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City seeks proposals for empty Sharkee's, Mert's lots

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne is seeking proposals from developers interested in the former Sharkee's property along South Highway 75.

The total 4.11-acre parcel includes the former Mert's Repair land on the southeast corner along Hatting Street.

According to the advertised Request for Proposals (RFP), the city will consider all proposals that "maximize the site's development potential and encourage economic growth."

It could include all or a portion of the two properties that are now combined into a single Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District that was created in order to recapture some of the acquisition and demolition costs.

The city paid \$220,000 for the condemned Sharkee's property and \$160,000 for the piece that housed Mert's Repair (that moved to a new shop built on a city lot in the industrial park).

The costs for acquisition and demolition of both lots will be recouped in the TIF amount, \$600,000.

What that means is whoever buys the bare lot will pay full taxes on the improved property, but the difference between the current tax amount and the new tax amount will pay down the \$600,000 TIF debt.

After the TIF expires in 25 years, local governments will benefit from taxes paid on the full value of the developed lots.

The city's Request for Proposals asks developers what they would do with the property and how much they're willing to pay for it.

"These parcels were acquired with the intent of eliminating blight and redeveloping the area to meet the demands for commercial, rental, and other housing needs," as stated in the RFP.

The property is zoned Community Commercial, and the stated goals for development are to:

- maximize the site's potential with the best use.
- contribute to the vibrancy of the South Highway 75 corridor "with a well-designed development project that is aesthetically pleasing."

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That's what friends are for

Lori Sorenson photo/0504 park advisory hike

Blue Mounds State Park Manager Chris Ingebretsen (left) leads DNR staff and some of the citizen advisory group members up a grassy trail between the warming center and what used to be the Lower Lake beach. In the background toward the east, Mound Creek meanders through the bed of what used to be the Lower Lake, which drained in 2014 when flooding destroyed the dam. Also pictured during that April 27 meeting and hike are (from left) DNR Parks and Trails Regional Manager Kathy Dummer, DNR meeting facilitator Rachel Hopper, and local citizens Amy Nelson, Kristin Suhr and Jeanne Prekker. In back are meeting attendees Sherri Thompson (partially hidden) and Bill Thompson.

Bison buggy, naturalist and restored waterway coming to park; friends group to help with extras

By Lori Sorenson

The aroma of grilled burgers and brats wafted from the historic warming house Thursday, April 27, at the Blue Mounds State Park.

It was a picnic celebration for the final gathering of the Citizens Advisory Group, which has been meeting for four months with state DNR staff about future recreation at the park.

Their agendas have covered the dam

removal and Mound Creek restoration, the water-plagued interpretive center, planned Bison Buggy tours, a full-time park naturalist and future uses for the former beach area.

At Wednesday's meeting, the group hiked the grassy trail from the warming house to the beach parking lot.

For many, it was their first time seeing Mound Creek wind through the middle of what

used to be the lower lake and beach. The beach house is gone and weedy grass has taken over what used to be a sandy water recreation spot.

Given the new circumstances, the group tried to envision what an interpretive center might look like in that area and whether playground equipment and an open-sided shelter

Blue Mounds future recreation/see page 5A

Board reviews 'aggressive timeline' for district facility work

By Mavis Fodness

An aggressive three-month timeline was outlined to Luverne Board of Education members to finalize long-range facility improvements and bring the possible funding decision to district voters in November. Educational facility consultants

Mike Hubbard and Dave Bergeron with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson of Sioux Falls made the timeline presentation during the board's regular April 27 meeting in the middle-high school media center.

"It's an aggressive timeline but we have deadlines to meet," Hub-

bard said.

On May 11 FJJ representatives will present their recommended building improvement measures and the potential costs to board members.

The public meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Plans could involve the expan-

sion and/or remodel of the existing elementary and middle-high school facilities. Suggested improvements were gathered at a series of listening sessions with staff, students and the public. FJJ then blended the session

District facilities timeline/see 3A

May 1 snow appears, disappears in 24 hours

By Lori Sorenson

Several inches of snow blanketed a large part of the tri-state area Monday morning for the first day of May.

The heavy snow followed Saturday's inch of rain to create slushy, slippery roads for the morning commute.

Most area schools started two hours late, but dozens of early morning travelers found themselves in the ditch as a result of snow- and slush-covered road surfaces.

The white accumulations on green grass and colorful tulips told a sad tale of wilting petals, but Luverne horticulturalist George Bonnema said most perennials will survive the extended winter.

"The temperature isn't cold enough to inflict a lot of damage to most plants that have been growing outdoors already," he writes in his

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Lori Sorenson photo/0504 May 1 snow

These tulips on Donaldson Street in Luverne bowed their heads Monday, May 1, under the weight of snow that fell overnight into Monday.

Students to learn what it takes to be entrepreneurs

By Mavis Fodness

Area young people will soon find out what it takes to be an entrepreneur.

Starting next fall, Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) will be an option for up to 22 students from Luverne, Edgerton, Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek and Edgerton in southwest Minnesota.

An April 24 meeting in Luverne drew 30 people interested in starting the program, which has roots in the Southwest Initiative Foundation's challenge to end the cycle of poverty in communities.

Committee member Diane Robinson, Luverne, said she attended a summit where she

learned immigrants often come to the United States with little or no money and are able to start successful businesses and live comfortable lives.

"Yet we put our students through 13 years of school and many don't know what an entrepreneur is nor how to start their own business," she said.

Robinson met the Kandiyohi CEO facilitator Tyler Gehrking from the summit.

She brought Gehrking to the April 24 meeting in Luverne as the guest speaker to share information about the CEO program. "It's an entrepreneurial class that doesn't talk about entrepreneurship... but

CEO training for students/see 3A



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Article 18: Blue Mounds State Park was first known as 'Mound Springs Recreation Area'

This is the 18th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This background on the Blue Mounds State Park comes from Minnesota DNR:

Bison, elk, wolves and prairie chickens roamed this part of Minnesota over 150-200 years ago. Today, a herd of bison resides in the park. The park has a small population of coyotes and a stable deer population. Birdwatchers can catch glimpses of several western species as well as the birds of the tallgrass prairie.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Wood Carvers will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, at the Luverne Senior Center. All are welcome and we will help beginners.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, at the Pizza Ranch.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, at the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

Tourist Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the home of Arlene Bendix.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, May 10 and 24, in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Rock County VFW Post 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The American Legion Post 123 and Auxillary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, in the post home.

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

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

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

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

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

Register now for summer rec classes

Register for summer community education classes now. Offerings include kids' classes on horsemanship, lego league, Ninjas, Dads, Daughters & Hair, Spanish, 150th Birthday Parade, Chess & Checkers, and a Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament.

Other favorites for kids include soccer, morning day camps, kids in the kitchen, wood working classes, Jack & the Beanstalk Missoula Theatre, and Cabela's School of Fish.

Save money by registering ahead of May 24 for classes like morning rec, golf, arts & crafts, volleyball, gymnastics, running, and basketball.

Adults will find classes on computer surfing, walleye fishing, genealogy, gardening, cooking with olive oil and balsamics, Summer walking group, Twins game, State Fair trip, Master Gardener garden tour, social media marketing, and more. Call 283-4724 with questions.

Join Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library invite the public to join in support of the Rock County Community Library as members of the organization. A single membership is \$10 and family memberships are \$15. Stop in the library for more information.

Bank Night movie 'A Dog's Purpose'

The free Bank Nite movie, "A Dog's Purpose," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

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

Reserve sand for Optimist sandbox fill

The Luverne Optimist Club is sponsoring the annual youth sandbox fill Monday, May 17, starting at 6 p.m. Sand is donated by W&N Construction. Call Audrey at 507-283-2018 to sign up for sand delivery.

Community Ed announces classes

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

Students eighth grade and older may register for **Student Driver Education** by June 12 for the class that begins June 19. Limited seats available. Fee is \$325 due at the time of registration.

There is an informative **parent session** available the evening of June 19 at no cost.

Hardwick cleans up for summer celebration

By Mavis Fodness

The city of Hardwick initiated a citywide clean up this spring that has left officials hopeful of its success, and citizens are excited to celebrate two quasiquintennials this June.

Besides the founding of Hardwick, the town's Zion Lutheran Church will also mark its 125th anniversary.

Last month parishioners finished refurbishing the church sign located at the corner of County Road 7 and U.S. Highway 75.

The vibrant blue and gray plastic sign sits snugly into the freshly repainted black metal frame. It replaces the plywood insert the Rev. Mark W. Mumme's name was added to 17 years ago.

Mumme and parishioner Lorna Bryan attended the Tuesday, April 25, special meeting of the Hardwick City Council.

They were following up on the church's project to also spruce up the wooden "Welcome to Hardwick" signs that greet passersby traveling the county road east and west through town.

"We wanted to do a community project that would benefit the whole town," Mumme explained.

The simple job of adding a new coat of paint changed to a refurbishing project when parishioners discovered rotting plywood and support posts.

A \$1,000 donation and the church's contribution of \$250 were budgeted to build signs similar to the church's new sign.

"We have enough guys in our church to do it all," Mumme said.

As the church completes its project of adding cement curbing to its landscape, Mumme suggested that the same curbing be placed around the new city signs. Shrubs and decorative rock would complete the church's community project.

Hardwick council members unanimously supported



Mavis Fodness photo/0504 Cleaning Up Hardwick

The Rev. Mark Mumme and his wife, Beth, double-check their work last week at the newly refurbished Zion Lutheran Church sign located at the corner of County Road 7 and Highway 75 west of Hardwick. Both the church and the city will celebrate their sesquicentennials this summer. Church members proposed updating the city's welcome signs as a community project.

and thanked the church members for their contribution to the council's efforts to clean up the community.

Last year the council adopted a nuisance ordinance to be able to force residents to comply with the specified cleanup or face misdemeanor charges.

Since the ordinance's adoption, a half dozen residents have received letters from the city indicating they are in violation of the new ordinance.

A few have already taken steps to comply.

"As other people see what others have cleaned up, hopefully it will lead them to cleaning too," said city clerk Tammy Johnson.

Hardwick's 125th celebration and all-school reunion is June 23-25.

Zion Lutheran Church will conduct its annual community service June 25 during Hardwick's celebration with special anniversary church services planned June 11 and

Oct. 1.

Hardwick City officials granted a building permit to Zach McGuire to expand the home he recently purchased in Hardwick.

The Adrian native said after the meeting he and his bride-to-be wanted to live in a "quiet little town."

McGuire applauds the city's new nuisance ordinance.

"There are a lot of people in town that need to paint or clean up their garbage," he said.

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May 4 column (see page 7A).

"Tree leaves and the flowering ornamental trees and shrubs should be fine ... for some reason, people get more nervous than the plants do."

He points out that rhubarb stalks with wilted leaves will need to be discarded, because the stalk becomes toxic.

"That is another plant that will grow back. Regretfully we have to surrender the first crop," Bonnema said, adding that open blossoms on fruit trees are another concern.

"If they freeze and collapse, our option for fruit is over for the season. ... So we wait and we hope."

Early seed corn planters are also waiting and hoping, according to CHS Magnolia agronomist Tanner Skattum.

"It doesn't like the snow by any means," he said. "There's a chance of the seed rotting in the ground."

He said the overall percentage of local corn planted is quite small, but some farmers have entire fields planted.

"They won't germinate if the soil isn't warm enough," Skattum said. "Friday's

temperatures were 38 to 39 degrees, and we need soil temps at 50 degrees or warmer."

According to the USDA Weekly Planting Progress Report on April 24, only 6 percent of the corn in Minnesota had been planted, compared to a typical year when 17 percent is planted by that date.

In the warm spring of 2016 about 40 percent of the state's corn crop was planted by April 24.

While spring planting is certainly delayed this year, Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, said there's no need to panic.

"Even corn planted from May 15-25 has a good chance of producing 90-95 percent of optimum yield potential, assuming that we get some favorable growing conditions in 2017," he said.

