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Luverne home show is Saturday

By Lori Sorenson

Spring Loaded, Luverne's home, health and living show, is set for this weekend, and Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said the lineup of attractions this year is fresh and creative.

Among the seminars Saturday at the Palace Theatre will be Nate Golla of the Luverne Farm Store with his presentation, "Learn to Reseed Problem Areas in Your Yard."

Lanphere said her husband, Larry, is looking forward to that one.

"He reseeded the lawn five times last year," she laughed. "Nate's going to tell how to do it right the first time."

Golla's lawn information is the final seminar of the day at 2 p.m., and it includes a drawing for one year of free lawn care.

Other seminars at the Palace include "Courageous Pruning to Keep Your Home Landscape Fresh, Vibrant and Controlled," by master horticulturalist George Bonnema

At 10 a.m. will be Luverne's Spring and Summer Style Show with Tyanna's Boutique, Sassy Seconds, Redeemed Remnants and Dragonfly.

At 11 a.m. Wes Fuerstenberg of Glen's Food Center and Chef Rob of $Sterling's\,Cafe\,and\,Grille\,will\,present$ "Fire and Smoke — Secrets to Good

At 12 noon will be "Craft Beer — The Top Secrets of the Trends." That seminar will be presented by Take 16 head brewer Luke Rensink and beer blogger Rachael Anderson.

At 1 p.m. Becky Feikema and Kathy Vander Lugt of ReBorn Home Furnishings will present "Take Your Chalk Paint Outdoors — Exterior Painting Project Ideas."

In addition to seminars at the Palace, some businesses are hosting their own special attractions. For example, HGS Gallery is hosting an indoor art fair from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring 14 local and regional artists.

The Blue Mound Banquet Center will host dozens of local businesses and vendors and will also have food and beverages available throughout the day. Also, Luverne businesses will participate with special offers and demonstrations.

See the Luverne Chamber website, www.luvernechamber.com, or see page 2 of this week's Announcer.

"It's going to really be a fun day in town," Lanphere said. The Luverne Trolley will be avail-

able throughout the day to shuttle

people between the Palace Theatre

and the Blue Mound Banquet Center.

Mavis Fodness Photo/0414 Pirates 2016

STUDENTS PERFORM 'PIRATES 2'



First- and fourth-graders perform "Pirates 2" for students and staff Friday morning in Luverne Elementary gymnasium. Directed by Beth Capistran and Shirlee Gilmore, the 174 students also completed an afternoon performance of the John Jacobson and Rodger Emerson production for family members and the public.

At left, fourth-grader Kayla Bloemendaal plays the captain. Below right, First-graders Reegan Gabrielson (left) and Kendall Peters sing "Talent to Burn." Fourth-grader Salih Hassan sings in back.

Pictured below, singing "The Queen's Plan," fourthgrader Brooklyn Wicks (center) portrays the Queen of the High Seas.





What's in your recycle container?

Survey to find answers about southwest Minnesota recycling habits and perceptions

By Lori Sorenson

Two hundred randomly selected Rock County households will receive surveys in the mail this week asking them about their attitudes toward recycling.

Selected residents received letters earlier this week, requesting their participation in the survey, which will be mailed later in the week by the Southwest Marketing Advisory Center (SMAC), Marshall.

The letter asks residents if they recycle, if they have a recycling container in their home, where it comes from, how big it is and how often they fill it.

Other questions are more philosophical, asking residents how educated they are on recycling, if they would recycle more if it were more convenient and if they felt recycling is commonly practiced in their com-

SMAC is researching the impact of the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission on residents' recycling habits in the 12-county area served by the commission.

The surveys will determine attitudes and perceptions of past and current homes and organizations that have been served by solid waste.

According to Rock County Solid Waste Administrator Eric Hartman, the results of the study will be used to determine improvements that can be made to recycling processes.

"Your completion of this short survey is vital in determining client attitudes concerning services received from the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission," Hartman wrote in a letter to residents who were

Recycling survey/see page 8A

Conservation projects gaining steam at county office

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors more than tripled its annual number of cost-share agreements in a matter of minutes on Monday.

Generally the five-member group approves six agreements per year to install a variety of conservation practices that protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation on

an annual basis.

Monday's special meeting was scheduled to keep the projects moving forward. The larger-than-normal number of projects is due to a twoyear flood relief package Rock Countyreceived last year.

The monies will be used to repair cropland damaged by the heavy rains and flooding in 2014. Rock County was one of 17 Minnesota counties to receive relief funds through the

state's Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

Monday's 19 approved projects join 13 others that received the goahead from the board to repair grass waterways, stream banks, terraces and basins.

The grant paid 90 to 100 percent of the projects' estimated costs.

Phase 1 of the grant allotted \$165,000 to the county with \$1.068 million in the second phase. Grant dollars from a possible third phase have not yet been released.

Repair estimates range from \$3,680 for stream bank repairs to \$91,151 to repair a grass waterway.

Rock County currently has about \$378,000 in unallocated flood relief dollars with more than 100 pending applications.

County officials estimate Rock County suffered \$4.8 million in agricultural flood damage in 2014.

Who's in charge of fixing our township roads?

Commissioners examine possible requirements for land use permits

By Mavis Fodness

Future land use permits in Rock County may include agreements to repair township roads, according to recent discussions by county commissioners

Six conditional use permits were

on the agenda at their April 5 meeting. All six had been recommended for approval by the county's planning and zoning commission.

County commissioners give final approval on all conditional use permits coming through the Land Management Office.

Eric Hartman, LMO director and county zoning administrator, presented the results from the commission's March 28 public hearing.

The commissioners discussed all six permits individually: four permits for the operation of temporary hot mix asphalt plants and two for feed-



Last week 151st Street, three miles south of Kenneth, was closed to traffic after the road had to be repaired from damage caused by heavy truck traffic.

lots expanding within a quarter mile of the nearest neighbor.

In his presentation to the commissioners, Hartman said only one permit request received public comment at the hearing.

Duininck Inc. of Prinsburg requested a permit renewal of a gravel

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pit located in Section 21 of Battle Plain

Hartman said questions included required setbacks from property lines, depth of mining, lack of reclamation at the site and road maintenance.

Permit conditions/see page 3A

Child care study results are in

By Lori Sorenson

There's a child care shortage in Luverne and Rock County, especially for infants and toddlers in the home day care market.

That's why the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved a \$7,000 contract last fall with Maxfield Research and Consulting, Golden Valley, for a child care demand analysis study.

The firm studied overall population and household growth trends through 2020, household incomes, fertility rates, number of stay-at-home moms, commuting patterns of where people work

It also looked at local trends among in-home child care providers — capacity, cost, availability, hours of service, types of services and more. The study concluded earlier

this year, and last month Maxfield researchers turned over their findings to the EDA.

At Monday's LEDA meeting,

Director Holly Sammons reviewed that information with the board.

"Child care is an important part of the social and economic infrastructure of a healthy community, Sammons said.

"Accessible, affordable, and

quality child care benefits the social and financial needs of parents and the educational and developmental needs of children, as well as the economic needs of employees and employers in our local economy." She said that's why it was so

important to have the study done in order to have firm numbers to work with in addressing the shortage. The key findings of the child

care demand study validate that there is a scarcity of child care options for infants (age 0-12 months) and toddlers (12-24 months).

"This same issue affects much of Greater Minnesota, where parents report a difficulty finding child care, particularly for infants, and it is

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964 with questions.

Rock County Thrivent Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

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

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

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

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

Road restrictions end April 15

The ending date for spring weight road restrictions is Friday, April 15, on all Rock County roadways. Contact Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions.

St. Catherine sponsors forum on sex trafficking in Minnesota April 14

St. Catherine's and St. Mary's are partnering to offer a program to address sex trafficking in Minnesota. The event begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with a play, "Bottom," followed by a panel discussion. The program is open and free to the public and is recommended for ages 13+ due to strong language and honest content.

Tornado drills planned Thursday

In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, local officials have scheduled tornado drills for 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Families are encouraged to have a discussion to plan for a possible tornado emergency. Guidelines for making an emergency plan can be found on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awarenesspreparedness.

Puppeteers at library April 16

The Rock County Community Library will host Jim Oliver with Puppeteer Productions at 10:30 a.m. Saturday,

The puppet show, "Bedtime," is a silly story of how Grandma and Grandpa try to get the grandkids to go to sleep. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Library in recognition of National Library Week and is free and open to the public.

Monthly Food Ministry April 21

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday April 21, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat.

Hospice Charity Dinner tickets

Tickets are still available for the Annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 23, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center. Tickets may be purchased in person at the hospice office located at 211 E. Main Street in Luverne, or by calling 507-283-1805.

Blood Drive set for April 25 at LHS

Luverne High School and Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive Monday, April 25, at Luverne High School. Times are from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with a signed parent consent form). For more information go towww.cbblifeblood.org or call 1-877-877-3070. Walk-ins are welcome.



Workers lay the groundwork for Phase 1 of the Luverne Loop path Monday morning just west of the school campus.

Luverne Loop construction begins

By Lori Sorenson

Heavy dirt-moving equipment moved in next to Luverne Elementary School to begin Phase 1 of the Luverne Loop hiking and biking trail.

The Loop, estimated to cost \$2 million once complete, will be developed in four phases over a five-year time period.

Phase 1 is 1.5 miles from

the Blue Mound Trail on the north edge of town to the Veterans Memorial Pond west across Highway 75 through Tonto Park to the top of the existing berm west of the city. The trail then turns south along the west side of the school ball fields to Dodge Street.

Phase 2 is a 1.6-mile segment that will run south of Dodge Street to Hatting then turn east past the ice arena to

Highway 75.

Phase 3 will cross Highway 75, travel north along the highway and then turn east at Hatting and north on Freeman. It will then head east to the Rock River, then north to the planned trailhead at Redbird Field.

Phase 4 will extend north from the Redbird Field trailhead across Main St., with crossing improvements. It

will then join the existing Blue Mound Trail.

The 7.1-mile asphalt Luverne Loop trail for nonmotorized uses will incorporate the 6-mile Blue Mounds Trail for 13 miles of continuous path that will make Luverne a biking destination.

Amaster plan for the Loop is available for public viewing at Luverne City Hall and at cityofluverne.org.

County pays \$1 million, broadband moves forward

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County's portion of the \$14 million broadband Internet service project was paid in full Wednesday, April 6, at the start of a pre-construction meeting.

Rock County Board Chairman Jody Reisch presented Alliance Communications General Manager Ross Petrick the check for \$1 million, as the formal agreement was signed.

Alliance Communications, based out of Garretson, South Dakota, is providing the bulk of the monies for the countystate-private business venture called the Rock County Broadband Alliance Project.

The project received a \$5 million state grant to bring fiber-to-the-premises service to rural residents in Rock County and the cities of Jasper (Rock County side), Hardwick, Beaver Creek, Magnolia and Kanaranzi.

Because of the increased costs due to the grant's prevailing wage stipulations, the southeast portion of the county originally wouldn't have received the service.

To bring the option to the entire county, commissioners opted to bond \$1 million to match Alliance's additional contribution.



Mavis Fodness Photo/Broadband Check Passing Rock County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jody Reisch

(left) hands a \$1 million check to Alliance Communications General Manager Ross Petrick (right) as he shakes the hand of Commissioner Stan Williamson Wednesday morning, April 6, in a pre-construction meeting for the broadband project.

About 50 people representing contractors, subcontractors, the railroad, county, townships and area cities attended the Wednesday morning pre-construction meeting.

The group was informed of construction plans as follows: •Last week crews with Michels Corporation, the project contractors, and project engi $neers \, Vantage \, Point \, Solutions$ of Mitchell, South Dakota, began moving equipment into position to bury the almost 555 miles of fiber-optic cable. The Michels representative expected crews to be at full

force by the end of April. The number of machines

would tally at two rural mainline plows, two rural drop crews, two to three town crews and one to two town drop crews. ·Burying of cable is sched-

uled to be completed by late November with every residence signed up for the service fully connected by June 2017. The schedule could change depending on weather conditions.

•The crews will primarily rk Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. However, survey crews marking existing utilities in the rights of way may work weekends and longer hours in order to stay ahead of the cable-burying crews.

•Crews will work in a north to south progression through the county.

•Marking of the tile lines within the ditch rights of way are the responsibility of the tile owners. To alert plow crews to tile locations, owners are to use plastic pink-colored flags to designate them from utility lines. The flags are available through Alliance and/or from township officials.

