



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Developer proposes 'Town Square' for Sharkee's lot

By Lori Sorenson

The former Sharkee's property — now an empty lot — may soon be the site of Luverne's "Town Square," a mixed-use development on South Highway 75.

City officials last week received a development proposal from Des Moines, Iowa, developer William Ludwig who envisions a mixed development of retail, offices and housing — both to rent and own.

"The intent is to create a center of activity where people live, work, shop and entertain," Ludwig said.

"We expect to attract people from the existing city limits as well as surrounding areas and highway travelers... Town Square will become a destination."

He called it a "dynamic plan" that can change over time as new businesses, residential and retail uses are explored. "The city's input is critical as we work together to optimize the development," he said.

City Administrator John Call said the details will unfold over time.

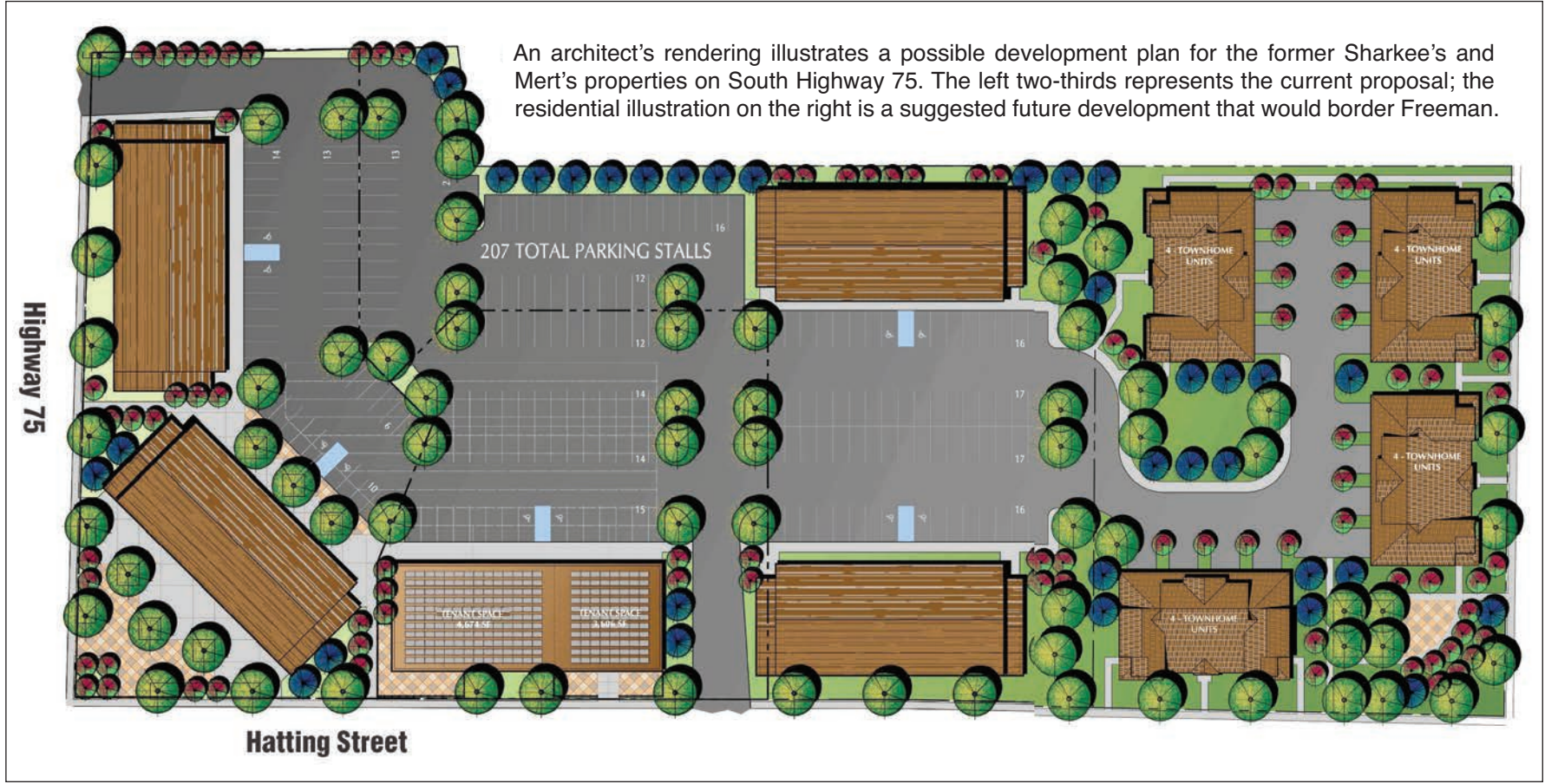
"He has given us a concept of what could go there," Call said. "From here we'll negotiate what goes there, and at the end of the process the city will approve a written development agreement."ll

Ludwig said his team took interest in Luverne after meeting EDA Director Holly Sammons and City Planner Chad McClure.

"They started to talk about some of the things happening in Luverne and we were absolutely blown away," Ludwig said.

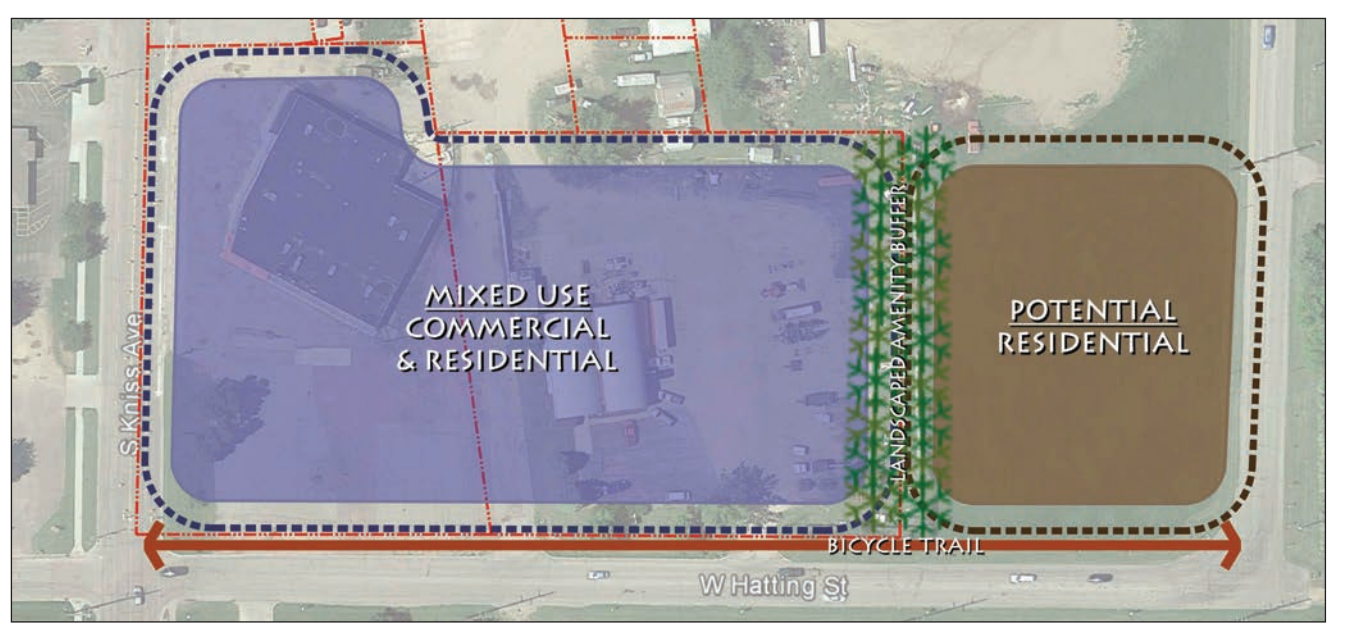
"They are really uniform in the way they approach development, from their school board and planning commission to realtors... If that were not the case, we wouldn't be interested in Luverne."

He spoke of the city's Maxfield Research Report on housing needs, day care shortage and labor force. "There's really a demand there for what we offer," Ludwig said.



An architect's rendering illustrates a possible development plan for the former Sharkee's and Mert's properties on South Highway 75. The left two-thirds represents the current proposal; the residential illustration on the right is a suggested future development that would border Freeman.

"The essence of the plan springs from the upgrade of Highway 75, the demand for more retail/commercial opportunities with visibility along Highway 75 and the identification of housing needs." The general plan calls for a diagonal mixed-use building and triangular central plaza at the intersection of Highway 75 and Hatting Street. "This two- or three-story building will be an icon for travelers and city dwellers alike," Ludwig said. Landscaping, patios, balconies and other aesthetic details will be part of the plan, with parking in the rear of the buildings. The future Luverne Loop biking and hiking trail will be located along



Sharkee's lot development/see 8A

## Hardwick Zion Lutheran Church celebrates 125th anniversary

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick's Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was built by the hard work of German settlers in the 1890s and continues today through descendants of many of those original members.

On Sunday, June 11, the congregation celebrates the church's 125th year with the first of two special

church services.

The Reverend Donald Andrix, who served as the church pastor from 1984 to 1989, is Sunday's guest speaker. The summer service begins at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Leland Bendix (1990-1999) speaks at the Oct. 1 service.

The fall service begins at 10:30 a.m.