"The ideal window to plant soybeans in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa, and still get optimum yields, extends until about May 25, so there is still plenty of time to get the 2017 soybean crop planted."

The seven- to 10-day forecast calls for warmer weather in the 60s and low 70s.

Sharkee's RFPs/ from page 1A

- contribute to the mix of activity along Highway 75 by "creating a unique sense of place, providing goods, services and experiences, while drawing in employees, residents, shoppers, and visitors alike."

- achieve a redevelopment that is pedestrian- and bike-friendly and supports additional development in the area.

- create jobs, increase the tax base, and encourage population growth.

- promote development that meets both the commercial and the housing needs.

Proposals, including concept drawings and financial capacity details, are due May 31, in Luverne City Hall. Inquiries can be directed to jcall@cityofluverne.org.

If an appropriate plan is approved, new development could start as soon as this year or at least by the 2018 construction season.



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CEO for students/from page 1A

has them live it," he said about the Willmar area program that began 2014.

Students meet at various businesses in Kandiyohi County Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. during the school year.

They're required to wear appropriate business casual dress and arrive on time at appointed locations.

Gehrking said as a teacher in a regular classroom he has told students about the importance of sitting up in a chair and engaging in conversation.

Business owners call attention to yawning or tardy students in the CEO program, if needed, to drive home this point.

The students tour as many as 83 businesses in the Willmar area during the school year, develop a group fundraising event and compile business proposals.

The year culminates with a trade show where many of the students demonstrate products or businesses they developed during the class.

"A big disconnect with kids today is they only think about getting a job with a big company ... they don't think they can make their own value," Gehrking said.

Prior to the Kandiyohi CEO, he said about 20 percent of the students thought Willmar was a place to stay and work after college.

"Now 90 percent think it's possible," he said. "I know this class changes lives."

SW-CEO ready in 2018

While CEO targets high school students, it's not a

school program and schools incur no costs.

Instead, businesses, organizations and individuals invest \$1,000 for each of the next three years through the Luverne Area Community Foundation, which serves as the fiscal host.

In the next 17 months the steering committee behind SW-CEO is hopeful they will find the right facilitator for the possible vocational education offering.

A steering committee operates CEO and coordinates the curriculum through the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship of Effingham, Illinois.

A facilitator lines up business contacts and meeting locations since students do not meet in a regular classroom setting.

Isaac DeBoer is one of the business leaders on the steering committee that also includes representatives from the community, government and education.

Joining DeBoer on the steering committee are Robinson, Lisa Dinger, Craig Oftedahl, Brian Sterling, Gary Papik, Mike Cox, Ed Elbers, Connie Connell and Pat Baustian.

DeBoer said \$25,000 has already been pledged to bring the program offering to local students for the three years.

"We feel strongly that we want to keep the momentum going," he said.

If a facilitator is not located for the fall of 2018, DeBoer said the class start date would be delayed until a suitable person is found.



Sharks in front from left are second-graders Colton Haubrich, Syanne Nava-Dagel and Liam Brown. They're singing "We're Sharks."

'Go Fish'

More than 155 first- and second-graders performed "Go Fish" Friday in the Luverne Elementary School gymnasium. The program explained the importance of accepting others as they are through the characterization of different ocean life.

At right, second-grader Izzy Steensma dons a propeller hat, oversized glasses and a foam nose to play the role of a clown fish.

Below, Dylan Hoff is a silly zebra fish with spots instead of stripes.



Facilities timeline/from page 1A

results with the requirements from the Minnesota Department of Education for the 21st century classrooms.

Once FJJ has made its May 11 presentation, consultants will meet weekly with the board and/or an appointed committee to discuss each of the potential building improvements.

Their recommendations will be presented at the board's May 30 meeting.

Once board members review the recommended plans, FJJ will present the plans and gather feedback through a series of public meetings scheduled for June 5-9 and June 19-22.

Discussion of the plans and the public's feedback will take place at the June 22 school board meeting.

Finalization of the expansion and/or remodeling plan(s) will be at the board's July 11 meeting.

Two weeks later, on July 20, the board will set a potential dollar amount for a November bond levy vote to fund the improvements.

The Luverne School Board hired FJJ in November to develop a long-term plan for improving its facilities.

A bond levy approved by voters in 1998 will be fully paid this year. The \$12.5 million levy constructed the current elementary building.

The district could renew the bond levy at the same amount or at a lesser dollar

amount to fund future building improvements.

In other April 27 business, board members:

- heard the possibility of hiring two additional elementary teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. Based on student enrollment projections, no additional staff was anticipated for the middle-high school.

- approved the hiring of Madison Bock as a paraprofessional, Dana Kells as long-term elementary teacher substitute, Fabiana Brockberg as paraprofessional, and Brian Snyders as social studies teacher and middle school football coach. Snyders' salary will be \$50,960.

- approved Cody Christensen as a volunteer baseball coach.

- granted middle school English teacher Deb Schandelmeier's request for a one-year leave of absence to pursue a graduate degree in writing.

- accepted the retirement of Doris Hoven, a paraprofessional, at the end of the 2016-17 school year.



Above, Logan Willi, dressed as the wise Great White Shark, explains to starfish Haily Steele, (far left) that everyone is as different as the fish in the sea and we all should embrace our uniquenesses; if we were all the same, we would be boring. Flanking Willi are swordfishes (from left) Kelby Schomacker and Matthew Gangestad.

At left, Tiger shark (second-grader Charlie Mostad) is the most feared creature in the ocean due to his 3,000 teeth, but he wants to be friends with everybody. Students flanking Mostad are (from left) Dylan Braucht, Wed Kadhim and Paige Kubesh.

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Dinner conversation brings about community amenity wish list

I recently joined a group having dinner with a young couple considering a move to Luverne.

Not surprisingly, the conversation became kind of a recruiting session while we shared many positive features of our community.

We covered all the usual highlights: the state park, great local restaurants, proximity to Sioux Falls, quality schools, numerous summer events, the drive-in theater and so on.

The group mentioned the citywide cleanup as an example of Luverne's cleanliness and the annual Hospice charity banquet to show the community's spirit and generosity.

Listing investments by local leaders that led to amenities such as the brewery, History Center, Sterling's, The Lake, GrandStay and W-2's helped us all appreciate just how progressive our little town is.

There is no question that Luverne has become a more desirable place to live because of the efforts of those who made these and other local initiatives a reality.

It's fun to share this progress with potential residents and doing so makes us proud of our hometown.

It also got me thinking of what other future improvements or additions could make Luverne even better in the years ahead.

I came up with kind of a wish list for the community in the next few years. Based on the progress of the last few years, I won't be surprised if at least some of them happen.

First, along with the attention paid to improving the looks and businesses along south Highway 75, I think it's time to focus on the east end of Main Street as well.

The three blocks east of McKenzie Street have suffered a lot the last few years. After Connell Car Care, Lewis Drug



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

... I think it is time to focus on the east end of Main Street ...

and Herman Motors all moved and Casey's and Sears closed, that end of Main Street is pretty dead these days.

Thankfully, only one of the buildings is empty. Maybe the issue is that breweries, history centers and churches just don't bring as much traffic on a daily basis as the previous businesses did.

As someone who travels east out of town every morning, I can tell you a convenience store on that end of town is missed by a lot of people. Having a convenience store back on East Main Street is toward the top of my wish list.

Another item on the wish list I'm cautiously optimistic about is the return of a Smooky's-style local pizza place.

And while we talk about dining options, I'd like to see one more fast-food drive-thru option in Luverne as well.

I know fast food is bad for you, but a town this size along the interstate could support more options, and competition is a good thing, especially during the months when JJ's is closed.

A campground just east of the city park, the successful redevelopment of the old Sharkee's lot and officially naming the pond "Liberty Lake" and making it a real city park complete the rest of my wish list.

It will be fun to see just how many of these wishes are granted over the next few years.

Experience the best of our local natural treasures with summer full of prairie events

With this week's attention on the Blue Mounds State Park and its future recreational opportunities, now is a good time to review the full calendar of events planned this summer at the state park and Touch the Sky Prairie.

Each and every one of these events provides unique opportunities to experience the beauty and wonder of our local natural treasures.

May 6 — Bison Calf Romp at the Blue Mounds State Park 10 a.m. Meet at the picnic grounds and travel via car caravan to the closest access point and hike (up to three miles) to the best vantage point.

May 27 — Vernal Pools and Herps at Touch the Sky Prairie 10:30 a.m. Take a Prairie Nature Walk with Fred Harris and Jeff LeClere of the Minnesota DNR.

May 27 — The Blue Mounds Bison Story 8:30 p.m. Join park manager Chris Ingebretsen in the park amphitheater to hear the story of the North American Plains Bison and how the herd at the Blue Mounds links directly to millions of bison that once roamed the North American continent.

June 9 — "Wagons West" at Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center 7 p.m. Master Story Teller Jim Two Crows Wallen shares stories of our pioneer settlers.

June 10 — "Tipi Days (Tepee Days)" at Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center 10 a.m. — Master Story Teller Jim Two Crows Wallen

offers insight on the lives of Native Americans on the prairie.

June 10 — The Real Story of Hugh Glass Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center 6:30 p.m. Live Music with Ron and Jane Cote and Frederick Manfred's "Lord Grizzly" or "Revenant," Readings and Comments with Freya Manfred and Thomas Pope and Rowan and Bly Pope

June 11 — "Do You Know Your Prairie Plants?" at Touch the Sky Prairie 11 a.m. Ethnobotanist Jeffrey Emmel leads a tour of plants.

June 23 — Live Music at Touch the Sky Prairie 7:30 p.m. with Jim Groth.

June 24 — Experience Yoga & Massage on the Prairie 7:30 a.m. at Touch the Sky Prairie

June 24 — Rock River Water Trail Canoe/Kayak Trip (July 1 weather date) 10:30 a.m. Reservations only. Contact Luverne Area Chamber (507 283-4061) (luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us)

July 14 — A Morning Walk on the Prairie at Touch the Sky Prairie

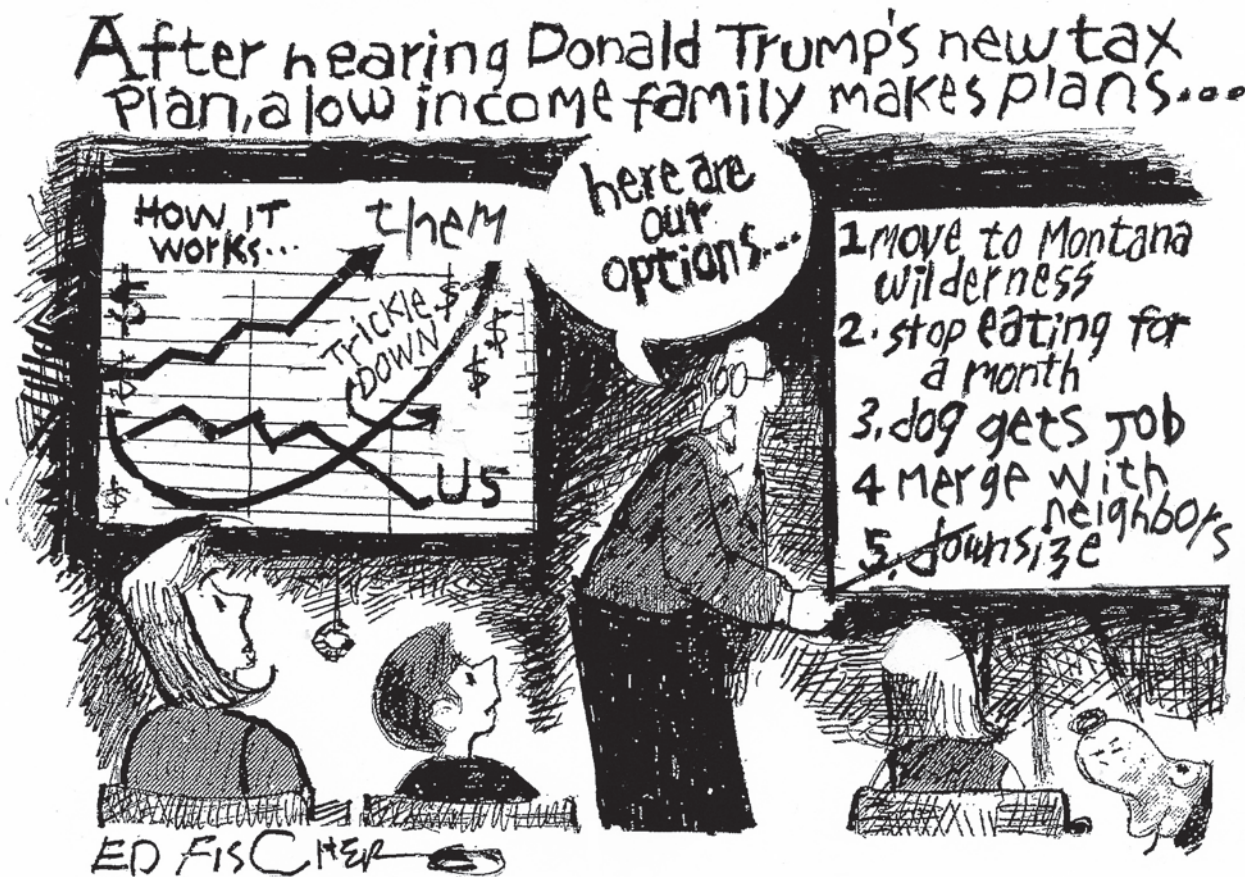
9 a.m. with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Naturalist Howard Paul

