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Storm wreaks havoc in Luverne

Downed trees damage property; wind sends debris through windows of 50 automobiles at Papik's

By Lori Sorenson

Carolyn Norman considered charging admission for all the people driving by her house Sunday night to survey storm damage.

High winds took down the massive maple tree on the boulevard outside her home on North East Park Street, picking up the sidewalk with its exposed root ball.

"I noticed the wind picking up," Norman said. "And I said, 'Look at all that stuff flying around out there.' ... Then I heard a crack."

The tree fell across the street, blocking both lanes of traffic until city crews showed up with heavy equipment to push it against the curb.

Norman pointed to the street on the other side of the uprooted tree. "My daughter is working tonight, otherwise her car would be parked right there," she said.

"I feel pretty fortunate, because it didn't land on a house or cars or people."

The Normans weren't the only ones who brushed with disaster Sunday night.

Several other residences around town also had storm damage. One on North Oakley had a tree land on the roof, and another on Dodge and North East Park had a large old tree blow down, narrowly missing the house.

Papik Motors reported 60 to 80 windows had been broken in 50 vehicles in the dealership lot southwest of town.

"Strong wind — 60 to 80 mph — came through here and grabbed all the debris, just like bullets going through the windows," said Micky



Lori Sorenson photo/0601 storm damage

Carolyn Norman (right) and her daughter, Autumn, survey the uprooted tree on their boulevard Sunday.

Sehr, Papik's fixed operations director.

"There nothing to slow it down out here; it kinda made a mess."

In addition to trees and automobiles, the storm also damaged

power poles, spilled garbage out of dumpsters and tipped over flowerpots and planters that had been carefully displayed in cemeteries for the Memorial Day holiday.

Rock County Emergency Man-

agement Director Kyle Oldre said the storm hit various locations across town, but in general the damage wasn't widespread.

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Buffalo Days events set for this weekend

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne will host its 33rd annual Buffalo Days community celebration this weekend with an eye toward the town's 150th anniversary.

"The most exciting thing is we're going to have nice weather," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere on Friday when the forecast called for sunshine on Buffalo Days weekend. "Also, it's been great how everyone's been willing to pitch in to help put things together."

The lineup of activities begins with the Friday Night Cruise-in with the Starfires Band on Main Street and wraps up Sunday afternoon with Tales from the Graves in Maplewood Cemetery.

Lanphere said Saturday's Buffalo Days Parade will have new entries this year, and new vendors are coming to Saturday's Arts in the Park.

Also there are several additional community events that will lend to the celebration.

For example, Lanphere said there are 50 teams participating in the youth baseball tournament in town throughout the weekend.

Sanford's Buffalo Days Fun Run Saturday morning will be a tribute to the late Pat Smedsrud who died at age 55 of an aneurism last fall.

Sunday's "Tales from the Graves" event at Maplewood Cemetery will feature special re-enactments geared toward Luverne's 150th celebration. (See the related story.)

In addition, Lanphere said Buffalo Days will be an opportunity to promote events of the upcoming 150th Anniversary celebration in July. For example, T-shirts will be available for the Rock River Water Tour and anniversary pins will be sold to support celebration expenses.

"These are all really positive things in the community," Lanphere said. "There are just really great things going on."

A complete listing of Buffalo Days events is printed on the front page of this week's Luverne Announcer and on the Chamber website, www.luvernechamber.com.

District to share plans for \$23 million facility improvements

By Mavis Fodness

Proposals for Luverne school facility repairs and expansion will be shared with the community at public meetings later this summer.

Until then, School Board members and staff will consider the financial impact of these facility plans — and their possible \$23 million price tag — on district residents.

Earlier this year, board members and district officials began working with the educational design firm

Foster, Jacobs & Johnson Inc., Sioux Falls, to facilitate discussions about the current school buildings that range in age from 20 to 63 years.

According to FJJ's timeline, community meetings would start next week to reveal their findings and recommendations.

However, Superintendent Craig Oftedahl suggested at the board's May 25 meeting that they take more time to prioritize improvements and examine all options before taking the

information to the public.

"Budget is the critical piece," Oftedahl said.

The additional meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 30.

On Tuesday, May 23, the board further examined FJJ's proposed \$22.8 million in facility improvements.

The majority of the improvements are recommended for the original middle/high school building built in 1956.

The improvements would bring the aging facility up to code and building standards for educational facilities.

Greg Crowe with the public finance firm Ehlers Inc. outlined several funding options to the board, including a voter-approved building bond.

The District will retire the current voter-approved bond this fall.

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Tractor drive raises awareness of PTSD

By Mavis Fodness

A spotlight shown on military veterans just before Memorial Day Thursday, May 25, when a Pennsylvania man drove his modified John Deere Model A through Rock County in awareness of today's veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

C. Ivan Stoltzfus, 70, began his trek of more than 3,000 miles in October when he left his home in Honey Creek, Pennsylvania, for his winter home in Sarasota, Florida. In February he began his current trek to circle the U.S. back to his Pennsylvania home.

According to his website, his fundraising total is just under \$50,000. Stoltzfus' goal is to raise \$1 million.

"If I bring help to just one veteran, it will be all worth it," he said. "I saw the pain in them adjusting back to civilian life."

On average, 22 veterans suffering from PTSD kill themselves each day. The mental health problem often develops in some people after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event such as combat.

For hours each day, Stoltzfus



Mavis Fodness photo/0601 PTSD Awareness

C. Ivan Stoltzfus stops outside of Hardwick on his fundraising and awareness campaign for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder called "Across America for Wounded Heroes." Stoltzfus began his mission last fall when he left his home in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania.

sits behind the wheel of his narrow-front John Deere, a reminder of his heritage and his dad's use of a Model A to farm. A cab from a 1984 Peterbilt semitrailer was added to the tractor

to keep its driver out of the elements.

Called a "Johnabilt" (a combination of John Deere and Peterbilt),

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Local history comes alive through Tales from the Graves Sunday at Maplewood

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County history will come to life Sunday afternoon, June 4, for the 2017 edition of Tales from the Graves.

The sixth annual living history performances will be from 1 to 4 p.m. in Luverne's Maplewood Cemetery.

Each year, members of the Rock County Historical Society and other local history buffs put together biographies based on people with grave stones in local cemeteries.

Luverne Chamber director Jane Lanphere said she thinks the annual living history event has become a community favorite.

"I think people enjoy the Tales from the Graves because it's such a unique way to view local history," Lanphere said in a 2014 Star Herald interview.

"It becomes personal, when, as you hear these stories and think of your own life, you start to count your blessings after you learn what some

of these people had to go through in their lives."

The process of developing character profiles for each year's subjects begins with research by volunteers.

"Sometimes these people lived everyday lives which are not recorded in the newspaper, but they (researchers) looked at the headlines from the time and what was going on in the community to get some background," Lanphere said.

Based on that material Lanphere writes a script for actors to interpret and act out their assigned characters.

This year's biographies feature Henry Bierkamp, who started the Luverne Automobile business with the Leicher brothers; Jessie Roberts, wife of Sheriff Neil Roberts, who housed and cared for local prisoners at the jail; Minnie Meloy, who died at 14 and may have been buried

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Article 22: Maplewood Cemetery 'source of pride to the town rather than reproach'

This is the 22nd in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. Following are excerpts of a piece featured in Sunday's "Tales from the Graves."

Prior to the establishment of Maplewood Cemetery, a cemetery had been platted and sold on North Kniss Avenue. During times when the water table was high, this cemetery had many moisture problems with the land and the graves. On May 7, 1886, the Rock County Herald wrote: "The incorporators of the new

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Maplewood/continued on page 8A

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

The Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, June 5, at the Luverne Public Library for a potluck supper followed by show and tell. Bring an old quilt or a favorite one.

The Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at the home of Teresa Kramer.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the **Rock County Library**. Note the new location.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at China Inn, Luverne, for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 9, followed by cards at St. Catherine Centennial Room. Call Connie, 283-8470. NOTE: the group will see "Sister Act" in the Brandon Performing Arts Center on July 20 and *ticket reservations are needed immediately*. Call Donna, 283-8019.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

Rock County VFW 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, in the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building.

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

Register for summer reading program

Rock County Community Library will offer the 2017 summer reading program, "Reading By Design," which includes reading and participating in programs. Call the library at (507) 449-5040, to register. The summer reading program is open to ages pre-K through 12th grade.

Hinkly House open Thursdays

The Hinkly House will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. every Thursday during the summer beginning June 1.

Men's Prayer Breakfast June 2

The fifth annual Men's Community Prayer Breakfast will be at 6:30 a.m. Friday, June 2, at the Grand Prairie Events with breakfast catered by The Bluestem. Speaker will be Dave Haugom. Cost is \$10 at the door.

Remax balloon rides

REMAX Land and Home will offer tethered balloon rides from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, at The Lake in Luverne, weather permitting, to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

VBS at St. John June 5-8

All children ages 3 through sixth grade are invited to register for "Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran Church from June 5-8. The evening sessions begin with a meal from 5:30-6 p.m. and activities from 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Registration is online at www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org/youth or call Jessica Blocker at 507-283-2316 or email dcejess@gmail.com.

Community Blood Bank drive June 5

Sanford Luverne and Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 3-6 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Sanford Luverne. For more information log onto www.cbblifeblood.org or call Community Blood Bank at 605-331-3222.

Tonic Sol-fa returns to Palace June 6

The well-known a cappella vocal group Tonic Sol-fa will perform once again at the Palace Theatre in Luverne at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6. General admission tickets are \$25 and are available in advance at the Palace Theatre box office or at the door.

Master Gardeners Tour June 10

The Rock County Master Gardeners annual garden tour will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 10, at the Harold and Mary Tilstra farm. South Dakota Department of Agriculture forestry specialist and SDSU professor John Ball will offer expert information on trees and shrubs that grow well in southwest Minnesota.

Cost is \$10 if paid by June 7, otherwise \$15. For information or to register, call Luverne Community Ed at 283-4724.

Father's Day bus trip to Twins June 18

Luverne Community Education is offering a chartered bus trip to see the Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Indians game June 18. Cost is \$88 per person for the bus and the game. Call 283-4724 with questions.



Mavis Fodness photo/0601 Hardwick Memorial 2017

Hardwick remembers fallen heroes and their families

Airman 1st Class Adam Fodness delivers the keynote address Monday during Memorial Day ceremonies by the Arthur Moeller American Legion Post 478 in Hardwick. "Memorial Day is not only a day we remember the ones who have served and/or fallen for our great nation. It is also a day to remember our families who have stood behind our veterans," he said. The son of Bryan and Mavis Fodness, Hardwick, is a 2016 Luverne High School graduate and is a member of the South Dakota Air National Guard.

Crowds gather at Maplewood

Luverne High School senior Dylan Thorson (pictured below) gave the address at Maplewood Cemetery Monday morning in Luverne.



Underwood elected VFW commander

At this year's Third District Veterans of Foreign Wars District Convention in Minnetonka, Buck Underwood of VFW Post 2757 in Luverne was elected Commander for 2017 to 2019.

VFW Third District is comprised of eighteen posts and about 1,500 members in southwestern Minnesota. The VFW sponsors more than a dozen community and youth events throughout the year in support of veterans, their families, school children and cities and towns.

Underwood has been an active member of Post 2757 for 12 years and has served as its Quartermaster these past 10 years. In the past four years, Underwood was the Junior Vice Commander, then Senior Vice Commander for the Third District.

His Commander title and responsibilities become effective after Department Convention or from about July 2017 through the end of June 2019.

Underwood served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to his honorable discharge as a sergeant in 1967.

He was awarded the Purple Heart medal for injuries sustained in combat in Vietnam. Underwood was also awarded the Vietnam Service and Campaign medal, Unit Valorous Citation medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm device.

Also elected as a Third District Officer for this area was Bill Brockberg, a VFW member from Worthington Post 3958. Brockberg is the Nobles County veterans service officer in Worthington.



Buck Underwood of VFW Post 2757 of Luverne (left) accepts the gavel signifying his election to the office of Commander, Third District, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Minnesota from outgoing Commander Ed Lozinski of Minnetonka.

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Van Grootheest is honorary caregiver for upcoming Relay for Life

By Mavis Fodness

When Luverne's Marilyn Van Grootheest joined First Farmers and Merchants Bank's Relay for Life team to raise funds to fight cancer nine years ago, she did it for her late grandmother's battle with skin cancer.

"That motivated me to be involved," she said. "She (my grandmother) always told me 'Marilyn, cover yourself up.'"

Van Grootheest will share her experience with cancer June 9 at the Rock County Relay for Life event that begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Luverne City Park.

Van Grootheest was chosen as the 2017 event's honorary caregiver.

'Your life totally changes'

After joining the FF&M Relay team, Van Grootheest thought of her grandmother for the next four years as she fundraised for the American Cancer Society. That changed in 2012 when Van Grootheest's husband Mike was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer at the age of 48.

"Your life totally changes," she said.

Caregiving was a role Van Grootheest learned to embrace. She was given a caregiver's diary from the oncologist while Mike underwent chemotherapy and later surgery.

In her diary Van Grootheest detailed her husband's treatments, which she referred to often when talking with doctors.

"They wanted you to record what works and what doesn't," she said.

The preprinted diary also contained inspirational sayings that helped brighten Van Grootheest's long days of sitting in waiting rooms.

"As a caregiver you have so much information thrown at you," she said. "I was glad I had family ... and faith ... and community."

'I was glad I had family'

During the months of treatment, healing and later surgery, the Van Grootheest household was less orderly.

Van Grootheest learned to rely on others' assistance.

"That's what I love about a small community," she said.

Through others meals were taken care of, their children were shuttled to various events and a fundraiser was conducted to help the family financially.

Now five years later Mike's prognosis has remained positive since the treatments and surgery.

"Now we are so much better and so much stronger," Van Grootheest said.

The couple met while still attending Luverne High School and married 31 years ago this month. They have three children and one grandchild.

