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## Shared responsibility

Gov. Dayton calls for multi-agency approach — with farmers — to improve water quality

By Lori Sorenson

Gov. Mark Dayton was in Edgerton last week to discuss impaired water in southwest Minnesota.

"This is not just an agriculture problem," Dayton said at the March 30 meeting. "We all need to think about what we can do to improve water quality in Minnesota."

Dayton went on to say the problem didn't occur overnight as a result of one contributing factor, and there will be more than one solution to fix it.

"We share that responsibility," he said about mistakes that were made in the past.

"And we share that responsibility for being part of the solution to improve the health and safety of our citizens. ... We're all in this together and we need all of the agencies working together."

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— Gov. Mark Dayton

Dayton was joined in Edgerton by key members of his cabinet.

Pollution Control Commissioner John Linc Stine referred to "Swimmable, Fishable, Fixable?" an MPCA report that finds that lakes and streams surrounded by heavily farmed areas had high levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment.

Those excess nutrients, primarily from ag runoff, make it difficult to support aquatic life, and in some cases prohibit recreation, Linc Stine said.

"What we do to our lands — what we do in our communities — impacts our water," he said.

"The way that we got to the water quality conditions in the southwest part of the state took a long time — they're the result of cumulative efforts and cumulative impact. ... The problems are fixable, but it's going to take the same kind of broad scale, cumulative effort."

Health Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger pointed to the health impacts of water quality in the region, including the human health impacts of nitrates and phosphorous. He said there are success stories of improved water quality, but he said there's a great deal that can be done by way of targeted well testing in watersheds where high nitrates have been identified.

Board of Water and Soil Resources Director John Jaschke out-

Governor/see page 8A



Lori Sorenson photos/0407 history center windows

Terry Luke (left) and Josh Johnson of Heartland Glass, Sioux Falls, installed the new windows for the History Center in what used to be the Herman Motors showroom on Main Street. Windows were installed throughout the building over the past week marking significant progress.

## Custom windows mark progress at History Center

By Lori Sorenson

For several months the new History Center downtown Luverne has been shrouded in plastic while work continues inside to convert the 100-year-old Herman Motor building into the Historical Society's new home.

In the past week, the plastic came off and massive custom windowpanes were placed in the showroom area and entrance area, giving the public a sense of what the building will look like.

"The work is moving outside and people

will start to notice progress," said James Arentson, project architect for the History Center construction.

Arentson was hired by the Rock County Historical Society through an agreement with the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership in Slayton. The construction manager is also with SWMHP.

While some contractors had to come from out of town, Arentson said he's enjoyed working with local businesses.

"Our focus is to be in Luverne and Rock

County as much as possible," Arentson said. Local contractors so far include:

• Busse Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning (Jim Remme) for plumbing and mechanical work.

• Remme Construction (Scott and Denny Remme) for concrete floor work in the west part of the building

• Jason DeBeer of Concrete Creations for concrete work in other areas of the building.

History Center construction/see page 8A

## Governor meets with Tuesday Morning Coffee Club in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

It could hardly be called official business, but Gov. Mark Dayton had coffee with some of Luverne's most in-the-know ladies during his March 30 visit to southwest Minnesota.

The Tuesday Morning Coffee Group met with the governor at the Blue Mound Ice Arena where he toured the facility at the invitation of Coffee Group member Connie Connell.

In 1990 Connell visited with Dayton (then state auditor) at a local DFL Chuckwagon.

He learned then about Luverne's fundraising efforts to build an ice arena and later mailed Connell a \$1,000 donation.

Last week he had a chance to see the finished facility and also meet with Connell's coffee friends.

"Thank you for your willingness to meet with the Tuesday Morning Coffee Group in Luverne," Connell



Lori Sorenson photo/0407 gov coffee club

Gov. Mark Dayton, seated between Dianne Ossenfort and Connie Connell of the Tuesday Morning Coffee Club, listens to the ladies' thoughts about the state of the state. Also pictured are (from left) Lona Klosterbuer, Pam Dobson, Carol Svingen and Carol McDonald.

told Dayton in the ice arena lobby where they shared coffee and bars with him.

She told him the group has been meeting for 30 years and enjoys visiting about the "state of the state and state of the country."

Seated between Connell and Coffee Group member Dianne Ossenfort, Gov. Dayton then reviewed a short list of concerns the women had about the state of Minnesota.

Topics included education, infrastructure, environment, child care, living wage (especially for nursing home workers) and recreation (particularly repairs at the Blue Mounds State Park).

"We're very proud to be residents of the great state of Minnesota and in particular southwest Minnesota," Connell said.

"Thank you for your dedicated service, and feel free to have coffee with us any time."

School Board/see page 8A

## Two lives lost in separate crashes

Carlson dies in motorcycle crash north of Luverne; Conklin dies in Nobles County rollover

By Lori Sorenson

It was a deadly week on southwest Minnesota roadways with two fatal crashes involving Rock County residents.

Luverne's Chad H. Carlson, 39, died in a motorcycle crash north of Luverne Sunday afternoon, April 3, and 34-year-old Aaron Conklin of Magnolia was killed in a Nobles County crash Thursday, March 31.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Carlson lost control of his 2006 Honda motorcycle one-half mile north of Luverne on Highway 75.

The report states that he was southbound on Highway 75 when he lost control and put the motorcycle down.

He died from his injuries shortly after the crash occurred around 2:45 p.m.

The report states that Carlson was the only one involved in the crash and that he was not wearing a helmet.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office, Rock County Ambulance and a medical helicopter assisted at the scene.

Carlson worked at American Tire, Sioux Falls, and according to his friends, one of his greatest joys was riding his motorcycle.

Carlson, a 1995 Luverne High School graduate, is the son of Roger Carlson, Luverne, and the late Gloria Carlson.

He leaves behind a daughter, Kaitlyn Carlson, an eighth-grader in

Ellsworth Public School.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

According to information from the Nobles County Sheriff's Office, Conklin was involved in a crash that occurred at County Road 15 and 140<sup>th</sup> Street near St. Kilian.

According to the initial complaint report at the dispatch office, the crash was reported at 10:23 p.m. Thursday, March 31.

The report states that Conklin was driving a 2002 blue Saturn SL. It was reportedly a single-vehicle rollover accident and he was not wearing

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## Luverne School Board talks hiring, graduation rates

By Mavis Fodness

Concerns over replacing teachers within Luverne Public School District were relieved when more than 25 applied for three open positions after only a few weeks of advertising.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl updated School Board members on the positive responses at their rescheduled meeting Tuesday, March 29.

Eleven applied for the middle-high school guidance counselor, 10 for the social studies teacher and six for the science position.

"We are pretty happy," Oftedahl said. "I think we will have some

options, so that is great."

Last month administrators voiced concerns about finding qualified replacements after a state report showed issuance of teaching licenses has dropped 27 percent in the past decade.

Counselors were listed as one of the hardest positions to fill with qualified candidates, along with specialized areas such as science.

The district began interviewing last week for the three open positions and will advertise a recent opening in industrial arts and another in science.



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

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

**The Pink Ladies** will meet at noon Monday, April 11, in the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne for a salad luncheon. Bring a dish to pass and your own dishes and silverware. Call Alice Boyenga at 507-449-2315.

**Matthew 6 Board of Directors** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the Pizza Ranch.

**Rock County VFW #2757** meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Herried Building. Program includes election of officers. Call Buck Underwood, 507-449-0632.

**Tourist Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the home of Connie Lindbloom.

**American Legion Post #123 and Auxiliary** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Post home. Dave Haugom, Rock County Veterans Service Officer, will be there to discuss state and federal benefits you may be eligible for. All veterans are invited to attend.

**Beaver Creek Township** will have their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the township hall.

**Maplewood Cemetery** board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19.

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

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

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

### 'Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip' at Palace April 7

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

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.

### Students perform 'Pirates 2' April 8

Luverne Elementary first- and fourth-grade students will present their music program, "Pirates 2," at 2 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the elementary gym.

### Jazz bands to perform April 11

Luverne Middle and High School jazz bands will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. The event is free to the public.

### Luverne's Spring Loaded Home, Health and Living Show set for April 16

The Luverne Spring Loaded Home, Health and Living Show is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center and at local businesses. The event includes free samples, discounts and demonstrations. Local salons will be putting on free beauty seminars at the Historic Palace Theatre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Luverne Area Chamber at 507-283-4061 or visit [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com).

### Free tax help available at library

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

### Story Hour and Laptime at library

Story hour for ages 4-5 will start Thursday, April 7, and run through May 5 every Thursday morning from 10-11 a.m. Story Hour includes stories, songs, crafts and more. Laptime is for ages birth through 3 with an adult and will begin Friday, April 8, and run through May 6. It meets every Friday from 10:30-11 a.m. Laptime includes stories, songs, crafts and more.



RCO clients (from back to front) Kristi Brandt, Casey Van Engelenhoven and Doug Dysthe assemble boxes at Take 16 brewery in Luverne Friday morning. Below, Brandt opens six-pack cartons that will be filled with Take 16 bottled beer.

## RCO finds new opportunities at Take 16

By Lori Sorenson

As demand increases for Luverne's Take 16 craft beer, so have job opportunities for local adults with disabilities.

Woodbury distributor Hohenstein's Inc. recently picked up Take 16 beer for its Minnesota distribution - officially launching in Mankato with tap takeovers on April 14.

That means the local brewery will pick up its production pace, according to Take 16 brewer Luke Rensink.

"They said they can take as much beer as we can give them," Rensink said, adding that the new distributor has offered to send a truck for Take 16's total supply on hand.

That won't happen, Rensink said, but he said he will ramp up production of all varieties of Take 16's craft brew profiles.

Helping out with that production process are Rock

County Opportunities clients who assemble boxes at the East Main Street brewery.

On Friday, several workers showed up to unfold six-pack cartons and place them in cardboard case boxes, four six packs per box, to prepare them for bottles.

"This way, when we go to pack them, we don't have to worry about setting up boxes," Rensink said.

He said the brewery has packaged over 1,800 cases of Take 16 beer since November, and RCO workers are charged with assembling boxes for all those bottles.

Take 16 opened in the fall of 2014 on East Main Street in the former Connell Car Care building. It was formed by a group of local investors, Luverne Brew Partners.

The brewery is open from 4 to 7 p.m. every Thursday, and Take 16 beer can be found



on tap in dozens of bars and restaurants in Minnesota and South Dakota.

See [Take16beer.com](http://Take16beer.com) for more information.

RCO is a non-profit organization started in 1967 to serve people with developmental and related disabilities, including people with traumatic brain injuries.

RCO provides services including job skills development, supported employment, job searching assistance, behavior management, social skills development, independent living skills development and other services tailored to individuals.

See [rockcountyopp.com](http://rockcountyopp.com) for more information.

## Luverne woman faces felony burglary charges

By Lori Sorenson

A Luverne woman was arrested last week on felony charges after she was found in her neighbor's house allegedly going through personal items.

According to the criminal complaint filed Friday in Rock County District Court, Robyn Denise Hemme, 53, faces first-degree burglary charges.

The complaint states that law enforcement was dispatched to 609 West Luverne St. in Luverne for a report of a burglary in progress just after 1 p.m. Thursday, March 31.

The homeowner, Cory Schoeneman, had detained the alleged burglar, Hemme, and told the deputy he had found her in his bedroom looking through his drawers.

He said he didn't know her and that she didn't have permission to be in his house. He stated that in the top drawer of the dresser he always had a small amount of cash.