**First services conducted at country school**

According to the church's chronological history book, pioneer settlers in northeastern Rock County gathered for worship services in a rural schoolhouse three miles west of the developing city of Hardwick in 1892.

Within a few years a growing congregation (then called the Ger-

man Lutheran Church) prompted the move to a larger facility. Services were conducted in the fledgling town of Hardwick in a two-story schoolhouse on East First Street.

In 1901 parishioners built their own church on East Second Street, where the current church parsonage is now located.

Almost 50 years later, in 1949, the

current church was built next to the 1901 structure, which was removed when the parsonage was constructed in 1953.

Congregation members voted in 1951 to become affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and the church adopted Zion Evangelical

Zion 125th anniversary/see 2A

## Local survivors share their stories at Rock County Relay For Life Friday night

By Lori Sorenson

The 2017 honorary Relay for Life co-chairwomen will share their stories at Friday night's event in Luverne City Park.

Fawn Rustand is being treated for breast cancer, which was diagnosed last year.

Staci Zwaan has been cancer-free since a 2009 double mastectomy.

Fawn is a 31-year-old business owner and single mother of a preschool child.

Staci is a 50-year-old registered nurse and a wife and mother of two grown daughters.

The two Luverne women have very little in common — except for cancer, and their experiences will likely resonate with the diverse community of Relay for Life survivors, caregivers and supporters.

"Everyone has a story," Staci said about life trials.



Staci Zwaan (left) and Fawn Rustand are the 2017 Relay for Life Honorary Co-Chairwomen



"Everyone has their own pain and their own journey... Every thing we go through gives us a little piece of character."

Her cancer diagnosis — ductal carcinoma in situ — came amid an already tough year in the Zwaan family.

After her October surgery, their son died in December at 21 after a life of debilitating medical problems.

"He had a tough little life," Staci said about Zachary who was born with heart problems and suffered brain damage in surgery at age 4.

She said Zach's painful life journey gave her strength for her own surgical procedures.

"At one point I was in Relay for Life co-chairs/see 3A

## Board reviews new plan for school's 'front door'

By Mavis Fodness

Imagine a shared elementary and high school kitchen and adjoining commons at a distinctive "front door" on the south side of the Luverne school campus.

The south-facing entrance was among several ideas discussed at the Luverne School Board facilities development meeting Tuesday, May 30.

Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc., an educational design company in Sioux Falls, is assisting the board in the planning process.

Last month board members learned the additional square footage needed for most classrooms in the middle/high school plus how the district can move the kitchen/cafeteria out of the high school basement.

Initial upgrades tallied around \$22.8 million.

At the May 30 meeting, Plan 2

proposes moving the new kitchen/high school commons from the east side to the south where the elementary and middle/high school are currently joined by an enclosed "link." Most visitors already enter from the south side where parking is more adequate.

"It's a plan, but not THE plan," said FJJ's Mike Hubbard, who has been leading the facility discussions.

No costs were available for the second plan.

The board originally set a timeline of June for a series of public feedback meetings on their proposed long-term facilities plan.

With the additional ideas and discussion on costs, the public input sessions may not occur until July.

Board members will meet again June 8 for more facility discussions at 7 p.m.

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Article 23: Carnegie Cultural Center began as a community quest for local library

This is the 23rd in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. Following is a history of the Carnegie Cultural Center and its local story.

The Luverne Carnegie Library is one of 65 public libraries built in Minnesota with funds from Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Corporation. Between 1899 and 1917, Carnegie, a wealthy industrialist and philanthropist, contributed

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Carnegie/continued on page 2B

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**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.

**Matthew 6 Board of Directors** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Pizza Ranch.

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

**Tourist Club** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Sterling's Café.

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

**MS Support Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Southwest Health and Human Services. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

**Meditation and Mindfulness Practice** meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041.

### Registration open for summer reading

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.

### 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.

### Farm to Table event June 11

The Luverne Area Community Foundation and the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers will host a Farm to Table event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Grand Prairie Events. Tickets are available at the Foundation office at 102 E. Main Street west of the Palace Theatre. The \$40 cost includes the meal and two locally featured drinks (beer or wine). Proceeds support the LACF grant fund.

### St. John Lutheran celebrates 125 years

St. John Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 11. Join us this weekend for Heritage weekend and drive your tractor to the church service. There will be many older tractors for the public to see. Ice cream will be served after the service by Loren Forrest.

### 'Busting Immigration Myths' June 14

St. Catherine's, Luverne, and St. Mary's, Ellsworth, will host Jess Riemer, a staff lawyer from the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, to present "Busting Immigration Myths." The event begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church Gathering Space.

### Monthly Food Ministry June 15

The Monthly Food Ministry by New Life Celebration Church will be from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside. Call 283-4366.

### Luverne Community Education

#### 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.



Zion Lutheran Church was dedicated in 1949. It was located next to the former church built in 1901. The bell at Zion Church was given to the church in 1953 when the city of Hardwick purchased the former Presbyterian Church (now the city's community hall).

## Hardwick Zion Church 125th Anniversary/continued from 1A

Lutheran Church as its official name.

The Reverend Mark Mumme is the church's current pastor. He has served since 2000.

He said Zion Lutheran has been the benefactor of many gifts through the years.

One such gift was the church bell, which was given to the church from the city of Hardwick. The city purchased the former Presbyterian Church, site of the city's current community center.

The church's altar was garnered from St. Paul's Lutheran in Pipestone after they remodeled. And the current outdoor lighted sign was from Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne when they installed a new sign.

### Sunday's message will recognize members

Last week Pastor Andrix recalled the dedication to the church he experienced during the five years he served in Hardwick.

"It's a loving church," he said. "I loved the people and I think they loved me."

His involvement and emotional ties to the Hardwick church made the selection of Andrix and Bendix as guest speakers for the events a natural one.

"I was extremely happy and very honored they wanted me to speak," Andrix said.

While his exact message to those who gather Sunday is still being formed, Andrix said his message will recognize those who continue to keep the small church in northeast Rock County viable.

"They want to work together," he said.

Andrix currently serves at Emanuel Lutheran Church and school in Hamburg, Minnesota.

### Working together makes 125 years possible

A church committee has spent months organizing the 125th celebration. They also



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Hardwick Church 125th

The Zion Lutheran Church congregation in Hardwick celebrates its formation 125 years ago during a special church service at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 11.

assembled a chronological history book for the event.

Committee members included Patti Pierson, Ashley Carlson, Lorna Bryan, Kristie Jessen, Rev. Mark Mumme, Beth Mumme and Brenda Teal.

For many parishioners, membership at Zion Lutheran has been a lifetime choice.

"When you've been here all your life, you don't realize the history," Teal said.

Some of the history is not a part of the chronological list the committee assembled.

Pastor Andrix played matchmaker for Teal and her husband, Todd, at a church gathering. He came back to Hardwick in late 1989 to marry the couple.

"And the rest is history," she said.

Teal, Heidi Roos, Ashley Carlson and Kristie Jessen assembled a church cookbook as the fundraiser for the 125th celebration. The three-ring binder contains about 125 recipes.

"A lot of them (the reci-



A picture from 1967 shows the view from the balcony.

pes) have been passed down through the generations," Jessen said.

Also included are the recipes for bean, chicken and cheese soups served by the Lutheran Women's Mission-

ary League.

"We have used them at every church supper," Jessen said.

The cookbook and the church's chronological history book will be for sale at the church celebration events.



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## Celebrate Northern Tallgrass Prairie this weekend

**On Friday, June 9, at 7 p.m.** master storyteller Jim Two Crows Wallen will tell stories of our pioneer settlers in his program, "Wagon's West," with authentic costumes and artifacts. Meet at the Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center. (Rain location is the Carnegie.)

**On Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m.** join Jim Two Crows at the Interpretive Center for "Tipi Days," which highlights the myths and legends of Native Americans and their lives on the prairie. (Rain location is the Carnegie.)

**On Saturday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m.** hear the real story of **Hugh Glass** at the Interpretive Center with live music by Ron and Jane Cote. At 7 p.m.

Freya Manfred (poet, writer and daughter of Frederick Manfred) and her husband, Thomas Pope (screenwriter, scholar and writer), will compare Frederick Manfred's novel, "Lord Grizzly," with the 2016 Academy Award-winning movie, "Revenant." (Rain location is the Carnegie.)

**On Sunday, June 11, at 11 a.m.** join ethnobotanist and educator Jeffrey Emmel at Touch the Sky Prairie northwest of Luverne for a walk into nature. Emmel will share his vast knowledge of prairie plants and how they miraculously survived blizzards, fires, bison herds and development. Meet on 171st Street at Touch the Sky Prairie.



## Congratulations, Luverne High School Class of 2017

Above, Luverne Elementary School students congratulate senior Logan Stratton Thursday, June 1, the final day of the 2016-17 school year.

The entire senior class circulated hallways in both buildings prior to Sunday's graduation ceremonies in the Cardinal Gym.

Below, 102 graduates toss up their caps after High School Principal Ryan Johnson presents the Luverne High School Class of 2017.

Lori Sorenson photos/0608 lhs graduates



## Relay for Life co-chairs/from 1A

an operating room looking at the ceiling, and I wondered how many times Zach had done this," Staci said.

"The pain was so bad, and I could feel the tears starting, but I tried so hard not to cry because I was thinking about him."

A 6-centimeter tumor in her left breast prompted a mastectomy (which is recommended for anything larger than 5 centimeters).

