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Shrimp company to build first harbor in Luverne

Construction to generate 330 jobs and \$14.5 million of labor income; long-term impact is \$23 million annually and 124 jobs

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne will be the site of tru Shrimp's first \$50 million production facility, according to a company announcement Tuesday.

The Luverne Bay Harbor, as it will be called, will be built in the industrial park west of Papik Motors along I-90.

The city of Luverne offered 30 acres (what was formerly the Marty Mayes property), according to the letter of intent, and groundbreaking will be early in 2018.

Luverne leaders are calling tru Shrimp the biggest economic opportunity since Mid-Pack opened in 1962. "This is a tremendous economic

boon for Luverne and southwest Minnesota," Mayor Pat Baustian said. "It's also going to benefit the larger rural community."

An economic impact study conducted by the University of Minnesota projects the construction of a single harbor would generate over \$48 million in economic contribution.

Construction of the bio-secure facility would generate 330 jobs and \$14.5 million of labor income.

Once built, it will continue to generate an estimated \$23 million annually in economic activity and provide employment directly and indirectly for 124 people.



A harbor will produce 20,000 pounds of shrimp per day — more than half of current U.S. shrimp production.

The facility's footprint will be the size of four football fields long and one football field wide, with nine

acres under one roof.

The harbor will need 14 million gallons of water to fill production basins and will require 60,000 to 100,000 gallons per day to operate.

The harbor, the first of several planned around the state of Minnesota, would produce 20,000 pounds of shrimp per day of various sizes (42 percent jumbo size).

That's more than 50 percent of the nation's current aquaculture shrimp production. Most U.S. shrimp (80 percent) is imported from other countries, which is why company officials see a strong demand for their product.

Why Minnesota?

President and CEO of the tru Shrimp Company Michael Ziebell said the construction is a major step toward developing a large-scale shrimp aquaculture industry in the state of Minnesota.

"What is happening in Minnesota has not been done anywhere in the world," Ziebell said. "We are creating an industry that will supply the world with safe, clean and abundant shrimp."

He said there are 1.6 billion pounds of shrimp consumed annually.

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Hardwick native's artwork featured at Luverne gallery

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's Brandenburg Gallery is hosting an artist reception Saturday, June 17, for college senior Cora Mumme.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mumme is displaying her hand-illustrated posters through the end of June.

The 15 promotional artworks were developed as a capstone project for her studio art degree from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. She will graduate in December.

The posters depict tourist locations in Minnesota's North Shore area.

"Our family vacations were made up of road trips in all directions," Mumme wrote on her artist statement accompanying her artwork.

"No location has been more meaningful to me than our drives to northern Minnesota."

She chose 15 scenic places from the North Shore as subjects for college projects. Many of them she visited herself or with her family, others she used pictures found during her research.

Mumme's poster designs were inspired by the Anderson Design Group's use of the design style developed in the early 1930s for the WPA or Works Progress Administration.

The group developed posters for each of the 59 national parks. "I love the vintage posters," Mumme said.

The posters typically feature custom typography and muted colors with cream borders. Mumme used Adobe Illustrator to hand-draw shapes from the original photograph.

From the hundreds of colors in the photograph, Mumme pares the color choices down to 10 or 20 and layers the various shapes to create a feeling of depth on the

Reception for artist Cora Mumme set for Saturday, June 17, in gallery



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 mumme art

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The good, the bad, the ugly

Consultant views town from eyes of a visitor; shares findings Friday

By Lori Sorenson

More than 200 people gathered at Grand Prairie Events Friday morning to hear what consultant Roger Brooks had to say about Luverne.

Brooks had "secret shopped" the town earlier in the week and shared his impressions in a three-hour presentation.

"The things you're already doing are fantastic," he said. "You're already well on your way."

Brooks is a nationally known expert on tourism and destination development and has helped hundreds of businesses and communities improve their images and first impressions to become more successful.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority and LIFT (Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow) sponsored the \$25,000 consulting fee for Brooks to assess the town.

At Friday's event he raved about the "Love Luverne" logo and how well the brand is carried through on signage, banners and other visual areas.

"Yours are some of the best gateways I've seen in the country," Brooks said. "It probably wasn't cheap, but it creates a good first impression of Luverne."

He also remarked about the southwest Minnesota landscape. "This is a stunningly beautiful area," he said about the rolling hills and nearby parks and trails.

And he was impressed by Sanford Luverne, the Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne School District, Redbird Field and the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

He said these facilities, along with Little League diamonds, parks, and safe, clean neighborhoods, all lend to quality of life in a community.

"I can see why people would live here and work in Sioux Falls," Brooks said.

"I can see why you 'Love the Life.'" But when he asked a local employee what there is to do in Luverne, he was told to go to Sioux Falls.

"If you don't hang out in your own town, nobody else will," Brooks said.

He spent a good share of his assessment compiling a "Best of Luverne" list in terms of restaurants, hotels and attractions for locals to suggest to tourists.

He and his wife were enamored by the little Wayside Chapel just north of Luverne on Highway 75, so

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Stained glass artist buys Holy Trinity Church

By Lori Sorenson

Lori Hallstrom has no trouble explaining why she bought the Holy Trinity Church building in Luverne.

"That has always been my favorite building — ever since I got here," said Hallstrom, a stained glass artist who owns Rock River Relics (formerly HGS Gallery) on Main Street.

"Every time I'd go by, I'd think, 'Someone should paint the building, someone should paint the bell tower, someone should restore the steps.' Now, guess what? That someone is me."

She took possession of the building May 30 after the Episcopal congregation (of



Lori Sorenson photo/0615 hallstrom

Lori Hallstrom said the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church has always been her favorite building in Luverne.

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Ellis & Eastern takes over business on local rail

By Mavis Fodness

The Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad (BRRR) has new owners who plan to expand their transportation business and improve the 41-mile rail line that spans Nobles and Rock counties.

Clark Meyer, president of Ellis & Eastern Railroad (EE), signed a 15-year lease agreement June 1 with representatives from the two counties that make up the rail authority.

EE is a subsidiary of Sweetman Construction headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Its lease of the railway from Manley to Worthington is in effect through 2032 with extension options pushing the agreement out to a total of 99 years.

EE is leasing the rail for \$1 and is responsible for maintenance and/or upgrades.

Meyer appeared at the June 6

Rock County Commissioners meeting after attending a similar meeting in Nobles County.

"We are going to try and grow business," Meyer said. "More car count is more revenue and spurs more economic growth for this county."

However, the increased number of freight cars along the local railway will be moderate.

"I don't mean 100-car unit trains going 40 miles per hour," Meyer added.

In order to increase the car count along the local rail line, EE will need to improve the track's quality classification.

Currently, the BRRR operates under an exempt status.

According to the Federal Railroad Administration, an exempt status

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The Star Herald is Rock County's oldest business, documenting the news of its citizens since 1873

Article 24: Star Herald still recording local news for the people about the people

This is the 243rd in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. Following is a history local newspapers that served the community.

Rock County's history of keeping up with the news started in 1873 when S.J. Jenkins brought an old hand press and a few cases of type to Luverne by ox-drawn wagon. He started a paper May 24, 1873, and the front-page news was that, at last, Rock County had its own paper. It was called the Rock County Herald and

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This week's moment in time is sponsored by:



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the home of Greg Talsma.

The Caregivers Support Group will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at the Mary Jane Brown Home in the conference room. Anyone dealing with caregiving or with questions in reference to caregiving and the resources available for their benefit is encouraged to attend. Call 507-283-5064 with questions.

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 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for weight loss support. Weigh-in is at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568.

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

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

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

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

Hinkly House open Thursdays

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

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.

'I Can Climb' at Blue Mounds June 17

You can still register for the "I Can Climb" program at the Blue Mounds State Park. Climbing sessions will be June 17 and 18, July 15 and 16, and Aug. 12 and 13. Details are at www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/ican/climb.

Bus trip to Twins game June 18

Luverne Community Education is looking for a few more people to join the 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.

Annual Hospice Memorial Service

Sanford Luverne Hospice invites the public to the Annual Hospice Memorial Service at 7 p.m. Monday, June 19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. The service will remember 70 people who died under hospice care this past year (May 1, 2016-May 7, 2017). Family members and friends are invited to attend the short program of music and readings, with refreshments served afterward. For information call 283-1805.

Adrian All-American Blood Drive

Sanford Clinic Adrian and Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 19, at the Adrian Ambulance Garage. All blood donors will receive a great All American T-shirt and a free Subway lunch.

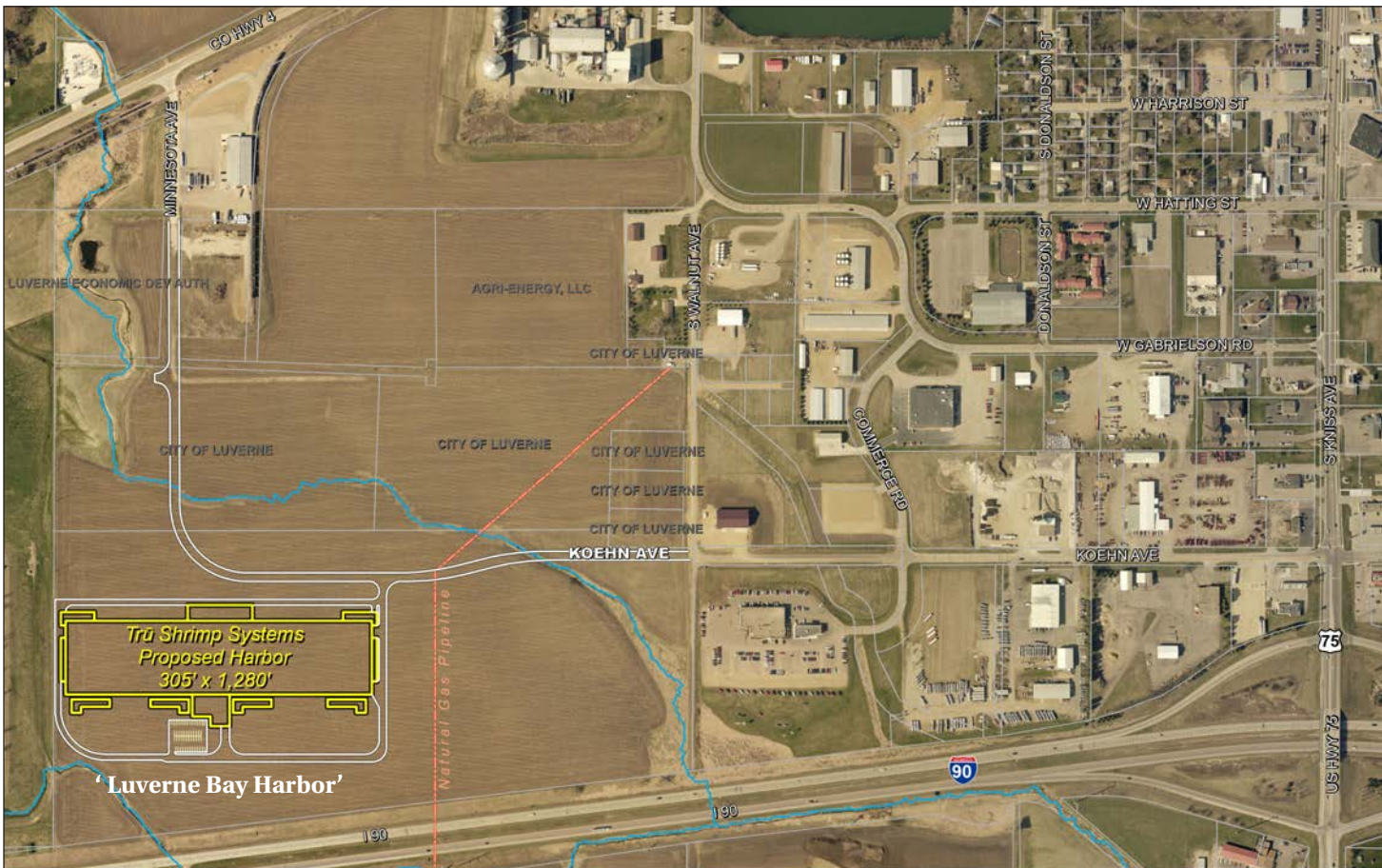
Author Jason Freeman at library June 19

Author Jason Freeman will read from his book, "Awkwardly Awesome," and answer questions at the Rock County Library from 5-6 p.m. Monday, June 19.

Free events at Touch the Sky Prairie

•Guitarist and vocalist Jim Groth will perform live at Touch the Sky Prairie at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23. Touch the Sky Prairie is 3 miles west and two miles north of the Blue Mounds State Park entrance.

•Kristi Franken and Martha Nowatzki will lead a yoga and massage session at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at Touch the Sky Prairie.



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ally in the United States and 80 percent of it is imported largely from Southeast Asia.

The advantage to domestically raised shrimp is that the process is sustainable, antibiotic-free and environmentally responsible, Ziebell said.

"We are often asked, 'Why raise shrimp in Minnesota?' And the answer is because the feed is here," he said.

"Economically and environmentally it makes much more sense to raise shrimp near their food source than to ship feed to shrimp raised in coastal ponds thousands of miles from the U.S. market."