The deputy instructed

Hemme to keep her hands out of her pockets, but the report states that she repeatedly put them back in her pockets, so she was handcuffed and searched.

A total of \$7 was found in her pocket along with a Twizzler's wrapper. Schoeneman later said that the drawer Hemme was looking in was where he kept cash and that his children often ate Twizzlers.

He believed it very possible they had put a wrapper in that same area.

He was unsure of the amount of cash he had in the drawer but said it wouldn't have been more than \$7 under most circumstances.

The complaint states that Schoeneman said he had left to go to Bomgaars but had turned around after realizing he forgot his phone in the house.



Upon arriving home, he had noticed the west door was open and then entered and found Hemme going through his dresser drawers.

The complaint states that Schoeneman said he had asked her what she was doing and she stated she was looking for a puppy. He said he was unsure if any other items were missing as he hadn't looked around the house yet.

As Hemme was taken into custody, she again claimed to have been looking for puppies, as she was worried about the neighbor's dog.

She said she thought she heard water running and just walked in even though she shouldn't have.

She was then transported to the law enforcement center where she was read the Miranda warning and

Hemme reportedly spontaneously made several comments about the case without being questioned.

She stated she was looking for a puppy that was lost in the neighborhood. She stated she knew that didn't give her the right to go into the house. She claimed to have not taken anything.

When she was again questioned about whether she was willing to speak under Miranda, she then stated that she was not and at that time was transported to Nobles County Jail.

By definition, first-degree burglary charges are filed for entering a building without consent and committing a crime while another person - not an accomplice - was inside the dwelling.

A felony conviction on a first-degree burglary offense carries a mandatory minimum sentence of six months incarceration.



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## Corn, soybean growers get buffer law details

By Lori Sorenson

Buffer legislation enacted last year will go into effect Nov. 1, 2017, and farmers are taking steps now to put those provisions in place.

Arlyn Gehrke spelled out the details of the legislation at the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers meeting March 31 in Luverne.

In his opening remarks, he assured producers that compliance with the law won't be as difficult as it might seem.

"The Environmental Working Group came out with a report on the southern 37 counties in Minnesota and Rock County didn't get a very good report," said Gehrke, a technician with the Rock County Land Management Office.

But he said breaking down Rock County's land that's actually affected by the buffer legislation, fixing the problem appears to be manageable.

He said aerial photos show that 550 acres of ground in Rock County could be affected by the legislation, and those acres involve 160 different landowners.

"This makes it a little more palatable," Gehrke said.

At the meeting Gehrke addressed some basic questions about the buffer law. For example, the 50-foot buffer is measured from the top of the bank, not from the water's edge.

Also, he provided several examples of conservation farming practices that could be implemented in lieu of a buffer, and he talked about financial assistance available to implement these practices.

The timeline to implement buffers along public waters is Nov. 1, 2017, and buffers along public drainage

systems need to be in place by Nov. 1, 2018.

Counties or watershed districts will be in charge of enforcement, and penalties may include a \$500 fine, but it's unclear if that's a daily fine or a one-time penalty.

Gehrke said there are more questions than there are answers, but he urged all landowners to contact his office before they start so that technicians can work with them on the best approach to protecting the water and the soil.

The number for the local office is 507-283-8862, ext. 4

### Buffer Initiative

The new buffer law will designate roughly 110,000 acres of land for buffer strips alongside Minnesota's waterways.

These new perennial vegetation buffers along rivers, streams, and ditches, will help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment before it enters the water supply.

With the support of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the new law will provide flexibility and financial assistance for landowners to install and maintain buffers.

The DNR offers a one-stop website that provides an overview of the initiative, including frequently asked questions. The website is: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html>

The Board of Water and Soil Resources provides a list of financial and technical supports available for farmers and landowners as they implement buffers or alternative water quality practices. That can be found at <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers/assets/lo-financial-options.pdf>.



Lori Sorenson photo/0407 blood donation

## Saving lives, one unit at a time

American Red Cross team leader Debra Jellema, Trimont, finishes up a blood donation by Luverne's Tom Skattum Monday afternoon at Grace Lutheran Church.

According to volunteers, the Red Cross easily met its goal of 38 units and said lines were long at times. They said it helps when donors make appointments ahead of time so the Red Cross can make sure the events are adequately staffed.

Also the new RapidPass from the American Red Cross allows blood donors to register and answer questions online in order to save time when they arrive to donate blood. It's at [www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass),

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a seatbelt.

The Nobles County Sheriff's Office is investigating the crash. The Wilmont Ambulance Service and first responders assisted at the scene.

According to his family members, Conklin enjoyed working on cars, fishing, cooking, reading and learning.

He leaves behind a 17-year-old son, Donovan Conklin, a student in Luverne High School, and his mother, Frances Conklin, Magnolia.

Dingmann Funeral Home and Cremation Services is handling arrangements, and family members gathered Sunday for a private memorial service.

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## Lasting impact

### Wieneke honored for 18 years at hospice cottage

By Mavis Fodness

Sanford Luverne's Hospice Cottage on North Oakley Street provides a homelike setting for terminally ill persons who need round-the-clock care.

Central to the care at the four-bedroom cottage are the hospice workers who involve the family members in patients' care.

One hospice worker — Brigitte Wieneke — has become like a daughter, sister, mother, aunt or personal confidant to the more than 500 patients and their families who came through The Cottage since it opened in 1998.

That's the same year Wieneke began working there.

On Thursday, March 24, hospice employees and volunteers gathered to thank and bid good-bye to Wieneke, who officially retired the following week as the cottage's certified nursing/trained medication aide.

Co-worker Bridget Mann has known Wieneke for decades, first as a babysitter and more recently as the caregiver to her mother-in-law, Pat Mann, who died at the cottage in 2015.

"Literally the place won't be the same without her," Mann said. "Everything was done with a sense of humor and a smile."

In working in the home-ike atmosphere, Wieneke often felt at home and would sing as she cleaned, prepared meals or completed laundry chores.

She didn't, however, let those household chores get in the way of the patient's needs.

While she could be silly, Wieneke also knew when compassion was needed.

Hospice manager Tammy Moeller said Wieneke instinctively knew when to provide a smile, a kind squeeze to the hand or lend an ear to patients in the cottage.

"She helped them know it was OK to give up," she said.

As for Wieneke, she never thinks about death.

"I think about all the right things I did today," said the soon-to-be 65-year-old.

Wieneke's decision to work at the hospice cottage was influenced by the care for her own late mother in Germany.

It was also in Germany that she met Mark Wieneke.

"It was a classic story of falling in love with a soldier," she explained.

The couple married in 1971 and moved to the United States in 1973.

They have a daughter, Astrid (John) Rittenhouse, and two grandchildren, Nick and Melanie Rittenhouse.



Mavis Fodness photo/0407 Brigitte Wieneke2

Brigitte Wieneke (center) makes light of the dozens of pictures she posed for during a surprise retirement party in her honor March 24. Pictured with Wieneke are Tammy Loosbrock (left), Sanford Luverne Medical Center CEO, and Tammy Moeller, Sanford Luverne Hospice manager.



Mavis Fodness photos/0407 Brigitte Wieneke

Posing with her retirement gift and celebratory cake, Brigitte Wieneke is honored for 18 years of working at The Cottage in Luverne. Below, right, she receives a special hug from Barb Connell, Luverne.

Decades after leaving Germany, Wieneke's accent can still be detected as she speaks.

Laughter was prevalent at her retirement party as attendees asked who would take over the speaking German words or the singing of songs at the cottage.

"I am an asset to the place," Wieneke responded amid more laughter.

Moeller said the normally modest Wieneke was tricked into attending the

retirement gathering.

Since Wieneke did not want a party organized in her honor, co-workers scheduled a staff meeting with Wieneke's approval to recognize her 18 years of service to the cottage.

Expecting a meeting at the cottage, Wieneke was instead greeted by co-workers and hospice volunteers who brought cake, balloons and an inspirational wall hanging with "Friends" written on bold cursive lettering.

On the back of the wall hanging, party attendees wrote their appreciation for Wieneke's work, best wishes in retirement at a cabin in Bemidji and what her lasting impact will be at the cottage.

One such message read in part, "Thanks for showing me the ropes. You were meant for this job and truly touched so many lives!"



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**Sex Trafficking in Minnesota**  
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St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Luverne  
 7 pm performance with panel discussion to follow  
 Free Admission

The original play *BOTTOM* tells the story of Amber Cregg, a previously prostituted young woman who cooperates with investigative authorities as they search for Coco, an eleven year-old girl who had been trafficked in northern Minnesota. As the play unfolds, the audience learns about the systemic nature of the sex trafficking industry and witnesses its psychological impact on those who become trapped within it. By citing Minnesota-specific trafficking data and casually mentioning cities where trafficking is known to occur, *BOTTOM* hits home – sex trafficking is a reality, here and now.  
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 Magnolia Township Board

**Rock County Rural Water**  
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## The Johnny Appleseed Song

I don't know if you know "The Johnny Appleseed Song" usually sung by church youth groups before they eat. It goes like this:



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

**Sometimes having a song stuck in your head is annoying; however, this one has been kind of fun.**

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like the sun and the rain and the apple tree.  
The Lord is good to me  
Let's eat!*

It all started the day I began chemo and radiation. The song sounded like this:

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like chemo and radio-ther-apy.  
The Lord is good to me.*

I've been inspired to add more verses:

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like carrot juice and brocc-o-li  
The Lord is good to me.*

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like the people in this com-mun-ity.  
The Lord is good to me.*

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like a sister who comes and cleans for me.  
The Lord is good to me.*

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord*

*For giving me  
The things I need  
Like surgery and a colost-o-my.  
The Lord is good to me.*

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like the cat who sleeps on the couch with me.  
The Lord is good to me.*

*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like my granddaughters Evelyn and Ten-el-y  
The Lord is good to me.*

(Yesterday's verse)  
*Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need  
Like nurses who take some blood out of me.  
The Lord is good to me.*

Sometimes having a song stuck in your head is annoying; however, this one has been kind of fun.

(In case you are wondering, I probably won't give up this column-writing gig to pursue song writing just yet.)

## Commitment to area's health care brings next generation of doctors home

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

By Nicole Woodley,  
Luverne native and current resident physician at  
The University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Preventing chronic illness and treatable diseases is necessary for supporting our long-term health and wellness.

Over 70 percent of Minnesotans have a dedicated health care and dental professional, and along with personal health goals and responsibility, this is one of the most important factors that has led to Minnesota becoming the fourth-healthiest state in the nation.

The University of Minnesota's Academic Health Center is a collection of the colleges of nursing, dentistry, medicine, public health and veterinary medicine. It currently trains more than 6,000 students a year and has trained more than 70 percent of Minnesota's health professionals.

Its efforts focus on collaboration in order to educate, enhance, and discover new treatments, ways of learning, teaching and providing care to patients across the state of Minnesota. One of the most challenging parts of current science-based fields is the speed with which knowledge is being obtained and the training required to provide the most comprehensive care to all of our patients.

The University needs to be able to continue to train and provide care for patients across Minnesota, including our rural areas. We need to continue to develop our teaching techniques,

simulation labs and to recruit the best students and instructors — because as data shows, they will most likely be providing care to you.

Recently Rep. Joe Schomacker introduced two new health care bills in support of the University's supplemental budget request that supports rural dentistry programs, primary care training, and teaching facilities. Rep. Schomacker understands health care needs in greater Minnesota and supports investments that will advance critical health care needs across Minnesota and the demands for improved teaching and interactive learning. I am grateful for his commitment to these initiatives, and I look to his colleagues, our state's representatives and senators, to join him in supporting these investments.