July 16 — Prairie Plants Medicine Walk at Touch the Sky Prairie 11 a.m. with Ethnobotanist Jeffrey Emmel. Enjoy short walks and discussions about uses of plants by indigenous and white settlers of the prairie.

Aug. 19 — Pipestone Carving Class at the Blue Mounds State Park Main Entrance - Two classes (12 noon and 2 p.m.) with Bud and Rona Johnston of the Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers \$10/person. Reservations requested; call 507 283-4061. Supplies provided.

Aug. 19 — Pow Wow, Dance and Drumming at the Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center 7 p.m. Learn and participate in this special Native American ceremony with Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers.

Aug. 21 — The Not Quite Bonnie Tyler's... Total Eclipse of the Sun Party at Touch the Sky Prairie from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ethnobotanist Jeffrey Emmel presents sky interpretation. Bring a brown bag lunch, beverages and sun or safety glasses.



Pedestrians, drivers both have responsibilities in reducing the possibility of collisions

Question: On most days I observe college students who are wearing dark jackets and hats, listening to "tunes" while walking, or walking in the same direction as motor traffic rather than facing that traffic. This street has no sidewalks so all the walking occurs close to the cars. I am concerned that these young people are putting themselves at risk of becoming victims of motor vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Are there any laws regarding these behaviors or at least any generally accepted "best practices?"

Answer: We all need to do our part in reducing the number of pedestrians and bicycle crashes by looking out for each other by avoiding all distractions and obeying all traffic laws.

With spring upon us, more people will be out walking, jogging and bicycling. Each year in Minnesota, approximately 35 pedestrians and seven bicyclists are killed because of



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

collisions with motor vehicles.

From 2011-2015 pedestrians and bicyclists comprised nearly 11 percent of all traffic fatalities each year — 71 percent of these fatal crashes occur in urban areas.

38 percent of pedestrians and 27 percent of bicyclists killed had consumed alcohol.

18 percent of pedestrians killed were not crossing properly.

Safety tips for pedestrians

- Cross streets at marked

crosswalks or intersections; do not cross mid block and obey traffic signals.

- Make eye contact with drivers and ensure they see you and will stop.

- Clearly show your intentions to cross.

- Watch for turning and passing vehicles.

- Look across all lanes for moving vehicles before proceeding.

- Continue to be alert and

watch for vehicles when walking in a crosswalk — drivers are not always looking for pedestrians.

- Use sidewalks where provided — where no sidewalks are provided, it is usually safer to walk facing traffic.

- Make it easy for drivers to see you — dress in light colors and wear retro-reflective material. Carry a flashlight at night.

- Alcohol and drugs can impair your ability to walk safely, just as they do a person's ability to drive.

Failure to yield the right of way and driver inattention/distraction are the main contributing factors in pedestrian crashes.

Safety tips for drivers

- Scan the road and sidewalks ahead for pedestrians. Drive attentively and at safe speeds.

- Anticipate pedestrians especially in urban areas, around schools and colleges.

- Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians.

- Look carefully behind your vehicle before backing up, especially for small children.

- Stop for crossing pedestrians at every intersection, even those without crosswalks or stoplights. Stop far enough back so drivers in other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.

- Do not block crosswalks while stopped, and do not pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.

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

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 21
 •Complainant reported individual using drugs inside the apartment at location.

•Deputy stood by for property exchange.

•Complainant reported a farmer turned too short and clipped his vehicle on South Kniss.

•Complainant requested deputy speak to two juveniles being obnoxious outside the library.

•Complainant reported he just got home and his parents aren't home.

•Complainant reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant reported a medical assistance button pushed. Hardwick Fire Department requested cancel. Subject was fine.

April 22
 •Deputy reported vehicle parked at the pond.

•Complainant reported he thinks he broke his leg.

•Complainant reported someone drove in the wrong way and on the grass. Deputy talked to driver. Thought it was a good idea to chill and take a nap at location. Advised to move on.

•Complainant turned in wallet found at First Farmers and Merchants Bank. Notified owner.

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject because he fell on the sidewalk and banged his head up pretty good. Also was possibly intoxicated. Deputy reports subject is OK.

•Complainant reported an attempted burglary. There are marks on the back door where they tried to get in. Deputy collected some evidentiary photos. They do not believe they got into the house just damaged the location.

•Complainant reported subject was standing in his driveway threatening them. He has left now.

•Complainant reported her boys were at the park and a dark blue or black two-door car pulled up. The guy rolled down the window and yelled something like ping pong at them. Suspect had a goatee and a lot of tattoos. The boys got on their bikes and he followed them to the dam area.

•Complainant reported her dad told her to leave and called her inappropriate names. Requested deputy. Deputy transported subject to emergency room for an evaluation.

•Complainant reported two pickups driving through their lot and yelling. They may have left now. Deputy unable to locate. Complainant said they left when a staff member went out to get their plates. They work at location and the administrator will handle it.

•Complainant reported his wife is having an insulin reaction. Called back to cancel. The candy is kicking in.

•Lyon County reported a caller reported a car all over the road and speeding. May be intoxicated. Willing to sign. Deputy out with driver. Complaint unfounded.

April 23
 •Complainant reported a big bonfire and a lot of people around.

•Complainant reported her husband came home drunk and just hither. Male is being transported to Nobles County jail. Deputy reported he is banging his head on the door.

•Pipestone County re-

quested a deputy interview suspect for a criminal damage case that happened at the bar in Leota.

•Deputy checked on abandoned vehicle along interstate at mile marker 12 westbound.

•Complainant reported three girls walking with spray paint cans on West Main Street. Thought this was suspicious. Deputy unable to locate.

•Deputy checked on abandoned vehicle at County Road 5 and Highway 23.

•Complainant reported vehicle driving erratically and all over the road hitting curbs, etc. Will sign complaint. Deputies stopped vehicle at location. Cited for failure to keep center lane.

•Complainant called for advice regarding custody dispute with ex-wife. Deputy advised complainant to speak to his attorney.

April 24
 •Complainant requested welfare check on subject. Transferred to Metro.

•Complainant requested predatory offender registration update.

•Complainant reported a theft of chain link fencing.

•Complainant reported his vehicle is broken down and in the lane of traffic. No deputies available. Transferred caller to State Patrol.

•Complainant reported a vehicle partially on the curb at location. Transferred caller to State Patrol. This vehicle is believed to be the same vehicle as linked ICR.

•Complainant reported abandoned vehicle on E. Brown St. Nobody in the area. Deputy reported the owner showed up. The vehicle had run out of gas.

•Complainant reported garbage piles left near storage units on W. Gabrielson Road.

•Complainant requested background check for housing.

•Complainant reported credit card fraud.

•Complainant requested breathalyzer test of subject. Subject tested 0.000.

•Complainant reported small child in the street. Complainant made contact with the child's father. All is OK.

•Complainant reported intoxicated subject at location. Requested a deputy to remove them. Deputy transported subject home.

•Complainant reported subject running in front of cars at location. Deputy transported subject to Nobles rest stop.

•Complainant reported vehicle in alley that appears to have been vandalized. Complainant states it is not their vehicle and does not know who it belongs to.

April 25

•Complainant called to report her daughter missing from Fargo, North Dakota. Fargo Police Department advised her to start by contacting the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

•Complainant requested assistance with vehicle unlock.

•Complainant reported a scam attempt. A woman claimed extra charges were placed on her debit card and demanded cash back. When she was not given any money, the woman left in a white Grand Prix with tinted windows. Woman is described as Hispanic with dark hair, red sweatshirt and jeans.

•Complainant reported

he found a ladder in the street at location.

•Debit card was found.

•Complainant reported subject driving over 30 mph down Main Street and squealing tires.

•Complainant reported vehicle driving in excess of 80 mph and almost hit their vehicle.

•Complainant reported subject had attacked her and left the location.

•Complainant reported driving complaint at location. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Deputy out with a vehicle that was stopped at location.

April 26
 •Complainant reported the parents at location are both using and distributing meth.

•Deputies conducted a welfare check.

•Complainant reported a semi all over the road westbound on I-90 mile marker 5. Transferred complainant to State Patrol. Deputy located the semi and conducted traffic stop.

•Complainant reported that someone has been trenching up her hay field at location to drain water from an adjacent property.

•Complainant requested background check on subject for housing application.

•Deputy out with a vehicle with a flat tire.

April 27

•Complainant reported white Ford pickup ran crossing guard flag at location.

•Complainant reported picking up vagrant. Wanted deputy to pick them up. Deputy transported subject and turned over to Brandon, South Dakota, Police Department.

In addition, officers responded to 5 transports, 1 funeral escort, 35 traffic stops, 14 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 15 animal complaints, 1 driver's license check, 7 log/alarm sheets, 2 drug court tests, 4 money escorts, 5 unreported 911 calls, 3 SWHHS reports and issued 5 purchase/carry permits and 22 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photos/0504 bison calves

'Bison Calf Romp' set for Saturday, May 6

Blue Mounds State Park bison calves romp through the herd Thursday, April 27, along the fence line near the park road. Among the herd are 22 calves born this spring, according to park manager Chris Ingebretsen. He said the newcomers bring the herd size to 103, and he's expecting about a dozen more through May and early June.

Park visitors are invited to a "Bison Calf Romp" Saturday that will start at 10 a.m. in the picnic grounds parking lot. If viewing the herd from the fence is possible, a car caravan will drive to the closest access point (potentially up to a four-mile drive) and hike to the best viewing vantage point. This may require some off-trail hiking in wet conditions. Participants should be prepared for up to a three-mile hike (possibly through an inch or two of standing water for short durations) with appropriate footwear, wood tick protection and binoculars.

Blue Mounds future recreation /continued from 1A

might be feasible.

Park manager Chris Ingebretsen, who led the tour, stopped in the parking lot and turned the group's attention toward the grassy space near the current swing-set.

"It truly is a blank slate," he said about future uses for that space.

The parking lot itself would remain in place for park visitors and for bison buggy loading.

As the group neared the former beach, he said the sidewalk access to the area could serve as an entrance to the Mound Creek water's edge.

Back at the warming house, the group heard from Troy Lange, a member of the volunteer group, Friends of Split Rock Creek State Park.

"We have a great group, and enthusiasm is the key," Lange said. "Sometimes the process is slow, but it takes focus."

His group recently raised funds for a \$6,000 swing set at Split Rock Creek State Park, and he advised the Blue Mounds group to do the same

—stick to one project at a time.