•A temporary construction office is being sought, preferably in Hardwick.



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Rock County grants New Vision 10-year abatement; five years for Martin Township

Martin Township officials concerned about road maintenance

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners and Martin Township officials granted the tax abatement request from New Vision Co-op at a joint public hearing April 5.

In a 3-2 vote, commissioners approved not collecting New Vision's portion of property taxes (\$5,222 annually) on the co-op's proposed expansion project over the next 10 years. Commissioners Ron Boyenga and Ken Hoime were in favor of a five-year agreement and voted against the 10-year abatement.

Martin Township officials unanimously approved to forgo their tax portion (\$2,164 annually) but only for a five-year period. (Township clerk Doug Bos was not at the meeting.)

No abatement was requested from the Hills-Beaver Creek School District.

During the public hearing one person voiced opposition toward granting another tax abatement to New Vision.

Rock County resident Gloria Rolfs said New Vision received an abatement of \$18,500 annually five years ago to construct the new \$16 million feed mill facility near Magnolia.

^aI feel it is a little above and beyond asking taxpayers of Rock County for another abatement for an additional 10 years," Rolfs said.

According to the first 2011 abatement agreement, New Vision promised to staff the newfacility with 13 employees within the five-year abatement period.

New Vision's Chief Executive Officer Frank McDowell answered questions at the public hearing and provided a business update on the Magnolia facility.

"We have 23 full-time employees. We have two job openings," he said. "We have 60 percent more employees than we committed to and we did it in less than half the time we committed to ... you have a good partner here ... we do stuff right."

In the Hills expansion plan, New Vision proposes expanding its current 10-person workforce to 16 within three years.

Unlike the Magnolia fa-

cility abatement, the Hills' tax abatement is only on the expansion projects: a new 1.2 million bushel grain bin and 9,300-ton fertilizer plant. Cost of the expansion is estimated at \$9.2 million.

The co-op would continue to pay taxes on its existing facilities.

The county would continue to receive \$7,600 annually and the township would receive \$3,178 according to the company's 2016 tax statement.

The Magnolia abatement, which expires in 2017, increased employment opportunities in the county as well as increasing the local cash grain market and adding value to area agricultural products via livestock feed.

The added market value to the county's industrial properties is viewed as a way to lessen the tax burden on the county's agricultural land base.

"Anytime you can look to actual physical structures and commerce within the county to help share some of that tax burden, it's a smart way to go," said Commissioner Jody Reisch.

While the county is delaying some of its revenue for 10 years, Martin Township delayed its revenue for only five years due to planned upgrades and additional maintenance to 41st Street.

Currently 41st Street from County Road 53 to the Hills terminal is a gravel, seasonal 10-ton road. Because materials to and from the new fertilizer plant and grain bin will be transported by semitrailers, township officials are looking to upgrade six-tenths of a mile of 41st Street to a paved, yearround 10-ton road.

Currently, a bill has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature for \$350,000 to Martin Township for completion of the road project with state funds instead of local dollars.

Local legislators Sen. Bill Weber and Rep. Joe Schomacker co-authored legislation in mid-March.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre assisted Martin Township officials in applying for the allocation.

"They are fairly optimistic that they will be able to land that," he said.



Lori Sorenson photos/0414 luverne street music instruments

Guitar Center store manager Jared Bennett (right) and Matthew Summers in sales assemble instruments for Luverne Street Music Wednesday, April 6, at the Carnegie Cultural Center, LSM's new home. Bennett and Summers donated their time and skills to deliver and assemble the Orff instruments, which will be used for a July 18-22 music camp.

Gift of music

Luverne Street Music receives grants to purchase instruments

By Lori Sorenson

The historic Carnegie Cultural Center was filled with resonating tones of mallets on metallic and wooden bars of new instruments that were delivered Wednesday, April 6.

Luverne Street Music purchased the instruments — metallophones, xylophones, glockenspiels and other percussion instruments — from the Guitar Center, Sioux Falls, with donated funds.

Continental Western Group and Rock County Red Arrow awarded \$4,500 in grants that were used to pay for the instruments.

Guitar Center employees donated their time and skills to deliver and assemble the Orffinstruments, which will be used for summer music camp scheduled for the week of July 18-22 using the Orff Schulwerk approach.

Instructors of the camp, 1995 LHS graduates Julie Jacobsma and Mistyn Iveland Kozisek, said the approach "utilizes movement and improvisation and nurtures creativity."

Instruments/see page 5A



Pictured with Luverne Street Music President LaDonna Iveland (center) are Susan Skattum, LSM instructor and treasurer, and Gayle Wenzel, LSM secretary and Continental Western Group employee.

Child care study results released/continued from page 1A _

being brought to the attention of legislators," Sammons said.

"The study contains many important facts, pertinent data, and regional trends available to the public in order to gain a better understanding of our local situation in hopes of finding ways to creatively meet the needs for child care in our community."

LEDA is making the study publicly available for anyone interested in addressing the local child care shortage.

In order to alleviate some of the high costs associated with the development of a child care facility, the study suggested several partnerships that could be explored:

•Working with a local church to operate a child care center could reduce the startup costs of a child care facility as churches typically have existing classrooms, kitchens and outdoor space and playgrounds.

•Partnering with a local schoolwould similarly reduce the costs of a new child care facility, as schools also have the existing infrastructure and space to support a facility.

•A public-private partnership provides a third opportunity for the development of a child care facility. In this model, substantial buy-in by the public sector would be required. •Expansion/remodel of an existing facility that would bring economies of scale to the construction process.

"We understand the city of Luverne operates the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center that features multiple pools, fitness center and other multifunctional spaces," Maxfield researchers wrote.

"Should a child care addition be developed on the site, the construction costs could be significantly reduced. ... Further, there is potential for the recreation space in the Aquatic and Fitness building to be included in the per child space requirements for the facility. This would reduce

the size requirements of the addition and therefore costs."

At Monday's meeting the LEDA made it clear the city isn't interested in starting a government-run day care center.

"The best thing is for government to stay out of it," Sammons said.

"But child care is a critical part of a healthy community, and this is one of those unique cases of private ventures for public good. We want to get this information into the hands of the community."

Mayor Pat Baustian said, "If there's a business that wants to step up to the plate, we have the information."

Permit requirements/county, townships consider road maintenance requirements/from page 1A

"The lengthiest discussion centered around the issue of the road," he said.

Duininck primarily uses the north-south 170th Avenue, a gravel road four miles east of Hardwick off of County Road 7, to access the pit.

At the hearing, a neighboring landowner pointed out Duininck's lack of road maintenance of 170th Avenue spanning several years. Duininck's request for permits for the Battle Plain site dates back to 2004.

Hartman said road haul agreements are established between the pit operators and township officials where the pit is operated. It is the township's responsibility to enforce the agreement to maintain a safe roadway for public use.

In the renewal of the permit application, the commission only requires acknowledgement that an agreement exists. These agreements can range from a handshake, writing on the back of an envelope

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to a formal written document.
"Why are we approving something if they (pit operators) don't seem to be following it (receptive to abiding by the rules)?" asked Commis-

Commissioner Stan Williamson serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

sioner Jody Reisch.

"If we had to suggest anything to our township boards, it would be to have road agreements that are spelled out a little better than on a napkin,"

While gravel pit operators are required to have road haul agreements, other heavy users of township roads are not subject to that requirement under the current permit process.

Commissioner Ken Hoime pointed to a feedlot operator's use of a semitrailer to haul manure to a field located on 151st Street south of Kenneth. The repeated use of the gravel road created deep ruts making the road unsafe, and it had to be closed to the public.

Because feedlot owners are not required to have a road haul agreement, the Vienna Township Board is responsible for repairing the damaged road.

Current farming practices call for larger, heavier equipment, said Rock County Commissioner Ron Boyenga. Their use could affect the condition of all county and township roads.

Williamson suggested developing a "boiler plate" document for township boards to use in permit cases where heavy road use is necessary.

"It would be nice to have them avoid having to make the hard decisions and just be able to hand them (the permit applicant) a form—this is our agreement—and be done with it," Reisch added.

The commissioners asked Hartman to gather more information including a map showing where feedlots of 300 animal units or more are located in the county. Hartman

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agreed to bring the information to a future meeting.

The commissioners unanimously approved the six permits brought forward by Hartman. The permits include:

•Central Specialties of Alexandria, Minnesota, hot mix plant, Section 35 of Mound Township.

•Central Specialties, hot mixplant, Section 23 of Denver Township.

vnsnip. •Duininck Inc., hot mix plant, Section 14 Denver Township.

plant, Section 21 Battle Plain Township. •Brad Van De Berg, Hills,

•Duininck Inc., hot mix

to expand existing beef feedlot from 280 animal units to 990 in Section 22 of Martin Township.

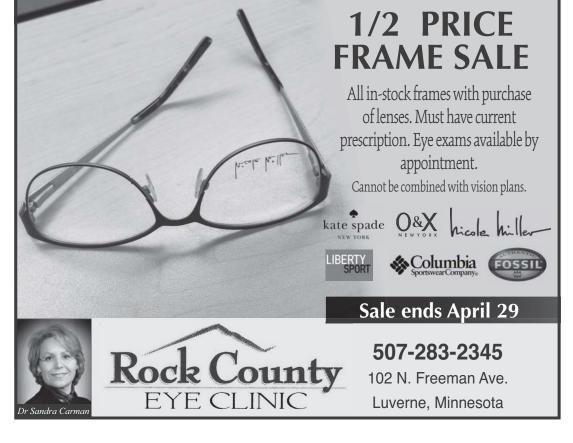
•Warren Jansma, Ellsworth, to expand an existing feedlot from 454 animal units to 919 in Section 14 of Kanara-

nzi Township.

In other county business the Countuy Board:

•approved hiring Aaron Blank of Beaver Creek as the newfull-time dispatcher at the sheriff's office.

•accepted Mark Jensen's resignation as land management office's engineering technician, effective April 15. The full-time position will first be posted in-house.



O Star Herald PINION

Identity of 'unknown boy' revealed

Photo bombing is the unexpected appearance



Photo bombing can also take on various forms.

One form is accidental, such as walking in front of the camera as the photo is snapped. Another can be more of a prank or practical joke, when you knowingly join the photo grouping.

One more innocent form of photo bombing is when someone appears in a group photo of celebrating a milestone event.

I was a victim of an innocent photo bombing recently by a six-year-old.

Garrett Blank is the "unknown boy" in the photograph I took March 17 of the library's ribbon-cutting.

The photo was published in the March 24 Star Herald with 24 out of 25 people in the photo identified. Garrett became the "unknown boy" when I couldn't put a name to his face prior to publication.

A few days after the paper hit newsstands I did learn Garrett's name, but it was more than a week after I tried in vain to identify him.

I spent days inquiring about the "unknown boy" only to realize that he probably didn't go to school in Luverne. I also realized, quite simply, I was photo bombed.

Since then I've learned a lot about Garrett.

He lives in Beaver Creek with parents, Aaron and Anita, and his mom frequently brings him and the other day care kids to the library.

It was during a visit to the library that Anita spotted Garrett in the ribbon-cutting photo. A few chuckles from Anita with staff members and the mystery was finally solved.

A copy of that newspaper photo currently hangs on the Blanks' fridge.

Garrett is an energetic kindergartner at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School and was on a "date night" with grandma Teresa Gehrke when he found himself in the library photo lineup.

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter



Teresa said she frequently gets together with Garrett on a Thursday, and on March 17 the two came to watch the St. Patrick's Day parade in Luverne.

They dropped by the newly remodeled library and were swept into organizing the ribboncutting photo taking place just inside the library's entry.

In the excitement Teresa wondered where Garrett went as she watched the ceremony. As the ribbon was being cut, she spied Garrett positioned behind the ribbon and grinning up at me, the photographer.

I haven't met Garrett personally, but I know I would like him.

While he may be too young to understand pranks, it is an activity I enjoy. I also like going to the library and have a great love for

In my photo, Garrett's face exuded the event's excitement. His eyes twinkled and a bright smile was across his face.

Garrett is a reader, and he is the reason I supported the library upgrade.

As a library user for decades to come, he belongs in the picture.

My hats off to you, Garrett. You rank as a top photo bomber in my book.