I am one of you and them. I grew up in Luverne and trained at the

University of Minnesota Duluth for undergraduate and started medical school there as well. I graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 2013. I am currently a resident physician in the obstetrics, gynecology and women's health program at the University of Minnesota, and in 2017 I will be coming home to Luverne to provide obstetric and gynecologic care to our community.

Thank you for supporting our state's health sciences, my training and my goal to bring all that you have supported home to Luverne.

#UMNdriven #lovetheLife

*Editor's note: Nicole, daughter of Mark and Karen Willers, graduated from Luverne High School in 2005. She is married to Kyle Woodley, and they have three children, Hannah, 7, Emmett, 4, and Felicity, 1.*



## White doors on squad cars were reintroduced in 2008; last used in 1991

**Question:** I've noticed that the Minnesota State Patrol squad cars have white front car doors. I recall some years back that they did not. But I also recall from my childhood that they had white doors then also. Could you help me remember when these changes occurred? Thanks!

**Answer:** The Minnesota State Patrol has been in existence since 1929.

Our maroon squad cars featured a white door paint scheme from 1960-1991. Changes in body styles, a need for greater visibility and advances in vinyl graphics led to improvements being made on State Patrol squads. The goal was to develop a graphics package that would not only continue a strong link between tradition and the future, but also provide the Trooper safety through rapid identification and the introduction to side reflectivity. The design had to be an aesthetically strong complement to the shape and design anticipated for vehicles over the course of the next decade, cost-effective and in compliance with Minnesota Statutes



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol

regarding color and markings of police vehicles.

In 2008 the Minnesota State Patrol unveiled its retro graphics design. The throwback design recalled the white door paint scheme of years gone by.

For more information, please go to <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/msp/about/Pages/State-Patrol-Squad-Cars.aspx>

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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 48<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848 or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us) Twitter: MSPPIO\_SOUTH.



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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**March 25**

•Complainant requested subject be picked up and taken to jail for a probation violation.

•Complainant reported they were taking subject to the hospital, and they locked the residence.

•Complainant reported that when she was heading out of Luverne on Highway 75 there was a vehicle coming into town with a male driver wearing a hoodie, and he possibly had a gun propped up in the backseat. Complainant did not get a license number but thought the vehicle was a black Cutlass or Buick. No further information.

•Dispatcher received a 911 call. Turned out to be a pocket dial. No problems.

•Complainant reported a domestic situation. Man beat woman and took off.

•Complainant reported an older silver car has been driving really slow heading west up Barck Avenue. He has been doing it for hours. He will pull over to let cars pass. He seems to be watching a couple houses. Deputy reported subject is out cruising.

•Complainant reported a gasoline spill of about four to five gallons. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

•Dispatcher received a 911 call with no one on the line. Called back number. No answer. Deputy was sent and found a kid playing with the phone.

•Complainant reported her grandmother was scammed out of money.

•Complainant reported a white Bonneville and a white G6 are racing on the 400 block of West Lincoln Street.

•Deputy got a report of some people trying to break into Power Fitness and jumping cars at location. Juveniles from the bowling alley are waiting for rides. Informed to stay in bowling alley.

**March 26**

•Complainant reported a small fire in the trees at location. Paged Luverne Fire Department. Turned out subject was burning near the Boy Scout Camp. He will watch it. Checked history. Subject does not have a fire permit. Deputy cited him for no burn permit.

•Complainant reported he and his fiancée are feeling threatened by a neighbor. Guy lives in the same apartment building. Deputy spoke with both parties and advised them of their rights.

•Complainant reported issues with his ex. Deputy told him to get it straightened out through the court system.

•Complainant reported she desperately needed help and a place to stay. When she was told of a place, she declined because she didn't like the arrangements.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on his sister.

•Complainant called and wanted assistance with getting gas to a female at location. Female is from the state of Washington. Unknown direction of travel. Contacted Erwin's, but she could not afford money for travel and the price of gas. Deputy was sent to assist.

**March 27**

•Complainant reported that he

met a lady at the Legion in Sioux Falls on Saturday and brought her home to his place where she is still at.

She goes by Seira and Dakota. He doesn't know her real name or last name. She is 53 years old and will soon be 54. She is threatening to call the Madison Police Department. He would like a deputy to come, as at this point he is just avoiding her. Deputy reported that subject is intoxicated. She will sleep at the Quality Inn tonight and make arrangements to get home in the morning.

•Complainant reported that her son is drunk and very combative. He is fighting with his brother. Deputy brought subject to the Rock County Sheriff's Office to catch a ride with someone for a place to stay for the night.

•Complainant reported they need subject at the hospital as soon as possible for an emergency, and she is not answering her phones. Send deputy, and he said no one was home.

•Complainant reported he is supposed to pick the kids up for the Easter holiday. Their mother will not bring them to their normal meeting place. Complainant wanted to meet at a public location, and the mother didn't. Advised complainant to go to the court to change the court order.

•Complainant reported subject is not returning the kids. He is at the laundry mat, and she will not go there and pick them up.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked in front of his house at location. Vehicle was parked there, and the occupants got out and got into another vehicle and drove off. Complainant looked in vehicle and found open beer can. Maroon Chevy Silverado.

**March 28**

•Complainant reported they received a report from subject who feels he is being abused.

•Complainant reported a domestic situation.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on a young lady that is supposed to be in Rock County. She was contacted and said she is fine and will call her parents. Notified Waite Park Police Department.

•Complainant requested a check on a building that has a bad smell coming from it.

•Complainant reported a verbal domestic. Her husband is drunk. Family left for the night and man will stay there.

•Complainant requested to speak with someone about bullying issues with his son.

**March 29**

•Complainant reported a vulnerable adult.

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•Complainant reported they got a fire alarm. Paged Luverne Fire Department to Total Card.

•Complainant reported the cones around the road repair were hit. Some were broken and some missing at Kniss Avenue and Brown Street. Deputy put some on the Highway 75 side. Left a message for city workers to see if they wanted to go and put some on the

Brown Street side.

**March 30**

•Complainant reported his wife is getting calls from a woman saying she is being charged with something.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle. The guy went from Ace to the Fire Hall and tried to punch in numbers, then was parked by the County Attorney's office.

•Complainant reported there has been a white Dodge van with Montana plates in their lot with a man in his 50s who has an old McDonald's cup and comes in to refill it with pop and then goes back out without paying for anything. They want a deputy to drive through the lot. They called back and said he took off.

•Complainant reported issues with his girlfriend's mailbox in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant requested a deputy come to Hills to assist with a man who doesn't have money and is acting strange.

•Complainant requested someone check on a man who pressed his button, and he is hard to understand. Also contacted Southwest Health and Human Services.

•Complainant reported that someone is parked on the 100 block of North Freeman Avenue with the stereo blaring so loud the pictures on her wall are vibrating.

**March 31**

•Complainant requested deputies do a walkthrough.

•Complainant reported her tail light on her vehicle is broken. She has a suspect.

•Complainant reported possible theft.

•Complainant reported they would be taking someone to a nursing home until he recovers and they will let us know which one, in case someone is looking for him.

•Complainant reported a sex offense.

•Complainant reported a burglar at 609 West Luverne Street. Resident caught and detained subject in act. Deputy placed subject under arrest. Subject was transported to Nobles County Jail.

•Complainant reported a domestic in the county.

•Complainant reported a situation with children that is dangerous.

•Complainant requested a deputy for backup in domestic.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on an individual who was seen walking on the roadway. Individual was wearing a plaid shirt with a blue bandana covering most of his face. Deputy located subject and transported subject to Hardwick.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 3 vehicles in ditch, 1 funeral escort, 15 traffic stops, 1 DWI, 1 gas drive-off, 1 parking violation, 10 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 1 fingerprint request, 7 log/alarm sheets, 2 drug court tests, 3 money escorts, and issued 8 purchase/carry permits and 25 burn permits.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0407 School Signs Arrived

## Lights for Highway 75 pedestrian crossing installed

On Monday, workers from River City Electric Inc., Mankato, begin assembling the poles necessary for a rapid rectangular flashing beacon pedestrian crossing across the highway at the corner of Dodge Street and U.S. Highway 75. The workers also placed a RRFB crossing at the corner of Barck Street and Highway 75. The lights are expected to be working this week.

Pictured at right, Chris Lyons (left) and Jim Wagner place the large bolts into the base of the pole to hold the arm of the new motion-sensor pedestrian crossing lights over Highway 75 at the corners of Dodge and Barck streets.



Once the lights are fully operational, crossing guards will no longer be necessary.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0407 School Signs Arrived

## Dining & Entertainment

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## Miller returns home, shares story of rowing across Atlantic Ocean with students

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Six years after graduating from Luverne High School, Caitlin Miller returned last week to inspire current middle and high school students.

Principal Ryan Johnson introduced Miller at the morning session with students in grades 6 through 8 and the afternoon session to ninth- through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students.

"It wasn't long ago that Caitlin sat where you are now," Johnson said.

Miller's visit coincided with the Class of 2016's selection of a class motto — a quote from Nobel laureate Andre Gide, "We cannot discover new oceans unless we have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

Six weeks ago, Miller, a 2010 LHS graduate, finished the 3,000-mile "Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge."

She and her teammate, George Pagano, powered a two-person rowboat across the ocean, finishing in a record time of 58 days, 5 hours and 6 days. All 26 entrants finished the race, the first such occurrence of the race's history, she said.