The April 27 meeting was the final of four scheduled meetings among state and local park officials and citizens advisory group.

But Dummer said communication will continue between the community and the DNR about the Blue Mounds State Park.

"This has been a very important use of our time," she said about the meetings. "We've had good conversations."

A master naturalist will be hired this spring, a bison buggy will start giving tours by the end of the summer, and a solution to contaminated water in the park may be addressed in the bonding bill currently making its way through the legislature.

Dummer said conversations with the community about the future of the Manfred house (interpretive center) will continue.

"Historical sites are important to us, and we take culture very seriously," she said.

Meanwhile, members of

the advisory group discussed the logistics of reactivating the now dormant Park Partners group to work on specific projects.

Lange shared a tip for attracting volunteer members. "Each of you think of five names of people who have an interest in the park and call them tonight... That's your first step," he said. "Don't overthink it."

He recommended they start with something simple, like a nature playground area that wouldn't require engineering or environmental studies.

Until the group is organized, Ingebretsen said his office can field calls for interested Park Partners members or donors. The phone number is 507-283-6051.

He can also field community questions about progress on the Blue Mounds State Park recreational efforts.

To read previous Star Herald stories about the Park Advisory Group discussions, see www.star-herald.com, and click on the link at the end of this story.



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Local Good Samaritan Society joins Parkinson's care network

By Mavis Fodness

TULIPS will soon sprout at the Good Samaritan Society in Luverne.

The acronym stands for Time, Understanding, quality of Life, Increased awareness, Pills on time and Support.

It's what Good Samaritan caregiving training focuses on through the Struthers Parkinson's Care Network.

Staff at The Oaks, Poplar Creek and the Mary Jane Brown Home will spend the next year learning more about Parkinson's disease and how to care for residents who have the progressive neurological disorder.

Senior living manager Carrie Soto and charge nurse Karis Gust are site champions for implementing TULIPS in Luverne.

Soto said she attended a monthly meeting of the local family support group last year where representatives from the Struthers Parkinson's Center in Golden Valley talked about how care for someone with Parkinson's differs from other residents.

Bringing that care to Luverne's 120 Good Samaritan employees was foremost on Soto's mind after she left that meeting.

"The biggest piece was to provide a better quality of life for our residents with Parkinson's," she said.

Talking is slower, walking is slower and reactions are slower for Parkinson's patients, she said. Many patients don't realize they are slower, and they become embarrassed when they realize more time has passed than they thought.

"People with Parkinson's are exerting the same amount of energy as before but ... there isn't the same reaction," Soto said.

This can cause stress, which can worsen symptoms, but if caregivers understand



Mavis Fodness photo/0504 Tulips Parkinsons

Good Samaritan Society Luverne employees will participate in training designed specifically for residents with Parkinson's disease. Karis Gust (left) and Carrie Soto (right) credit Luverne resident Diane Karlstad for starting the Luverne Parkinson's Support Group. Karlstad is pictured with an Aware in Care kit (pictured at right) that contains items to help Parkinson's patients notify hospital personnel of their condition.

these responses, it alleviates frustration and stress.

Aware in Care bags are useful tools for people with Parkinson's to easily notify hospital personnel of their condition. The small bags are kept with the patient and contain a pre-printed notepad with care information.

Soto said the patient takes a page from the note-

book and hands it to each new caregiver who enters his or her room.

It explains medications and the importance of taking them precisely at prescribed times of day to alleviate tremors, stiffness and impaired balance.

Good Samaritan facilities in Luverne currently have five residents with Parkin-



son's, which is the statistical average.

One out of every 100 people over 60 are afflicted with Parkinson's, with the number doubling to two out of every 100 after age 70, she said.



A tulip-shaped pin signifier employees who have completed the Parkinson's care training.

Those averages were also noticeable at the support group meeting, which is open to anyone with Parkinson's or is a caregiver to someone with Parkinson's.

"I was taken back how many attended the meeting," Soto said.

Parkinson's support group began last year, still meets

Dianne Karlstad of Luverne started the Parkinson's support group in August. Her first speakers were Rose Wichmann and Joan Gardner of the Struthers Parkinson's Center.

Karlstad, who has Parkinson's, said attendance at the monthly sessions has consistently averaged 15 to 20 people over the past nine months since she organized the group and its monthly speakers.

"I know there are more people out there (affected by Parkinson's)," she said.

The group meets the third Thursday of the month at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The sessions begin at 1 p.m.

She said the time and date might vary depending on the speaker's schedule.

Contact Karlstad for more information or to register for the next support session. Her phone number is 507-530-3307.

ENGAGEMENTS

John and Karen Rust, Adrian, announce the engagement of their son, Ethan Rust, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Erica Quittem, also of Sioux Falls. She is the daughter of Paul and Marlene Quittem, Sioux Falls.



Erica Quittem and Ethan Rust

They are planning a July 8, 2017, wedding in Sioux Falls.

Erica graduated from Washington High School in 2009, from the University of Sioux Falls in 2013, and from Augustana College in 2015. She currently works at InterpreCorps in Sioux Falls.

Ethan graduated from Firm Foundation Christian Homeschool in 2013 and from Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, in 2015. He currently works at AutoDynamics in Sioux Falls.

They are planning a June



Shelby Klarenbeek and Brett Rozenboom

3, 2017, wedding at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls.

Let us share your news

The Star Herald strives to recognize the significant milestones from residents in its coverage areas. Send any community news to editor@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.

1924: Salvation Army contributions reach \$325

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 9, 1924:

SALVATION ARMY CONTRIBUTIONS

The total amount contributed this year by Luverne citizens for the Salvation Army support is approximately \$325.00, which sum is to be forwarded in a few days to Minneapolis, to the army headquarters for this district. Owing to inconvenient circumstances, no solicitation was made in the rural districts or the villages of the county outside of Luverne. In this city the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

drive was handled jointly by the Kiwanis and Commercial clubs, who were assisted by a committee of ladies. Each of the clubs had appointed two representatives for the drive. Ivan O. Hansen and A. A. Anderson being chosen by the Kiwanians and B. E.

Pelstring and F. A. Leicher from the Commercial club. This committee handled the canvassing in the business district. In the residence districts, the campaign was taken care of by the ladies, a chairman having been appointed to take charge of each ward. Mrs. B.

S. Dodds was the chairman of the southeast ward; Mrs. W. W. Ellis, of the southwest ward, Mrs. Harold Gerber, of the northwest ward; and Mrs. Frank Shurr, of the northeast ward. The amount secured in the drive is only slightly more than one third of the county's quota, which was set at \$900.00.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

The Luverne Economic Development Authority Monday approved a financial package to help a local company expand. Midwest Fire Equipment and Repair Co. will receive a city loan and Job Opportunity Building Zone state tax exemptions to help it along.

Owner Scott Schneekloth said after the meeting Monday, "If I had any doubts, I promise I wouldn't do this."

25 years ago (1992)

A dispute between a contractor and a subcontractor that could have put the skids on the vet's home project was avoided earlier this month when the city agreed to lend its hauling services to the project.

The city hauled approximately 20,000 yards of gravel for the fill. With a truck holding six to seven yards per load, approximately 3,000 loads were hauled to the site. Fortunately the pit the gravel was hauled from was the Ralph Watts pit only one mile northeast of the construction site.

50 years ago (1967)

The tax accounting and insurance business of the late Vernon Eberlein has been purchased by W.J. Estenson, of the Estenson Co.

The transaction is effective immediately. The sale was made to Estenson by Mrs. Eberlein. "In buying a business such as this," said Estenson, "there

aren't really any physical assets such as buildings, furniture, and the like. You are really buying 'goodwill.' Vernon Eberlein has that goodwill from his customers in heaping measure. He got that goodwill by earning it."

75 years ago (1942)

Important new credit restrictions are now in effect, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis announced Wednesday.

Open accounts listed articles must be paid within 40 days of the required billing date or they will be frozen which means that the customer can no longer charge listed items to the account. This restriction does not apply to articles not listed such as food, fuel, services and drugs. The only methods of unfreezing such frozen accounts are: either payment of account in full or a written agreement to pay within six months in equal installments of not less than \$5 per month or \$1.25 per week. If the conditions for any Statement of Necessity apply, the account may be paid off over a 12 month period.

100 years ago (1917)

The Rock County Chapter of the American Red Cross is now actively engaged in the work it has undertaken of aiding in providing hospital supplies for the war. Work on what is known as "Box No. 2" has been started and the task of making the equipment for this box will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The work is being done under the direction of Miss Alice Anson, head of the hospital supplies committee, and is assigned to volunteer workers.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, William Wayne, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born Friday, April 28, 2017, to **Carl and Natalie Zeigler** at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital for Women in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He joins siblings Charles and Victoria. Grandparents are Rod and Mary Scheidt, Adrian, and David and Candace Zeigler, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Great-grandmother is Eunice Zeigler, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

A boy, Dax James, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 21.5 inches long, was born Thursday, April 13, 2017, to **J.J. and Amy VonHoltum**, Luverne, at Sanford Luverne Hospital. He joins a sister, Rhyann, 1. Grandparents are Jim and Lori VonHoltum, Lis-

more, and Darwin and Darla Timmer, Ellsworth.

Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Micah Pewo**, bride-to-be of **Tommy Sandager**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card Showers

Colleen Enga will celebrate her 80th birthday Thursday, May 11. Greetings may be sent to her at 1504 Blue Ridge Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mae Jean Oehlerts will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, May 13. Greetings may be sent to her at 1104 E. Elder St. Apt. 4, Canton, SD 57013.

It's May Day and I am looking out of my window at a beautiful array of colors of tulips blooming in the fresh snow. I don't think I have ever witnessed this before. From here, I can't really tell if those tulips are shivering, but I am!

Well, weather is what weather is, and we are along for the ride. Nature has a way of taking care of itself to whatever degree of our agreement. The temperature isn't cold enough to inflict a lot of damage to most plants that have been growing outdoors already. My asparagus is complaining, but it will come back. Stalks of rhubarb where the leaf has frozen are toxic and have to be



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

pulled. That is another plant that will grow back ... regretfully we have to surrender the first crop.

By the time this article hits your mailbox, we should be over the cold snap and from there on out, the extended forecast looks great. For garden vegetable plants that want warm weather, they also want warm soil, so don't be in too big of a hurry to start planting beans, melons, sweet corn, tomatoes, etc. If the soil isn't warm enough, often the seed will rot before it germinates

... another week will make a huge difference.

Most perennial plants also will tolerate this cold. Bleeding hearts might be an exception here, so I covered mine last week and I think I did more damage trying to protect them than the weather would have.

I'm crossing my fingers on the flowers of fruit trees. The apricots have finished blooming; the apples, pears, and cherries are ready to go, but as long as the flowers haven't opened I'm hoping

they will be OK. Once the blossom opens, those tiny filaments holding the anthers with pollen and the little pistol that receives the pollen are delicate and full of water. If they freeze and collapse, our option for fruit is over for the season ... so we wait and we hope.

Tree leaves and the flowering ornamental trees and shrubs should be fine ... for some reason, people get more nervous than the plants do ... and maybe I'm one of those people because I put a lot of work into creating beauty, and my anticipation for the reward of that work is what makes winter in Minnesota bearable for me.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iu.net.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, May 8: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pineapple.

Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, May 9: Barbecue pork loin, potato salad, cauliflower, bun, fruit crisp.

Two buck Tuesday sponsored by Frako.

Wednesday, May 10:

Tater-tot hotdish, corn, fruit salad, bread, bread pudding.

Thursday, May 11: Lemon pepper fish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, pears, raspberry parfait dessert.

Friday, May 12: Soup, cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, bun, blonde.

Call 283-9846 for meals.

SCHOOL NEWS

Area students graduate from MSU

Several area students will graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato, on Saturday, May 6.

Joshua Friedrichsen, Luverne, will graduate magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree.