Mike has returned to work at J&B Group in Pipestone, where he has worked since the couple was married.

She said she no longer worries about completing tasks immediately, choosing to enjoy life's events a little more.

"I tell people, you can survive," she said. "Take days one at a time and enjoy those moments."

More focused on health

The cancer experience has brought focus to eating healthier, according to Van Grootheest.

"If you want to take care of your family, start preparing meals for your family that keep them healthy," she said. "Cancer is attracted to sugar."

More fruits and vegetables along with more protein, nuts, and whole grains are recommended with less consumption of soda pop and candy.

She'll bring more attention to a healthier lifestyle as Van Grootheest coordinates a new event for her Relay for Life team fundraiser.

The 5K Glow Run begins at 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, and ends the Relay event.

The event has a strong message for others. "There is a light at the end of everything," Van Grootheest said.



Lori Sorenson photos/0601 farm safety

Farms are dangerous places

Luverne High School FFA students hosted a Farm Safety Day Camp Friday, May 26, in the north parking lot of the school campus where nearly a dozen different stations showed elementary students the operations and potential hazards of farm machinery and equipment. Pictured above, Eli Bakken (back, left) and Tommy Norman tell students how manure spreaders work. They specifically talked about unloading equipment and to stay clear of it.



Peyton Fick, left, collects a drone out of the sky as he demonstrates how the technology is used in farming. Pictured above, Jared Jose (left) and Cody Saker illustrate the potential dangers of gravity flow wagons. In the photo below, Dave Severtson talks to students about spraying equipment — how it's used and what dangers to look out for.



Mavis Fodness photo/0601 PTSD Awareness

Progress on C. Ivan Stoltzfus' journey can be tracked on HelpAmericanHeroes.com.

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it pulls the 24-foot modern camper that Stoltzfus lives in while on the road.

"That (the tractor and cab) catches the eye and this (the camper) is my billboard," he said Thursday just outside of Hardwick.

Pasted on all sides of the camper are sponsorship stickers and his message, "Changing lives one mile at a time."

The current trek is Stoltzfus' second across the U.S.

In 2014 he drove from coast to coast. After that successful trip, Stoltzfus began

planning for the 2016-17 mission to circle the U.S.

"I was never in the military. This is my way of giving back," he said.

As Stoltzfus travels at a maximum speed of 14mph, he is often stopped and thanked for his mission to bring awareness to veterans and PTSD.

Several pictures and a Purple Heart are taped to the dash of the Johnabilt and remind Stoltzfus of his mission during the endless miles of driving.

"I think about all the peo-

ple who have paid the ultimate price for my freedom," he said.

Stoltzfus' travels can be tracked and donations made at www.helpAmericanHeroes.com.

Correction:

The Star Herald Graduation Special Edition on May 25 contained an error in the Adrian High School section of the publication.

Mitchell Lonneman's photograph was placed with Nate Lonneman's information and vice versa. They are pictured correctly here.

The Star Herald regrets the error.

The Star Herald strives for fairness and accuracy in all our reporting, and errors should be reported to the editor at 283-2333 or editor@star-herald.com



Mitchell Lonneman

Mitchell Lonneman is the son of Ron and Leah Lonneman, Adrian. Extracurricular activities he participated in were basketball, football, National Honor Society, Letterman's Club, concert band, marching band, jazz band, choir, fall play, Knowledge Bowl, PIP, Math League and Spanish Club. He works for the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center. He plans to attend Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, to play basketball and is undecided on a major.



Nate Lonneman

Nate Lonneman is the son of Kevin and Nancy Lonneman, Adrian. He works with Adrian summer rec and Nate's Lawn Service. Extracurricular activities included baseball, basketball and National Honor Society. He will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, after graduation.

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Tour of Jesus' birthplace suggests our nativity sets have it all wrong

I was among 47 American tourists getting off a bus at the Nazareth YMCA to learn about the birthplace of



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Our guide led us across the lawn behind the YMCA parking lot to show us a cave.

Jesus. Apparently we Christians have a lot of our facts wrong about the Christmas story.

For starters, it could have been early fall — maybe September — when Joseph and Mary made the trip to Bethlehem on a donkey. According to our guide, local shepherds bring their flocks out into the fields after the late summer harvest to nibble up bits of grain that were missed.

And the word “inn” as in, “there was no room for them in the inn” is better translated as “guest room.”

Joseph and Mary were traveling to Bethlehem because that's where Joseph's family was from. The people in Palestine are incredibly hospitable.

It would be unthinkable to turn away a relative needing a place to sleep. But possibly the guest room was occupied by other family members who had traveled to Bethlehem for the census demanded by the Roman governor.

Our guide led us across the lawn behind the YMCA parking lot to show us a cave. Not a high, round cave in the rocks, but a low, flat cave in a ledge of earth. The hills around Nazareth and Bethlehem are filled with these kinds of caves.

For thousands of years people have built homes over them. The open mouth of the cave allows domesticated animals to be kept safely under the house at night and during bad weather. The cave can also be accessed from above and serve as a basement or cellar.

Could it be that Joseph and Mary were given the privacy and protection of this basement space to have their baby? Our guide suggested that this was the case and that the women of the family would have tended Mary during her delivery.

I was relieved to learn this. I've always been a bit saddened by the thought of Mary having her first baby without proper assistance.

Joseph wasn't a midwife — he was a builder. We've translated the word as “carpenter,” but a quick look around Israel shows that the building there is done with stone.

During the early years of Jesus' life, Herod the Great was constructing building after building. He was actually called “Herod the great builder.” The buildings are all made of stone. It's possible that Jesus was a stonemason.

Speaking of stone, the manger was probably made of stone, too. We saw a large stone with a basin carved in it to hold animal food.

So, the Christmas story goes something like this: “It was September. Joseph the stone cutter took his young wife to his relatives' house in Bethlehem where she gave birth in the cellar and placed her son in a stone trough.”

I got back on the tour bus in the Nazareth YMCA parking lot with a new understanding of the Christmas story — and a desire for a different nativity set.

Why do we fail to meet legislative deadlines?

Antiquated budget process and divided values may have something to do with it

GUEST EDITORIAL

by David Schultz

A special session for the Minnesota State Legislature was entirely predictable. One could practically guarantee after the 2016 elections that with a Democratic governor and a Republican Legislature a special session was likely ...

... It points to many underlying failures in the budget process in Minnesota — failures that have created what I have called for years the new normal.

Why yet again did the Legislature miss its deadline?

Budgets reflect values, priorities and political visions, and the process today reflects a changing political climate in the state that started about 20 years ago.

Minnesota is now a politically competitive and divided state... and the two major parties are polarized along issues ranging from health care to mass transportation, taxes, guns, abortion and preschool funding.

The two parties are equally divided in strength, making compromise difficult.

There is a collective interest in reaching political agreement in a timely fashion, but there is little individual incentive to compromise.

Among the 201 seats in the Minnesota Legislature, no more than about 15 to 20 in the House and perhaps a maximum of 10 in the Senate are from swing districts. The remainder is strongly Democratic or Republican, representing districts where legislators are elected to stand firm on their partisan views.

It is only those legislators who come from swing districts — those with a real chance to flip from one party to another — who have an incentive to compromise.

But the scarcity of swing seats means less pressure to compromise.

Combine this with strong party government in the state and even in

those swing seats there is powerful pressure to vote straight party line.

Rockwell era.

Budget process flawed

Beyond human procrastination the budget timeline makes no sense.

Legislators take office in January, they wait a month for the governor's budget, then they wait another month for the fiscal forecast.

Real budget work doesn't even start until March — halfway through the session — and even then, until budget targets for the 10 omnibus bills are decided, few details can be worked out.

Over the years, half of the budget session has been wasted on passing bills to legalize Texas Hold'em card games or Sunday liquor sales.

Moreover, because the budget process is so decentralized, it is hard to control and discipline, and the collective disregard for the constitutional single-subject rule simply means that policy gets mixed into budgets.

The parties are obligated to cast their ideological votes to please their bases before they begin to think about compromising.

Budget process reform is imperative, including mandating automatic continuing resolutions to finance the government to avert shutdowns.

But structural reform will not address divided values and political incentives that encourage the two sides to fight and not compromise.

David Schultz is a Hamline professor of political science.

Daughter of immigrant family grateful for Luverne, U.S.

To the Editor:

I received this text from Jackie (Thin) Ta last week. Luverne hosted this family of 10 children from Viet Nam. It certainly is appropriate for this Memorial Day time.

“This is the highlight of the year for me! It is my best Mother's Day weekend. It is awesome that I've been in the USA for 42 years. I am looking back and feel very grateful

that I and my children are here in America and thriving in this beautiful country which is the only country that has given me the opportunity to be who I want to be and to grow and thrive. Also, I am always thinking of you, special you and very grateful to get your help and others when I first came to Luverne.”

How wonderful to have people immigrate into this country who as-

similate into our society, honor its laws and decrees, and take advantage of the opportunities it offers. Jackie is an electrical engineer and her oldest son, John, is a major in the U.S. Army. One of the Ta children was killed in a car accident and the parents have passed, but the remainder of the large family have achieved similar success.

Shirley Harrison
Luverne

Window tint tops trooper's list of vehicle equipment violations

Question: What are the most common vehicle equipment violations you see?

Answer: The most common violations I have seen are:

- Window tint violations: Law prohibits tint on the front windshield. Passenger cars are limited to 50 percent on all side and rear windows. Pickups, vans, and SUVs are limited to 50 percent on the front side windows. Pickups, vans, and SUVs are not limited on the rear side and rear windows.

- Headlight/taillights out: All motor vehicles, other than a motorcycle, must be equipped with at least two headlamps and two tail lamps.

- Cracked taillight lenses/displaying white light to the rear: Vehicles must display red lights visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.

- Suspended objects from the



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By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

rearview mirror: Objects suspended between the driver and the windshield are prohibited. This includes parking and handicap permits. Be sure to take them down when the vehicle is in motion.

- Cracked windshield: A windshield that is cracked or discolored that limits or obstructs proper vision.

- Bumper height violations:

Bumpers shall not exceed a height of 20 inches on any passenger automobile, station wagon, or 25 inches on any four-wheel drive multipurpose type vehicle.

- Loud exhaust: Every motor vehicle must be equipped with a muffler in good working condition. It must blend the exhaust noise into the overall noise of the vehicle. No person shall use a muffler cutout. The exhaust

system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.

- License plate lights out/plates unreadable: A white light is required for the rear license plate to be legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear.

- Unsecured load: Driver must secure their load to prevent any leaking, blowing, shifting or dropping.

- No seat belt use: Minnesota law states that drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or seated in the correct child restraint. Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly — low and snug across the hips, and shoulder straps should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back.

- No headlight/use in reduced visibility: Headlights must be on from sunset to sunrise when it is raining, snowing, sleeting or hailing;

or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or conditions that obstruct visibility.

Other common violations include speeding, no proof of insurance, expired registration, only displaying one Minnesota license plate, distracted driving, expired driver's license, driving without a driver's license and crossing over the center or fog lines.

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

May 20

Complainant reported her ex gave his other ex her information and she tried to buy two pickups from Keith. She reported it to the Police Department in Ellendale. They advised her to call us since the crime happened here. Ex and her boyfriend live in Aberdeen.

Complainant wanted to speak to a deputy, only wanted to tell one deputy, would not tell me what it was for.

Complainant reported golf cart with juveniles in it is tearing up the ground on Oak Drive.

Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding things she had reported previously.

May 21

Complainant reported subject is coming in on a bus from Florida. She will be at the bus station at 7:40 p.m. Warrant is from Stearns County and not extraditable. He has spoken to South Dakota and Crime Stoppers.

Complainant reported subject is acting violent and abusive toward family members living in Beaver Creek.

May 22

Complainant requested a background check on subject for housing application.

Complainant reported subject found dead in Jasper. Complainant advised their agency will take care of it.

Complainant reported some checks were stolen from her residence and several written and cashed.

Complainant reported an accident on the tar between Ihlen and Edgerton. Transferred to Pipestone County.

Complainant reported a pistol stolen from Church Ave.

Complainant reported Building 1, Door 3 was open on Highway 75. Dispatch contacted the airport manager and he will contact the lessee of the hangar.

Complainant reported a camper leaking black/gray water at the Rez Park in Hills.

Complainant requested a welfare check on subject as there are children in the home and drug abuse is believed to be present.

Complainant reported subject won't leave her alone.

May 23

Complainant reported bike theft.

Complainant reported mail theft.

Complainant reported fire alarm at Luverne Elementary.

Complainant reported a red bike at Henning's pit north of Luverne at second turn north by last tree.

Deputy requested ICR: Complainant requested assistance with obtaining emergency hold on subject's children.

Complainant reported a vehicle in the ditch at 161st Street.

Deputy spoke with complainant regarding harassing.

Complainant reported a Stihl weed whacker stolen from the county storage shed. Door was unlocked.

Complainant reported vehicle parked on Oak Drive with male inside. States he thought male was sleeping but has been there for a long time and complainant is worried.

Complainant reported debris on road on S. Kniss Ave.

Complainant reported subject in vehicle was attempting to sell tools and generator parts, etc. out of the back of his truck. Seemed suspicious. Went south on Kniss.

Complainant reported former renters on Barck stole her swing set.

Complainant reported someone is revving their engine around shops on Edgell Hill Street. Squads unable to locate.

Complainant reported they have an employee living at location on Main Street if you see lights on.

Complainant requested deputy meet her at ER for rape

kit testing.

Complainant reported that her ex boyfriend is sitting outside her house in his car and she would like him to leave. Contacted G&S to tow.

May 24

Complainant requested we serve a warrant on subject. Faxed a copy of the warrant.

Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about attending graduation for her daughter. If ex calls, there aren't any restraining orders. There is not a child custody agreement. Daughter is 18 and wants her there.

Complainant reported he found a juvenile detention report. Deputy went to pick it up. Unable to locate.

Complainant locked her keys in her car. Deputy assisted.