Baustian said that's another reason shrimp production is so beneficial for Luverne and the region.

"We are an agribusiness community," he said.

"The shrimp are fed primarily soybeans, corn and hard red wheat, which positively affects the bottom line of every farmer in Minnesota. ... Anytime we can help our local farmers is a plus for Main Street Luverne. When our farmers do well, the whole region does well."

Research and training in Balaton; hatchery and processing in Marshall

Minnesota-based Balco owns the shrimp company and the patented production technology. It has been fine-tuning the process in Balaton (in the former school building) for the past two years.

"Until now, the technology to effectively raise shrimp in the Midwest United States on a large scale did not exist," Ziebell said. "Now it does and we have proven it."

A training facility "Balaton Bay Reef" will begin this summer in Balaton adjacent to the tru Shrimp Innovation Center and Laboratory. Personnel will train there to work in the shrimp production Harbors — which will eventually also be built in other Minnesota locations.

The company also issued a letter of intent to locate the first shrimp hatchery in Marshall to prepare more than 8,000,000 pounds of shrimp estimated to be produced by a single Harbor annually.

Marshall and Balaton will serve as the hub for aquaculture breeding and processing.

Several states were vying for the establishment of tru Shrimp headquarters and Harbors.

Minnesota State Senator Bill Weber and Representative Chris Swedzinski were strong proponents for the development of a shrimp aquaculture industry in Minnesota.

They noted that shrimp production involves a biomedical compound called chitosan that is captured from shrimp shells as they are shed.

In addition to the multiple biomedical applications, it will spur additional economic benefits for the state and region.

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means train engines cannot exceed 9 mph and are limited to pulling five freight cars at one time.

Meyer said EE is interested in upgrading the current track to a Class 1 or 2 classification in order to pull more cars.

The rail line would continue to operate at the current 5 mph.

"Increasing the car count from five by an additional three is a 40 percent growth," he said.

Cars would only carry product. "No passengers on exempted tracks," Meyer told commissioners.

Through an asset purchase agreement, EE acquired the equipment, property and existing transloading business from Minnesota Southern Railway.

EE began operations in the late 1980s when it acquired the 12-mile rail line from Brandon through downtown Sioux Falls to Ellis, South Dakota.

The railroad primarily transports aggregate products. Five years ago it began handling goods for outside customers.

"We (EE) have more than 12 times the car count than the 40 miles (of BRRR) have," Meyer said.

EE averages 10,000 rail cars an-

nually on its line. BRRR transported 500 to 700 cars under a similar lease agreement with Minnesota Southern Railway.

Operating through downtown Sioux Falls, EE adheres to a strict policy.

"We are going to try to be good neighbors," Meyer said. "We have 1,000 neighbors whose living rooms are 40 feet from the rail. We have maintained that (good neighbor) relationship in residential areas."

He said he's confident EE can operate the same policy through rural areas.

Since taking over operations June 1, Meyer said he has been meeting with business and property owners along the BRRR in Rock and Nobles counties.

Public meetings have been scheduled in Nobles and Rock counties.

"The goal of the meetings is to make contact with all landowners and answer any questions or concerns," Meyer said.

The first public meetings will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Adrian City Hall and at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Rushmore Community Center.

Mumme art/from 1A

poster.

Through the computer, she experimented with colors to set the correct mood for each scene.

Mumme said she completed posters in as little time as three hours. Some took up to 15.

"The Split Rock Lighthouse took five different versions, and some were one and done," she said.

Her eye for color and shapes began at an early age. "I've been drawing since I was 5," she said.

Between homeschool studies, Mumme would grab a pencil and a piece of paper and begin sketching.

Her drawing education expanded when she attended Luverne High School, and by the time of her graduation in 2014, she had taken every art class.

Credit from the high school art classes assisted Mumme in completing a college degree one semester early.

"He (teacher Chris Nowatzki) is my hardest pottery teacher, more challenging than in college."

Mumme is a 2014 Luverne High School graduate and daughter of Mark and Beth Mumme, Hardwick.

After her December graduation, Mumme plans to marry and move to the Twin Cities, where she plans to find work as a graphic artist.



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Performing arts center considered in school plans

By Mavis Fodness

Safety and educational deficiencies top the list of reasons Luverne Public School officials are examining facilities and proposing long-term improvements.

Initial discussions about upgrades to the elementary and middle school/high school buildings tallied around \$22.8 million.

Discussion at the School Board meeting Thursday night, June 8, examined additional deficiencies and raised potential upgrades to \$30.5 million if all projects were completed.

Three plans have been developed for discussion by the board.

The latest plan includes a new auditorium and expanded space for the band and choir departments.

"Instead of refreshing and not improving the space, Plan Three gives it two times the space," said Mike Hubbard with education facilities consulting firm Foster, Jacobs & Johnson of Sioux Falls.

Other high school improvements include relocating the high school kitchen

and cafeteria to the main floor and expanding the classroom spaces.

"We are not adding as much square footage but repurposing more," Hubbard said.

Included in the repurposing are upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning along with aesthetic upgrades that refresh the original 1956 facility.

In the elementary school, areas for early childhood special education are expanded and a three-classroom addition is proposed.

Katie Becker is with the architectural group JLG, who have been developing the floor plans for discussion purposes at the board meetings.

"We are meeting the same classroom space as before but you are getting more collaborative space," she said.

The school board will meet again June 20 in the middle/high school media center. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Public meetings about the proposed building improvements are planned for July.



Mavis Fodness photo/0525 Jerry Benson

After 47 years in the classroom, middle school social studies teacher Jerry Benson will retire May 31. He plans to pursue another doctorate, this time in global information systems. A fan of actor John Wayne and the characters he portrayed, Benson has one movie phrase that encourages learning: "Life is hard. It's harder if you're stupid."

Longest-serving local teacher retires

Jerry Benson began teaching in Magnolia 47 years ago

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Middle School teacher Jerry Benson ranks No. 1 on the district's seniority list for his 47 years of continuous employment in the classroom.

On May 31, however, Benson retired and ended a teaching career that began in 1970 with the former Magnolia Public School District. Deb Ward, who is in her 40th year with the Luverne district, moves to the No. 1 spot.

Benson taught social studies to sixth- through twelfth-grade students for 11 years at Magnolia Public Schools before the district combined with Luverne in 1983.

As a new graduate of Bemidji State University, he said he loaded everything in his car and headed for his first and only job.

"I taught the whole shebang," he said of his stint in Magnolia. "I also coached just about everything."

Benson taught history and was the head football coach. He also coached basketball, baseball and speech.

He credits experiences learned from his middle school history teacher in Silver Bay, Minnesota, and his dad for his interest in people and teaching.

"With history we learn about our path," Benson said.

"We should also appreciate and learn from our past."

He received a living history account of World War II (one of his favorite subjects) from his father, who was a member of the most-decorated naval squadron called the "Sunday Punchers."

Stories about his late dad's military experiences were shared as the elder Benson underwent cancer treatments. Ten years ago the younger Benson was also diagnosed with cancer.

Most recently he has been undergoing immunotherapy.

"I am winning now," Benson said.

After leaving the classroom, Benson will continue his interest in studying people and history by pursuing a second doctorate. This one will focus on GIS or global information systems.

"I will be traveling," he said.

Traveling is not new to Benson.

He has been involved in seminars for the National Geographic Society through the years.

The most memorable was retracing the expedition of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

"They had fortitude," Benson said. "They had true grit."

While he has worked hard to put a personal face to his history lessons, Benson hasn't overlooked the fresh faces in his classroom.

"Each year I pick out a kid I think

I can change," he said. "I see something in them and talk to them saying, 'You've got a lot of potential.'"

Kevin Kessler, a 1993 LHS graduate, is an instructor of music and director of athletic bands at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

He was one of the students in whom Jerry saw potential.

"Jerry really encouraged my love of history, which I still love today," he said.

Kessler spent six years on the high school speech team, first participating in the humorous category.

"Jerry pushed me toward Great Speeches because he saw the love I have of history," he said.

The push propelled Kessler to place first at the state speech contest as a senior.

Benson's tutelage was subtle.

"He wouldn't just come out and tell you; he made you figure it out yourself. He wouldn't spoon-feed you," Kessler said.

"He really did a lot for me."

Editor's note: Jerry Benson is one of four local teachers who retired this year. The Star Herald has feature stories coming on Patsy Amborn, Dale Hanson and Don Bosshart.



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 Elaine Hansen Retirement

Celebrating the big 5-0

An open house retirement reception Friday afternoon celebrated Elaine Hansen's 50 years at First Farmers & Merchants Bank in Luverne. Hansen was hired in 1967 as a proof operator. "We hand-posted everything," she recalled. All paper checks were handled individually, filed and later included in paper statements mailed to customers. Hansen has worked in various positions (teller, ag loans, customer service and currently exception item specialist) and she said computers have made all these jobs easier. Pictured above, Ken and Phyllis Vos congratulate Hansen on her retirement from the bank.

Hallstrom buys Holy Trinity Episcopal Church/continued from 1A

three remaining members) deconsecrated the building in a final May 14 worship service.

"It was very unexpected and very awesome," Hallstrom said.

"It's one of those things where you wonder if maybe it was meant to be."

Eventually she dreams of retiring and using the sanctuary for a studio, but for now she's just happy it's hers. And she's excited to share the space with the community.

"People can rent it for weddings, family gatherings and other events," Hallstrom

said. "It's such a beautiful space in here."

She said she intends to keep the rent low in order to make it accessible to a wide range of users.

In addition to her downtown studio and commissioned stained glass projects, Hallstrom is a Luverne city councilwoman and is about to start a year of full-time school to gain her welder's certification.

"I figured welding would be a good thing to add to our local business base."

Both the inside and the exterior features of the building exude history and

reverence. (Three pews remain after the diocese sold the others.)

Even those who never worshipped there have recognized the church as a significant Luverne landmark on the corner of Luverne Street and Cedar Avenue.

It was built in 1891 by R.B. Hinkly with Sioux quartzite stone from the Blue Mound Quarry, which he owned.

The arched windows of the church, which were shipped in from England, are all still original, as is the altar and solid oak woodwork throughout. Some of

the individual glass panes have been replaced through the years.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, and Hallstrom said she doesn't intend to change that status.

To rent the space, Hallstrom can be reached at 605-310-0896.

The Holy Trinity project will be Hallstrom's fourth historic Victorian renovation. Already in her portfolio are properties she's owned in Denver, Colorado, and McKennan Park in Sioux Falls and on an acreage near Beaver Creek.

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ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

The blossoms smell sweet and the white petals create a pleasant contrast against the green backdrop.

That's what I see.

The lawn snob in our house sees an invasive species that threatens the existence of his lush green carpet.

I can see his point. The little buggers are multiplying and spreading noticeably faster than our grass.

Which we seeded last year ... after an unfortunate mix-up of labels on chemical products in the shop.

Two years ago at this time our yard looked pretty good. It was uniformly green and had relatively few flowers (weeds).

But a few sprouting clovers didn't escape the eagle eye of the lawn snob.

He contemplated his plan of attack and decided on chemical weapons to be unleashed at the optimal time in late summer, just before the invaders draw in their final nutrients for the long winter.

Armed with his four-wheeler and mounted spray tank, he carefully and thoroughly applied an even layer of poison, crisscrossing the yard to capture any stray enemy.

Just as he was about to declare victory, he realized a fatal error in his battle plan: The tank that should have contained mixed treatment actually held Roundup.

My lawn warrior looked pale and utterly defeated, but

maintained his composure.

"At least I didn't spray Kramers' yard," said the generous man who almost "shared" his remaining chemical with the neighbors.

His shoulders slumped.

I felt his pain. I once ruined a load of laundry reaching for the bleach instead of the detergent.

But that was my dirty little secret — a clean one, actually. The off-colored towels and wash clothes became cleaning rags and nothing more became of it.

The lawn mishap, however, would be seen by the world.

Or at least by passing motorists ... like my brother-in-law, who is also a lawn snob and who frequently travels the busy highway near our house.

He didn't pass up the opportunity to tease my husband — often — about the dead brown grass.

If the unsuspecting little clovers had any idea of the mayhem and distress they caused, they may have kept a lower profile.

But this spring, just as the reseeded grass was finally taking root, the clovers emerged healthier, thicker and in greater numbers than before the Roundup incident.

There must be some kind of moral to this story, but we'll leave that to the interpretation of those who see flowers vs. those who see weeds.

What the state budget means locally

GUEST EDITORIAL

By District 22 Senator Bill Weber (R-Luverne)

A tax credit for farmers on new school building bonds – a 40-percent offset for school building levies – will bring farmers needed relief and make it easier for schools to meet building needs.

In January I began my second term as your state senator, and it remains a true privilege to serve the people of southwestern Minnesota.

The 2017 legislative session has come to a successful close, and Greater Minnesotans should take note.

This legislative session was one of the most productive in our state's history, bringing with it sound policy measures and a complete state budget that includes the largest tax relief package in nearly two decades, a comprehensive transportation infrastructure investment, over a billion dollars more for education, and many other investments that are good for rural Minnesota.

More importantly, though, it represents compromise that Minnesotans should come to expect from their government.