Jonathan Solma, Luverne, will graduate cum laude with a

Bachelor of Science degree in sports management.

Carly Wolf, Adrian, summa cum laude, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene.

Javner to serve on student association

Dalton Javner, Hardwick, currently a junior at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, has been elected to serve as president of the Crookston Student Association for the Fall 2017 semester.

OBITUARIES

Johnny Stuckenbroker

Johnny Henry Edward Stuckenbroker, 85, Hardwick died Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage as the result of complications from severe burns.

A funeral was Friday, April 28, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Trosky.

Johnny Stuckenbroker was born Sept. 6, 1931, to John and Elizabeth (Peters) Stuckenbroker in Denver Township, Rock County. He attended country school District 54 through the eighth grade. Johnny entered the U.S. Army in July of 1952 and was sent to Korea in January of 1953. He was there for one year and came home in April of 1954. He served in the Heavy Mortar Company 14th Regiment and attained the rank of corporal.

On Feb. 10, 1964, he married Helen Sik in Wilno. They became members of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. In 1994 they became members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Trosky. Johnny and Helen lived on the farm where he was born and he retired from farming in 1993.

After his retirement Johnny enjoyed gardening, going to auctions, playing

cards, and watching western movies on TV. He liked listening to old time music and enjoyed dancing in his younger years.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Helen, of Hardwick; seven children, Angela (Karl) Hanson of Marshall, Michael (Lynn Reding) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Edward of Hardwick, Ronald of Luverne, Teresa (Kevin) Anderson of Sacred Heart, Laura (Melroy) Buys of Edgerton and Sheila Aanenson of Luverne; 15 grandchildren, John, Matthew, Christina, Theresa, Joseph, Rose and Thomas Hanson, Sara and Rachel Stuckenbroker, Jessica, Miranda and Kayla Buys, and Samantha, Nicole and Russell Aanenson; one sister, Gladys Buss of Lismore; and one brother, Harry (Doris) Stuckenbroker of Pipestone.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant sister, Helen; a brother, Alvin; and three sisters, Arlene Sievert, Viola Schmuck and Judy Hawes.

Arrangements were through the Colonial Funeral Chapel in Edgerton, www.edgertonburialassociation.com.

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Arvin Rolfs

Arvin Glen Rolfs, 78, Brooklyn Center, died April 14, 2017, at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale.

A memorial service was Saturday, April 29, at St. John Lutheran Church in Woodbury.

Arvin Rolfs was born Jan. 6, 1939, to Walter and Norma Rolfs in Kenneth. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. In 1948 he was stricken with paralyzing polio. He graduated from Luverne High School and from South Dakota State University, Brookings, with an education degree in English, Spanish and German. He

taught in Elkton, South Dakota, and Bird Island.

Arvin received computer programming training at Control Data and was employed as a programmer and computer analyst at Kato Engineering in Mankato, Pillsbury and Agri-Bank of Minneapolis.

He married Nancy Turtle in 1985.

He is survived by two brothers, Dean (Mary) Rolfs, Maplewood, and David (Margie) Rolfs, Shelton, Washington; nieces, nephews and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Leonard.

(0504 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Cyril Henning

Cyril B. "Sonny" Henning, 84, Adrian, died Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Palisade Manor Nursing Home in Garretson, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Wednesday, May 3, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Burial with full military honors was in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were through Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian, www.dingmannandsons.com

(0504 DN)

Lena Madison

Lena Joan Madison, 74, Brandon, South Dakota, died Friday, April 14, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A celebration of life with family was Saturday, April 29, at Heartland Funeral Home in Brandon, South Dakota. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Lena Joan Schiebout was born April 10, 1943, to Henry and Bertha (Davelaar) Schiebout on a farm near Sioux Center, Iowa. She graduated from Edgerton High School. She attended nursing training in Rochester and worked at Luverne Community Hospital for 34 years. She married Charles Madison in 1964. They lived in Columbus, Nebraska, in their early marriage and then made their home in Luverne before moving to Brandon, South Dakota, in 1994.

Lena spent much of her time traveling to see her grandchildren and children and hosting family gatherings. She also enjoyed traveling

with Charles on business trips. She played fast pitch softball for the IBP team. She and Charles enjoyed winters in Arizona in their retirement. She had lifelong friends to walk, talk and shop with and showed much kindness to people and animals.

Lena is survived by her husband, Charles; two children, Thomas (Jill) Madison, Kansas City, Missouri, and Tamara Rowden, Ft. Collins, Colorado; two grandchildren, Savannah and Samuel Rowden; four siblings, John (Barb) Schiebout, Edgerton, Cora (Harold) Vander Ziel, Sioux Falls, Beth (Jerry) Wieman, Luverne, and Helen (Haru) Takeda, Los Alamos, New Mexico; a sister-in-law, Henrietta Schiebout, Milaca; and several nieces and nephews.

Lena was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Chris Schiebout.

Arrangements were by Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon, South Dakota, www.heartlandfunerals.com.

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Luverne 150th: Blue Mounds State Park started as 'Mound Springs Recreation Area' from page 1A

Plains Indians depended on the bison to survive. Different weapons were used to kill bison including the lance, and the bow and arrow. It is not known if the park's quartzite cliffs were used by the Plains Indians to stampede the bison off the cliff.

Local rumors have persisted for years on the existence of large quantities of bison bones piled

at the base of the cliff. No evidence exists today to substantiate these claims and stories.

The large rock outcrop, first known as "The Mound," has provided the park area with an exciting past. The cliff appeared blue to settlers going west in the 1860s and 1870s. They named the prominent landmark, the Blue Mound. The mystery of the

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Blue Mound is not restricted to the cliffs. At the Mound's southern end is a 1,250-foot long line of rocks aligned in a east-west direction. Who built it and why is unknown. It is known that on the first day of spring and fall, the sunrise and sunset are lined up on this stone alignment. Visitors can hike to these rocks.

In 1934, Rock County citizens asked the U.S. government for a Work Projects Administration

(WPA) project in the Blue Mounds area.

The first phase of the project was completed in 1937 with the construction of two dams on Mound Creek. These once formed lakes in the park. In the 1950s, thousands of trees were planted around the lakes and in the campground. In 1961, the name of the park was changed from the Mound Springs Recreation Area to Blue Mounds State Park.

That wasn't the only change: the park added three bison from the Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge near Valentine, Neb., to start the present bison herd. Today, the Blue Mounds' herd is maintained at more than 100 bison.

The Sioux quartzite rock was formed on the bottom of an ancient sea. Vast quantities of sand were deposited on this ancient sea floor.

Ripple marks from this sandy, watery origin have been preserved and can be seen along many of the park's rock outcrops. Sandstone was formed from the further accumulation and weight of sand water.

Through time, heat and chemical reactions transformed the sandstone into a very hard quartzite. The pink to purplish color in the quartzite is due to the presence of iron oxide.

Glaciers have been the most recent geological event to shape the landscape in the last two million years. Glacial striations and scratches gouged into rock when loose rocks were dragged across the bedrock can be seen along the rock outcrops near the cliff line. Retreating glaciers buried the surrounding bedrock with a "glacial drift" of rock, sand, and gravel 200-300 feet deep. The last glacial advance, known as the Wisconsin Ice Stage, did not cover the southwest corner of Minnesota.

Blue Mounds State Park contains a small remaining fragment of the once vast tallgrass prairie, which covered much of North America.

The abundant rock outcrops and shallow soil prevented much of the land within the park from being plowed. However, heavy grazing by domestic livestock has diminished the native grasses and wildflowers and introduced foreign and exotic, weedy plants.

Special management programs are now underway to restore the native grasses and wildflowers. Late summer offers visitors a panorama of prairie colors when hundreds of different wildflowers bloom and grasses grow.

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Mavis Fodness photos/0504 Luverne Prom 2017

Waiting their turn during Luverne High School's Grand March are juniors Emilie Bartels and Hans Bakken. Theme for the April 29 event was "Golden Dreams."

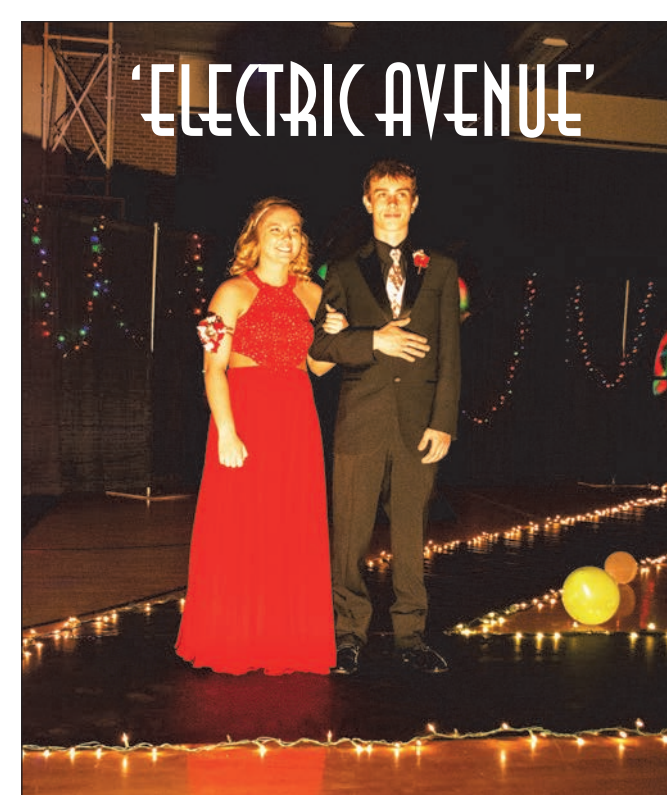
Luverne, Ellsworth, Adrian students go to prom



High school counselor Amy Cook (left) and principal Ryan Johnson demonstrate the proper escorting positions to prom-goers in the hallway Saturday night prior to the start of Luverne High School's Grand March in the high school gym.



Posing for one last picture before the prom dance begins at Luverne High School are Ashley Van Wettering and Jared Jose.



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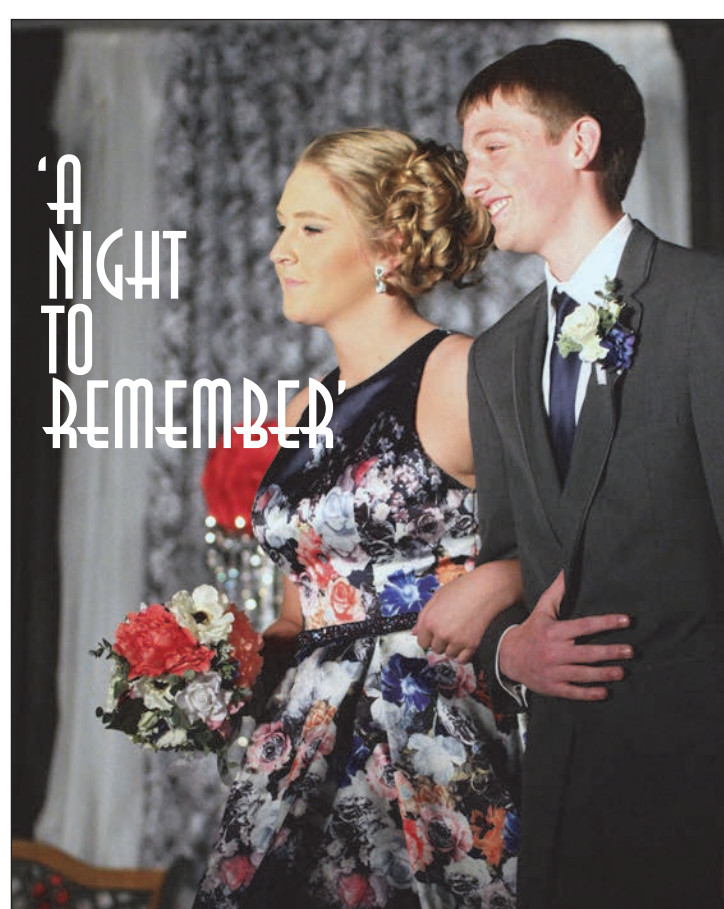
Junior Devin Dressen and senior Jared Leuthold take a walk on "Electric Avenue," the 2017 prom theme at Ellsworth High School's Grand March Saturday, April 29, in the school gym.