She opted to remove both breasts and later learned that the other one also had early signs of cancer development.

No chemotherapy or radiation was necessary, but the healing process was slow and painful.

"People have asked me, 'How did you endure this?' I look at it as God's path for me. ... My perspective was so different," she said.

"It was easier for me to endure the pain because of the pain I watched Zach go through."

She also said the experience has given her another reason to appreciate her blessings.

"My perspective and living one day at a time and appreciating what you have — it can change in a minute," she said, adding that it helped to have a sense of humor amid tough times.

Staci will talk about these perspectives when she addresses the Relay for Life gathering in Luverne City Park tomorrow night.

"No matter the cancer, it is always life-changing and unpredictable," she said. "I am honored they asked me to tell my story."

Fawn said she views her role as Relay for Life Honorary Co-Chair as a "gift from God," much like her diagnosis.

"This, too, will only make me stronger," she said. "It will be a chance to be glorified in him and share in his word."

She said her message Friday night will be about the importance of supporting cancer research.

"Let's work on finding the cause of cancer, so there will no longer be a need for a cure," she said.

Over the past 16 years, Rock County Relay for Life has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society, the national organization that funds cancer research.

Fawn was born with a genetic mutation gene called BRCA-1 that put her at a specific risk for cancer. Then, on Dec. 30, 2015, she was diagnosed with Stage 2B, Grade 3 Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

A year later, she's cancer-free, but she admits it wasn't easy. The most difficult aspect of diagnosis was the uncertainties surrounding potential outcomes.

"The waiting game was the hardest," Fawn said, "and not knowing how I'd come through this."

But in many ways, she said, the diagnosis has also been a gift.

"It's taught me a lot about living," she said. "I've learned to take one day at a time and accept that God has a plan and he's in control."

She is currently going through reconstruction surgeries and oral chemotherapy. In addition, she is participating in a clinical trial for a year.

"I'll need to have a hysterectomy to prevent ovarian cancer," Fawn said, "Because I'm at such high risk for this next with the BRCA-1 gene."

Fawn is a professional lash artist, where she performs eyelash extensions at several locations in the area, including Luverne where she leases space from Salon 75.

She grew up in Pipestone and now lives in Luverne.

She and her 5-year-old daughter, Jaevalynn, are temporarily living with her parents, Fred and Natalie Boll, in Luverne.

"I'm lucky enough to stay with my parents during these tough times," she said.

The 2017 Rock County Relay for Life will be Friday night in Luverne City Park starting with a meal from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Silent auction and vendor booths open at 5:45 p.m. along with Fantasy Face Painting.

Jackie Pizel will lead a Refit session at 6 p.m., and Janelle Conklin will offer Zumba at 6:30 p.m.

Opening ceremonies are at 7 p.m. with Staci and Fawn sharing their messages, followed by honorary caregiver Marilyn Van Grootheest.

The survivors lap will kick off the Relay for Life teams' evening walk around the park, and Relay teams will be introduced.

The remainder of the evening includes luminary lighting, a 5K Glow Walk/Run, vendors, ponytail auction haircuts and musical performances.

More information can be found on Facebook, Relay for Life of Rock County MN.

The rain date, if necessary, will be from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, in the Luverne City Park.

## Reunited father and daughter share special Buffalo Days weekend

By Lori Sorenson

Stacey Linde and David Hartz were among the dozens of parade entries Saturday morning for Buffalo Days.

The two recently found each other after Hartz gave her up for adoption in 1972 not long after he graduated from Luverne High School.

For the past three years they've been making up for lost time.

"We keep in close contact," Hartz said. "She's quite an amazing girl ... and she looks like me."

Linde grew up on a ranch in the Badlands of South Dakota and graduated from South Dakota State University, Brookings, where she lives today with her three children.

Hartz, Sioux Falls, arranged to have Linde in the parade driving a White



Lori Sorenson photo/0608 linde hartz feature

Stacey Linde was in the Buffalo Days Parade Saturday with David Hartz, who arranged for the Field Boss 4-270 tractor. The father-daughter pair recently reconnected after she had been adopted in 1972 and grew up in South Dakota.

Field Boss 4-270 tractor that belongs to his family in Luverne.

It wasn't her first visit to Luverne, but she said driving

the tractor down Main Street in her father's hometown was a "surreal" experience.

"I've had the time of my life," Linde said.

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Auxiliary President Dianna Tomlinson (left) presents service banners to Bryan Fodness, Adam Fodness, Mavis Fodness, Tara Vander Steen, Dan Vander Steen, Jessie Hoven and Saul Hoven on Memorial Day.

## It's an honor to be a Blue Star Banner family, a century-old tradition

Diane Tomlinson's letter was unexpected and it's message simple: "We would like to present your family with the Blue Star Banner that signifies you have a child or children actively serving our country in the military."



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

*I feel it's our duty as American citizens to recognize these young people ...*

in Rock County, but his grandparents do.

As a new grandmother, I couldn't fight the tears and the overwhelming heartbreaking reality of that sticker. Caleb was in Afghanistan doing his job when he became a victim of a suicide bomber. He was only 20 years old.

I couldn't help but think of the service banner hanging in his family's home in Waseca now displaying a gold star. More and more of our young people are choosing military service to protect the freedoms our forefathers fought for so long ago.

Today, I feel it's our duty as American citizens to recognize these young people as well as current and former members of the armed forces serving our country.

The Memorial Day services and Veterans Day programs are a great way to show respect to our active service members.

Other area active service members whose families also received service banners this Memorial Day are:

- Devin Richters, son of Randy and Paulette Richters.
- Jillian and Trevor Vander Steen, children of Ron and Tara Vander Steen.
- Makayla Sterrett, daughter of Thomas and Melissa Sterrett.
- Jack Baustian, son of Pat and Katie Baustian.
- Morgan Haugen, daughter of Kurt and Julie Haugen.
- Alec Hoven, son of Richard and Jessie Haugen.
- Jaidyn Elbers, daughter of Todd and Diane Elbers.

Thank you, young people, for your service, and thank you, families, for supporting them.

The banner/flag has a white field, a thick red border and a blue star in its center. The number of stars depicts the number of children serving actively in the armed forces.

Bryan and I were honored to receive our banner for Adam's service to the South Dakota Air National Guard.

The service banner is proudly displayed in our home's window, a tradition that dates back almost 100 years.

According to the Blue Star Mothers of America website, the banner was designed by World War I Army Captain Robert Queisser in recognition of the two sons he had serving on the front line. President Woodrow Wilson made the design official in 1918 along with the tradition of covering the service flag's blue star with a gold star if the service member died in action.

In Rock County the reality of the gold star was recognized on Memorial Day as we remembered our fallen servicemen.

In America we don't often think about the wars being waged around the world in the fight against terrorism.

I was reminded of that fight last week while waiting for my turn for the car wash. A minivan was first in line and I noticed the red, white and blue sticker displayed in the back window.

"In honor of Caleb L. Erickson. 12-1-1993 to 2-28-2014," the sticker read. A picture of a stern-looking marine accompanied the words.

A web search revealed Caleb and his family didn't live

## Branding expert presentation is Friday morning, open to public

This Friday, June 9, Luverne has the opportunity to discover specific ways we can make our amazing city guestan even more spectacular place to live, work, and visit.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority, along with funding from various grants, have made it possible for Luverne to bring in Roger Brooks, a renowned expert on community branding. Come join us as we learn how to make Luverne a destination people far and wide will not want to miss! Whether you are a business owner or simply a resident who is passionate about and loves Luverne as much as we do, this presentation is for you. And yes, there will be food. See you at the Grand Prairie Events on Friday, June 9, from 7:30-10 a.m.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By The Destination Branding Committee

**The Destination Branding Committee:** Andrea Smith, Don Dinger, Holly Sammons, Marilyn Bloemendaal, Betty Mann, Gina deCesare, Janine Papik, Pat Saum, Diane Sherwood, Rhonna Jarchow, Judy Fenske, Tim Gust, Rob Bolger, Helen Saum, Renee Sudenga and Karis Gust



## Walking Military Memorial: 'What a treat to view'

### To the Editor:

I stayed in Luverne last Friday evening and went downtown Saturday morning. What a treat to view the patriotism in each of the business windows as I walked the entire Main Street from one end to the other. Every business is to be commended for the part they played in making Memorial Day 2017 the most special.

I remember well the National Guard with citizens parades in downtown Luverne and how much my family enjoyed watching that event on Memorial Day.

### VOICE OF OUR READERS

The National Guard Company Commander Captain Frank Walker and I would brief your All American Owner, Publisher Macintosh, who would write a story for Rock County Herald to spread the news with detail to the area.

Those were great times and I

commend Luverne for keeping the torch of freedom and patriotism alive and sharing it with its people and visitors.

The Historical Museum on East Main Street is also a treasure.

**Darrell Butterwick**  
Woodbury

## Summer activities just getting started in Luverne

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
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On Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Papik Motors is hosting their Spring Rally and Car Show that was postponed from a couple of weeks ago due to rain.

Throughout the month of June there are a number of 150th-related events to keep everyone entertained. But just wait until July.

The month starts out with a big bang — fireworks. Luverne's Fourth at The Lake is a full day of celebrating our country's independence.

Then on July 13 Hotdog Night kicks off Luverne's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

If this past weekend is any indication of what we can expect for activities for the 150th, we're in for a real treat.