Late week warm-up: A Severe Weather Awareness Week reminder

Do you have a plan for when a storm strikes?

A cool spring has blanketed much of Minnesota, but a change in weather and the storms that typically come with it are on the way. Tornadoes have occurred in Minnesota from March to November and last year, there were 39 reported touchdowns in the state. While there were no reported injuries or deaths in 2015, those tornadoes serve as a good reminder for families to have an emergency plan in place.

It is easy to become complacent when it's been a while since our last severe weather outbreak, but it only takes one event to cause devastating damage, injury or death," said Joe Kelly, director of Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DPS-HSEM). "We all need to be prepared, because in Minnesota it's not a matter of if but when.

Severe Weather Awareness Week (April 11-15) is a good time to plan $ahead for Minnesota's \, most \, common$ severe weather incidents including tornadoes, high winds, hail, lightning and flooding. To reduce their risks, families make an emergency plan that includes:

•the safest location to take shelter in their home.

•where they would meet if they are separated and are unable to return home.

•where they would go if authorities order an evacuation.

•identify appropriate contacts in case of injury.

•how changes in the family aging parents, babies, new pets will impact their preparedness.

•create an emergency supply kit. Emergency supply kits can assist families if the power goes out, or if they are trapped inside a damaged home. A simple kit should include a three-day supply of water and food, a flashlight, and a whistle to alert authorities. If families need to evacuate, they should have money, identification, a cell phone and charger, bottled water and snacks ready to bring with them.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DPS-HSEM) partners with the National Weather Service and local emergency managers to promote Severe Weather Awareness Week. Each day focuses on one important topic.

Monday — Alerts and Warnings Tuesday - Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail

Wednesday — Floods

Thursday — Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m.)

Friday — Extreme Heat

Visit Minnesota DPS and HSEM online and follow #SpringSafety on Twitter and Facebook for educational opportunities and important information about Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Operation: 23 to Zero brings attention, help to veterans' mental health

To the Editor:

Early on the morning of April 4th, members of an organization called Operation: 23 to Zero travelled to the lower mall of the Minnesota State Capitol for an annual event. That Monday morning they arranged 23 pair of military boots in a long arc, with all pointing the same direction. $Each \, day \, during \, the \, week \, they \, would \,$ $add \, another \, 23 \, pairs \, to \, the \, formation.$ By the end of the week there would be a total of 115 pairs of boots in five lines. Operation: 23 to Zero is based out of Cottage Grove, Minnesota, and works to support veterans in need by relieving relatively simple stressors for those that might not see a solution in sight. They provide networks for veterans and show them that the brotherhood of service does not end with discharge papers.

The number 23, in veteran circles, has become a symbol of the suicide rate of veterans and active duty personnel over the course of many years. Every day an average of 22 veterans and one active duty service member kill themselves. What is a mazing is the lack of attention that these numbers receive. In 2012 the number of active duty suicides was actually higher than the number of service members killedin action at a time of war. The question remains, "What is

happening with our military people?" We were taught from day one that we are on this earth to defend those that can't defend themselves. We were told to lean only on our brothers and sisters in arms and never show weakness. Unfortunately, many veterans



never leave that attitude behind and try to deal with their problems on their own, suffering in silence even their spouses and children cannot break through.

Let's face it; the issue of suicide is not one that we talk about very often. And when we come to veterans and active duty service members, it is very easy to put the responsibility on the Veteran's Administration and the branches of service. Many people feel that since there are 800 numbers available to veterans, this is the simple solution. But thinking back a minute, people trained to serve others and show only strength will rarely dial that number; it can be felt as a sign of weakness.

I think to put it into perspective you should picture each of those pairs of boots and realize that, along with the person who ended their own life come the lives of spouses or significant others, parents and

grandparents, siblings and, most tragically, children that will grow up with the loss of a parent. Each of those pairs of boots actually represents many, many people.

Organizations like Operation: 23 $to Zero\,are\,trying\,to\,move\,mountains$ on the issue of veteran and active duty suicide. If you find it inside of you, go out there and find a Legion or VFW to contact. Search veteran's issues on the Internet and feel free to contact any of these organizations. The men and women suffering in silence are a very special breed. The very first veterans won our freedom in the Revolutionary War. Since then they have served and fought to maintain those freedoms, and future veterans will be there to ensure that our children and grandchildren will enjoy the same great freedoms that we have long into the future.

> Curtis Hendel, **Adrian Veteran**

Games end as attention turns to junk days, rummage sales

Now that the NCCA Tournament and the Master's Golf Tournament are over, it's back to work for all of you.

Iinclude myself when I say that. All I can say is I hope you fared better on your pools than I did.

Just an FYI-the citywide trashpickup starts next week. Be sure to follow the rules for what you can haul to the curb and how to sort your junk.

If you are like me and drive

around town to see if there is any curbside junk you might be able to use, be careful because junk driving can be dangerous. Junk drivers tend to be preoc-

cupied with what is on the curb and

not so much what is on the road in

front of them. While junk drivers can be hazards on the road, they pale in com-



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager **Tollefson Publishing**

parison to a rummage sale driver. The issue with rummage sale

drivers is that they throw speed into the mix. Junk drivers are more casual drivers who slowly go from one pile to the next. The rummage sale drivers usually have their routes mapped out, and the faster they can get to the next location, the better their odds of finding a good deal.

Rummage sale drivers also throwparking rules out the window. I've seen rummage sale drivers just park their cars in the middle of the street, oftentimes leaving the car running and the driver's door open.

They make a dash to the sale for a quick check of the rummage sale inventory, and if they don't like what they see, it's off to the next sale.

By the way, the citywide rummage sale is the weekend of May 5 and 6.



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Significant Weather

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 1

•Complainant came to Sheriff's office to report that he cleans the public restroom at location and accidentally locked his keys in. Deputy assisted.

 Complainant reported there is a 24-year-old male subject intoxicated and getting in her face at location. Deputy advised parties were told to separate for the night. Subject was told if he causes any more issues tonight he will go to jail.

 Complainant reported occupant of a maroon Bonneville in area was shooting a gun. Vehicle was headed east toward Highway 75.

 Complainant reported a domestic situation. Parties separated and subject was brought to the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

April 2

 Complainant reported he saw a thin tall man running. At first he thought he was just jogging, but complainant founditoddthathewouldrun on the steep slope and through a neighbor's yard and not on the road

•Pipestone County requested we check on subject because they received an abandoned 911 call. Deputy from Pipestone was going to location of call. Subject answered another cell phone number of hers and advised she accidentally called 911. Pipestone was advised.

 Deputy reported he was patrolling the Hills area doing a check on someone.

 Complainant reported subject took items off property without paying. Items taken were two ladders for ten dollars and a wheel crank for \$20. Neither subject is allowed back at location. If they return, they will be arrested for trespassing.

 Complainant reported basketball-sized hole over culvert at location. Notified county highway engineer.

 Complainant reported road closed sign at 151st Street and 211th Street. May be related to a previous call.

 Complainant reported an open door on a business. Notified key holder.

 Deputy found something that didn't belong on 148th

Street. •Deputy reported a vehicle on the boulevard of Her-

man Motors still has lights on. Contacted owner of business. •Complainant reported a

group of people on the street fighting and beating on cars.

April 3

•Two parties had complaints that the other party was harassing them. One person called the Rock County Sheriff's Office and another came to the LEC to report the other person was calling her and her friend's phone.

 Complainant reported someone went into his house while he was at work and took his medication. He found it in the rock bed outside his house, and it was all accounted for.

 Complainant reported a vehicle at location traveling westbound in the eastbound lane of I-90 near mile marker 5.

•Complainant reported a crack in the street and water coming up. Contacted on call person with the water department, and he was aware of it.

 Complainant reported a domestic in their parking lot that occurred 15 minutes ago. Male grabbed victim and left going eastbound on County Road 4. Female is inside building. Deputy gave victim a ride to Brandon.

April 4

 Complainant reported some vandalism.

•Complainant reported a domestic situation. Deputies removed both subjects and took them to jail.

 Complainant reported that he received a letter from the IRS that he thinks is a scam.

 Complainant requested welfare check on subject. He

may be having issues. Complainant reported that the tracks on 41st Street near County Road 6 were closed at this time.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

April 5

 Deputy found an open door on a public building and secured it.

 Complainant reported subject lost a dark brown trifold wallet. It was located.

 Complainant reported someone hit a fire hydrant at Gold N' Plump.

•Complainant reported a teacher witnessed a Parkview Manor van go through a crossing guard stop sign almost hitting Kevin and a student. Will fill out a statement form and bring it in. Subject was cited.

 Deputy was in Hills doing a welfare check on subject.

Complainant reported that he is missing about 40 head of cattle since January

 Complainant reported that someone left a ring of keys at the Senior Center. She will keep them for a couple of days to see if someone comes looking for them. She will then bring them to our office.

 Complainant reported some vandalism on 131st

 Complainant reported child abuse.

Complainant reported

 Complainant reported theft of credit cards.

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•Complainant reported concerns about family living conditions.

 Complainant reported water bubbling through the road in front of the new condos going up on East Barck Avenue. City personnel was contacted, and he said the city is aware and will work on the problem on Thursday.

 Complainant reported that there are about five cars parked across the street from his place in Hills and five different people driving them. They are working on race cars and keep revving the engines. He has problems with anxiety and would like it to stop. Deputy spoke to him.

 Complainant reported that his son saw a peeping tom or stranger in a place he should not have been. Requested deputy.

•Complainant reported an argument going on between two people.

•Complainant reported a man stopped at his house to report some kids around his building that he had to chase off, and now he sees vandalism to the park.

April 6

•Complainant came to the Rock County Sheriff's Office to drop off a key he found in front of his residence. Tag on key says front door only.

•Complainant reported she received a call from the middle school saying her child was not at school. Deputy reported three girls skipped school today. Subject and two of her friends are possibly in Sioux Falls. Two were located.

 Complainant reported subject signed her name withouther permission on a check.

 Complainant reported two cars racing each other at location. Blue Honda and a white car. Both cars pulled into Stone Creek and yelled at each other, and the white car left the scene.

 Complainant reported he is being harassed via Snapchat by subjects.

•Complainant reported that her father and she had a falling out, and he will not let her have her property.

•Complainant wanted it documented that subject came out of subject's residencewearingblackclothesat night while individuals were working on the farm.

April 7

 Dispatch received an abandoned 911 call. No location given. Attempted to call number back. No answer. Left message.

•Complainant requested

the number of his landlord at the apartments, so he could get a lift assist.

 Deputy patrolled school zone.

 Deputy reported he is doing a motorist assist. Driver has help on the way.

 Deputy found Iowa license plate at location set by mailbox in dispatch. Plate was picked up by driver.

 Complainant reported they will be purging natural gas at location from 10:30 to 12:30. Notified city.

 Reserved for predatory offender registration.

 Complainant requested someone help him with his mental health issues. He changed his mind after they got him to the emergency room and walked away.

 Complainant reported her boyfriend hit her at location. She is hiding in bedroom with her kids. Subject was taken to jail.

 Complainant reported older-looking man walking on the shoulder at location gesturing wildly as if he was upset. Complainant called back a short time later to report that male party was walking up driveway at location, and complainant does not recognize him. Subject's wife picked him up.

 Complainant reported subject wrote nonsufficient funds check to Rock Nobles Corrections for \$120.

 Reserved for predatory offender registration.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 1 funeral escort, 1 traffic stop, 21 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 7 log/alarm sheets, 6 drug court tests, and issued 11 purchase/carry permits and 25 burn permits.

	High	Low	Wind	Wind		Total	
Date	Temp	Temp	Speed	Gust		Precip	Snow
_	(°F)	(°F)	(mph)	(mph)		(in)	(in)
1	19	1	8	17	Haze, Lgt Snow	0.01	0.2
2	32	0	9	17			
3	32	23	6				
4	45	30	10	17	Haze, Lgt Rain	Trace	
5	43	32	9	21			
6	68	37	13	25			
7	70	41	9	25			
8	57	37	15	32			
9	46	32	8	17			
10	54	27	5				
11	73	32	11	35			
12	68	32	12	30	Lgt Rain, Rain	Trace	
13	59	50	8		Fog, Lgt Rain, Rain	Trace	
14	63	50	6	21	Fog, Haze, Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm	Trace	
15	55	43	12	27	Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.09	
16	55	32	16	44			
17	43	30	15	37			
18	36	27	9	21	Lgt Snow	0.03	0.5
19	37	30	9	29	Haze, Lgt Snow	0.01	0.2
20	43	25	7	17			
21	64	28	11	24			
22	57	36	11	27			
23	39	28	23	41	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Lgt Snow, Snow	0.18	2.0
24	41	25	11	25			
25	50	21	13	32			
26	41	32	11	22	Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Lgt Snow	0.34	3.5
27	41	21	9	21	Lgt Snow	0.01	0.2
28	61	25	11	24	-9		
29	54	36	12	30	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm	0.14	
30	52	43	9	22	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain	0.27	
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Hang in there warmer weather is on its way soon

By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

TOTAL

AVERAGE 49.9 30.4

If you like warm temperatures, relatively speaking, then 2016 has been your year — so far.

