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Child care shortage **'especially** acute' in rural towns

Luverne EDA director testifies in St. Paul for bills that would offer help

By Lori Sorenson

Every region in Minnesota has a gap between the number of children needing child care and the number of spaces available.

That's according to a new report from the Center for Rural Policy and Development that was reviewed at Monday's meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority.

LEDA director Holly Sammons $shared\,details\,from\,that\,study, which$ showed disparity is especially acute in rural Minnesota where 15,377 licensed child care spots were lost between 2006 and 2015.

This compares with the number $of spots in the \,metro \,area, which \,grew$ by more than 3,200 over the same time period.

Sammons pointed out that child care shortages affect more than families.

"Businesses and communities cannot grow and thrive unless they can attract new employees and residents," Sammons said.

"But business won't expand and families are reluctant to take a job if there is no child care available in the area."

She said it's already affecting growth in many areas.

"This is not just a 'family' issue; it is also an economic development issue," she said.

"Child care is a critical part of the social and economic infrastructure of a healthy community."

A committee of local leaders has been discussing the issue with businesses, child care providers, government officials and others to understand the problem from all perspectives.

"This issue has the attention of every young family, every current and future provider, employers, and state and federal government officials," Sammons said.

She said there's no easy fix, but she pointed to three proposals

Child care shortage/see page 3A



Things could always be worse ... It could be an ice storm like 2013

By Lori Sorenson

Area residents groaned over the weekend when yet another winter weather system moved through the region and deposited six to eight inches of snow.

Travel became treacherous and area emergency personnel responded to numerous crashes and vehicles off the road.

Students slept in Monday morning when area districts delayed class starts by two hours, and spring sports were canceled or postponed (see page 2B).

After the weekend winter storm, Rock County and southwest Minnesoa has so far had nearly a foot of snow for the month of April and more than 50 inches for the season, which is several inches above normal.

For anyone keeping track, this year's April is closely resembling April 2013, which was the snowiest on record with over 20 inches that month alone.

Monday this week marked the five-year anniversary of the April 9, 2013, ice storm that wreaked havoc on Rock County and its communities.

A slow, freezing drizzle formed a thick layer of ice, that was followed by gusty winds. The combination of elements caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to property and infrastructure, including a mile of downed power lines near Hills.

The most devastating and heartbreaking losses for many residents was the destruction of trees, both large and small, that snapped like twigs under the weight of the

Few people were happy about shoveling this week, and more snow is in the forecast for this weekend, but locals are repeating, "It could always be worse. ... It could be ice."

Locals tour tru Shrimp in Balaton; preview of I-90 campus

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County officials viewed firsthand how tru Shrimp's Luverne Bay Harbor will operate when construction is finished in 2020.

Local leaders joined officials from Nobles, Murray, Lyon, Lincoln and Pipestone counties at the Wednesday, April 4, facility tour organized by the Association of Minnesota Counties District 8 Land Use Committee.

The visitors toured inside the tru Shrimp technology campus in Balaton and the training center currently under construction at the same location.

Robert Gervais, director of operations and government relations for tru Shrimp, explained current shrimp industry standards and how tru Shrimp's idea for production is safer for consumers and the environment.

For example, he said outdoor ponds currently used to raise commercial shrimp aren't sustainable.

Located along coastal shores, large dykes or hollowed-out ponds are constructed and filled with sea-

Over time, these ponds become "dead," meaning the ponds can no longer sustain shrimp production. The dead land becomes unusable, as experienced by shrimp production companies in China. "That soil becomes inactive. It's

worthless," Gervais said. "These ponds continued to grow and grow and move, and more and more land becomes worthless to use." In cropland-rich southwest Min-

nesota, tru Shrimp's system will raise shrimp inside large indoor concrete production facilities on relatively small areas of land.

At the Balaton research facility,

tru Shrimp tour/see page 5A

Commissioners approve gravel permits with conditions

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County commissioners approved requests at their April 3 meeting from two companies for five conditional use permits.

Duininck Inc. of Prinsburg requested four conditional use permits, and Reker Construction of Adrian submitted one request.

Four of the five permit requests received no public comments at

the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission's March 25 public hearing.

One of the Duininck requests raised questions about environmental and reclamation plans.

The company wants to renew a permit to extract, stockpile and process gravel in Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, and that request prompted an email prior to the hearing.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office director, presented information from the hearing to the commissioners.

"There was a fair amount of discussion raised by the email," he said. The email pointed to the county's

developing One Watershed One Plan to preserve local natural resources, raising concerns an open gravel pit has on the environment and nearby Rock River.

Duininck has been allowed to extract gravel in the pit for several years and currently has exposed about 30 acres. Duininck hasn't used or made attempts to reclaim portions of the former farmland in several years.

Commissioners agreed to grant

Gravel pemits/see page 3A

Ladies Expo lives up to expectations

By Lori Sorenson

The second annual Love the Ladies Expo expanded its seminar spaces into exterior tents and into the Grand Prairie Events kitchen Saturday in order to free up more space for vendors and shoppers.

It turns out that was a good call, because a steady crowd of people streamed through the building most of the day to take in 46 vendors and more than a dozen seminars.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said she was pleased by the turnout and vendor participation, both of which were higher this year.

"Everybody I visited with seemed to enjoy it and was satisfied," she said.

"Our original thoughts in hosting the Expo were to have an event to introduce people to the things we have in Luverne. I think that for many women it was a shopping day.

Ladies Expo/see page 8A



Lori Sorenson photos/0412 ladies expo gardening

Kay Umbreit (left) and Ruth Barber stop at the Sweet Savannah Cupcakes booth with Jessica Glanzer, George, Iowa. Glanzer said she sold out of all 17 dozen cupcakes she brought to Luverne.

Human services requests county bailout funds

By Mavis Fodness

Southwest Health and Human Services may see a budget shortfall next month and has asked its six member counties for a \$2 million loan.

Rock County Commissioners agreed at their April 3 meeting to support the request, but only if the money is absolutely necessary.

Commissioners Sherri Thompson and Greg Burger represent Rock County on the SWHHS board, which met March 21. Other member counties are Pipestone, Lyon, Redwood, Murray and Lincoln.

The loan would be repaid in

Rock County's loan portion would be \$279,600.

"We are not in a cash position ... to write a check for nearly \$280,000," County Administrator Kyle Oldre said.

"That is a large chunk of money."

Instead commissioners supported advancing a portion of their biannual distribution early if necessary. For the past four years SWHHS

has experienced dips in its operating budgets in May and October, before receiving levy distributions from its member counties.

In2014and2015SWHHScovered its payroll shortfalls through budget reserves. However, in May 2016 Lyon County (SWHHS fiscal host) advanced \$1 million to the social service agency to cover expenses.

In 2017, with no reserves and no advance in funds, SWHHS operated in the red by almost \$1 million in April and May, before that number reached over \$3 million in June.