Although our budget, which checks in at nearly \$46 billion, does not rein in government's exorbitant spending as much as we had hoped, such is the nature of true compromise at a politically divided Capitol.

So, what does that mean for you?

- We established a grace period for the governor's buffer strip mandate and provided local assistance for implementation.

- We passed a one-year moratorium on MnDOT's controversial ditch mowing mandate.

- We passed immediate relief and reform of premium increases on the individual insurance market.

- And we repealed the "last in, first out" standard in our schools, instead favoring more local control by school boards and administration.

And, of course, we have a bipartisan, comprehensive state budget.

Our \$648 million tax bill is aimed at cutting taxes for students, seniors, families, farmers, and main street businesses.

- A tax credit for farmers on new school building bonds – a 40-percent offset for school building levies – will bring farmers needed relief and make it easier for schools to meet building needs.

- We also created a beginning farm tax credit program, equipping

more individuals to be successful in their early years in farming.

- A permanent increase to local government aid and county program aid – a yearly addition of \$15 million and \$25.5 million, respectively – along with a county program aid formula change will help ensure communities can continue to offer essential services.

- A tax credit of up to \$500 will make it a bit easier for college graduates paying off student loan debt.

- Over 350,000 Minnesota seniors will see tax relief through an income tax exemption on Social Security benefits.

Our tax relief package reduces the burden facing main street businesses, eliminating the inflator and exempting up to \$100,000 of commercial/industrial market value.

- We also increased Minnesota's estate tax exemption to \$3 million, bringing it closer to the federal exemption and making Minnesota more competitive with neighboring states.

Part of what makes our communities so appealing is the opportunity for a great education.

An additional \$1.3 billion in funding, including a 2-percent increase to the per-pupil general education formula in each of the next two years, will put more money directly in the classroom.

There is increased funding for special education, career and

technical education, school readiness programs and ag education.

Two-year colleges like Minnesota West Community and Technical College will receive an increase in funding, as well as supplemental funding that will allow them to expand programming or hire additional staff.

With a better-funded Minnesota State Grant Program, more students will be able to take advantage of more financial aid.

Finally, we passed the first comprehensive transportation investment in years.

Over \$300 million in new, ongoing road and bridge funding is included, with another \$250 million from the bonding bill. In addition, our budget includes increases to county and municipal aid.

Altogether, thousands of lane miles and hundreds of bridges across the state will be repaired or replaced under our plan.

The work is not yet done, however, but this is certainly a good place to start. Working together, we can keep our part of the state a great place to live, to work, and to raise a family.

Weber represents Senate District 22, which includes Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock counties. He chairs the Agriculture, Rural Development and Housing Policy Committee.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Annual picnic a success due to local support

To the Editor:

June 5 was a beautiful day for a picnic, and around 50 people with disabilities and their support people enjoyed the annual Arc/People First picnic in the park on North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne. To make a beautiful day perfect, the Arc received a generous donation from the Neighborhood Club to fund a camper.

When the Arc began over 60 years ago, a week at camp was the only respite families had and the only opportunity people with disabilities had to enjoy time away from family with friends. It was the highlight of the year. The Arc along with community members and the Red Ar-

row Campaign have made tremendous progress, and people with disabilities now live and work in their communities. Camp is still a favorite activity.

Thank you to the Neighborhood Club, the Red Arrow group and Bernadine Merrill for making such a difference in the lives of people with disabilities for so many years. Special thanks to Lisa Turbes and Brenda Schultz for supporting our People First groups, and a sincere thanks to all the direct support workers who transport and support self-advocates in all that they do. We appreciate all of you.

Lee Ann Erickson
Arc Minnesota Southwest

Frakes: Russian investigations finally begin

To the Editor:

Hallelujah! I see our politicians in Washington are investigating the Russians.

I know that over the last few years the Russians have been regarded as saints, but now we are going to definitively find out for sure if they are or are not. I wait breathlessly.

I don't know about you, but I'm sure that after a few years of investigation,

and tens of millions of dollars spent, our politicians will, in fact, find out that the Russians might not be saints!

They will then say, "Aha! We found out that you are unsaintly. Please refrain from this type of behavior as we move forward together."

Problem solved. Lead on, Washington. Let's give our politicians a raise.

Bill Frakes
Luverne



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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 2

•Complainant reported her daughter would like a deputy at her residence to help with subject who was dealt with earlier this morning and has returned.

•Complainant reported dump trucks that have been running through Magnolia the last two days, hauling manure and speeding through town.

•Complainant reported there is someone calling Papik customers claiming to be a Papik's employee, and they are not.

•Dispatch received 911 call from young child at location stating the roof is on fire. Paged Luverne Fire Department. No fire. Kid is playing on phone.

•Complainant reported items stolen from her home on 180th Avenue.

•Complainant called 911 several times to say his parents are asleep and he needs someone there.

•Complainant reported there are three juveniles shooting BB guns at birds around town near location.

•Complainant reported some teenagers on East Main Street bridge pretending they are going to jump into traffic.

•Complainant received a voice mail last week and again this week concerning a war and death warrant for him.

•Complainant reported a black or blue Explorer driving around in a cornfield.

June 3

•Complainant reported audible alarm at location in zone one. They contacted key holder. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

•Complainant reported he is being threatened on Facebook to have explicit video released.

•Dispatch received numerous calls regarding ditch fire at location. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

•Deputy assisted Pipestone County at the bar in Trosky. Man was showing off firearm at location.

•Complainant reported fire alarm at location. Key holder notified. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

•Complainant requested deputy stand by while she exchanges vehicle at location.

•Complainant turned in credit card found on Main Street. Contacted owner. She will pick it up in the morning.

•Complainant reported there is a car parked in their lot and a beer can beside it. Attempted to contact owner was unsuccessful. Deputy reported they will contact G&S to tow.

•Complainant reported he will be shooting some promotional videos and photos at fairgrounds with his drone. They are aware of it.

•Complainant reported neighbor has truck or reefer unit running for the last two days.

June 4

•Complainant reported some stuff has been stolen from his garage on East Luverne Street. Garage 9.

•Complainant reported a black sedan followed her to her home. Complainant unable to provide apartment number, as she just moved in. Stated she does not need to speak with a deputy, but wanted information on record.

June 5

•Complainant reported people trespassing were asked to leave, and they will not.

•Complainant reported stalled motorist at I-90 westbound.

•Complainant reported a break in at location.

•Complainant reported woman in car outside of location assaulting passenger. Deputy reported parties deny any altercation.

•Complainant reported black Ford truck doing burnouts at location. Complainant unable to get license plate. Deputy stopped vehicle.

June 6

•Complainant found set of keys at location in the roadway.

•Complainant reported harassing text messages from subject. Complainant also reported that "no trespassing" signs were torn down from

location.

•Reserved for interview with child's voice on alleged maltreatment.

•Complainant reported she was backed into at Dollar General by subject. Subject seemed to be unaware that she had backed into complainant. Complainant was not concerned about the damage to her vehicle. Complainant was concerned that subject was driving on the public streets. Welfare check requested.

•Complainant reported she had a verbal dispute with construction workers in the alley behind location.

•Complainant reported theft.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked in front of her house for about an hour. Complainant was given the information from her neighbor. Vehicle is described as a gray minivan with Minnesota plates.

•Complainant reported that her family will be out of town until June 11. Requested extra patrol in area.

•Complainant reported female subject left group home on a pink and purple bike, possibly headed toward Veterans Drive. Subject is wearing gray pants, a dress shirt and has a drawstring backpack.

•Complainant reported her employee called her about suspicious behavior.

•Complainant reported a man stopped at their house trying to clean rugs. He did not have identification and got into a gray Equinox-type vehicle with about six people in it.

•Complainant reported abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant reported a man offered to shampoo his carpets for free. They are starting a new business in Sioux Falls. He saw him go over to the neighbor's house. Unable to locate.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant reported he looked out, and there were three big raccoons eating the cat food. Wanted direction on what to do.

June 7

•Complainant reported an African American male walked by and looked in his garage and the neighbor's. He has done this before. Felt something may be amiss. Unable to locate.

•Fire department out for training.

•Complainant reported the fire hydrant at location is running. Contacted on call person. They are draining the water tower, and it's in connection with that.

•Complainant turned in an Exchange Bank debit card she found at location. Contacted owner. She will pick it up. Put on top of the mailboxes.

June 8

•Complainant reported someone saying they are with UPS and said they have a package for him and the delivery charge is \$150. They did not ask for money over the phone, so complainant is concerned they may stop by. Deputy will patrol area, and complainant will call if someone shows up.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a scam.

•Complainant reported there is a Dish TV salesman going door-to-door and does not have a peddler's license.

•Complainant reported fire at location. Paged fire department.

•Paged ambulance for fire standby. See linked ICR.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 39 traffic stops, 10 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 6 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 1 fingerprint request, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 4 money escorts, 4 abandoned 911 calls, and issued 3 purchase/carry permits and 8 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/0615 herman crash

Emergency crews respond to the scene of a pedestrian vs. car crash at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 75.

State Patrol investigates car-pedestrian crash

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Dick Herman, 75, is recovering from injuries he received after being struck by a car Monday afternoon.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Herman was headed east on Main Street on his medical mobility scooter at 1:50 p.m.

Jillian Vander Steen, 18, Luverne, was westbound in a Honda Civic on Main Street turning south on Highway 75 at the stoplights.

The State Patrol accident report states that the Civic was in the intersection southbound as Herman entered the crosswalk from the southwest corner of the intersection attempting

to continue east.

He was struck by the car and was taken to Sanford Luverne with unknown injuries.

Vander Steen was not injured. In addition to the State Patrol, the Rock County Ambulance and Rock County Sheriff's Office assisted. The accident is under investigation.

Luverne 150th — newspapers played major role/from page 1A

cost \$2 a year to subscribe.

News was a popular business in Rock County. In 1910, just in the city of Luverne, readers had access to the Herald, Gazette, Times, Democrat, News, Journal and Western Literary Journal. Beaver Creek had Graphic, Bee, News-Letter, Magnet and Banner.

Hills had the Crescent. Magnolia had the Citizen, Advance and Initiator. Hardwick had the News and Star, and Kenneth had the Pioneer.

Evolving

The long list of newspapers in the county was short-lived as most publications shut down, leaving

the Herald and Crescent to cover county and city of Hills news. I

n 1920 the Rock County Star was founded as a competitor to the more Republican Herald.

The two papers merged in 1942, when Star owner Alan C. McIntosh purchased the Herald.

He was publisher of the Star Herald until 1968 when he sold the business to Robert and James Vance, who sold it five years later to Bruce and Jean Harrison.

In 1983 they sold the paper to Roger Tollefson, who already owned the Luverne Announcer, the weekly shopper.

Tollefson also purchased the Hills Crescent in 1997.

Still standing

Newspapers have changed in more than just their reduced numbers in Rock County.

The kind of paper readers expect today is produced differently. Few readers would accept a solid page of tiny type with no headlines or pictures that was typical in early publications.

Today, the award-winning staff at Tollefson Publishing produces material on state-of-the-art technology, digitally producing its entire content.

There's no more darkroom, no more negatives and — essentially no more need for paper in the production process.

Today, an increasing number of subscribers are opting to receive their Star Herald online; however, it will be possibly decades before readers are willing to give up their broadsheet print-on-paper news.

Even though production processes have changed since the paper was first printed in 1873, the heart of the community newspaper business is the same as it's always been here — for the people and about the people of Rock County.



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CELEBRATIONS

Births

Agirl, Ava Elizabeth, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and 21 inches long, was born Wednesday, May 24, 2017, to **Israel and Heather Zinns**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Grandparents are Warren Dragstra, Chandler, and the late Avis Dragstra, and Kathleen Flohr, Sioux City, Iowa. Great-grandmother is Betty Olson, Luverne.

Bridal Showers

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, 1219 61st St., Luverne, MN 56156.

Card Showers

Marinus and Millie Klarenbeek will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 19. Greetings may be sent to them at 178 140th Ave., Steen, MN 56173.

Irene Niessink will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 27. Greetings may be sent to her at 201 Oak Drive #404, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, June 19: Hamburger, oven-browned potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb sauce.

Program: Honor Fathers.

Tuesday, June 20: Creamed chicken over biscuits, peas and carrots, cream puff dessert.

Two buck Tuesday sponsored by Continental Western. Program: Woodcarvers.

Wednesday, June 21: Taco salad, dinner roll, fresh fruit, bar.

Program: Dietitian Ann Marie; Site Council.

Thursday, June 22: Pork loin with gravy, buttered boiled potatoes, creamed carrots, bread, poke cake.

Friday, June 23: Spaghetti with Italian meat sauce, lettuce, green beans, garlic bread, ice cream.

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.

Library offers discussions centering on climate change

Sioux Falls meteorologists offer expertise for the book club event

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Community Library is collaborating with the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls to offer a first-of-its-kind book discussion focused on climate change and how it could affect those living in Rock County.

Library director Serena Gutnik was awarded a \$1,000 grant through PLACE (Public Libraries Advancing Community Engagement).

"People don't think about math and science learning at the library," Gutnik said. "Through the library you can learn there are things you can do so you don't have to be powerless."

Libraries can be the ground floor for information and access to necessary resources in an area's ability to recover from or plan for and anticipate weather impacts, according to the PLACE website.