In the months of January through March we've seen increasing above-normal temperatures each month culminating in a balmy 7 degrees above normal for March.

Spring and fall months are weather transition times of the year and can definitely show off a wide range of temperatures. March was no exception.

From a 0-degree low temperature on March 2 to a high temperature of 73 on March 11, thermometers got a workout, plummeting to frigid depths then soaring to balmy conditions in the span of just over a week.

The first half of March remained almost dry before a much wetter weather pattern developed in the latter part of

The warm temperatures kept much of the moisture in the form of a liquid, although two snow events near the end of the month reminded us that winter wasn't quite over yet.

Both the 23rd and 26th-27th saw very heavy wet snowfall with estimates of 2 and almost 4 inches respectively.

Heavier snowfalls were not that far away with Sioux Falls recording over 11 inches between the two storms, and Sioux City had over 14 inches.

1.34 6.6

However, as is the nature of early spring snowstorms, it rarely sticks around for long, and within a day or two most of it was gone.

April weather will continue the spring warmup with average highs near 60 and average overnight lows likely above freezing. April precipitation also increases with average amounts over 3 inches

A blog of daily summary and other interesting weather events for the Luverne area is at http://luvernemnweather. blogspot.com. Thone can be reached at tathone@gmail.

Luverne Street Music instruments/continued from page 3A

The camp will be offered to two groups, ages 4-9 and ages 10 and older. Music camp students will create musicthemed paintings that will be displayed at the Carnegie.

For camp information or to register, contact Kozisek at 402-367-5045 or mjkozisek@

yahoo.com.

The new instruments will also be utilized by the LSM Children's Choir, and plans are being made to offer afterschool sessions using the Orff approach.

Luverne Street Music began leasing the Carnegie from

the city of Luverne on March 1, and the historic building has been under renovation since then to provide classroom space and to make the building handicap accessible.

Luverne Street Music will fully occupy the Carnegie by June 1. Until that time, it will

continue offering instruction at St. Catherine's Church, Luverne.

For information about LSM, contact LaDonna Iveland at luvernestreetmusic@ hotmail.com, or find LSM on Facebook or on www.luver nestreetmusic.com.



Community Star Herald COMMUNITY

Mystery almost solved

Identity of one debate team member unknown

By Mavis Fodness

A former Luverne High School student revealed the identities of 15 classmates recently depicted in a book about high school sports and activities in Minnesota.

Helen Probst, a LHS Class of '39 graduate, wrote the Star Herald from her Oroville, California, home with the student names.

"I knew most of them," Probst said in a phone interview Monday. She, after all, attended classes with the girls more than 80 years ago.

Probst thinks most, if not all, have already died.

The two pictures one of the 1937 LHS girls' basketball team and the

other of the 1932 LHS de-bate team — appeared in the book, "Minnesota State High School League 100 Years of Memories."

The story about the book and its Luverne connections appeared in the March 10 edition of the Star Herald.

The book didn't identify the 16 girls by name in the two photographs but the article hoped someone locally could.

Probst's note pointed to her brother Helmer Haakenson of Luverne, who could also help identify the students.

"I have a good memory for faces," the 97-year-old Haakenson said.

Both, however, were stumped by one student's identity on the debate team.

Names on the accompanying pictures are the ones Probst knew in high school.

"I don't remember their married names," she wrote in her note.



Above: According to siblings Helen Probst and Helmer Haakenson, the girls in the front row are Ruth Norelius (left), Phyllis Brooks, Arlene Johnson, Borgheld Birkeland, Betty Lou Jansma, Betsy Ross, (back) Mary Ann Tomlinson, Dorothy Koehn, Hilda Richards, Faith Vande Velde, Helen Long and Jeanne Edmonds.

Right: Three of the four girls on the 1932 Luverne High School debate team have been identified. They are (from left) Lucille Townsend, unknown girl, Phyllis Brooks and Peggy Hammond.



New begonia varieties provide color, hardiness for use in hanging baskets

Today I want to introduce you to a couple of relatively new plants for hanging baskets.



The first

is begonia bolivensis. There are several named varieties of this begonia: Santa Cruz Sunset and Crackling Fire are a couple of common cultivars. The name to watch for is bolivensis. This begonia does great

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

in full sun or part shade and the color show is nonstop and fabulous! The plants do not vine but drape in arching branches presenting a mounding effect. The color range started in orange but

nowincludes red, pink, white, and yellow. This is a very forgiving plant for tolerating dry conditions, but will rot if the soil is kept too wet.

My second and very favorite choice for a hanging

plantis dipladenia, also often called mandivella. This is a plant that can handle the vicious wind we get subjected to because of its tough vining stems. It definitely needs to be in full sun. The trumpetshaped flower color range is white, pink, and red. Its foliage is a beautiful glossy green, and this plant loves heat. It will also grow beautifully on an obelisk or trellisify ou want to use it as a specimen plant.

I also want to invite everyone to my Courageous

Pruning Seminar this Saturday as part of the Luverne Chamber's Spring Loaded Home and Health Show. I will be sharing my expertise at 9 a.m. at the historic Palace Theatre.

As I drive around, I see so many shrubs that are pruned wrongorworseyet, not pruned at all, and I acknowledge that people just don't know how or have the courage to get the job done. So here's your chance to learn and get your questions answered ... and it's free!

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Jayda Joyce, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and 19 1/2 inches long, was born Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, to **Jacob and** Amanda Hartz, Luverne. She joins a sister, Jocelyn, and a brother, Jayce. Grandparents are Allan and Nancy Hartz, Luverne, and Rod and Ruth Staeffler, Ruthton. Great-grandparents are Joyce Hartz, Luverne, and Kenneth Willey, Pipestone.

Open Houses

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

An open house bridal shower for Lindsay Dykstra, bride-to-be of Chris Willers, will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at St. Catherine Church in Luverne.

An open house Pampered Chef bridal shower for Racheal Steffl, brideto-be of Adam Ossefoort, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30, at 507 Britz Drive in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for Peyton Petersen, bride-to-be of Derek Elbers, will be at noon Saturday, April 30, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Card Showers

Bernice Christensen will celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday, April 30. Greetings may be sent to her at 105 Parkview Drive, Lake Benton, MN 56149.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•Rock County received its first round of federal grants for the new voting machines to be used in the September primaries. ... The total cost of the machines and accessories is about

\$5,000, including a warranty and annual maintenance. However, some Rock County precincts have opted to combine precincts in order to save money on future elections, maintenance and programming costs for the machines themselves.

25 years ago (1991)

•Bringing the Luverne High School and Elementary School buildings up to fire safety codes could cost district taxpayers nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

The School Board's architect estimated that fire safety adjustments at the grade school will cost between \$89,000 and \$114,000. Adjustments at the high school are estimated to cost between \$147,000 and \$168,000.

50 years ago (1966)

•A go-ahead sign was given to the Luverne engineering firm of DeWild, Grant, Reckert & Associates to conduct a preliminary study on two asphaltic paving, curb and gutter projects in Luverne. Luverne's city council OK'd the survey at a Tuesday

The study will cover asphaltic paving, curb and gutter work

along Edgehill Street, South Donaldson, Hatting and Southwest Park streets.

75 years ago (1941)

•Word that the Works Progress Administration has approved the construction of an addition to the Luverne municipal power plant as a WPA project and that \$3,495 had been allotted as the government's share of the cost, was received Wednesday by The Herald in a telegram from United States Senator Henrik Shipstead in Washington.

The addition, which will be constructed on the east side of the power plant, will be used to house the water filtration plant the city council purchased early in February.

100 years ago (1916)

•The work of blasting a state road through the rocks at the Mounds is proving a big task and it is expected that it will require at least two weeks to finish the job. The work has been in progress for over four weeks and there are about fifty men and several teams engaged on the job, which facts will give some idea of the amount of work involved.

The blasting is found to be unusually difficult because all of the rock is not only very hard, but it lies in a solid mass, so that when a charge of dynamite is exploded a comparatively small amount of rock is dislodged.

1924: Day-light hold up occurs at Ashcreek State Bank

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 23, 1924:

BANDITS ROB ASHCREEK STATE BANK

Secure \$700.00 in Currency and Few Liberty Bonds in Daring Day-Light Hold Up

GEO. M. LaDUE FORCED INTO BANK'S VAULT

Robbers Consist of Four Men Who Come and Disappear in **New Buick Automobile**

About \$700 in currency and several Liberty bonds were obtained in a daring daylight robbery of the Ashcreek State bank, staged Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Geo. M. LaDue, who happened to be in charge of the bank at the time, was compelled at the point of a leveled gun to stand idly by while the money was being collected, and then enter the vault and have its doors closed upon him.

There were four men in the party of robbers, and they traveled in a brand new Buick six touring car, but only two of the men participated in the holdup, the other two remaining in the waiting automobile. Mr. LaDue was able to open the vault door within two or three minutes after the robbers had left the bank. He at once spread an alarm, which resulted in reports being phoned to all surrounding towns, but up to yesterday noon, there had been no developments that might lead to the apprehension of the culprits.

The robbers were first noticed in Ashcreek at about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, and it is now thought that they planned to rob the bank during the noon hour but were prevented from doing so owing to the presence of a number of Northern States Power Co. linemen. The latter workmen assembled near the bank and spent the noon hour pitching horseshoes, and



BITS BY **BETTY**

By Betty Mann, president Rock County **Historical Society**

this is believed to have caused the robbers to postpone their plans.

The two men who took the active parts in the robbery were dressed in overalls, one in blue and the other in khaki, and their general appearance led those who observed them to suppose that they were electric or phone linemen. The fact that they were seen sizing up wire connections on posts gave added weight

to this theory. Their general appearance, however, tended to create suspicion, and while they were near the Lundy Hill home on the Kitterman farm, a block or so south of the bank, Mr. Hill, who is a constable, expressed doubt about their business there, and he asked Mrs. Hill to endeavor to get the number of the license plate. But when she tried to do so, she found that she could not distinguish anything on the plate, but the letters, S. D., the numerical figures being so thickly covered with dust that it is thought that the robbers must have smeared grease over them in order to collect dust and hide the numbers.

Next week: What occurred shortly before two o'clock left bank employees in shock.

FFA News



Middle School raises \$3,000

Luverne Middle School raised \$3,054 during its annual Dodge Ball for Heart event in March that included a high school tournament. The event raised money for the American Heart Association, and Luverne's contribution was the largest in this district. Middle-schooler Morgan Gonnerman (left) and physical education teacher and dodge ball organizer Mary Jo Graphenteen pose with the AHA certificate and wear hats as part of the school's next fundraiser: educational supply kits for Haiti.

Luverne-Adrian FFA members participated in the Little International at the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings April 1. A total of 33 members par-

ticipated in dairy, horse, meats and general livestock judging contests. McKenna Westphal and

Breanna Richters participated in the horse judging event.

Participating in the dairy cattle judging contest were Amber DeGroot, Alena Hilfers and Genna Natte. Hilfers had the high score for the team.

Aric Meinerts, Cody Sasker, Ethan Thorson and Hans Bakken participated in the meats contest. Individually Aric placed 34th out of 202 contestants. The team placed 27th out of 47 teams.

In the general livestock contest the following members participated: Max Skattum, Kaylie Ossefoort, Tucker Sievers, Dylan Mente, Karissa Hamann,

Riley Severtson, Paige Hinrichs, Eli Bakken, Jack Baustian, Will Stegenga, Mikey Kinsinger, Paige Madison, Tyler Fick, Trevor Mente, Tanner Baustian, Steph Riggs, Riley Baker, Tyler Reisdorfer, Jacob Van Santen, Hannah Kruse, Trey Baustian, and Payton Fick.