Human services funds/see 3A



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 13, at the Green Lantern in Hardwick for lunch followed by cards and games. Call Donna at 507-283-8019 by April 11 to RSVP.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Speaker Gary Pauley PWP will speak on the journey of Parkinson's disease. Call 507-530-3307 with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 with questions.

National Library Week April 8-14

To celebrate National Library Week April 8-14, the Rock County Library will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, with refreshments and drawings for prizes.

On Saturday, April 14, a special treat for children will be Jim Oliver's presentation of the puppet show, "The Singing Children," at 10:30 a.m.

The Locals perform at Palace April 14

The Locals, a group of local musicians, will perform 'One Hit Wonders" at the historic Palace Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14. The event is a fundraiser for the Luverne Optimist Club. Tickets are available online at www.palacetheatre.us or at the box office at 106 E. Main Street, or by calling 507-283-4339.

Silent movie at Palace April 15

The silent movie, "The Freshman," will be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the historic Palace Theatre in Luverne, featuring Leona Hoek on the classic theater organ. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

Free Southern Gospel Concert April 15

The American Reformed Church in Luverne will sponsor a free Southern Gospel Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the church. The group "Triumphant Sound Quartet" will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments follow.

Free food April 19

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food fresh produce, bread and meat — from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags or boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions.

More food shelf hours

Rock County Food Shelf will add additional hours on the third Thursday of the month. The food shelf is open every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and will also be open from 5 to 6:30 p.m. April 19, May 17, and June 21. The food shelf is located at the United Methodist Church, Luverne, with alley access. Call Mary at 507-227-5548 with questions.

Libraries host author Brian Freeman

•The Adrian Branch Library will sponsor "An Evening with award-winning Minnesota author Brian Freeman" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Adrian Elementary School.

•The Rock County Library in Luverne will host Minnesota Author Brian Freeman at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at the library.

Community Ed

Community Ed contact info: C. Arends@isd2184.net or 507-283-4724.

Cyber Security - Educate Yourself Now class on April 23 will cover a wide variety of basic information to protecting children from online dangers to home security. Fee is \$12.

Take time to learn tips from Prairie Rehab PT's at Balance and Falls class on April 25. Take the balance assessment to see if you are at risk for falls. Fee is \$5.

A Refresher Defensive Driving Class will be offered on May 4. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

Join Luverne Community Education's bus trip to see the Minnesota Twins take on Texas Rangers on June 23. Fee is \$96/person which includes a soda and hot dog at the game.



Congressman Tim Walz addresses a group of local leaders in Luverne Monday for what he called a "Regional Vitality Summit" in Grand Prairie Events. It was one of three events in southern Minnesota to discuss the future of the region's 21 counties.

Walz hosts 2018 Regional Vitality Summits

Following listening tour to all 21 counties in the First District, Walz convenes southern Minnesotans to identify federal policy solutions

By Lori Sorenson

Congressman Tim Walz addressed a group of local leaders in Luverne Monday for what he called a "Regional Vitality Summit" in Grand Prairie Events.

Discussion focused on federal policies that matter to southern Minnesota, but Walz also pointed out that Luverne is among the most vital small towns in his district.

"People are choosing to live here because there are amenities that they're looking for," Walz said. "Thank you for your optimism. This truly is a special place."

Walz represents District 1 in the U.S. House of Representatives. That district encompasses the southernmost counties across the state from the South Dakota border to Wisconsin.

He said greater Minnesota shares similar challenges, such as workforce shortages, child care shortages, transportation funding and more. "We need to figure out how government plays into that," Walz said.

But he also praised the innovation, collaboration and resilience of rural communities.

"Who would have told the Mayo brothers they would



carve out the medical community in Rochester? Who would have told us Luverne would be the shrimp capital of the nation?" Walz said.

"We need to celebrate these achievements, but we need to have the federal resources that go with it."

He said it's the government's responsibility to make sure communities have economic opportunities.

"People get cynical about government, and there are some things we can't control," Walz said. "But the things we can control we should control."

He said those things include funding for transportation, education, broadband, health care and the environment.

Walz said he advocates

"People are choosing to live here because there are amenities that they're

looking for. ... Thank you for your optimism. This truly is a special place."

— Rep. Tim Walz

two important ways to "fix the government" — nonpartisan redistricting and campaign finance reform.

A good share of Monday's vitality summit focused on how greater Minnesota can position itself for future success, especially in light of globalization.

For example, keynote speaker David Beurle of Future iQ pointed to current tariff threats between the United States and China and the immediate effects it has on farmers. He also shared informa-

tion about the U.S. shrinking economic influence at a time when the Asian middle class buying power is growing.

"What does this mean to southern Minnesota?" Beurle asked, pointing to the fact that many hog production companies are already owned by foreign interests.

"What will they be buying? Who's going to own what?"

Local panelists who contributed to Monday's discussion included: •Holly Sammons, Eco-

nomic Development Director, City of Luverne. •Terry Gaalswyk, Presi-

dent, Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Katie Kouba, Community

Concierge, Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce. Irineo Diaz, Policy Coun-

cil Member/Parent, Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council. •Velma Matias, Policy

Council Member/Parent, Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council. The Vitality Summit in

Luverne was one of three such events Walz hosted in southern Minnesota to invite District 1 discuss the future of the region's 21 counties.

DFL Congressman Tim Walz has represented southern Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2007.

He's the current frontrunner on the DFL side in the Minnesota governor's race.

Library hosts writers contest; enter by June 30

The Minnesota library system is looking for the best self-published books in the state of Minnesota.

This year's contest began April 1 and orginal local entries will be accepted through

June 30, 2018.

Multiple submissions are welcome.

Books must be self-published, in an adult or young adult fiction genre, written by a Minnesota resident, and be

available in either ePUB or

Winners of the contest receive \$1,000 each in adult and young adult categories.

Prizes are sponsored by the Minnesota Library Foundation and BiblioLabs.

Winners also receive other gifts and recognitions for participating.

Works may be submitted at indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/minnesota



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Human services funds/ continued from page 1A

This May, SWHHS projects the shortfall to be more than \$1 million.

Four of the six county administrators met last month to map out month-by-month projected balances. According to their figures the agency would end May with a balance of \$533,938.

"If these figures are accurate, there won't be a reason for an advance at all," Oldre said.

If a safety net is necessary, Burger recommended advancing no more than \$500,000 of county funds to SWHHS. That amount would be subtracted from the following month's June distribution of \$641,829.

"Rather than loaning them the money, we need to continue to push this thing out and see where we end up at year-end," Burger said.

Commissioners voted 4-0 to support an advance to SWHHS if necessary. Commissioner Jody Reisch was not in attendance.

Burger serves on the SWHHS finance committee and is requesting information about what led to the spending down of \$8 million in reserves over four years.

One management error has already been found, and steps are being taken to correct the error as the agency goes forward.

"They were budgeting income that just didn't happen," Burger said.

The committee is working with director Beth Wilms, who took over SWHHS nine months ago.

She met with local commissioners in Luverne last November. At that time she prefaced the possible budget shortfall of \$2.5 million.