Then to top off the month of July, we have the Rock County Fair from July 26-29. The Rock County Fair Board has put together quite a lineup of activities to please a wide array of fairgoers.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**May 26**  
 •Complainant requested a deputy to check on stalled vehicle at location.  
 •Complainant reported abandoned vehicle at County Road 17 appeared to have been in a deer accident.  
 •Complainant reported break in at City Centre Apartments.  
 •Complainant would like to speak with deputy about a family situation.  
 •Complainant on West Hating reported two tires on her vehicle slashed.  
 •Complainant brought in a pair of car keys that were found.  
 •Complainant on North Lindale reported vandalism.  
 •Complainant requested deputy for property exchange.  
 •Complainant reported hearing a child crying at location and is concerned.  
 •Deputy reported vehicle in front of American Reformed Church missing a tire.  
 •Complainant reported juveniles fighting at softball fields.  
**May 27**  
 •Complainant reported a domestic at location. Deputy called out for assistance.  
 •Complainant reported hit and run.  
 •Complainant reported reckless driver.  
 •Deputy arrested subject at location.  
 •Complainant reported car tried to run him off the road on I-90, mm 12.  
 •Deputy requested incoming call report for possible domestic at location.  
 •Complainant reported that his apartment smells like marijuana. Complainant reported the forced air furnace is blowing air from his neighbor's apartment.  
**May 28**  
 •Complainant reported suspicious activity at location.  
 •Complainant reported stalled vehicle on I-90, mm 20 with its flashers on.  
 •Nobles County requested deputy meet them at rest stop to pickup transient and transport them to South Dakota state line.  
 •Complainant requested to speak with deputy regarding a scam.  
 •Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle at location. Deputy unable to locate.  
 •Complainant requested to speak with deputy regarding subject throwing pipe at

complainant's car.  
 •Complainant reported subject has vehicle and refuses to return it.  
 •Information only regarding severe thunderstorm warning for Rock County.  
 •Complainant reported pole fell on transformer at location. Notified Mike Gangelstad.  
 •Complainant reported tree fell on neighbor's house at location. Requested welfare check. Medic reports all is OK.  
 •Complainant reported tree blocking road at location.  
 •Complainant reported tree blocking road at location. Tree has been moved. No longer blocking.  
 •Complainant reported his vehicle got a flat tire at location. It is off road and not blocking. Will get it later.  
 •Complainant reported high winds broke windows out of vehicles at Commerce Road. Notified key holder.  
 •Complainant reported light pole down at Veterans Home pond.  
 •Complainant reported he lost a set of keys on a blue carabiner somewhere between the lumberyard and Casey's. Should have two keys on it.  
**May 29**  
 •Complainant reported the theft of a flashlight and a cooler out of his vehicle. He has camera footage of the incident. Theft happened at 12:45 a.m. Reported 11 other cars had theft. Party had a backpack. Skinny with hoodie.  
 •Trooper reported the cover for a lawn mower is in the ditch. Contacted key holder.  
 •Deputy out with stalled vehicle.  
 •Complainant reported last night someone stole a dual USB car charger and chord, a change bucket with approximately \$20 in change and two cans of Copenhagen at location on S. First Street, Beaver Creek. Unknown time of theft. Vehicle was unlocked in driveway.  
 •Complainant at S. West Park reported he had a TV, X-box and PS4 stolen from a building at the pit. X-box serial number 051 964 334 948. First complainant is the owner of the PS4; second the owner of the other items.  
 •Complainant on E. Third Street, Beaver Creek, reported the theft of chords, chargers

and maybe a flashlight from his vehicle. If he notices anything else he will call back. A car was also gone through. Approximate value \$50.  
 •Complainant found wallet.  
 •Complainant reported the house across from his is abandoned, and it looks like someone kicked the door in.  
**May 30**  
 •Deputy received complaint of a silver Mercedes flying through the construction zone. Searching for vehicle. Deputy spoke to the flagman. He confirmed vehicle went through at a high rate of speed. Two-tone Mercedes. Female driver. Unable to locate.  
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy concerning drug use.  
 •Complainant at I-90, mm 7-8 reported smoke and fire in the ditch. Fire out upon Fire Department arrival.  
 •Complainant reported a kid ran off with his daughter's bike. Unable to make contact, but bike was recovered.  
 •Complainant reported problems with a cook wanting to park in her lot.  
 •Complainant reported a burglary alarm at location. Motion detected in interior.  
 •Complainant found credit card at Schoneman Park.  
 •Complainant reported vandalism to property at location on S. West Park Street. A door has been unbolted, and complainant is unsure if anything is missing.  
 •Complainant reported a male in a silver four-door car masturbating in parking lot at The Bluestem. Male is described as white, mid 30s, with prescription glasses wearing a gray or tan shirt.  
 •Complainant reported fireworks going off at location.  
 •Complainant reported white convertible over center and fog. Trooper out of position. Requested information be passed on to Rock County Law Enforcement Office.  
**May 31**  
 •Complainant reported vandalism at Luverne High School.  
 •Complainant brought in a set of keys found.  
 •Complainant reported two vehicles drag racing.  
 •Deputy spoke directly with complainant regarding son.  
 •Complainant reported subject is making suicidal threats.

•Complainant reported yellow moped spinning out on the grass and doing burn-outs on the basketball court at Kolbert Park. Moped driver described as male wearing white basketball shorts and a red shirt.  
 •Complainant reported drug information.  
 •Complainant reported he would be flying his drone on Main Street, Luverne.  
**June 1**  
 •Complainant reported a handgun was stolen from a hog barn at location.  
 •Complainant requested deputy for subject who has visitor that is trying to take them home, though subject is not being discharged and is asking for money.  
 •Information only: Complainant reported fire at location. Fire chief received call, and fire department is responding. No mutual aid requested.  
 •Complainant reported potentially intoxicated minor at Luverne High School.  
 •Complainant reported fire hydrant spraying at location.  
 •Complainant on N. Cottage Grove reported car was vandalized.  
 •Complainant reported a single male is always offering

pop and candy to kids in the neighborhood and has taken a kid into his house. Complainant said she has spoken to the resident and asked him to stop, but he sees nothing wrong with it. Complainant would like someone to speak to the subject.  
 •Key holder reported they would be conducting fire alarm tests at location and to disregard alarm. Alarm company called to report fire alarm at location. Confirmed with key holder that all is OK.  
 •Complainant reported a grass fire in median on I-90 between mm 10 and 11.  
 •Complainant reported a vehicle broken down. The man is out walking and it is hot out.  
 •Deputy reported vehicle at location.  
 In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 1 money escort, 3 funeral escorts, 35 traffic stops, 15 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 background checks, 7 log/alarm sheets, 2 drug court tests, 3 SWHHS reports, 3 abandoned 911 calls, and issued 6 purchase/carry permits and 10 burn permits.



### Rare fish?

Rural Ellsworth farmer Ron Boyenga was fishing in Indian Lake in Nobles County Thursday morning when he hooked a large, unfamiliar fish. "Its skin is part smooth like a bullhead, but parts of it has scales," he said. "Its mouth is like a sucker." He transported the catch in a five-gallon bucket in the trunk of his car to show the Star Herald for a photograph. "It's real odd," he said. "You hear about cattle cross-breeding, but never a smooth-skinned fish and a scaled fish." Boyenga said he'll freeze the specimen until he has a chance to show it to a DNR or other wildlife specialist for identification. "I'm not going to eat it," he said.

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## Eagle Scout project brings Little Free Library to northeast Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

A Little Free Library recently appeared at Evergreen Park on North Blue Mound Avenue. The red school house-inspired, weather-tight, wooden box reflects the hard work of Tyler deCesare, a member of the Luverne-Adrian Boy Scouts Troop 32.

The son of Joel and Gina deCesare chose the 24/7-access library project to achieve his Eagle Scout badge, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America organization.

Choosing a project involving books came naturally for the 14-year-old. "I like to read and I wanted to share my love for reading," deCesare said.

Research led him to the Little Free Library website.

His library is No. 53,093 of the Little Free Libraries developed worldwide and is one of several located in Rock County. A location map is available at the Little Free Library website.

As part of the Eagle Scout requirements, deCesare needed to demonstrate leadership skills by completing a community project. He started in October visiting with the Luverne Area Chamber and city of Luverne representatives about his idea.

Since then he coordinated collecting books, building the little library and working with city and chamber officials to place the library at the entrance of Evergreen Park.

The deCesare family moved to Luverne two years ago and live next to the park.

Mom Gina has watched people pass the Little Free Library and immediately retrace their steps to inspect the selection of books.

"It's been really cool to see how people react," she said.

One such reaction involved a mother pushing a child in a stroller. She stopped when she noticed the Little Free Library and took a book when the child exclaimed, "Can we get a book?"

Increasing literacy is the goal of the Little Free Libraries. With deCesare's project, however, people don't have to worry about following the "borrowing a book-returning a book" idea behind the tiny libraries. "My goal was to collect 75 books



Mavis Fodness photo/0601 deCesare Eagle Badge

Boy Scout Tyler deCesare (right) worked with retired high school woods teacher Ray Vander Wolde of Hills to construct the Free Little Library now residing in Luverne's Evergreen Park. **Below:** A close-up view.

but through the support of my school, family and community I collected over 800," he said.