Transferred 911 call about a truck rollover to Minnehaha.

Complainant reported the Gideons will be passing out material in Beaver Creek. School knows about it.

Complainant reported she lost a black Ram key fob and a couple of keys.

Complainant requested a deputy for a mother that is distressed.

Deputy arrested subject on Cedar. Vehicle locked, left legally parked in front of the bowling alley. Per intake at Minnehaha, no bond out of state. Transported to jail by deputy.

Complainant reported his safe is missing. Has title documents and a pistol in it.

Deputy warned subjects for curfew and littering.

Complainant reported subjects were yelling things at him from the street.

May 25

Complainant requested deputy test a pill he allegedly discovered in his wife's purse.

Complainant requested a deputy to Harrison Street while she removed her things.

Complainant reported a break-in last night.

Complainant requested deputies, quick.

Complainant wanted to make us aware that calls are being made saying they are from Social Security and offering more benefits. She hung up and didn't give any info.

Patrol requested another car on their traffic stop. Deputies transported subject to jail on DWI.

Complainant reported a NSF check written.

Complainant reported he will be handing out Gideon Bibles by Luverne schools.

Complainant reported suspect didn't show up for school today. Documentation purposes.

May 26

Complainant reported break-in at City Centre Apartments.

Complainant would like to speak with deputy about a family situation.

Complainant on W. Hating reported two tires on her vehicle slashed.

Complainant brought in a pair of car keys that they found.

Complainant on Lindale reported vandalism.

Complainant requested deputy for property exchange.

Complainant reported hearing a child cry on Warren Street and is concerned.

Deputy reported vehicle in front of American Reformed is missing a tire.

Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle.

Complainant reported juveniles fighting at softball fields.

In addition, officers responded to 5 animal complaints, 7 road and drive laws, 3 escorts, 17 ambulance calls, 8 permits to carry, 7 permits to purchase, 23 traffic stops, 10 paper services, 3 drug court tests, 4 child maltreatment complaints, 15 burn permits, 2 deer accidents, 1 911 misdial, 1 log sheet, 1 assist, and 1 criminal sexual conduct.



Fourth-graders show off their science experiments in commons

The Luverne Elementary School commons area was abuzz with students, science projects and visiting parents, grandparents and community members Friday afternoon when the fourth-graders showcased their spring science projects.

At right, Sage Viessman grew bacteria for his science project, "Germs are Everywhere." His samples included germs grown on a toilet seat, dog dish, phone screens and others.

In the photograph below, Zariah Holmgren proves that baking soda and vinegar really are "explosive" with her volcano that spit out foaming "lava" tinted with red food coloring.

Pictured below, right, Matthew Rogers (back), Christopher Bonilla and Makayla Baker prepare to send a Hot Wheels car sailing over a pretend body of water in their experiment, "Hot Wheels vs. Water."

Lori Sorenson photos/0601 science fair



School facilities plans/ continued from page 1A

That bond was approved in 1998 to build the current elementary school.

In other business the board:

• approved a bid of \$160,242 from Duinick, Inc., Prinsburg, for resurfacing the north parking lot.

• accepted the resignations of Tammy Case, para-professional, Stacy Olson, Special Olympics liaison, and Jodi Nelson, elementary teacher.

District hires five new teachers for the 2017-18 school year

Luverne School Board members approved the following teachers (salaries listed): Dana Kells, elementary teacher, \$37,340; Jason Berghorst, social studies teacher and Mock Trial coach, \$50,958; Travis Bullerman, elementary teacher and middle school football coach, \$45,562; Joseph Stearns, English teacher, \$44,014; and Alicia Reker, elementary teacher, also \$44,014. They will begin their duties for the 2017-18 school year.

THANK YOU

The Luverne After Prom committee sends a big thank you to all businesses and individuals for their support of a successful after prom. With your generous donations, 180 Luverne juniors, seniors and their guests, enjoyed entertainment, food and prizes. We are blessed to live in a community that values the safety of our young adults.

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alive; Mrs. Clara Hanson, who killed all five of her children in a panic over influenza; Amable Moreaux, publisher of the Rock County Herald; Rev. Augustus Carver, who organized Carver's Military Band; and Mrs. Burlingame who died giving birth to a son who also later died as an infant.

Actors present their character vignettes repeatedly throughout the afternoon.

Volunteers will serve pie

and ice cream, accepting freewill donations for the Rock County Historical Society.

In case of bad weather, the event will be held at the History Center on Main Street.

The sixth edition of the "Tales from the Graves" booklet will be available for \$5, with proceeds supporting the Rock County Historical Society.

It also includes a detailed history of Maplewood Cemetery, the chapel and auxiliary.

Springwater Township Mowing Notice

Landowners are now responsible for mowing three times per summer, depending on rain and growth. It is recommended that shoulders be mowed around the 15th of each month in June, July, August and September. The first mowing should be done by June 15, 2017. Failure to do so will result in a township official performing the task at \$100 per half mile, per time.

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CELEBRATIONS

Open Houses

Hendrene Veldkamp Van Wyhe will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Edgerton Public High School. Greetings may be sent to 301 County Road 6 Apt. 118, Hills, MN 56138.

Darwin and Beverly Wahlert will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the American Legion at 1701 W. Legion Drive in Sioux Falls. They request no gifts.

Leo Brady will celebrate his 75th birthday with an open house from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. He requests no gifts.

Bridal Showers

An open house bridal shower for **Lucy Larson**, bride-to-be of **Michael Just**, will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Lester Community Center in Lester, Iowa.

An open house bridal shower for **Brittany Sandager**, bride-to-be of **Dakota Steensma**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 10, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

An open house bridal shower for **Laura Lorang**, bride-to-be of **Andrew Fodness**, will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at the American Legion in Lismore.

An open house bridal shower for **Lauren Witte**, bride-to-be of **Elliott Backer**, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at 500 Brandenburg Street in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Kelsey Altman**, bride-to-be of **Andrew Lonneman**, will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Lismore Legion Hall in Lismore.



Nancy Popkes photo/0601 ellsworth graduation

Congratulations, Ellsworth High School Class of 2017

Ellsworth High School graduates toss their caps following commencement exercises Friday night in Ellsworth. From left are Mary Koffron, Samantha Armstrong, Hailee Nolte, Hannah Kramer, Bailey Lewis, Triston Kurrasch, Alex Kramer, Rhett McClain, Rison Curtis, Jared Leuthold, Trenton Dirks and Raymond Auch.

HBC graduates 24 students

On Friday, Hills-Beaver Creek High School commencement ceremonies were conducted for 24 graduates. School board president Harley Fransman (below, left) presents a diploma to Zach Scholten.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0601 hbc graduation



Joyce McCarthy photos/0601 adrian graduation

'Pomp and Circumstance' at Adrian High School

Adrian High School celebrated the graduation of 42 seniors Friday, May 26, in the Adrian High School gym. The Class of 2017 celebrates with a cap toss at the end of graduation ceremonies.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, June 5: Swiss steak, buttered boiled potatoes, corn, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, June 6: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cranberry garnish, bread, rhubarb shortcake.
Program: Senior Dining Fundraiser from 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7: Mandarin chicken salad, fresh fruit, cucumber salad, muffin.

Thursday, June 8: Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll,

fruit crisp.

Friday, June 9: Lasagna, country blend vegetables, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, bar.

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

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

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

ENGAGEMENT

Hayley Koeritz, Northrop, and Paul Luther, St. James, announce their engagement.

Hayley is the daughter of Tom and Heidi Koeritz, Northrop. She is a 2009 graduate of Martin Luther High School in Northrop and a 2013 graduate of Concordia University, Nebraska, with a bachelor's degree in graphic design. She recently was employed at Quality Printing in Luverne and is currently with Preferred Printing in Madelia.

Paul Luther is the son of Stan and Sharon Luther, St. James. He is a 2004 graduate of St. James High School and a 2007 graduate of South Central Technical College. He works as an information system specialist with Watonwan County.



Hayley Koeritz and Paul Luther

They are planning a July 1, 2017, wedding at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•The Memorial Day weekend brought feature titles to area drivers.

Two men won feature events at Rapid Speedway Friday night. Two more drivers drew checkered flags during Monday's races at Huset's Speedway.

Luverne's Scott Overgaard and Kanaranzi's Colter Deutsch won feature events at Rapids Speedway. After placing third in the first heat race, Overgaard won the street stock feature.

Ellsworth's Greg Roemen and Daniel BeBeer notched feature wins at Huset's. Roemen won the third heat race and the A feature in the B Modified Class. DeBeer won the second heat and the A feature in the factory stock class.

25 years ago (1992)

•Attempts by Rock County Commissioners to regain possession of Buffalo Ridge Railroad have failed so far.

"Larry Woods is essentially holding us hostage," said County Commissioner Ron Boyenga Tuesday.

Woods has operated BRR since 1989. The Buffalo Ridge Rail Authority, made up of Rock and Nobles county representatives, officially owns the 42-mile stretch running from Worthington to the South Dakota border. Woods runs the line under contract for deed.

In April Woods stopped operation of the line due to deteriorating tracks. A conflict between the Department of Transportation and Woods made it impossible for him to get grant money to improve the tracks.

50 years ago (1967)

•It was hot in Rock County last week - and it was cold too - with the thermometer registering an official high of 100 degrees May 25, then dropping to a 48 degree reading May 28.

In Luverne last Thursday the heat was made more intense by Rock County Bank's reading for the day's unofficial high of 112 at one time. At six p.m. that evening the temperature was still 96 degrees.

75 years ago (1942)

•A very successful "Poppy Day" was reported this week by Mrs. Edwin Hudson and Mrs. Chris Blinkman, "Poppy Day" chairmen for the V.F.W. and American Legion auxiliaries respectively.

Mrs. Hudson reported that 875 poppies were sold in the city of Luverne for a total of \$80.12. Reports of sales in other towns in the county had not been received by Mrs. Hudson.

Mrs. Blinkman reported that the entire quota of 2,000 was sold by the Legion auxiliary. And that 4188 remained to be sent to veteran's relief after all expenses were paid.

100 years ago (1917)

•The crowning event in the history of the Luverne schools for the year 1916-17 will take place this evening when the 30th annual commencement exercises will be held, and a class of thirty young people will receive their diplomas.

The class is the largest that has ever been graduated from the Luverne schools, and is composed of ten boys and twenty girls.

FFA CHAPTER NEWS

Local students compete at state FFA convention

Thirteen members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter attended the State FFA Convention April 23-24 at the East Bank Campus of the University of Minnesota.

On April 23 the group attended the State FFA Tal-

ent Contest at the Mariucci Arena.

On April 24 members Tyler Fick, Trey Baustian, Trevor Mente, and Hannah Kruse participated in the State FFA General Livestock Career Development Event.

Fick had the high individual score for the team. As a team they were 41st out of 68 teams.

The Ag Mechanics Career Development team included Kris Severtson, JJ Dooyema and Tanner Wiese. Severtson had the high individual score

and the team placed 15th overall.

Other members who attended the convention included Paige Hinrichs, Paige Madison, Jaimie Ross, Devin Susie, Tommy Norman and Aleck Schoeneman.

OBITUARIES

Howard Franken

Howard John Franken, 92, Luverne, died Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral service was Saturday, May 27, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion and VFW preceded the funeral at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Luverne.

Howard Franken was born March 23, 1925, to Gerrit and Gertrude (Bosch) Franken in rural Sioux County, Iowa. He attended country school in rural Sioux County. He served his country in the United States Army.

Howard married Wilma Vande Kieft on Aug. 4, 1948, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. After their marriage, the couple farmed northeast of Sioux Center. In 1951 they moved to a farm southwest of Luverne. In 2012 Howard moved to Luverne.

Howard was a charter member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne, where he served in many capacities including deacon, Sunday School treasurer, and sang in the quartet. He was also a member of the Luverne American Legion and VFW and "The Old Goats Club." Howard enjoyed wintering in Texas and Arizona,

needlework and traveling with the Holiday Rambler Club. He mostly loved farming.

Howard is survived by three children, Cheryl Edstrom (friend Cliff Boom), Larry (Pam) Franken, and Bryon (Kristi) Franken, all of Luverne; nine grandchildren,

Tammy Crow, Amy (Travis) Dammann, Becky (Nate) Crane, Travis (Kairie) Franken, Matthew Franken, Carissa (Jason) Spaar, Abbey (Ryan) Behr, Eric (Monica) Edstrom and Serena Franken (fiancé Ron Whitaker); 16 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; a sister, Kathleen Altona, Sioux Center, Iowa; three sisters-in-law, Velma Franken, Sioux Center, Carol Franken, Elizabeth, Colorado; Shirley (Paul) Van Zanten, Lynden, Washington; a brother-in-law, Howard (MaryAnn) Vande Kieft, Lynden, Washington; and a special friend, Marcella Flier, Brandon, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wilma, on Sept. 23, 2004; a son-in-law, Gene Edstrom; six brothers, Louie, Everett, Dries, Gerrit, Arnie and Irwin Franken; and two sisters, Louise Oliver and Grace Van Batavia.

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

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Laura 'Louise' Hunter

Laura "Louise" Hunter, 86, Luverne, died Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 1, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Laura Louise Wollmuth was born Oct. 9, 1930, to Fred and Laura (Foley) Wollmuth on a farm in Pipestone County Minnesota. She spent her childhood on the farm. She attended primary school in Luverne, Pipestone and Hatfield. She graduated from Pipestone High School in 1949.

Louise married Elmer Hunter on Jan. 14, 1950, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Pipestone. The couple made their home in Luverne. Laura held a variety of jobs from the Hollyhock Ballroom, Gannon's Restaurant in Pipestone, cleaning houses, and working at Long's Café in Luverne before starting Hunter Printing with Elmer in 1969 which they operated until 2005. The couple also managed the Eagles from 1970-1979 and the VFW from 1979-1988.

Louise continued to work as the gambling bookkeeper from 2001 until the time of her death.