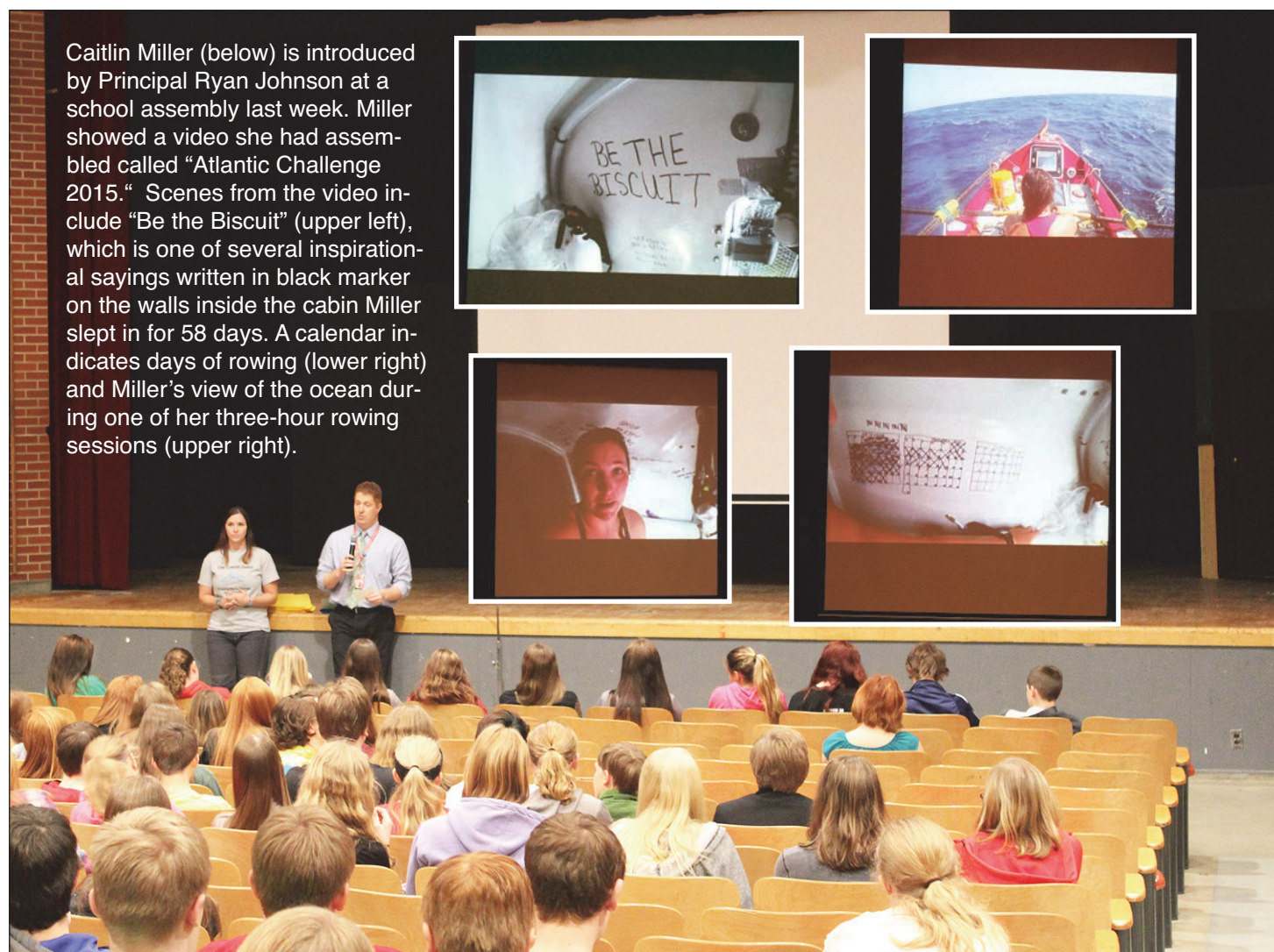
"The first 12 days were really hard," Miller admitted.

It wasn't until she settled into a pattern of sleeping and rowing in three-hour shifts that Miller learned she was more mentally tough than she first thought. The rest of the days she enjoyed the adventure.

"Don't let fear hold you back on what you want to do ... be open to new opportunities and adventures," she said.

She was a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, when she joined the school's rowing team, and that is where she met rowing partner Pagano. He invited her to complete the challenge.

As part of the two-year preparation, she helped



Caitlin Miller (below) is introduced by Principal Ryan Johnson at a school assembly last week. Miller showed a video she had assembled called "Atlantic Challenge 2015." Scenes from the video include "Be the Biscuit" (upper left), which is one of several inspirational sayings written in black marker on the walls inside the cabin Miller slept in for 58 days. A calendar indicates days of rowing (lower right) and Miller's view of the ocean during one of her three-hour rowing sessions (upper right).

fundraise almost \$200,000 by speaking to various groups and asking for sponsorships.

"I got over my fear of public speaking," admitted the daughter of Alex and Karen Miller from Hardwick.

Local students received an up-close look at the boat in which Miller lived for almost two months through a self-produced video.

Miller incorporated pictures and the video diary entries she completed during the row from La Gomera to Antiqua. Her video called "Atlantic Challenge 2015" is currently on youtube.com.

In the video, Miller showed a flying fish often found onboard and the brilliant sunrises and sunsets she witnessed while rowing. She also showed the interior of her cabin, its equipment and the calendar and other markings she wrote on her

cabin walls in black magic marker.

"Be the Biscuit," Miller read as she panned the camera past one of her several written inspirational sayings.

The phrase is from her basketball-playing days at LHS. Her dad would tell her to be like the thoroughbred Seabiscuit. Trainers thought the horse was too small to race, but later became one of the greatest racing legends by trainers who didn't give up.

After the video, Miller answered student questions. Topics ranged from "Did she find Nemo?" She did not (in reference to the animated Disney movie) to "What would have been her greatest fear about completing the race?"

It took Miller a moment to answer the latter question.

"Not finishing would have been the worst thing

that could have happened," Miller told the students. "So many people were invested in our journey."

Miller is planning another journey and has already agreed to compete in the Atlantic challenge again — this time in 2017

Mary Jo Graphenteen (left) talks about fundraising with Caitlin Miller, whose T-shirt represented her successful bid to raise \$40,000 for ALS research.



### CELEBRATIONS

#### Births

A boy, Shadrach Nathaniel, weighing 8 pounds and 5 ounces, was born Wednesday, March 23, 2016, to **Mark and Amanda Meredith**, Hutto, Texas. He joins a brother, James. Grandparents are Dave and Debbie Tilstra, Hills, and Bob and Lorraine Meredith, Golden Valley. Great-grandparents are Arvin and Cena Mae Tilstra, Steen, and Ron and Martha Pronk, Leota.

#### Card Shows

**Jan Van Eck** will celebrate her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday Friday, April 8. Greetings may be sent to 1006 Linden, Luverne, MN 56156.

#### Bridal Shows

A bridal shower for **Caitlyn Stevens**, bride-to-be of **Josh Friedrichsen**, will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

### MENU

#### Senior Citizens

**Monday, April 11:** Stuffed baked potato with ham, cheese and broccoli, bread, pudding.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle.

**Tuesday, April 12:** Roast pork, potatoes, creamed cabbage, bread, rosy applesauce.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Hartquist Funeral Home; Gerri Mitchell.

**Wednesday, April 13:** Lasagna, green beans, lettuce salad, garlic bread, bar.

Program: 10 a.m. Making Cards with Neva; 1 p.m. Making Cards with Alyce.

**Thursday, April 14:** Oven crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, cake.

**Friday, April 15:** Baked fish, tri tators, California blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, fruit cobbler.

Program: 11:30 a.m. Monthly Birthday Party with Kitchen Band.

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



Luverne High School's Senior Leadership Group recently met for their last activity, tie-dyeing T-shirts and socks. Pictured in front are Melissa Tweet (sitting), Jenna Schelhaas, Tayler Hoogeveen, Susan Thompson, Brianna Jonason, (back) Freddi Stroeh, Sam Aanenson, Nicole Kneip and Madi Oye.

## LHS seniors direct growth of own leadership skills

During the 2015-16 school year, a group of Luverne High School senior girls began meeting Thursday mornings to grow in their leadership skills.

Throughout the fall the group continued to progress, and the ideas of what they wanted to learn grew, according to school social worker Stacy Schepel.

Schepel and Amy Cook, family science instructor, advised the group.

As the students moved into the second semester, they were curious about colleges and all the extras that come with a post-secondary education.

This led the group to focus on several aspects of college such as roommates, financial aid, eating, studying, staying safe on campus and more.

The students invited guest speakers that could give them the expert advice needed to attend college.

Last week, during their last meeting, the students tie-dyed T-shirts and socks.

Through this activity the girls were reminded that sometimes they have plans for life, but sometimes they don't always work out, and you just have to work through the situation ... just like tie-dyeing.

## SunPatiens are happy growing in bright sunshine

A relatively new annual flowering plant I'd like to feature today is the SunPatiens.

Impatiens have been the flowering annual of choice for shade areas, but the old varieties were not happy growing in bright sun. This "new and improved" class is happy, in fact, prefers bright sun.

There are three classifications: spreading, compact, and vigorous. Compact varieties will grow 12 to 14 inches tall and about 10 inches wide. The spreading type will grow 12 to 14 inches tall, but their width will exceed their height. And then we have those vigorous varieties that perform just as implied ... 24 to 30 inches tall and wide. The vigorous plants are best used in ground beds because they will totally dominate a planter. (I proved that to myself last summer.)



### KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

The color palate is typical for impatiens, but the real blessing is that these plants are resistant to downy mildew, which is a new fungus that is fatal to the old varieties. As I mentioned, they enjoy sun but will be a disappointment in total shade. Their continuous color and tolerance of our typical summer heat and humidity make them one of my top picks.

Pentastemon is another annual (one season) plant that has been introduced in recent years. The colors are red, rose, pink, and white. The flowers are star-shaped and grow in clusters. These plants are

compact and flower continuously but benefit from having old flower heads removed.

Growth is mounded, about 8 to 10 inches high and wide. Pentastemon are excellent candidates for planters because they are well-mannered, not crowding their neighbors. Full sun is essential for maximum color.

I have daffodils blooming everywhere in my yard ... such a welcome sight from my windows! These cold, early morning temperatures don't seem to deter them; in fact, the cool is better than hot. I'll just appreciate the view and be thankful that winter is behind us.

## BUSINESS NEWS

GNP Company", the Midwest's leading chicken producer of the Gold'n Plump" and Just BARE" chicken brands, has been named a 2016 Hunger Hero Food Award recipient by Second Harvest Heartland in a March 31 ceremony at Second Harvest Heartland's Golden Valley headquarters.

The Hunger Hero Award, now in its seventh year, recognizes organizations that make a "compassionate and transformational impact on people in need in Minnesota and Wisconsin."

GNP Company has supported Second Harvest Heartland for 12 years and was acknowledged as the food bank's largest food donor in 2015 for donating 1.7 million meals worth of chicken last year.

"As a food company, we appreciate all of the hard work of the Second Harvest Heartland team in building awareness about food insecurity in our local communities," said Paul Helgeson, sustainability manager for GNP Company.

"Good organizations tend

to find one another. We appreciate our partnership with Second Harvest Heartland, because they are helping us live our mission of 'dedicated to healthy food, families, and farms.'"

According to Second Harvest Heartland, one of the largest and most efficient food banks in the United States, one in 10 people in Minnesota and western Wisconsin experience the stress of hunger on any given day. The food bank delivered 77 million meals in the region last year.



## OBITUARIES

### Robert Kirsch

World War II veteran Robert M. Kirsch passed away peacefully at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills on Monday, March 28, 2016, at 91 years of age. Family visitation will be Friday, April 1, at Jurens Funeral Home in Hills from 4-8 p.m. A memorial service was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 11 a.m. Private family interment with full military honors will take place before the memorial service.

Robert Maurice Kirsch was born October 14, 1924, to Adolph and Amanda (Hagen) Kirsch at their home in Hills, Minnesota. He was raised and educated in Hills, graduating from Hills High School in 1942.

In February 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He went through basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and radio school in Kansas City, Missouri. After being stationed stateside in Texas and Oklahoma, he was deployed to Manila, Philippines, near the end of World War II. His duties included guarding a motor pool and when his unit was deactivated he was sent south of Manila to guard Japanese prisoners of war. He was honorably discharged in March 1946 and returned to Hills. Following his discharge he worked for the Great Northern Railroad and Minneapolis Gas Company.

His life's work as an electrician began at McClure Electric in Luverne and he worked as a journeyman electrician and plumber for Nuffer Hardware in Hills from 1948 to 1968. From 1968 until his retirement in 1986, Bob worked for Interstate Power Company in Hills and Heron Lake as a lineman and service rep. Upon retirement Bob and Twila moved to Sioux Falls and then back to Hills in 1991.

Robert married Betty Jane Block on February 8, 1948. To this union five children were born. Betty died in 1959 at the early age of 30. For the next 8 years Bob raised his five children with the

help of the Block family, the Hagen family and the village of Hills. On June 17, 1967, Bob married Twila (Kraetsch) Jauert and adopted her two daughters. Bob always felt blessed to have found the love of his life, Twila.

