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Lori Sorenson photos/0406 ramage house demolition

The house on the corner of Highway 75 and Lincoln Street came down Monday. The photograph at right shows the lot Tuesday morning. Next up is old Culligan building in the background.

Old house demolished in center of town; Culligan building next

By Lori Sorenson

The corner of Highway 75 and Lincoln Street in Luverne looks drastically different this week as demolition crews remove the old yellow house and former Culligan building from those lots.

The City of Luverne purchased

the century-old house at the corner of Highway 75 and Lincoln Street last year.

Former owner Marja Ramage, Townsend, Georgia, negotiated a selling price of \$40,000 after more than a year of condemnation proceedings.

The house is being demolished

along with the former Culligan building next door to the south.

The city purchased that building from Luverne's Randy Saker for \$55,000, and the Culligan business relocated to the former Palace Video building on West Main Street.

Henning Construction will de-

molish both buildings for roughly \$35,000, and entire lot will be prepared for future development.

To prepare for demolition, city public works employees removed 9½ tons of garbage and household items from the house last fall.

The demolition at this location

is happening at the same time the condemned Sharkee's building is coming down on South Highway 75.

The city paid Sharkee's owner Dave Halverson \$220,000 and also purchased the former Mert's Repair lot for \$160,000. Kracht built a new shop in the Industrial Park.

Shop, taste, mingle, play

Love the Ladies Expo set for Saturday

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Chamber's spring event will have a new twist this weekend when the organization debuts its first Love the Ladies Expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Grand Prairie Events.

This year's new format was developed to compliment and fit the tastes of the people of the area, according to Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"We had the opportunity to partner with our beautiful new event center, Grand Prairie Events, and the commitment by major event sponsor, Sanford Health Luverne," Lanphere said.

"We were able to develop an event with a narrower focus that features products, services and information for the 21st century woman."

The event is geared toward women's interests, but both men and women are welcome with the focus on beauty, health and living.

Admission is free and brunch will be served from 10 a.m. until it's gone, courtesy of Sanford Health Luverne.

The Love the Ladies Expo will feature 40 vendors with samples, drawings, discounts, live models and demonstrations.

Eight seminars will offer timely information on gardening, health, home décor, cooking and more.

At 9 a.m. George Bonnema will

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Lori Sorenson photos/0309 direct care workers.

Direct care workers Dave Vis and Whitney Oye help Casey Van Engelenhoven with his upright brace Thursday morning, March 2, at Rock County Opportunities in Luverne. Vis and Oye are among a dozen workers at RCO whose wages are suppressed by low Medicare reimbursement rates.

Putting a value on human care

Low wages put pressure on employers of direct care workers

By Lori Sorenson

Direct care personnel play a critical role in the wellbeing of vulnerable adults, but it's hard to hire and retain quality workers when wages are low.

Rock County Opportunities Inc. in Luverne is fortunate to have quality workers, but enticing them to stay has been difficult, according to director Elizabeth Schear.

"We have had a lot of turnover in the past few years, and it has a lot to do with low wages, no

benefits and really, really hard work," said Schear (who recently remarried and changed her name from Beth Bartels).

"And with increasing regulations, there's so much pressure to do things absolutely perfectly, and that makes their work stressful."

More paperwork generated by the regulations takes time away from direct care of disabled individuals, and Schear said she and other manage-

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Squirrel fries transformer, prompts widespread power outage

By Lori Sorenson

A squirrel was to blame for a widespread power outage that affected Luverne, Rock County and parts of the tri-state area Saturday.

When the town went dark around 11 a.m. it didn't take Luverne residents long to trace the problem to a blazing transformer near the power plant.

Luverne firemen quickly extinguished the fire, and when the smoke cleared, they spotted a blown insulator and the charred remains of a rodent.

By this time, most of Rock County and surrounding area also lost power, sending linemen scrambling to find the problem.

According to a spokesperson for L&O Power Cooperative, which "wheels" power to Luverne, Sioux Valley Energy and other providers, Luverne's damaged transformer tripped an L&O breaker. This triggered outages with other electric suppliers that feed off L&O.

Sioux Valley Energy customers outside of Luverne (about 400) had power restored within an hour. City of Luverne residents came back online gradually, with connections starting on the south end working north.

According to Luverne's utilities supervisor Rick Hoftiezer, the squirrel got inside the switching gear and prompted an extended arc that interrupted energy and started the fire.

He said protective equipment that's supposed to engage in these instances didn't operate properly.

According to Mayor Pat Baustian, the city's east substation was due for replacement and is currently undergoing engineering for replacement within the next three to four years.

Saturday's damage will expedite these plans for upgrade and replacement.

Total substation replacement may cost an estimated \$3.6 million.

But he said Saturday's damage will expedite overhauling the transformer that was installed in 1973.

A new transformer can cost up to

Power outage/see page 3A

Take 16 Brewing Co. hires Luverne native for top sales position



Dave McDonald is sales manager for Take 16. He's pictured with his wife, Amanda, and daughter, Cora.

By Lori Sorenson

Take 16 Brewery recently hired Luverne's Dave McDonald as general sales manager.

According to Take 16 management board member Tim Gust, the local connection on staff will be good for the Luverne brewery.

"It's kind of a match made in beer heaven," said Gust, board treasurer. "He likes beer; he likes our beer, so what could be better?"

McDonald has nine years of beer distribution experience, five years with Dakota Beverage and four years with Schell Brewing Company in New Ulm.

"It's pretty exciting," he said Friday when asked about his new job. "Schell was a great opportunity for me, but obviously it's nice to have something a little closer to home and closer to the brewing process."

McDonald is the son of George and Carol McDonald, Luverne, and is a 1989 Luverne High School graduate. He and his wife, Amanda, and their 11-month-old daughter Cora live in Luverne.

"The more time I can spend with Cora the better," he said about his new job. "... It made a lot of sense on a lot of levels."

He said it also helps that he likes Take 16 beer. "I've been drinking their beer for awhile and I've been impressed with the quality of Luke's (Rensink) brews," he said. "Obviously it's easy to sell something you believe in and it's a good product."

As general sales manager, McDonald will be a liaison between the brewery and distributors.

McDonald at Take 16 Brewery/see page 3A

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Article 14: Senior Citizens building started out at the Historic Lincoln Hotel in 1880s

This is the 14th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This information comes from Historian Betty Mann and Star Herald archives:

Luverne's Senior Dining is observing its 40th anniversary in the building that was once known as the Lincoln Hotel. The historic building, dating back to 1887, is still preserved, thanks to the efforts of the Luverne Senior Citizens organization in 1979. The historic Lincoln Hotel was built by the Rock Island Railroad in

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Pink Ladies of Sanford Luverne Hospital will meet at noon Monday, April 10, in the Blue Mound Room for a potluck salad luncheon and regular meeting. Bring eating utensils.

Helping Build Communities Stronger will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the Hills American Legion to discuss the June 9-11 Friendship Days.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

Tourist Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the home of Marcia Moeller.

Rock County VFW 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Herreid Military Building. Elections will be held. Contact Buck Underwood at 449-0632.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in the Post home.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice will meet from 7-7:45 p.m. April 12 and 26 (every second and fourth Wednesday) in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. All are welcome. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041

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

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

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

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call 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 Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

History Center open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The new History Center on East Main Street in Luverne will be open regularly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 283-2122 with questions.

Bank Night movie 'Sing' April 6

The free Bank Nite movie, "Sing," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

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

MJB hosts Easter egg hunt April 8

Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne invites all children up to 8 years old to join in an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, and to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. 507-283-2375.

'Little Outhouse on the Prairie' puppet show at Library April 11

Jim Oliver of Puppetater Productions will present the puppet show, "Little Outhouse On the Prairie," at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Rock County Community Library. This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Rock County Library in recognition of National Library Week. It's free and open to all ages.

Zumba 'Spring into Fitness' April 12

A "Spring into Fitness" zumba party will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the City Centre Apartments. Cost is \$1 and prizes and awards will be given away. Contact Janelle Conklin at raymondandjanelle@gmail.com.

Shrine Circus tickets available for free

Local businesses are sponsoring free Shrine Circus tickets for area children at the following locations: Teal's Market, Teal's Food and Gas, Minnwest Bank on Main Street and Kniss Avenue, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Exchange State Bank, Pizza Ranch and at the April 6 Bank Nite Movie at the Palace. The Shrine Circus is April 20-23. Call Everett Brandenburg, 507-920-7055, with questions.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0406 Coffee Cop Magnolia

Harlan Hass of rural Luverne gives a thumbs up as he leaves the Magnolia Café Friday morning during the "Coffee with a Cop" event with Sheriff Evan Verbrugge (front). The come-and-go event allows residents to bring concerns or to ask questions about law enforcement. Also taking questions was Rock County Commissioner Gary Overgaard (left of Verbrugge).

'Coffee with a Cop' travels to Magnolia

Magnolia resident Mary Smook asks Sheriff Verbrugge about burning within the city limits. Rock County Commissioner Gary Overgaard is pictured at right. A yellow notepad containing questions from Magnolia residents reminds Sheriff Evan Verbrugge to get back to residents with answers he couldn't readily answer at the "Coffee with a Cop" event Friday morning at the Magnolia Cafe.



Fleeing suspect to officers:

'At least now you had a little excitement'

By Lori Sorenson

A Sioux Falls man appeared in Rock County District Court Wednesday on felony charges of fleeing a peace officer.

According to court documents, South Dakota authorities pursued 25-year-old Jordan Glenn Shannon into Minnesota early Tuesday morning and eventually apprehended him near Rushmore.

The complaint states that Rock County deputies were on duty at 2:44 a.m. March 28 when they were alerted to a fleeing vehicle in South Dakota near the Minnesota state line.

The pursuit was on what becomes County Road 4 in Rock County, and the vehicle was described as a black Volkswagen with no plates and nonfunctioning taillights.

Two Rock County deputies proceeded in that direction to intercept the vehicle, and South Dakota officers stopped their pursuit at the

state line.

According to the complaint, one of the deputies spotted the Volkswagen parked under the I-90 overpass just west of Beaver Creek.

When the squad turned around, Shannon reportedly took off through Beaver Creek, traveling 75 mph in the 30 mph zone.

With sirens and lights activated, the deputy followed the Volkswagen as it turned south on County Road 6 and entered I-90 headed eastbound at a sustained speed of roughly 120 mph — up to 135 mph.

The Minnesota State Patrol deployed stop sticks on I-90 near the Rushmore exit in Nobles County, and when the Volkswagen cleared the strips, it slowed and left the interstate at the Rushmore exit.

The complaint states that Shannon traveled another 400 feet before stopping. Law



enforcement made contact with him at gunpoint ordering him to show his hands, which he did. But he did not comply with orders to get out of the vehicle, and instead drove off again.