Louise was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She enjoyed reading mystery and romance novels. She loved to be with her family and was especially proud of her grandchildren.

Louise is survived by four children, David (Gloria) Hunter, Nevis, Laurie Hunter, Luverne, Dale (Susan) Hunter, Shakopee, and Patrick (Jolene) Hunter, Shakopee; four grandchildren, Brandon, Christopher, Rachel and Dan; six great-grandchildren, Dylan, Victoria, Serenity, Jaxson, Phoenix and Cadance; and two sisters, Janet VanderPlaats of Hatfield and Dorothy Leger of Luverne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her parents; three sisters, Margaret Wollmuth, Agnes Allen and Mary Cupp; and eight brothers, George, Fred, Joseph, Arthur, Theodore, Leo, William and Thomas Wollmuth.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0601 F)

Dorothy Esselink

Dorothy Esselink, 92, Leota, died Monday, May 22, 2017, at the Pipestone County Medical Center in Pipestone.

A funeral service was Saturday, May 27, at the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. Burial followed in the Leota Community Cemetery.

Dorothy Esselink was born on March 16, 1925, to Jon and Geertje (Vande Pol) Mouw on the family farm near Beaver Creek. Dorothy spent her childhood years on the farm and attended the local country school and the Valley Springs Public School in South Dakota. She would have enjoyed continuing with school but her help was needed on the farm. During her teenage years she worked on the farm, cleaned houses, and was employed for a while at the Luverne Bakery.

She married Gerrit Esselink on March 6, 1946, at the Christian Reformed Church in Hills. The couple started farming near Beaver Creek. In 1960 they moved to a farm north of Leota. In 1993 they moved into the retirement house that Gerrit helped build for them in Leota. Gerrit died Dec. 26, 2007. Dorothy continued to reside in their home until she moved to Ridgeview Estate in Pipestone in 2010. On April 28, 2017, she moved into Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton. She entered hospice care at the Pipestone County Hospital on Friday, May 19, 2017.

Dorothy was a member of

Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society, Christian School Society, and also taught Sunday School. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, embroidering, baking, oil painting, ceramics, reading her Bible and listening to Christian TV stations.

During their retirement years, Gerrit and Dorothy were able to enjoy spending many winters in Arizona and Texas.

She is survived by her children, Carol Guice, Sarepta, Louisiana, Sandra (Milt) Schonewill, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Dianne (Dave) Prins, Pipestone, and Keith (Dawn) Esselink, Leota; 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; her siblings, Ida Langstraat, Hawarden, Iowa, and Jan (Mark) Skattum, Northglenn, Colorado; and a sister-in-law, Evelyn Mouw, Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerrit; her parents; a son-in-law, Clyde Guice; a great-grandson, Wilson Arp; two brothers, Joe Mouw and his wife Hilda and Edward Mouw; a sister, Trudy Traylor and her husband Ray; brothers-in-law John Langstraat, Gerald Thompson, Lense Esselink and his wife Jennie, Henry Esselink and his wife Kathleen; and a sister-in-law, Bertha Den Besten and her husband Gerrit.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0601 F)

John Hoiland

John Gust Hoiland, 80, Coast, All American Freight, formerly of Luverne, died Saturday, May 27, 2017, at the Sanford Centennial Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Wednesday, May 31, at George Boom Funeral Home and Crematory in Sioux Falls.

John Hoiland was born May 8, 1937, to Ole and Hazel (Swensen) Hoiland in Luverne. He grew up and received his education there. John then worked for Luverne area farmers.

John married Betty (Groninga) Prestin on Aug. 22, 1958, in Jackson. The couple made their home in Adrian.

John entered the U.S. Army on Aug. 2, 1960, at Sioux Falls. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 1, 1962, at Fort Hood, Texas. John returned to Adrian and worked for Hanson Silo. John and Betty later moved to Lakefield and then to Sioux Falls in 1977. John drove truck for Midwest

Coast, All American Freight, and John Morrell and Company before retiring.

John enjoyed gardening and fishing. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed telling stories.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; three stepsons, Jim (Linda) Prestin, Sioux Falls, Jerry (Mary) Prestin, Lakefield, and Jon Prestin, Belle Plaine; a special friend, Tammy Prestin, Prior Lake; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three siblings, Roy Hoiland, Luverne, Norma (Glen) Walters, Sioux Falls, and Deanna (Dave) Dawson, Sioux Falls; and many other relatives and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents; a great-granddaughter, Taylor Schmucker; and a sister, Judy Hoiland.

Arrangements were by George Boom Funeral Home and Crematory, Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com.

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Harold Frey

Harold Marvin "Bud" Frey, 87, Luverne, died Sunday, May 28, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be Thursday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Harold Frey was born to Jerry and Hattie (Groen) Frey on Sept. 18, 1929, on a farm in Lyon County, Iowa. He was raised on a farm near Magnolia until 1932 when the family moved to a farm in Nobles County. He began his education at District 79 country school. In 1946 the family moved to Adrian. Upon completion of his education, Bud worked on various farms until 1948 when he became employed at the Adrian Block Factory and later as a trucker for Hatting Gravel.

On June 4, 1951, he married Shirley Enninga at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Following their marriage, they lived in Luverne and Bud continued to work at Hatting Gravel until April 1952 when he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Germany. After his discharge from the service in March 1954, he returned to Adrian, and he again worked at Hatting Gravel. In 1958 he became employed at Klooster Trucking where he drove

truck long distances. In 1964 he started working on the maintenance crew at Iowa Beef Processors. While working there, he and his wife moved near Luverne. On Feb. 20, 1992, he retired from IBP. Bud remained active doing various part-time work. In 2012 the couple moved into town. In July 2015, he became a resident at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Bud was a member of the VFW. He enjoyed hunting and spending time with the family horses.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Frey, Luverne; five children, Kenneth Frey, Brandon, South Dakota, Barbara Compton, Woodland Park, Colorado, Larry (Carrie) Frey, Luverne, Robert Frey, Luverne, and Sandra (Brad) Akkerman, Luverne; 14 grandchildren, Jesse (Brenda) Frey, Becky (Paul) Huiskes, Andy Frey, Thomas (Linda) Frey, Chad Compton, Matt (Kayla) Carlson, Shawna (Jason) Brandt, Peggy (Kevin) Boyles, Amanda McTigue, Traci Carlson, Heather Frey, Presley Akkerman, Les Compton, and Trish Algiers; 30 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Aleida Mae Von Holtum, Luverne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandsons, Eric Compton and Joshua Frey; and a baby brother.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Shane Klay

Shane M. Klay, 46, stepgrandchildren, Maleia Colton, South Dakota, died Monday, May 22, 2017, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

A memorial service was Thursday, May 25, at George Boom Funeral Home and Crematory in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle; two daughters, Nicole Leinen, Marshall, and Brittany (Brandon) Dufour, Nisswa; two grandchildren, Bentley and Brynlee Dufour; three stepchildren, Ashley (Christian) Arambula, Chelsea Isaacson and Joshua (Chandler Zweggart) Isaacson, all of Sioux Falls; five

two siblings, Josh (Dana) Klay, Magnolia, and Heather (Dan) Vacura, Bloomington; and three stepsiblings, Jo Davis, Amanda Deilke and Colton Padgett, all of Brandon, South Dakota.

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1883: Orphan train comes to Luverne

I have been asked if an orphan train ever came to Luverne.

I found this article in the Rock County Herald on April 27, 1883:

Another opportunity to those who wish to provide homes for boys and girls will be given one week from today - Friday, May 4.

Rev. Mr. Matthews, of the Children's Aid society, of New York, will arrive at Luverne at the time stated with about fifteen boys and three or four little girls, five or six of the former being from 14 to 16

years old and the remainder from 5 to 12.

The distribution will take place at Union hall at 10 o'clock a. m.

Applications should be made to Wm. Jacobsen, N. R. Reynolds and Rev. S. Cates.

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 manmade@iu.net.

Luverne's Great Plains Processing among companies honored

The Minnesota Trade Office recently awarded the 2016 Governor's International Trade Award to Great Plains Processing of Luverne and five other Minnesota companies that have been successful exporters.

The World Trade Month lunch was in Bloomington.

They were selected for developing and growing

a significant part of their business from exports, for increasing or maintaining jobs in Minnesota to support international sales, and for developing novel approaches for competing globally.

Great Plains Processing manufactures and ships animal feed supplements to 42 countries, accounting for 65 percent of its total sales. In the



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By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

past three years, international shipments have grown 9.2 percent. In the same period, the company's workforce has grown from 12 to 19.

Other 2016 winners are Digital Content LLC of Edina, Crown Iron Works Co. of Roseville, DCM Tech Inc. of Winona, Ralco Nutrition Inc. of Marshall and Top Tool Co. of Blaine.

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Storm/ from page 1A

He did, however, share an image taken in his own driveway of a trampoline that the wind had deposited on top of his pickup.

Thunderstorms that moved through the area Sunday night were mostly classified as scattered and not severe.

Many locations surrounding Luverne reported only sprinkles and some passing wind, but some spots — like Luverne — had heavy rain and wind gusts up to 60 mph.

Rural residents reported watching the storm blow in from the north, carrying with it a massive ground cloud of dust from freshly tilled corn and soybean fields.

Many described it as “eerie,” harkening to the 1930s “Dust Bowl” era.

One last time on the rail

Brent and Kathy Polanchek have leased the Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad from the public railroad authority since 2000 and announced recently they will retire.



On Thursday, May 25, the Polancheks invited present and past Rock County commissioners and current county administration personnel for a ride in their caboose. The gathering wasn't an official meeting but did involve a quorum of commissioners.

Mavis Fodness photo/0601 Commissioner Train Ride

Luverne 150th/from page 1A

Maplewood Cemetery Association have completed a plan of about seven acres of the cemetery grounds and are offering lots for sale.

“The grounds have been seeded and the work of setting out from two to three thousand trees was begun yesterday. The projects of the enterprise have already assumed obligations for the improvement of the grounds to the amount of about \$2,000 and must necessarily incur large additional expense in carrying out the plans they have in view.”

“A location was selected Wednesday for a vault to be constructed in the near future, and it is proposed as soon as possible to purchase a hearse and erect a hearse-house.

“The association is under obligation to keep the grounds in good condition for a term of five years, and during this time neither expense nor effort will be spared to beautify the cemetery and make it a lasting credit to Luverne.

“It is evident therefore that the association has assumed important respon-

sibilities and burdensome obligations.”

...“The plan includes lots varying in size from sixteen to thirty-two feet square and ranging in price from \$10 to \$300 each. The choice of lots in the most desirable locations can now be secured for \$30 each.

“An estimate of the cost of carrying out the plans determined upon has been made and the prices of lots have been established in accordance with this estimate.

“The most efficient and welcome assistance that can be given to the enterprise at present is to purchase lots, and the more prompt the response in this respect the more rapidly will the improvement of the grounds be effected.”

“The necessity of having a cemetery that will be a source of pride to the town rather than reproach is generally recognized and the gratitude we owe to the men whose enterprise and public spirit has given to the town what has so long been needed, should be testified by willing and substantial assistance.”

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My name is Bill Lovette, CEO and President of Pilgrim's—a chicken company founded in 1946 and dedicated to providing high-quality products at a great value. Earlier this year, we had the good fortune of purchasing GNP Company. Having been in the chicken business my entire life, I've long admired the company and brands built by the Helgeson family in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and am proud to have them as part of the Pilgrim's family.

It's important to me to carry on the legacy started by the Helgesons—a legacy that includes:

- Caring for our team members and family farm partners who make what we do possible;
- Providing wholesome, high-quality, nutritious chicken to families across the U.S.;
- Delivering exceptional service and value to our customers; and
- Strengthening the communities where we live, work and distribute our products.

This summer, we'll be supporting a number of Minnesota and Wisconsin events that celebrate local families and one of our favorite summer pastimes—grilling out. Our summer-long celebration continues with Luverne's Buffalo Days!

I personally would like to invite you to learn more about us at Pilgrims.com. Here's to a safe and wonderful grilling season! Hope to see you around the great state of Minnesota.

Happy Grilling,
Bill Lovette
Bill Lovette

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A few facts from Bill...

ABOUT PILGRIM'S

- Founded as a family company near Pittsburg, TX
- Expanded to MN & WI in 2017 (with the purchase of GNP Company)
- Home is Greeley, CO, with operations in 14 U.S. states, Mexico and Puerto Rico
- 1 in every 5 chickens served in the U.S. comes from Pilgrim's
- 1,700+ team members and 400+ family farm partners in MN & WI

ABOUT GRILLING (MY FAVORITES)

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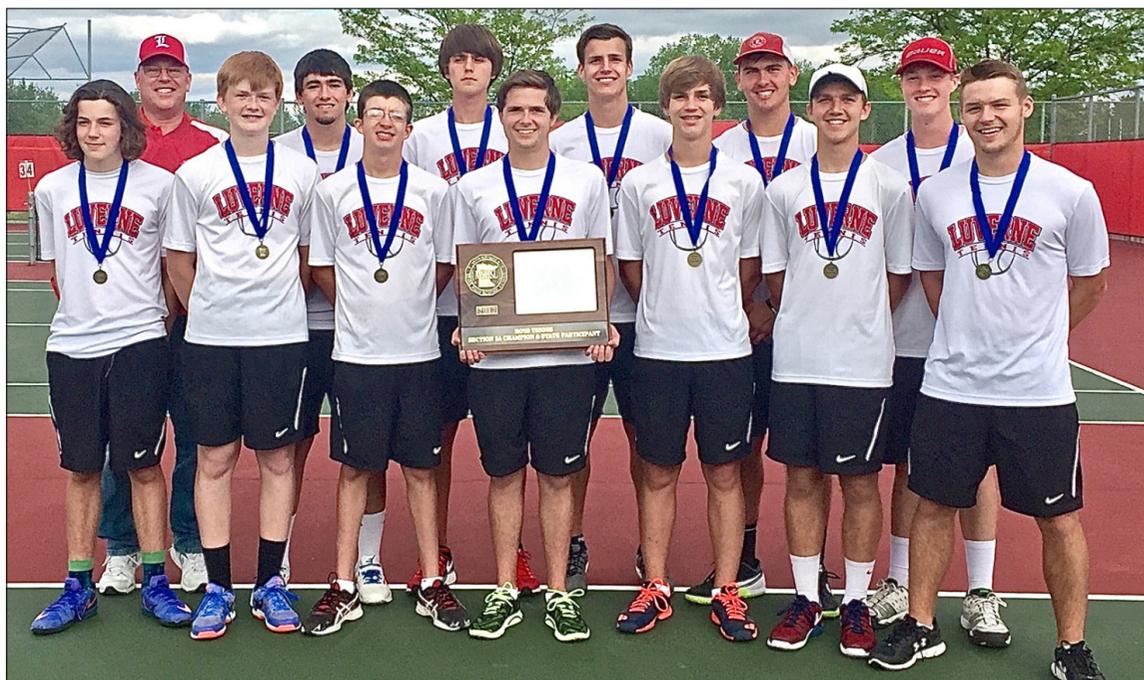


Photo courtesy Jim Curtis

The Luverne boys won their eighth consecutive Section 3A Team Tennis Tournament title May 24 in Redwood Falls. Team members include (front row, from left) Luke Jarchow, Trey Baustian, Ethan Thorson, Isaac Gillette, Matt Jelken, Mark Robinson, Layne Curtis, (back) coach Greg Antoine, Tyler Fick, Dalton Schoeneman, Chris Jelken, Cade Ver Steeg and Jim Erickson.