Wilms instituted a hiring freeze, and SWHHS has 13 fewer employees since last quarter. In the last two years, the agency added as many as 40 employees to its payroll, which also put a drain on the reserve budget.

The finance committee is also advocating more budgetsaving measures for 2018.

"The budget is going to be a good one this year," Burger said. "We are going to stay within its confines."

Buthesaiditwilltaketime to rebuild reserves.

"It has taken us four to five years to get into this predicament and we are not going to get out of it in a half year or even a year," Burger said.

SWHHS operates under a joint powers agreement between the six-member coun-

Since 2012 the agency has managed the social services, public health, child support and financial assistance in each of the member counties.

For 2018, SWHHS has a budget of \$31.8 million.

Gravel permits approved/ continued from page 1A

Duininck's conditional use permit with one stipulation.

"We would like to see them do some cleanup," said Com-

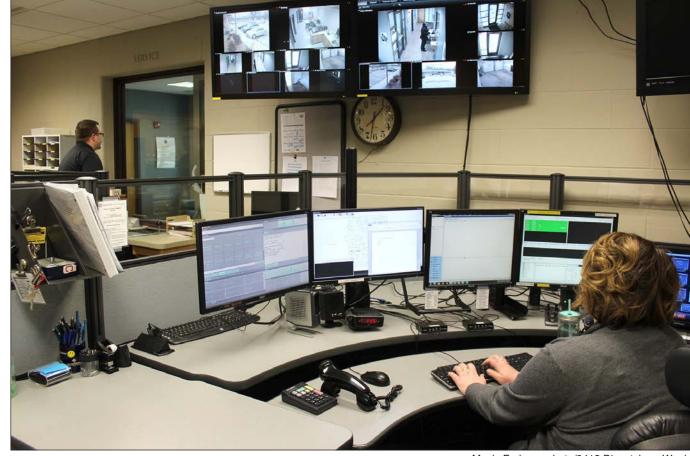
missioner Greg Burger.

Commissioners also voted 4-0 (Commissioner Jody Reisch was absent) to grant permits for Duininck to operate a temporary hot mix asphalt plant in Section 21 of Battle Plain Township and in Section 14 of Denver

A permit to mine, wash, stockpile and process aggregate in Section 14 of Denver Township was also granted.

Reker Construction of Adrian received approval to extract, stockpile and process gravel in Section 12 of Vienna Township.

Conditional use permits for aggregate extraction are good for five years. Operations of a hot mix plant are requested annually.



Mavis Fodness photo/0412 Dispatchers Week

Lead dispatcher Aaron Blank (far left) handles inquiries at the window as dispatcher Brooke Walgrave watches the monitors and answers calls last week at the Rock County Sheriff's Office. This week is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, a time to thank dispatchers for their hard work and dedication.

Local dispatchers honored during telecommunicators week

By Mavis Fodness

Behind the 8,394 phone calls to the Rock County Sheriff's Office in 2017 are five dispatchers who made sure requests for help were relayed correctly.

This week, April 8-14, is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, designated in 1981 to celebrate and thank those serving the public.

Locally, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said the department's dispatchers are the first voice a person hears during calls for assistance.

"When people call 911, I don't think they know they are calling here,"

"Here" is the dispatch center located inside the sheriff's office on North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne.

Lead dispatcher Aaron Blank, along with full-time dispatchers Joan Foote, Maggie Petit, Ryan Connor and Brooke Walgrave and part-time

dispatcher Katie Overvaag man the phones 24/7.

Verbrugge said the dispatch center receives well over 8,900 calls a year but not all of them require the dispatch of additional help. The dispatchers' responsibility is to screen calls to make sure the caller needs emergency assistance before alerting other emergency

This past January, local dispatchers received an additional tool when the county updated its equipment to a computer-aided dispatch system.

services personnel.

The CAD system uses personal computers in patrol cars and provides an electronic avenue for written communication.

Previously the dispatcher would relay information over the radio verbally.

In many instances officers can access information themselves and finish reports inside their vehicles.

All correspondence is completed in one computerized location and is relayed to the correct departments electronically.

"Alot of paperwork is done quicker and faster," Verbrugge said.

At the hub of the new electronic monitoring and reporting is the dis-

Brooke Walgrave began as a Rock County dispatcher more than a year ago.

'There can be periods of quiet and calm followed by periods of 'go time," she said.

This week, Verbrugge thanked dispatchers for their service and their embrace of the new telecommunications system.

"The public needs to know how dedicated our dispatchers are," he said. "Our dispatchers are the ones who are sending all the resources to you in an emergency."

There is still time to be counted in Census of Agriculture — NASS to follow up with producers who have not responded

By Fraser Norton

Farmers and ranchers still have time to be counted the 2017 Census of according Agriculture, the U.S. Department Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural National Statistics Service (NASS).

first Although the deadline has just passed, NASS will continue to accept census information through the spring to get a complete and accurate picture of American agriculture that represents all farmers and ranchers.

Federal law mandates **County Executive Director** that everyone who received 2017 Census Agriculture questionnaire complete it and return it even if not currently farming. NASS will continue to follow up with producers through the spring with mailings, phone calls and personal visits.

To avoid these additional farmers contacts, ranchers are encouraged to complete their census either online at www.agcounts. usda.gov or by mail as soon as possible. Responding saves time by

skipping sections that do not apply and automatically calculating totals.

The online questionnaire is accessible on desktops, laptops, and mobile devices.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www. agcensus.usda.gov.

For questions assistance filling out the census, call toll-free (888) 424-7828.

Important Dates

May 1: 2018 NAP Ornamental Nursery sales deadline; 2018 NAP Asparagus

Acreage certification dead-

May 15: Final RMA Small Grain Planting Date; CRP Primary Nesting and Brood Rearing Season begins; 2017 Strawberry Acreage certification deadline.

May 28: FSA Office closed for Memorial Day.

May 31: 2017 Corn and Soybean Loan and LDP request deadline; 2018 NAP Ornamental Nursery Crops Acreage certification deadline; Final RMA Corn for Grain planting date.

Ongoing: Continuous CRP sign-up.

Child care legislative support/ continued from page 1A.

Partnership.

HF 2424 offers funding to help expand access to quality child care.

provides 4032 HFbonding and general fund appropriation for child care facilities

HF 3605 offers grants increase child care availability.

"None of these proposals will solely fix the problem, but they are a start in the right direction," Sammons said. She testified in support of facilities funding during a March 29 meeting of the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee.

She joined bill author Rep. Bob Gunther and First Children's Finance Business Development Director Jeff Andrews along with former State Rep. Loren Solberg Greater Minnesota and Partnership Executive Director Dan Dorman.

Sammons said the bill is

currently introduced in patterned after what she called the Minnesota Legislature asuccessful Greater Minnesota by the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure grant program.

> HF 4032 would provide matching grants of up to \$500,000 to local units of government to build, renovate or expand child care facilities to increase the number of child care slots in their communities.

Like the BDPI program, the funds would come from the bonding bill, which requires the funds to flow to a local unit of government.