About 70 books fit into deCesare's designed library box. He raised \$345 to complete the project through friends and family. He keeps the library well stocked with selections for children through adults.

Retired Hills-Beaver Creek shop teacher Ray Vander Wolde helped with the wooden box construction.

The two met at Luverne's craft fair in December and designed the tiny library to look like a red schoolhouse.

"I think he has done a good job," Vander Wolde said.

It's a job deCesare, who will be a freshman at Sioux Falls Christian School this fall, began preparing for when he joined the Boy Scouts as a first-grader.

As a 7-year-old, deCesare filled out a card outlining his goals while in Boy Scouts. He set his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout by age 16.

He's beat that goal by two years.

"Eagle Scout gives him the wings," Mom Gina said. "Instead of a doer, he is the leader."



Seventeen is the average age Boy Scouts achieve the highest ranking and exit the program, according to the "Scouting Magazine" blog. Scouts have until their 18th birthday to achieve the Eagle Scout rank.

Since the inception of the Eagle Scout award in 1912, just over 2 percent of eligible scouts achieve the rank.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Open Houses

An open house for **Elaine Hansen**, who is retiring after 50 years at First Farmers & Merchants Bank, will be from 2-4 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the bank.

**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.

**Alice Bjerrum** will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. She requests no gifts.

**Ann Wagley** will celebrate her 100th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

**Vernon and Ruth Verbrugge** will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the American Reformed Church.

**Harvey and Gertrude Rozeboom** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Wednesday, June 14. Greetings may be sent to them at 827 21st Street, Hills, MN 56138.

**Leroy Breuer** is celebrating his 75th birthday. Greetings may be sent to him at 1406 Victory Circle, Luverne, MN 56156.

### Bridal Showers

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 **Courtney Hoogendoorn**, bride-to-be of **Zachary McGuire**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at the American Legion in Hardwick.

An open house bridal shower for **Lauren Witte**, bride-to-be of **Elliot 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.

### Baby Showers

An open house baby shower for **Leanne (Justin) Maciejack** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 17, at the Klarenbeek residence, 121961st St., Luverne, MN 56156.

## History Center opens Christmas Haus

The Rock County Historical Society Board would like to thank all those who attended the "Tales From the Graves" program on Sunday afternoon.

A special "thank you" to all the volunteers that helped us in the presentations and serving the pie and ice cream. It was a beautiful afternoon.

We would like to invite you all to visit our new shop in the History Center, which we have named Christmas Haus. We have Christmas items including nutcrackers, ornaments, placemats, napkins and many others. We are selling Ginger Cottages. We have many souvenir items from Luverne also. Stop in and see what we have. We are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

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

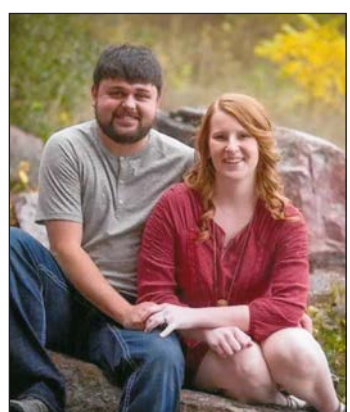
Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [mannmade@iw.net](mailto:mannmade@iw.net).

## ENGAGEMENT

Tom and Kelly Dohlmann, Luverne, and Rodney and Cami Verhey, Hills, announce the engagement of their children, Allison Dohlmann, Luverne, and Dustin Verhey, Hills.

Allison graduated from Luverne High School in 2013 and from Minnesota West in 2015. She currently works at Avera Surgical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dustin graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 2009. He currently works at New Prairie Insulation in Beaver Creek. They are planning an Aug.



Allison Dohlmann and Dustin Verhey

19, 2017, wedding at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Luverne.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2007)

Through a grant, Rock County is trying to get rural residents to reduce their use of burn barrels.

The Land Management Office hopes to publicize the effort near the time of the Rock County Fair.

Pollution Control experts say that burning garbage is more hazardous than previously thought. Further, most materials that are burned are actually recyclable, such as paper, milk jugs and cardboard.

### 25 years ago (1992)

Johnny Carson isn't the only one leaving his studio set.

After November's election Luverne City Council watchers will see some new faces and maybe a familiar face in a new place.

In a letter presented Monday, North Ward Alderman David Blake said he won't run for re-election this fall. Bill Weber, whose second term on the Council expires this year, announced he will be a candidate for mayor.

Three-term Mayor Gordon Gits announced at the May 25 meeting he would not run again.

### 50 years ago (1967)

Thanks to the honesty of a former Luverne High School instructor, an Egan, Ill., mother and her daughter are back on their way to the Black Hills this week.

Had it not been that Carl Grandstrand had picked up a billfold containing \$290 in 10 and 20 dollar bills and left word at the

Star Herald that he has found it, it is entirely possible that Mrs. Orville Scheiber and her daughter Luann would have returned home without having visited the Black Hills. It was the first time Mrs. Scheiber had visited the area in 22 years.

### 75 years ago (1942)

Boys as young as 14, who want farm work, may now register with the United States Employment Service. Heretofore, 16 years has been the minimum for registration with the service. The war emergency creating added need for farm workers was given as the reason for this change. All interested may register at the courthouse on Thursday forenoons.

The announcement emphasizes that boys will not be referred to jobs which interfere with their school work, or to jobs which are beyond their physical ability.

### 100 years ago (1917)

A meteor of extreme brilliancy, that made the night as bright as day, passed over the western part of Rock County Thursday night of last week at about 9:55 o'clock.

The blinding ball of fire, with its blinding glare, came from the northwest and travelled in a southeasterly direction. About four minutes after it had disappeared a rumbling sound was heard and windows and doors of dwellings were shaken by the vibration, which is supposed to have been due from the meteor's explosion.

## Six Rock County farms honored for reaching century mark

The Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau recognize 165 Minnesota farms as 2017 Century Farms.

In Rock County the century farms honored this year include:

- Fick Family Farm near Beaver Creek, 1917.
- Klosterbuer Family Farm by Ellsworth, 1916.
- Lorenzen Family Farm by Hardwick, 1901.
- Katie Hemme and Jackie Hemme Hansen Family Farm by Jasper, 1910.
- Drost Family Farm by Luverne, 1917.
- Doherty Family Farm by Magnolia, 1910.

Qualifying farms have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and are 50 acres or more.

Century Farm families receive a commemorative sign, as well as a certificate signed by Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Farm Bureau presidents and Gov. Mark Dayton.

Since the program began in 1976, more than 10,000 Minnesota farms have been recognized as Century Farms. Information on all Century Farms will be available at the Minnesota Farm Bureau exhibit during the 2017 Minnesota State Fair, which runs Aug. 24 - Labor Day, Sept. 4. A database of all Minnesota Century Farms is also available at [fbmn.org](http://fbmn.org).

## MENU

### Monday, June 12:

Chicken hotdish, broccoli, lettuce, bread, tropical fruit. Program: pinochle.

**Tuesday, June 13:** Lemon pepper fish, au gratin potatoes, creamed peas, bread, pie

Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by State Farm. Music by Bruce Dysthe.

**Wednesday, June 14:** Sweet and sour pork, rice, green beans, fruit, gelatin with topping. Program: Cards with Alyce.

**Thursday, June 15:** Meatballs with gravy, mashed

potatoes, beets, bread, angel food cake with fruit.

**Friday, June 16:** Baked chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, bread, ice cream. Program: Kitchen band; birthday party.

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](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).

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

# I do!

Bride-to-be makes surprise proposal at Buffalo Days Arts in the Park event

**By Lori Sorenson**  
Hilary Hanson and Shane Amborn have been together for nine years and have two children, Calvin, 2 1/2, and Odette, 5 months.

The only thing they're missing is a marriage certificate — that is until Saturday.

Hilary surprised Shane with a public proposal in Luverne City Park Saturday amid Arts in the Park vendors and Buffalo Chip throwers.

"I've always wanted a romantic proposal, but I've never been that interested in a wedding," she said.

She popped the question following a short skit that she wrote and the couple performed with family members.

She was confident he would say yes.

"We've talked about getting married and we have our marriage license and our rings," Hilary said.

After several discussions about the appropriate romantic proposal, Hilary told Shane, "Don't worry. I'll take care of it."



Lori Sorenson photos/0608 Buffalo Days Proposal

Hilary Hanson asks Shane Amborn to marry her, during a surprise public proposal Saturday during the Arts in the Park at the Luverne City Park. **Below:** Amborn seals the wedding proposal with a kiss with his bride-to-be.

So while the proposal wasn't a shock, it certainly wasn't expected Saturday in front of an audience.

At the end of the skit she thanked him for being a "great husband and father," and a smile grew on his face when he realized what was happening.

"Will you marry me?" she asked.

He nodded yes and kissed his bride-to-be. "Well-played," he told her.

The two said their vows Saturday afternoon in the Palace Theatre. Their friend, Bill Vanderkooi, officiated and local pianist Sue Sandbulte played show tunes on the grand piano on stage.

"Shane thought we'd get married at the courthouse with virtually nobody there," Hilary said.