Bob was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, having served on the church council and cemetery board. He was a member of the American Legion Post 399 for 71 years. As an active member of the Hills community, Bob had served with the Hills Fire Department, the Hills City Council and as mayor of Hills for a short time. He was always proud of his Norwegian heritage and every May 17th he would observe Syttende Mai (Norwegian Constitution Day) by proudly flying his Norwegian flag.

Bob took up golf in his retirement and enjoyed that activity with his wife and friends for many years. During the winter months, Bob and Twila enjoyed the warmer weather of southern Texas for a number of years. They enjoyed traveling to many parts of the US and Mexico visiting family, their children, grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Twila, his four daughters, Barbara (Ron) Koch, Bismarck, North Dakota; Becky (John) Fallenstein, Rosarita, Mexico; Debra (Luke) Mathias, Starbuck; Cynthia Kirsch Pohlman, Hills; and two sons, Brian Kirsch, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Barry (Jane) Kirsch, Riverside, Iowa. He was a loving grandpa to 18 grandchildren and 17 (soon to be 18) great-grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Jane; his son, Robert Mark; his parents, Adolph and Amanda, his only brother, Jean Paul and an infant sister, Berniece Mary.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, Minnesota.

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### Aaron Conklin

Aaron Charles Conklin, 34, Magnolia, died Thursday, March 31, 2016, as the result of an automobile accident near St. Kilian.

He was born Feb. 14, 1982, in Milford, Pennsylvania, to Richard and Frances (Egan) Conklin.

Aaron is survived by his son, Donovan, Luverne; his mother, Frances Conklin, Magnolia; three brothers, Richard (Victoria)

Conklin, Kanaranzi, Michael (Theresa) Conklin, Kenneth, and Raymond (Janelle) Conklin, Beaumont, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Hewaspreceded in death by his father. A private memorial service will take place at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are through Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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## DEATH NOTICE

### Chad Carlson

Chad H. Carlson, 39, Luverne, died Sunday, April 3, 2016, as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Funeral arrangements are through the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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## Luverne takes second in sub-section tournament

Sixteen speech students advance for chance at a state tournament berth

Twenty-seven Cardinal speech team members participated in sub-section competition in Adrian March 29.

They took second place as a team with 21 speakers advancing to final round competitions.

Students were competing for spots in this Saturday's section tournament. In order to qualify, speakers had to finish in the top four during the final round at sub-sections.

Sixteen Cardinal speakers advanced to the section in Marshall.

At section competition, the Cardinal speakers will need to place in the top three of the final round in order to qualify for the state speech meet April 15-16 at Lakeville North High School.

Students advancing to Saturday's section competition include Samantha Ykema, Knute Oldre, Melanie Rit-

tenhouse in Discussion; Paul Witte III, Marisol Hartshorn, Storytelling; Dylan Thorson, Shane Berning, Extemporaneous Speaking; Jacinda Hustoft, Shelbie Nath, Creative Expression; Ryleigh Beers, Informative Speaking; Gunnar Oldre, Humorous Interpretation; Alexa Chesley, Hannah Ehlers, Duo Interpretation; Derek Krueger, Great Speeches; Hannah Hoogland, Extemporaneous Reading and Megan

Rogers in Drama.

Also competing in the final round were Autumn Nath, sixth in Poetry; Nicole Hoogland, sixth in Extemporaneous Reading; Xavier Carbonneau, fifth, and Jonah Louwagie, sixth, in Storytelling; and Gryphon Norenberg, sixth in Informative Speaking.

Gavin Folkestad and Caroline Thorson coach the Cardinal speech team.

## 1924: Celebration plans underway for old Company A. 136th Infantry

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 16, 1924:

### OLD CO. A BOYS TO HOLD RE-UNION HERE MAY 27

#### Committee in Charge of Arrangements Wants Every Member to be Here for a Day of Pleasure

Plans are being made for a re-union of the members of the old Company A. 136th Infantry, which is to be held in this city on Tuesday, May 27th. A committee of George M. LaDue, P. K. Myers and Carl Schmuck has been appointed to arrange the day's affairs, and under their management an afternoon and evening of genuine enjoyment is being provided for.

Major Ezra C. Clemens, who was here for the Legion rally two weeks ago, was the instigator of this re-union. He had been the chaplain with Company A. down at Camp



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County Historical Society

Cody, New Mex., and was looked upon as a father, it is claimed by practically every boy in the camp. His slightest suggestion was law, and so now also, the re-union is being planned upon his request.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the company whose address is known, and they are asked to mention the coming event to their brother "buddies" for quite a number of the men cannot be located by the committee at this time. They are anxious to have as many of the "old gang" here as possible, and every Co. A member, regardless of whether or

not he has received a written invitation, will be cordially welcomed at Luverne on re-union day.

Plans are to have the boys meet at the Legion club rooms at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Kittenball teams will be organized and this form of sport enjoyed until the time for the banquet, which will be served at seven o'clock at the Manitou hotel. During the evening the Dell-Hogan post dance will be held at the Armory. The Paramount players will be here again and this time will have a ten-piece orchestra, so that the music alone will be an evening's treat.

Company A. of the Second Minnesota National Guards was mobilized in this city shortly after the United States entered the war, and went into camp at the county fairgrounds on June 3, 1918. Robert A. Grout was the captain; Jesse S. Kelliha, of Rock Rapids, first lieutenant and E. C. Dike, of Beaver Creek, second lieutenant. On September 28, of the same year, the company left for Camp Cody, New Mex., together with Co. K. of Worthington. It wasn't however, until the following June that a summons came, ordering the privates and cooks of the regiment to leave for France, while the officers and non-commissioned officers remained at camp to drill a bunch of drafted men. In August, a move was made to Camp Dix, New Jersey, and the following October saw the remainder of Co. A. sailing for France.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2006)

•Rock County Commissioners gave preliminary approval to a veterans memorial on the courthouse lawn near the cannon. ...

If completed, the memorial will include local soldiers of all wars in all branches of the military.

An architect and artist are working on the project. The courthouse lawn was selected as a possible site because it is an attractive place that has high visibility and will remain well maintained.

### 25 years ago (1991)

•When tax statements landed in mailboxes last week, the telephone in the treasurer's office started to ring. Callers hoped the numbers on their tax statements were wrong. In most cases, Rock County Treasurer Margaret Cook had to tell them there was no mistake.

In general, taxes on farmland went up. For some the increase was significant. ...

Based on farm sales in the county, the estimated market value of agricultural land in Rock County increased by 25.1 percent.

### 50 years ago (1966)

•Fast talking salesmen, offering "big savings" in home siding, roofing, windows and doors will be showing up in the county soon, predicts the Luverne Chamber of Commerce.

Like the robins and the wrens, they usually show up in the early spring, on the lookout for unsuspecting home owners who fall for their "cheap" talk, only to find out later that they had misunderstood the word, and what the salesman actually was saying was "gyp."

### 75 years ago (1941)

•Word that Rock county has been officially designated to participate in the food stamp plan for the distribution of surplus farm products was received yesterday by George Michaelson, executive secretary of the county welfare board, from the Surplus Marketing Administration office in St. Paul.

The communication further stated that James P. Cusick, program organizer for the Surplus Marketing Administration, will be in charge of setting up the program in Rock county, and that the organizational work probably will start within the next week or ten days.

### 100 years ago (1916)

•The project for the extension of north Estey street, started last fall by the common council in response to a petition from interested property owners, was brought to a successful end Saturday, when C.N. Remme transferred to the city the one lot or parcel of land necessary to make the extension possible.

The site of the new street is between Adams avenue on the north and Dodge street on the south, and will be nearly 1100 feet in length, thereby making available a number of desirably located lots for residence purposes fronting on each side of the street, that have heretofore been of small value owing to their inaccessibility.

## FFA NEWS

Three members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter participated in the Pipestone Meats Judging Contest on March 11.

The event was in the Animal Science Meat Lab on the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings.

Participating in the event were Aric Meinerts, Cody Saker and Ethan Thorson.

Nine FFA'ers participated in the Tri-Valley High School Invitational General Livestock and Meats contests March 21.

The general livestock team consisted of Luverne FFA members Tanner Baustian, Tommy Norman, Payton Fick, Trevor Mente, Tyler Reisdorfer and Dylan Mente.

The team placed third overall, and individually Baustian placed fifth, Norman 22nd, Fick 31st, Trevor Mente 37th, Reisdorfer 43th, and Dylan Mente 63rd out of 148 participants.

The meats team of Aric Meinerts, Cody Saker and Ethan Thorson placed eighth out of 16 teams.

Individually Meinerts placed 11th overall, Thorson 31st and Saker placed 37th out of 60 participants.

## Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671

### EXCESS PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671 Board of Education has designated the following items as excess property and directed the Superintendent to place items up for sale:

- Approximately 150 cubic yards of fill located at 201 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN
- 775 building bricks (4' X 4' X 12") leftover from the building of the 2010 Jr./Sr. High School

Items for Sale Description and terms:

Approximately 150 cubic yards of fill:

- Fill is located at 201 N Summit Ave.
- Cost of transport of fill is responsibility of winning quote.
- Transport of fill must be completed from start to finish in seven (7) business days from notification that individual was awarded fill.
- All or none. Individual must take all of fill. The district will not parcel this item.

• Prospective buyers may inspect the pile of fill by appointment. Please call Chris Harsack, Building and Ground - ph 507-952-3240 x24

775 building bricks:

- 775 building bricks in two different colors - dark brown and beige.
- Transport of bricks is the responsibility of individual winning the quote.
- Transport of bricks from district site must occur within seven (7) business days from notification that individual was awarded bricks.
- All or none. Individual must take all of bricks. The district will not parcel this item.

• Prospective buyers may inspect the bricks by appointment. Please call Chris Harsack, Building and Ground - ph 507-952-3240 x24

**Procedure:** Individuals desiring to provide a quote for one or more of the above listed items may request a quote form from Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at: gkuehl@hills671.net, or interested individuals may stop by the District Office at 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56125 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Quote submission deadline 2 p.m. CST on Friday, April 22. Quotes must either be mailed to Glenda Kuehl, HEC Schools, PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56125 or may be hand-delivered to 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56125, Door #1. Quotes will be opened at a public board meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016. Quotes submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations in whole or part and reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders.

### ROCK COUNTY

## Here's a senior moment for you: our 65+ population will rise 44%.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0407 gov lewis and clark Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, left, presents Gov. Mark Dayton with a key to the city of Luverne as a token of appreciation for the governor's support of Lewis and Clark's pipeline connection to Luverne.

## Mayor presents governor with key to city

By Lori Sorenson

As part of his Water Quality Forum in Edgerton March 30, Gov. Mark Dayton stopped in Luverne later that day to congratulate local officials on the Lewis Clark Regional Water System.

"I'm very, very proud of that," said Dayton, who put \$41 million state bonding support toward Lewis and Clark. "It's crucial for the economic health of the community."

City leaders and area water officials met with the governor at the Lewis and Clark meter house near the public works buildings on Blue Mound Avenue.

There Mayor Pat Baustian presented Dayton with a key to the city, thanking him for his support of the pipeline.

The governor praised Luverne for its vision and leadership in pressing for the supplemental water from the Missouri River aquifer.

He also pledged to continue pushing for funds to get the final leg of the project connected to Worthington and the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System.

## Governor hosts Water Quality Forum in Edgerton/continued from page 1A

lined the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, buffers, the progress of local implementation of buffers, and Southwest Minnesota's Clean Water Fund grants.

Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, explained the Ag Water Quality program and encouraged farmers to take advantage of opportunities for low interest loans through the Department's AgBMP (best management practices) program for conservation tillage, erosion control, manure management and other practices.