The bill seeks \$5 million in bonding for this new program. Sammons said she felt

that her message was heard among legislatures she spoke

"Is this enough? No, but it's a step in the right direction," Sammons said Monday.

She said it will take several approaches — such as capital support for starting a child care center, support for costs of operating a center and relief for in-home providers from state regulations.

FSA offers ways to use Direct Farm Ownership Loans for Construction

The USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Direct Farm Ownership loans are a resource to help farmers and ranchers become owneroperators of family farms, improve and expand current operations, increase agricultural productivity, and assist with land tenure to save farmland for future generations.

Depending on the applicant's needs, there are three types of Direct Farm Ownership Loans: regular, down payment, and joint financing. FSA also offers a Direct Farm Ownership Microloan option for smaller financial needs up to \$50,000.

Among other purposes,

Direct Farm Ownership Loans can be used to construct, purchase or improve farm dwellings, service buildings or other facilities and improvements essential to an operation.

To do this, applicants must provide FSA with an estimate of the total cost of all planned development that completely describe the work prior to loan approval and must show proof of sufficient funds to pay for the total cost of all planned development at or before loan closing. In some instances applicants may be asked to provide certified plans, specifications or contract documents. The applicant cannot incur any debts for

materials or labor or make any expenditures for development purposes prior to loan closing with the expectation of being reimbursed from FSA funds.

Construction and development work may be performed either by the contract method or the borrower method.

Under the contract method, construction and development contractors perform

work according to a written

contract with the applicant

or borrower. An applicant for a direct loan to finance a construction project must obtain a surety bond that guarantees both payment and performance in the amount of the construction contract from a construction contractor.

There are other important details, so call the Rock County FSA Office at 507-283-2369 for those details and for more eligibility requirements and information about FSA Loan programs.

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS

Notice To All Bidders

Springwater Township is accepting bids for mowing the township hall and the cemetery. Bids should be per mowing. Bidder will furnish their own equipment and fuel. The Township board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A certificate of insurance MUST ACCOMPANY all bids! Please contact a board member or e-mail springwater@alliancecom.net, concerning insurance liability limits. Bids must be submitted before Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 to:

Teresa Kramer, Clerk 137 131st St.

Garretson, SD 57030

or presented at the township board meeting that evening at

the home of the clerk.

Teresa Kramer **Springwater Township Clerk**

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Contact your veteran services officer to discuss eligibility for federal and state benefits.



Rock County Veterans Services

and families 507-283-5061 M-F: 8 a.m. to Noon **Rock County Courthouse**

GRAVEL BIDS: MAGNOLIA TOWNSHIP

Magnolia Township will be accepting gravel bids for gravel to be applied on township roads. Bids must be received by April 18, 2018.

> Send to: Magnolia Township 1581 121st St. Luverne, MN 56156

> > Magnolia Township Board

Maplewood Cemetery Association

ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Lot owners meet at 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors meet at 7 p.m. at the Remax office conference room

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Girls, girls girls

New arrival is granddaughter number four

Our fourth granddaughter was born on Good Friday, making it a very good Friday indeed. She weighed in at



8 pounds, 15 ounces, which puts her in first place among the cousins in the "heaviest at birth" department.

Her cousin, born in November, wins in the "fastest to arrive" department. Her mom and dad were at the hospital for six minutes before she was born.

Her older cousin was 'born soonest" at 36 weeks and was also the smallest at six pounds.

Her big sister, now almost three, remains the leader in the "most dramatic" birth department. After giving everyone a fright and spending five days in the ICU, it was determined that she was - and always had been just fine.

Granddaughter Number One is agile like her daddy. She can jump from the couch to the footstool to the coffee table pretty much on one foot.

She's not a fan of bedtime and likes to check in with her parents a time or two during the night.

She runs like a pro, dances like a star, and does not like to sit at the dinner table.

She likes wrestling the dogs, playing tag and spinning in the chair "really fast."

Granddaughter Number Two struggles to stand on one foot and actually falls over trying. But she can identify an octagon and can count backward from 10. She likes books and "talking about things."

She goes to bed at 7 p.m. and sleeps 13 hours. Her hobbies include books,

THE **NORTHVIEW**

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

"As you parent, may God give you the confidence and humility you need to raise them well. And maybe just maybe — someday — one more girl."

petting the cat and baking. The baby sisters haven't yet made their mark in the world.

Five-month-old Granddaughter Number Three seems like a very happy person — just like her daddy. She smiles and giggles and then smiles some more. She goes to bed early, sleeps all night and wakes up smiling.

We don't know much about the new one yet. It's only been 14 days.

It's fun to compare and contrast the girls to each other and to their parents. Our wild child is now the parent of a wild child. Our bookworm now parents a bookworm. (Yes, there is justice in the universe!)

Of our own children we've always said, "God gave us the first to give us confidence, and He gave us the second to keep us humble."

We pray that same thing for our kids and their spouses as they parent these four girls. "As you parent, may God give you the confidence and humility you need to raise them well. And maybe just maybe someday — one more girl."

Enough is enough; put away distractions and just drive

Distracted driving contributes

During the 2017 distracted

to an average of 59 deaths and 223

serious injuries a year (2012 - 2016).

driving extra enforcement campaign,

law enforcement cited 1,017 people

for texting and driving. This was a

two-week campaign compared to

one-week campaigns in previous

people were cited for texting and

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During the 2016 campaign, 972

During the 2015 campaign, 909

Minnesota's "No Texting" law

makes it illegal for drivers to read,

In a matter of seconds, a driver's choice to take their eyes off the road can have fatal consequences.

More than 300 law enforcement agencies statewide will be conducting extra distracted driving enforcement April 9 - 22 to protect Minnesotans from those deadly decisions. The effortis coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS).

Sheriff's deputies, police officers and state troopers will participate in the extra distracted driving enforcement campaign. Law enforcement uses overtime funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and distributed by DPS-OTS, to keep Minnesotans safe from the dangers of distraction.

"Enough is enough," said Mike Hanson, Office of Traffic Safety

'We are such a plugged-in, alwayson society that focusing only on the road while driving takes effort. But trying to multitask behind the wheel takes even more effort. If you're trying to do two things - like drive and text, or stream or post-you're not focused on driving. Those decisions can have severe consequences. Please pay attention, and speak up if you're with a driver who's distracted."

Distracted driving is dangerous

•Texting citations climbed nearly

 Distracted driving contributes to one in five crashes in Minnesota.

23 percent from 2016 to 2017.

send texts and emails, and access the web while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic.

> That includes sitting at a stoplight The penalty is \$50 plus court fees

Distracted driving has

consequences

driving.

for a first offense and \$275 plus court fees for a second and/or subsequent

If you injure or kill someone because of texting and driving, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or homicide.

Do your part

GUEST EDITORIAL

By the Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Extra enforcements on

Minnesota Roads April 9-22

Put the phone down, turn it off or place it out of reach.

Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.

Map out the destination and enter the GPS route in advance.