Adrian students Hannah Bullerman (left) and Lexi Slater take time out for a quick picture.

Joyce McCarthy photos/0504 Adrian Prom

Right: Paige Bullerman and Mitchell Veld participate in the Grand March in Adrian High School prom Saturday night, April 29. Theme for the evening was "A Night to Remember."



Junior Kristi Kooiker and senior Trenton Dirks smile for the cameras at the Ellsworth High School prom Saturday.

Elementary students give Saturday's prom-goers messages to live by

Story and photo by Mavis Fodness

More than two weeks before Luverne High School's 2017 junior-senior prom, elementary students were busy writing 220 personal messages.

Marie Atkinson-Smeins, the district's elementary counselor, first organized the letter-writing task in the late 1990s from an idea shared at a counselors meeting.

Each year, Smeins has enlisted students in the third- and fifth-grade classrooms to write the messages and fold the white 8-by-14-inch pieces of paper so that the drawing of a young man wearing a tuxedo is showing.

This year all the notes were delivered to the junior and senior students on Tuesday, April 25, four days before the big event.

Each note was addressed to a

specific high school student and signed by its elementary author.

Because of the large number of high school students, Smeins said she chose one fourth-grade class to finish the notes.

Senior Autumn Hamann kept her note from fourth-grader Makinzee Mulvihill-Turner.

Turner wrote: "Dear Autumn Hamann: I hope you have an amazing time at prom on April 29. Please drive safe and be smart, make good choices about drugs and alcohol. You are our leaders so make good choices."

Smeins said she talks with each of the elementary classrooms whose students complete the letter writing in class. They talk about what is a prom and what choices the older students have as they participate in the various prom

activities.

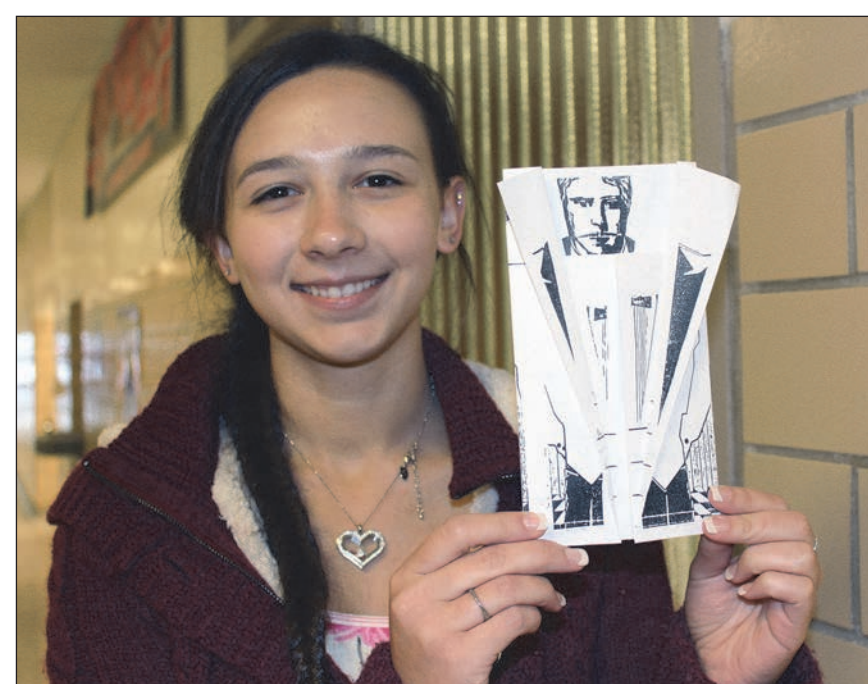
While Smeins places an example of the letter on the white board, students are free to write their own messages.

"Some of them are really cute," she said.

For Hamann, Turner's message was placed in a folder after it was read.

"It's a nice remembrance that young kids are looking up at us," she said.

Luverne High School juniors and seniors received personal notes from elementary students prior to Saturday's prom events. Senior Autumn Hamann holds her note she received from fourth-grader Mckinzee Mulvihill-Turner.



Cardinals up record to 10-1-1 with three wins

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team ran its record to 10-1-1 after posting victories on three consecutive days last week.

The Cardinals posted a three-point win over Sioux Falls O'Gorman's junior varsity squad in Sioux Falls April 26 before nipping Sioux Falls Lincoln's junior varsity team by one point Thursday in Luverne.

LHS also posted a five-point win in Worthington Friday to open Big South Conference competition.

Luverne 6, WHS 1

The Cardinals opened their Big South Conference slate by registering a five-point victory Friday in Worthington.

All six of Luverne's wins came in straight sets over the Trojans, who pulled out one three-set victory.

Chris Jelken (6-3, 6-0 over Blaine Doeden at No. 1), Mark Robinson (6-2, 6-0 over Kyle Janssen at No. 2) and Cade Ver Steeg (6-0, 6-0 over Sully Kerrigan at No. 3) prevailed in singles for the Cardinals.

Luverne's Dalton Schoeneman and Layne Curtis topped Brandon Halberts and Leo Duarte by 6-1 and 6-3 scores at first doubles, while Jim Erick-

son and Isaac Gillette downed Pokway Taw and Cade Linder by 7-5 and 6-2 tallies at No. 2.

Trey Baustian and Matt Jelken saddled Carter Ponto and Ryan Newman with a pair of 6-2 setbacks at third doubles.

Worthington's point came from Kipton Jensen, who won a three-set battle (7-5, 5-7, 6-4) with Luke Jarchow at fourth singles.

LHS 4, Lincoln 3

The Cardinals came up on the winning end of a one-point victory when they entertained the Patriots Thursday in Luverne.

A sweep in doubles competition lifted the Cardinals to victory.

Curtis and Schoeneman secured a 6-0, 6-4 win over Landon DeBoer and James Yousef at first doubles, while Matt Jelken and Jarchow downed Preston Koski and Derek Myers by 6-1 and 6-4 tallies at No. 3.

Erickson and Gillette lost the first set (5-7) to Ben Snyder and Graham Ferguson at second doubles before rallying to secure 6-3 and 10-7 (a super tiebreaker) wins in the second and third sets.

Luverne's singles win came



John Rittenhouse photo/0504 tennis 2

Luverne junior Jim Erickson teamed up with Isaac Gillette to post a win at second doubles during Thursday's home win against Sioux Falls Lincoln's junior varsity squad. The victory was Luverne's ninth of the year.

from Ver Steeg, who secured a 6-1, 7-6 victory over Gavin Schmit at No. 3. Lincoln's Gage Gohl topped

Chris Jelken 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 at No. 1, Trace Dobson handed Robinson 6-3 and 6-0 setbacks at No. 2 and Briton Homer

upended Baustian by 6-2 and 6-1 tallies at No. 4.

LHS 6, O'Gorman 3

The Cardinals picked up their eighth win of the season

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Baseball team sweeps season series with Pipestone

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team swept its annual season series with the Pipestone Arrows when the teams squared off at Redbird Field Thursday.

The Cards faced 1-0 and 2-1 deficits in the game, but the hosts scored four runs in the middle innings to pave the way to a 5-4 victory.

The score was knotted at one when Tyler Reisdorfer delivered an RBI single in the bottom of the first inning.

Pipestone moved in front 2-1 in the top of the second, but the Cards tied the game at two when Mark Sterrett singled and scored on a ground out by Trey Roberts in the fourth frame.

A three-run rally in the fifth featuring an RBI single by Reisdorfer gave the hosts a 5-2 cushion.

Jaxon Nelson singled and scored the second run in the fifth on a wild pitch, and Reisdorfer scored the third run of the frame on an error.

Pipestone plated single runs in the sixth and seventh innings, but the Arrows stranded a runner on third base when the final out of the sixth inning was recorded.

Derek Lundgren pitched four and one-third innings of two-run, three-hit relief to earn the win.

Jesse Reed yielded two runs



John Rittenhouse photo/0504 lbb 11

Luverne's Declan Beers slides into a tag at third base as he unsuccessfully attempts to extend a double into a triple during Thursday's 5-4 home win over the Pipestone Arrows. Beers recorded two hits in the contest.

and three hits during a one and two-thirds innings stint as the starting pitcher, and Ben Serie earned a save by registering three outs and surrendering

one hit in the seventh.

The Cardinals host Jackson County Central for a key Big South Conference double-header Thursday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	0	0	0
Beers	4	1	2	0
Nelson	3	1	2	0
Reisdorfer	4	1	3	2
Serie	3	0	1	0

Sterrett	3	1	1	0
Lundgren	2	0	1	0
Ericson	0	0	0	0
Roberts	2	0	0	1
Reisch	0	0	0	0
Johnson	2	0	0	0

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Girls take two from Huskies

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne softball team upped its Big South Conference record to 4-2 with a doubleheader sweep in Jackson Thursday.

The Cardinals rolled to a 9-1 win in the opening game and secured a 6-2 victory in the finale.

LHS belted a pair of home runs to highlight the eight-run victory in the opener.

Katie Kracht opened the scoring with a solo homer in the first inning and Ariel DeBeer jacked a three-run shot to make it a 4-0 game in the third.

Luverne went on to outscore the Huskies 5-1 the rest of the way to win handily.

Courtney Nath added an RBI double to the winning cause, while Auston Kruger and Zayna Hustoft chipped in one hit each.

Rylee Olson pitched seven innings of eight-hit, six-strike-out ball to earn the win in Game 1.

LHS trailed 2-1 in the second game before fate smiled on the Cards.

With two runners on base in

Girls/continued on page 3B

Luverne track teams secure titles at Worthington Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal track teams thrived at the Worthington Invitational Thursday.

Competing in seven-team fields that involved Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian, the LHS squads walked away with the team titles.

The LHS boys scored 197.5 points to best second-place Worthington (180) by 17.5 points, while the girls scored 181.5 points to top Southwest Christian-Edgerton (167) by 14.5 points.

H-BC's boys placed fifth (53.5) and the girls' sixth (50) in the team standings, while the AHS boys finished sixth (47) and the girls seventh (24.5).

Luverne's boys won seven meet titles and placed second in three events at the meet.

Logan Stratton (51-9 in the shot and 147-7 in the discus) and Griffin Ahrendt (23.8 in the 200 and 39-7 ¼ in the triple jump) secured

two individual titles each, while Matt Hup cleared 12-6 to win the pole vault.

LHS also won the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective 46.95 and 1:35.69 efforts.

Cyris Halverson, Jordy Thone, Andrew Reisch and Levin Stuker ran the 400, while Halverson, Jed Dooyema, Hup and Ahrendt competed in the 200.

Dylan Thorson (42-8 in the shot), Ahrendt (17-6 in the long jump) and Reisch (37-10 1.2 in the triple jump) placed second for LHS.

The Luverne girls won eight event titles and placed second in two events at the meet.

Kami Sawtelle (37-8 in the shot and 113-5 in the discus) claimed a pair of individual crowns, while Bergin Flom (8-0 in the pole vault), Regan Feit (5:45.24 in the 1,600) and Madison Schandellemeier (2:34.95 in the 800) captured one individual title each.

LHS also won the 400-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter

relays with times of 53.97, 4:16.05 and 10:06.19.

Sierra Schmuck, Sydney Biever, Ivy Hudson and Gracie Zewiske took the 400 title, while Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Feit, Autumn Nath and Jadyn Anderson teamed up in the 1,600.

Anderson, Ver Steeg, Tenley Nelson and Feit walked away with the 3,200 title.

Schmuck (29.07 in the 200), Madison Reisdorfer (14:23.03 in the 3,200) and Flom (4-6 in the high jump) placed second individually.