LHS sends 17 girls to Pipestone meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' track squad rolled to the team championship at the first Section 3A Southwest Sub-Section meet in Luverne Thursday.

Competing in an eight-team field, the Cardinals scored 193.66 points to easily collect the team crown.

Southwest Christian-Edgerton placed second behind LHS with 163.33 points.

Even more important than what LHS accomplished as a team is the fact that 17 Cardinals earned the right to compete at Thursday's Section 3A meet in Pipestone.

Individuals and relays need to place fourth or better at the sub-section level to automatically qualify for section competition.

Relays and individuals also can advance to the section meet by one of four

at-large berths (based on performances against the other two sub-sections of Section 3A) that are up for grabs in every event.

Sixteen LHS athletes earned automatic berths into the section field and another girl advances to Pipestone as an at-large entry.

The Cardinals won six event titles on their way to winning the team championship.

Tianna Doppenberg (12.66 in the 100), Jady Anderson (2:26.59), Regan Feit (5:39.64 in the 1,600) and Kami Sawtelle (112-5 in the discus) captured individual titles for LHS.

Luverne also won the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays with respective 4:10.2 and 9:47.12 efforts.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Feit, Autumn Nath and Anderson ran the 1,600, while Ver Steeg,

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Tennis team celebrates eighth consecutive 3A title

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team won the Section 3A Team Tennis Tournament title for the eighth consecutive year May 24 in Redwood Falls.

The Cardinals topped Montevideo by one point in the semifinals before besting Lac qui Parle Valley by three points in the championship match.

"As a team, I thought we were as good as we can be in both matches," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"We won every first set in the match against Montevideo and we won six of the first sets in our match against LQPV. That really puts you in the driver's seat in a seven-point match."

By winning the section title, the 19-2-1 Cards earn the right to play Section 7 champion Virginia during the quarterfinal round of

the Minnesota State Class A Tennis Tournament at Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

The LHS-Virginia quarterfinal-round match is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 6.

Luverne 5, LQPV 2

The Cardinals clinched their section title by toppling LQPV during the title tilt.

The teams split four singles matches, but Luverne won all three doubles contests to punch its ticket to the state tournament.

Dalton Schoeneman and Layne Curtis secured 6-2 and 6-1 victories over Conrad Matthies and Heath Buer at first doubles, while Jim Erickson and Isaac Gillette secured 6-4 and 6-3 wins over Gavin Olson and Jeraco Parsa at No. 2.

Trey Baustian and Luke Jarchow came out on the

winning end of a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 decision against Trevor Sigdahl and Lake Lee at third doubles.

Luverne's Chris Jelken posted 6-3 and 6-4 wins against Eli Weber at first singles, while Matt Jelken handed Colton Husby 6-0 and 6-2 losses at No. 4.

LQPV's wins came from Ryan Borstad (0-6, 6-4, 7-5 over Mark Robinson at No. 2) and Cody McKesson (6-4, 3-6, 6-3 over Cade Ver Steeg at No. 3).

LHS 4, Montevideo 3

The Cardinals won their semifinal-match against the Thunder Hawks by a tally that was much more dominating than the final score indicates.

Once the Cardinals secured four team points to seal the match title, they forfeited the remaining matches that were in progress to save energy for

the championship tilt.

Ver Steeg bested Henry Strong by 6-1 and 6-4 scores at third singles, while Matt Jelken handed Donny Albers a pair of 6-0 setbacks at No. 4.

Schoeneman and Curtis notched a pair of 6-1 wins against Kaden Marty and Brandon Johnson at first doubles, while Erickson and Gillette came out on the winning end of 6-1 and 6-0 sets against Tyler Eull and Calvin Anderson at No. 2.

Chris Jelken had a one-set lead over Riley Emery at first singles and Mark Robinson had a one-set lead at second singles before forfeiting their matches to Riley Emery and Noah Stoeckman respectively.

Baustian and Jachow led Chris Erickson and Owen Strunc by one set before forfeiting the match at third doubles.



John Rittenhouse photo/0601 lhs girls 8

Luverne's Jady Anderson won the 800-meter run during the sub-section track meet in Luverne Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0601 baseball 11

Luverne third baseman Derek Lundgren waits to glove a ball that was too late to register an out against a sliding Lakeview runner during Saturday's tournament opener at Redbird Field.

Boys edge MCC for championship

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' track team thwarted a stiff challenge by Murray County Central to win the team championship of the Section 3A Southwest Sub-Section meet Thursday in Luverne.

LHS compiled 141 points and needed almost every one of them to hold off MCC, which placed second in the nine-team field with 135.5 points.

Along with celebrating a team championship, the Cardinals reveled in the accomplishment of having 15 athletes qualify for the Section 3A meet in Pipestone Thursday.

Individuals and relays need to place fourth or better to

qualify for section competition automatically at the sub-section level.

Relays and individuals also can advance to the section meet by one of four at-large berths (based on performances against the other two sub-sections of Section 3A) that are up for grabs in every event.

Fourteen Cardinals earned automatic berths into section competition and one boy earned an at-large entry into the section field.

Capturing sub-section titles for LHS were Matt Hup (12-3 in the pole vault), Logan Stratton (48-9 in the shot put) and Dalton DeSollar (10:47.58) in the 3,200.

Placing second individually

for LHS were Dylan Thorson (46-11 in the shot), Stratton (140-10 in the discus), Jed Dooyema (11-9 in the pole vault) and Griffin Ahrendt (42-7 1/2) in the triple jump.

Ahrendt (23.58 in the 200) and Jeremiah Dooyema (11-9 in the pole vault) placed third individually for the Cards.

Jordy Thone (12.25 in the 100), Austin Winter (2:10.29 in the 800), Matt Ziegler (120-7 in the discus) and Eli Haugom (5-5 in the high jump) finished fourth individually.

All four of Luverne's relay teams qualified for the section meet automatically.

The 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter squads placed

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Cards pass first two section tests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team erased early deficits to post a pair of victories in the opening rounds of the Section 3AA Tournament at Redbird Field Saturday.

The Cardinals defeated Lakeview by four runs in the opening game before besting Windom by two runs in the finale.

The 14-7 Cardinals played a game in the tournament's winner's bracket in Granite Falls Tuesday (May 30).

LHS 4, Windom 2

The Cardinals remained unbeaten in tournament play by topping the Eagles by two runs in Saturday's second game.

Windom plated a run in the top of the first inning to gain an early advantage, but LHS outscored the Eagles 4-1 the rest of the way to prevail by two runs.

LHS earned a 2-1 edge in the bottom of the first after Jaxon Nelson and Tyler Reisdorfer

slapped two-out singles and Ben Serie drilled a two-run double.

Windom knotted the score with an unearned run in the top of the sixth before Luverne settled the issue in the bottom half of the frame.

Nelson registered a one-out single and scored the first run of the sixth when Reisdorfer tripled.

Reisdorfer scored the second run of the inning on a wild pitch.

Serie, who led LHS with three hits at the plate, tossed three hitless innings of one-run relief to earn the win. He recorded three strikeouts.

Derek Lundgren twirled four innings of one-run, three-hit, three-strikeout ball as the starting pitcher.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	3	0	0	0
Beers	3	0	0	0
Nelson	3	2	2	0
Reisdorfer	3	2	2	1
Serie	3	0	3	2
Mumme	0	0	0	0
Ty Roberts	0	0	0	0
Lundgren	3	0	1	0
Nath	3	0	0	0

Tr. Roberts	2	0	0	0
Reisch	2	0	1	0

LHS 7, Lakeview 3

The Cardinals staged a come-from-behind victory during Saturday's opening game against Lakeview.

The Lakers turned four consecutive hits into a 2-0 lead in the top half of the first inning, but Luverne bounced back to outscore Lakeview 7-1 the rest of the way to prevail by four runs.

Charlie Reisch and Nelson delivered RBI singles and Declan Beers recorded an RBI triple during a three-run third inning that gave Luverne a 3-2 edge.

Lakeview tied the score at three by plating one unearned run in the top of the fourth, but the Cards scored three times in the bottom of the fourth and added another run in the sixth to complete the victory.

Reisch slapped an RBI single, Mark Sterrett received

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John Rittenhouse photo/0601 lhs boys 7

Luverne senior Matt Hup won the pole vault competition during the Section 3A Southwest Sub-Section track meet in Luverne Thursday. Hup cleared 12-3 to take top honors in the event.

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24 x 25
Jim Slocum
Bill Claussen
Paul Steen
Dean Von Holtum

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third with respective 1:36.45, 3:40.19 and 9:09.77 times.

Hup, Jed and Jeremiah Dooyema and Ahrendt ran the 800, while the Dooyemas, Austin and Brandon Winter teamed up in the 1,600.

The Winters, DeSollar and Michael Rahm formed the 3,200-meter squad.

Hup joined forces with Thone, Andrew Reisch and Ahrendt to place fourth in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.02.

Qualifying for section competition as at-large entries

were Shane Berning (fifth in the 1,600 in 5:03.93), Ziegler (fifth in the shot with a distance of 40-6½) and Thone (seventh in the 200 in 24.66).

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's point-earning efforts during the sub-section meet.

LHS boys
Fifth place: Tanner Wiese, long jump, 17-10 ¼.
Sixth place: Thorson, discus, 113-8; Wiese, 100, 12.6.
Seventh place: Brayden Tofteland, 1,600, 5:08.29.
Eighth place: Rahm, 1,600, 5:19.38; Jonah Friedrichsen, 3,200, 11:58.88; Riley Siebenahler, triple jump, 37-5 ½.

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an RBI for a fielder's choice and Gaige Nath walked and scored on a wild pitch during the three-run fourth inning.

Reisch capped a three-RBI effort by drilling a run-producing double to cap the scoring in the sixth.

Reisdorfer tossed seven innings of seven-hit, two-earned-run ball to secure the

victory. He fanned five batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	4	0	0	1
Beers	3	1	1	1
Nelson	3	0	1	1
Reisdorfer	3	0	1	0
Serie	3	1	1	0
Lundgren	3	2	0	0
Nath	1	2	1	0
Roberts	3	0	1	0
Johnson	0	0	0	0
Reisch	3	1	3	3

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Feit, Gabrielle Ferrell and Anderson teamed up in the 3,200.

LHS also placed second in the 400- and 800-meter relays with times of 51.33 and 1:47.96.

Sierra Schmuck, Gracie Zewiske, Ivy Hudson and Doppenberg formed the 400-meter squad, while Schmuck, Sydney Biever, Zewiske and Doppenberg ran the 800.

Schmuck (27.52 in the 200), Tenley Nelson (12:01.38 in the 3,200), Sawtelle (37-8 ½ in the shot) and Bergin Flom (7-10 in the pole vault) placed second individually for LHS, while Mackenzie Petersen and Nath both cleared 4-8 to share second place in the high jump.

Biever (28.05 in the 200), Nath (1:03.46 in the 400), Ferrell (2:35.09 in the 800), Petersen (52.86 in the 300 hurdles), Doppenberg (15-

10 ½ in the long jump) and Mallory Thorson (31-4 ¾ in the triple jump) placed third individually for Luverne.

Hudson placed fourth in the 100-meter dash in 13.56 to earn an automatic trip to Pipestone, and Shelbie Nath placed fourth in the 400 with a time of 1:04.23.

Cassie Flanagan (13:18.55 in the 3,200), Petersen 18.28 in the 100 hurdles) and Flom (4-8 in the high jump) placed fifth to earn at-large berths into the section event.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's point-earning efforts during the sub-section meet.

LHS girls
Fifth place: Madison Schandelmeyer, pole vault, 6-4; Savannah Siebenahler, triple jump, 29-5 ¼.
Seventh place: Meghan Mollberg, 100, 13.79; Tia Hadler, shot, 30-0.
Eighth place: Lauren Ver Steeg, 300 hurdles, 57.76; Mckenna Westphal, discus, 84-8; Thorson, long jump, 13-11 ¼.

Twelve Dragons advance to 3A track meet

By John Rittenhouse

Twelve members of the Adrian High School track program extended their seasons during Thursday's South Section 3A Southwest Sub-Section meet in Luverne.

Seven AHS boys and five girls earned the right to compete at the Section 3A event in Pipestone Thursday by earning either automatic or at-large berths into the section field.

Individuals and relays need to place fourth or better to qualify for section competition automatically at the sub-section level.