Avoid messy foods and secure

 $Teach \, children \, the \, importance \, of \,$ good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.

Passengers need to speak up stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver's attention off the road.



Questionable driving habits can test anyone's kindness skills

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager, Tollefson Publishing

Last summer Mary and I went to the Tim McGraw and Faith Hill concert in Sioux Falls, and ever since, Mary has been hounding me



to work on my humble and kind skills. Now Mary and I may differ on my level of progress in these two areas, but I think I am making strides in the right direction.

I will admit I need considerable improvement with my grumpy attitude. It's easy to attribute my spontaneous



grumpiness to any number of things like the recent winter storm in the middle of April. However, the thing that redlines my grumpy meter more than anything else lately is the unbelievable bad driving habits of so many drivers.

First of all, when when has it become fashionable for semis to park on either side of Highway 75 and run into Casey's for something? Hey, everyone, they

put turn signals in your vehicle for

a reason. The stop signs on Oak Drive and Pine Drive are there for a reason. Hopefully the driver that darn near ended up in the creek at the end of Oak Street learned their lesson.

I don't even know where to start on the whole distracted driving thing other than to say it's out of control. Just this morning

on the way to work, a lady driving down Oak Street coming to the stop sign was eating something out of a cup with a spoon. Now, maybe she has three arms and had her third hand on the steering wheel.

One of my coffee buddies and I are having an ongoing discussion as to which stop sign gets run the most, the one at Oak Street and Warren Street or the

one at the intersection of Veterans Drive and Blue Mound Avenue.

All of the afore-mentioned bad driving habits pale in comparison to texting and driving. All the public service announcements and law enforcement efforts seem to have little if any impact on texting and driving.

What really drives me crazy is the number of drivers I see texting and driving with a car full of kids driving down the interstate passing me like I am standing still.

Now that I got that off my chest, I feel a little less grumpy. But I'm headed out to my car, so we'll see how I feel later in the

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County tours tru Shrimp in Balaton/contined from Page 1A

the company has successfully raised various-sized shrimp in indoor shallow-depth basins since September 2015.

Currently a training reef (a stack of eight basins) is under construction adjacent to the research facility in Balaton.

While the training facility will house one reef, Luverne's bay harbor will house 32 reefs.

When finished, the training reef will have eight grow basins with 12 inches of water flowing through 12-foot-wide "super shallow water raceways" that are 150 feet long.

In Luverne those basins will be lengthened to 600 feet long. Basins will be stacked on top of each other to increase production capacity without increasing the production facility's footprint.

Gervais said 7.5 million pounds of shrimp will be produced at the Luverne Bay Harbor when it is fully operational, more than three times the amount produced using the traditional pond method.

According to the company's website, the 60-acre campus near Interstate 90 will house the Luverne Cove Hatchery, a free-standing shared water treatment facility and Luverne Bay Harbor.

Luverne Cove Hatchery is projected to employ 20 people and the Harbor will employ 115.

Along with responsible land use, Gervais said tru Shrimp is concerned with water quality and conservation.

The company will manufacture its own salt water. A filter and reclamation plant will remove tank wastes and salt before possible reuse.

"Every ounce of water that we use in our system we want to reutilize," he said.

Biosecurity

Learning from disease control measures in the poultry and swine industries, tru Shrimp will also emphasize biosecurity.



Mavis Fodness photo/0412 County TruShrimp Visit

John Griffin with Miron Construction out of Neenah, Wisconsin, gives a tour of the 12,000-square-foot tru Shrimp training facility currently under construction in Balaton Wednesday morning, April 4. Pictured from left are Griffin, Lincoln County Environmental Services Director Robert Olsen and Rock County Commissioners Gary Overgaard and Greg Burger.

Gervais said measures will be put into place to limit outside exposure to disease. Plans include employees showering in and out of the facilities and undercarriage and wheel washing of trucks entering the Luverne bay harbor facility.

Tru Shrimp will also utilize local commodities as feed sources for its shrimp produc-

Soybean, corn, hard red wheat along with fishmeal and other ingredients are ground for the shrimps' diet.

Soybeans comprise 45 percent of a shrimp's diet, and tru Shrimp plans to purchase the grain locally.

"One harbor could potentially impact the soybean market here in southwest Minnesota 5 to 15 cents a bushel," Gervais said.

"We are continuing to look at corn to help that market as

The AMC District 8 Land Use committee focuses on



The water treatment and feed storage facilities are made from precast concrete and are attached to the concrete walled reef, where the growing shrimp will be housed. Inside the facility (from left) are John Griffin with Miron Construction, Assistant County Administrator Susan Skattum, County Administrator Kyle Oldre, Bob Koehler, Gene Metz, Commissioner Greg Burger, Robert Olsen (hidden) and Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

practices of ground utilization and disposal of material in southwest

Gary Overgaard is the Rock County representative.

Minnesota. Commissioner

Rock County Opportunities at risk of funding cuts

The state of Minnesota is considering more funding cuts for a complex disability service system that could leave Rock County Opportunities in Luverne and other providers struggling for years,

The Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR), its service provider members and the families and individuals with disabilities they serve are facing a 7 percent cut in funding.

"All we are looking for is for some sense of longterm stability," said Mike Burke, president of MOHR.

"Stability in a system that will allow us to pay our staff competitive wages, which ultimately helps thousands of people with disabilities across the state who rely on our services for their quality of life."

Bills have been authored in the Minnesota Legislature to correct the problem.

A direct threat to service providers, the cuts involve complex formulas that determine rates paid to disability service providers which are tied to an inflationary factor and funding agreements with the federal government, he

A House bill led by Rep. Joe Schomacker, Luverne, and Senate bill authored by Sen. Paul Utke, would alleviate the problem, which, if left unaddressed, could mean damaging cuts that are permanent. MOHR is a member of

Best Life Alliance, a state-

RCO already struggles to hire and retain workers as private sector puts pressure on staff recruitment and retention.

wide coalition of people with disabilities, their families and providers of home and community-based services. The group of more than 1,000 rallied at the Capitol in March to draw attention to this situation.

Burke said the rally was an excellent opportunity to help state leaders meet and hear stories from the people who will be affected by these cuts.

"It's important for senators and representatives to hear from individuals with disabilities, their families and the people who work closely with them," said Burke.

Individuals are also speaking out in their own communities.

More information is available at mohrmn.org. Representing more than 100 providers in the state, MOHR members provide skills training, employment services, community involvement, behavioral supports and life enrichment activities to more than 26,000 individuals with disabilities in Minnesota.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 30

•Accidental 911 call on wellheads. Oakland Avenue.

•Complainant reported someone harassing her on Cottage Grove Avenue.

•Welfare check requested in Mead Court.

•Follow-up in Mead Court.

•Deputy requested to speak with male subject who reported someone trying to break into his house in Mead

•Report of suspicious activity on Hatting Street

 Complainant reported a child sitting in the road on Warren Street with no adult

•Report of injured person on Warren Street. Caller indicated that person was OK and to disregard call.