Gutnik hopes the local library becomes the place people turn to for possible solutions.

For the PLACE event, interested community members commit to attending the three book discussions surrounding climate change scheduled this fall.

This summer, participants are encouraged to read three popular books surrounding climate change in preparation for the discussions.

The books, two nonfiction and one fiction, have been selected.

They include:
• "Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago" by Eric Kleinberg. The book details the events of July 13, 1995, when a weeklong heat wave gripped Chicago. When the 100+ degree temperatures dissipated, more



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 Library Climate Change

Todd Heitkamp (left) and Phil Schumacher (right) join Rock County Community Library Director Serena Gutnik for a one-of-a-kind book discussion series involving climate change. Gutnik received a \$1,000 grant through Public Libraries Advancing Community Engagement program.

than 700 people were dead.

• "Waiting on the Bounty" by Mary Knackstedt. The book is a Kansas farmwife's firsthand diary account of the dust bowl years, 1936-1941.

• "Memory of Water," by Emmi Itaranta. The book focuses on Noria, a tea master apprentice living in a dystopian future where fresh water is scarce.

The focus on science and climate change through a library is a first for the area's National Weather Service.

Todd Heitkamp and Phil Schumacher work at the NWS in Sioux Falls and are part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which funds the PLACE grants.

Heat, drought and other cli-

mate issues have already been experienced locally.

Schumacher said the area experienced one short-term climate issue recently in 2012.

"We dealt with drought," he said. "It didn't take as long as normal before we got out of it."

From the longer-term drought of the 1980s, however, Heitkamp said subtle changes occurred in the farming communities, which saw the expanded use of faster maturing seed hybrids.

"They may not have realized why," he said.

Schumacher and Heitkamp will attend the fall book discussions, offering local perspectives to the books and the videos shown at the hourlong discussions.

The discussions will take place once a month in September, October and November. Dates and times will be determined at a later date.

An information session is scheduled for 5:15 p.m., Aug. 29, at the library for anyone considering participation.

"I really want to get people who haven't been in the library before to attend," Gutnik said. "The library can be a place for information and a connection to scientists."

To register, visit or contact the library at 449-5040.

Rock County residents registering for the book discussions will receive free copies of the three books.

ENGAGEMENT

Kory and Dawn Hayenga, George, Iowa, and Daryl and Mary Kramer, Ellsworth, announce the engagement of their children Abby Hayenga and Bradley Kramer.

Abby graduated from George/Little Rock High School in George in 2012 and from the University of Sioux Falls in 2015. She is employed at Cain Ellsworth and Company in Sheldon, Iowa.

Bradley graduated from Ellsworth High School in Ellsworth in 2011 and from Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon in 2013. He works at Sheldon Power and Equipment in Sheldon.

The couple is planning



Abby Hayenga and Bradley Kramer

a June 24, 2017, wedding in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

1885: Three prairie fires hit area

I have been asked about prairie fires in this area. Here are three reports of prairie fires I have found:

April 3, 1885:

Geo. B. Huntington had the misfortune to lose several stacks of hay, nearly all of which was timothy, by a prairie fire which swept over a portion of his land in section 3 of this township, last Friday. The loss is estimated at about \$100.

April 3, 1885:

A prairie fire in Kanaranzi township last Thursday destroyed Mr. John Howard's stable on his farm on section 4, and "cooked" a number of his pigs and chickens.



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

The fire is supposed to have started on section 19 in Magnolia township.

June 19, 1885:

A tract of twenty-two acres of prairie on Charley Reynold's farm in Springwater township was burned over a short time ago and after the fire had passed over, a large number of de-

spoiled prairie chickens' nests containing 226 eggs were found.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

SCHOOL NEWS

Ridgewater College releases list

Nicholas Overgaard and Spencer Stroeh, both of Luverne, appeared on the Spring 2017 dean's list for Ridgewater College in Willmar. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Stanley named to dean's list

Bryan Stanley, Luverne, has been named to the Spring 2017 dean's list at Minnesota State University in Moorhead. To be named, students must earn a 3.25 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale.

SDSU announces dean's list

Lexi Rust and Mira Uithoven, both of Magnolia, were named to the Spring 2017 dean's list at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

The Star Herald regrets omitting these students on the announcement in last week's paper.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•Groundbreaking is Tuesday morning for the new Alzheimer's Day Room Addition to the Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne. Staff members have been planning several years for the 1,500-square-foot addition, which will mean more space, better lighting and improved quality of life for residents suffering from dementia.

The space — more than double the existing space available for dementia patients — will be added to the "green wing" north of the dining room toward the pond.

25 years ago (1992)

•Ellsworth man Terry Wessels can say he looked a tornado in the eye and survived.

Wessels was at a cabin on the northeast edge of Lake Shetek when tornadoes began dropping from the sky. He saw four tornadoes before the night was over.

He said Wednesday the first tornado was rather small and formed on the opposite side of the lake. The second was larger and was actually on the lake "sucking up water." Both formed about 7:30 p.m. The third, which was smaller, formed about 8:30 p.m. ...

He saw what he thought was another tornado heading toward the cabin.

He jumped into his car and began driving. He went to Slayton and then to Pipestone. Wessels said near Hadley, he looked up and saw a tornado coming straight down on top of his vehicle.

"That's when I stepped on the gas and just hoped," he said.

50 years ago (1967)

•Luverne's newest drive-in eating spot, the Tastee-Freez, opened this week in Southmart. It will be operated by Hugh Leslie and his sister, Miss Edith Leslie.

They will be franchised operators, and the store here is one of 1,700 Tastee-Freez outlets located from coast to coast and around the world.

•E. W. (Ev) Mueller, elementary school principal here for the past 11 years, has been granted a conditional release from his contract, according to Harvey G. Eitrem, superintendent. ... Mueller is being considered for the position of elementary school director at Winona, subject to his being granted a release by the board here.

75 years ago (1942)

•Rock County went over its May war bond quota in fine style, Chairman Kurvink reported this week, as totals show that residents purchased \$46,000 worth of bonds and stamps during the period. The quota for the month had been set at \$28,000.

The fact that the amount was over the month's quota, Kurvink believes, was due to the community pledge campaign has been completed just prior to the announcement of the quota, which was based on sales during previous months

100 years ago (1917)

•Fourteen innings were required to settle a ball game played Sunday between the Luverne and Garretson clubs on the Garretson diamond. The result was 3 to 4 in Luverne's favor.

Garretson secured its first run in the fourth inning, and Luverne did likewise in the next inning. In the eighth Garretson annexed two runs, and Luverne again tied the score in the ninth. From that time until the fourteenth inning, not more than four men faced the plate in any one period. In Luverne's half of this inning McGraw went to first on an error by Stromme, stole second and came home on a single by Dressen, immediately after Nelson had expired, third to first.

Luverne Middle/High School announces fourth quarter honor rolls

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Arham Ahanaf, Mariah Aukes, Madison Crabtree, Ariel DeBeer, Jeremiah Dooyema, Marissa Fick, Bergin Flom, Hailey Franken, Autumn Hamann, Jenae Hamann, Molly Hansen, Jake Henckel, Hanna Honerman, Makayla Huisman, Matthew Hup, Zayna Hustoft, Christopher Jelken, Taylor Kern, Ashton Krueger, Thomas Norman, Knute Oldre, Kathryn Renken, Kayla Rud, Madison Schandelmeier, Karli Schilling, Carly Serie, Kristoffer Severtson, Courtney Siebenahler, Dylan Thorson, Danielle Watts-Boll, Sierra Wieneke, Tanner Wiese, Brandon Winter, Samantha Ykema, Linda Zheng, Kristen Ziegler.

Juniors: Madelyn Aleman, Hans Bakken, Emilie Bartels, Jarod Berndt, Anthony Cavazos, Isabella Donohue, Alexis Ferrell, Anika Gust, Alexis Henrichs, Janae Kopp, Timothy Lingen, Aric Meinerts, Jaxon Nelson, Samantha Pierce, Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson, Megan Rogers, Sierra Schmuck, Daniel Tofteland, Hope Van Meeteren, Cade Ver Steeg, Emma Verbrugge, Benjamin Wagner, Mckenna Westphal.

Sophomores: Jadyn Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Carissa Cunningham, Jediah Dooyema, Julia Ferguson, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jacinda Hustoft, Josiah Luethje, Derek Lundgren, William Mumme, Rylee Olson, Joel Ortiz, Melisa Osias, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Jade Smith, Emilie Staefler, McCall Stegenga, Grace Sweeney, Melissa Teal, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Matthew Ziegler.

Freshmen: Isaiah Bartels, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Madigan Flom, Meagan Hansen, Nicole Hoogland, Amelia Jarchow, Sophia Lanoue, Gunnar Oldre, Nicholas Rogers, Jordan Winter.

Eighth Grade: Russell Aanenson, Zachary Ahrendt, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Annaliese Braucht, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Tyrica Davis, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Ellie Hodgson, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Shelby Kracht, Alex Mann, Destiny Matthesen, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Sadie Reisdorfer, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Leah Wynia, Gracie Zewiske.

Seventh Grade: Rylee Anderson, Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall

Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Sam Emery, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Kester Grimm, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Chase Overgaard, Eli Radtke, Kristin Rud, Lacey Saker, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Jacey Smith, Hope Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia Wieneke.

Sixth Grade: Josie Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Zachary DeBoer, Elizabeth Grimm, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszkeski, Anja Jarchow, Isabella Lanoue, Reese Louwagie, Lacey Morseman, Ethan Nath, Carly Olson, Logan Ommen, Henry Ramstorf, Joseph Remme, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Tersch, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Griffin Ahrendt, Aidan Bartels, Layne Curtis, Matthew Davis, Tianna Doppenberg, Kaden Ericson, Madison Frankenhoff, Isaac Gillette, Damaris Gonzalez, Jenica Haas, Marisol Hartshorn, Chase Johnson, Matthew Keller, Katlyn Kracht, Sydney Maciej, Emma Mumme, Connor Peterson, Annabell Petronek, Andrew Reisch, Hailey Remme, Carter Riphagen, Douglas Rozeboom, Kammon Sawtelle, Matthew Schmuck, Dalton Schoeneman, Adam Somnis, Bethany Starling, Logan Stratton, Erin Suelter, Candace Swenson, Natasha Thone, Betania Topete, Alyssa Velasquez.

Juniors: Trey Baustian, Declan Beers, Ashlee Boltjes, Gracie Bosch, James Erickson, Kathryn Fick, Derek Fodness, Elijah Haugom, Zane Holmgren, Kasyn Kruse, Courtney Meeker, Alexander Nelson, Rachel Oftedahl, Jocelyn Oye, Donald Ray, Tyler Reisdorfer, Jayden Renken, Trey Roberts, Michaella Sandbulte, Zoey Sandbulte, Cody Saker, Ethan Thorson, Ashley Van Wattering, Wyatt VanSteenBerg, Hannah Ver Steeg.

Sophomores: Nicole Aanenson, Greta Ahrendt, Shane Berning, Brookelynn Brust, James Chanthalangsy, Likki Chanthalangsy, Timothy Click, Lillian Donohue, Autumn Emery, Jackson Golla, Quinn Graber, Tia Hadler, Jake Haugen, Halle Hough, Brayden Jacobsma, Luke Jarchow, Matthew Jelken, Brianna Jonas, Michelle Kramer, Ty Lindemann, Trevor Mente, Kaylie Ossefoort, Nathan Overgaard, Duncan Reese, Madison Reisdorfer, Tanner Reverts, Justice Ripka, Oscar Serrey, Riley Severtson, Grace Steensma, William Stegenga, Eric Thorson, Evan Ushijima, Sage Ver Steeg, Courtney Wendland, Cameron Wessels, Austin

Winter, Jenna Zewiske.

Freshmen: Dalwa Alinizi, Claire Baustian, Justice Brandt, Quinn Buss, Anita Cole-Kraty, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Carson Ehde, Hannah Ehlers, Jonah Friedrichsen, Kynzie Hamann, Alexandra Hartman, Zayda Holmgren, Gracie Hudson, Ivy Hudson, Anna Huisman, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Kacie Kracht, Carter Loosbrock, Jonah Louwagie, Kaitlyn McDowell, Reka Meinerts, Gabrielle Miller, Meghan Mollberg, Alyssa Nattress, Nathan Nekali, Melanie Rittenhouse, Colton Schutz, Matthew Sehr, Brayden Tofteland, Jacob Von Tersch, Andrew Wagner, Austin Watts-Boll, Sydney Wicks.

Eighth Grade: Cooper Arends, Rebecca Austin, Anna Boltjes, Brody Bonnett, Megan Click, Ethan Curtiss, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, Cassie Flanagan, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Emma Hinz, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Elisabeth Kelm, Camron Kopp, Hailey Kruger, Jose Mendes Garcia, Samantha Natte, Katlin Petronek, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Paige Sandbulte, Crystal Sayavong, Savannah Siebenahler, Haleah Soto, Tiffany Suelter, Ethan Teunissen, Leslie Van Englenhoven.