Zach Scholten claimed a meet title for the H-BC boys by clearing 6-3 in the high jump, while Jax Wysong finished second in the 100-meter dash in 12.29.

The H-BC girls placed second in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays with times of 4:31.56 and 10:46.42 to highlight their appearance at the meet.

Taryn Rauk, Paige Tilstera, Sidney Fick and Grace Bundesen formed the 1,600 squad, while Taylor Durst,

Kenadie Fick, Ashlee Kelderman and Madison Spath ran the 3,200.

Zach Bierman turned in the top efforts for the Adrian boys by winning the 100-meter dash (11.99) and placing second in the 200-meter dash (24.58).

Kendra Frodermann recorded the top performance for the AHS girls by clearing 4-4 to place third in the high jump.

Here is a look at the rest of the top eight finishers at Thursday's meet.

LHS boys
Third place: Jd. Dooyema, pole vault, 11-0; Halverson, long jump, 17-5; Stuker, 100, 12.32; Jeremiah Dooyema, 200, 24.86; Jd. Dooyema, 400, 55.13; Austin Winter, 800, 2:15.31; Shane Berning, 3,200, 11:09.1; Matt Ziegler, shot, 40-7; 1,600 relay (Jr. Dooyema, Brandon Winter, A. Winter and Thone), 3:50.29.
Fourth place: Halverson, 100, 12.33; Ziegler, discus, 115-7; Jd. Dooyema, pole vault, 10-6.
Fifth place: B. Winter, 400, 56.37; Dalton DeSollar, 1,600, 5:04.71; Reisch, high jump, 5-2.
Sixth place: DeSollar, 800, 2:2207; Thorson, discus, 107-9; Jesse Kontz, pole vault, 7-6.

Seventh place: Reisch, 200, 25.61; Michael Rahm, 800, 2:26.22; A. Winter, 1,600, 5:19.84; Eli Haugom, high jump, 5-2; 3,200 relay (B. Winter, Rahm, Brayden Toffeland and Hunter Hamann), 9:34.04.

Eighth place: Thone, 200, 25.64; Jayson Rops, 110 hurdles, 21.89.

LHS girls
Third place: Mallory Thorson, triple jump, 31-1 ½; Hudson, 100, 14.03; Biever, 200, 29.17; Gabrielle Ferrell, 800, 2:39.45; Ferrell, 1,600, 5:54.29; Mackenzie Petersen, high jump, 4-4; 800 relay (Schmuck, Biever, Meghan Mollberg and Zewiske), 1:54.24.
Fourth place: Petersen, 100 hurdles, 18.85; Schandellemeier, pole vault, 7-0; Savannah Siebenahler, triple jump, 29-10 ¼.
Fifth place: Zewiske, 200, 29.81; Nath, 400, 1:07.28.
Sixth place: Mallory Oye, 100, 14.59; Lauren Ver Steeg, 300 hurdles, 56.88; Nelson, pole vault, 6-0.
Seventh place: Nath, high jump, 4-2; Thorson, long jump, 14-5.
Eighth place: Cassie Flanagan, 1,600, 6:16.66.

H-BC boys
Third place: Jed Burgers, 300 hurdles, 56.58; Wysong, high jump, 5-4; 800 relay (Tyson Bork, Burgers, Luke LaRock and Wysong), 1:40.84.
Fourth place: 400 relay (Bark, Trenton Bass, Burgers and Gavin Wysong), 48.23.
Fifth place: Scholten, shot, 38-7.
Seventh place: Bass, 100, 12.7; Easton Harnack, 110 hurdles, 21.26.
Eighth place: J. Wysong, 400, 57.71; 800 relay (Bass, Jacob Wingert, Daw-

son Leenderts and Scholten), 1:45.6.

H-BC girls
Third place: Kourtney Rozeboom, shot, 34-6 ½; 400 relay (Tilstra, Bundesen, S. Fick and Rauk), 54.28.
Fourth place: Bundesen, shot, 30-3; Rozeboom, discus, 88-5; 800 relay (Tilstra, S. Fick, Bundesen and Rauk), 1:54.52.
Fifth place: Rauk, long jump, 14-9; 1,600 relay (K. Fick, Durst, Kelderman and Spath), 4:31.56.
Eighth place: Josie Bartels, 400, 1:11.4; Sadie Fuerstenberg, shot, 28-0.

Adrian boys
Fourth place: Bierman, 400, 55.78; Scot Edwards, shot, 39-2; Bierman, long jump, 17-5.
Fifth place: Dakota John, triple jump, 36-9 ½.
Sixth place: Tristian White, long jump, 17-1.
Seventh place: Tucker Wieneke, discus, 105-8; 400 relay (John, Dominique Canelas, Michael Preuss and White), 50.94.
Eighth place: Edwards, discus, 102-7.

Adrian girls
Fifth place: Moriah Bullerman, 800, 2:45.96; Bullerman, 1,600, 5:59.21; 800 relay (Bailey Lonneman, Katia Suarez, Katie Reisdorfer and Frodermann), 2:01.
Sixth place: Ashley Schnoor, discus, 77-7; 400 relay (Frodermann, Lonneman, Reisdorfer and Suarez), 57.88.
Seventh place: Morgan Penning, 1,600, 6:08.98.



John Rittenhouse photo/0504 tennis 6

Isaac Gillette returns a shot during Thursday's home win over SFL's junior varsity squad.

Dragons post first victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team registered its first win of the season Thursday in Ellsworth.

Taking on Heron Lake-Okabena in a Red Rock Conference contest, the Dragons snapped a six-game losing streak by posting a 17-11 victory.

AA got off to a strong start by scoring 10 runs in the home half of the first inning.

The Wildcats trimmed the difference to three runs (11-8) after three and one half innings of play, but the Dragons outscored HL-O6-3 the rest of the way to prevail by six runs.

Devin Dreesen belted a two-run homerun and joined Madison Neuenberg, and Avery Balster as AA batters to record three hits in the contest.

Autumn Grussing added two hits to the cause.

Balster pitched six innings of 10-run ball to earn the win, while Dreesen yielded one run in one inning of relief.

Adrian's streak ends

By John Rittenhouse

A six-game winning streak came to an end for the Adrian baseball team when the Dragons dropped a 4-3 decision in Heron Lake Thursday.

Adrian plated single runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to take a 3-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh.

The Wildcats, however, settled the issue with a late rally.

The hosts loaded the bases with two outs and Ethan Becker cracked a three-run double to hand Adrian its first Red Rock Conference loss of the season.

Nate Lonneman drove in two runs and recorded one hit at the plate to lead Adrian offensively.

Alex Loosbrock tossed six innings of one-run, one-hit, 11-strikeout ball for the Dragons before giving way to Mitchell Wagner, who took the loss by yielding two hits and three runs while registering two outs in the seventh.

Adrian plays in Mountain Lake Thursday.

Working with, against quality coaches leads Nowotny to HOF

It didn't take Adrian's Kevin Nowotny long to be on the receiving end of a well-deserved honor.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Approximately 10 months after stepping down as Adrian's head baseball coach after a 23-year run, Nowotny recently learned he's been elected to the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony is set for Oct. 28 in Minneapolis during the MSHSBCA's annual meeting.

"It's kind of overwhelming," Nowotny said when asked how he was feeling after learning about his impending entrance into the Hall of Fame.

"I can tell you this. When I first started coaching, I never thought it would get to this point."

There's no question in my mind that Nowotny deserves this honor.

It's not only his 330-202 career record and 15 Red Rock Conference titles since becoming head coach in 1994 that commands one's respect.

It's the fact that he turned the AHS program into a Class A power during his tenure.

The Dragons had never qualified for state competition prior to the 2002 season, and they ended up making five appearances at the state classic in the next 15 years.

Adrian made its presence known during the state tournament showings, winning the consolation titles three times and placing third at last season's tournament.

"I was blessed to have a lot of good ball players and the support from the community of Adrian when I was coaching," Nowotny said.

"We had a good run because we had a bunch of good athletes, which coincided with Adrian having a bunch of good

football and wrestling teams during those years. Some of the credit has to go to Gregg Nelson, who was my assistant coach and right-hand man for a lot of those years. Randy Schettler, our junior high coach, deserves some credit as well."

Nowotny believes some of his success stems from working with and learning from great coaches within the Adrian school system.

He served as an assistant baseball coach and boys' basketball coach under Dean Schnaible and as an assistant football coach and girls' basketball coach for Randy Strand, who are members of their respective basketball Halls of Fame.

He also served as an assistant coach under Jim Carr, another Hall of Fame member.

Nowotny also learned a lot about being a baseball coach by watching how former area coaches Terry Boelter (MCC), Dean Jaacks (Windom), Ty Wacker (JCC) and Mark Lundgren (LHS) handled their players and teams.

He also has a lot of respect for current LHS coach Mike Wenninger and Pipestone coach Rick Zollner, two mentors he says are more than capable of carrying the torch to keep baseball competitive here in Southwest Minnesota.

"I looked up to a lot of those guys and a lot of them were willing to help me," Nowotny said.

"My career was short and sweet compared with a lot of Minnesota coaches. I was just fortunate enough to work with and compete against a lot of good coaches, and that really helped me out a lot."

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when they knocked off the Knights by three points April 26 in Sioux Falls.

Playing a nine-point match under South Dakota rules under cold and windy conditions, LHS went 4-2 in singles and 2-1 in doubles to seal the victory.

Ver Steeg (8-6 over Zach Curd at No. 2), Curtis (8-3 over

Gabe Daily at No. 3), Erickson (8-5 over Ryan Dinsmore at No. 5) and Baustian (8-2 over Brady Van Overschelde at No. 6) prevailed in singles for LHS.

Curtis and Schoeneman posted an 8-4 win over Matt Pekas and Daily at second doubles, while Erickson and Baustian nailed down an 8-4

victory over Dinsmore and Van Overschelde at No. 3.

O'Gorman's singles wins came from Zach Riddle (8-5 over Robinson at No. 1) and Pekas (8-2 over Schoeneman at No. 4).

Riddle and Curd topped Robinson and Ver Steeg 8-4 at first doubles.

AHS girls shine at home event

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragon girls swept the field during a golf triangular event staged at the Adrian Area Country Club Thursday.

With Alexia Kemper earning medalist honors with a 46 to lead the charge, the Dragons compiled 216 strokes to top both Heron Lake-Okabena (223) and Southwest Christian-Edgerton (272).

Annika Elias, Gracia Elias and Josi Altman contributed respective 50-, 59- and 62-stroke rounds to the winning team tally.

Ella Fondberg led SWC-E with a 47, while Brooke Freking paced HL-O with a 52.

The SWC-E boys posted a 187 to best Adrian (200) and HL-O (224) in the team standings.

SWC-E's Jeremy Vander Woude and Trey Huiskien and

Adrian's Landon Runia all shot 46s to share medalist honors., Mitchell Veld and Brady Henning added 47s to Adrian's team tally, while John Christians capped the scoring with a 60.

Cole Weidert and Blake Madison shot respective 64- and 65-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Wyatt Schumacher shot a 50 to lead HL-O.

H-BC golfers cap field at MCC Triangular Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team capped the field at the Murray County Central Triangular in Slayton Thursday.

Fulda topped MCC 201-219 to claim the team title, while H-BC placed third with 229

strokes.

Preston Maassen led H-BC with a 48, while Dylan Taubert, Noah Hellerud and Parker contributed respective 57-, 61- and 63-stroke rounds to the team tally.

Thomas Dysthe and Carter Rozeboom shot 67- and

68-stroke tallies without influencing the scoring.

MCC's Tyler Groves earned medalist honors with a 41.

H-BC fielded an incomplete team for the girls' meet.

Tess Van Maanen and Han-

nah Fick posted 54- and 65-stroke scores.

The Patriot golfers take the course at the Adrian Area Country Club for more competition Thursday.

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the bottom of the fifth inning, Halle Hough lifted a fly ball to center field that popped out of a JCC defender's glove and caromed over the fence for an error that plated three runs.