"He had no idea about the grand wedding that I pulled together for him —



complete with a real size movie poster." Friends, family and anyone who wanted to

come were invited to witness the ceremony while enjoying complimentary theatre popcorn.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### NDSU announces spring dean's list

Savanna Thielbar and Sydney Thielbar were named to the North Dakota State University, Fargo, Spring 2017 dean's list. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA with at least 12 credits. Savanna is majoring in women and gender studies, and Sydney is majoring in accounting. They are the daughters of Bart and Paula Thielbar, Luverne. (Rerun to correct errors.)

### Minnesota West releases dean's list

Several area students were named to the Spring 2017 semester dean's list at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in at least 12 graded credits and earn a minimum of a 3.5 GPA.

The following students were named to the dean's list: from Adrian, Brenna Kramer, Cyrus Nyakundi, Taylor Recker and Brent Zemler; from Beaver Creek, Alyssa Allen and Avery Van Roekel; from Hardwick, Jennie Bardwell; from Luverne, Christin Dohlmann, Christa Kahnke, Carlos Lira Cardona, Shelbie Nath, Autumn Norman, Chris Syphokham, and Bobbi Westra; from Magnolia, Dana Klay.

### SDSU announces honor students

The following area students have been named to the Spring 2017 dean's list at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with a minimum of 12 credits. Students with an asterisk received a 4.0 GPA.

Adrian: Anthony Reker, education and human sciences; Elizabeth Thier, education and human sciences; Joshua Irvin\*, engineering; Tessa Ivers\*, nursing.

Ellsworth: Paige Meester, education and human sciences, DED; Ashley Reiner, agriculture and biological sciences; Isaac Smithee, engineering; Emily Young, pharmacy and allied health professions.

Lismore: Anthony Lynn\*, agriculture and biological sciences; Megan Tweet\*, agriculture and biological sciences.

Luverne: Tanner Baustian, agriculture and biological sciences; Brenna Brown\*, education and human sciences; Ellen Kennedy Dahl\*, arts and sciences, NUC; Hilary Deragisch, pharmacy and allied health professions; Tessa Klarenbeek, arts and sciences; Nicole Kneip, engineering; Madilyn Oye, education and human sciences; Brenton Thompson, engineering; Erik Tofteland\*, agriculture and biological sciences, Sydnie Weiss-Anderson, education and human sciences.

Rushmore: Brooke Grussing, education and human sciences. Steen: Alexander Bonnema, education and human sciences.

### McLeod named to LATI dean's list

Matthew McLeod, Hills, has been named to the president's list at Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota, for the Spring 2017 semester. To be named, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

### DSU releases Spring 2017 honors list

Adam Martin, Adrian, and Alexis Hanson, Steen, were named to the 2017 Spring Honors List at Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### UMD announces spring dean's list

Sean Rollag, Beaver Creek, College of Science and Engineering, and Kayla Thone, Luverne, College of Education and Human Service Professions, were named to the 2017 spring semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Duluth. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### Taubert named to Morningside dean's list

Carey Taubert, Beaver Creek, has earned a spot on the Spring 2017 dean's list at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.67 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### Stratton on dean's list at U of M Crookston

Logan Stratton, Luverne, was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2017 semester at the University of Minnesota Crookston. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.66 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### Bethany announces Spring 2017 dean's list

Andrew Jelken, son of James and Paula Jelken, Luverne, and Cora Mumme, daughter of Mark and Beth Mumme, Hardwick, were named to the Spring 2017 dean's list at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### Bosch named to dean's list at USD

Jordan Bosch, Steen, has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2017 semester at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### Thorson receives MSU scholarship

Bryana Thorson, daughter of Kip and Christine Thorson, Luverne, has received a \$500 transfer scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Undergraduate students with a minimum of 24 credits and a GPA of 3.5 or higher qualify for the scholarship.

### Students graduate from Gustavus

Three Luverne students received Bachelor of Arts degrees from Gustavus Adolphus College at commencement exercises Sunday, May 28.

Scott Nelson graduated cum laude with a degree in public accounting; Joseph Vajgrt graduated cum laude with a degree in nursing; Dustin Deutsch received a degree in biology.

## OBITUARY

### John Anderson

Johnie Alfred Anderson, Plumbing & Heating in 1973. He retired in December 2011. John's pride was his family, his business and building his own home for his family.



A funeral was Saturday, June 3, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids. Burial followed at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids.

John Anderson was born May 30, 1931, to Conrad and Clara (Tvietnes) Anderson in Akron, Colorado. When he was a young child, his family moved to a farm northeast of George, Iowa. He attended George Community School.

After his education, he remained living with his parents and helped with the family farm.

On Nov. 19, 1951, John entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Korea. He received his honorable discharge on Nov. 13, 1953, and returned to the George area to work on the family farm. He was a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve until 1959.

John married Mary Marie Peterson on June 8, 1956, in Luverne. They moved to Sibley, Iowa, in 1960, where he sold Mormon Feed. The family then moved to a farm near Rock Rapids, where he worked for Harry Rasmussen as a handyman. He then began working for Telford Plumbing & Heating in Rock Rapids.

During this time, he received his education from Sheldon Community College and completed his apprenticeship and eventually his Journeyman's License and began his own business. John's

Legion of Rock Rapids and the Lion's Club of Rock Rapids. He enjoyed collecting toy tractors, woodworking, and camping with his family. John always looked forward to having coffee with his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Anderson, Rock Rapids; two daughters, Rhonda (Lyle) Olson, Steen, and Tamara (Mark) Dillingham, Spirit Lake, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Jeremy (Stacy) Olson and their children, Ashley, Jakob, Rylee and Carly, Erika (Brad) Thedens and their children, Clay, Zack and Zoe, Hailey Olson, Heather Anderson and her children, Devin and Ryan, Meghan (Dave) Sierck and their children, Dawson and Gabrielle, Rachel Anderson, Landon Dillingham and Dylan Anderson; a brother-in-law, Marvin (Mary) Peterson, Rock Rapids; a sister-in-law, Lillian Peterson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Randall Anderson; a brother, Milton Anderson; and other brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, Iowa, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0608 F)

## DEATH NOTICE

### Sharon Strand

Sharon Strand, 78, formerly of Luverne, died under hospice care on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at the Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

A memorial service was Saturday, June 3, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at Palisade Lutheran Cemetery near Garretson, South Dakota.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0608 DN)

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## Sharkee's development from 1A

the south border and it will be a key component in the development plan, Ludwig said.

"The fact that it's on the bikeway is important for this project," he said.

"In other cities where we've worked, all the things we do come back to the bikeways. This will be a place for people to stop along the way for a cup of coffee or for lunch..."

Development north of the diagonal building may include either a twin mixed-use building or a smaller single-use retail building, depending on market demand.

To the east along Hatting

Street, a dual use building could accommodate a retail store with wine tasting, an outdoor plaza and a restaurant with adjoining "al fresco" dining, Ludwig said, mentioning a bakery and coffee shop as possibilities.

"This might very well be an early addition to the plan development," he said in his proposal. "Farther east, additional retail, apartments or office use may add vitality to Town Square."

He said these projects, which include a central plaza with sculpture in the design, will provide a location for com-



The general plan calls for a diagonal mixed-use building and triangular central plaza at the intersection of Highway 75 and Hatting Street. "This two- or three-story building will be an icon for travelers and city dwellers alike," Developer Bill Ludwig said. Landscaping, patios, balconies and other aesthetic details will be part of the plan, with parking in the rear of the buildings. Development north of the diagonal building on Highway 75 may include either a twin mixed-use building or a smaller single-use retail building, depending on market demand. To the east along Hatting Street, a dual use building could accommodate a retail store with wine tasting, an outdoor plaza and a restaurant with adjoining "al fresco" dining, Ludwig said, mentioning a bakery and coffee shop as possibilities.

munity interaction with plenty of outdoor seating.

"It will be a great place for pedestrians and bikers to take a break."

Ludwig said his firm intends to use local contractors and resources for the project.

The construction manager, Paul Koester, is married to Luverne native Beth Frakes. Also Don Jahnke of Extreme Panel Technologies lives in Luverne and would be involved in the project.

Luverne city leaders are impressed by Ludwig's proposal and his strong references, according to Sammons.

"He has a really good reputation," she said. "He has great vision, great ideas, and he's interested in doing something in Luverne. ... and he also has connections and resources."

She said there are "a million details" to work out in the development with Ludwig, but the fact that there is now a plan makes it easier to attract future tenants.

"At least now we have a contact person for people who

*"At least now we have a contact person for people who have questions about space, contractors and tenants."*

— Holly Sammons, LEDA director

have questions about space, contractors and tenants," Sammons said. "We're excited to have him on board to see what he can do for us in Luverne."

The 4-acre site was cleared earlier this year when Sharkee's and Mert's were demolished and the ground filled in and leveled.

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

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

The costs for acquisition, demolition, and site improvements of both lots (roughly \$500,000) will be recouped with future tax increments.

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

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

The multi-phased project could produce up to \$10 million in market value once the whole 4-acre lot is developed.

Sammons said an optimistic time frame for the Town Square project would be site preparation this fall and construction next year.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0608 buffalo days

Above, crowds mingle among cars on display for Friday night's Buffalo Days Cruise-in on Main Street, Luverne.