 Complainant reported 4-wheeler mudding by the

 Complainant reported harassing communication.

March 31

 Arrest for probation violation in Jasper.

•Reserved for offender violation investigation in Jasper.

•Report of trailer parked on Carol Street.

 Complainant reported a possible drunk driver in Steen.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject on East Park Street.

•Report of wrong-way driver in Jasper.

•Complainant reported kids tried to rob him and hit him in the face on Lincoln

Complainant reported

her daughter is not answering her phone on East Park Street. She is really worried.

•Reserved for theft inves-

•Mail theft in Hills.

April 2

•Complainant reported a

break-in and theft of vehicle on 131st Street. Complainant reported

vehicle fire in Beaver Creek.

Complainant requested

a warrant check on himself. •Complainant reported mail theft in Hills.

•Complainant reported a stolen package in Hills.

 Complainant reported her exis not returning the kids.

April 3 •Deputies conducted a

search on Warren Street.

footprints up to home in the

Complainant reported

snow on Oakley Street. •Vehicle in ditch on I-90.

No injuries. Deputy checked on semi

in ditch on I-90. Complainant conducted a warrant check on Spring

 Complainant reported car in the ditch on Blue Mound

Avenue. •Received a 911 hangup from number on Warren

April 4

•Reserved for theft investigation on Interstate Drive.

 Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle in

•Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle in

 Complainant requested a welfare check on Brown

•Complainant reported a follow-up on Warren Street. •Complainant reported a

bike on Hatting Street. •Complainant reported a possible shoplifter on Inter-

state Drive. •Report of pedestrian on

Highway 75. Caller requested deputy to check on subject.

•Deputy conducted a follow-up on Interstate Drive. •Subject reported scam

on Veterans Drive.

April 5 •Reserved for narcotics information.

•Request for welfare check on Oakley Street. Complainant reported

parking complaint on Pine Drive. •Complainant reported narcotic information on Oak-

•Complainant found property on Luverne Street

 Complainant requested to speak to deputy about his dog being killed.

•Complaianant reported a two-vehicle accident with injuries on Blue Mound Avenue.

•Complainant reported a Toyota minivan almost stopping at random places on Brown Street.

•Deputy out with a car at the interpretive center.

In addition, officers also responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 7 escorts, 17 ambulance runs, 18 burn permits, 4 drug court tests, 10 permits to purchase/carry, 36 traffic stops, 4 fingerprint requests, 1 paper service, 1 background check, 2 child mal-

treatment reports and 1 DWI.



COMMUNITY



The Magnolia All-School Reunion Committee is searching for the former Magnolia High School marching band banner. The banner was used in the last Homecoming parade, as pictured above from the Sept. 24, 1980, Star Herald. Reunion planners want to locate and borrow the banner for this summer's three-day gathering.

All-School reunion plans include finding Magnolia Bulldog banner

By Mavis Fodness

Plans are underway for a Magnolia All-School Reunion on Labor Day weekend Friday, Aug. 31, through Sunday, Sept. 2.

To complete the three days of festivities, planning committee members are searching for one element to lead Saturday's parade —the school's marching band banner.

"If you are going to have a parade, you should have the banner," said committee member Scott Dohlmann. "It is one of those things you remember seeing all the time."

However, the black and orange fabric banner hasn't been seen in recent decades.

The school officially closed in 1994, when the kindergartners through sixthgraders joined the middle-high school students, who had been attending Luverne Middle-High School since

Dohlmann suspects the banner may have been sold on an auction of district items shortly after the school closed.

The 3-by-6-foot black banner has "Magnolia, Minnesota" in orange letters with the school's bulldog mascot in the center and a fringe along the

The banner is pictured in a Sept. 24, 1980, Star Herald story about the school's last Homecoming celebration. It shows Cris (Fleseland) Oeltjenbruns, then an elementary student, carrying the banner with classmate Amy Roemeling.

Oeltjenbruns recalls the banner made from a curtain-like heavy fabric.

Saturday's parade is one of several activities planned for the reunion weekend this summer.

Details are still coming together for the event that is open to anyone who attended elementary, middle

and/or high school in Magnolia.

Plans include a kick-off reunion banquet Friday night, Aug. 31, at Prairie Events in Luverne.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 1, a breakfast will be served at the Magnolia Café, and the parade will start at 11 a.m.

"Anyone who owns their vehicles from high school is invited," Dohlmann said.

After the parade, the Magnolia Fire Department will host a freewill offering lunch at the city park. School memorabilia will be displayed at city hall.

A community church service is planned for Sunday morning, Sept. 2.

For any information about the school banner or all-school reunion activities, contact Lisa Fischenich at 601-415-8387 or the Magnolia Bulldogs (MN) Facebook page.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)
•Thirteen companies submitted bids for Phase I of Luverne's airportrunway expansion project, resulting in a low bid of half the engineer's estimate.

"We had tremendous interest in the job," said Luverne City Administrator John Call.

Companies from the Twin Cities to Des Moines, Iowa, bid on the project, which involves grading work for the new runway.

Bids were opened at 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 3, and the low bid was \$456,495.25 submitted by Final Touch Excavating Inc. from East Bethel, Minn. ... Overall, the \$3 million airport

improvement project will be funded 90 percent by state and federal agencies.

The city of Luverne will end up paying about \$300,000 of the cost.

25 years ago (1993)

 Technology that boggles ordinary minds will soon be commonplace in Luverne.

Beginning in June, load management will be used to regulate water heater use in the city at peak times. It will cut peak demand for electricity. Regulation will be done through a computer injector system rotating shutdowns in different areas of the city at different times.

The Luverne City Council Monday accepted the bid of Canon Technologies, Minneapolis, for a load management system for the Luverne electric utility.

The base bid from Canon Technologies was \$120,214. It includes a master station, network station transmitting equipment, 500 receivers and training for staff.

50 years ago (1968)

•Thirteen bodies that are buried at the Rock County Farm will be moved to the Maplewood cemetery at Luverne. The Rock County Board of Commissioners made the decision at their meeting last Wednesday.

The burial ground, which consists of approximately .18 acres,

on a 12 month basis for an

annual salary of \$1,980 for

the weed inspector's position.

awarded: No competition for

grading work was exhibited,

one contractor, John S. Pukrop,

Ivanhoe, picking up three

jobs as the only bidder. Two

stretches of road, a mile each,

which had been advertised

for grading bids didn't get

a nibble and will be re-

for the re-grading work on

Pukrop bid \$26,874.62

advertised.

Road Contracts

Salaries of Co. Employees Raised \$100 in 1952

dates back about 35 years. The 13 bodies here were buried at public expense and this ground has been limited in use to burial sites for indigent or unknown persons. The ground had not been used or made available for use by the general

Board members felt that the bodies of these people should be moved because they felt that the county farm site was not suitable as a cemetery and that someday the farm will be sold and the cemetery shouldn't be on the land when it's sold.