LHS went on to plate two more runs in the sixth to win

by four.

Olson (one RBI), Hustoft and Mariah Aukes registered two hits each in the finale.

DeBeer secured the pitching win by tossing seven innings of three-hit, four-strikeout ball.

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Star Herald CHURCH

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

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, May 4: National Day of Prayer. 10 a.m. St. Catherine Anointing Mass. Friday, May 5: 9:30 a.m. Parkview Manor Anointing Mass. Saturday, May 6: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, May 7: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Appreciation Breakfast. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Vouchers; Fair Trade. Tuesday, May 9: 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine FC. 7 p.m. Cub Scouts. Thursday, May 11: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Anointing Mass. 4 p.m. Veterans Home Anointing Mass.

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

Sunday, May 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, May 8: 9 a.m. PERK-UP in Hills. Wednesday, May 10: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study.

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

Thursday, May 4: National Day of Prayer. 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3. Sunday, May 7: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Noon Awana Appreciation Potluck. 1:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home Service. 2:15 p.m. Poplar Creek Service. 6 p.m. Evening Worship. Tuesday, May 9: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Deacons meeting. Thursday, May 11: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Noon Senior Focus Potluck. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3.

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

Thursday, May 4: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, May 5: 6:30 p.m. GLC Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, May 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, May 7: Teacher Appreciation Day. 8:15 a.m. Worship with Communion; Radio Broadcast. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, May 8: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, May 9: 9 a.m. Staff Meeting; GLCW Executive Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. Grace Ministry Retreat at Grand Prairie Events. Wednesday, May 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, May 10: 3:45 p.m. Catechism. Thursday, May 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Thursday, May 4: 2-9 p.m. Directory pictures. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. Friday, May 5: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 2-9 p.m. Directory Pictures. Saturday, May 6: 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Directory Pictures. 2:30 and 5 p.m. Luverne Street Music recital. Sunday, May 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF; Senior RCYF. Monday, May 8: 7 p.m. Worship Team meeting. Tuesday, May 9: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team Meeting. Wednesday, May 10: 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team.

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
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Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, May 4: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, May 6: 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult SS. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelations Bible Study. Monday, May 8: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday May 10: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, May 11: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 Worship. Monday, May 8: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, May 9: Communion at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Wednesday, May 10: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. First Communion class. 6 p.m. Bell Choir. 6:30 p.m. Middle School youth group. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir. 7:30 p.m. Session.

St. John Lutheran Church
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Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, May 4: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. Friday, May 5: 7 p.m. Craft Night. Saturday, May 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Worship; Teacher Appreciation Sunday. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, May 8: 1:45 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 3 p.m. Communion in Sioux Falls. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, May 9: 11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting. 1:15 p.m. Communion at Ellsworth. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Hills. 6 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, May 10: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, May 11: 9 a.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 Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church
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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
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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Thursday, May 4: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, May 5: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, May 6: 9 a.m. Congregational Day of Doing. Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner; Confirmation and Graduation recognition. Monday, May 8: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, May 9: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:45 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, May 10: 6:30 p.m. Canvas Painting at Zion. Thursday, May 11: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

First Lutheran Church
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Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, May 7: Change of Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Dinner. Wednesday, May 10: 7 p.m. Confirmation; choir practice.

Palisade Lutheran Church
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Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Thursday, May 4: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, May 7: Change of Schedule: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School. Wednesday, May 10: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First.

First Presbyterian Church
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School. Third Wednesday: Deborah Circle.

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Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, April 26: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation in Magnolia.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
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Saturday, May 6: 10 a.m. Pew/Sandager bridal shower. Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Youth lead Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, May 9: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at the Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, May 10: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting.

"Peace be with you"

For background please read: Luke 24:36-49.

When King Alfred the Great was ruler of England in the late 800s, he declared the week after Easter to be a Holy Week. Alfred reasoned that Easter — the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead — was meant to cause so much joy that one day couldn't possibly contain the celebration of Christ conquering the grave.

The truth is, Easter is meant to go on. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the core of our faith. It influences not just a day, not even a week, but all of our lives.

So much so that E. Stanley Jones once told about an African man he had met. The man had become a Christian and then changed his name to "After" because he said that things were new and different as he followed the Risen Christ. The man wanted to reflect the new reality in his name as well as his thinking. In some ways we are all meant to be "After" as a result of Easter.

The Gospels of John, Matthew and Luke reflect this well in that they don't just end with the Easter message of "He is not here He is risen" but share some more about "After" Christ's resurrection.

Luke closes his Gospel by giving us good insight into what the risen Christ brings to us. Once again followers of Jesus are gathered and talking about the events they have experienced when the risen Jesus shows up. Fright and fear are the initial responses but Jesus responds with "Peace be with you!" and "Why are you frightened? Look, it is I!"

The risen Christ aims to bring us peace and faith in our worries and fears. Are you worried about

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason
Cunningham, First
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anything? Are you fearful?

The great Christian writer G.K. Chesterton was once asked, "If you were a preacher and had only one sermon to give, what would it be about?" Without thinking twice, he replied. "I'd preach about worry." He knew that worry and fear are frequent challenges in life. In fact, Ann Landers once wrote that she received 10,000 letters a month and the most frequent problems contained in them were fear and worry.

The risen Christ comes turning fear into faith. He comes declaring "Peace be with you" which is always a timeless message to tempest tossed souls. Jesus knew that his followers needed this message again and again. He knew they needed to be assured of his conquest of sin and death; that this one who had taught them so much and had been killed and risen would continue to be the bread of life and the light of the world.

In today's fast-paced and fear-inducing world, we need these messages more than ever. Jesus speaks to our world that is often startled, terrified and slow to recognize his meaning and intentions, his power and grace. Peace be with you! Fear not! These are repeated messages connected with Jesus and they never go out of season.

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ASSUMED NAME: **Hartz Welding and Repair**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

731 111th Street, Luverne, MN 56156, USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Jacob Dale Hartz**

Address: **731 111th Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, USA**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

SIGNED BY: /s/ **Jacob D. Hartz**

MAILING ADDRESS: **731 111th Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **jhartz2757@gmail.com**

(0427, 0504)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 1

PUBLIC NOTICE 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 the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 18, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$135,141.04

MORTGAGOR(S): Juan J. Bonilla Olmo, a single person

MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.

SERVICER: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

LENDER: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Rock County Minnesota, Recorder on February 20, 2008, as Document No. 168356

ASSIGNED TO: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company dated 04/26/2016 recorded on 05/02/2016 as Document No. 188255

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property in Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows: The North One Hundred Twenty-two (N. 122) feet of the East Eighty-one and one-half (E. 81 1/2) feet and the South Twenty (S. 20) feet of the West Seventy and three-fourths (W. 70 3/4) feet of the East half (E 1/2) of the North half (N 1/2) all in Lot Four (4), in Block Three (3), of P. J. Kniss' Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements of record, if any. Rock County, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 423 W Lincoln St., Luverne, MN 56156 PROPERTY I.D.: 20-0961-000 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight and 74/100 (\$155,988.74)

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;

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: June 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgage, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on December 1, 2017, or the next business day if December 1, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"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: April 6, 2017

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC,

a Delaware Limited Liability Company Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Canadian Pacific Plaza,

120 South Sixth Street, Suite 2050

Minneapolis, MN 55402

Phone: 952-232-0052

Our File No. 17MN00033-1

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(04-13, 04-20, 04-27, 05-04, 05-11, 05-18)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 15

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: December 23, 2015

MORTGAGOR: Tyllor Kracht, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 23, 2015 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 187566.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated December 1, 2016 Recorded December 7, 2016, as Document No. 189667.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100031200012614498

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 241 Minnesota Avenue East, Steen, MN 56173

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 19-0098-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A tract of land commencing at the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 101 North, Range 45 West, of the 5th P.M.; thence South 726.5 feet; thence East 96 feet to the place of beginning; thence South 119 feet; thence East 96 feet; thence North 119 feet; thence West 96 feet to the place of beginning; otherwise known as Lots 8 and 9 in Block 7 of the unrecorded plat of Dries Bosch Addition to the City of Steen, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$81,720.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$83,181.09

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: June 15, 2017 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 December 15, 2017, 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 31, 2017

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

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

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City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 354

ORDINANCE NO. 354, THIRD SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 253, THIRD SERIES BY CORRECTING AND REPLACING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY ANNEXED

(65.45 Acres – Christensen Property)

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 253, Third Series provided for the annexation of certain property into the City of Luverne for the construction of a new hospital and clinic facility by Sioux Valley Regional Health Services' and

WHEREAS, the legal description provided by the surveyor on September 3, 2003 contained an error which was duplicated in Ordinance No. 253; and

WHEREAS, the following legal description is intended to correct and replace the legal description contained in Ordinance No. 253, Third Series, adopted on September 16, 2003 and recorded on October 24, 2003 as instrument No. 157368:

That part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 102 North, Range 45 West, and that part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 103 North, Range 45 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Section 2; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 23 seconds West along the West line of said quarter a distance of 1213.67 feet; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 81.90 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 74.50 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 115.17 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 99.99 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 535.08 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 29.66 feet to an iron stake; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 4.19 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 46 seconds East a distance of 199.35 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 176.56 feet to an iron stake; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 130.42 feet to an iron stake; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 60.13 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 121.50 feet to an iron stake; thence North 44 degrees 54 minutes 05 seconds East a distance of 309.00 feet to an iron stake; thence North 68 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 61.52 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 121.37 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 260.07 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 198.02 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 92.04 feet to an iron stake; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 91.97 feet to an iron stake; thence North 87 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 109.40 feet; thence continuing North 87 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 50.08 feet to the East line of said quarter; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 827.96 feet to the North quarter corner of said Section 2; thence continuing North 00 degrees 13 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 33.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 22 seconds West, parallel to the North line of said quarter 2636.94 feet; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 33.00 feet to said point of beginning.

Said tract is subject to roadway easements and any other easements of record if any.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. This ordinance is hereby adopted.

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is directed to have this ordinance recorded by the Rock County Recorder, file certified copies of this ordinance with the Luverne Township, the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, and the Minnesota Secretary of State.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect after its adoption and publication.

/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor

/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator

(05-04)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 2

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 the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 2, 2009

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$54,863.43

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Ely Wright and Amber Rae Wright, a married couple

MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.

SERVICER: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 7, 2009, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 171680

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The North Fifty-eight (N. 58) feet of Lot Three (3) in Block Two (2) in Kniss Park Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 120 Donaldson St S, Luverne, MN 56156

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0852-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$86,960.24

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: June 2, 2017, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt 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 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

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 December 2, 2017, or the next business day if December 2, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: April 4, 2017

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559

Diane F. Mach - 273788

Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778

Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X

Gary J. Evers - 0134764

Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X

Attorneys for Mortgagee

12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200

Burnsville, MN 55337

(952) 831-4060

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Tap Rack Bang Gun Smithing assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: **Tap Rack Bang Gun Smithing**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

314 W. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Freedom Operations, LLC.**

Address: **314 W. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

Signature : /s/ **Michael Van Wyhe, Gunsmith** DATE: 4-01-2017

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **MikeVanWyhe@gmail.com**

List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:

Michael VanWyhe 507-227-9417.

(04-27, 05-04)

Board of Appeal and Equalization meets May 23

Assessment Notice

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Luverne City will meet at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd day of May, 2017, at the Luverne City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

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Jessica Mead

Luverne City Clerk

(05-04)

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CARDS OF THANKS

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God". I wish to thank many of you who remembered me as I celebrated my 90th Birthday recently. My heart is full as I recall those I saw during the open house, took time to send a birthday card, or called to wish me a Happy Birthday. God Bless and thank you.

Laura May Bosch
(5.4-5.7)

Thank you for all the greetings, cards and birthday wishes. It made me day very special.

Colleen DeSchepper
(4.30-5.4)

We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts on our 50th Anniversary. It is wonderful to live in a community with so many caring people. We feel so blessed.

George and Joan Langford
(4.30-5.4)

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