Relays and individuals also can advance to the section meet by one of four at-large berths (based on performances against the other two sub-sections of Section 3A) that are up for grabs in every event.

Five AHS boys and one girl qualified for the section meet automatically. Two boys and four girls earned at-large berths into the section field.

Senior Zach Bierman advances to Pipestone as an automatic qualifier in the 100-meter dash (second in 11.76), 200-meter dash (third in 23.58) and the long jump (third with a distance of 18-1 ¼).

Bierman also ran a leg with Adrian's 400-meter relay,

which qualified for section competition by placing third with a time of 47.73 in Luverne.

Scot Edwards qualified for the section meet automatically by placing third in the shot put with a toss of 43-1 ½.

Dakota John, Kasey Madtson and Tristian White round out the relay.

John earned an at-large berth into section competition by placing fifth in the triple jump (38-3 ¼) and as a member of the 800-meter relay, which placed sixth in 1:43.46.

Chance Turner, Michael Preuss and White ran with John in the 800 relay.

The AHS boys scored 43.5 points to place sixth as a team in a nine-squad field that was led by Luverne (141 points) at the meet.

Moriah Bullerman qualified for section competition automatically by placing fourth in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs with respective 2:36.09 and 5:57.97 times.

Earning at-large berths into section competition include Adrian's 400- and 800-meter relays, which placed fifth with respective 54.66 and 1:57.59 times.

Hannah Henning, Bailey Lonneman, Katia Suarez and Kendra Frodermann formed both relays.

Frodermann also earned an at-large berth into the section



John Rittenhouse photo/0601 adrian track 6
Adrian's Moriah Bullerman qualified for section competition in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in Luverne Thursday.

event in the 200-meter dash after placing fifth in 29.05.

The AHS girls scored 22 points to place seventh in an eight-team field led by Luverne (193.66 points).

Here is a look at the rest

of Adrian's point-producing efforts at the meet.

AHS boys
Fifth place: White, 100, 12.57.
Eighth place: 1,600 relay (John, Edwardo Godines, Preuss and Turner), 4:09.26.

Gonnerman reaches second day of 3AA play

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School junior qualified for the second day of competition in the Section 3AA Golf Tournament by turning in a strong performance during Day 1 of the event Thursday at the Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake.

Coy Gonnerman, who advanced to the second day of section play last season, made it again by placing among the

top 18 individual qualifiers Thursday.

The top five teams and the 18 lowest scores who are not members of the top five teams qualify for the second day of section competition.

Gonnerman and three other players shot 84s to earn a return trip to the ODC Tuesday (May 30), where the second day of play will take place.

With Gonnerman leading

the way, LHS placed 12th in a field of 15 complete teams with a 377-stroke tally.

New Ulm (315), Minnewaska Area (320), New London-Spicer (320), Worthington (327) and Marshall (329) qualified for the second day of play in the team competition.

LHS wraps up team play with a 13-40 record.

A player needed to shoot an 87 or better to reach the second

day of play individually, and Gonnerman was the lone Cardinal to make the cut.

Carter Stemper and Will Stegenga contributed respective 94- and 95-stroke rounds to Luverne's team tally, while Aleck Schoeneman and Carter Loosbrock posted 104s.

Jack Golla registered a 110 without impacting the scoring for the Cardinals.

Cardinal girls earn right to compete as team

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' golf team advances to the second day of play in the Section 3AA Tournament based on its performance during the opening round May 24 at the Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake.

With the top five teams out of a 13-squad field qualifying for second-round action, the

Cardinals made the cut by finishing fifth with 367 strokes.

It's the third consecutive season LHS has qualified for both days of play at the section event as a team.

LHS does have some work to do in order to capture the section title and advance to state as a team.

The Cardinals trail Minnewaska Area (345

strokes), Morris Area (350), Marshall (350) and Litchfield (361) heading into the second round, which was staged Tuesday (May 30) at the same venue.

The top five individual finishers that are not members of the winning team qualify for the state tournament May 30 as well.

Hailey Remme and Madison

Crabtree led the Cards by posting respective 86- and 87-stroke rounds.

Anna Huisman and Samantha Pierce added 95- and 99-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Jenna Zewiske and Carly Serie posted 104- and 105-stroke tallies without impacting the team scoring.

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Special event adds twist to Saturday's racing slate

A racing event with a twist will be staged at the Rock County Fairgrounds Saturday.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The celebration of Buffalo Days in Luverne has included dirt track action at the local oval for a while now, but this year's slate will include a special event that adds extra intrigue to the Saturday night lineup.

Along with racing action involving micro sprints and mini modified cars, local fans might want to pay extra attention to the factory stock competition that evening.

The organizers of the Rock County Speedway Races have placed a little extra emphasis on this class in 2017, and the final event of the evening should make for an interesting spectacle.

We have a lot of Enduro Race competitors in Rock County, and factory stock class features those types of vehicles.

This, however, will not be an Enduro Race.

The factory stock drivers will mix it up in heat races and a feature race before the real fun begins for some of the entries.

What is being called the crew challenge will be the final event of the night, and it will test the skills of the drivers and some of the members of their pit crew.

"The crew challenge will be a completely different race," said Ryan Walker, one of the event organizers.

"It will be a 20-lap involving the top 10 finishers of our factory stock feature race earlier in the evening," he said.

What happens during the crew challenge makes it a different event.

After the first 10 laps of the race are complete, the drivers will stop their cars in a big box that will

be outlined in front of the grandstands.

Once all of the cars are completely stopped, the flagman will drop the green flag and three members of the pit crews will be allowed to hurdle the guardrail and complete three tasks.

One member of the crew will need to add five gallons of gas to the tank, while the other two members will be required to change both tires on the right side of the car.

Once the tasks are complete, the driver will race to a line located near turn one on the track.

The first driver to cross the line will gain pole position for the final 10 laps of the race, while the rest of the positioning for the final laps will be determined by the order when the other nine cars cross the line.

"It's just a little different event I've been thinking about doing for some time now," Walker said.

"We'll be checking the lug nuts on the cars before the final 10 laps as a safety measure, then we'll do a parade lap before dropping the flag for the final race. It should be fun to watch."

Nine of the drivers completing the 20-lap event will get their entry fees back.

The winner of the crew challenge receives a greater reward.

"We always hear the Enduro guys say they are looking for tires. We'll be giving four new tires to the winner of the crew challenge," Walker said.

It's racing with a twist, and it will test the skills of the drivers and their crews.

Sixteen Patriot athletes advance to Pipestone

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' track team placed sixth and the boys seventh at the Section 3A Southwest Sub-Section meet Thursday in Luverne.

The Patriot girls compiled 47 points to finish sixth in an eight-team field, while the boys scored 39 points to place seventh out of nine teams.

Luverne won the girls' (193.66) and boys' (141) team titles.

Sixteen H-BC athletes did earn the right at the sub-section meet to compete at Thursday's Section 3A event in Pipestone.

Individuals and relays need to place fourth or better to qualify for section competition automatically at the sub-section level.

Relays and individuals also can advance to the section meet by one of four at-large berths (based on performances against the other two sub-sections of Section 3A) that are up for grabs in every event.

Eight H-BC boys captured automatic berths into the section meet and another Patriot advances after being a member of a relay team that earned an at-large trip to Pipestone.

Seven Patriot girls qualified for the section meet automatically.

Kourtney Rozeboom, who advances after placing second in the discus with a toss of 107-2, claimed the line meet title for the Patriot girls by winning the shot put with a distance of 40-3.

H-BC also will send three relay teams to Pipestone.

Taryn Rauk, Taylor Durst, Kenadie Fick and Sidney Fick finished second in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:15.9, while Ashlee Kelderman, Sidney Fick, Paige Tilstra and Rauk finished third in the 400-meter relay in 52.97.



John Rittenhouse photo/0601 hbc track 6

H-BC's Taryn Rauk (left) grabs the baton from Paige Tilstra to start the final leg of the 400-meter relay during the Southwest Sub-Section meet in Luverne Thursday.

The 800-meter team consisting of Kelderman, Tilstra, Fick and Rauk moves on as well after placing fourth in 1:52.67.

The boys' 400-meter relay consisting of Trenton Bass, Gavin Wysong, Jed Burgers and Jax Wysong captured a meet title with a time of 46.41.

The 800-meter relay consisting of Hunter Bork, Bass, Luke LaRock and Tyson Bork automatically qualified

for the section meet by placing fourth in 1:39.78.

Zach Scholten cleared 6-1 to place second in the high jump and Burgers finished fourth in 44.72 to qualify for section competition individually.

The 1,600-meter relay consisting of Gavin Wysong, LaRock, Dawson Leenderts and Jax Wysong secured an at-large berth in the section field after placing fifth with a

time of 3:49.11 in Luverne.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's point-producing efforts from the sub-section meet.

H-BC girls
Fifth place: Rauk, long jump, 14-7.
Sixth place: Abby Knobloch, 300 hurdles, 56.34.
Eighth place: Ana Hagen, 1,600, 6:26.79; Lauren Tatge, 3,200, 13:48.7; Sadie Fuerstenberg, shot, 29-2 1/2.

H-BC boys
Seventh place: Leenderts, 100, 12.76.
Eighth place: T. Bork, 200, 25.17; Burgers, long jump, 17-4.

Three LHS netters reach individual semifinals

By John Rittenhouse

Three members of the Luverne High School tennis program survived the first two rounds of the Section 3A Individual Tournament Thursday in Redwood Falls.

One LHS singles player won his only match and a Cardinal doubles team went 2-0 to reach the section semifinals in each division.

The semifinals and finals are slated to be played in Redwood

Falls Tuesday (May 30).

Chris Jelken earned the No. 1 seed in singles and won his lone match of the day.

Jelken posted a pair of 6-1 wins against Yellow Medicine East's Cody Speh in the quarterfinals.

Layne Curtis and Dalton Schoeneman drew the No. 1 seed in doubles and reached the semifinals by securing a pair of victories.

The LHS team registered 6-1

and 6-2 wins over MACCRAY's Carter Tomes and Jaden Ritter in the opening round before notching a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Redwood Valley's Nathaniel Passe and Cain Bratsch in the quarterfinals.

Luverne's Mark Robinson nailed down a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Pipestone's Dalton Pottratz in his first singles match before falling 2-6, 6-2, 3-6 to Lac qui Parle Valley's Eli Weber in the semifinals.

Cardinals Jim Erickson and Cade Ver Steeg notched a pair of 6-2 wins in their first doubles match against Worthington's Sully Merrigan and Kipton Jenson.

Ver Steeg and Erickson bowed out of the event after taking a 4-6, 7-6 (13-11 in the tiebreaker), 6-4 setback from Montevideo's Noah Stoeckman and Brandon Johnson in the quarterfinals.

Wabasso ousts Dragons from softball field

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team bowed out of the Section 3A Tournament with an opening-round loss in Wabasso May 23.

The seventh-seeded Dragons squared off against No. 1 Wabasso to start the tourney.

The seedings held to form as the Rabbits posted a 16-3 victory in a game that ended by the 10-run rule after four and one-half innings of play.

AA ends the season with a 3-16 record.

Wabasso led 6-0 before AA's Devin Dreesen belted a two-run homerun in the top of the

third inning.

The Rabbits responded by scoring 10 runs in the third and fourth frames to open a 16-2 cushion before Dreesen capped the scoring with a solo shot in the top of the fifth.

Dreesen also doubled during a three-hit effort for AA, while Avery Balster and Kristian Cauwels added one hit each.

Balster pitched the first two and two-thirds innings and took the loss after yielding 11 runs.

Dreesen surrendered five runs in the final one and one-third innings.

Adrian, H-BC golfers reach second day of 3A play

By John Rittenhouse

Four athletes from the Star Herald coverage area extended their seasons during the opening round of the Section 3A Golf Tournament May 24 in Worthington.

The team season came to an end for the squads from Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian after the opening round, but two Patriots and two Dragons qualified individually for the second day of competition set for Wednesday (May 31) in Worthington.

The top four teams from Day 1 and the 10 lowest individual scorers who were not members of those four teams qualify for the second round of section play.

H-BC's Preston Maassen and Adrian's Mitchell Veld and Brady Henning earned the right to play again in the boys' competition, while Tess Van Maanen moves on for the H-BC girls.

H-BC and Adrian placed seventh and eighth with respective 425- and 431-stroke efforts in a field of 10 complete boys' teams.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove (360), Murray County Central (375), Windom (387) and Wabasso (387) emerged as the teams qualifying for the second round of competition.

H-BC's 15-32 team season is

complete, but Maassen moves on after carding a 97.

Dylon Taubert shot a 103 for the Patriots, which was one stroke away from the 102 he needed to advance to Day 2.

Thomas Dysthe and Parker Gehrke added 110- and 115-stroke rounds to H-BC's team tally, while Noah Hellerud and Carter Roozenboom carded 119- and 146-stroke tallies without impacting the scoring.

Veld and Henning shot 101- and 102-stroke rounds to lead the Dragons, who finish the year with a 13-37 record.

Veld and Henning will play

again, but the season ends for Landon Runia (106), Cole Weidert (122), Easton Braun (123) and John Christians (126).

Van Maanen, one of two Patriot girls competing at the event, shot a 107 to nail down one of the individual qualifying berths into the second day of play.

A player needed to card a 110 to advance to Day 2, so H-BC's Hannah Fick (119) didn't make the cut.

The Adrian girls completed an 8-18-1 season by capping a

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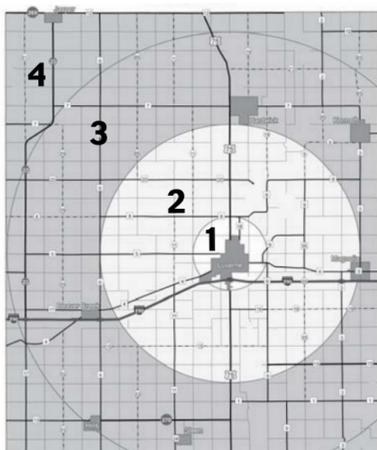
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Ellsworth's Sean Boltjes placed second in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles during the sub-section meet in Luverne.