The team of Payton Fick, Trey Baustian and Hannah Kruse placed eighth out of 81 livestock judging teams. Individually, Payton placed 28th, Trey placed 34th and Hannah placed 56th of 437 participants.

On April 6, four members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter participated in the Region 6 FFA Ag Mechanics contest at the Minnesota West-Pipestone Campus.

Participating were Kris Severtson, Jeremiah Dooyema, Nick Overgaard and Mitchell Buss.

Severtson had the high individual score for the team. As a team the group placed fifth overall and qualified for the State FFA Convention agmechanics contest coming up April 24-26.

Five LHS speech team members advance to Friday's state competition

Sixteen Luverne speakers participated in the Section 3A speech meet in Marshall Saturday.

As a team the Cardinals placed third. Individually, 10 Cardinal speakers advanced to final round competition and five of them placed in the top three to earn a trip to state speech competition later this week.

Earning a trip to the state competition were Shane Berning and Knute Oldre, who finished third in Extemporaneous Speaking and Discussion; Dylan Thorson, Paul Witte III and Samantha Ykema placed first in Extemporaneous Speaking, Storytelling and Discussion respectively.

Also participating in the final round were Shelbie Nath and Hannah Hoogland, who finished sixth in Creative Expression and Extemporaneous Reading respectively; Ryleigh Beers finished fifth in Informative speaking; Xavier Carbonneau and Derek Krueger finished fourth in Storytelling and Great Speeches respectively.

"The competition is very tough at this level and Coach Folkestad and I couldn't be prouder of the accomplishments of these young people," said Caroline Thorson. "So many times throughout the season we have seen the students improve and reach personal bests during competition. The truth is the accumulation of medals and ribbons doesn't tell the whole story of successes."

Thorson said she and Folkestad have also seen excellent leadership from senior members as mentors to underclassmen and to new members.

"They will be missed," Thorson said.

The Class A state meet will be Friday, April 15, at Lakeville North High School.

H-BC releases third quarter honor rolls

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Tessa Klarenbeek, Trevor Paulsen, Stuart Plimpton, Thea Richards.

<u>Iuniors</u>: Alyssa Allen, Riley Boese, Jed Burgers, Courtney Kruger, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold, Isaiah Vis.

Sophomores: Trenton Bass, Grace Holthaus, Angela Martinyuk, Olivia Richards, Dylon Taubert, Paige Tilstra, Makayla Wilhelmi, Jacob Wingert.

Freshmen: Caitlyn Allen, Sidney Fick, Seth Glidewell, Nicholas Kiers, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

Eighth Grade: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Tyler Fick, Sadie

Fuerstenberg, Aleigha Glidewell, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom.

Seventh Grade: Jessup Dunn, Thomas Dysthe, Hannah Fick, Ethan Gray, Abby Knobloch, Allison Larock, Taryn Rauk, Joshua Swenson, Lauren Tatge, Jacev Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Andrew Forshey, Trenton Kracht, Cooper Vaughn.

Juniors: Emma Baker, Justice Dunn, Ashley Esselink, Mekayla Kolbrek, Jasmine Lingen, Brieanne Merson, Zachary Scholten, Avery Van Roekel.

Sophomores:

Dean Fuerstenberg, Megan Gehrke, Brandon Gray, Courtney Page, Kourtney Rozeboom, Avery Wysong.

<u>Freshmen</u>: Hunter Bork, Amber Bos, Grace Bundesen, Luke Larock, Madison Spath, Preston Wilhelmi.

Eighth Grade: Joslyn Birger, Easton Harnack, Kyle Kueter.

Seventh Grade: Annie Bos, Erika Dysthe, Dillon Englert, Calvin Erickson, Tory Knobloch, Abbigail Olson, Jacob Sheppard, Brandon Taubert, Gavin Wysong and Zander Wysong.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Ed

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

Learn the Basics for Veggie Gardening with the master gardeners on April 14. Fee is \$10.

The Minnesota River Agency will present Welcome to Medicare - the A through D of it on April 16. If you are about to turn 65 or are a caregiver helping an older adult or want information about your benefits, this class is for you. Fee is \$5.

The Beauty and the Beast Chanhassen Dinner Theater Bus Trip is scheduled for Saturday, April 16. Fee is \$114 to cover the bus ride, theater tickets and noon meal. There will be another stop for supper in Mankato.

Volleyball for grades one through four will begin April 19. Fee is \$10.

Kids in the Kitchen will make and decorate cookies and then arrange into a Cookie Bouquet on April 21. Fee is \$18.



This year's Luverne High School Business Professionals of America team includes 12 students. Pictured (from left) are Carter Riphagen, Carly Serie, Conner Peterson, Madi Schandelmeier, Isaac Gillette, Zayna Hustoft, Griffin Ahrendt, Layne Curtis, Bergin Flom, Chris Jelken, Jim Erickson and Kasyn Kruse.

Luverne students earn trip to National BPA Conference

Erickson, Jelken advance to final event in Boston

Two members of the Luverne High School Business Professionals of America will travel to the National **BPA Conference Contests in Boston** next month.

Jim Erickson and Chris Jelken qualified for the national contest by placing sixth or better in their respec-

tive events at the recent state contest. Erickson placed fifth in spreadsheet design and analysis test. Jelken

was sixth in fundamental web design. Carter Riphagen placed seventh in fundamental web design at the state contest.

The Luverne team sent 12 students to the regional contests in Granite Falls.

Erickson placed first in spreadsheet design and analysis test.

Jelken placed second in fundamental website design; second, financial analysis test; third, administrative assistant test; fifth, business meeting management test and second in web design team with Riphagen, Connor Peterson and Griffin Ahrendt.

Riphagen also placed third in

fundamentals of web design and third on the financial analysis test.

Ahrendt also placed fifth on the fi-

nancial analysis test. Bergin Flom placed third in spreadsheet design and analysis.

Isaac Gillette placed fifth in spreadsheet design and analysis.

Layne Curtis earned third place in graphic design. Other team members include Carly

Serie, Madi Schandelmeier, Zayna Hustoft, Griffin Ahrendt and Kasyn Kruse. According to adviser Diane Erickson,

Luverne hasn't had students qualify for the national conference contests for several years. This year's conference will take place May 5-9.

The Luverne Optimist Club is helping sponsor a portion of the students' trip to

BPA was founded to aid students in developing leadership and business skills in the United States. Students can complete in more than 50 events. BPA focuses on teamwork, leadership, career skill development and building connections with other people.

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OBITUARIES

Al Peterson, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in Bellingham, Washington.

He was born April 29, 1925, in Edgerton, Minnesota, to Albert I. and Violet (Ray) Peterson. Algraduated from Edgerton High School, earned his B.A. at Hamline University and his M.A. at Cal State University Los Angeles. Al was a teacher, coach, and school principal for many years. He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He enjoyed golf, camping, dancing and travel. He will be remembered as a hard worker who also liked to have fun.

He was a dedicated and active church member, a Mason, and an active member of Kiwanis.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Peterson, in 1986, his second

Henrietta De Jongh

present throughout.

9, 2016, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

in Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com

wife, Lorraine Peterson, in 2003, his companion Norma Vacio in 2016, and infant daughter Pamela Peterson.

Alis survived by his daughter Patricia (Jim) Hawley of Bellingham, Washington; son Pete (Suzanne) Peterson of Lawrence, Kansas; grandchildren James Hawley, Rachel (Jason) Sounders, Samantha Peterson and Michael Peterson; great-grandchildren A.J., Ryan, James and Ellie; and many loving relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held at Colonial Funeral Home, 504 N. 4th St. in Edgerton, Minnesota at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 16th followed by a 12:00 noon graveside service with full military honors at Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton.

You may share memories with the family at www.westfordfuneralhome.com.

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Roger Gehrke

Beaver Creek, died Friday, April 8, 2016, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, April 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Roger Gehrke was born Feb. 26, 1944, to Edward and Anna (Christiansen) Gehrke in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was raised on the family farm northwest of Beaver Creek. Roger was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. He attended Beaver Creek High School through the eleventh grade and then went to work full time in the family farming operation. Roger served his country in the United States National Guard.

On Aug. 18, 1979, Roger married Debra Ossenfort at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple first In 1982 Roger left farming, and Falls and Luverne territories. Roger then worked for a short

time as a meat inspector at MidPack before taking

a job at Gold-n-Plump as a process worker. He retired from full-time work in 2006 and began working part time at the Adrian rest area, westbound side, on I-90 until his health would no longer allow

wife, Deb; a son, Chris (Elaine) Gehrke, Sioux Falls; two grandsons, Devin and Cameron; two brothers, Eddie (Carol) Gehrke, Hills, and Carl (Teresa) Gehrke, Beaver Creek; and other relatives and friends.

by his parents and two brothers, Warren and Stanley Gehrke.

Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Senior Citizens Monday, April 18: Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, corn,

bread, pineapple. Tuesday, April 19: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cranberry garnish, shortcake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by State Farm Insurance.

Wednesday, April 20: Cook's Choice. Entrée and vegetable, dessert, bread.

Program: 12:30 p.m. Site

Thursday, April 21: Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, angel food cake with fruit sauce.

Program: 5 p.m. NLCC Food Give Away.

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Roger Emil Gehrke, 72,

made their home on an acreage northwest of Beaver Creek. the family moved into town. He first worked for Cenex Harvest States, serving the Sioux He later drove truck at Skelgas.

him to do so. Roger was a member of the First Presby-

terian Church in Beaver Creek. In his younger years he enjoyed deer hunting with his family and friends. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, and playing pinochle and Smear. He could often be found tinkering in his garage. Roger loved vegetable gardening and was well-known for the tomatoes and onions that he grew. Most of all, Roger loved spending time with his two grandsons.

Roger is survived by his

He was preceded in death

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Henrietta "Etta" De Jongh, 87, Hills, died Saturday, April

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 15, at

Funeral arrangements are through Jurrens Funeral Home

Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial will follow at Eastside

Cemetery near Steen. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday,

April 14, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen with the family

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Luverne High School Class of 2016 counts down to graduation

Myhre Studio photographer Jim Juhl asks students in the back row to move slightly to the left for the formal portrait of Luverne High School's Class of 2016. The 90 seniors started the day having their graduation portraits taken by Juhl before loading onto two school buses and one van for the trip to a farm north of Luverne.

Most students donned their senior T-shirts and braved temperatures in the upper 30s with scattered rain showers Thursday morning, April 7.

Luverne High School will conduct its commencement exercises Sunday, May 22, in the elementary school gymnasium. The program begins at 2 p.m.

Mavis Fodness Photo/0414 Class 2016





Recycling surveys/Residents encouraged to answer questions and return them/continued from page 1A

selected to receive the survey.

"Could we do a better job recycling? No doubt about it," he said, when asked about lo-

cal recycling habits.

He said Rock County recycles roughly 40 percent of its solid waste, and that percentage has plateaued in the past several years. The survey information will be kept confidential and will be shared only in aggregate with the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission.

Since survey responses will represent the views of others living in the county, Hartman said he hopes for good participation, and added that postage-paid return envelopes are included with the survey information.

"Please complete and re-

turn it as soon as possible so the feelings of the general public can be learned concerning the recycling program in your community," Hartman said.

Safe crossing at school

Students cross a busy Highway 75 Monday afternoon when school dismissed at 3:15. In addition to the aid of crossing guards at the intersections of Barck and Dodge, pedestrians now have the added visibility of the new rapid rectangular flashing beacons that were installed last week.

The new motion-sensor crossing lights are activated by pedestrians at the crosswalk. Once the lights are fully operational, crossing guards will no longer be necessary. However, until school children and drivers are instructed on the lights' proper usage, the guards will continue their morning and afternoon duties.



Local natural resources agency seeks volunteers

The Rock County Natural Resources Conservation Service is looking for volunteers to assist with the agency's education and outreach events.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week April 10-16, NRCS is encouraging more people to volunteer locally and to thank those who gave of their time in 2015 through their Earth Team volunteer program.

Earth Team partners volunteers with NRCS employees. Created in 1985, the program offers opportunities to individuals, age 14 and older, to improve the nation's natural resources.

"In some of our field offices, high school and college students gain valuable experience for their careers while working as a volunteer," said Stephanie McLain, the Earth Team volunteer coordinator for southwest Minnesota.