The tires were partially disabled from the stop sticks and the vehicle traveled another 400 feet before stopping. At this point Shannon reportedly complied and was arrested without incident.

When asked why he ran, Shannon reportedly said that he had just bought the car and wanted to "see what it could do." The complaint states that he also told law enforcement, "At least now you had a little excitement."

Officers reportedly noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and in the center console they found a container of marijuana seeds, a grinder, a baggy

of marijuana and a black pipe with marijuana residue.

Shannon was transported to the Nobles County Jail where he was read the Miranda warning. He said he noticed law enforcement behind him, but sped away instead of stopping so that he could see what the car would do.

He said he no longer saw a squad behind him as he entered Minnesota, so he stopped under the I-90 bridge to smoke some cigarettes and let his dog out to pee.

He again admitted he saw officers behind him but wanted to see what his car would do.

He also admitted the grinder and marijuana were his.

Fleeing a peace officer is a felony offense that carries a maximum penalty of three years and one day, a \$5,000 fine or both.

Shannon was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.



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McDonald at Take 16/from 1A

"I'll monitor inventory levels and make sure there's plenty of product where we need it and make sure it's fresh stock," he said.

"I'll also help them promote our beer on the market and educate them on our brand. When people ask about our beer, it helps if they can tell them about it."

Take 16 currently works with Beal Distributing, (in Sioux Falls and Brookings), Ellwein Bros. (in Mitchell, Huron and Aberdeen), Conklin in Vermillion, Hohenstein (in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Mankato and Rochester), and Doll (formerly Hagen), which serves southwest Minnesota and is now licensed in Iowa.

Gust said McDonald will play a key role in maintaining and establishing new markets.

"We as a brewery are at a point where we've been growing and this will take it to the next step for distribution," Gust said.

"Dave will enhance our distributors' relationships, growing them. And he'll be very active in the brewery working very closely with Luke very hands on."

McDonald said he looks forward to that connection.

"It's an incredible amount of work to bring a beer to life, from concept to serving," McDonald said.

"... from naming to brewing to distributing to rolling a keg down the stairs ... So it's really rewarding to see people enjoying your beer and telling you they like your beer."

To ask him which Take 16 beer is his favorite is like asking which of his children he loves most.

"I drink a lot of Kick the Can, but I really like Spin the Bottle and Sundown," he said. "You really can't make a bad choice."

Take 16 Brewery opened in December of 2014 and business has been steadily improving, Gust said.

"In 2016 we added a full third to our production and packaging of beer — a 33-percent increase in beer going out to market," he said.

"With Dave on board now, we expect that production number to increase significantly again in 2017."

There are currently eight different beer profiles of Take 16 beer on the market. A few are year-round beers and the others are seasonal.

More information is available at take16beer.com.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0406 Standards Inservice

In-service presenter Garnet Hillman addresses Luverne Public School instructors Thursday morning, March 30, in the elementary school commons. Hillman explained the benefits of adopting the standards-based grading approach.

Luverne School sets schedule to implement new grading system

By Mavis Fodness

Traditional letter grades are becoming obsolete at Luverne Public Schools.

On Thursday, March 30, Luverne's K-12 teachers spent the day discussing standards-based grading and how learning improves without "A-F" rankings on student report cards.

Luverne Elementary teachers introduced the new grading system school-wide this year. Middle school will implement the new report card standards next school year. High school teachers follow in the 2018-19 school year.

At the high school level, grade point averages will continue to reflect student achievement.

Garnet Hillman, in-service presenter and instructional coach from Deerfield, Illinois, led local staff in both large- and small-group discussion on implementing SBG.

In the morning's large group session, Hillman explained that the new grading system better communicates an individual student's learning to parents.

"Percentages are what we all grew up with," she said. "But what's the difference between an 86 and an 89. It's an easy way to do grades."

The differences in the B grade may be missing assignments or lack of class participation.

"Some grading is punitive," she said. "If a student didn't hand in an assignment, they get a zero."

SBG places students on equal academic footings.

"We need to get kids to focus on learning and not the points," Hillman said.

Instead of receiving an "A-F" ranking, report cards rate key learning elements on a 1-4 scale.

"One" means a student is still in the process of learning a key standard. "Four" means the student has demonstrated he or she understands and is ready for more complex lessons.

The Minnesota Department of Education has defined dozens of K-12 expectations for education achievement in public schools across the state.

Benchmarks or standards exist per grade and per subject. Hillman said while instructors teach all the standards, only a progress in key areas should be reported to parents.

Hillman is a world language instructor at a high school outside of Chicago. She has used the SBG approach for more than a dozen years.

With almost 900 students per grade level, she said she has found the new grading system has freed students to meet standards in a variety of ways.

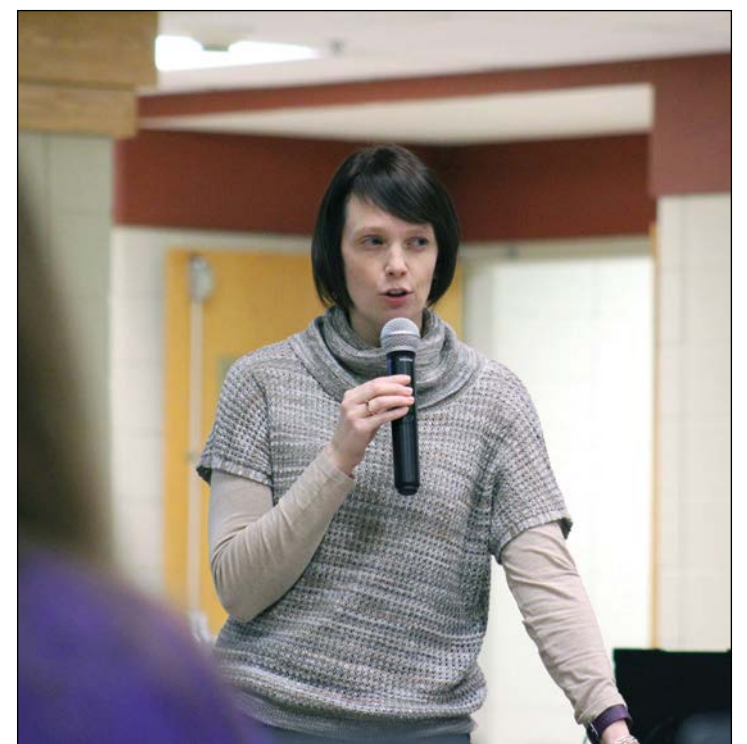
The less stressful learning environment brought focus, and productivity levels increased in all students.

"Education is not preparation for life," she said. "Education is life itself."

Luverne Schools began exploring how to implement SBG into the district five years ago as part of the

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— Garnet Hillman



Last week was the first time Hillman traveled to Luverne for an in-service from her home in Deerfield, Illinois. Some staff previously worked with Hillman in 2016 as part of the flexible learning year in-services.

flexible learning year, multi-school in-services. Since then, some local teachers have been implementing the new grading system approach in their classrooms.

Hillman made two presentations to the partnering districts of Luverne, Windom, Springfield, Redwood Falls and Sleepy Eye in 2016.

This is the first time Hillman presented in Luverne.

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offer "How to plant and grow amazing flower planters for spring."

At 10 a.m. Erica Hough will offer "EMDR Therapy by Luverne Counseling."

At 10:45 a.m. Melissa Kreun will present "Urinary incontinence and physical therapy," by Sanford Health Luverne.

At 11:15 a.m. Tony Schomacker of Schomacker Appliance and Flooring will present, "How the right appliances make a difference."

At 12 noon Stacy Ehle and Jill Kruger of Luverne Ace Hardware will present "New kitchen countertops, cabinets and backsplashes on a budget."

At 12:30 p.m. Bluestem Chef Skyler Hoiland will offer "Tricks of gourmet cooking."

At 1 p.m. Becky and Kathy of ReBorn Furniture and Furnishings will offer "Out with

the old and in with the new by Annie Sloan."

At 2:15 p.m. Salon 75 Esthetician will present "The secrets of beautiful skin."

Food and beverage tastings will go on throughout the day.

The Bluestem, Pizza Ranch, Sterling's Café & Grille and Teal's Market will offer samples at various times throughout the day.

Blue Mound Liquor and Take 16 Brewing Company will have beverage samples available.

The Luverne Area Chamber will give away 4 gifts of \$100 Chamber Gift Cards in drawings held at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Grand Prairie Events is located at 105 S. Estey. More information is available at luvernechamber.com or by calling 283-4061

Transformer outage/from 1A

\$600,000, but Baustian didn't have an estimate for the cost of overhauling the current one.

Meanwhile, the city's power is being supplied by its west substation, and Baustian said there's enough capacity to meet demand until the transformer can be repaired.

Hoftiezer said Luverne's highest-ever peak use was 19,000 kW, and that was during a heat wave when another supplier had fallen short.

Tuesday morning's city power use was at 9,300 kW, less than half of peak use.

"Thank God nobody was hurt," Hoftiezer said.

City lineman Brian Remme was on call Saturday and was first on the scene.

"He had to open a few switches and he was standing under the arc — it was 7 feet long," Hoftiezer said. "There is no training for something like this."

Luverne Community Education announces upcoming classes

Discovery Time Preschool registration for Fall 2017 is open. Call 283-4724 for more information.

Keep your car insurance discount in effect by attending **Defensive Driving Refresher class** on **April 6**. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

Volleyball for grades 1-4 will meet three Mondays, **April 10, 17, and 24**. Fee is \$15.

Teams of 2-4 people (adults and/or children) compete in a timed competition to complete puzzles of 250-1000 pieces at **Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament** on **April 11**. Fee is \$10/person.

Give your child an opportunity to interact with the residents at the Mary Jane Brown Home by doing crafts on a Saturday morning. At **Pom Pom Pets** on **April 22**, you will make some furry friends that will be allowed in the house. Fee is \$13.

Open House Bridal Shower
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Sometimes laughter is the best medicine

I laugh a lot. Often it's my loud or funny-sounding breathy laughs that are pretty well-known to those who know me.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

Sometimes it's the quieter, bouncing-shoulders, belly-rolling, teary-eyed laughs that really get me.

It's not at all uncommon for me to find something funny, and it's not always at times when it's appropriate to laugh.

If you're anything like me, you know that holding a laugh in only makes it funnier and harder to hold back.

In fact, I have a long history of trying unsuccessfully not to laugh in less-than-ideal situations.

You know how it goes. It's usually when you're with a friend or family member and once you both get going, it's almost impossible not to laugh.

I've laughed in church, in class, at concerts, at staff meetings, during choir rehearsals and while judging speech contests.

One story from my college years pretty much sums it up.

I was part of a small group from my college choir that was hired to sing Christmas carols at an accounting firm's holiday party in order to raise money for our trip to Europe.