75 years ago (1943)

•Just as the Star Herald was going to press, it was learned here that Lt. Merle E. Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson of Beaver Creek township was one of the heroes of the American air victory in North Africa on Monday. Lt. Larson is the pilot of a Lightning fighter plane, and is said to have sent three German air transports into the sea. In that same battle, 31 German planes were downed by American airmen, and 18 of them were believed to have been Junkers transports, presumably carrying gasoline and supplies to the German African army.

100 years ago (1918)

•Plans now underway provide for the erection of another large and modernly equipped garage in Luverne within the next few months, which will be owned and conducted by Paul S. Walters, of Bruce, S.D.

Preliminary preparations for engaging in the retail automobile business here were completed last week by Mr. Walters, when he purchased the Pat. Lawler livery barn property of South Cedar Street.

The new owner is to be given possession May 1st, and as soon thereafter as possible Mr. Walters will have the present frame structures torn down, and have a substantial brick garage building erected. The new building will have a frontage of 100 feet on Cedar street, and extend back 125 feet.

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road which turns in to the state

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which were not bid were:

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coming out of Garretson, the

mile in Beaver Creek township

which is an extension of State

The two stretches of road

Pukrop also was awarded

bid \$16,922.54.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Kate Johanna, weighing 8 pounds and 21 inches long, was born Friday, March 23, 2018, at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Chris and Mary** Fagerness of Steen. She joins a sister, Gracie, 11, and a brother, Jed, 9. Grandparents are Jim Moser, Beaver Creek, and Steve and Joan Fagerness, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A boy, Kolt Matthias, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 21 inches long, was born Sunday, March 25, 2018, at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Tyler and Britny Paulsen of Steen. Grandparents are Steve and Sherri Paulsen of Steen, Susan Gustas of Lake Wilson, and Todd Blomgren of Houston, Texas. Great-grandparents are Marie Paulsen of Hills, Carol Richters of Luverne, Harry and Bernice Blomgren of Beaver Creek, Donna Miller of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and David Aanenson of Carthage, Illinois. Great-great-grandmother is Naidine Aanenson of Luverne.

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for Aimee Moss, brideto-be of Brenton Richters. will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Jim Johannsen will celebrate his 75th birthday with an open house from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Luverne Eagles Club. Greetings may also be sent to him at 110 Walnut Street, Room 110, Luverne, MN 56156.

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Luverne High School releases third quarter honor roll

A Honor Roll

By Betty Mann

on June 5, 1952.

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raised\$100ayear

by the county

commissioners

Tuesday.

Salaries of

Historical Society president

the Rock County Star Herald

at their board meeting on

The action was based

Seniors: Madelyn Aleman, Hans Bakken, Emilie Bartels, Trey Baustian, Jarod Berndt, Anthony Cavazos, Madilyn Dinger, Isabella Donohue, Chandler Eitreim, James Erickson, Alexis Ferrell, Tyler Fick, Anika Gust, Alexis Henrichs, Janae Kopp, Aric Meinerts, Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Rachel Oftedahl, Jocilyn Oye, Samantha Pierce, Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson, Megan Rogers, Michaella Sandbulte, Sierra Schmuck, Daniel Tofteland, Hope Van Meeteren, Ashley Van Wettering, Cade Ver Steeg, Hannah Ver Steeg, Emma Verbrugge, Benjamin Wagner, Mckenna Westphal.

Juniors: Nicole Aanenson, Caitlyn Allen, Jadyn Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Shane Berning, Carissa Cunningham, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jacinda Hustoft, Luke Jarchow, Josiah Luethje, Derek Lundgren, Joel Ortiz, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Jade Smith, Emilie Staeffler, Grace Sweeney, Jenna Zewiske, Matthew Ziegler.

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Baustian, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Madigan Flom, Meagan Hansen, Zayda Holmgren, Nicole Hoogland, Anna Huisman, Amelia Jarchow, Sophia Lanoue, Jonah Louwagie, Kaitlyn McDowell, Reka Meinerts, Gunnar Oldre, Melanie Rittenhouse, Nicholas Rogers, Austin Watts-Boll, Sydney Wicks, Jordan Winter.

which provides for salary

increases based on cost of

department had certified to

County Auditor Koehn that

there had been a 4 point cost

of living increase since last year.

made by the commissioners

to the across the board \$100

annual pay hike. County

Service Officer Piepgras, who

had been getting \$3,300, was

raised to \$3,600 annually. J.P.

Johnson, who has been getting

Two exceptions were

The state civil service

living increases.

Freshmen: Russell Aanenson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Annaliese Braucht, Xavier Carbonneau, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Kameron Keene, Destiny Matthiesen, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Gracie Zewiske.

B Honor Roll

Declan Beers, Ashlee Boltjes, Lane Bruhn, Cole Claussen, Amber DeGroot, Samantha

Faber, Brooke Feit, Kathryn Fick, Derek Fodness, Megan Frey, Coy Gonnerman, Elijah Haugom, Alena Hilfers, Zane Holmgren, Brianna Huether, Pernille Kjorum, Kasyn Kruse, Timothy Lingen, Courtney Meeker, Dylan Mente, Alexander Nelson, Jaxon Nelson, Donald Ray, Tyler Reisdorfer, Jayden Renken, Trey Roberts, Zoey Sandbulte, Cody Sasker, Jonathon Stearns, Ethan Thorson, Wyatt VanSteenberg.

Juniors: Greta Ahrendt, Matrim Borth, Brookelynn Brust, Likki Chanthalangsy, Timothy Click, Lillian Donohue, Jedidiah Dooyema, Julia Ferguson, Jackson Golla, Quinn Graber, Tia Hadler, Hunter Hamann, Jake Haugen, Halle Hough, Brayden Jacobsma, Matthew Jelken, Brianna Jonas, Michelle Kramer, Faith Mounce, Rylee Olson, Madison Reisdorfer, Justyce Ripka, Riley Severtson, McCall Stegenga, William Stegenga, Melissa Teal, Evan Ushijima, Sage Ver Steeg, CourtneyWendland,Cameron Wessels, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Austin Winter.

Sophomores: Isaiah Bartels, Justice Brandt, Quinn Buss, Anita Cole-Kraty, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Carson Ehde, Hannah Ehlers, Sara Ernst, Kynzie Hamann, Alexandra Hartman, Gracie Hudson, Ivy Hudson, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Kacie Kracht, Carter Loosbrock, Michael Meeker, Gabrielle Miller, Meghan Mollberg, Nathan Nekali, Samantha Niessink, Mallory Oye, Ainsley Rysdam, Matthew Sehr, Cole Stoltenberg, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Jacob Von Tersch, Andrew Wagner.

Freshmen: Zachary Ahrendt, Cooper Arends, Seno Chanthalangsy, Bailey Cowell, Rachel DenHerder, Isaac Eidem, Regan Feit, Mia Halverson, Emma Hinz, Elisabeth Kelm, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, Kaden Lampron-DeSollar, Alex Mann, John Miller, Katlin Petronek, Sadie Reisdorfer, JaysonRops, HunterSandbulte, Paige Sandbulte, Savannah Siebenahler, Eric Somnis, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Leah Wynia.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Oye accepted at **Bethany Lutheran**

Jocilyn Oye, Luverne, has been accepted for admission at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato.