In southwest Minnesota, 250 people volunteered 3,894 hours in 2015 or nearly \$90,000 in value. Last year, no volunteers participated in Rock County

To learn more about the Earth Team program or to volunteer, contact McLain at 507-376-9150 ext. 114 or online at www.nrcs.usda.gov/earthteam.

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Star Herald PORTS

Netters sweep Vermillion April 5

By John Rittenhouse

TheLuverneCardinalsmade their 2016 tennis debut April 5 by rolling to a 7-0 home win over Vermillion, South Dakota.

LHS played the match without some of its key performers, but the Cards turned in a commanding performance just the same.

"We were in control from the opening serve," said LHS coach Greg Antoine.

"We actually were quite consistent for it being early in the season with only a couple of decent practice days. I was impressed with the way we were hitting the ball after not playing all winter."

LHS won six matches in straight sets and Layne Curtis drew a forfeit at fourth singles.

Erik Wohnoutka (6-0, 6-0 over Avery Mallet), Mark Robinson (6-1, 6-1 over Daniel Robinson) and Isaac Gillette (6-0, 6-0 over Owen Meching) produced singles victories for the Cards.

Chris Jelken and Tanner Baustian rolled to a pair of 6-0 wins over Ananth Verkatachalan and Austin Davoux at first doubles, while Tyler Fick and Ethan Thorson prevailed by 6-0 tallies against Liam Meching and Nic Harrist at No. 3.

Cade VerSteeg and Jim Erickson nailed down 6-0 and 6-2 wins over Joel Van Pewsern and Tyler Mauer at second doubles.

The Cardinals host Worthington for a Big South Conference match Thursday.



Luverne's Bergin Flom placed second in the pole vault by clearing 8-0 during the Luverne Invitational April 5. Flom also placed second in the high jump for the Cardinals during their outdoor debut.

Girls turn in productive outdoor debut at Luverne Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' track team experienced a successful outdoor debut when they hosted the Luverne Invitational April 5.

No team points were tallied at the event, but the fact that LHS claimed seven meet titles and placed second in eight events means the Cardinals held their own against the other athletes on hand for the meet.

Madison Schandelmeier won a pair of individual titles by taking top honors in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:31.64 and clearing 8-0 to win the pole vault.

Courtney Siebenahler (34-10 ¼ in the triple jump), Morgan Edwards (34-9 in the shot put) and Kami Sawtelle (10-7-9 in the discus) captured individual crowns as well.

Luverne also won the 800and 1,600-meter relays with respective 1:54.8 and 4:25.03 efforts.

Sierra Schmuck, Mackenzie Petersen, Sydney Biever and Siebanahler formed the 800-meter squad.

Schandelmeier, Gabrielle Ferrell, Alexis Ferrell and Jaidyn Elbers teamed up in the 1,600.

Bergin Flom (4-8 in the high jump and 8-0 in the pole

vault), Siebenahler (28.14 in the 200-meter dash and 15-5 in the long jump) and Elbers (18.35 in the 100 hurdles and 52.39 in the 300 hurdles) finished second in two individual events each.

Edwards (105-6 in the discus) and Gabrielle Ferrell (5:52.11 in the 1,600) placed second individually as well.

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

LHS competes in Pipestone Saturday.

Third place: Schmuck, 100, 14.13; Petersen, 300 hurdles, 53.9; Madison Reisdorfer, 800, 2:46.51; Petersen, 100 hurdles, 18.49; Sawtelle, shot, 32-7; 400 relay (Tianna Doppenberg, Gracie Hudson, Ivy Hudson and Biever), 55.63. Fourth place: Gracie Zewiske, 100. 14.18; Autumn Nath, 400, 1:06.8; 3,200 relay (Schandelmeier, A.Ferrell, Brianna Pilarcik and Anika Gust), 11:20.16; Petersen and Nath tied for fourth place in the high jump after clearing 4-4. Fifth place: Doppenberg, 100, 14.25; Schmuck, 200, 28.5; 3,200 relay (Regan Feit, Nath, Solveig Tofteland and Leslie

Van Engelenhoven), 11:27.43. Sixth place: I. Hudson, 100, 14.3; Cassie Flanagan, 1,600, 6:26.92; Doppenberg, long jump, 13-5 ¾; 3,200 relay (G.Ferrell, Claire Baustian, Reisdorfer and Megan Rogers), 11:31.24

Seventh place: Tofteland, 1,600, 6:28.8; 400 relay (Zewiske, Elsie Jarchow, Lauren VerSteeg and Savanah Siebe-

nahler), 57.66. Eighth place: S.Siebenahler, triple jump, 28-5 3/4; 800 relay (Meghan Mollberg, Melissa Teal, Alyssa Nattress and Jacinda Hustoft), 2:04.22; 1,600 relay (Feit, Mollberg, Gust and Rogers), 4:59.33.

Cardinals claim six meet titles

Luverne's Isaac Gillette posted a pair of 6-0 wins at third singles

during the opening tennis match of the season in Luverne April

7. The Cardinals posted a 7-0 win over Vermillion.

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' track team kicked off the outdoor season by hosting the annual Luverne Invitational April 5.

The Cardinal boys turned in a competitive outing that featured LHS winning six meet titles and placing second in four events.

Mitchell Muller and Logan Stratton led the hosts by winning two individual titles each.

Muller took top honors in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with respective 17.47 and 44.51 times.

Stratton won the shot put and discus crowns with tosses covering 47-10 and 121-8.

Matthew Hup earned a meet championship by winning the pole vault after clearing 12-6. Luverne also won the

800-meter relay with a time of 1:39.03. Cyris Halverson, Muller, Brandon Winter and Quinton

Siebenahler formed the team.

Halverson (12.41 in the 100), Siebenahler (24.29 in the 200) and Dylan Thorson (100-3 in the discus) placed second individually.



John Rittenhouse photo/0414 lbt 5

Luverne's Brandon Winter receives the baton from Mitchell Muller during the 800-meter relay at the Luverne Invitational April 5. LHS won the event with a time of 1:39.03.

Luverne also placed second in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 9:43.64.

Chandler Eitreim, Jeremiah

Dooyema, Derek Krueger and Carter Baumberger formed the team.

Here is a look at the rest of

Luverne's top eight performances during the meet.

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Dragon boys even record

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian golf teams entertained Heron Lake-Okabena and Southwest Christian-Edgerton for a golf triangular Monday in Adrian.

The day turned into a good one for the AHS boys, who evened their record at 2-2 by winning the team title with a 197-stroke tally.

SWC-E and HL-O capped the field with respective 232and 243-stroke efforts.

Ryan Elias earned medalist honors for AHS after firing a five-over-par 41.

Brady Henning, Mitchell Veld and John Christians contributed respective 47-, 52- and 57-stroke rounds to the team effort, while Cole Weidert and Landon Runia turned in 59- and 66-stroke

rounds without impacting the scoring.

Jeremy Vander Woude led SWC-E with a 52, while Ben Scheldahl and Wyatt Schumacher shot 59s to pace HL-O. HL-O won the girls' compe-

tition with a 210. Adrian finished second with

219, while SWC-Eposted a 256. Mackenzie Wagner led the 2-1 Dragons with a 49.

Alexia Kemper, Jada Elias and Courtney Penning added 50-, 57- and 63-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Anika Elias and Madelyn Odell posted 77- and 81-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

HL-O's Sarah Madsen secured medalist honors with a 46, while Katie Van Dam led SWC-E with a 61.

H-BC hosts triangular meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team hosted a triangular meet Monday at Meadow Acres Country Club near Larchwood, Iowa.

H-BC entertained both Westbrook-Walnut Grove and RedRock Central on a cool andwindy afternoon.

The Patriots ended up breakingeven with a 221-stroke tally. W-WG captured the team title with 197 strokes. RRC capped the field with

230 strokes.

Dylon Taubert set the pace

for H-BC by carding a 52.

Stuart Plimpton, Trevor Paulsen and Preston Maassen shot respective 54-, 56- and 59-stroke rounds for the Patriots.

W-WG's Cole Buntingled all players with a 47, while Max Miller paced RRC with a 51.

Dragons post consecutive Red Rock Conference baseball victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team opened Red Rock Conference play by posting a pair of wins last week.

The Dragons topped Red Rock Central-Westbrook- $Walnut Grove\, by three \, runs$ April 5 in Adrian before topping Murray County Central by four runs in Slayton Thursday.

The wins left AHS with a 2-1 overall record.

Adrian 5, MCC 1 A standout pitching per-

formance by Alex Loosbrock lifted the Dragons to a four-run win over the Rebels in Slayton Thursday.

Loosbrock fanned 10 batters and limited MCC to three hits and one run as he pitched a complete game.

AHS, which scored the first four runs of the contest, took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Michael Preuss walked and scored on a throwing error and Mitchell Wagner delivered an RBI double.

The lead swelled to 4-0

after Logan Rogers ripped an RBI double in the third inning and Zach Loosbrock delivered an RBI infield single in the fifth.

MCC scored its lone run in the bottom of the fifth before Rogers capped the scoring when he received an RBI for a fielder's choice in the seventh.

AHS 8, RRC-W-WG 5 The Dragons posted



Logan Rogers

their first win of the season when they entertained the Falcons for the Red Rock Conference opener for both teams April 5 in Adrian.

RRC-WWGscored four runs

in the first inning and one in the second to sport a 5-1 cushion, but Rogers stepped on the mound with two outs in

the second inning and

proceeded to pitch five and two-thirds innings of scoreless relief.

Rogers fanned 11 batters and yielded one hit.

Adrian overcame an early deficit by scoring one run in the first inning, two in the second and three in the third to gain a 6-5 edge.

Jacob Stamer was hit by a pitch and scored on an error

in the first for AHS. Alex Loosbrock reached base on an error and scored on a passed ball and Ryan Wieneke doubled and scored on an error to make it a 5-3 game in the second.

Stamer delivered a threerun single to give the Dragons their first lead (6-5) in the third inning, and Zach Loosbrock and Wagner slapped RBI singles when AHS capped the scoring with a two-run sixth inning.

Landon Rogers yielded three runs and recorded one out as Adrian's starting pitcher. Stamer surrendered two runs and three hits in one inning.

John Rittenhouse photo/0414 ehs track 2

Ellsworth's Sean Boltjes, pictured in the long jump competition, placed fourth in both hurdling events in Luverne April 5.

EHS opens season

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth Panthers made their 2016 track debut at the Luverne Invitational April 5.

No EHS girls turned in top eight finishes at the meet, but the Panther boys placed eighth or better in eight events.

Senior Malik Herman turned in the top effort for the Panthers. Herman, who placed sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time

of 57.88, covered 37-11 ¾ to place second in the triple jump. Here is a look at the rest of the top eight finishes turned in by EHS athletes at the meet.

Fourth place: Sean Boltjes, 110 hurdles, 19.4; S.Boltjes, 300 hurdles, 47.61. Sixth place: Bobby Walkowaik, 100, 12.81; Walkowaik, triple jump, 36-0. Seventh place: Kade Boltjes, triple jump, 35-3. Eighth place: Samuel Kramer, 800, 2:35.45.

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Third place: Dalton DeSollar, 1,600, 5:13.05; Dooyema, pole vault, 10-6; Brennan Hart, discus, 110-0; Siebenahler, long jump, 18-6 1/4.

Fourth place: Dooyema, 400, 57.37; Jed Dooyema, pole vault, 10-6; 3,200 relay (DeSollar, Cole Claussen, Shane Berning and Michael Rahm), 9:53.83. Fifth place: Brandon Winter, 400, 57.75; 400 relay (Tanner Wiese, Connor Peterson, Damian Reese and Andrew Reisch), 50.5; 800 relay (Reese, Eli Haugom, Ben Wagner and Austin Winter), 1:45.31.

Sixth place: Hart, shot, 37-7; Thorson, discus, 100-3; Haugom, high jump, 5-4; 1,600 relay (DeSollar, Jr.Dooyema, Claussen and B.Winter), 4:04.68. Seventh place: Brandon Claussen, 200, 26.02; Rahm, 800, 2:35.45; Berning, 1,600, 5:36.85.

Eighth place: Hup and Reisch tied for eighth in the 200 with 26.13 times.

The Luverne baseball team posted a pair of home wins to open the 2016 season.

By John Rittenhouse

The Cardinals bested Martin County West by five runs at Redbird Field April 5 before securing a three-run victory over Edgerton-Southwest Christian Monday.