Seventh Grade: Hunter Ahrendt, Jase Arp, Hannah Baker, Reghan Bork, Luke Bosch, Lauren Buss, Billi Connell, Kyle Ferguson, Trissa Finkral, Blake Frahm, Jordan Friedrichsen, Daniella Gacke, Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Isabelle Hoiland, Matthew McClure, Justin Mente, Cody Mounce, Mary Opitz, Ethan Rahm, Silvia Recuero, Braydon Ripka, Ethan Roemeling, Jonathan Saarloos, Ashton Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Alenya Sayavong, Colin Schoeneman, Macie Swenson, Levi Thielbar, Luke Thielbar, Luke Thorson, Dion Warren, Brielle Watters, Mia Wenzel, Dawson Wicks.

Sixth Grade: Gannon Ahrendt, Justis Ahrendt, Mariam Alinizi, Abigail Anderson, Brady Bork, Tyson Cowell, Reyna DeSollar, Lily Ehlers, Sara Fongemie, Egypt Forrest, Sarah Gehrke, Yoselyn Gonzalez Quintana, Andy Halverson, Lauren Hansen, Lucas Hansen, Jady Hart, Kaleb Hein, Grace Ingebretsen, Ashlyn Johnson, Katharine Kelm, Tiana Lais, Tavian Lange, Cole Mann, Jocelynn Mann, Zoey Matthesen, Antoni Mendes Velasco, Priscilla Muehr, Deziree Nath, Mallory Nelson, Isabella Oye, Lola Peterson, Gavin Reisch, Alyia Renken, Riley Sneller, Carsen Tofteland, Myles Trimble, Harrison Uithoven, Kamryn Van Batavia, Daylin Velasquez, Kaylee Voorhees, Ryan Vos, Katie Zavala Soto.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Connell

Barbara Ruth Connell, 90, Luverne, died Thursday, June 8, 2017. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, June 15, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne with parish prayers at 8 p.m. Visitation is also one hour prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. Friday, June 16, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial will follow in St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Barbara DeClerk was born Jan. 25, 1927, to Leo and Stephanie (DeToy) DeClerkin Pipestone. She grew up near Jasper and graduated from Jasper High School. Barb attended the University of Minnesota for one year where she was a cheerleader. She then returned to Jasper.

Barb married Keith Connell on Dec. 9, 1947, at the St. Joseph Parsonage in Jasper. They lived in Luverne and raised their family of ten children. For several years Barb worked at the Luverne Style Shop.

She was a member of St. Catherine Parish and the LCCW. Barb always had a positive outlook on life, a passion for cooking and baking (especially pies and sugar cookies). She enjoyed bowling, bridge, the Min-

nesota Twins and the Duke Blue Devils. She was well-known for her world-class whistling ability and for being an eight-year hospice graduate. She accomplished her goal of living out her life in her home of 67 years.

Barb is survived by her ten children, Stephanie (Bill) Heyer, Eden Prairie, Timothy (Connie) Connell, Luverne, Mary (Carl) Steerman, West Bend, Wisconsin, Patrick Connell, Luverne, Charles Connell, Luverne, Megan (Tom) Nelson, Luverne, Robert (Sandy) Connell, Cambridge, John Connell, Luverne, Casey Connell, Panama City, Florida, and Kathryn (Pat) Baustian, Luverne; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Florence Connell, Kansas City, Missouri; and special friends Barb Dispanet, Sara Lanoue and Dr. Judy Chesley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Keith; three brothers, Francis, Peter and Eddie DeClerk; and two sisters, Helen Kollman and Gertrude Leister.

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

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Eleanor Ossenfort

Eleanor Mae Ossenfort, 77, formerly of Luverne, died Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at the Lemay Avenue Health and Rehab Facility in Fort Collins, Colorado.

A funeral service was Monday, June 12, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Holman Township Cemetery in Sibley, Iowa.

Eleanor Harberts was born Feb. 6, 1940, to Richard and Engeline (Meyer) Harberts in George, Iowa. She was raised in Sibley, Iowa, and graduated from Sibley High School in 1958. In 1959 Eleanor completed the licensed practical nursing (LPN) program at St. Joseph School of Nursing in Mankato.

On Nov. 11, 1960, Eleanor married Lloyd Ossenfort at the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley.

Following their marriage, they lived in Sibley where Eleanor worked as an LPN for Osceola Community Hospital. In 1963 they moved to a farm near Adrian. Eleanor continued to work as an LPN at the Luverne Community Hospital and the Parkview Manor nursing home in Ellsworth.

After Lloyd suffered a brain stem injury in 1971 in a car accident, Eleanor became her daughters' sole caregiver. In 1972 she and her family moved to Ellsworth until 1978 when they moved to Luverne. Eleanor sold Home Interiors from 1973 until 1986. From 1978 until 1992 she and her family spent summers at their lake home near Grand Rapids. Lloyd died on

June 24, 1992. Eleanor continued to reside in Luverne and in 1993 began wintering in south Texas. In 1999 she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in 2008 to Weslaco, Texas. As a result of her health, Eleanor moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, in 2014 to be nearer to her oldest daughter and family.

During her life Eleanor was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in both Sibley and Luverne, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and belonged to the Presbyterian Women. She enjoyed baking, sewing, traveling, relaxing at the lake and spending time with her daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eleanor is survived by two daughters, Nadine (Jerry) Beck of Fort Collins, and Nancy (Chris) Booth of Shawnee, Kansas; five grandchildren, Matthew (Jennifer) Beck, Rachel (Devin) Van Maanen, Jackson Booth, Nicholas Booth and Alison Booth; three great-grandchildren, Landen Beck, Alexis Beck and Aubrey Van Maanen; a sister, Roberta (Larry) Nattress of Summerset, South Dakota; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; her parents; and special friend Leroy Stoesz.

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

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Hills-Beaver Creek releases honor rolls

H-BC: A Honor Roll

Fourth quarter

Seniors: Alyssa Allen, Riley Boese, Ashley Esselink, Mekayla Kolbrek, Kirsten Kooistra, Courtney Kruger, Zachary Scholten, Avery Van Roekel, Isaiah Vis.

Juniors: Grace Holthaus, Angela Martinyuk, Olivia Richards, Paige Tilstra, Jacob Wingert.

Sophomores: Caitlyn Allen, Grace Bundesen, Seth Glidewell, Mary-Frances Ladd, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan, Levi VandenBosch.

Freshmen: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Aleigha Glidewell, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom, Jax Wysong.

Eighth Grade: Annie Bos, Thomas Dysthe, Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Allison LaRock, Taryn Rauk, Lauren Tatge, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

Seventh Grade: Austin Allen, Oliver Deelstra, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Weston Kellenberger, Ethan Kruger, Danette Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen, Mackenzie Voss.

H-BC: B Honor Roll

Seniors: Emma Baker, Jen Burgers, Justice Dunn, Dylan Forshey, Hunter Harvey, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold.

Juniors: Trenton Bass, Dean Fuerstenberg, Megan Gehrke, Halle Hoekstra, Dawson Leenderts, Courtney Page, Orvil Swenson, Dylan Taubert, Dylan Tieszen, Makayla Wilhelmi, Avery Wysong.

Sophomores: Amber Bos, Sidney Fick, Luke LaRock, Preston Wilhelmi.

Freshmen: Joslyn Birger, Eve Burgers, Sadie Fuerstenberg.

Eighth Grade: Tryce Bennett, Chase Bosch, Erika Dysthe, Ethan Gray, Ashlee Kelderman, Tory Knobloch, Abigail Olson, Jacob Sheppard, Joshua Swenson, Brandon Taubert, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

Seventh Grade: Jacob Axness, Cole Baker, Ty Bundesen, Sean Elbers, Nathan Kruid, Donavon Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Dallas Page, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Conner Vande Voort, Mason Wilhelmi.

H-BC: A Honor Roll

Semester 2

Seniors: Alyssa Allen, Riley Boese, Justice Dunn, Ashley Esselink, Mekayla Kolbrek, Kirsten Kooistra, Courtney Kruger, Zachary Scholten, Avery Van Roekel, Isaiah Vis.

Juniors: Grace Holthaus, Angela Martinyuk, Olivia Richards, Paige Tilstra, Jacob Wingert.

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Seniors: Emma Baker, Jed Burgers, Dylan Forshey, Hunter Harvey, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold, Jasmine Lingen.

Juniors: Trenton Bass, Dean Fuerstenberg, Megan Gehrke, Brandon Gray, Halle Hoekstra, Courtney Page, Orvil Swenson, Dylan Taubert, Dylan Tieszen, Makayla Wilhelmi, Avery Wysong.

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Mavis Fodness photos/0615 Relay 2017

Seventy people participated in the inaugural 5K Glow Run/Walk Friday night as part of the Relay for Life events at the Luverne City Park. Money raised during the event is donated to the American Cancer Society for cancer research.

Relay raises an estimated \$28,000

By Mavis Fodness

With a full moon rising over the Luverne City Park Friday night, Relay for Life participants were reminded of last year's chairperson Mercie Domagala.

"It was like she was looking down at us," said this year's chairperson Lisa Ehlers.

Domagala often used the expression, "Love you to the moon and back," in correspondence before her death from cancer earlier this year. Her relay team was called "Mercie's Moonbeams."

For each of the past 17 years, Rock County Relay for Life has raised funds for the American Cancer Society for

cancer research.

The survivor list locally is growing, reaching about 200 this year. "I am amazed at how many survivors there are," Ehlers said.

Ten relay teams participated in the 2017 event, raising \$26,538 as of Monday. Treasurer Cris Oeltjenbruns said she anticipates ending close to \$28,000.

The goal each year is to raise \$30,000.

Ehlers said the shortened event (no longer overnight) and the introduction of new activities by new committee members are keeping the local annual event going.

About 70 runners and walkers participated in a new Fun Run that

ended events around 11 p.m.

A free-throw contest for youth, organized by the Knights of Columbus, drew nine participants.

"We are going to try to keep it (the relay) going," Ehlers said.

About 200 people were served during the Relay for Life meal, and a similar number stayed for the program that included a survivors' walk, balloon release and the lighting of luminary bags in remembrance or in honor of loved ones with cancer.

Strong 24- to 32-mph winds blew many of the estimated 750 luminaries over on their sides. "We didn't light them because of the wind and it (park vegetation) was dry," Ehlers said.



Kelly Gates (center) donates to the Beautiful Lengths Ponytail Auction. Boyfriend Josh Lutter donated \$140 to cut both ponytails as Whitney Lafrenz (left) offers Gates support.



From left are Deb Nelson, Fawn Rustand, Staci Zwaan and Marlene Wassenaar.



Cancer survivors release balloons in celebration of their victory or continued battle against cancer.

Pictured in the photo at left Honorary Co-chairwoman Fawn Rustand addresses the Relay group.

Roger Brooks Luverne community assessment/ continued from page 1A

it made the list, along with the following:

- City Park (It should be named something more compelling, like "Riverside Park.")
- Verne Drive-in ("We thought it was the coolest thing ever.")
- Blue Mound Trail
- Blue Mounds lookout (Call it a lookout, since the interpretive center is closed)
- Those Blasted Things
- The Bluestem
- JJ's Tasty Drive-in
- W-2 Quality Meats
- Rock County Courthouse Square
- Rock County Veterans Memorial and Herreid Military Museum
- Brandenburg Gallery ("This gallery alone is worth the trip from Sioux Falls.")
- Sterling's Café and Grille
- Dragonfly and Firefly boutiques (Brooks said these shops rival anything he could find in downtown Sioux Falls.)
- Four Seasons Mercantile (It should have a bold "We're open during construction" sign.)
- Reborn Home Furnishings. ("You have some shops that people from Sioux Falls would drive here for," Brooks said. "We went to downtown Sioux Falls to find something as good, and we couldn't. You have such amazing talent here.")
- Palace Theatre

In his "Best of Luverne" list, Brooks said he noticed a general upscaling of Luverne, especially with the Grand Prairie Events facility. "This place is first class," Brooks said. "I hope you realize what you have here. This is great stuff."

Brooks spent considerable time talking about downtown and the importance of cultivating a healthy Main Street.

"Suburban malls are dying," he said. "Downtowns are back ... It's where we go after work and on weekends. Nothing is more vital than downtown."

He said all healthy downtowns need 10 places to dine — even if some are just coffee or just ice cream — and 10 destination retail shops.

Brooks heaped lavish praise on Luverne's current downtown retailers. "You have some amazing shops that you need to promote," he said.

But he emphasized that healthy downtown economies need 10 destination retailers that are open after 6 p.m.

"There's your huge problem," he said. "People who live here and work in Sioux Falls can't shop here during the day."

He said Luverne has work to do, but there are some simple things to do right away.

•Move the farmers market downtown, with the vendors in the middle of the street, so the merchants are accessible.

•Implement angled parking to create an illusion of more activity and to make it easier for motorists to stop in, rather than drive by if a parallel spot isn't accessible.

•Make downtown look busy ... add more potted plants and flowers and benches on both sides of the street.

•Improve wayfinding signage throughout the community to help visitors find attractions (such as the state park, the golf course, trails, the courthouse square and others).

Essentially, he said, successful destination communities have revitalized their downtowns not just for shopping but for spending time.

Particularly, he said downtown plazas — with outdoor seating, greenery, a movie screen and even splash parks (with water valves flush with the street surface) are becoming popular.