As we were singing carols a cappella to a room full of accountants wearing suits at the Marshall Country Club, something struck me funny.

My good friend was standing and singing next to me and once we both started to crack up a little, we were in trouble.

Let's just say it wasn't our best performance and I'm still not sure if they actually paid us.

To this day, that might have been my most embarrassing laugh attack.

Thankfully, a laugh attack I

had last week was not nearly as inappropriate.

I was helping out as a room manager at the sub-section high school speech meet and was assigned to the Humorous Interpretation category for the first round.

The only other adult in the room (the judge) was a teacher from a nearby town who loves to laugh and whom I've known for years.

You can guess how this turned out.

One young lady, probably about a ninth-grader, performed her humorous speech with great enthusiasm and talent. Her speech was hilarious.

The judge and I were laughing so hard tears were streaming down my cheeks and my glasses were a mess.

As the round ended and the competing students left the room, I heard one say to another, "They were dying in there," as I was cleaning my glasses.

I felt great to laugh that hard.

That's the thing about laughing. Even when it's not the best time to laugh, it's still great for the soul.

The Bible talks about Christians having a "spirit of joy" and I'm thankful I seldom have trouble finding humor and joy in many situations, even if it's not an ideal time.

So, the next time you find yourself wanting to laugh, let it out. It feels great and it's good for you.

And if you don't find a lot of things funny, hang around people like me. If nothing else, you can laugh at my laugh.

Company's coming — let's clean house

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

This summer Luverne will host the party of the century when we celebrate the town's 150th anniversary. This is the sort of occasion that comes around only every so often (every 150 years, actually) so it would be a great idea to put our best foot forward.

We have a lot happening here in terms of progress and opportunity, but first impressions are an important part of Luverne's story.

We already have a solid reputation for our clean neighborhoods and well-kept homes, but there's plenty more we can do in terms of spiffing up the town.

It starts with us. As individual residents and business owners.

Take a look at our own properties with a critical eye and take

stock of what clutters the big picture or where a well-placed shrub might enhance the view.

Maybe this spring would be a good time to seed the bald patch in the lawn, remove the dead tree or finally give up on rebuilding the old motorcycle that now has weeds growing underneath it.

We've grown accustomed to seeing the deficiencies, but peeling paint, a broken awning or an un-

hinged shutter are the little things that can taint an otherwise great first impression.

We have so much to be proud of in Luverne, and our 150th anniversary is a great time to match our appearances to our accomplishments.

Let's all pitch in and make sure the welcome mat is out this summer — as it is all the time.

Happy 150, Luverne.



What to do in a crash; words on trooper emblem explained

Question: What should a person do if they are involved in a crash?

Answer: If it is a property damage crash without injuries, you should move your vehicle away from traffic if possible and get to a safe location before exiting or exchanging information with the other driver involved. This may depend on the amount of traffic, highway conditions and/or location of the crash (curve, hill, blind spot, etc...).

If your vehicle is disabled and you are unable to move out of the lanes of traffic, stay in your vehicle and leave your seat belt on in case of a secondary crash. If you lose sight or contact with the other motorist involved in the crash, you should report the crash to law enforcement as soon as possible to avoid the possibility of being charged with hit and run.

If someone in the crash is injured or killed, the law requires that you call 911 as quickly as possible.

If you come upon a crash, you will need to evaluate the incident and decide on the best course of action to minimize the risk of



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

harm to you. If you are the first on the scene and have stopped to render aid, park your vehicle well off the roadway and away from the crash so your vehicle will not become a hazard to emergency vehicles or other motorists. Warn other drivers of danger with four-way flashers, flares and flashlights.

If there is a personal injury, serious property damage or danger to other motorists at the crash scene, call 911. Be prepared to provide location, such as distance from an intersection or milepost number. Account for all occupants of the vehicles and aid the injured if you are qualified. Do not move injured persons unless they are endangered by traffic, fire

or excessive bleeding.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

Question: What do those words on the door of your squad car "LETOILE DU NORD" mean?

Answer: Our squad car door badge displays the Seal of Minnesota, including the French phrase "L'Etoile du Nord" meaning "The Star of the North."

This motto was chosen by our first governor, Henry Hastings Sibley and became the State Motto in 1861. This was three years



after Minnesota was admitted to the union. The State Seal is also included on our badge, hat badge, shoulder patches and tie tac.

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.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Action needed to shorten pending recession

To the Editor:

Some people who predicted the bursting of economic bubbles in the past say we are in for a depression from massive government borrowing and money printing.

They say it is inevitable; however, they say that if we end the massive borrowing and printing sooner rather than later, then we can institute reforms to get us out quicker. Otherwise, they say, it will take us decades to recover.

We should all write the president and Congress about this.

Alex Sokolow
Santa Monica, California

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 24
 •Complainant reported a fire in Baltic, South Dakota. Transferred to Minnehaha County dispatch.

•Complainant reported he was speaking to State Patrol and called back per State Patrol request. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Complainant reported an older man contacting her daughter.

•Background requested for liquor and tobacco license.

•Complainant reported a semi with a flat tire about two to three miles west of Luverne. Semi has help coming but is blocking traffic.

•Deputy reported out with vehicle. Owner called advising her car was missing. She spoke to deputy.

•Reserved for deputy. Deputy reports all is OK.

•Complainant reported subject assaulted her and her husband. Subject taken to McDonald's.

•Complainant reported subject won't get out of her car and is yelling.

•Deputy completed the escort.

March 25
 •Complainant reported she is in the car wash bay and the garage door won't open.

•Complainant reported her electricity is out. Spoke to Mike Gangestad who was working on replacing the transformer.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding garbage complaint. Deputy spoke to subject.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding customer who came in asking to exchange money for equal amounts back from them and how to set up a cell phone without using a social security number as well as odd questions about warrants. Left in a dark-colored blue or black minivan.

•Deputy completed the escort.

March 26
 •Complainant reported commercial fire alarm at location. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

•Received driving complaint. Transferred to patrol.

March 27
 •Complainant reported semi truck and trailer for road and drive laws. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Complainant came in to speak to deputy about hit and run. Deputy spoke with complainant.

•Complainant requested to speak with deputy about custody. Deputy spoke with complainant.

•Complainants requested print-off of incoming call record after meeting at location for a child exchange. Provided.

•Deputy completed money escort.

March 28
 •Complainant conducted door checks at location.

•Complainant reported a pursuit led by South Dakota Highway Patrol entering into Minnesota at location. South Dakota squads terminated when vehicle crossed the border into Minnesota. Vehicle described as a dark Volkswagen with no plates or taillights. Original reason for stop was speeds in excess of 120 mph.

•Complainant reported a vehicle speeding. Trans-

ferred to State Patrol.

•Complainant requested to speak with deputy about PBT.

•Complainant reported someone broke into his storage unit.

•Complainant called to advise she was on the shoulder of road with flat tire. Stated she has tow truck coming. Advised State Patrol.

March 29

•Deputy completed escort.

•Deputy reported vehicle parked at location unoccupied.

•Complainant requested extra patrol at residence from March 29 through April 12.

•Complainant reported suspect is acting strange at the pool.

•Complainant requested background check for liquor license.

•Complainant reported her husband fell down the stairway.

•Complainant reported someone just came into her house that she doesn't know. Transferred to Minnehaha County.

•Complainant called 911 and advised she was at location. Transferred call to Pipestone County.

•Complainant reported a woman in her mid fifties wearing a sweatshirt with the words bar on it came into the garage and knocked on the garage door and was acting suspicious. House is going to be unoccupied because owner is down south for the winter. Complainant requested extra patrols. Suspect vehicle is a darker colored pickup with silver trim along the bottom of the doors.

•Complainant reported that her husband and son are having an argument about something at location. Verbal disagreement.

March 30

•Complainant reported a theft.

•Complainant reported someone is taking gravel off the road with a skid steer.

•Complainant reported the theft of some money from her wallet.

•Complainant reported a semi almost ran her off the road.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 deer accident, 5 transports, 1 funeral escort, 20 traffic stops, 19 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 7 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 driver's license checks, 7 log/alarm sheets, 8 drug court tests, 3 false 911 calls, 4 SWHHS reports, and issued 8 purchase/carry permits and 25 burn permits.

Luverne 150th spotlight on Lincoln Hotel/continued from page 1A

1887 as their headquarters. It also housed Rock Island workmen laying railroad lines between Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Watertown, South Dakota.

The three-story structure dates back five years before Luverne had electricity and is one of the oldest buildings in Luverne made of wood.

Two front rooms served as headquarters for the railway, with a large kitchen and dining room to the north. Nearly 20 rooms were located on the second and third floors, rented out for 50-75 cents a day.

Outhouses were located on the north side of the building. There was a pail with a lid in each room for night use. In each room there was also a large bowl and pitcher for bathing. Tenants had to take the pitcher down to the kitchen cook stove to get hot water from the reservoir on the back of the cook stove.

There was one heating stove and chairs in the large center room connecting all rooms. Tenants had to leave room doors open for heat on the second floor.

In later years one bathroom with a toilet, sink, and bathtub for all 10 rooms was added on the second floor.

The third floor with five rooms was built in later years, and one heating stove was located in the center of the large connecting room.

Tenants still had to leave their doors open for heat in the sleeping rooms. One bathroom with a toilet, sink and shower for five rooms was added on the third floor. Rooms cost 50 cents and up.

The hotel was a rooming house during the time Katie Heikes operated it from the late 1940s until 1979. Occasionally, traveling men stayed there, Mrs. Heikes said, but generally her guests were working people who needed a room to live in while they were employed in Luverne.

"When the Army base was open in Sioux Falls during the war, a lot of soldiers would come over



Current Senior Center building started out as Lincoln Hotel in 1880s in Luverne

and spend the weekend here," she said.

"When Jimmy Thomas had his band, some of his boys stayed here when they weren't on the road."

"Hanson Silo men stayed with us. So did the workmen who built the new high school, and some of them who built the highway."

"But for the last three or four years, the only one who lived here was Ray Cross."

The Lincoln House, or the Lincoln Hotel as Mrs. Heikes calls it, has 17 guest rooms. Two are on the ground floor, ten on the second and five on the third.

Mrs. Mae Wynn, who owned the hotel before the Axelsens (Heikes' parents) bought it, remodeled the attic to add five more rooms and a bath. She made a number of other improvements, including the addition of a basement and furnace heat.

Lodging at the Lincoln Hotel was not expensive, even in the days when money was a scarce commodity.

"We charged \$1 a night for those who wanted to stay just one night," Mrs. Heikes explained. "For someone who wanted to rent by the week, the

charge was usually \$3 to \$4, never over \$5 until the last few years."

There was one bathroom on each of the floors. The rooms were not heated, but there were small heaters in the hallways at the head of the stairs. Even though there was only one bathroom on a floor, she never had complaints about bathroom facilities.