LHS plays a twin bill in Redwood Falls Friday.

Luverne 12, E-SWC 9

The Cardinals plated five late runs to best the Flying Dutchmen by three runs Monday in Luverne.

Trailing 9-7 after four and one-half innings of play, Luverne scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth to gain an advantage and iced the victory by adding an insurance run in the sixth inning.

Jesse Reed doubled home onerun, Jakob Olson slapped a two-run single and Nick Overgaard registered a sacrifice fly during Luverne's four-run fifth frame that left the Cards sporting an 11-9 advantage.

Reed capped a three-RBI effort with a run-scoring single in the sixth inning.

Luverne led 2-1 when Reed and Blake Baum recorded RBI singles in the bottom of the second, but E-SWC scored three times in the top of the third to open a 4-2 cushion.

LHS scored five times in the bottom of the third to regain the lead at 7-4.

Connor Sandbulte singled home two runs, Nick Harder delivered an RBI single and Jaxon Nelson tripled home one run before scoring on a balk during Luverne's fiverun third.

E-SWC battled back to knot the score at seven in the fourth inning before moving in front 9-7 with a two-run fifth inning.

Reed pitched three innings of two-run relief to earn the pitching win, while Olson recorded a save by tossing a scoreless seventh frame.



Cards secure home wins over MCW, E-SWC

John Rittenhouse photo/0414 lbb 2

Luverne senior Connor Sandbulte slides as he successfully steals third base during Monday's home game against Edgerton-Southwest Christian. Sandbulte drove in two runs in a 12-9 win.

Nelson started the game on the mound and pitched two and two-thirds innings of four-run ball.

Baum, who registered the final out of the third inning, yielded three runs without

registering an out in the fourth inning.

Box score Sandbulte Harder

Luverne 6, MCW 1 The Cardinals opened the

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Spring Loaded Open Houses

Open House 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 408 N ESTEY, LUVERNE | \$99,900



This home has so much to offer! Beautiful two story home offer permanent vinyl siding in 2007, new shingles in 2012, 8 x 10 shed, 12 x 20 wood deck and a detached 2 stall garage on the exterior. Once you walk in you will love the charming details and the beautiful wood-The kitchen offer country cupboards dining area, pantry and a built in hutch and was

deled in 2000. The living room has a warm and inviting feel with a wood burning fireplace and brick surround. The rest of the main floor has a nice front room with a newer bay window, home office and a full bathroom. The upper level offers 3+ bedrooms. The forth room could be used as a nursery, office or storage. Finishing off the upper floor is a beautiful 3/4 bathroom with claw foot tub and pedestal sink. You don't want to miss out on this warm and inviting home

Open House Noon - 1:30 p.m. 330 W WARREN, LUVERNE | \$139,900

This home has so much to offer! First off a 16 x 30 pool with a 4' - 10' depth in the enclosed back yard with a patio area in the front yard for entertaining. Located in a nice neighborhood. The main floor offers a kitchen with an eat in area, formal dining room, living room with gas fireplace and an enclosed front porch. The second story has 3 bedrooms, bathroom and a bonus room that could be used as a nursery



or office. Beautiful wood work throughout the home. The lower level has great storage, a second bath and a non-legal bedroom. Open House 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Gorgeous unique craftsman style home! One of a kind opportunity with this being a single family residence or a licensed Bed &Breakfast. This nome offers 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms

located on a large lot. The entire house is adorned with beautiful maple hard wood floors and trim work. Enjoy the coziness of the family room surrounded by natural lights from the southern exposure or nestle into the living room and enjoy a nice fire on cold Min-

nesota winter days and nights. A unique feature of this house includes a historic refinished oak staircase that will take you from the living room to the master suite. Also, from the living room, you can venture through the original french doors to the large dining room with a tray ceiling and beautiful refinished maple floors. From the dining room step in the sizable galley style kitchen with recently updated stainless appliances, lots of cupboards and counter top space and pantry area. The remainder of the main floor offers 2 spacious bedrooms one of which offers its own private 3/4 bath with shower. The upper level consists of a magnificent master suite you may never want to leave. With enough room for a king size bed, sitting area and includes a traditional full bath with claw foot tub. Other features include original classic light fixtures, vaulted ceiling and carpeting makes this room truly enjoyable. Also upstairs is another room large enough for another bedroom or can be used as an office that is carpeted, has a big walk in closet area, 2 enormous dormer storage closets and has its own staircase to the main floor. You will find in the lowest level a 5th large bedroom with a Murphy bed and large walk in closet, the laundry, 3/4 bath and tons of storage complete this level. Outside you will find an outdoor patio great for entertaining that includes a wood fired brick grill, wonderful landscaping and a detached two stall garage. The home offers updates to heating, cooling, windows and electrical

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Patriots test skills at Luverne invite

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' track team turned in a solid outing during its outdoor debut in Luverne April 5.

One week after opening the season with an indoor meet in Vermillion, South Dakota, the Patriots tested their talents in the elements at the Luverne Invitational.

The event turned into a good one for the boys, who captured three meet championships and placed second in one event.

Isaiah Vis and Zach Scholten captured individual titles for H-BC.

Vis won the 100-meter dash in 12.36, while Scholten cleared 6-2 to win the high

Vis also ran a leg with H-BC's 400-meter relay, which produced the winning time of 48.79.

Dean Fuerstenberg, Drew Forshey and Jed Burgers teamed up with Vis.

Vis also placed second in the long jump with a distance of 18-10 3/4.

The H-BC girls competed in Luverne without registering a first- or second-place finish.

Grace Bundesen turned in the top effort for the girls by finishing third in the high jump after clearing 4-6.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's top eight finishes at the meet.

H-BC boys

Third place: Forshey, 110 hurdles, 19-2. Fourth place: Scholten, discus, 109-6; 800 relay (Burgers, Forshey, Scholten and Vis), 1:43.61.

Fifth place: Scholten, shot, 38-6; Trenton Bass, triple jump, 36-1; 1,600 relay (Dawson Leenderts, Jax Wysong, Luke LaRock and Hunter Bork), 51.7. Sixth place: Bork, 100, 12.81.

Seventh place: Easton Harnack, 300 hurdles, 51.32; 400 relay (Bork, Harnack, Caleb Zomer and Wysong), 51.57. Eighth place: Forshey, high jump, 5-4; Logan Leuthold, discus, 96-0; 400 relay (Jacob Wingert, Bass, LaRock and Raymon), 51.7.

H-BC girls

Fourth place: 800 relay (Sadie Fuerstenberg, Bundesen, Sidney Fick and Madison Spath), 1:59.29.

Fifth place: 400 relay (Fuerstenberg, Bundesen, Fick and Spath), 56.18. Sixth place: Josie Bartels, 800, 2:51.66. Seventh place: Spath, 100, 14.34; Kourtney Rozeboom, shot, 27-3; Rozeboom, discus, 78-8. Eighth place: Bartels, 1,600, 6:31.54.



Hills-Beaver Creek's Madison Spath helps the 800-meter relay place fourth at the Luverne Invitational April 5.

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Falcons outslug Dragons

By John Rittenhouse The Adrian Area softball

Dragons opened the season by playing a high-scoring game against the Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut Grove Falcons in Sanborn April 5.

Afterfallingbehind 5-1 early in the game, AA rallied to take a 17-6 advantage after three and one-half innings of play.

RRC-W-WG battled back to outscore AA 15-3 the rest of the game and pulled out a 21-20 win after scoring five times in the bottom half of the seventh

Devin Dreesen pitched fourplus innings and was saddled with the pitching loss, while Jodi Bents worked two-plus innings.

Brooke Grussing (four hits, two RBIs and one homerun), Dreesen (three hits, seven RBIs and one grand slam homerun), Rebecca Sjogren (three hits and three RBIs) and Bents (two hits and two RBIs) had big days at the plate for the Dragons.

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Siebenahler siblings create unique situation for veteran assistant

than a quarter century of experience to draw from, Luverne assistant track



coach Al Stoakes has seen a lot of different things over the years.

Some might say that Stoakes has seen it all.

The veteran assistant might have agreed with that at one point, but spring of 2016 has included something Stoakes has never experienced before.

For the first time in a long and distinguished coaching career, Stoakes finds himself offering instruction to four siblings.

"I've worked with siblings before, but never four of them in the same year," he said.

"It's unusual, but it's no big deal. It's a nice situation to be in. All four are great kids, very coachable and you can always expect 100 percent effort from them."

It's a situation that has been created by the jumping John and Awanda Siebenahler clan.

John, a former LHS track competitor in the late 1980s, has four children competing in the program this spring.

Since all four are considered to be long and triple jumpers, and since Stoakes is in charge of offering instruction in these events, the LHS assistant has assumed the "head of household" role for the Siebenahler siblings every day at practice.

Quinton, a senior, and Courtney, a junior, are his prized pupils this year.

Riley and Savannah are eighth- and seventh-graders respectively, so Stoakes is coaching them up for future success.

As a 2015 state-qualifier in the triple jump, Courtnev Siebenahler is a valued member of the program.

Not only did she register a personal best distance of 34-10 1/4 to win the triple jump at the Luverne Invitational last Tuesday, she also ran the anchor

From the **SIDELINES**

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

leg for Luverne's winning 200-meter relay that day. Quinton Siebenahler

had a good day for himself as well. Returning to the track

program for the first time since he was a freshman, Quinton placed third in the long jump and ran the anchor leg for the first-place boys' 800-meter relay.

"Both Quinton and Courtney have a lot of potential," Stoakes said.

"Courtney advanced to state and placed ninth in the triple jump last year. I was thinking the triple jump was her best event until I watched her run two strong 200-meter races that day. Quinton is a good sprinter, too. He also posted a 19-7 effort in the long jump at the first meet in Vermillion. He has a lot of potential in the triple jump and we're going to need him to do well in that event at the true team meet this year."

The younger Siebenahlers may be a couple of years away from jumping like their older siblings, but Savannah did flash signs of things to come by placing eighth in the triple jump (28-5 ¾) at the LHS invite as a seventh-grader.

"My job is help Savannah and Riley get better and I think they will because they have a lot of potential, too," Stoakes said.

"Courtney will make sure they improve. I didn't get a lot of chance to work with the younger kids because of the weather during the past couple of weeks, so I told her to whip her brother and sister in shape over the weekend. She said she would do that and both Riley and Savannah looked like they had improved after working with their older sister."

Softball team falls one run short Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne softball team opened the 2016 season by hosting Fairmont for a nonconference contest Monday in Luverne.

Luverne staged a furious comeback late in the game to make things interesting, but visiting Fairmont withstood the challenge to secure a 16-15 victory.

Fairmont, which never trailed in the contest, scored seven runs in the top half of the first inning and six in the second to open a 13-8 lead against the Cards, who plated four runs in both the first and second frames.

The visitors extended their lead to 16-10 by plating single runs in the third, fifth and sixth innings.

Luverne, however, didn't give up the fight.

The Cards scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to make it a 16-14 game and scored once in the bottom of the seventh before Fairmont recorded the final out of the contest.

Katie Kracht (two doubles and a two-run home run) and Ariel DeBeer (two doubles) led the Cards with four hits at the plate.

Zayna Hustoft, Mariah Aukes, Rylee Olson and Makayla Huisman registered



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Luverne's Katie Kracht completes a trip around the bases by jumping on home plate after belting a two-run homerun during Monday's softball game against Fairmont in Luverne. Kracht also doubled twice during a four-hit effort at the plate. LHS dropped a 16-15 decision.

two hits each, while Kaitlyn Roberts, Hanna Honerman and Brianna Jonason chipped in one safety each.

Olson pitched all seven innings for the Cardinals and was saddled with the loss. She yielded 16 hits and recorded four strikeouts.

The Cardinals host Windom for a doubleheader Thursday.

Dragon track teams compete for first time

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian track teams received their first taste of meet competition in Luverne April 5.

The Dragons joined the fray with 10 other schools at the Luverne Invitational.

No AHS girls or boys turned in first- or second-place finishes at the meet, but the Dragons did register a combined 15 eighth-place efforts or better.

Adrian's boys produced the top performances by placing third in a pair of events.

Logan Ahlers placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.42 and ran a leg with the 400-meter relay, which placed third in 49.92.

Zach Bierman, Tristian White and Frank Serrao joined Ahlers in the relay.

