Peter, St. James and Mankato West are tough teams, so the competition was good."

Luverne came up on the short end of 3-2 decisions in all three of the five-point matches staged Saturday.

Playing at third doubles, Luke Jarchow and Matt Jelken posted a perfect 3-0 record.

Mark Robinson and Jim Erickson went 1-2 at first doubles, while Cade Ver Steeg and Trey Baustian went 1-2 at No. 3.

Cole Stoltenberg and

Graham Cunningham dropped all three of their matches at fourth doubles.

Antoine said he used a five-player rotation to fill the fifth doubles slot for the tournament.

Carson Ehde and Ethan Thorson posted a win at fifth doubles against St. Peter.

Tyler Fick, Jordan Winter and Matt Sehr also played at fifth doubles during the event.



John Rittenhouse photo/0405 tkd

Five members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club recently competed at three tournaments in a span of nine days. They are (front row, from left) Liam Brown, Zach Brown, Reagan Gangestad, (back) Angi Gangestad and Perceyis Trierweiler.

## Tae Kwon Do members attend three tournaments in nine days

By John Rittenhouse

Some members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club faced a hectic schedule in late March.

Five area martial artists were put to the test of competing at three different tournaments in a span of nine days.

The stretch started with three club members participating at the Redwood Falls Tae Kwon Do Tournament March 17.

Perceyis Trierweiler captured a title in forms and

placed second in sparring at the event, while Zach Brown claimed a title in sparring and placed third in forms.

Liam Brown competed in Redwood Falls as well, where he placed second in forms and third in sparring.

Five local athletes competed at the South Dakota State Tae Kwon Do Championships in Tea, South Dakota, March 24.

Trierweiler and Liam and Zach Brown won sparring and form titles in Tea.

Angi Gangestad placed second in forms at the South Dakota event, while Reagan Gangestad finished third in sparring and fourth in forms.

The stretch ended with three club members participating at the Iowa Governor's Club in Ames, Iowa, March 25.

Trierweiler captured a sparring championship in Iowa.

Liam and Zach Brown placed second in sparring.

## Spring burns to benefit wildlife, habitat

Each spring, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducts prescribed burns on federal lands called Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs).

These WPAs were purchased for the purpose of increasing the production of migratory birds, especially waterfowl. Prescribed burns are used as a management tool to maintain and improve wildlife habitat for game and non-game bird species.

One of the many benefits of prescribed burns during the months of April and May is the enhancement of remnant and seeded native prairie sites.

Remnant native prairie is one of the rarest plant communities found in Minnesota. Less than one percent of the original Minnesota tall grass prairie habitat remains and is found scattered across the landscape in small fragmented parcels.

Properly timed prescribed

burns help to stimulate native prairie plant species by removing and recycling plant litter from past growing seasons.

Without burning, a native prairie site can be out-competed by introduced cool season grasses such as smooth brome, Kentucky bluegrass, timothy or orchard grasses which traditionally begin to grow in early April in contrast to the warm season native prairie plants which begin to sprout in early to mid-May.

Examples of common local native warm season grasses include big bluestem, little bluestem, switch and Indian grass. Properly timed prescribed burns can actually stunt or kill unwanted exotic introduced grass species once green-up has occurred giving a direct advantage to the native prairie plant and forb species.

Once burned, remnant native prairie sites can be harvested in the fall for the rare and valuable prairie seed. These remnant native prairie sites contain a diverse plant community.

The harvested seed is then used to seed new WPA acquisitions or easements throughout the Windom Wetland Management District creating additional nesting habitat for a variety of waterfowl and grassland bird species.

One of the most common questions about prescribed burning during the spring months is "What happens to the nesting wildlife?"

Undoubtedly, some ground nests are destroyed by fire during spring burns. However, pheasants and ducks respond by re-nesting. Predators typically destroy 70 to 80 percent of pheasant and duck nests.

## Local skaters to compete, tour south central Alaska

Luverne's Cathy Shearer is going home next week, and she's taking some area girls with her.



Shearer, who has been coach in the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club since 2004, is a native of Soldotna, Alaska.

She was a member of the second graduating class at a new school in the town back in 1982, where she learned to love ice skating and began her coaching career before moving to Iowa in 2004 and eventually to Luverne in 2008.

Shearer did return to her hometown, which is located in the south central part of Alaska, for a family vacation last summer.

She wasn't planning to make a return trip to her stomping grounds so quickly, but that changed after viewing a post from a friend on Facebook.

"On old friend posted that River Skate, an ice skating competition that is endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute, would be staged at the Sports Center in Soldotna April 13-15," Shearer said.

"It's the same rink where I used to skate and coach. As a joke, I passed on the information to some of our skaters and their parents. They didn't take it as a joke. They thought it was a pretty cool thing to be a part of."

Upon further investigation, Shearer was able to present the interested parties with more information about the competition and a potential six-day adventure from April 12-18.

When the interested parties agreed the trip would come at a reasonable price for all involved, steps were taken to put the plan in motion.

### FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor



Submitted photo

Five individuals associated with the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club are embarking on an adventure to Alaska for a competition and a tourism experience April 12. They are (from left) Kendall Buss, Katie Shearer, Cathy Shearer, Hannah Henning and Maranda Thier.

"It was only \$375 for round-trip airfare, and the prices on things like lodging and a rental vehicle are reasonable at this time of year because it's considered to be the off-season for tourism in the area," Shearer said.

"We fly from Minneapolis to Anchorage on April 12 and we'll return on April 18."

Joining Shearer during the Alaskan adventure will be her daughter, Katie, a former BMFC member and current instructor and production assistant for last week's annual ice show.

Current skaters Kendall Buss (Luverne), Hannah Henning (Adrian) and Maranda Thier (Worthington) are going along as well.

Buss and Henning compete at the Freestyle 6 level, while Thier skates at Freestyle 5.

They will compete individually, as a trio, and will be joined by Katie Shearer for events needing four individuals.

They will be renting a log cabin on the Kenai River during their stay

in Soldotna, which is the starting leg of their adventure.

Plans have also been made to tour the fishing villages of Homer and Seward, which will include a visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward.

If the conditions are right, the group may hike up Exit Glacier near Seward.

The group plans to pay a visit to the Portage Wildlife Center (near Seward), a refuge for injured animals that can't be returned to the wild.

A visit to the mountain town of Gridwood is also in the works, which will be followed by a stay at the Alyeska Resort, where the group may test their skiing skills on Mount Alyeska.

"This trip will be a lot more than a skating competition for these girls. It should be a lot of fun," Shearer said.

"We're going to be there for a week, and I want to pack as many things as these girls can see and do into this week as I can."

### Trip/continued from page 1B

up in the 55-pound division for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten entries.

Johnson wrestled in the 70-pound weight class for entries in the first and second grades, while Ashton Altman moves on in the 75-pound weight class for kids in the first and second grades.

Rounding out Luverne's state qualifiers is Brody Kopp, who placed fourth in the

60-pound class for third- and fourth-graders.

Three members of Luverne group earned the right to compete at the NYWA's State Invitational Tournament that will be staged today through Sunday in Rochester by placing fifth and sixth at the region event.

According to LYWC coach Aaron Altman, he didn't expect Kane Kroski, Noah Engelkes

and Dayson Fritz to compete at the invitational tournament even though they qualified.

Engelkes placed fifth in the 45-pound class pre-kindergarten and kindergarten entries, while Kroski placed sixth in the 40-pound class in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten division.

Fritz placed fifth in the 155-pound class for third- and fourth-graders.



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## DEPUTY AUDITOR/TREASURER - ACCOUNTANT ROCK COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Deputy Auditor/Treasurer - Accountant in the Rock County Auditor/Treasurer's Office until April 20, 2018 at 5:00 PM. This position performs difficult professional and administrative work in an office setting, with an emphasis in accounting and finance, in assisting with the daily operations of the Auditor/Treasurer's Office and License Center to include payroll, computation, collection and distribution of real estate, mortgage and deed taxes, elections, audit preparation and financial analysis and reporting. Qualifications for this position are as follows: Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance, with a minimum 2-year experience in Public Accounting (audit) and/or Financial Management or comparable accounting and financial management experience; experience interpreting Governmental Accounting Standards and Publication is desired. This is a full time benefit eligible position; starting hourly wage range is \$19.91 - \$22.40 DOQ with a maximum hourly wage of \$28.34.

A detailed job description and an application form for this position can be accessed at <http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html>. For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 or by email at [susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us)

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April 14 (Saturday) · 8 p.m.  
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Luverne, MN 56156

Magnolia Township Board

## Rock County

2018 Board of Appeal & Equalization Schedule

Monday, April 16, 2018

**ROSE DELL TOWNSHIP**  
Township Hall - Jasper - 9 to 9:30 A.M.  
**SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP**  
Beaver Creek Township Hall - 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
Beaver Creek Township Hall - 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
**BATTLE PLAIN TOWNSHIP**  
Justin Prins residence 1941 231st St - 3:30 to 4 P.M.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

**KANARANZI TOWNSHIP**  
GHS - SWMN Grain Elevator - Kanaranzi - 9 to 9:30 A.M.  
**MOUND TOWNSHIP**  
Rock County Highway Department - 11 to 11:30 A.M.  
**VIENNA TOWNSHIP**  
Kenneth Community Center - Kenneth - 1:30 to 2:00 P.M.  
**MARTIN TOWNSHIP**  
Martin Township Hall - 7 to 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP**  
Township Hall - Steen - 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.  
**LUVERNE TOWNSHIP**  
Pizza Ranch, 110 E. Main St., Luverne - 11 to 11:30 A.M.  
**MAGNOLIA TOWNSHIP**  
SW MN Health & Human Services Bldg - Luverne - 7 to 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

**DENVER TOWNSHIP**  
Hardwick City Hall - 7 to 7:30 P.M.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, April 8  
9am - 1pm  
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