## Luverne celebrates Buffalo Days

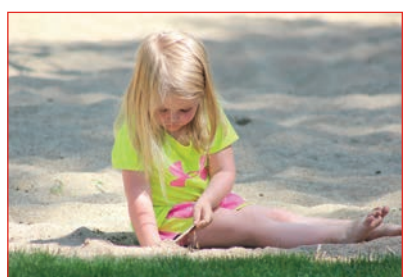
Sunshine stole the show over the weekend for Luverne's 33rd Annual Buffalo Days celebration. As a result, events and activities enjoyed big crowds and active participation. Cruise-in organizers report there were 207 cars, 15 motorcycles and three tractors. At right, the Jenniges children pose in a cushion that Mark Perkins, Ellsworth, made into a miniature firetruck (he works at Midwest Fire). They are (clockwise from bottom) Adalyn, Avery, Valentine and William Jenniges.



Missy Merrill marches with Pizza Ranch in the parade. Below, Allydia Lynch plays in the sand at Arts in the Park.



At left, Vietnam Veteran Clair Steiner, Hills, signs his name and dates of service to the hood of a 2007 Corvette owned by James Briney, Sioux Falls. He visits area car shows and invites military veterans to sign the car with dry erase markers. At the end of the day he photographs the signatures and wipes the surface clean for the next event. In the past five years he's collected 8,000 signatures; his goal is to record 10,000 signatures.



Above left, Buffalo Chip Throwing Contest organizer Casey McKenzie presents a suitable chip prepared by Blue Mounds State Park staff. Above right, Luverne Tae Kwon Do members demonstrate some routines. At left, crowds gather for Saturday morning's Buffalo Days Parade on Main Street in Luverne. Below, Luverne City Park fills with people enjoying Arts in the Park.



## Luverne 150th, Carnegie Cultural Center/continued from page 1A

close to 1 million dollars towards library construction in Minnesota. This makes Minnesota the eighth largest recipient of Carnegie Library grants in the United States.

On March 27, 1903 the city of Luverne secured \$10,000 from Carnegie to build the Luverne Carnegie Library.

Plans were prepared by local architect W.E.E. Greene and the contractor was P.N. Gillham. The Luverne Carnegie Library was completed in 1904.

While the Carnegie grant was used to construct the building, the Luverne community had to provide a suitable site and were expected to tax themselves at the annual rate of 10 percent of the grant amount.

This requirement imposed by Carnegie ensured a long-term commitment for the purchase of books, staff costs and maintenance of the library building.

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Although Luverne's Library Association requested the funding from Carnegie, it was Canfield who convinced one of his clients to donate the sum of \$2,500 to purchase the library site.

In 1974 the Luverne Carnegie Library expanded its library services and became the Rock County Community Library.

It continued to function as a library until a new Community Library was located in a former bank building on Main and Estey Streets in the late 1980s.

### Carnegie Cultural Center

The Carnegie building was then renovated and opened in June 1992 as the Carnegie Cultural Center.

With new exhibits each month, the Carnegie show-

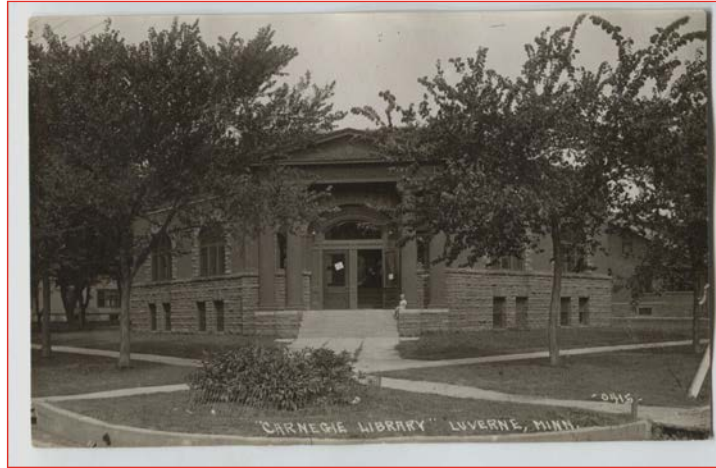


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cased local artwork and that of visiting artists, and its most popular display has been the Festival of Trees decorated for the holidays by local businesses and organizations.

The building also housed the Carnegie Gift Gallery, which featured original work — woodcarvings, books, prints, jewelry, pottery — by local artists, authors and musicians.

In 2015 and 2016, the City of Luverne, which owns the historic building, renovated the Carnegie with an eye toward preserving its original architecture.

Luverne Street Music now leases the building for student lessons, rehearsals and community performances.

The main floor reception area remains available for local visual arts displays to preserve the building's mixed-use cultural purpose.

At the time of its original construction significant interior features included an arched quartzite fireplace and oak woodwork and reference desk. These features survived during its time as a library building and cultural center and now as Luverne Street Music.

### Building Description

The Luverne Carnegie Library is a one storey Beaux Arts style building with Richardsonian Romanesque influences.

Situated on a corner lot, the design of the building is hexagonal in shape and is angled to accentuate the site and street-view.

The exterior is faced with red brick and which rests on a raised basement of quarry-faced Blue Mound quartzite. This quartzite facing is only

used around the sides of the building visible from the street, and red brick is used elsewhere.

The southeast façade is dominated by a Beaux Art pedimented portico which features paired, fluted Ionic columns that flank the arched doorway.

Ornamental features include the garland-and-swag motif situated in the tympanum of the pediment and beneath this the words: 'Carnegie' sculpted upon the frieze.

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The projecting entrance has a generous cornice and is typical of Carnegie library design by being the dominant central feature of the building.

It is the rusticated stone detailing and general largeness and simplicity of form that give this Beaux Arts building a Richardsonian Romanesque flavor.

## Nominate leaders for county committee

The annual election for the FSA County Committee is once again upon us. Elections are held each year to replace a member whose 3-year term will expire.

Producers who reside in a particular elective area, also called a Local Administrative Area (LAA), and who participate in FSA programs and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the County Committee.

They must also not have been removed or disqualified from the office of the County Committee, or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony, or have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

We also encourage women and minority producers, as well as beginning farmers to get involved in the election process by either nominating themselves or others.

Nomination forms should be filed for the County Committee of the office that administers a producer's farm records. Forms are available at the Rock County FSA Office, or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

For the FSA-669A Nomination form, scroll down to the links under "Election Materials" and click "2017 Nomination Form."

This year's County Committee election in Rock County is being held in the northern and eastern one-third of the county in LAA #1, which includes the townships of Battle Plain, Denver, Rose Dell and Vienna.

This is the area that is currently being represented by Committee Chair Denise Severson, who has served the maximum of three terms and is therefore ineligible to serve another 3-year term.

We will accept nominations through to the deadline on Aug. 1, 2017. Voting will take place between Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, 2017. The newly elected committee member will take office on Jan. 1, 2018.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA, applying their judgment and knowledge to help in the delivery of Farm Programs at the county level.

For more information contact Fraser Norton, Rock County FSA Office at 311 W. Gabrielson Rd, Suite #1, in Luverne, or call 507-283-2369 ext. 2.



### Lions Club honors Brandenburg

Luverne Lions Club President Chuck Eglund (left) presents the Melvin Jones Award to Everett Brandenburg in recognition of his contributions to the Lions Club and the community.

Brandenburg has been a Lions Club member for 38 years and held several offices and has been in charge of several projects. Lions International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones.

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# H-BC's Rozeboom, Scholten qualify for state track meet

By John Rittenhouse

Two Hills-Beaver Creek High School athletes extended their track seasons at the Section 3A meet in Pipestone Thursday.

With the top two finishers in every event at the section level automatically qualifying to state competition, H-BC senior Zach Scholten and Kourtney Rozeboom met the criteria by placing second in individual events.

Scholten cleared 6-1 to place second in the boys' high jump, while Rozeboom produced a distance of 39-4 to finish second in the girls' shot put.

Both athletes are scheduled to compete at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships at Hamline University in St. Paul.

Rozeboom, who qualified for the state meet for the first time, played a key role in H-BC's 13<sup>th</sup>-place performance as a team at the section meet.

H-BC compiled 21 points in a meet that featured 25 teams producing points.

Rozeboom accounted for 11 of H-BC's counters for her effort in the shot put and a fifth-place showing in the discus with a toss of 111-9.

The Patriots also received some points from their 1,600- and 400-meter relays.

The 1,600-meter squad consisting of Taryn Rauk, Paige Tilstra, Kenadie Fick and Sidney Fick placed third with a time of 4:14.15.

Ashlee Kelderman, Sidney Fick, Tilstra and Rauk finished sixth in the 400-meter relay with a 52.81 effort.

Scholten qualified for state competition for the third consecutive season with his effort in the high jump.

With Scholten leading the way, H-BC scored 11 team points to place 16<sup>th</sup> in a 25-team field in Pipestone.

H-BC's other points came from the 400-meter relay consisting of Tyson Bork, Gavin Wysong, Jed Burgers and Jax Wysong, which placed sixth with a time of 46.54.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's performances during the section meet.

**H-BC girls**  
13<sup>th</sup> place: 800 relay (Kelderman, Taylor Durst, Abby Knobloch and Josie Bartels), 1:56.76.

**H-BC boys**  
Ninth place: 800 relay (Hunter Bork, G. Wysong, Luke LaRock and T. Bork), 1:38.37.  
11<sup>th</sup> place: Burgers, 300 hurdles, 45.83;  
1,600 relay (G. Wysong, LaRock, Dawson Leenderts and J. Wysong), 3:49.48.