Perhaps some of the best spokesmen for these practices were Pipestone County farmer Ian Cunningham and Lyon County farmer Paul Lanoue.

Cunningham's 800-acre livestock and crop operation is an example of soil health and water stewardship that earned him Minnesota's "Agriculture Water Quality Certification," which Frederickson presented to him at the forum.

Cunningham utilizes cover crops, no-till practices, rotational grazing and rotational diversity to maintain the land's fifth generation of farming.

At the March 30 meeting, he encouraged his fellow farmers to continually seek ways to improve their operations for sustainability.

"What we're doing today isn't what we were doing five years ago," he said, adding that all good managers in all chosen professions do that. "And I hope what we're doing five years from now we're not doing the same thing."

As legislation and policies are developed to improve water quality, Cunningham said he hopes landowners and policymakers work together on solutions that best fit each problem — not a one-size-fits-all approach.

Lanoue has installed buffers



Lori Sorenson photo/0407 gov edgerton

Gov. Mark Dayton addresses a gathering in the Edgerton City Hall Wednesday, March 30, for a water quality forum that included key information about his buffer legislation that goes into effect Nov. 1, 2017.

*"There are lots of things we can do to make things better, and I really bristle at the idea that we need to make some money first and then we'll worry about taking care of God's creation. I like the idea that we're going to take good care of God's creation and it will take care of us."*

— Ian Cunningham, Pipestone County farmer

beyond 16.5 feet and helped to organize a local meeting with hundreds of area landowners to discuss the state's new buffer law.

"We all care about the environment and we all care about the land," Lanoue said. "We want to make sure there's a future for our farming operations."

One question from the audience addressed the costs of implementing conservation farming practices.

"What's it going to set them back, especially at a time when

corn is at \$4?"

While there are several cost share programs and low interest loans available for various practices, Cunningham said the best approach is to do one thing at a time and build on those practices, because it's an investment that pays in the end.

"It's not going to set us back a bit. Because it's going to put us forward," Cunningham said. "The things that I do help the water infiltrate the soil and be available for the crop, that's money

in the bank. ... Grazing livestock on waterways not feeding them and hauling manure away, that's money in the bank."

He also talked about doing the right thing.

"There are lots of things we can do to make things better, and I really bristle at the idea that we need to make some money first and then we'll worry about taking care of God's creation," Cunningham said.

"I like the idea that we're going to take good care of God's creation and it will take care of us."

## History Center construction/continued from page 1A

•Luverne Building Center has been the primary resource for lumber and materials

•Mert's Machine and Repair for structural steel fabrication and repair

"This project is funded through local sources and donations, so we should do business here whenever possible," Arentson said.

### Background:

The Rock County Historical Society purchased the 100-year-old Ford building in May 2015 for \$150,000

from Herman Motors, which expanded and relocated on South Highway 75.

As soon as the auto business moved out, work began to transform the 11,000 square feet into display spaces, research quarters and rotating exhibits for the Historical Society.

The new building will address problems that the Historical Society has struggled to address at the museum's current location on North Freeman Avenue in the Masonic Lodge building.

The new History Center will have adequate space, be handicap-accessible and will prominently display history in a central part of the community.

Costs to renovate the old Ford building were estimated at more than \$1 million, and a local fundraising campaign has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the cause.

Tax-deductible donations to the Rock County Historical Society Endowment Fund are still being accepted at PO Box 741, Luverne MN 56156.

## School Board/continued from page 1A

### District commended for its graduation rates

Luverne Public Schools received a commendation letter from the Minnesota Department of Education on March 24.

Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius congratulated the district for reaching a 90 percent graduation rate in 2015.

"I want to congratulate you and your staff for your tireless efforts to make sure students are put on a path for success in college or career,"

Cassellius said in the letter.

Minnesota set a goal for each school district to achieve a 90-percent graduation rate with no student group below 85 percent by 2020.

According to the letter the state's graduation rate has increased 6.4 percentage points, up from 75.5 percent in 2010 to 81.9 percent in 2015. The rates are recorded for districts having at least 20 students graduating.

"It's a hats off and a credit to our people," Luverne Superintendent Oftedahl said.

Within the Star Herald coverage area, Ellsworth and

Adrian districts were also commended for their 90 percent graduation achievements.

Hills-Beaver Creek achieved an 88 percent graduation rate in 2015.

### In other business, the Luverne school board:

•Accepted the resignations of Kathy Sommers, life science teacher, effective May 23, and John Hubbard, industrial arts teacher, effective at the end of the current school year.

•Approved Harley Fransman and Stacy Olson as volunteer softball coaches.



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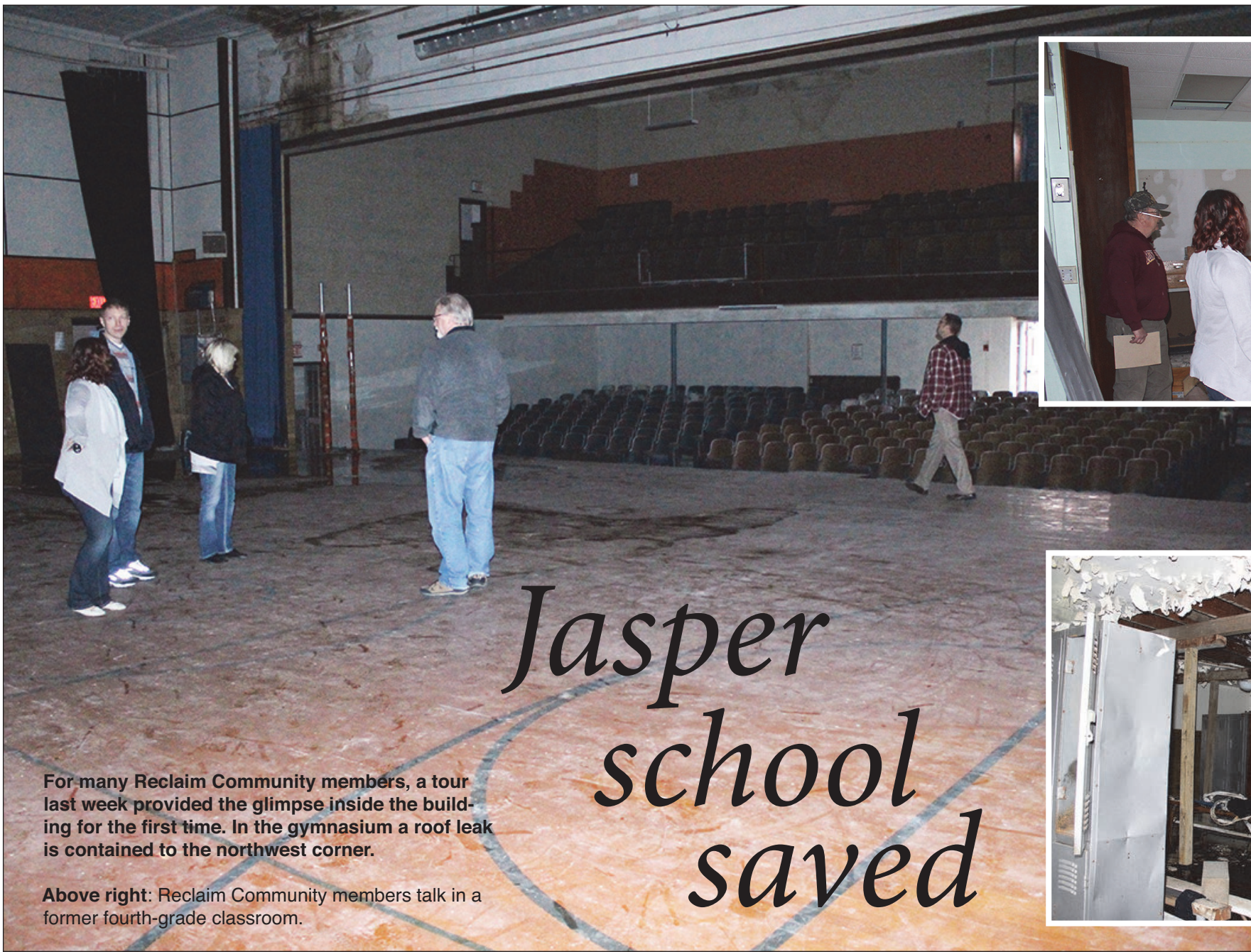


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**Below:** The boys' locker room has suffered the most damage over the years from a roof leak. Workers have raised the ceiling within two inches of the roof.



## Jasper school saved

For many Reclaim Community members, a tour last week provided the glimpse inside the building for the first time. In the gymnasium a roof leak is contained to the northwest corner.

**Above right:** Reclaim Community members talk in a former fourth-grade classroom.

## Group turns to planning for multi-use facility

**Story and photos by Mavis Fodness**

Seven people spearheaded the successful fundraising efforts to purchase the former Jasper High School, and last week they signed papers for their group called Reclaim Community to become a limited liability organization.

Elicia Kortus, Ryan Reker, Terry Skyberg, Jason Madtson, Randy Larson, Kristie Weinkauff and Jon Hoyme are the not-for-profit's first governing board.

Reclaim Community is now able to apply for grants and preserve the historical structure and is able to pursue other financial avenues as its own entity.

It was Kortus who united the community in purchasing the former school built in 1911. She began organizing Reclaim Community five months ago in order to initiate the fundraising. "We needed someone like Elicia to step up and put a little more gas in our tanks," said Skyberg, who graduated from the Jasper school.

The high school closed in 1993 when the district merged with Pipestone. The building initially served as the Pipestone-Jasper Elementary School until 2001, when the building was closed as a school.

Weinkauff, who graduated from Luverne High School in 1985, was the elementary school secretary at the time of the building's closure. Her daughters were also students there.

"I remember packing boxes in the summer of 2001," she said.

Two years after the school closed, Dick and Arlene Haase purchased the building, saving it from demolition. Their efforts to repurpose the building as an apartment complex never materialized. The couple was also unable to resell the building.

Since the Haases' initial renovation efforts, the building has slowly deteriorated due to the lack of use and little to no upkeep over the past 15 years.

In the past two years, both Dick and Arlene Haase have died. In November family members placed the building up for auction on an online site in order to settle their estate.

Through Kortus' enthusiasm for the project and continued leadership, Reclaim Community raised more than \$25,000 by February and was the building's highest bidder.

Last week the group finally toured the



building they plan to turn into a multi-purpose community facility.

Randy Larson, JHS Class of 1974, was last in the school decades ago.

"I hated going to school," he recalled. "I was always the last one in (school before the bell rang)."

Feelings have since evolved into saving the school for its Sioux quartzite design rather than what occurred inside.

The group viewed the gymnasium with its auditorium seating, the school kitchen and empty classrooms. Larson even located his locker on the second floor.

Madtson, too, remembered attending elementary school there, having lunch in the hallway.

"I wanted the building to be saved and used, not to be torn down," he said to the agreement of the other Reclaim supporters.

The group was able to view areas of water damage and subsequent growth of mold from the damp conditions.

The conditions didn't dampen plans to bring the building back to life.

Reker works for a regional planning agency.

"I am here to help out," he said. "Make the building decent again and physically bring it

back to the community."

Reker attended Jasper Elementary School and transferred to Luverne, where he graduated in 1992.

Hoyme was unable to attend the limited liability designation signing.

As Reclaim Community waits for the estate probate to be completed, they are organizing resources for the next steps.