Boltjes twins qualify for section meet

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of Ellsworth High School athletes qualified for Section 3A competition during the Southwest Sub-Section 3A Track and Field Meet in Luverne Thursday.

Athletes automatically qualify for the section meet by placing fourth or better at the sub-section level individually or as members of relay teams.

Ellsworth brothers Sean and Kade Boltjes met the criteria in two events each.

Sean Boltjes placed second in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles with respective 16.91 and 43.65 times.

Kade Boltjes moves on after placing fourth in the long and triple jumps with distances of 18-1 and 38-8.

Both athletes compete at the Section 3A meet in Pipestone Thursday.

Kade Boltjes also earned an at-large berth into section competition after placing sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.99.

With the Boltjes boys leading the way, EHS placed eighth in a nine-team field with 33 points at the sub-section event.

Luverne won the team title with 141 points.

Here is a look at the rest of Ellsworth's point-producing efforts at the meet.

EHS boys
Seventh place: Robby Armstrong, 400, 59.67; 400 relay (S.Boltjes, Armstrong, Carter Boyenga and K.Boltjes), 50.1.

Dragons split games to open tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team split games during the opening rounds of the Section 3A Tournament Saturday in Wabasso.

The Dragons topped Heron Lake-Okabena 4-0 in the opener before falling 4-1 to Wabasso in the second round.

Jacob Stamer tossed a complete game shutout to sideline the Wildcats in Game 1.

Stamer fanned six HL-O batters and limited the Wildcats to two hits.

Adrian, on the other hand, plated single runs in the third and fourth innings and played two counters in the sixth.

Zach Loosbrock led the Dragons at the plate with two hits and cracked a solo homerun.

Landon Rogers and Nate Lonneman registered one hit

and one RBI each.

The Dragons plated one run in the top half of the second inning to gain an early advantage against the Rabbits.

Taking advantage of six AHS errors, Wabasso put together two-run rallies in the third and sixth frames to prevail by three.

Jeff Cauwels delivered an RBI single for Adrian.

Nick Harder doubled for the Dragons, while Stamer and Rogers chipped in one hit each.

Alex Loosbrock was saddled with the pitching loss of working three and one-third innings of two-run, four-strikeout ball.

Rogers pitched the final two and two-third innings, yielding two runs and striking out one batter.

The 13-7 Dragons played an elimination game in Windom Tuesday (May 30).

Huskies upset Cardinal girls in opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne softball team became a victim of an upset during the opening round of the Section 3AA Tournament May 24 in Pipestone.

Luverne, the tournament's fourth seed, took on No. 5 Jackson County Central to open the event.

The Cardinals swept a set from the Huskies during the regular season, but JCC avenged those losses by saddling LHS with a 5-2 setback in the tournament game.

Luverne ends the season with a 12-9 record.

JCC plated single runs in the third and fourth innings to open a 2-0 lead that LHS sliced in half (2-1) when Rylee Olson drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the fourth.

JCC upped its lead to 4-1 in the top of the fifth, but Zayna Hustoft registered an RBI single for Luverne in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 4-2 game.

The Huskies plated one run in the sixth and blanked LHS in the final two frames to win by three.

Makayla Huisman led the



John Rittenhouse photo/0601 softball 1

Luverne senior first baseman Ariel DeBeer prepares to register an out at the bag during a Section 3AA Tournament game against Jackson County Central in Pipestone May 24.

Cards with two hits at the plate, while Mariah Aukes, Hustoft, Ashton Krueger and Gracie Bosch chipped in one hit each.

Olson surrendered four runs and six hits in five innings of work as the starting pitcher and took the loss.

Ariel DeBeer surrendered two hits and one run in the final two frames.

Cardinals complete regular season with 12-7 record by besting two foes

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team wrapped up a 12-7 regular season by posting a pair of wins at Redbird Field May 23.

The Cardinals notched a seven-run win over Murray County Central during the opening game before besting Fairmont by six runs in the finale.

LHS 7, Fairmont 1

The Cardinals completed their home sweep by posting a six-run win over Fairmont.

Fairmont plated one run in the top of the first inning to gain an early edge, but the Cards scored seven unanswered runs to end the game and secure their 12th win of the regular season.

Declan Beers drew a walk and scored on an error to tie the score in the bottom of the first.

Tyler Reisdorfer delivered an RBI double in the third inning and Gaige Nath plated a run with a single in the fourth

to make it 3-1.

Beers tripled home a run and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jaxon Nelson to give the Cards a 5-1 advantage in the fifth.

Charlie Reisch capped the scoring by ripping a two-run double in the sixth.

Ben Serie pitched five innings of one-run, four-strikeout ball to nail down the win.

Nelson and Beers tossed one scoreless inning each.

Box	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	4	2	2	0
Beers	2	2	1	1
Nelson	2	0	0	1
Reisdorfer	3	0	1	1
Serie	3	1	2	0
Lundgren	2	1	1	0
Nath	2	1	2	1
Johnson	2	0	0	0
Reisch	3	0	1	2

Luverne 8, MCC 1

The Cards scored seven unanswered runs to best the Rebels by seven runs during Game 1.

After taking a 1-0 lead with an RBI single by Nelson in the first inning, the Cards found

themselves in a deadlock when MCC scored once in the top of the second.

LHS responded by scoring three runs in the third inning and putting together two-run rallies in the fourth and sixth innings to win handily.

Reisdorfer, Derek Lundgren and Nath slapped RBI singles in the third inning, while Reisdorfer singled home a run and Serie registered an RBI for a fielder's choice in the fourth.

Serie singled and scored on a passed ball to highlight the sixth inning rally.

Lundgren tossed five innings of one-run ball to secure the pitching win before giving way to Beers, who worked the final two frames.

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

Rally keeps Redbirds unbeaten

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds upped their record to 3-0 with a home win over Hadley May 24.

After falling behind 1-0 early in the game, the Redbirds scored four unanswered runs to secure a 4-1 victory.

The Buttermakers drew first blood in the contest in the top half of the second inning, but Luverne tied the game at one with an RBI single from Phil Paquette in the third inning

before gaining a 2-1 edge when Connor Hoffman singled home a run in the seventh.

The Redbirds padded their lead by plating a pair of unearned runs in the eighth inning.

Connor Crabtree reached base on a fielder's choice and Dominic Nibbelink drew a walk. Both runners scored on a throwing error.

Codie Zeutenhorst pitched eight innings of one-run, five-strikeout ball to earn the win.

Crabtree earned a save by fanning two batters in a scoreless ninth inning.

Luverne plays in Milroy Wednesday (May 31).

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	5	1	3	1
Christensen	4	0	1	0
Paquette	3	0	3	1
Zeutenhorst	3	0	0	0
Verhey	4	0	0	0
Norman	2	0	0	0
Mauer	2	0	1	0
Crabtree	3	1	0	0
D.Nibbelink	3	2	1	0
L.Nibbelink	3	0	0	0

AHS bests RCW in finale May 23

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team capped a 12-6 regular season by posting a 9-2 home win over Renville County West May 23.

The score was knotted at two after four and one-half innings of play, but the Dragons scored three runs in the fifth inning and four in the sixth to clinch a seven-run victory.

Landon Rogers, one of three Adrian players to register two hits in the game, delivered a two-run single to highlight the key fifth-inning rally.

Jacob Stamer and Zach Hendel added two hits each to the winning cause.

Skylar Polzine tossed two scoreless innings of relief to secure the pitching win.

Rogers yielded two runs and fanned four batters during a three-inning stint as the starting pitcher, while Wagner twirled two innings of relief to collect a save.

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field of eight complete teams at the section event.

Annika Elias, Alexia Kemper, Gracia Elias and Josi Altman contributed 113-, 119-, 122- and 129-stroke rounds to Adrian's 483-stroke team tally.

Teams from Windom (417), Heron Lake-Okabena (425), MCC (436) and Hendricks (438) advance to the second day of play.

The winning teams and the lowest five scorers who are not members of the championship team advance to the state tournament when the second day of section play is complete.

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Thursday, June 1: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, June 2: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 3: 11 a.m. Graduation. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, June 4: Noisy Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee. Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 9: 9 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School. Monday, June 5: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 6: 9 a.m. Staff Meeting. Wednesday, June 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Tuff Home Worship. Youth to Thunder Road. Thursday, June 8: 2 p.m. GLCW program at Church. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

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

Sunday, June 4: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, June 7: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle. Thursday, June 8: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

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

Thursday, June 1: 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. Friday, June 2: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, June 4: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 9: 8:30 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School. Monday, June 5: 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, June 6: 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. Wednesday, June 7: 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. Thursday, June 8: 6:30 p.m. Motorcycle Ride.

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

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, June 1: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Friday, June 2: 6-9 p.m. Pie and Ice Cream Social. Saturday, June 3: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, June 4: 10:30 a.m. Buffalo Days worship service at Palace Theatre. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, June 5: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, June 6: 8 a.m. Priscilla Circle. 6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting. Wednesday, June 7: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, June 8: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry/Fairy Garden.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, June 4: 10:30 a.m. Worship service at the Palace Theatre.
Wednesday, June 7: 7 p.m. Evangelism and Stewardship Committee; Worship Committee; Christian Education Committee.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Thursday, June 1: 2 p.m. Women's Society. 6:30 p.m. VBS Training Meeting. Friday, June 2: 6:30 p.m. VBS Training Meeting. Saturday, June 3: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 4: 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 8: 6:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Meals are from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday June 6: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday June 7: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Senior Choir. Thursday June 8: 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. 8:15 p.m. Special Vacation Bible School Closing.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
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.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, June 1: 3:30 p.m. Zion worship on Channel 3. Friday, June 2: 3:30 p.m. Zion worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 4: 9 a.m. Worship service with Communion. Adult Bible Study follows service. Monday, June 5: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, June 7: 7 p.m. LWML meeting. 8 p.m. Bible Study. Thursday, June 8: 3:30 p.m. Zion worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, June 4: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran with Communion.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Thursday, June 1: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting at Palisade. Sunday, June 4: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran with Communion.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Worship Leader Michael Blank
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School. Third Wednesday: Deborah Circle.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Reflections on a 'pastoral' setting

A couple evenings ago after supper I explored the western part of Rock County, mostly west of Highway 23. It's a small slice of our county but it is full of life. I discovered terrain, farms, lay of the land that I hadn't noticed earlier. It's mostly narrow gravel roads and I enjoyed the ride. Some were closed at the border due to high water.

Farmers there take very good care of the land. I imagined what the early pioneers encountered — open prairie, streams and wetlands with wildlife habitat, no roads but a few trails and a few Native Americans.

I once talked with a couple at Senior Dining whose grandparents built a sod house in a hillside in that place.

That small slice of western Rock County contains so much history — the old barns leaning in all directions, the abandoned roads and bridges, the windmills no longer drawing water, the fences barely upright, windbreaks with no buildings to shield. Still, people and families live there, in new homes and

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Father Tom Jennings, St. Catherine Catholic Church

in stately old farmhouses. Cows and calves pasture in green acres along streams, grain bins hold the produce of the land. I saw lovely vegetable gardens and fruit trees and flowering landscapes.

As the sun settled low in the western sky, I parked my car near a grassy bridge and prayed evening psalms.

I love that slice of God's good earth. It's holy ground.

What charmed me most was the quiet land and people. I'm sure I looked pretty odd on the gravel roads, driving real slow and probably looking lost. Everyone — in vehicles or farm tractors or mowers along the driveways — everyone gave a friendly wave. God's people on God's precious land at sunset: precious.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

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
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Saturday, June 3: Pewo/Sandager wedding. Sunday, June 4: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, June 6: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday June 7: 9 a.m. Quilting. Church boards meet. 7 p.m. Follow-up Vision Meeting.

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 13

**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:

Mortgagor: Cody R. Scholten, an unmarried person
Mortgagee: Heritage Bank N.A.
Dated: 06/17/2008
Recorded: 06/18/2008
Rock County Recorder Document No. 169323
Assigned To: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Dated: 06/17/2008
Recorded: 06/18/2008
Rock County Recorder Document No. 169324
Transaction Agent: N/A
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: N/A
Lender or Broker: Heritage Bank N.A.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgage Originator: Heritage Bank N.A.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The S 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 4 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0264-000
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
709 N OAKLEY
LUVERNE, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$64,315.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$57,151.36

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: July 13, 2017, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, City of Luverne 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 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is January 13, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
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: May 12, 2017

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee
PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
By: Michael V. Schleisman, Michael T. Oberle, John M. Miller
Attorneys for:
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee
55 East Fifth Street, Suite 800
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651-209-7599
651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
(05-18, 05-25, 06-01, 06-08, 06-15, 06-22)

VandenBerg probate

**PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-151**

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Lylamae VandenBerg,
Deceased

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of July, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated February 8, 2010, and for the appointment of Darwin VandenBerg whose address is 213 S. Spring Avenue, Apt. 3, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said person represent the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: May 22, 2017

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
EISMA AND EISMA
130 East Main Street
P.O. Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4828
I.D.#158343

/s/ Terry S. Vajrjt
District Court Judge
(COURT SEAL)
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

(06-01-06-08)

Luverne seeks snow removal equipment bids by June 27

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, at the Luverne City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota until 2:00 P.M. on the 27th day of June 2017, for the Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition project at the Luverne Municipal Airport in Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory bond. The project snow removal equipment shall be delivered to the airport by November 17, 2017.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The City also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instruction to Bidders for more details.