"The guys knew there was only one bathroom," she said. "They got up early to get in. Of course, women very seldom stayed here, so that helped some."

In its early days, the hotel was owned by Norwegians, Mrs. Heikes said.

Newcomers arriving in Luverne for the first time found inexpensive lodging as well as someone who could speak their language when they came to town.

"Food used to be served here too, and I know there were a number of wedding suppers held here."

Heikes sold the facility to Luverne Senior Citizens in 1979 for \$20,000. An addition was added in 1983.

The Luverne Senior Citizens organized in 1971 and first met at the American Legion, Luverne Savings and Loan and the Masonic Temple before finding their home in the

former Lincoln Hotel.

The group later considered demolishing the century-old hotel for further expansion, but instead opted to rejuvenate the structure with new wiring, siding, shingles, windows, etc.

Until they acquired this facility, the Senior Citizens met only twice each month, and the group's first meal site was a local mission house, with meals cooked at the Anderson Café.

The Lincoln Hotel kitchen was put back into service in 1983 when the Senior Citizens organization erected a \$120,000 addition on the north side of the hotel, using \$70,000 in donations.

The senior citizens rented their facility to Luverne Senior Dining for a minimal fee.

Though their new facility provided ample room for kitchen facilities, serving meals and activities, the first floor of the Lincoln continued to be used as the office for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, a Heartland Express bus station, and craft activities. (Heartland Express currently operates out of its own facility near the Rock County Highway Department.)



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CELEBRATIONS

Open Houses

An ababyshower for **Lyndsie (Johnson) Deragisch** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 8, at the American Reformed Church, 304 N. Fairview, Luverne.

An open-house bridal shower for **Dani Baker**, bride-to-be of Shea Klooster, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Steen Reformed Church.

Gerhard Fick will celebrate his 85th birthday with an open house from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Luverne Senior Citizens Center.

Greetings may be sent to 214 W. Veterans Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

An open house bridal shower for **Nichole Loosbrock**, bride-to-be of **Austin Quebedeaux**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Lismore Legion Hall in Lismore.

MENU

Monday, April 10: Ham, baked potato, broccoli, bread, pudding.

Program: pinocle.

Tuesday, April 11: Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered cabbage, bread, rosy applesauce.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Continental Western.

Wednesday, April 12: Meatloaf with ketchup, au gratin potatoes, green beans, bread, pears.

Program: Make cards with Alyce.

Thursday, April 13: Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, fruit cobbler.

Friday, April 14: Salmon loaf, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, fruit salad, frosted cake.

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

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

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



Lisa Teunissen began duties as Luverne Senior Dining Program site coordinator in February.

Mavis Fodness Photo/0406 Senior Dining 40th

Senior dining begins 40th year with new coordinator



Neva Clausen (left) pages through a scrapbook filled with pictures, newspaper clippings and programs depicting various events organized through the Luverne Senior Dining Program including the swimsuit contest in 1986 (below).



By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Senior Dining Site Coordinator Lisa Teunissen accepted her new position as director because she enjoys working with senior citizens.

"I love hearing their stories," she said.

Teunissen became part of the senior dining story Thursday, March 30, as she helped the organization celebrate 40 years of serving well-balanced meals to senior citizens each weekday.

Prior to Thursday's dinner service to about 60 seniors, Teunissen gave a short timeline outlining changes to the program, starting about a decade ago. In 2007 Lutheran Social Services began administering the senior dining program.

Today, Teunissen said, Luverne's program regularly prepares more than 100 meals a day, which includes its home-delivered meals program. Individuals in Luverne, Adrian and Worthington have meals delivered to them.

"They make a lot of meals," she said, commending the kitchen staff.

At the center the meal

count increases on Tuesdays, the most popular day due to its \$2 meals.

Staff members include Debbie Scholten, Georgia Greves, Julie Klein and Joyce Hemme. Volunteers help with setting tables, serving dessert and cleaning up each day.

Volunteers also assist with the center's daily programming, but more help is needed.

"Anyone who wants to share a talent would be greatly appreciated," she said.

Teunissen began as site coordinator in February, having previously worked as a front desk agent at GrandStay Hotel and Suites in Luverne.

Her new part-time position allows Teunissen to spend more time with husband, Galen, their four children, and soon-to-be two grandchildren.

More history of Luverne Senior Dining

In 1994 now-retired site coordinator Neva Clausen compiled a histo-

ry of the nutrition program. She retired in 2014 after 35 years.

Her history recorded that the meal site opened March 9, 1977, with Elvin Raschke as the manager. Meals at that time were catered by Andee's Café and were served at the Luverne Mission House. That fall meal service moved to the Blue Mound Tower.

During that first year 9,400 meals were served.

In 1979 Helen Schroeder was hired as senior dining's first cook. She prepared meals in the Armory and transported the finished products to Blue Mound Tower until 1980.

That year, a kitchen was set up in the Senior Citizens Center (Old Lincoln Hotel). Meals continued to be transported to Blue Mound Tower.

The transport of meals lasted until 1984 when the current kitchen and dining hall opened next to the former hotel.

The home delivery program also began in 1984.

Subject of 'Gitchee Girl' book appearing at library event

Sandra Cheskey, the main character in the true crime story, "Gitchee Girl: The Survivor's Inside Story of the Mass Murders that Shocked the Heartland," will be at the Rock County Community Library Saturday, April 15.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cheskey will give an "inside story" presentation about the book and the events surrounding the Gitchee Manitou mass murders. Cheskey was

the lone survivor of a Nov. 17, 1973, incident at Gitchee Manitou State Park near Larchwood, Iowa.

Three brothers were convicted of the crime that killed four teenagers that night.

For 40 years, Cheskey kept silence about the incident until telling her story to the husband-wife author team of Phil Hamman and Sandy Hamman. A book signing/photo opportunity will follow her presentation.



Adria Sherwood and Eric Benson

They are planning a Sept. 23, 2017, wedding on their farm outside of Garretson.

Diane Sherwood, Luverne, and Tim and JoEllen Benson, Garretson, South Dakota, announce the engagement of their children Adria Sherwood and Eric Benson, both of Garretson.

Adria graduated from Luverne High School in 2002 and from Winona State University in 2006. She currently works at Habilitative Services in Luverne.

Eric graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 2000 and from South Dakota State University, Brookings, in 2004. He is currently self-employed as a farmer.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•Luverne hasn't been widely known for its birds, but ask any bird watchers and they'll say it should be.

"We are a migration flyway here in Luverne," said Carol Morgan, who calls herself a "bird brain."

She's on a local committee working with the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau to organize the Southwest Minnesota Prairie Birding Fest April 20-21 in Luverne.

25 years ago (1992)

•St. Paul's Project Environment Foundation released information Wednesday saying Rock, Nobles, and Murray counties are among 17 Minnesota counties with inadequate emergency response plans.

The counties are not alone. The report says "Minnesota's regulatory system does not protect public health against an estimated 54 million pounds of toxic air pollutants emitted annually in the state nor does it insure adequate emergency responses to accidents that may occur at some 3,000 sites where toxic chemicals are stored."

50 years ago (1967)

•They've been seeing unidentified flying objects (UFO's) in the Jasper area, and it's been the topic of conversation over coffee cups and telephones for the last two weeks. But very few people are talking about them for publication.

Gordon Larson, Jasper postal worker, however, is one who isn't reluctant to discuss his experience. Probably one of the reasons is that he went out purposely to look for UFO's one night and saw one. With him were three other Jasperites, Gerald Larson, Rudolph Hundstad, and Randy Larson, and all will back him up on his statements.

Several others who "saw something," however, declined to

comment, or were reluctant to say anything. One woman reportedly saw one take off from the ground. One told the Star Herald she saw one flying in the air. Another woman, a neighbor, said flatly that she has nothing to say whatsoever, but try calling "so-and-so"

75 years ago (1942)

•Fred Schulte, Ashcreek, pleaded guilty Tuesday night in municipal court to a charge of malicious mischief, brought against him by D.R. Smith, also of Ashcreek. Judge Main deferred sentence until a later date.

Schulte was charged with having removed a metal door from the vault in the old bank building in Ashcreek, after having sold it on March 1 to Smith. Because of the door's value, Smith filed a complaint against Schulte, and Schulte was ordered to return it, and replace it in the building.

100 years ago (1917)

•With the close of Saturday Kasper Merkle rounded out thirty-one years and eight months' continuous service as a section foreman for the Rock Island Railroad system, or its predecessor the old B.C.R. & N., and in recognition of these services he was retired and placed on the Rock Island company's pension roll.

Mr. Merkle first entered the employ of the B.C.R. & N. at Trosky, where he remained for two and a half years. He was then transferred to Pipestone, where he remained for two years and since 1885 has had charge of one of the Luverne sections of the company. During all of this long period Mr. Merkle has never missed a single day's pay, nor has he received a discredit mark from his company. He will now receive a pension of \$22 a month, and also an annual pass.

Luverne will send 20 students to section speech tournament Saturday

The Luverne speech team placed second at the subsection tournament March 28 in Adrian, with Windom taking first place. The top four finishers in each of the 13 categories move on to section competition on Saturday, April 8, at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Alternates are those who placed fifth in their respective categories at the subsection. Luverne will send 20

students to the section tournament. Luverne speech team results at the subsection tournament March 28 are as follows: Creative expression: Shelby Nath, fifth; Cameron Westsels, sixth. Discussion: Knute Oldre, first; Samantha Ykema, second; Melanie Rittenhouse, fourth; Alexa Chesley, sixth. Drama: Brianna Jonas, third. Duo interpretation: Kayla Rud and Ashton Krueger,

third; Roz Oye and Lauren Ver Steeg, fourth; John Miller and Isaac Eidem, fifth. Extemp reading: Nicole Hoogland, first; Courtney Wendland, fourth; Destiny Matthiesen, fifth. Extemp speaking: Dylan Thorson, first; Chance Tunnessen, second; Shane Berning, third. Great speeches: Rylee Anderson, fourth. Humorous: Seno Chantalangsy, third; Gunnar Oldre, fourth.

Original oratory: Lindsey Roemeling, sixth. Poetry: Adriana Gonzalez, third; Naomi Ring, fifth. Prose: Sage Ver Steeg, fourth. Storytelling: Marisol Hartshorn, first; Xavier Carbonneau, second; Julia Ferguson, fourth; and Hannah Baker, fourth. The top three individuals in each speech category at the section tournament compete at the state level April 21-22 in Apple Valley.

OBITUARIES

Kristi Baker

Kristi Jo (Sammons) Baker and band concert. They loved to camp and spend family time together. Her greatest joy was her family and taking care of them. Being mom and "meema" was her life. Everything she did was out of love, compassion and care for her family and friends.



Memorial services will be held on Monday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church in Underwood.