And he shared a sketch of a possible location in the History Center block.

Brooks said the History Center doesn't look like much now from the outside, but he praised the project and especially praised historian Betty Mann and her nutcracker collection.

"This is flat out amazing," he said. "This is worth getting off the interstate for."

He showed an artist's rendering of a possible billboard on I-90. It read, "Luverne: Home of the largest nutcracker collection in the Midwest."

Despite all of Luverne's quality offerings, Brooks said something unique like nutcrackers is what it takes to draw in travelers off the interstate.

"There are 8 million motorists per year that travel past Luverne from the east," he said. "We need to give them a reason to stop."

The Community Assessment Team met with Brooks following the Friday morning presentation to set priorities on which suggestions to tackle first.

The team consists of representatives from the city, county, historical society, chamber, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Luverne Economic Development, Main Street retailers, the arts and the medical community.

Luverne EDA Director Holly Sammons said it was empowering to hear candid observations from an outsider.

"He gave us a fresh perspective," Sammons said. "We need that professional input."

She said the assessment is a springboard to action.

"We know we're on the edge of something great," Sammons said.

"Our community has great leaders with great vision, and this assessment is another positive turning point. His feedback and recommendations will give us that quantum leap forward ... These efforts have been years in the making. Everything that we've been working on for so long — it's worth it."

The full video of Brooks' presentation will be available online on the city of Luverne website, cityofluverne.org.

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LHS team falls one inning short of state baseball tournament

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Cardinal baseball team advanced all the way to the Section 3A championship game by winning four consecutive must-win games.

LHS fell into the loser's bracket when it lost to New London-Spicer June 1, but the Cards defeated Minnewaska Area, Jackson County Central and NL-S to reach the title game.

In order to advance to the state tournament, Luverne needed to defeat NL-S, who had not yet lost in the section tournament, twice on the same day (June 8).

The Cardinals were able to beat the Wildcats 3-2 in the first game but came up short in the second game 8-3.

Luverne ended its season with a 17-8 record.

NL-S 8, Luverne 3

The Cardinals' season came to an end with an 8-3 loss to the New London-Spicer Wildcats in the section championship game June 8.

Luverne was just three outs away from a state tournament berth as they entered the top of the final inning with a 3-1 lead.

NL-S needed two runs to keep the game alive. The Wildcats scored seven in the inning instead.

The Cardinals scored early in the game when Jaxon Nelson hit a two-run homerun in the first inning.

Tyler Reisdorfer added a third run in the inning when he scored from first base due to an error at third base.

The Wildcats scored one run in the fifth inning before their offensive explosion in the top of the seventh inning made the score 8-3.

In the bottom of the final inning, Declan Beers hit a double, but the Cardinals were unable to score any runs.

Derek Lundgren started the game on the mound but reached his maximum pitch count for the day in the sixth inning and was forced to leave the game.

Beers, Jade Smith and Jaxon Nelson all took the mound for Luverne during the remainder of the game.

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

Baseball/continued on page 2B

Luverne tennis team makes appearance at state

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne boys' tennis team made its eighth consecutive state tournament appearance June 6 at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

Luverne bowed out of the tournament after losing to Virginia in the opening round and to Litchfield in the consolation round by identical scores of 5-2.

While the team results were not what the players and coach had hoped for, overall Coach Greg An-



Submitted Photo

Luverne sophomore Gabrielle Ferrell ran the third leg of the 3,200-meter relay Saturday at the state track meet. The team placed sixth.

Area athletes compete at state track

Two girls' relays medal for Luverne

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne girls' track team was represented by eleven athletes competing in seven events at the Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Championships.

The prestigious annual meet, hosted by Hamline University in St. Paul Friday and Saturday, showcases the top high school track talent from around the state.

The Cardinals competed in three relays and three individual events at the state meet.

Luverne's 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter relay teams both placed high enough at the meet to medal and

receive all-state honors.

The 3,200-meter relay team placed sixth overall with a time of 9:48.32. Team members include Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Regan Feit, Gabrielle Ferrell and Jady Anderson.

Luverne's 1,600-meter relay team found its way to the medal podium by placing ninth overall with a time of 4:08.91.

Members of the 1,600-meter relay team are Ver Steeg, Feit, Autumn Nath and Anderson.

The Cardinal 800-meter relay team of Sierra Schmuck, Sydney Biever, Gracie Zewiske and Tianna Doppenberg just missed qualifying for finals with a time of 1:48.83.

The Luverne girls also had athletes

Girls track/continued on page 2B

Luverne boys' tracksters Stratton and Hup place in field events

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne boys track team sent three athletes to the Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Championships Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul.

Cardinal senior Logan Stratton qualified for the state meet in both the discus and shot put events when he won section championships in both events June 1.

Senior Matt Hup also won the section championship in the pole vault to earn a repeat trip to the state track meet.

Luverne's Griffin Ahrendt, also a senior, made his first appearance at

the state's premier track meet in the triple jump competition.

Stratton, making a repeat appearance at the state meet, led the way for the Cardinals with a personal-record shot put throw of 53-02.

Stratton's efforts earned fourth place overall and a spot on the medal stand in the shot put.

In the discus competition, Stratton finished tenth overall with a throw of 140-05 at the state meet.

Hup continued a strong senior season in the pole vault by earning a fifth place medal overall when he cleared

Boys track/continued on page 2B



File photo

Hills-Beaver Creek junior Kourtney Rozeboom placed fifth overall in the Class A girls shot put at the Minnesota State Track and Field Championships in St. Paul Saturday.

H-BC's Rozeboom takes fifth in shot put

By Jason Berghorst

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots were represented by Kourtney Rozeboom and Zach Scholten at the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Meet at Hamline University in St. Paul June 9 and 10.

Rozeboom, a junior participating in her first state track and field meet, medaled at the meet by placing fifth overall in the shot put with a throw of 40-0.5 feet.

Emma Gilbert of International Falls

won the Girls' Class A Shot Put Championship with a throw of 42-07.75 feet.

Scholten, an H-BC senior, participated in his third consecutive state track and field meet.

Competing against the state's best in the high jump, Scholten tied for 11th place overall when he cleared 5-11 at the state meet.

Pipestone Area's Tyl Woelber, also representing Section 3A, won the state Class A high jump championship with a jump of 6-07.



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A dozen students make up the first target shooting team for Luverne High School. Coaches and students include (front row, from left) Hunter Ahrendt, Marshal Dammann, Peter Baustian, Cooper Arends, Chase Overgaard, Ayden Bonnett, Colten Schutz, Trygve Gangestad, (back) adult volunteer Joe Loosbrock, Justin Dohlmann, head coach Scott Loosbrock, Mason Wenzel, volunteer Mike Gangestad, Carter Loosbrock, volunteer Steve Nath, Austin Watts-Boll and volunteer Delbert Gangestad.

Shooting team's first year deemed a success

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School's first appearance at the Minnesota State Trap Shooting Championship in Alexandria on Monday has left participants eager for next year.

"It was an overall awesome experience," said head coach Scott Loosbrock.

Luverne sent two teams to the championship where the top 11 teams and top 100 individuals are invited to participate in the Minnesota State High School League's tournament later this month in Prior Lake.

No one from Luverne will move on in the league competition. The championship featured

more than 12,000 high school students shooting clay targets over a 10-day period.

Luverne competed on the opening day of the competition.

"The first 50 rounds the kids were

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By Jason Berghorst

Three members of the Luverne Cardinal boys' tennis team qualified for the Minnesota State Individual Tennis Tournament.

The tournament was played Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9, at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

Luverne senior Chris Jelken competed as an individual and seniors Layne Curtis and Dalton Schoeneman competed in doubles team play.

Individual Play

Jelken, who won the Section 3A individual championship a week earlier, opened state tournament play with a loss to Virginia's Jake Seitz 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (8).

In his first consolation match, Jelken faced Santiago Ospino of Pine

toine was positive about the 2017 season.

"It was a good ending to a good year," Antoine said, pointing out that Luverne won the section team, individual and doubles championships. "We've never done that before," he said. "The boys have a lot to proud of."

Litchfield 5, Luverne 2

Luverne faced Litchfield on June 6 in its second game of the state tourna-

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City, who was retired due to injury. Jelken then defeated Ben Kern of East Grand Forks 6-4, 6-4 in the consolation semifinals.

In the consolation championship, Jelken faced Minnehaha Academy's Jose Williamson.

"Jelken played a really good kid in that match," Luverne coach Greg Antoine said. "The kid just didn't make any mistakes and didn't give Chris much of a chance to score points." Jelken lost to Williamson 6-0, 6-1. "Overall he played really well in the tournament," Antoine said of Jelken.

Doubles Play

The Luverne doubles team of Curtis and Schoeneman had also won the

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Jason Berghorst photo

Fourteen Luverne Cardinal athletes competed at the Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Championships in St. Paul Friday and Saturday. Pictured are (front, left) Tianna Doppenberg, Gracie Zewiske, Sydney Biever, Sierra Schmuck, Brooklyn Ver Steeg, Tenley Nelson, Regan Feit, (back) Bergin Flom, Logan Stratton, Griffin Ahrendt, Gabrielle Ferrell, Matt Hup and Jady Anderson.

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competing as individuals in the 100-meter dash, 800-meter run, 3,200-meter run and the pole vault.

Doppenberg, a senior, placed 13th overall at the state meet in the 100-meter dash

with a time of 13.12.

In the 800-meter run, Anderson placed 14th overall with a time of 2:22.46.

Cardinal seventh-grader Tenley Nelson competed in the 3,200-meter run at the

state meet. She finished with a time of 12:10.10 for 15th place overall.

In the pole vault competition, Luverne senior Bergin Flom tied for 15th overall when she cleared 8-06.

Cardinal head coach Pete Janiszski said overall he was pleased with the team's season. "They did a nice job," he said. "Getting to state is a difficult thing—a big accomplishment for any high school athlete."

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ment. The Cardinals ended the team portion of their season with a 5-2 loss to the Dragons in the consolation bracket.

At the No. singles slot, Luverne's Chris Jelken was defeated by Litchfield's Josh Prael 7-6(4), 6-2.

Mark Robinson of Luverne lost to Trevor Meyer 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2 singles.

Jordan Green of Litchfield defeated Cardinal Cade Ver Steeg 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3 singles, and Luverne's Matt Jelken lost 6-3, 6-2 to Matthew Wedin at No. 4 singles.

The Cardinals earned two

points by winning two of the three doubles play matches.

At No. 1 doubles, Luverne's Layne Curtis and Dalton Schoeneman defeated Jon Madsen and Zach Kaizer 6-1, 7-6(4).

Cardinals Jim Erickson and Isaac Gillette defeated Litchfield's Cody Lendt and Andrew Fisher 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

In No. 3 doubles play, Luverne's Trey Baustian and Luke Jarchow lost to Griffin Kinny and Payton Prael 6-4, 5-7, 10-7.

Virginia 5, Luverne 2

Luverne opened the state Class A tennis tournament by facing Virginia June 6 in Minneapolis.

The Cardinals were sent to the consolation bracket of the tournament with a 5-2 loss to Virginia. Both Luverne points came from victories in doubles play.

At No. 1 doubles, Luverne's Layne Curtis and Dalton Schoeneman defeated Caleb Bialke and Ryan Scherf of Virginia 6-3, 6-2.

John Marcella and Nathan Fink came out of top of Cardinals Jim Erickson and Isaac

Gillette 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 2 doubles match.

In No. 3 doubles play, Luverne's Trey Baustian and Luke Jarchow defeated Joe Hafdahl and Bill Keute of Virginia 6-3, 6-0.

At No. 1 singles, Luverne's Chris Jelken lost to Jake Seitz 6-3, 6-2. Virginia's Connor Croft defeated Mark Robinson 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 singles.

Luverne's Cade Ver Steeg lost 6-3, 6-3 to Ethan Youso at No. 3 singles. Matt Jelken of Luverne lost 6-1, 7-5 to Josh Berlin of Virginia.

Verbrugge achieves second hole-in-one

By John Rittenhouse

Lightning struck twice for a Luverne golfer May 26.

In August of 2015, Evan Verbrugge registered his first hole-in-one on the Luverne Country Club's par-3 third hole.

Verbrugge duplicated that feat on May 26, when he aced

the same hole that was playing at an estimated distance of 160 yards.

Verbrugge struck a 6-iron from the tee box and his shot hit on the front fringe of the green.

The ball proceeded to roll 30 feet into the cup for his second ace.

Evan's son, Riley Verbrugge, and Spencer Riphagen witnessed the ace.



Four Cardinals earn spot on BCS All-Conference softball list

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne placed four athletes on the Big South Conference's 2017 Small School Division All-Conference softball team.

The Cardinals, who placed third in the division, were represented by seniors Ariel Debeer, Katie Kracht and Zayna Hustoft and sophomore Rylee Olson on the All-Conference team.

Pipestone Area won the division and led the All-Conference team with five athletes.

Shelby Bloemendaal, Logan Winter, Taylor Nesvold, Rachel Skyberg and Mandi Miller represented the Arrows on the team.

Windom placed four play-

ers on the All-Conference squad, including Sydney Erickson, Jordyn Alm, Maurissa Isaacs and Ellie Maricle.