John Rittenhouse photo/0608 hbc track 3 Hills-Beaver Creek High School senior Zach Scholten earned his third consecutive berth into state competition during the Section 3A Track Meet in Pipestone Thursday. Scholten cleared 6-1 to place second in the high jump. Both Scholten and Kourtney Rozeboom will represent H-BC at the state meet.

## Quest for repeat state baseball appearance ends for Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian High School baseball team ended its quest to return to the state Class A tournament with a loss to Lac Qui Parle Valley on Saturday.

The Dragons completed the 2017 campaign with a 15-8 record.

### LQPV 6, Adrian 4

Adrian's attempt to win a third elimination game came up just short when the Lac Qui Parle Valley Eagles defeated the Dragons 6-4 Saturday in Milroy.

Senior pitcher Alex Loosbrock started the game and dominated on the mound early with his first eight outs being strikeouts.

The game was scoreless until Nick Harder gave the Dragons a lead in the bottom of the fifth inning with a two-run homerun.

LQPV scored one run in the

top of the sixth to get within one.

Loosbrock was forced from the mound in the seventh inning with one out and runners on first and second when he reached the maximum number of pitches allowed by rule. Landon Rogers replaced Loosbrock for the remainder of the game.

The Eagles scored five runs in the inning. Zach Loosbrock hit a two-run homerun in the bottom of the seventh, but it wasn't enough as the Dragons lost 6-4 and were eliminated from the tournament.

### Adrian 6, CMC 2

The Dragons won their second elimination game of the tournament when they disposed of Central Minnesota Christian by four runs in Milroy Thursday.

A strong pitching perfor-

mance from Jacob Stamer led Adrian to victory.

Stamer pitched a seven-inning complete game and experienced a stretch of retiring 14 of 15 batters.

Stamer fanned 10 batters and surrendered seven hits.

Adrian scored four runs (one in the second and fourth frames and two in the third) in the first four innings to assume control of the contest.

The score was 5-0 when the Dragons plated a single run in the top of the sixth, but CMC scored twice in the bottom of the sixth before Adrian recorded its final run in the top of the seventh.

Adrian, which had four extra-base hits in the contest, received two hits from Nick Harder (one RBI) and Stamer.

Mitchell Wagner, Landon Rogers and Ryan Wieneke recorded one double each.

### Adrian 1, MCC 0

The Dragons came out on the winning end of a one-run decision during an elimination game May 30 in Windom.

With Alex Loosbrock leading the charge with a standout pitching performance, Adrian kept its season alive after plating the game's lone run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Pinch-hitter Brent Hokeness drew a one-out walk before giving way to Wieneke, who entered the game to run for Hokeness.

Wieneke advanced to third base on a single by Loosbrock and scored the winning run when Zach Hendel delivered a game-ending single.

Loosbrock pitched seven innings of no-hit ball to keep the Dragons in a position to win the game.

Loosbrock fanned 10 batters.



Photo by Joyce McCarthy

Adrian senior Jake Stamer pitched a complete seven-inning game in an elimination bracket victory versus Central Minnesota Christian on Thursday, June 1.



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## Girls' golf team advances to final round

*Cardinals end season with fifth-place finish*

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls completed the 2017 golf season during the second day of play at the Section 3AA Tournament at the Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake May 30.

Luverne, which was one of five teams to qualify for the tournament's final round, couldn't improve its position in the final team standings.

The Cardinals were the fifth and final team to qualify for the second day of play by posting a 367-stroke tally at the same venue May 24.

LHS posted 384 during the second day of play, which left the Cards in fifth place in the final standings with 751 strokes.

The Cards end the year with a 38-14-1 record.

With Ashlyn Guggisberg leading the way by capturing the individual title with 153

strokes, Minnewaska Area captured the section title with a two-day effort of 688 strokes and advances to state as a team.

The five individual qualifiers for the state tournament include Marshall's Anna Schwarz (167), Morris Area's Shiori Legate (172), Redwood Valley's Bailey Klause (173), Jackson County Central's Abby Benson (173) and New Ulm's Abby Fraudenholtz (175).

Madison Crabtree, who posted the low score for LHS carding a 91 during the second round, finished three strokes away (178) from forcing Fraudenholtz into a play-off for an individual berth into the state tournament.

Anna Huisman, Hailey Remme and Jenna Zewiske added respective 96-, 97- and 100-stroke rounds to Luverne's team tally during the second day of play.

Carly Serie and Samantha Pierce shot 101- and 102-stroke rounds without impacting the team scoring.



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## Gonnerman wraps up golf season at section tournament

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School senior wrapped up the golf season during the second day of play at the Section 3AA Tournament staged at the Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake May 30.

Coy Gonnerman, one of 18 individual qualifiers for the second day of competition, couldn't extend his season by qualifying for state play.

After posting an 84 during the first day of play at the same venue May 25, Gonnerman posted an 85 during the second round for a two-day total of 169 strokes.

A total of five individuals and the championship team advance to the state tournament from the section field.

The fifth individual qualifier, Litchfield's Brandon Nelson, posted a 157-stroke tally.

Morris Area's Jacob Zozel (152), Minnewaska Area's Esten Stensrud (154) and Isaac Burgess (156) and Marshall's Mason Plante (155) are the other individual qualifiers.

New Ulm edged Minnewaska Area 649-650 to win the team title.

New Ulm's Glavine Schugel shot a 147 to win the section individual title.

## Luverne VFW season opens with Buffalo Days Tournament

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne VFW baseball team opened its season by hosting the annual Buffalo Days Tournament over the weekend.

The team placed second in its home tournament with a 3-1 record.

Luverne began the tournament by defeating New Ulm Silver 1-0.

In the second game, the home team came out on top over Jackson by a score of 5-1.

Luverne reached the tournament championship game by defeating Windom 8-1.

The home team faced Pipestone in the championship game at Redbird Field on Sunday.

Luverne lost the game 12-0 to place second in the tournament.

The 3-1 Cardinals have a rematch with the Pipestone VFW team in Pipestone tonight (Thursday) before hosting Slayton on Monday.

## Record numbers participate at fun run in memory of Pat Smedsrud

Sanford Luverne hosted the Buffalo Days Fun Run in memory of Pat Smedsrud on Saturday. According to organizers, there was record attendance for the race, including many of Pat's family and friends. A total of 173 people participated with 20 kids in the kids' race and 153 people running the 5K race. Individual results were not recorded and medals were not awarded this year. Pictured at the conclusion of the Fun Run are Susan Schneekloth (front, from left), Lauren Hansen, Julie Haugen, Steve Smedsrud, Kurt Haugen, (second row) Peggy Adams, Tracy Hansen, Missy Verbrugge, Lynette Springman, Mark Springman, (back) Scott Adams and Evan Verbrugge. Smedsrud died Oct. 24 from a ruptured aneurysm.

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by driving in Luverne's third-inning runs at the plate.

Charlie Reisch singled and Declan Beers reached base on catcher's interference to set the table for Reisdorfer, who delivered a two-run double to open the scoring.

Derek Lundgren reached base on a fielder's choice and Trey Roberts gained first base on a fielder's choice in the

fourth inning.

Both runners scored when Mark Sterrett singled.

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

### NL-S 3, Luverne 1

The Cardinals were sent to the loser's bracket with a two-run loss to the Wildcats in Granite Falls May 30.

Luverne took a 1-0 lead in the top half of the first winning, but NL-S plated three runs in the bottom half of the opening frame and the squads played to a scoreless draw the rest of the way.

The Cardinals got off to a quick start as Mark Sterrett and Declan Beers drew consecutive walks before Jaxon Nelson rolled a single to left field that plated Sterrett with a first inning run.

Unfortunately for the Cards, the only other hit they would register in the game was a two-out single by Charlie Reisch in the fifth inning.

NL-S countered with a three-run rally in the bottom of the third that included three hits and two fielding errors by LHS.

Ben Serie took the pitching loss after tossing four innings of eight-hit, three-run (one was earned), four-strikeout ball.

Derek Lundgren relieved Serie and tossed two innings of scoreless, hitless ball.

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Serie	3	0	0	0
Lundgren	2	0	0	0
Nath	3	0	0	0
Roberts	2	0	0	0
Johnson	0	0	0	0
Mumme	0	0	0	0
Reisch	3	0	1	0



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A New London-Spicer runner slides safely to second base as the ball skips away from Luverne shortstop Tyler Reisdorfer during a section game in Granite Falls May 30.

## Track members Stratton, Hup return to state/continued from page 3B

relay consisting of Hup, Jordy Thone, Andrew Reisch and Ahrendt finished fourth with a time of 45.77.

Jed Dooyema cleared 11-9 to finish fifth in the pole vault,

while the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays placed fifth with respective 3:40.38 and 8:58.96 efforts.

Jed and Jeremiah Dooyema and Austin and Brandon

Winter ran the 1,600, while the Winters, Dalton DeSollar and Michael Rahm formed the 3,200-meter squad.

Ahrendt also produced one team point by placing eighth

in the 200-meter dash in 23.91.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's performances at the section meet.

Ninth place: A. Winter, 800, 2:10.18; Eli

Haugen, high jump, 5-7; Matt Ziegler, shot, 42-1.  
12<sup>th</sup> place: Ziegler, discus, 115-4.  
14<sup>th</sup> place: Thone, 100, 12.44.  
15<sup>th</sup> place: Thone, 200, 25.13.  
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