Kristi was born May 11, 1957, to Les and LillyAnn (Harrington) Sammons in Luverne, Minnesota. She attended school in Luverne, graduating in 1975. She lived in Fairmont, Minnesota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Yuma, Arizona, while raising two beautiful children and working many different jobs.

In 1992, she met and married Pete Baker, moving her family to North Dakota where they made their home. Kristi loved growing flowers, mowing, riding motorcycle, and being outside in the short North Dakota summers.

In 2007, they started raising their twin grandsons. Raising her grandsons, watching them grow and flourish in life, made her beam with pride, attending every baseball, track, football and basketball game

Kristi is survived by her husband, Pete Baker of Coleharbor, North Dakota, son Damian Christenson (Shanna) of Underwood, North Dakota, grandchildren, Parker and Preston Christenson of Coleharbor, North Dakota, Gabe and Gavin (Brittany) Christenson of Bismarck, North Dakota, mother LillyAnn Sammons of Luverne, Minnesota, brother, Mike (Ronda) Sammons of Round Lake, Minnesota, sister, Michelle Schreier of Currie, Minnesota, and many nieces and nephews; along with her pets, Gus and Harley.

Kristi was preceded in death by her daughter Melissa, father, Les Sammons, and brother, David Sammons.

Hug Someone Today, K. To sign the online register go to www.garrisonthompson.com.

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Paul Donth Sr.

Paul E. Donth Sr., 77, a member of the Magnolia Luverne, formerly of Magnolia, died Friday, March 31, 2017, at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home in Luverne.



A funeral was Tuesday, April 4, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Paul Donth was born Jan. 29, 1940, to Edward and Jennie (Nagel) Donth in Adrian. He attended school in Magnolia.

Paul married Michele Anderson in June of 1960 and they divorced in 1974. Paul married Kim Haacke in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on July 30, 1983. Paul started trucking at a young age for his father's trucking and shelling business. He started working at the Magnolia elevator at the age of 16 and was their bulk truck driver for forty years. He also sold fire extinguishers while he was working at the elevator. He started hauling livestock for farmers with his own rig in 1973. After Paul left the elevator, he helped out his daughter and son-in-law by taking a route hauling produce up to the cities. He also worked at Pamida in Luverne for a few years.

Paul was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne where he served as a greeter and an usher. He was

woodworking, camping, fishing and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed bingo, telling jokes and a story or two. He is survived by his wife, Kim Donth, Luverne; two children, Shelly (Dan Leiding) Deutsch, Mapleton, and Paul (Lola) Donth, Rock Rapids, Iowa; three step-children, Kristina (Bryan) Pressley, Auburn, Washington, Katherine (Corey) Gundersen, Madison, South Dakota, and Lance (Angela) Haacke, Spring, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Karen (Mary) Donth, Magnolia; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; an infant child; a granddaughter, Jessica Julius; two brothers, Pete and Myron Donth; and his sister, Marjorie Smook.

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

(406 F)

FFA conducts annual awards banquet

Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter met for their awards and recognition banquet Tuesday, March 28, in the Luverne Elementary School Commons.

Graduating seniors

Nine graduating seniors were recognized along with their parents. They are Riley Baker, son of Terri Baker and Dean Baker; J.J. Dooyema, son of Doug and Pam Dooyema; Jared Jose, son of Jill Thielbar; Will Natte, son of Chris Natte and Kris Peterson; Tommy Norman, son of Cory Norman and Renee Sudenga; Annabell Petronek, daughter of Mike and Tina Petronek; Kris Severtson, son of Sterling and Denise Severtson; Tanner Wiese, son of Dan and Lisa Wiese; and Josh Zemler, son of Chuck and Carolyn Zemler.

Star awards

Star awards are given to FFAers for outstanding achievement.



Hilfers

Earning the Star in Ag Placement and the Star in Agribusiness was Alena Hilfers. The Star Farmer and D e K a l b Ag Accomplishment award was presented to Kris Severtson.



Severtson

Scholarship pins

Chapter members who achieved a 3.2 cumulative grade point average for the first semester were recognized with scholarship pins. Students included Tacey Baustian, Justice Brandt, Kynzie Hamann, Meagan Hansen, Alex Hartman, Anita Cole-Kraty, Brayden Tofteland, Ainsley Rysdam, Anna Huisman, McCall Stegenga, Tanner Wiese, Blake Madison and Jaimie Ross.

Leadership pins

FFA members were rewarded for attending and completing various leadership activities. They were challenged to earn 110 or more points to earn leadership pins. Earning pins were Carson Ehde, Riley Siebenahler, Mason Wenzel, Blake Madison, Paige Hinrichs, Hannah Kruse, Paige Madison, Jaimie Ross, Eli Bakken, Trey Baustian, Halle Hough, Michael Kinsinger, Trevor Mente, Kaylie Ossefoort, Devin Susie, Amber DeGroot, Payton Fick, Tyler Fick, Alena Hilfers, Aric Meinerts, Dylan Mente, Genna Natte, Ethan Thorson, Cody Saker, Jared Jose, Will Natte, Kris Severtson, Dylan Mente, Tyler Reisdorfer and Aric Meinerts.



Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter officers for the 2017-18 school year are (front row, from left) Trey Baustian, Kaylee Ossefoort, Halle Hough, Michael Kinsinger, (back) Dylan Mente, Tyler Fick, Cody Saker, Tyler Reisdorfer and Aric Meinerts.

dorfer and Aric Meinerts.

Greenhand, Star awards

Members who completed their first year of FFA were recognized. Earning greenhand pins were Tacey Baustian, Justice Brandt, Marshall Dammann, Carson Ehde, Kynzie Hamann, Megan Hansen, Alex Hartman, Anita Cole-Kraty, Carter Loosbrock, Gryphon Noerenberg, Riley Siebenahler, Brayden Tofteland, Mason Wenzel, Ainsley Rysdam, Anna Huisman, Blake Madison, Hunter Hamann, Devin Susie, Jaimie Ross, Calvin Ross and Tanner Wiese. Blake Madison was named the Star Greenhand.

Chapter degree pins

Two-year members are able to earn chapter degree pins for their participation. Eighteen FFAers earned chapter pins. They are Brooke Brust, Halle Hough, Michael Kinsinger, Trevor Mente, Tyler Moss, Kaylie Ossefoort, Breanna Richters, Aleck Schoneman, Riley Severtson, Max Skattum, Grace Steensma, McCall Stegenga, Will Stegenga, Paige Hinrichs, Hannah Kruse, Paige Madison, Tucker Sievers and Emily Zemler.

Proficiency plaques

Chapter proficiency plaques are awarded to a chapter member for his/her supervised agricultural experience project. Students and area of proficiency are as follows: Freshmen: Justice Brandt, small animal production; Alex Hartman, sheep production; and Blake Madison, swine entrepreneurship. Sophomores: Brooke Brust, grain production placement; Paige Hinrichs, goat production entrepreneurship; Halle Hough, beef production

entrepreneurship; Michael Kinsinger, sheep production entrepreneurship; Hannah Kruse, beef production entrepreneurship; Paige Madison, sheep production entrepreneurship; Kaylie Ossefoort, beef production entrepreneurship; Breanna Richters, goat production entrepreneurship; Aleck Schoneman, swine production entrepreneurship; Grace Steensma, ag sales and service placement, and home and/or community development; Will Stegenga, forage production; Devin Susie, ag sales and service placement; Emily Zemler, goat production entrepreneurship. Juniors: Eli Bakken, beef production and ag mechanics repair and maintenance; Hans Bakken, ag mechanics design and fabrication entrepreneurship; Trey Baustian, beef production entrepreneurship; Mitchell Buss, ag sales and service placement; Jeffrey Cauwels, beef production; Amber DeGroot, forage production entrepreneurship and fruit and/or vegetable production; Payton Fick, beef production entrepreneurship; Tyler Fick, beef production entrepreneurship; Alena Hilfers, home and/or community development, ag mechanics repair and maintenance, ag sales and service, fruit and vegetable production;

Aric Meinerts, ag sales and service; Dylan Mente, beef production entrepreneurship; Genna Natte, ag sales and service placement; Tyler Reisdorfer, beef production entrepreneurship, ag sales and service placement, beef production entrepreneurship; Ethan Thorson, ag sales and service placement, ag mechanics repair and maintenance and landscape management placement; McKenna Westphal, horse production entrepreneurship and poultry production entrepreneurship. Seniors: Tommy Norman, beef production entrepreneurship; Annabell Petronek, fruit and vegetable production entrepreneurship and ag sales and service placement; Kris Severtson, beef production entrepreneurship.

2017-18 officers

Officers for the 2017-18 school year are as follows: Dylan Mente, president; Tyler Fick, vice president; Halle Hough, secretary; Michael Kinsinger, treasurer; Kaylie Ossefoort, reporter; Cody Saker, sentinel; Trey Baustian, parliamentarian; Tyler Reisdorfer, officer-at-large; and Aric Meinerts, historian.

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ment find themselves filling in where needed, and that makes their days longer.

She said many direct care workers, who earn roughly \$11 per hour, eventually burn out and go elsewhere.

"And I don't blame them," Schear said. "They can go work somewhere else for \$13 an hour and not have to work as hard or have near the stress."

While the job has its rewards, Schear said direct care workers have difficult responsibilities, such as helping with personal hygiene and certain health care needs.

RCO employs 17 people. Five are in management and 12 are staff, 10 of whom are full-time. They are in charge of 46 people who come into RCO on a regular basis for work and rehabilitation. Another five are supervised for work outside RCO in the community.

Schear said she's pleased with the current RCO staff, but she's always advertising for help wanted because of chronic turnover.

Raising wages for direct care workers would require legislative action, since their salaries are funded through Medicaid reimbursements.

A majority of Minnesota's legislators in both parties co-authored the "Best Life Alliance Bill," which failed in 2016, but is in the 2017 pipeline.

If passed, direct care wages would increase 4 percent this year and 4 percent

next year.

Rep. Joe Schomacker, Luverne, has been advocating in the Minnesota Legislature for higher direct care wages.

"It takes a special type of person to provide care for our most vulnerable adults, and rates the state pays don't reflect that," he said.

"I continue to advocate for rates that reflect the work, and I am working for reforms that provide long-term sustainability in the funding."

Schomacker added the same problems are plaguing hospitals and nursing homes where wages for nurses' aids remain low.

Schear said it all comes down to wages.

"If I could ask for one thing, it would be higher wages and benefits for our staff so the employees we have will stay longer," she said.

"That would be beneficial for the clients because they get to know their direct care staff and learn to trust them."

She added that time spent hiring and training new workers also cuts into the time management could be spending on direct care for clients.

Schear pointed out that clients in rural Luverne and Rock County are fortunate to have the luxury of nearby family and other support networks.