Jackson County Central's Jayni Anderson and Jacey Edlin and Redwood Valley's Nicole Stoen round out the All-Conference team.

Luverne's Mariah Auks made the Honorable Mention list.

Pipestone's Kristen Houg and Tiffany Evans, St. James' Callie Coleman and Nora Schmidt, Windom's Halle Jackson and Reegan Elder, Jackson County Central's Jordan Schneekloth and Redwood Valley's Harlee Ahrens were also named to the Honorable Mention list.

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14.00 feet on Friday night.

In the triple jump, Ahrendt placed 11th overall with a distance of 42-00.50 at the state meet.

Luverne coach Pete Janiszski praised the efforts of all the Cardinals who qualified

for the state meet.

"Anytime you're at the state meet it's a big accomplishment," he said.

"And if you walk away with medals, you're in really good company."

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Luverne 3, NL-S 2

Luverne fended off elimination and forced a second, winner-take-all game with New London-Spicer when they defeated the Wildcats 3-1 in the 5 p.m. elimination game June 8.

New London-Spicer scored first with two runs in the third inning but scored no more runs in the game.

All of the Cardinal runs came in the fifth inning.

Derek Lundgren started the inning with a double, and Mark Sterrett earned a walk before Declan Beers hit a two-run triple. Beers then scored when a pitch got away from the NL-S catcher.

Ben Serie pitched six innings for Luverne with Derek Lundgren coming to the mound for

the seventh-inning save.

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

Luverne 11, JCC 1

Luverne won its third consecutive elimination game with a ten-run win over the top-seeded JCC Huskies June 6 in Windom.

The Cardinals allowed one JCC run in the first inning but held the Huskies scoreless for the remainder of the game.

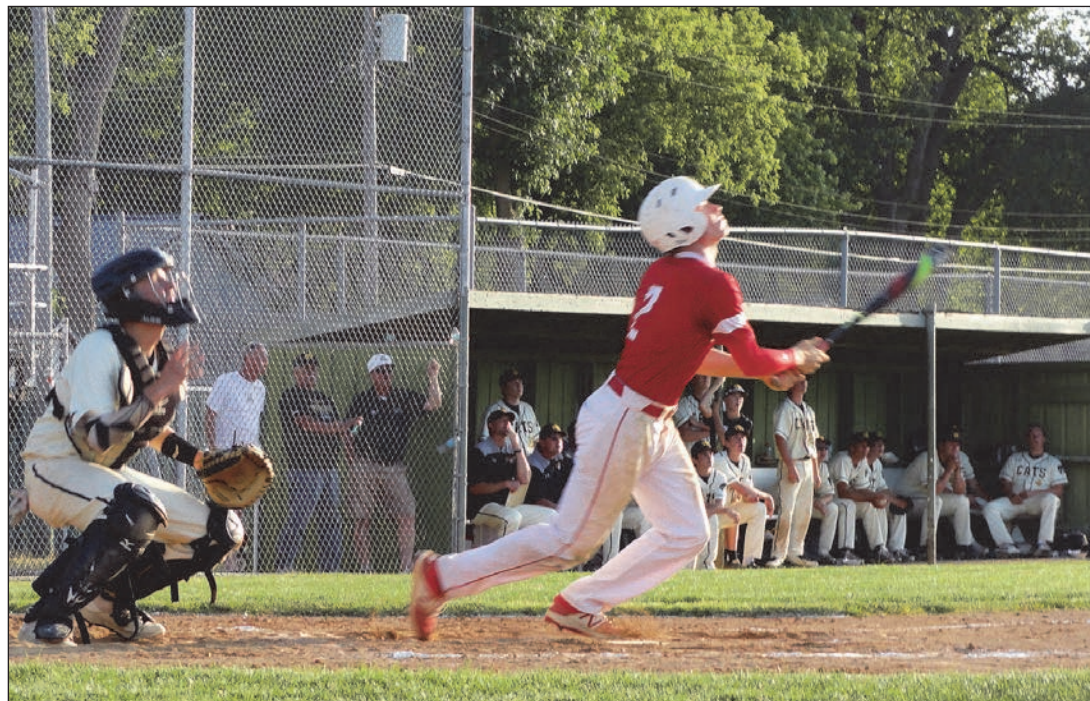
Luverne exploded for eight runs off four hits in the second inning and never looked back after taking the quick 8-1 lead.

The JCC pitcher opened the second inning by hitting three consecutive Cardinal batters, which loaded the bases. A wild pitch scored the first run before Luverne's four hits began.

Tyler Reisdorfer pitched six complete innings for Luverne, yielding one run, four hits and three walks and striking out nine JCC batters.

Derek Lundgren pitched an inning of relief for the Cardinals.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	3	2	1	1
Beers	5	2	2	4
Nelson	4	1	1	0
Reisdorfer	3	1	0	1
Serie	4	1	1	2
Lundgren	2	1	1	1
Nath	3	1	1	1
Roberts	3	1	0	0
Reisch	3	1	0	0



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Luverne junior Tyler Reisdorfer takes his turn at bat during the section championship game.

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Luverne Redbirds drop record to 4-3

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds went 1-2 during a stretch of three games this week.

Luverne defeated the Adrian A's June 7 before falling to Renner and Windom Thursday and Sunday respectively.

The Redbirds hosted Tracy on Wednesday. Luverne travels to Marshall on Friday before hosting a double-header with Worthington and Heron Lake at Redbird Field Sunday.

Windom 5, Luverne 1

Luverne scored its only run in the top of the first inning of a seven-inning contest in Windom Saturday.

"We just didn't hit well at all in that game," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Mauer.

Skylar Wenninger led the offense for the Redbirds with two hits and scored the only Luverne run.

Windom scored two runs in the fourth inning and three more in the sixth to complete the 5-1 victory.

Codie Zuetenhorst pitched all seven innings for the Redbirds.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	4	1	2	0
Hoffman	3	0	0	0
Christensen	3	0	1	1
Zuetenhorst	2	0	0	0
Verhey	3	0	1	0
D.Nibbelink	3	0	0	0
Mauer	3	0	0	0
Crabtree	3	0	1	0
L.Nibbelink	3	0	0	0

Renner 17, Luverne 4

The Redbirds faced a stiff challenge when they hosted Renner June 8. The home team lost 17-4 to one of South Dakota's strongest amateur teams.

The Monarchs scored in every inning of the game and plated five runs in the second and fourth innings each.

Luverne's offense was led by Codie Zuetenhorst who scored two runs off two hits. Dominic Nibbelink also had

two hits in the contest.

Chase Hoffman, Brooks Mauer, Connor Crabtree and Luke Nibbelink each had one hit for the Redbirds.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	3	0	0	0
Hoffman	4	0	1	2
Zuetenhorst	3	2	2	0
Fodness	1	0	0	0
Verhey	3	0	0	0
D.Nibbelink	4	0	2	1
Mauer	2	0	1	1
Bosch	2	0	0	0
Crabtree	3	1	1	0
Sandbulte	2	1	0	0
L.Nibbelink	3	0	1	0

Luverne 10, Adrian 5

Luverne hosted the Adrian A's at Redbird Field on June 7. The home team came out on top 10-5.

Codie Zuetenhorst earned the win on the mound for the Redbirds.

Luverne scored first with two runs in the bottom of the first inning.

A three-run homerun by Zuetenhorst in the second inning and an additional Luverne run in the third led to a 6-0 lead for the home team after three innings.

Adrian scored two runs in the fourth inning, one in the sixth and two more in the eighth, but it was not enough.

Luverne added one run in the sixth inning and three more in the eighth, including a solo homerun by Skylar Wenninger, to reach the final score of 10-5.

Cody Christensen had four hits and scored twice in the game. Zuetenhorst had three hits, scored twice and batted in six runners.

Wenninger had two hits and scored three runs for the Redbirds.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	3	3	2	1
Christensen	5	2	4	0
Zuetenhorst	4	2	3	6
Verhey	5	0	1	0
Olson	4	0	0	0
Bosch	0	1	0	0
Mauer	4	0	1	1
D.Nibbelink	5	1	2	0
Crabtree	3	0	1	0
L.Nibbelink	4	1	1	0



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LCC hosts annual Women's Memorial Golf Tournament

Participants in the Women's Memorial Golf Tournament at the Luverne Country Club Saturday were Sharon Knoll (front, left), Marlene Kopp, Kris Knutson, Marlene Wassenaar, Marcia Essman, Melissa McKenzie, Vicky Weissenberger, Tracy Van Voorst, (second) Maren Tollefson, Melissa Sandbulte, Sara Klawonn, Marcia Klimes, Rachel Fode, Jessica Engman, VJ Thiesse and Shelly Boldt. Missing were Kim Bennett and Tammi Miller.

Four Cardinal tennis players named to BSC All-Conference team

By Jason Berghorst

The Big South Conference announced the 2017 Boys' Tennis All-Conference team and Honorable Mention list.

Luverne, which finished at the top of the West Division of the BSC, placed four athletes on the All-Conference team.

Cardinal seniors Chris Jelken and Layne Curtis and juniors Mark Robinson and Cade Ver

Steege earned spots on the All-Conference list.

St. James Area also had four players on the All-Conference team, including Lucas Doll, Sandin Skow, Cameron Giese and Brandon Johnson.

Redwood Valley's Nathaniel Passe and Worthington's Blaine Doeden also made the BSC West Division All-Conference team.

Luverne also placed three athletes on the West Division Honorable Mention list.

Seniors Isaac Gillette and Dalton Schoeneman and junior Jim Erickson represent the Cardinals on the list.

Pipestone's Tristin Pals and St. James Area's Benji Foss round out the Honorable Mention list.

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Section 3A championship to reach the state tournament.

The team opened the state tournament on June 8 with a loss to Fridley's Leland Salter and Luke Coelho 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

In the first consolation match, Curtis and Schoeneman defeated Rahul Dev and

Benjamin Konstan of St Paul Academy and Summit School 3-6, 7-5, 10-7.

"We did a nice job of getting to the tie breaker and winning it in that match," Antoine said.

Curtis and Schoeneman then lost to Thief River Falls' Carter Onkka and Michael

Magnusson 6-2, 6-7 (9), 10-5 in the consolation semifinals.

"Again they got to the tie-breaker in that match, but lost it this time," Antoine said.

"We had a good tournament, though," he said. "Any time you get to play on Friday, it's a good tournament."

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a little nervous," Loosbrock said.

Each student shot 100 rounds in four 25-shot sessions.

The varsity team consisted of Carter Loosbrock, Austin Watts-Boll, Marshal Damman, Hunter Ahrendt, Colton Schulz and Peter

Baustian. Combining the top five scores from each round, the team scored 409 out of 500. They finished 25th out of 29 teams competing for the day.

The junior varsity team of Mason Wenzel, Cooper Arends, Chase Overgaard, Justin Dohlmann and Ayden Bonnett combined for a score

of 386 out of 500. They finished 21st out of 37 teams.

Ninth-grader Mason Wenzel didn't let nerves get the better of his ability to hit the clay target during the second session when he hit all 25 clay targets for a perfect score.

It was the first time Wenzel earned a perfect score during

the season.

In the first year for trap shooting as an LHS activity, 12 students participated in the nine-week event.

"I think it went really, really well," coach Loosbrock said. "I am impressed at how many good shooters we have."

During the five weeks of

competitive shooting, two students earned Top 25 honors in the Class A conference.

Seventh-grader Hunter Ahrendt had a shooting average of 20.80 out of 25 shots during the five weeks of competition. Austin Watts-Boll, a ninth-grader, had a 19.40 average.

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Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, June 15: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, June 17: 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, June 18: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Service. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown. 2:45 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/ Revelation Bible Study. Monday, June 19: Messenger deadline. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, June 21: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, June 22: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor
Thursday, June 15: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Vast. Sunday, June 18: 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship; Music Staff Meeting. Tuesday, June 20: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Vast. Wednesday, June 21: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 6 p.m. Esther Circle. Thursday, June 22: 10 a.m. Worship service on Vast.

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
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Saturday, June 17: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 18: 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 19: Newsletter deadline. 6 p.m. Anniversary Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, June 20: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, June 21: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study.

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.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, June 15: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Friday, June 16: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Sunday, June 18: 9 a.m. Worship service with Communion. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek Estates. Monday, June 19: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, June 21: Newsletter deadline. Thursday, June 22: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs 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 18: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran Church

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, June 18: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran Church. 5-7 p.m. Palisades Lutheran Pie and Ice Cream Social. Thursday, June 22: 1:30 p.m. WELCA regular meeting.

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.

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
Sunday, June 18: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, June 20: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, June 21: 2 p.m. Circles meeting at Tuff Village Garden Room. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at Marilyn Nelson's home.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Vastness of God's Love

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth."

Psalm 8 begins and ends with this phrase. What it is that makes you stop and think about the vastness of the work of God? Maybe for you it's taking a trip to the mountains or perhaps even the ocean that really puts things into perspective and makes you wonder, "If God created this whole big, wide world, how could God possibly care about me?"

The psalmist wrestles with this question as well. "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3-4, NRSV).

I wonder if Psalm 8 was written while lying outside at night after dark and looking up at the stars. It's as if the psalmist is asking, "How can God care about us when we are so small and insignificant in the scope of all the stars and galaxies that exist and our lives are fleeting in the long timeline of creation?"