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CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
(06-01)

Economic Development Authority public meeting June 12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been called and will be held for the Luverne Economic Development Authority, on Monday, the 12th of June, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Office Building at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider public input regarding the sale of Lot 6, Walnut Second Industrial Subdivision in the City of Luverne, Minnesota to Scott D. Schneckloth Revocable Trust.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing, ask questions, and/or give comments. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the hearing by addressing them to the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN (507-449-5033).
BY THE ORDER OF THE LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Patrick Baustian, President
Luverne Economic Development Authority
305 E. Luverne St.
Luverne, MN 56156
Phone: 507-283-2388
(06-01)

Rock County Commissioners meet March 21

**Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse
9:00 A.M.
March 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the March 21, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 06-17 – National Service Recognition Day April 4th
2. Client Agreement with Employee Relations

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the March 07, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested to bid let (4) mill overlay projects; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, authorize the Engineer to bid the following mill overlay projects, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. SAP 067-604-030 – CSAH 4 from Walnut Ave to TH 75
2. SAP 067-618-009 – CSAH 18, 611 feet south of 131st Street
3. SAP 067-618-010 – CSAH 18 from Fairway Drive to CSAH 8
4. SAP 067-634-004 – CSAH 35 from Lincoln Street to Barck Ave

The Engineer reviewed the 5-year construction plan with the County Board; no action was taken at this time.

The Engineer also presented an overview of the department to include staffing and construction/project funding sources; no action taken.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Burger, seconded Overgaard to pay the claims, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing – March 21, 2017

C & B OPERATIONS LLC	6,007.44
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	3,152.53
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	3,015.05
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	6,257.63
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	4,670.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	6,108.07
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	12,627.50
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	2,500.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	19,895.25
RACOM	2,620.81
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,816.62
SAFEASURE CONSULTANTS INC	6,016.63
STREICHER'S	2,424.14
WEX BANK	2,200.43
87 payment less than 2000	33,724.15
	\$114,036.25

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve a liquor license for the Luverne Country Club, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested approval of a new 60-month lease agreement for the postage meter; the new lease agreement reflects a small increase at \$488/month but also includes new updated equipment. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an update from a recent Judicial Ditch Advisory meeting regarding needed repairs to Judicial Ditch No. 3. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to authorize the repair of a collapsed lateral on the east side of US Hwy 23 that drains west for an estimated repair cost of \$10,000 - \$15,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Brent Hoffman, Rural Water Systems Manager, presented an update from the MN Rural Water Association annual meeting; Rock County Rural Water was awarded a Water Source Water Protection award for their efforts benefitting the protection of drinking water and for the collaborative efforts between Rural Water, the Rock County Land Management Office the Soil & Water Conservation District. Hoffman also informed the County Board that Red Arndt was awarded the Henry Walraven Award, a prestigious award given to recipients who have given leadership contributions for the improvement of a water/wastewater system in Minnesota.

Hoffman also stated that construction from the expansion project is complete and that the water hook up to the Blue Mound State Park is still pending.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding computer equipment for the commissioners; he presented a price quote from Office Depot for a Microsoft Surface Pro 4 tablet with keyboard/cover and wireless mouse accessories totaling \$1,288.78 per unit. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the purchase of (5) tablets with accessories totaling \$6,443.90 and to pay the expenditure from County Board contingency, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Williamson informed the County Board that there is a vacancy on the Judicial Ditch Advisory Committee and recommended Dean Wenzel as candidate; the Administrator would follow up with Mr. Wenzel for confirmation. No appointment action was taken at the time.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the 2017 Local Boards of Appeal & Equalization schedule and that the schedule is receiving some unpopular comments as it is 30-days later than the past years and it may potentially interfere with spring agriculture activities. The Administrator explained that the delay was due to unplanned circumstances and the schedule cannot be changed in order

meet compliance timelines with the Department of Revenue. The Local Boards of Appeal & Equalization schedule will be adjusted back in 2018.

The County Board was in receipt of the Southwestern Mental Health Center Annual Meeting scheduled for April 12th @ 6:00PM at the Grand Prairie Events Center.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock/ Nobles Community Corrections, Plum Creek Library Executive Board, City/County Liaison and a Southwest MN Opportunity Council meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Southwest Health & Human Services where they discussed oral health access for MA recipients and farewell event for Chris Sorenson scheduled for March 28th; also attended a Chief Elected Officials kickoff event for the high school student pilot project.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock/ Nobles Community Corrections, Southwestern Mental Health, LIFT, Chief Elected Officials Pilot Program meeting and a Southwest Health & Human Services which also highlighted a discussion regarding banning E-Cigarettes from all public areas. Upon additional discussion, it was determined that the restriction would zoning issue and not a Tobacco Ordinance issue.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Extension, Denver and Vienna Annual Township meetings, Judicial Ditch Advisory Committee, Fair Board, City/County Liaison and that he has scheduled a Coffee with the Sheriff event at the Magnolia Care on March 31st.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority, Extension, Beaver Creek township annual meeting, Southwestern Mental Health and a Judicial Ditch Advisory Committee.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

(06-01)

Rock County Commissioners meet April 4

**Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse
4:00 P.M.
April 4, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the April 4, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the March 21, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Emergency Communications Board Dues 2017 - \$2,190

Shannon Dwire, Millennium Recycling General Manager, presented an overview of recycling activities at their Sioux Falls location. Sioux Falls is where the recyclables collected in Rock County go for processing. Ms. Dwire also presented suggestions for Rock County to implement that may generate additional volume of recyclables. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

Serena Gutnik, Library Director, attended the board to request authorization to attend an out-of-state Library Conference. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to authorize her attendance with the time to be considered work time and conference expenses paid by either grant funds or out-of-pocket by the director, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented 2 Conditional Use Permits:

1. Central Specialties – placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant to be placed in the Henning Construction gravel pit located in the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of 35-103-45 of Mound Township; motion by Overgaard seconded by Burger, to approve the permit with the conditions identified on the permit to include a road haul agreement with Mound Township, declared carried on a voice vote.

2. Bremick Materials – for the extraction, crushing, processing and stockpiling of quarried aggregates located in the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of 23-104-45 of Denver Township; motion by Overgaard seconded by Reisch, to approve the permit with the conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Also presented a contract with SEH for 2017 landfill monitoring services at \$5,000; motion by Burger seconded by Thompson to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

There was a discussion regarding county recycling services and the recycling contract; by order of the Chair, appointed Commissioners Burger and Reisch and the Administrator to meet with Ketterling Sanitation to review the contract.

The Administrator and the Personnel Committee of the County Board led a discussion regarding the request for proposals to conduct a Comparable Worth Study; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the bid from D. Drown & Associates for \$14,887.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,500; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing – April 04, 2017

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	4,152.45
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	2,482.25
DGR ENGINEERING	9,204.87
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	4,075.12
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	2,744.55
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	28,566.91
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	2,862.60
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	17,907.75
SNOW WHEEL SYSTEM INC	3,087.00
SW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD	2,190.00
73 Payments less than 2000	29,777.75
	\$107,051.25

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the bid results for SAP 067-030-013, Rock County route and seal bituminous roadway projects:

KAMKO Inc.	\$118,801.00
Asphalt Surface Tech Corp	\$119,100.00
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$129,400.00
Bargen Inc.	\$148,000.00
Precision Roadway Services, LLC	\$154,600.00
Allied Blacktop Co.	\$158,600.00
Northwest Asphalt & Maint	\$166,000.00
American Pvm Solutions	\$251,500.00

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to accept the low bid from KAMKO Inc. for \$118,801.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented the bid results for SAP 067-617-011, bridge replacement project over the Beaver Creek on CSAH 17:

Prahm Construction Inc.	\$702,996.50
Structural Specialties, Inc	\$724,950.30
M & K Bridge Construct Inc	\$740,915.00
ICON Constructors, LLC	\$760,298.00

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to accept the low bid from Prahm Construction Inc for \$702,996.50, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board recapped items discussed at the Road & Bridge hearing that was attended by township residents and producers where road maintenance issues were discussed; it was determined to table the discussion until the April 18, 2017 County Board meeting.

Norma Brands, local A.C.E. Coordinator along with Lori Teunison, Luverne Senior Center Site Manager and Connie Frahm, Local Volunteer, presented a 2016 activity recap: number of volunteers – 566; hours served 57,146; volunteer stations 62; value of A.C.E. Volunteer Time \$596,780. The County Board thanked Ms. Brands for the update.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to appointed the following individuals to the One Watershed One Plan Advisory Committee: Stan Williamson, Gary Overgaard (alternate), Josh Ossentoort, Angie Raatz (alternate), declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded Williamson, to appoint Commissioners Overgaard and Reisch to the Transit Advisory Committee and directed the Administrator to find additional appointments representing Senior Care, Community Education, Day Care Association, and the Ministerial Association, declared carried on a voice vote.

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The County Board was in receipt of the new fire protection coverage maps; presented as information only.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended a Library meeting and Governor's Taskforce for Broadband meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended an A. C. E. meeting.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the Road & Bridge/Weed hearing, Southern Prairie Community Care and a Personnel Committee of the County Board meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the Road & Bridge hearing, Rural Energy/Solid Waste meeting, Planning & Zoning meeting, City/County Liaison, Coffee with the Sheriff at the Magnolia Cafe, Mound Township meeting, and inquired about the county having a Facebook page.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the Road & Bridge hearing and a SWCD meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

(06-01)

Rock County Commissioners meet April 18

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse April 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the April 18, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to approve the April 04, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 07-17, Snowmaster's Snowmobile Club 2017 Trail Agreement

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented bids for the 2017 pavement marking/stripping project, 50.55 miles of centerline and edge line striping and 56.30 miles of centerline striping:

- AAA Striping Service Co \$41,799.65
- Traffic Marking Services \$43,403.24

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to accept the low bid from AAA Striping Service Co for \$41,799.65, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer and County Board discussed road maintenance and determined that awareness has been generated and are hopeful that better decisions will be made regarding how overweight loads affect the current road condition; also determined to discuss the issue as a follow up in August.

The Engineer and County Board discussed demolition rates at the Transfer Station; there was also an inquiry regarding comparable rates of other demolition sites. The Engineer stated that currently there is a study being conducted by SEH to determine the life expectancy of the county's demolition site. After additional discussion and by order of the Chair, appointed Commissioners Reisch and Overgaard, County Administrator (Oldre), LMO Director (Hartman) and County Engineer (Sehr) to a Demolition Land Committee to review rates, life expectancy and activities of the county demolition site.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims and per diems of \$909.92; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing - April 18, 2017	
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	4,365.96
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	3,279.33
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,256.00
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	5,083.02
LUVERNE/CITY OF	2,870.50
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	16,803.00
OFFICE DEPOT	7,719.74
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	3,457.97
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	4,230.99
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	26,059.32
STEPP MFG.	2,993.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	5,359.37
81 Payments less than 2000	26,678.95
10 Payments less than 2000 - Library	1,754.26
TOTAL	116,911.41

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a License Center update stating that the Department of Motor Vehicle is transitioning to a new system which will require the state and local offices to be closed to the public; those dates have not yet been determined.

The Auditor/Treasurer also stated that currently the 2016 audit is in process.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from the Nature Conservancy informing them of a land acquisition located in Section 20 of Rose Dell Township and that once acquired, the Nature Conservancy will donate the property to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge which will be open to the public for hunting and nature observation. In lieu of property tax revenue on the parcel, the county will receive a PILT payment.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the bid letting for the railroad tie clean-up is due April 19th and there are concerns that the bids may exceed what was estimated; presented as information only.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison, SMOG.

Commissioner Thompson stated that SWHHS has started the interview process for the Director position.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Daycare, SMHC Annual meeting of which he invited the Director Scott Johnson to a future County Board meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Fair Board, Planning & Zoning meeting and the public hearing regarding a variance, City/County Liaison, and was in receipt of positive comments and appreciation of the county broadband project.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: an interview for the 2016 audit, SWMHC Annual meeting; also stated that the 4-H Coordinator is doing very well and the need to discuss drug court issues with the County Attorney's office the potential impacts of funding cuts for mental health services.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

(06-01)

ISD #2184 School Board meets May 11

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the MS/HS Library on May 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Mike Hubbard, Roger Degroot, Dan Miller, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

There was Community Input from John Call - Luverne City Administrator, Kyle Oldre - Rock County Administrator, Rock County Sheriff Evan VerBrugge, and Rock County Commissioner Sherri Thompson regarding the continuation of the three pedestrian helpers on Highway 75 and Dodge Street.

Mike Hubbard with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson; and, Dan Miller with JLG Architects reviewed project recommendations and budget estimates for building improvement measures. They would like to schedule meetings with the school board members for May 17, May 23, and May 30. These meetings would be to

determine the scope of the possible updating projects to the Elementary and Middle/High School buildings.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the April 27, 2017, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve these services to our special education students as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Information was presented regarding the summer contracts for agriculture, band, school psychologist, counseling, social worker, technology integration, and alternative school. Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to approve these contracts as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The request for summer curriculum work for Elementary reading, Elementary music, Middle/High School science, and Middle/High School standards based grading was presented. Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to grant these requests as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the Summer Recreation contracts as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve the 2017-18 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve Student Assurance Services for the student accident insurance for the 2017-18 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the retirement of Jerry Benson, Social Studies teacher, effective May 31, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sandbulte, to accept the resignation of Brian Pick, groundskeeper/custodian, effective May 19, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee meeting reports were given.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk

(06-01)

ISD #2184 Special School Board meeting May 17

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the MS/HS Library on May 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Mike Hubbard, Roger Degroot, Dan Miller, Lori Eckrich, Greg Crowe, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Greg Crowe with Ehlers and Associates, Inc., presented information regarding financing tools for capital projects for the Luverne School District.

Mike Hubbard, Dan Miller, and Lori Eckrich conducted a building improvement measures need or want exercise. Discussion was held on each item for both the Elementary School and the Middle/High School.

A second scope of project/solutioning meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 23.

It was noted that the current schematic drawing is just one idea. There are different configurations that can be reviewed before a final plan is determined for presentation to the public. The administration and school board members were also asked to think about traffic patterns during this design phase.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: May 17, 2017 Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk

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(6.1-6.4)

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Betty Burmeister
(5.28-6.1)

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