Many of the industry's saddest stories are coming from metro areas where vulnerable adults simply aren't

receiving care due to worker shortages.

"If they don't receive care, they might not get out of bed and serious health conditions can occur as a result of this lack of care," Schear said.

These dire circumstances haven't yet reached Rock County, but Schear said she hopes it doesn't reach that point.

According to the Minnesota Organization for Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation, there are 8,700 unfilled direct support positions in Minnesota and that number is growing as pay rates continue to lag behind other industries.

"This is a crisis," said MOHR spokesperson Sherie Wallace. "There is no one with the qualifications of caring people want to work for that level of pay."

She said low wages affect services across the spectrum of caring for vulnerable adults.

"It's very difficult to attract folks with these wages, especially in residential programs," Wallace said.

"And if these houses close, that affects the day programs. People who live in the homes spend their days at RCO, so one affects the other."

That's why MOHR is lobbying the legislature for wage hikes, said Mike Burke, organization president.

"It is hard to lose able, talented and passionate employees because they can earn more flipping burgers at a local fast food shop," Burke said.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0406 Casey Closing

Casey's General Store manager Lila Sudenga locked the doors one last time Monday, April 3, on an empty East Main Street convenience store in Luverne. All the store items were boxed and donated to various local organizations. The words "We will miss you" were written on the store's front window after the store officially closed March 31.

Casey's East Store closes doors Friday

The store will also remove underground tanks, pumps and the canopy, but EPA clearance can take six months to a year.

Once that is complete, the property will be listed for sale, and company officials say there have already been several inquiries.

They also noted there will be no-compete deed restrictions, such as no fuel or convenience sales (including beverages, tobacco, prepared foods, donuts and pizza) for 15 years.



Deb Bontje (far left) and Tami Johnson (center) with Casey's General Store supervisory team work with Luverne's Lila Sudenga in emptying and closing the East Main Street store on Monday. Casey's store on South Highway 75, Luverne, was recently remodeled and is open 24/7.

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Growing fresh produce for shareholders



Wyoming native Elizabeth "Berty" Ferguson stands outside her garden east of Luverne, land she shares with RiverBend Berries started with her life partner and local resident Joseph Stearns. Ferguson will operate a Community Supported Agriculture business in which residents buy shares for a summer of fresh produce.

Ferguson's produce garden developing into a Community Supported Agriculture business near Luverne

No mechanical tiller is used in preparing the RiverBend garden beds for spring planting. Instead, Elizabeth Ferguson uses a broadfork (right) to loosen up the soil planting beds without hitting the clay layer. Below: She uses a Korean hoe, which has a spear-like head allowing the tool to be used for the gardening tasks of hilling, digging, weeding and planting.



Photos and story by Mavis Fodness

A strong sense of land stewardship is leading a Luverne woman to offer a farm-to-table option to local residents.

Elizabeth "Berty" Ferguson is joining the nationwide trend of community-supported agriculture. She wants to grow local, high-quality fresh produce for shareholder members in a subsistence way.

"Conservation is integral to my belief system," Ferguson said. "I've always wanted to be a good steward of whatever corner of the world I'm in."

Being outdoors and working with the soil to develop a bountiful garden is good for her spirituality, she said, and developing a CSA plugs into a variety of skills. Manual labor, marketing and critical thinking are necessary for success.

Ferguson brought those skills to her life partner's raspberry business.

Joseph Stearns began RiverBend Berries five years ago on land currently owned by his parents, Walter and Kathie Stearns, on North River Road east of Luverne. Ferguson developed a marketing plan for the berries that helped the business break even financially.

She hopes to duplicate the success with her CSA garden.

At RiverBend, an eighth of an acre is dedicated to Ferguson's garden.

In her first year Ferguson is offering 10 shares for \$350 each. Currently five have been sold.

"I am pretty excited," she said. "I've been dreaming about this for the past five years."

One share purchases 13 weeks of produce grown and harvested from the RiverBend garden. Ferguson estimates seven to eight different kinds of produce for shareholders during each of those weeks.

For example, on July 6 her shareholders are scheduled to receive carrots, herbs, lettuce, turnips, kohlrabi, spinach and peas.

While those produce varieties are scheduled, Ferguson has planned for possible variations in produce.

"Sometimes the sun shines and sometimes it doesn't," she said.

Ferguson's planting schedule was developed while attending Farm Beginnings classes offered through Dakota Rural Action, a grassroots family agriculture and conservation group.

The class teaches hands-on, low-cost, sustainable methods for various farming options by offering the tools to successfully launch a farm enterprise.

Ferguson grew up in Worland, Wyoming, where memories of eating fresh produce were first made.

"Everything that came out of it was good," she said.

After graduating from high school in 2005, she attended her

parents' alma mater, the University of Sioux Falls, receiving a bachelor's degree in English. After college she embarked on touring the United States, taking on "adventure" jobs. Among the jobs was working for CSAs in Florida.

Many of the growing techniques learned while on the job are now incorporated into her own garden plots, which she developed.

One of those techniques includes plant covers to protect growing produce from frost, insects and/or the intense sunlight. She has developed a rotation of crops that is sustainable for the soil.

And a gravity flow irrigation system collects rainwater off a storage shed. The collected water is delivered to each of the eight garden zones through a series of hoses.

The system worked well last year in the 70-by-60-foot garden. Ferguson grew enough food for herself and family members. The positive results led to the CSA idea.

"It is large enough that I can feed other people," she said.

A secret, Ferguson shared, is to use best gardening practices and plan for disasters.

"If I grow for 10 people, I plant for 15 people," she said.

Deadline to purchase a share is May 1.

Contact Ferguson at 605-681-7823 or email riverbendberries@gmail.com.

1884: Suspicious tramps encouraged to take first train out of town by sheriff, marshal

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on January 18, 1884:

Two tramps of suspicious appearance arrived at Luverne Saturday evening and took lodgings at the Merchants hotel. Their conduct was such that their movements were closely watched and the day following they were interviewed by Sheriff Gillham and Marshal Maxwell. From their own statement it appears that the men have been at work at Pipestone for some time past, but at this time they were "dead broke" and as they manifested no disposition to mend their ways or improve their circumstances, Sheriff Gillham concluded that Luverne had no use for them and ordered them to leave town on the first train. They were accordingly conducted to the depot Monday afternoon in time to



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

take the east bound train and as the train pulled out the tramps quietly stepped on the front end of the baggage car while conductor Becker's attention was taken up with matters on the other side. Information was sent by Sheriff Gillham to officers at Adrian and Worthington, giving a description of the distinguished arrivals who would be likely to be bounced at one of those stations, and all necessary efforts have doubt-

less since been made to keep the impetuous gentlemen "on the go."

To my readers: I hope you enjoyed this little article! I doubt this would happen today!

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Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

More awards garnered by Ellsworth Locker

Brian and Kathy Chapa, owners of Ellsworth Locker in Ellsworth, won recognition for seven specialty meat entries at the 2017 Minnesota Meat Processors Convention in St. Cloud.

The Chapas received the grand champion award for their bone-in ham. In addition, their dried beef, jalapeno pepper-jack brats and supreme pizza brats were awarded

reserve grand champion, and their porklinks, beefjerky and Minnesota brats won champion awards.

There were more than 24 entrants in the meat competition, representing the states of Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota. A total of 408 meat products in 26 different categories were entered in the contest. Products were judged by 38 experts in the meat industry.

Luverne native listed as 'Dotloop Top 10' agent

Luverne native Ashley (Gacke) Bartholomaus was named to the inaugural "Dotloop Top 10: Most Tech-Forward Agents" list. Bartholomaus works with Keller Williams Realty in Sioux Falls. She was commended for

her exceptional use of technology in the real estate field and incorporation of Dotloop as a tool.

Dotloop is a real estate transaction management system. The company is based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Curtis receives honor

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School athlete received a postseason honor last week.

Luverne senior Layne Curtis is one of five players to draw honorable mention on the 2016-17 All-Big South Conference Western Division Boys' Basketball Team.

Along with the five honorable mention selections, 10 players were named to the Western Division's all-league squad.

Marshall led all teams by landing three selections on the all-league roster.

Seniors Weston Baker-Magrath, Mitchell Sueker and Zach Bloemker grace the list for the Tigers.

Jackson County Central and Redwood Valley landed two all-conference selections each.

Seniors Ryan Christopher and Jacob Christopher made the team for the Huskies,



Curtis

while senior James Pendleton and Mitch Irlbeck represent RWV.

Pipstone senior Trey Pottartz, Windom junior Luke Gilbertson and Worthington senior Zach Boever round out the all-conference squad.

Other players drawing honorable mention include Marshall senior Reece Winkelman and junior Trey Lance, Pipestone junior Ethan Baartman and Worthington junior Tyler Linder.

Cards rout Mavericks

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team registered a convincing victory during its 2017 debut Friday in Welcome.

Taking on Martin County West on its home field, the Cardinals scored runs in five of the game's six innings to secure a 16-1 win.

Chase Johnson and Gaige Nath drove in a combined seven runs to highlight Luverne's offensive performance, while three Cardinal pitchers tossed a combined one-hitter.

Trey Roberts registered an RBI single in the first inning and Mark Sterrett doubled home a run in the second to make it 2-0.

Nath ignited a three-RBI effort with a two-run single in the third to make it a 4-0 game.

LHS scored five runs in the fifth inning and seven in the sixth to turn the contest into a rout.

Johnson doubled home two runs, Sterrett received an RBI for a ground out, and Will Mumme drew a walk

and Charlie Reisch was hit by a pitch with the bases full to account for Luverne's five runs in the fifth.

Johnson capped a four-RBI game with a two-run single in the sixth inning.

Nath received an RBI for a bunt single and Roberts drove in a run with a fielder's choice during the seven-run rally in the sixth, which included LHS scoring three runs with errors.

Tyler Reisdorfer tossed three shutout innings of hitless ball to earn the pitching win.

Derek Lundgren yielded one run and one hit in two innings of relief before giving way to Kaden Ericson, who pitched a scoreless sixth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	3	1	2	2
Serie	3	1	0	0
Reisdorfer	3	1	0	0
Roberts	2	3	1	2
Lundgren	2	2	0	0
Nath	5	2	3	3
Reisch	2	2	0	1
Mente	1	1	0	0
Mumme	2	2	0	1
Johnson	4	1	3	4

Girls dominate Luverne Meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' track team opened the season in style March 28 in familiar surroundings.

Hosting the Luverne Meet, the Cardinals turned in a commanding performance by winning 15 meet championships and placing second in six events.

Mazkenzie Petersen, Kami Sawtelle and Tianna Doppenberg led the charge by winning a combined seven individual titles.

Petersen took top honors in the 100-meter hurdles (18.63), 300-meter hurdles (55.39) and the high jump (4-8), while Sawtelle claimed the shot put and discus crowns with respective 37-7 1/2 and 101-11 tosses.