"Yet," the psalmist continues, "[God has] made [human beings] a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor." Of all the creatures created by God, God chose humanity to come and experience alongside us in the person of Jesus Christ. God chose, small, insignificant, messy, complicated, selfish human beings to come and be near, to love and to welcome, to heal and to forgive.

As small and insignificant as you may feel sometimes, you do matter. God loves you and longs to bring you peace. And so is the person living to your right and to your left.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Reverend Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

'When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?'

Christians are called to see everyone as someone whom God loves and cares about and to show God's love by treating them as if they matter (because they do!)

I hope you have the time to spend outside in God's majestic creation this summer, time to slow down and put things into perspective. Maybe the stresses in your life will feel more manageable, if only for a moment. And remember always that no matter how small you feel, you are always important to God.

Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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Bush probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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COURT FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of
**Eldon H. Bush, a/k/a Eldon Bush,
Decedent**

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 3, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated September 23, 2013, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Donald R. Klosterbuer, whose address is 120 N. McKenzie, PO Box 538, Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice of the claims will be barred.

Dated: May 30, 2017
/s/

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
(COURT SEAL)
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner
Donald R. Klosterbuer
Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP
120 N. McKenzie, PO Box 538
Luverne, MN 56156
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Telephone: (507)283-9111
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Email: drklosterbuer@khlawmn.com

(06-08, 06-15)

Baustians apply for conditional use permit

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for Michael and Cyndy Baustian

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant and
Property Owner: Michael and Cyndy Baustian
Location: A tract in the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 4 of Rosedell Township, T104N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing feedlot of more than 1000 animal units
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use permit is for the combining of two existing feedlots and an expansion on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of total confinement barns with poured reinforced concrete pits for manure storage under the floor of the existing barns. These barns house a total of 3600 head of finishing swine. Using 0.3 animal units per head of finishing swine, the total capacity of the site is presently 1080 animal units.

The proposed expansion will add a new total confinement barn to house an additional 1200 head of finishing swine. After the expansion, the site will house 4800 head of finishing swine. Manure from the total confinement barns will be stored in a poured reinforced concrete pit under the floor of the barns. Total animal units after the expansion will be 1440 animal units.

Dated: June 8, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(06-08, 06-15)

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
St. Paul, MN 55101-1718
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)

Graves probate

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-174

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
In Re: Estate of
**MICHAEL E. GRAVES, aka
MICHAEL IKE GRAVES, aka
MIKE GRAVES, aka
IKE GRAVES,
Deceased**

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 3, 2017, at 3:30 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, on Petition of Linda Tobias for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named Decedent, and for the appointment of Linda Tobias, whose address is 48 Keeley Island Dr., Slayton, MN 56172, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed to administer the Estate, to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all the necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 6/7/17

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Sharon L. Tellinghuisen
Deputy Court Administrator

/s/ Paul M. Malone
Paul M. Malone (#66941)
MALONE & MAILANDER
Attorneys at Law
2605 Broadway Avenue
P.O. Box 256
Slayton, MN 56172-0256
Phone: (507) 836-8581
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(06-15, 06-22)

Bouma probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-178

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
In Re: Estate of
**Otto Bouma,
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 3rd 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 June 14, 2016, and for the appointment of Gwen Mulder, whose address is 1203 Hampshire Circle, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, 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 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 /s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Attorney for Petitioner District Court Judge
EISMA AND EISMA (COURT SEAL)
130 East Main Street /s/ Denise Brandel
P.O. Box 625 Court Administrator
Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4828
I.D.#158343

(06-15, 06-22)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 2

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse May 02, 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 May 02, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the April 18, 2017 County minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, requested approval of the claims and per diems of \$150.00; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing - May 02, 2017
A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA 3,923.25
DGR ENGINEERING 5,392.88
ERICKSON ENGINEERING 6,194.50

H T C Inc	7,819.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	8,277.88
LUVERNE/CITY OF	3,078.09
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	5,215.60
NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIPMENT INC	72,492.82
SANFORD HEALTH	2,250.00
TOTAL FUNDS BY HASLER	4,000.00
78 Payments less than 2000	29,233.22
Total	147,877.24

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve re-issuance of lost warrant #86523 for \$1,223.13, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented quotes for (2) culvert replacements on CSAH 20 and CSAH 19:

• Reker Construction	\$66,902.00
• Barker Excavating	\$73,404.72
• Henning Construction	\$73,651.00
• Duininck, Inc.	\$101,969.00

On a recommendation from the Engineer, motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to accept the low bid from Reker Construction of \$66,902.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

Cathleen Amick, UCAP Transit Director, presented a transit activity update and indicated that the transition from Rock County Heartland Express to UCAP is going very well; she will be meeting with a Rock County Transit Advisory Committee later in the day to discuss transit needs for Rock County residents.

The County Board was in receipt of the current Tax Abatement policy along with the Nobles County Home Initiative policy. There was discussion regarding amending Rock County's current Tax Abatement policy to provide some tax incentives for new construction or new improvements made to existing building structures. It was determined that the Administrator and Commissioner Reisch would develop a plan and present at a future meeting.

The Administrator presented an update of the Classification and Comparable Worth Study project and that employee meetings were scheduled today reviewing the project timelines and to answer any questions.

The Administrator presented a BRRRA update stating that the Authority approved a contract with Rugged Rock for \$344,292 to pick up and dispose of railroad ties along the rail line with a completion date of August 31, 2017.

The Administrator presented a Rock County broadband/fiber project update stating that Alliance Communications has indicated that the project has exceeded all goals and that the project completion should be at the end of May of 2017. Commissioner Reisch also stated that the Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting is scheduled to be in Rock County in June.

The Administrator gave a brief AMC Legislative update stating that legislation for TruShrimp has been pulled, CPA funding formula is not moving forward, there is a timeline extension for Assessing licensure and that the funding status to improve the drinking water at the Blue Mound State Park remains uncertain.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the Sheriff presented information regarding a School Resource Officer to the Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne School districts; the County Board will await information from the Sheriff regarding the issue.

The Administrator presented a concern regarding cash flow issues with Southwest Health and Human Services as current financial reports indicate a decrease in reserves. Oldre stated that the Southwest Health and Human Services organization does not have levying authority and he anticipates they will request an advance from their member counties. After discussion, it determined that Rock County will request a formal explanation regarding the status of the organizations reserves.
Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch indicated that he attended the following meetings: Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, Governor's Broadband Taskforce and Personnel Committee of the County Board

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Blue Mounds State Park Citizen Advisory and A. C. E.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Personnel Committee of the County Board, Southwest Health and Human Services, Southern Prairie and SWHHS Nurse Family Partnership.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: AMC Land Use and Community Emergency Response Team.

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

(06-15)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 16

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse May 16, 2017

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

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the May 16, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the May 02, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1 Resolution No. 09-17, LPRW Board appointments
Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims and per diems of \$375.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing - May 16, 2017	
A & B BUSINESS INC	2,590.82
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,170.96
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	4,100.85
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,031.00
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	4,165.84
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	3,064.90
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	3,945.17
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	10,009.36
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	8,077.09
LUVERNE/CITY OF	27,673.99
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	16,929.50
QUALITY PRINTING	2,635.06
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,911.60
TAPCO	11,015.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,402.20
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	3,960.00
ZIEGLER INC	3,990.96
93 Payments under \$2,000	29,118.97
TOTAL	144,793.27

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report stating the office is in receipt of the first half of the score block grant of \$34,000, which is not reflected in the Fund Balance report. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve a credit card account with Jaycox for the Rock County Highway Department, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a BRRRA update stating the railroad tie cleanup is progressing, however additional funds are needed from each county before executing the final contract with Hokeness to remove an existing stockpile of railroad ties on his property; the BRRRA is requesting \$50,000 from each county. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to authorize a transfer of \$50,000 to the BRRRA and to pay the expenditure from reserves, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator stated that a new BRRRA lease agreement with Elis & Eastern Company has been executed with an effective date of June 1, 2017 and that the Elis & Eastern Company is awaiting approval of an operating permit from the Surface Transportation Board to use the BRRRA rail line.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the Building Maintenance pickup needs to be replaced and was requesting input for replacement options; it was determined that Rock County Rural Water will have a surplus pickup in the near future and that the Administrator would follow up with Rural Water.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the bid results for (3) mill overlay projects SAP 067-604-030, SAP 067-618-009, SAP 067-618-010 and (1) box culvert project SAP 067-635-004:

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Duininck's Inc \$848,798.68
Hardrives, Inc \$924,708.97
Central Specialties, Inc. \$977,958.78
Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to award the bid to Duininck Inc. for \$848,798.68, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board discussed how to utilize a stockpile of glass recycles into road mill/overlay projects; the Engineer stated he would incorporate the glass material into the 2018 mill/overlay projects.

The Engineer informed the County Board of an additional maintenance repair due to an aged tile that has collapsed in the Judicial Ditch No. 2 system; the Engineer will schedule a ditch meeting to develop a plan for the repair.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Engineer to go to bid for the SAP 067-632-003, a reconstruction project on Luverne Street, declared carried on a voice vote.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, presented an updated proposal from Zuercher for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Mobile CAD and eCitation solutions for \$168,000 for implementation and an estimated \$12,000 annual maintenance costs; \$65,439 of the total cost would be an E911 eligible cost. After considerable discussion, the County Board referred the issue to the Budget Committee. The Sheriff was also encouraged to seek grant opportunities to implement CAD.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Sheriff to execute a lease agreement with Cenex Harvest States (CHS) of Luverne to re-locate communication antennas from the City of Luverne water tower to the grain elevator owned by CHS, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an update from the City/County/Luverne School Liaison meeting where Crossing Guards and pedestrian lights were discussed; the Crossing Guard expenditures are currently incurred by the Sheriff's Office and will sunset at the end of the school year due to the implementation of the pedestrian lights. It was determined that after 2016-17 school year, the school district would be responsible for determining the need for Crossing Guard personnel to assist with pedestrian crossings. Other discussions included extending the 45mph speed zone north on Highway 75 and that the Engineer is pursuing a grant opportunity for another pedestrian light for the crossing at west Dodge and Park Streets.

The Administrator presented a legislative update stating that the Governor has vetoed all bills and that the proposed legislation for TruShrimp has been moved from the Ag bill to the ARGI bill.

The County Board discussed the next AMC District VIII meeting scheduled for June 8th in Redwood Falls.

The Administrator led a follow up discussion regarding the abatement process and reviewed a 4-year history of county only abatements. After discussion it was determined to continue to explore options for county abatements for all new construction and property improvements as an economic incentive. It was determined that the working group (Burger, Reisch, Oldre) schedule a meeting with the mayors and township chairs to discuss the topic.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the Land Management Office will be incurring some unbudgeted expenditures - phone system and IT network switches due to the Farm Services Agency move to their new location.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting and briefly discussed details regarding the June 28th meeting scheduled to be in Luverne.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended a meeting hosted by Representative Waltz staff, BRRRA, City/County/School Liaison and the Herreid military ceremony.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended a Southwest Mental Health meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended a City/County/School Liaison meeting, the Herreid military ceremony, Representative Waltz staff meeting and Transit Advisory meeting.

Commission Williamson stated that he attended a BRRRA meeting and the Herreid military ceremony.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned. (06-15)

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EMPLOYMENT

New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has a full-time Insulation Installer position available. Monday through Friday, health insurance, vacation, holiday, bonus opportunities. Will train. Call Dean at 605-376-3006 or 507-673-2548. (tc)

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Papa's Place is hiring servers and cooks. We are also hiring a bookkeeper. Must be knowledgeable in quickbooks. Job includes doing payroll and more. Send resume to 920 S. Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156 (6.1-6.18)

Rock County 4-H is seeking a **4-H Foodstand Manager** to work during the Rock County Fair from July 26 to 29 in Luverne. Qualified candidates should be willing to work with volunteers and food service experience is preferred. **Contact Rock County 4-H Program Coordinator, Chelsey Asche at 507-283-1302 or email joh13978@umn.edu for a position description and compensation details.**

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank each and every one of you for all your thoughts, blessings and prayers during this joyous time. We are so blessed to be surrounded by wonderful family, great friends and a giving community. We have been showered with so much love and great gifts, thanks to all of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God Bless!
Mike, Paula and McKaya Gonnerman (6.11-6.15)

Thank you to everyone for the cards and birthday wishes that provided many happy memories. How fortunate my life has been to have known such special people.
Marj Roning (6.11-6.15)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone for thinking of our family during this time of the loss of our loved one. All your thoughts, cards and flowers were very much appreciated. A special thank you to Hartquist Funeral Home for all the help. Also, to Pastor Tom Voight, Pastor Cunningham and all who helped serve the meal after the service.

The family of Harold (Bud) Fry (6.11-6.15)

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: 1010 N. Spring Street. Thursday June 15, Friday June 16 and Saturday June 17. 8a.m.-7p.m. daily. Clothes, vintage glass, porcelain, toys, cosmetic jewelry and more. (6.15-6.18)

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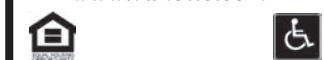
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