In the coming months, they are planning to clean the building, weatherize the structure and gain monies for a re-use study.

Kortus said what the building will eventually become is still open for the public to decide.

The successful campaign to purchase the building has the group continuing with the "see a need" approach.

Kortus explained the approach using the roof as an example.

Volunteers could use donated materials to complete initial repairs. A specific fundraiser could finance other roof repairs if necessary. The "see a need" could be applied to other tasks, allowing the group more dollars to complete more renovations.

The group anticipates it will take several years to renovate the school into a multi-use facility.



**Above:** Seven members comprise Reclaim Community, a not-for-profit group organized to purchase and restore the former Jasper High School for community use.

Pictured from left are (front) Elicia Kortus, (second row) Terry Skyberg, Kristie Weinkauff, (back) Randy Larson, Jason Madtson and Ryan Reker. Missing is Jon Hoyme.

**Above left:** A sign still hangs in the former Jasper High School gymnasium.

## Brandenburg collection makes big splash in April National Geographic

The April issue of National Geographic Magazine includes a collection of Minnesota photographs titled "93 Days of Spring" by Jim Brandenburg.

The "93 Days of Spring" contains more photographs than any other feature in the 128-year history of National Geographic Magazine. The previous record was Brandenburg's 90 autumn images in "North Woods Journal" in the November 1997 issue. Brandenburg's summer picture story, "Boundary Waters," in the June 2013 issue was the very first digital photography story published in the magazine's history.

Like the previous two stories, all of the photographs in the spring coverage were made in Minnesota

mainly around Ravenwood — his home near Ely next to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, or in areas he has lived and has known well.

The last four photographs were made near Luverne in southwest Minnesota, at Touch the Sky Prairie (a mile from where he was born) or the Blue Mounds State Park where he made his first photographs as a young boy.

You can view the free, condensed digital version via the NGM website: <http://proof.nationalgeographic.com/20.../08/93-spring-days/>

A book will also be published from the spring project titled "The Awakening." This book follows the

best sellers "Looking for the Summer" and "Chased by the Light" from the summer and autumn seasonal coverage. The release of the new book will be announced later.

This spring project follows the disciplined theme Brandenburg has been pursuing with other projects like Nature365, which is a one-minute daily video online for the entire year.

Millions of viewers around the world have witnessed the moment of nature from Jim's surroundings. The combined total of meditative videos for the year equals around 6 1/2 hours.

Nature365 is produced in France and can be seen at: <http://nature365.tv>







Adrian senior catcher Michael Preuss makes a diving attempt to tag out a Worthington runner at home plate during the third inning of Monday's baseball opener in Adrian. WHS handed the Dragons an 8-4 setback.

## Trojans spoil Adrian's season opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team opened the 2016 season at home Monday.

Five days after having their scheduled debut against Luverne rained out, the Dragons locked horns with another Big South Conference entry in the Worthington Trojans.

The visiting Trojans scored the first four runs of the game and never lost the lead during an 8-4 victory over Adrian.

The teams played through two scoreless innings before WHS took advantage of two Adrian errors, two walks and two wild pitches to plate four unearned runs in the top half of the third inning.

Both teams plated four runs the rest of the contest, but the Dragons were unable to overcome the four runs they surrendered in the third inning.

AHS plated its first run of the season when Michael Preuss doubled, advanced to third on a bunt single by Jacob Stamer and scored on a fielder's choice by Logan Rogers in the bottom of the third.

Worthington countered with a two-run rally in the top of the fourth to up the lead to five runs (6-1).

Adrian climbed back into contention by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth without registering a hit.

Alex Loosbrock reached base on an error before Zach Hendel and Ryan Wieneke drew consecutive walks to load the sacks for AHS.

Preuss drew a walk to force home Loosbrock.

Hendel and Preuss eventually scored on passed balls as the inning progressed to make it a 6-4 game.

Worthington iced the win by plating single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Loosbrock took the pitching loss after tossing two-plus innings of four-run ball.

Mitchell Wagner surrendered two runs in two innings, Preuss one run in two innings and Stamer tossed a scoreless seventh frame.

Rogers led the Dragons with two hits at the plate.

Adrian plays in Slayton Thursday.



Adrian's Jacob Stamer drops down a bunt that he beat out for a single to help the Dragons produce a third-inning run during Monday's 8-4 home loss to the Worthington Trojans.

## Patriots make track debut in Vermillion March 29

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek track teams opened the 2016 season at the Dan Lennon Invitational staged at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, South Dakota, March 29.

The Patriots competed in the Class B version of the event along with athletes from four different states.

H-BC produced a decent showing that included the Patriots producing six top-20 performances.

Junior Zach Scholten turned

in the top effort for H-BC.

Scholten, who placed fifth in the high jump at the state meet last spring, finished fifth in Vermillion after clearing 6-4.

Drew Forshey placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the high jump after clearing 5-4.

The H-BC girls produced a pair of 14<sup>th</sup>-place efforts at the meet.

Sidney Fick covered 30-0 ¼ to place 14<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump.

Fick also ran a leg with H-BC's 800-meter relay, which placed 14<sup>th</sup> in 1:59.03.

Madison Spath, Grace Bundesen and Paige Tilstra round out the relay.

Bundenen cleared 4-6 to place 15<sup>th</sup> in the high jump, while Tilstra finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump with a distance of 29-11.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's results from the meet.

**H-BC girls**  
24<sup>th</sup> place: sprint-medley relay (Tilstra, Bundesen, Fick and Josie Bartels), 5:08.6.  
37<sup>th</sup> place: Spath, 60, 8.87.  
38<sup>th</sup> place: Bartels, 400, 1:15.38.  
80<sup>th</sup> place: Sadie Fuerstenberg, 60, 9.57.

**H-BC boys**  
26<sup>th</sup> place: Isaiah Vis, long jump, 18-4 1/2.  
28<sup>th</sup> place: Josh Kueter, high jump, 5-4.  
31<sup>st</sup> place: 800 relay (Nick Kiers, Hunter Bork, Dean Fuerstenberg and Jed Burgers), 1:47.14.  
36<sup>th</sup> place: sprint-medley relay (Vis, Forshey, Burgers and Kiers), 4:21.07.  
37<sup>th</sup> place: Trenton Bass, long jump, 17-5 1/2.  
43<sup>rd</sup> place: 800 relay (Scholten, Bass, Forshey and Vis), 1:50.67.  
46<sup>th</sup> place: Kiers, long jump, 17-1 1/4.  
51<sup>st</sup> place: sprint-medley relay (Bork, Kueter, Dylan Thieszen and Dawson Leenderts), 4L48.6.  
62<sup>nd</sup> place: Kiers, 60, 7.96.  
77<sup>th</sup> place: Bass, 60, 8.03.  
91<sup>st</sup> place: Bork, 60, 8:17.

## Let spring events begin

My anticipation level is rising for the state of the 2016 spring sports season.



### FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Although Mother Nature spoiled my plans to cover Luverne softball and baseball games last Thursday and Friday respectively, I'm eagerly waiting for the weather to make a turn for the better so our area athletes can show off their abilities.

Based on the state rankings, the two baseball programs from the Star Herald coverage area are being held in high regard.

Adrian and Luverne are both ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the state's Class A and AA polls respectively largely because of good showings in section play last year.

AHS has one of the state's Class A pitchers in senior Logan Rogers and will be a force to be reckoned with.

Luverne lost its pitching ace in 2015 senior Connor Crabtree, but LHS coach Mike Wenninger always seems to put together a competitive team on a yearly basis, whatever the circumstances are.

With an abundance of returning talent, the LHS tennis team should be competitive again.

Nine of the 10 players who led the Cardinals to the state tournament last year are returning to the court, which leads me to believe they are the favorites to capture their seventh consecutive section title in 2016.

The Luverne track teams took a huge hit from graduation in 2015, but they have the numbers and enough talent to find more success in 2016.

LHS girls to keep an eye on include Gabrielle Ferrell (second in state in the 3,200-meter run), Morgan Edwards (section cham-

ption in the shot put and discus), Courtney Siebenahler (state qualifier in the triple jump) and Madison Schandelmeier, who could reemerge as one of the state's top distance runners after an injury-plagued 2015 season.

H-BC and Adrian have some standout athletes who should make some noise in 2016 as well.

H-BC's Zach Scholten placed fifth at the state meet in the high jump last year and got off to a good start by clearing 6-4 at an indoor meet in South Dakota last week.

AHS co-coach Cody Henrichs believes eighth-grader Mariah Bullerman could be a distance runner on the verge of greatness this year.

Followers of the AHS and Luverne golf programs have reason to be optimistic as well.

AHS seniors Jada Elias and Ryan Elias return to the links as state-qualifiers in 2015.

The Luverne girls' golf team returns four players (Makayla Sterrett, Hailey Remme, Madison Crabtree and Hannah VerSteeg) from a squad that qualified for the second day of team competition at the Section 3AA Tournament last year.

Coming back for the LHS boys are Chaz Smedsrud, Jack Baustian and Coy Gonnerman, who advanced to the second day of section individual competition in 2015.

The personnel is in place for an intriguing spring season. We just need some decent weather to see how it unfolds.



Submitted photo

### State participants

Luverne's Ethan Beyer (left) and Maria Rops (right) participated at the Minnesota State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at St. Cloud Cathedral High School Saturday. Beyer, the 12-year old boys' champion of the local (in Luverne) and district and region events (in Ellsworth) placed second at the state competition. The son of Jamie and Jenn Beyer made 21 of 25 shots to earn a spot in a shootout for the championship. Rops won the local, district and region titles and made nine of 25 shots at state without finishing in the top three.

## Jaxon Nelson decides to join Sioux Falls Stampede next fall

By John Rittenhouse

The most prolific player in Luverne High School boys' hockey history will no longer call the Blue Mound Ice Arena his home rink.

Jaxon Nelson, a key member of one of Southwest Minnesota's top hockey programs the last three years, has decided the time has come to move on.

Although Nelson is only an LHS sophomore, he signed a tender on March 30 (his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday) to play hockey for the Sioux Falls Stampede of United States Hockey League for the 2016-17 season.

He becomes the first player in Stampede history to sign a tender, which allows a team to sign a player directly in favor of forfeiting its first-round pick in the upcoming USHL draft in May.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," said Nelson, the son of Chad and Jennifer Nel-

son, rural Magnolia.

"Playing for the Stampede is an option I've considered for a while. Sioux Falls is close to home and I'm excited about being able to represent Luverne and still get a lot of support from the community and from my family."

More than anything else, Nelson is making the move to prepare for the future.

He made a verbal commitment to play college hockey at the University of Minnesota last year.

Considering Nelson led the state of Minnesota in goals (70) and points (113) last winter, he has opted to take on a bigger challenge.

"I just think this would be a better way to develop myself for college hockey," he said.

"I think it's the right decision to move on and try something new. I'll be playing twice as many games and two months



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longer with the Stampede. They also have a weight-training program that we don't have here."

Nelson plans to remain

enrolled at LHS in hopes of graduating with his classmates in 2018.

He will attend school for the first five class periods of

the day and attend practices for the Stampede that begin in the afternoon starting next September.

"I might have to take some online courses to graduate, but that's all right," he said.

"Ninety-five percent of the games are played on weekends, with a few games on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Those games usually are in Sioux City or Fargo, which are one- and three-hour drives from Sioux Falls. My schedule basically will be going to school for four to five hours, to practice at 2:30 and be home by 6 p.m."