Doppenberg won the 100-meter dash in 12.96 and secured the long jump championship with a distance of 14-6 3/4.

Other individual titles went to Sierra Schmuck (27.89 in the 200), Jady Anderson (2:33.19 in the 800), Madison Schandelmeier (5:54.01 in the 1,600), Leslie Van Engelenhoven (13:51.71 in the 3,200) and Mallory Thorson (32-1 in the triple jump).

Luverne also won the 400-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays with respective 53.06, 4:23.2 and 11:28.22 efforts.

Schmuck, Ivy Hudson, Sydney Bieber and Gracie Zewiske ran the 400, while Schandelmeier, Gabrielle Ferrell, Brooklyn Ver Steeg and Anderson teamed up in the 1,600.

Ferrell, Tenley Nelson, Cassie Flanagan and Madison Reisdorfer won the 3,200 in 11:28.22.



John Rittenhouse photo/0403 lhs track 3

Luverne's Mackenzie Petersen won three individual events during the Luverne Meet staged at Cardinal Field March 28. The event served as the 2017 debut for LHS.

Nelson (6:03.19 in the 1,600 and 6-2 in the pole vault), Bieber (29.22 in the 200), Flanagan (14:07.87 in the 3,200) and Doppenberg (30-8 in the triple jump) placed second in individual competition.

Luverne also fielded a second 3,200-meter relay that placed second with a time of 11:45.27.

Ver Steeg, Claire Baustian, Anika Gust and Van Engelenhoven formed the team.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's top eight finishes during the meet.

Third place: Mallory Oye, 100, 14.47; Zewiske, 200, 29.54; Ver Steeg, high jump, 4-6.
Fourth place: Thorson, 100, 14.63; Hudson, 200, 30.53; Baustian, 800, 3:03.96;

Savannah Siebenahler, 100 hurdles, 21.44; Hope Thorson, high jump, 3-8; Reisdorfer, 1,600, 6:52; M.Thorson, long jump, 13-10; Siebenahler, triple jump, 26-3; Tia Hadler, shot, 27-2 1/4; Hadler, discus, 74-2.
Fifth place: Gust, 800, 3:06.21; 400 relay (Gracie Hudson, Anita Cole-Kraty, Hailey Kruger and Tyrcia Davis), 1:01.06.
Sixth place: Siebenahler, long jump, 12-2 3/4; 400 relay (Alyssa Nattress, Silvia Recuero, Daniella Gacke and Carissa Cunningham), 1:01.48.
Eighth place: Brooke Feit, shot, 25-2; McKenna Westphal, discus, 61-1.

LHS tennis team opens season in St. Peter Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team opened the 2017 season by participating at a doubles tournament in St. Peter Saturday.

The Cardinals compiled a

1-1-1 record during the event.

Luverne rolled to a 6-0 win over St. Peter in the opening round before falling 5-1 to Mankato West in the second match.

The Cardinals and St. James

split three matches.

Jim Erickson and Layne Curtis sported a 3-0 record at No. 3 doubles at tournament's end.

Trey Baustian and Isaac Gillette went 2-1 at No. 4, while Matt Jelken and Ethan Thorson

compiled a 2-1 mark at No. 5.

Chris Jelken and Dalton Schoeneman (No. 1), Mark Robinson and Cade Ver Steeg (No. 2) and Tyler Fick and Luke Jarchow (No. 6) all went 1-2 for the day.



John Rittenhouse photo/0406 lhs bt 1

Luverne senior Griffin Ahrendt cleared 5-8 to place second in the high jump during the Luverne Meet March 28. Ahrendt emerged as the triple jump champion at the meet.

Boys capture 12 event victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' track team opened the 2017 season March 28 by hosting the first Luverne Meet.

It was a successful debut for the Cardinals, who captured 12 meet titles and placed second in eight events.

Logan Stratton emerged as the lone Cardinal to win a pair of individual events by taking top honors in the shot put (48-8 1/4) and discus (135-7).

Other individual titles went to Griffin Ahrendt (40-0 1/4 in the triple jump), Levin Stuker (18-1 1/4 in the long jump), Matt

Hup (13-3 in the pole vault), Andrew Reisch (5-10 in the high jump), Brandon Winter (2:28.12 in the 800) and Austin Winter (58.77 in the 400).

Luverne also won the 400-, 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays with respective 49.1, 1:39.86, 3:53.99 and 10:04.82 times.

Tanner Wiese, Ahrendt, Reisch and Cyris Halverson ran 400, while Hup, Jed Dooyema, Ahrendt and Jeremiah Dooyema teamed up in the 800.

Brandon Winter, the Dooyemas and Jordy Thone formed

the 1,600-meter squad, while Dalton DeSollar, Hunter Hamann, Damien Stokes and Jonah Friedrichsen joined forces in the 3,200.

Thone (12.23 in the 100), Halverson (25.02 in the 200), Friedrichsen (2:41.36 in the 800), DeSollar (5:21.33 in the 1,600), Ahrendt (5-8 in the high jump), Jeremiah Dooyema (11-0 in the pole vault) and Riley Siebenahler (36/4 3/4 in the triple jump) placed second individually.

LHS also fielded a second

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Patriots make track debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek track athletes tested their skills for the first time this season March 28 at the Luverne Meet.

Mixing it up with the host school, Adrian and Westbrook-Walnut Grove-Red Rock Central, H-BC found some success by capturing one meet championship and securing nine second-place performances.

The meet was an especially good one for the Patriot girls, who landed one meet title and placed second in six events.

H-BC's win came from the 800-meter relay consisting of Madison Spath, Grace Bundesen, Paige Tilstra and Sidney Fick, who produced a time of 1:58.45.

The same foursome placed second in the 400- and 1,600-meter relays with respective 55.15 and 4:36.63 times.

H-BC fielded another 800-meter relay that placed second in 2:01.86.

Ashlee Kelderman, Kenadie



John Rittenhouse photo/0406 hbc track 3

H-BC's Paige Tilstra starts the third leg of the 800-meter relay after taking the baton from Grace Bundesen during the Luverne Meet March 28. The Patriots won the event.

Fick, Samantha Moser and Taryn Rauk formed the team. Kourtney Rozeboom placed

second in a pair of individual

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Vikings nip Dragons in Minneota

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team opened the 2017 season by dropping a one-run decision Friday in Minneota.

A five-run rally in the top half of the seventh inning by the Dragons closed what was a six-run deficit to 8-7, but the final out of the game was recorded with an Adrian runner on third base. Adrian opened a 2-0 lead

when Nick Harder doubled home a pair of runs in the top of the first.

Minneota knotted the score by plating a pair of unearned runs in the bottom of the first before plating six runs (four were unearned) in the bottom of the fourth to gain an 8-2 cushion.

Adrian's five-run rally in the seventh featured a grand slam home run by Zach Loosbrock.

Harder and Jacob Stamer led AHS at the plate by slapping two hits each.

Stamer was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing three and two-thirds innings of six-run (four were unearned) ball.

Harder yielded two runs without recording an out in relief of Stamer before giving way to Skylar Polzine, who tossed two and one-third innings of scoreless ball.

I'll miss working alongside friend

Last week was a rough one on a personal level for me.



That's usually the same case for anyone who loses a friend, but the passing of Worthington's Brian Korthals proved to be a difficult pill for me to swallow.

In the world of business, some may have considered Brian to be a competitor of mine.

Korthals, after all, was a photographer at the Worthington Daily Globe for 26 years during a career that started in 1989.

His duties often included covering the same sporting events I did, and our paths crossed many times before he left the Globe in 2015 due to health reasons.

The funny thing is, I never considered Brian to be a rival.

Our sideline interactions covered 26 years of sporting events in all four seasons of a calendar year, and I'm proud to say we became fast friends who often shared conversations that had nothing to do with the task at hand that was playing out in front of us.

The result of those give-and-takes allowed me to get to know Korthals on a personal level.

Believe me, he was a man much too complex to simply be labeled a photographer.

Brian is what I call a history buff, and he was particularly fond of searching for and finding Native American artifacts to add to what became a vast collection.

He also was a man who was passionate about food.

Brian often said how lucky Luverne residents were for being able to consume Howling Dog burgers and Smokey Bear's pizzas at will.

When local sports teams advanced to state, there was no hiding the excitement in his words when

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

he talked about being able to dine at the Old Country Buffet on his way out of the Twin Cities.

He was also fond of Mexican cuisine, and a photo he shot of Astrid and me hangs in a frame on our kitchen wall after we shared a fun-filled evening with him and his wife, Lorraine, at La Asteca in Worthington a few years ago.

While many of Brian's passions were of public knowledge, I happen to know something he favored that I'm pretty sure few others do.

Korthals is what I describe as a closet Luverne Cardinal fan, because it could be detected in his voice when we were working the same LHS games.

We were covering the same track meet at Cardinal Field a few years ago when Korthals delivered some somber news.

I can't recall what the exact diagnosis was, but I remember being floored when a man who was just a year older confessed that he only had a year or two more to live.

He beat those odds by at least three years, but learning about his passing on March 25 nearly dropped me to my knees like a punch to the stomach.

I have not attended the same sporting event as Brian since the summer of 2015, but I can say my working experiences never have been the same ever since then.

That's always been the case for anyone who loses a friend, and I'm proud to say Brian Korthals was a friend of mine.

Dragons take track in Luverne March 28

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian track teams made their 2017 debut March 25 at the Luverne Meet.

The meet, which was a quadrangular involving LHS, Hills-Beaver Creek and Westbrook-Walnut Grove-Red Rock Central and the Dragons, served as the first event of the season for all of the squads.

Adrian made its mark at the meet by winning two event titles and placing second in four events.

The day was a good one for Adrian's Zach Bierman, who won a pair of individual events and placed second in another.

Bierman won the 100- and 200-meter dashes with respective 11.91 and 24.49 efforts.

He also finished second in the long jump with a distance of 17-8 1/2.

Bierman also ran a leg with Adrian's 400-meter relay, which placed second in 49.17.

Dakota John, Tristian White and Kasey Madtson teamed up with Bierman in the relay.

The Adrian girls received second-place finishes from two different individuals at the meet.

Katie Reisdorfer placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:12.79, while Moriah Bullerman finished second in the 800-meter run in 2:46.6.



John Rittenhouse photo/0406 adrian track 5

Adrian senior Zach Bierman pulls away from teammates Kasey Madtson (left) and Tristian White (right) to win the 100-meter dash at the Luverne Meet March 28.

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

Adrian boys
Third place: Scot Edwards, shot, 36-9; Brody Loosbrock, 800, 2:48.3; Fourth place: Tylor Hix, 800, 2:49.86; White, high jump, 5-4; 800 relay (Edward Godines, Logan Sherer, Chance Turner, Michael Preuss), 1:53.6.