Morgan Penning turned in the top effort by the Dragon girls by placing fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a time

Here is a look at the rest of Adrian's top eight efforts from the meet.

Adrian boys Fifth place: Bierman, 100, 12.76; Bierman, long jump, 18-0. Sixth place: Alex Fuerstenberg, 800, 2:34.22; Jade Swank, 3,200, 13:39.6; 800 relay (Kasey Madtson, Dakota



John Rittenhouse photo/0414 adrian track 6

Adrian's Morgan Penning moves past Luverne's Cassie Flanagan on her way to a fifth-pla finish in the 1,600-meter run at the Luverne Invitational April 5.

John, Brendan White and Ahlers), Seventh place: Brody Loosbrock, 3,200, 14:12.38; Dylan Gyberg, shot,

Eighth place: John, triple jump, 34-2 3/4. Adrian girls Sixth place: Shaina Combs, high

jump, 4-4. Seventh place: 800 relay (Michaela Kern, Morgan Kern, Shaina Combs and Katie Reisdorfer), 2:03.88; 1,600 relay

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place items up for sale:

(Penning, Katia Suarez, Reisdorfer and Mr.Kern), 4:53.35. Eighth place: 400 relay (Mc.Kern, Suarez, Mr.Kern and Combs), 58.06.

Patriot boys, AHS girls secure golf conquests

By John Rittenhouse

. The Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf teams made their 2016 debut at the Adrian Area Country Club April 5.

The day turned into a good one for H-BC, which produced the winning score of 195 strokes during a triangular involving Southwest Christian-Edgerton (228) and Adrian (230).

Preston Maassen earned medalist honors for H-BC by shooting a nine-over-par 45.

Stuart Plimpton, Trevor Paulsen and Dylon Taubert contributed 46-, 49- and 55-stroke rounds respectively

to the winning team tally. Brady Henning led AHS

season by securing a five-run

win over the Mavericks at

Nelson belted a two-run

homerun and drove in two

runs at the plate and six differ-

ent pitchers combined efforts

on the mound to limit MCW

Luverne took a 2-0 lead in

the first inning when Reed

walked and scored on a passed

ball and Sandbulte singled

and scored on a fielder's

After MCW trimmed the

difference to one run (2-1) by

scoring once against LHS win-

ning pitcher Kaden Ericson in

the fourth inning, the Cards

iced the game with a four-run

Nelson delivered his two-

run blast over the left-field

fence to start the rally.

choice by Nelson.

rally in the sixth.

Redbird Field April 5.

to one run.

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with a 55, while Cole Weidert, Landon Runia and Mitchell Veld contributed 57- 58- and 60-stroke scores to Adrian's team effort.

Trey Huisken led SWC-E with a 53.

Adrian's girls coasted to a 236-276 win over Southwest Christian-Edgerton the same

Mackenzie Wagner secured medalist honors for Adrian by firing a 49.

Alexia Kemper, Courtney Penning and Madelyn Odell shot 52-, 66- and 69-stroke scores to cap the scoring for

Jennifer Schelhaas shot a 64 to lead SWC-E.

Overgaard walked and

scored on a passed ball dur-

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Overgaard tossed the first

two innings before Baum,

Ericson and Tyler Reisdorfer

Cole Bosch worked one

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Star Herald HURCH

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

Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Human Trafficking Drama. Friday, April 15: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, April 16: 10 a.m. First Communion pictures. 2:15 p.m. Vets Bingo. 5:30 p.m. First Communion and Mass at St. Catherine's. Sunday, April 17: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. First Communion and Mass at St. Catherine. Monday, April 18: 5:30 p.m. St. Mary Fellowship Circle. Tuesday, April 19: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible Study. Wednesday, April 20: 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Faith Formations. 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus. Thursday, April 21: 12:30 p.m. Tuff Anointing Mass. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. St. Catherine Parish Council.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982

www.luverncrc.com - luvernecrc@ymail.com Sunday, April 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism Classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, April 18:9 a.m. PERK UP at Mary Jane Brown Home. Tuesday, April 19: 9:30 a.m. CoffeeBreak/ Story Hour. Wednesday, April 20: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. GEMS and Cadets.

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 14: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, April 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, April 17: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, April 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, April 20: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, April 21: 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 14: 2 p.m. GLCW Gather. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, April 15: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 16: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, April 17: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast; Worship with Communion. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. Semi-annual meeting. Monday, April 18: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, April 19:9 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Marcia Moeller. Wednesday, April 20: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors Meeting - Fireside. 3:15 p.m. FAITHWEAVERS. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir. Thursday, April 21: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Church. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Thursday, April 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, April 18: 7 p.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Wednesday, April 20: 4:30-7 p.m. Public Supper. Thursday, April 21: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church 304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org Friday, April 15: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Stevens/Friedrichsen Bridal Shower. Sunday, April 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, April 19: 8 a.m. School Retreat. 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, April 20: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 7:30 p.m. PC Awards Night. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, April 21: 10 a.m. Mary Jane Brown GSC Volunteer Brunch. 7 p.m. Ridder

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

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First Assembly of God Church 1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4 Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring and Crafting stress-free event. Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, April 18: 8 a.m. Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Making Sense of the Bible – Bible Study. Tuesday, April 19: 8 a.m. Priscilla Circle at Pizza Ranch. 9:30 a.m. WOW Committee Meeting. 2 p.m. Pastoral Gathering at Poplar Creek. 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, April 20: 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 21: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50 Saturday, April 16: Church clean-up. Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, April 18:5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, April 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, April 21: PW Circles. 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 7 p.m. Choir.

St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@iw.net - www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, April 14: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs 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 the Veterans Home. Saturday, April 16: 9 a.m. District Visitation at Fulda. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting Bee. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, April 19: 9 a.m. Worship. VBS Kick-off. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 4-5:30 p.m. Junior LYF (Grades 6-8). Monday, April 18: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 6 p.m. Anniversary Committee meeting. 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, April 19: 2 p.m. Circle meetings. 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Elders and Wives supper at Blue Stem. Wednesday, April 20: 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 21: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions.

Living Rock Church 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

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

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.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.zionlutheranhardwick.com Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, April 14: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, April 15: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 16: 9 a.m. Vine and Branches Conference; Quilting Day. Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, April 18: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, April 20: Newsletter Deadline. 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, April 21: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@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 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, April 19: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, April 20: 7 p.m. Choir.

Palisade Lutheran Church 211 121st St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Worship (Coffee Cup Sunday). 10 a.m. Sunday School.

God is our rock

As a young boy, I encountered several trips with my grandparents. As we are now into spring, I can picture in my mind these excursions all the more. One of those trips was to the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa. It has nine grottos and each one touches on a different point in the life of Jesus Christ.

While going through the grottos, I remember not being interested in the history and the stories as a young boy. All I can remember is running around with my younger brother Ryan from one grotto to another. Along the way, we went into the gift shop and I can recall our grandparents purchasing a container of rocks for both of us.

I still have that container of rocks to this day and they sit up on one of my bookshelves. From time to time, I will take a rock out and hold it tightly in my hand. In Psalm 31 it says, "Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Interim Associate Pastor, Cole McCormick, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

for your name's sake lead me and guide me."

Daily you and I go through a ton of garbage, challenges and matters that weigh us down. Getting brought down to the deep abyss makes us wonder if we will ever be brought up again. However, it is exactly during these times that the psalmist cries out. The psalmist here knows that they have a safe dwelling place of protection with God, a place where God will hold them tightly in the midst of everything and be that firm and solid foundation like any rock. As the psalmist cries out and places trust in God, we too cry out and place our trust in God as the psalm goes on to say, "You are indeed my rock."

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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. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; Adrian Sunday School.

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Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor

Sunday, April 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6 p.m. Evening Service. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Monday, April 18: 7 p.m. Elders meeting. 8 p.m. Consistory meeting.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Interim Pastor Grant Fisher 112 N. Main St., Hills **Hills United Reformed Church**

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> **Hills United Reformed Church** 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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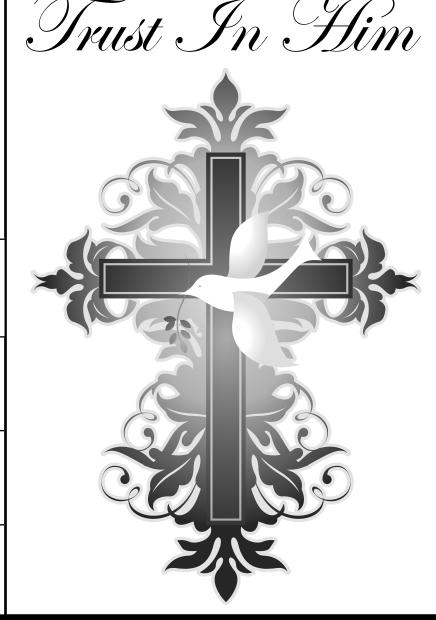
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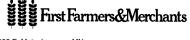
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Public Notices

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Mortgage foreclosure sale $\begin{array}{c} \text{Set for } May\ 19 \\ \text{YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: 1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage} \end{array}$

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

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

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

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

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

Common Address: 256 41st Street, Hills, MN 56138.

PID: 08-0254-000

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

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

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

Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage: 21st Century Bank

Attorneys for Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage: Thomas P Dolphin, Jr. - 0386646 Wayne M. Spangler - 0396721 21st Century Bank 17 Washington Avenue N Minneapolis, MN 55401 (763)792-3711

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

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 19

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 30, 2009

MORTGAGOR: Shawn M. Sweeney and Deanna M. Sweeney, husband and wife. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc..

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

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

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

MORTGAGE: 100061907000105866 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON

MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank, a Minnesota Corporation RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.

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

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.0470.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 5 in Block 8 in Blue Mound 1st Addition to the City of Luverne COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$125,152.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 16, 2016

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

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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

Help the Earth!



G & A Farms, Inc. applies for feedlot permit

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that G & A Farms, Inc., will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The feedlots proposed to be expanded are located in the SW1/4 (995AU) & SE1/4 (995.5AU) of Section 20 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The two sites are being combined for permitting purposes due to common ownership.

The combined sites currently have a total of 1085 head of finishing cattle, 145 head of backgrounding cattle and 145 calves housed in open lots and 1100 head of nursery swine and 2400 head of finishing swine housed in total confinements for a total of 1990.5 animal units. The proposed expansion will take place within both facilities by increasing the stocking density. The expansion will consist of eliminating 900 finishing swine, 145 background cattle and 145 calves and the addition of 1390 head of finishing cattle between both facilities. After the expansion the combined sites will have a total of 2475 head of finishing cattle, 1100 head of nursery swine and 1500 head of finishing

All liquid manure will be stored in under-floor concrete pits and earthen basin. The solid manure will be stored in manure packs and/or stockpile and the process wastewater from the feed storage area will be stored in an earthen basin. The feedlots will be owned by G & A Farms, Inc.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the expanding feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

Published at the request of G & A Farms, Inc.

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

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

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.

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(04-07, 04-14, 04-21, 05-05, 05-12, 05-19)

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

CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to extend our gratitude for the support and remembrance of LeRoy Lindblom. Your thoughts. prayers, cards, many visits, food, and memorials were appreciated. A special thank vou to Paster McCormick. Grace Lutheran Church, those who participated in the service. the Hospice Staff, Dr. Richard Morgan, as well as Hartquist Funeral Home for helping us through this difficult time. Dad truly loved the people he knew and his life in Luverne. We find peace in the message of eternal life and trust in God. Blessings to you and yours.

The Family of LeRoy Lindblom

(4.3-4.7)

The Library staff would like to thank the community of Rock County for its patience and enthusiasm during our renovation project. We would also like to thank every business that helped create this amazing space for generations to come; the project would not have happened without your time and talents. Special thanks to Okie Honken, Library Consultants LLC, Southwest Youth Services, Nobles County Corrections, Rock County Commissioners, our Library Board, and the Friends of the Library. (4.3-4.7)

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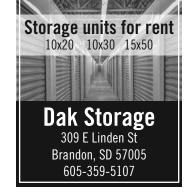
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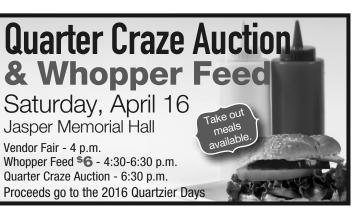
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