Nelson said he will miss playing hockey in the BMIA, but his new schedule should allow him to take in some LHS games next winter.

"I'm going to support the team as much as I can next season," he said.

"I won't be able to play foot-

ball any more, but I might be able to play baseball next spring. I'm going to miss playing games in Luverne because the fans are great and the arena is always packed. The (Denny Sanford) Premier Center is a great facility, too. It will be an exciting place to play because they have a good fan base."

Although Nelson is a lock to make the Stampede roster, he plans to attend their June 10-13 Tryout Camp.

He will be joined there by LHS senior Chaz Smedsrud, who led the state in assists (56) last winter and was a 26<sup>th</sup>-round draft choice of the Stampede last spring.

"They've told me that they like what Chaz can do. If he can hold his own at the tryout camp, he has a good chance to make the team. It would be nice to play with him again," Nelson concluded.



**St. Catherine Catholic Church**  
203 E. Brown St., Luverne  
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

**St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth**  
Thursday, April 7: 10 a.m. Anointing Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Anointing Mass at Veterans Home. Friday, April 8: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus fish fry. Saturday, April 9: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine in Luverne. Sunday, April 10: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary in Ellsworth. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine in Luverne. Tuesday, April 12: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. SC-FC. 7 p.m. Cub Scouts. Wednesday, April 13: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Human Trafficking Drama.

**Luverne Christian Reformed Church**  
605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
www.luverncrc.com — luverncrc@gmail.com  
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Friday, April 8: Church reserved. Sunday, April 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism Classes. Noon Potluck. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, April 11: 9 a.m. PERK UP in Hills. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, April 12: 9:30 a.m. CoffeeBreak/Story Hour. Wednesday, April 13: 7 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Thursday, April 7: Noon Senior Focus Potluck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, April 8: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Saturday, April 9: 9:30 a.m. Bruynes bridal shower. Sunday, April 10: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, April 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, April 13: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, April 7: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Endowment. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, April 8: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 9: 5:30 P.M. Worship. Sunday, April 10: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast; Worship. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship. 5 p.m. Progressive Dinner. Monday, April 11: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, April 12: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. GLCW Executive Board. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC. Wednesday, April 13: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. FAITHWEAVERS. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir. Exaltation team rehearsal. Thursday, April 14: 2 p.m. GLCW Gathering. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4571 — pastorpalmquist67@yahoo.com

Thursday, April 7: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, April 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, April 11: 9:30 a.m. ELS Pastors' meeting in Mankato. Tuesday, April 12: 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Wednesday, April 13: 6:30 p.m. Catechism Class. Thursday, April 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

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

Thursday, April 7: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. Friday, April 8: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study; Conference Set-up. Saturday, April 9: 9 a.m. Beautiful Life Women's Conference. 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, April 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 6:30 p.m. Junior RCYF. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, April 11: 8 p.m. Jazz Band concert. Tuesday, April 12: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Renaissance Group. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting; Bible Study Fellowship; Women's Study. Wednesday, April 13: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:20 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir.

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

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005  
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, April 7: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, April 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, April 10: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Brunch. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Monday, April 11: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:30 p.m. Little Lambs Dad's Night. 7 p.m. Board of Stewardship meeting. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, April 12: 1:15 p.m. Communion at Lyon Manor. 2:15 p.m. Communion in Hills. 6 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 6:30 p.m. Little Lambs Dad's Night. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, April 13: 9 a.m. Little Lambs' Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 7 p.m. Youth Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. Thursday, April 14: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lamb's Devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

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

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

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

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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

Thursday, April 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, April 10: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, April 11: 7 p.m. Making Sense of the Bible — Bible Study. Wednesday, April 13: 6 p.m. Meal for F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry and Confirmation students and families. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry and Confirmation Class. Thursday, April 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring and Crafting stress-free event.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, April 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, April 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, April 13: 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 8 p.m. Choir.

**Living Rock Church**  
500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

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

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

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net — www.nlifecel.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, April 7: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, April 8: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, April 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, April 11: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, April 12: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:45 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, April 13: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, April 14: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church**  
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, April 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, April 13: 7 p.m. Choir.

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

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

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, April 7: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, April 10: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor

Sunday, April 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, April 13: 1:30 p.m. WOW Event. Thursday, April 14: Volunteer Day at Thrift Store in Worthington.

## Give us your wisdom

"Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4b KJV)



## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

Sven and Ingrid were going on a trip to Norway to visit relatives. They were scheduled to leave from the airport in Minneapolis. When they got to the city, Sven went to the headquarters of their local bank and asked for a loan. "Well," the loan officer said, "we will need collateral."

"Yah, sure, you betcha," said Sven. "Here are de keys to my car. I would like \$500 for three weeks."

"This is highly irregular," said the loan officer, "but you've been a good customer in the past. Bring your car around front and my secretary will park it in our underground parking garage for three weeks."

Sven thanked the man and he and Ingrid caught a city bus to the airport. When they returned to the bank three weeks later, Sven paid back the loan, with interest and fees. The banker said to Sven, "I just don't understand why you needed the loan. You have plenty of money in your account."

"Yah, vell can you tell me any other safe place I could keep my car in de big city for three weeks for \$15.40?"

Since the fall of Adam and Eve into sin, the world has been a dangerous

place. In Matthew 10:16 Jesus told His disciples that He was sending them out as sheep in the midst of wolves. He said that they should be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

While some people live only for themselves, God's plan for His followers is very different. Our first concern is not supposed to be us. We are called to live our lives for Him. He doesn't want us to be naive about the evils that surround us. He also doesn't want us to be overcome with fear. Rather, He wants us to live carefully, even shrewdly, in the midst of a fallen world. He calls us to humbly and graciously trust that He will be our shield and defender as we walk with Him.

Gracious God, wash away the selfishness and fear in our lives. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Teach us how to follow You. Give us wisdom far greater than those who try to deceive. Create in us pure hearts and right spirits, so that we will truly be innocent as doves. When evil threatens to overpower us, remind us that You, living in us, are much more powerful than all that is in the world. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

**First Presbyterian Church**

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

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

112 N. Main St., Hills

Hills United Reformed Church

Sunday, April 10: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, April 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, April 13: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation for grades 8-9.

**Hills United Reformed Church**

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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 14

### 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 07, 2006  
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$64,260.00  
 MORTGAGOR(S): Michael Zinnel, a single person  
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp, its successors and/or assigns  
 DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: November 09, 2006 Rock County Recorder Document Number: 165362

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP Dated: March 23, 2012 Recorded: April 02, 2012 Rock County Recorder Document Number: 178916

And assigned to: Selene Finance LP Dated: October 09, 2014 Recorded: April 14, 2015 Rock County Recorder Document Number: 185779

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
 Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100029500014247724  
 Lender or Broker: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp  
 Residential Mortgage Servicer: Selene Finance LP  
 Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock Property Address: 119 E Barck Ave, Luverne, MN 56156-1107 Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0375-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W1/2 of Lot 4 in Block 15 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$69,448.23 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 26, 2016 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 November 28, 2016, or the next business day if November 28, 2016 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: March 07, 2016  
 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Selene Finance LP  
 Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.  
 Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee  
 7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200  
 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296  
 (651) 209-3300  
 File Number: 032673F02

(04-07, 04-17, 04-21, 05-05, 05-12)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage:  
 21st Century Bank

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 Thomas P Dolphin, Jr. - 0386646  
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 21st Century Bank  
 17 Washington Avenue N  
 Minneapolis, MN 55401  
 (763)792-3711

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

## Brouwer conditional use hearing April 11

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2016, at the Rock County USDA Service Center, located at 311 West Gabrielson, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:40 p.m. The purpose is to act on the application submitted by Vernon and Gloria Brouwer to operate a dog kennel located on 9.28 acre tract in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4 of Rosedell Township, T104N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Dated: March 31, 2016

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
 Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
 311 W. Gabrielson Road  
 Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-31, 4-7)

## Rock County seeks sealed proposals by April 22

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

C.P. 067-401-016

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

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

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

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

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

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at [www.questodn.com](http://www.questodn.com) and at the Rock County Highway Department website, [www.co.rock.mn.us/highway](http://www.co.rock.mn.us/highway).

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-401-016"**.

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.  
 Rock County Highway Engineer  
 (3-24, 3-31, 4-7)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 19

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 30, 2009  
 MORTGAGOR: Shawn M. Sweeney and Deanna M. Sweeney, husband and wife.  
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc..

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100061907000105866

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank, a Minnesota Corporation  
 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.  
 MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1119 North Lindale Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.0470.000  
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
 Lot 5 in Block 8 in Blue Mound 1st Addition to the City of Luverne

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$125,152.00  
 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$129,232.66

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
 PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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

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

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Dated: March 16, 2016

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

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.  
 Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
 4500 Park Glen Road #300  
 Minneapolis, MN 55416  
 (952) 925-6888  
 18 - 16-001246 FC

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## ISD #2184 seeks roofing bids by April 21

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Luverne School District is requesting bids for the 2016 re-roofing project(s) of the Elementary School gymnasium and west section of the Middle/High School as described in the construction documents. Bids will be received by Independent School District No. 2184 until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 21, 2016, 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 May 23, 2016, and be fully completed on or before July 29, 2016. Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne, Minnesota, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bids.

Shelley Sandbulte  
 Clerk  
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## EMPLOYMENT

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for two-hour lunchroom servers. Rate of pay \$10 per hour. Submit letter of application to Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. EOE (4.7-4.17)

Cook/Dietary Aide: Part-time 12-7 p.m.. Wages \$11.50. MN PERA retirement plan. Contact Mike Werner at Parkview Manor, 308 Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, Mn 56129 or call 507-967-2482. (3.31-4.17)

Wildrose Home Care is accepting applications for home health aids/ personal care attendants to work in Pipestone. Day, evening, and night shifts available. Cares would include assisting client in home with activities of daily living such as dressing, bathing, and grooming. Willing to train. Applications may be picked up at 1210 East College Drive in Marshall or call 1-507-337-1101. (3.27-4.21)

## EMPLOYMENT

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

Registered Nurse/LPN-Parkview Manor, a municipal skilled nursing facility is accepting applications for a part-time charge nurse position. Wages commensurate with experience. \$2000 scholarship available for students. Benefits include vacation, holiday, and PERA retirement plan. Contact Darnell Krull 308 Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, Mn 56129 or call 507-967-2482 (tc)

## EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, MN is hiring Night Supervisors (11 pm-7 am) to work with male juveniles in a residential setting. Part time, and/or Full-time, \$11.50-\$12.00/hr (or based on education), benefits, pd. holidays, overnight shifts. Must be 21 yrs old and have high school diploma. Send application or resume to PO Box 40 Magnolia, MN 56158 or stop by for an application. For further information contact Don or Jeremy at 507-283-4425. (3.24-4.11)

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## ACCOUNTANT

**OBJECTIVE:** Responsible for the daily functions of multiple accounts including but not limited to A/P, A/R, invoicing, purchase orders, journal entries, bank reconciliations, account reconciliations, and financial reports.

- ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**
- Obtain and maintain a thorough understanding of general ledger structure.
  - Process A/P and A/R transactions
  - Attention to detail
  - Maintain sales order and purchase order system
  - Understanding of financial reports and preparation of those reports
  - Maintain depreciation schedules
  - Prepare monthly, quarterly, and year end close information for internal and external users
  - Ability to work in a team atmosphere
  - Correspond with other managers as questions arise

**POSITION SPECIFICATIONS**  
**Education:**  
• 2 or 4 year degree in accounting  
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