Fifth place: John, 100, 12.51.
Sixth place: John, 200, 26.04; Edwards, discus, 90-10.
Seventh place: White, 100, 12.83; Turner, 200, 26.7; Loosbrock, 1,600, 5:55.17; White, long jump, 16-7 3/4.

Adrian girls
Third place: Katia Suarez, 400, 1:15.27; Bullerman, 1,600, 6:08.95; 800 relay (Abbey Leopold, Laura Luettel, Samantha Rivera and Hannah Henning), 2:19.16.

Fourth place: Khailee Nelson, 400, 1:28.57.
Fifth place: Suarez, 100, 14.66; Rebekah Walton, shot, 27-1; Ashley Schnoor, discus, 72-7.
Sixth place: Walton, 100, 14.82; Samantha Wieneke, discus, 70-2.
Seventh place: Henning, 100, 14.95; 400 relay (Alicya McEliece, Rivera, Ashlee Christians and Eriak Alvarado), 1:03.45.
Eighth place: Reisdorfer, 100, 14.98; Walton, 200, 31.95.

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events with tosses of 31-10 1/4 and 82-0 respectively in the shot put and discus.

Rauk finished second in the long jump with a distance of 14-2 1/2.

The H-BC boys produced three second-place performances at the meet.

Easton Harnack finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.84.

The boys also placed second in the 800- and 1,600-meter relays with times of 1:42.36 and 3:59.65.

Jacob Wingert, Jed Burgers, Luke LaRock and Hunter Bork ran the 800, while Gavin Wysong, Burgers, LaRock and Jax Wysong formed the 1,600-meter squad.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's top eight performances

from the meet.

H-BC girls
Third place: Ana Hagen, 800, 3:00.78; Joslyn Birger, 100 hurdles, 21.19; Fick, long jump, 14-1; Ashlee Kelderman, triple jump, 28-0 1/2; Bundesen, shot, 31-0 1/2; Sadie Fuerstenberg, discus, 80-10; 400 relay (Kelderman, K.Fick, Moser and Rauk), 57.23; 1,600 relay (Rauk, Moser, Abby Knobloch and K.Fick), 4:41.46; 3:200 relay (Josie Bartels, Taylor Durst, Lauren Tatge, Kelderman), 11:59.2.
Fifth place: Bartels, 1,600, 6:54.76; Adrienne Boltjes, 100 hurdles, 23.5;

Spath, long jump, 13-2.
Sixth place: Tatge, 1,600, 7:14.53; Birger, shot, 26-7 1/2.
Seventh place: Allie LaRock, shot, 25-3; LaRock, discus, 69-0.
H-BC boys
Third place: Bork, 100, 12.28; Burgers, 17-5 1/2; Harnack, triple jump, 35-6 1/2; 400 relay (Tyson Bork, Harnack, Wingert, G.Wysong), 49.61; 800 relay (T.Bork, Harnack, G.Wysong, J.Wysong), 1:42.47.
Fourth place: T.Bork, 100, 12.34.
Fifth place: Cole Baker, 1,600, 5:48.26; J.Wysong, high jump, 5-2.
Sixth place: T.Bork, long jump, 16-8 1/2.
Seventh place: Wingert, discus, 88-10.

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3,200-meter relay team that placed second with a time of 10:14.45.

DeSollar, Michael Rahm, Brayden Tofteland and Brayden Ripka formed the squad.

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

Third place: Hup, 200, 25.27; Hamann, 400, 1:01.54; Eli Haugom, high jump, 5-4; Jd.Dooyema, pole vault, 11-0.

Fourth place: Siebenahler, long jump, 17-0 1/4; Reisch, 200, 25.71; Rahm, 1,600, 5:43.25; Brogan Hart, shot, 36-1 1/4.
Fifth place: Stuker, 200, 25.8; Ethan Rahm, 800, 2:51.35; Kameron Keene, shot, 34-6 1/4; Hart, discus, 92-10; 800 relay (Siebenahler, Nicholas Rogers, William Rysdam and Haugom), 1:55.89.
Sixth place: Ripka, 400, 1:14.03; Sam

Emery, 800, 3:09.7; Jesse Kontz, pole vault, 7-6; Eric Thorson, shot, 33-10.
Seventh place: Alex Baumberger, 800, 3:09.87; Eli Radtke, pole vault, 7-0; Zach Luke, shot, 33-3 1/4.
Eighth place: Zach Evans, 800, 3:34.36; Tofteland, 1,600, 5:56.98; Halverson, long jump, 16-5 3/4; Matt Ziegler, shot, 33-1 1/2; Ziegler, discus, 86-1.

SPORTS BRIEF

Shooting star

Adrian's Brock Henning turned in a second-place finish at the 43rd annual Knights of Columbus Minnesota State Free-throw Contest in St.

Cloud Saturday.

Henning canned 22 of 25 shots to place second in the division for 11-year-old boys.

Brock is the son of Charlie and Jolene Henning.

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April 7-9 | Movie "The Shack" Friday and Saturday 7pm; Sunday 2pm

April 14-16 | Movie - "The Case for Christ" 7pm nightly

April 20 | Afternoon Escape Movie - "Hacksaw Ridge" 2pm (sponsored by David Deragisch, State Farm Agent)

April 30 | Fundraiser Concert for Little Lambs 2pm Music by Ron & Jane Cote, Dean Luethje and Wyatt Cote

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Mortgage foreclosure sale
set for April 20

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 24, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$45,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Lisa Reisgies, Unmarried
MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: December 24, 2014 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 185212
Transaction Agent: Not Applicable
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable
Lender or Broker: U.S. Bank National Association
Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 335 E Minnesota Ave, Steen, MN 56173-9645
Tax Parcel ID Number: 19-0094-100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A parcel of land commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32) in Township One Hundred One (101) North, Range Forty-five (45) West of the 5th P.M.; thence South 726.5 feet; thence East 324 feet to the place of beginning; thence at right angles in a Southerly direction 119 feet; thence at right angles in an Easterly direction 120 feet; thence at right angles in a Northerly direction 119 feet; thence at right angles in a Westerly direction a distance of 120 feet to the point of beginning.

Also described as the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Two (2) and all of Lots Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Five (5) in the Unrecorded Plat of Dries Bosch Addition to the City of Steen, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$50,364.68
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 20, 2017, or the next business day if October 20, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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.

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: February 17, 2017

MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank, National Association

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200

Woodbury, MN 55125-2296

(651) 209-3300

File Number: 036880F01

(03-02, 03-09, 03-16, 03-23, 03-30, 04-06)

Veldkamp public hearing
for variance request

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCE REQUEST
FOR JAMES VELDKAMP

Close Proximity Owners and Legal Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment.

Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the Rock County Library located at 201 West Main Street, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:30 p.m. to act on the following application:

A request for variance to allow the placement of a new confinement swine finishing barn less than one (1) mile from the incorporated city limits of Jasper, Minnesota. The proposed location for the placement of this barn is to be in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1 of the fraction of Rose Dell Township, T104N, R47W, Rock County, Minnesota.

Property Owner
& Applicant: James Veldkamp
Legal Description: SW 1/4 of Section 1 F of Rose Dell Township, T104N, R47W, Rock County, Minnesota

The property described is zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Dated: April 6, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Board of Adjustment

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862. ext. 4

(04-06, 04-13)

ISD #2184 seeks
roofing bids by April 25

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR BIDS

Luverne School District is requesting bids for the 2017 re-roofing project of the Elementary School as described in the construction documents. Bids will be received by Independent School District No. 2184 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Luverne, Minnesota.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the above time and place. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will be returned unopened.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked on the lower left-hand corner "Sealed Bid Enclosed - Roofing" with the name and address of the bidder and the date and hour of the opening and addressed to:
Superintendent of Schools
Independent School District No. 2184
709 North Kniss
Luverne, MN 56156

Each bidder must accompany his bid with a Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or Certified Check equal to 5 percent of the amount of the bid payable to the Owner as a guarantee of prompt execution of the Contract in accordance with the Proposal and Contract Documents and that he will furnish bond acceptable to the Owner covering performance of the Contract.

Copies of the plans are on file in the District Office.

Project to begin after June 1, 2017, and be fully completed on or before July 29, 2017. Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne, Minnesota, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bids.

Shelly Sandbulte, Clerk
(04-06, 04-13)

Notice of Delinquent Taxes

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Rock County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Rock County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus interest and costs, or file a written objection with the district court administrator. The objection must be filed by April 19, 2017, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 8, 2017. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown St, PO Box 509, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0509. You may also contact the Auditor-Treasurer at (507) 283-5060 or ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us.

Manda Steensma
Deputy District Court Administrator
Fifth Judicial District

Date: February 6, 2017

Table with columns: NAME OF OWNERS, TAXPAYERS & INTERESTED PARTIES, PARCEL NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY, YEAR, TOTAL TAX AND PENALTY. Lists various delinquent tax cases across different townships and cities.

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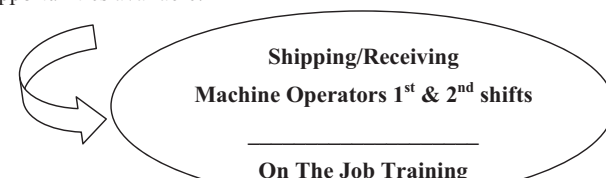
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The City of Luverne is seeking applicants for the 2017 summer season in the Public Works Department. Job duties include various types of manual labor and operation of light equipment in the maintenance of City streets, parks, and landscaping. These are temporary positions and not intended to last beyond late summer or early fall. Desirable qualifications: Valid Class D driver's license, building or grounds maintenance experience and good driving record. Pay will be based on experience and qualifications; min. \$10.84/hr. **Applications will be accepted until positions are filled, first review date April 10, 2017.** Application packets are available online at www.cityofluverne.org or from City Clerk Jessica Mead at City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 449-9898. EOE.



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HILLS-BEAVER CREEK

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Email: t.holthaus@isd671.net
Telephone: (507) 962-3240 Ext. 13

Full Time Elementary Teaching Position 2017-2018 School Year

Position: Elementary Teacher-1 FTE

Qualifications: Current Minnesota Elementary Education License Required

Location: The Hills-Beaver Creek School district is located in the far Southwest corner of the state of Minnesota. The district lies just 20 miles east of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are a tiny (growing) family orientated school district with a strong desire to assist our students in their learning.

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Other Items: Must be interested in being part of a dynamic team that is focused on student achievement.

Apply To: Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 or email—t.holthaus@isd671.net Letter of application, resume, copy of teaching license, transcripts, and three (3) current letters of reference.

District Application: Submit a completed signed copy of the district employment application found on the District's website... www.hbc Patriots.com under employment tab.

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