Jocilyn is a senior at Luverne High School.

Deutsch makes dean's list

Dustin Deutsch has been named to the dean's list for the Winter 2018 quarter at Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Dustin is the son of Doug and Colleen Deutsch of Luverne.

Ellsworth Locker is meat champion

Ellsworth Locker owners Brian and Kathy Chapa received champion honors recently during the meat competition at the 2018 Meat Processors Convention in St. Cloud.

They received champion for their dried beef and their honey BBQ stix; reserve champion for smoked BBQ pork chops and bacon; and honorable mention for salsa cheese stix.

The Chapas were among more than 24 entries in the competition. A total of 388 meat products were entered in 26 different categories.

Products were judged by 34 experts in the meat industry.

Michelle Arevalo, Claire

Seniors: Pradana Arviano,

LHS students excel at sub-section speech event

The Luverne speech team walked away with the Sub-Section 10 championship Wednesday, April 4, in Adrian.

A total of 17 members of the team qualified for section competition Saturday, April 14, at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Twenty-eight members of the Luverne team competed in the Sub-Section 10 championship. The top four winners in each category move on to section competition, and the fifth-place winners will also attend as alternates.

Those who placed in the top six are as follows:

•Creative expression: Cameron

Wessels, first. •Discussion: Alexa Chesley, first,

and Melanie Rittenhouse, second. •Duo interpretation: Isabelle Hoiland and Gretchen Jacobsma,

•Extemp reading: Nicole Hoogland, second and Destiny Matthiesen, fifth.

•Extemp speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first and Shane Berning, second

•Great Speeches: Rylee Anderson, fourth.

•Humorous: Gunnar Oldre, first; Luke Thorson third; and John Miller, fifth. Jacinda Hustoft, •Poetry:

fourth; Adriana Gonzalez, fifth; and Grace Sweeney, sixth. •Prose: Sage VerSteeg, second;

Josie Golla, fourth. •Storytelling: Xavier Carbonneau, first; Jonah Louwagie, second; Julia Ferguson, third; Hannah

•Drama: Torri Hemme, sixth.



The Luverne High School speech team earned Sub-section 10 honors April 4 in Adrian. Team members who placed sixth or higher include (front row from left) Adriana Gonzalez, Grace Sweeney, Jacinda Hustoft, Gretchen Jacobsma, Isabelle Hoiland, (second) Rylee Anderson, Josie Golla, Nicole Hoogland, Julia Ferguson, Shane Berning, Chance Tunnissen, (third) Hannah Baker, Melanie Rittenhouse, Sage VerSteeg, Jonah Louwagie, Alexa Chesley, (fourth) Torri Hemme, Xavier Carbonneau, Cameron Wessels, Destiny Matthiesen, (back) John Miller, Gunnar Oldre and Luke Thorson.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, April 16: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, April 17: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, cranberry relish, bread, fruit shortcake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Salon

Wednesday, April 18: Mandarin chicken salad, fresh fruit, cucumber salad,

Program: Site Council Meeting.

Thursday, April 19: Lasagna, country blend vegetables, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread,

Program: Food give-

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OBITUARIES

Frances Sandager.

Frances Jane Sandager,

101, Hills d i e d Tuesday, April 3 2018, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.



funeral service was Saturday, April 7, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed at Flowerfield cemetery near Hills.

Frances Cragoe was born Oct. 5, 1916, to Sidney and Estella Mae (Bennett) Cragoe in Rock County. Fran grew up in the Beaver Creek area and graduated from Beaver Creek High School. Her sister Donna Mae and brother Randall passed away at an early age. Fran attended Normal teacher's college in Luverne and taught in a country school for three years. She then attended Mankato State College and taught in Garden City for two years.

She married Victor Sandager on Aug. 20, 1942, and they farmed in the Hills area. Fran's life of 101 years was blessed by her teaching profession and her family. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and was active in Bible studies and women's circle. She taught sixth grade at a mission school while serving a volunteer year in New Guinea with Vic and her family. She enjoyed participating in the Norse Glee Club Auxiliary and served on the Southwest Minnesota District Board of the American Lutheran

Shirley Mollberg Shirley Ann Mollberg, 89,

Luverne died Friday, April 6, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice

Church. Her travel to many

places and hosting exchange

students from around the

world provided unique and

memorable experiences. She

was passionate about her

children John (Julie) Sandager

of Colorado Springs, Colorado,

Mark (Karen) Sandager of

Hills, Jane (Daryl) Schubert of

Mitchell, South Dakota, and

James (Louisa) Sandager of

WestDesMoines,Iowa;afoster

son, Edward (Linda) Hartog

of Sacramento, California;

numerous grandchildren

and great-grandchildren;

a stepbrother, Ron (Barb)

Cragoe of Sioux Falls, South

Dakota: brothers and sisters

in-law, Sheldon Sandager of

Hills, Lee (Betty) Sandager

of Marine on St. Croix,

Anita Johnson of Wayzata;

numerous nieces, nephews

and other extended family

in death by her parents;

her husband, Victor; a son,

David at age 14; a brother,

Randall; a sister, Donna

Mae; her stepmother and

friend Eva Cragoe; brothers

and sisters in-law Bob and

Lenore Hansen, Henry and

Leona Goehle, Merle and

Marie Muckala, Elnora

Sandager, Paul Sandager,

Harold Johnson; and special

friends Howard and Carolyn

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Fran was preceded

members.

Crawford.

Fran is survived by her

family and friends.



funeral

Mass was Wednesday, April 11, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was in the St. Catherine Cemetery in

Shirley Marthaler was born May 15, 1928, to John and Dorothy (Woeste) Marthaler in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. In 1941 Shirley moved with her family to Brooten, where she later graduated from high school. After graduation she moved to Luverne and began working at the Rock County

Bank. Shirley married Arnie Mollberg on May 12, 1948, at St. Donates Catholic Church in Brooten. The couple lived in Luverne before moving to Centerville, South Dakota, in 1952. In 1955 they moved back to Luverne. She returned to work after her children were in school and worked at First National Bank, Frakes Water Treatment, Nelson **Department Store and the Rock** Vet Clinic for 16 years before retiring in 1990.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, the LCCW, charter Eucharistic Adorer, past member of the Luverne Country Club, and the Sewing Club. Shirley enjoyed EWTN daily rosary and Mass, reading,

knitting and crocheting, dancing at the VFW, all sporting events (in person or on the radio), get-togethers with friends, and spending time at the cabin on Lake Sarah. She was known for her potato salad and potato

Shirley is survived by five children, Diane (Terry) Gonnerman, Luverne, David (Linda) Mollberg, Luverne, Mary (Terry) McDowell, Brandon, South Dakota, Tom (Carol) Mollberg, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Linda (Jon) Rust, Rock Rapids, Iowa; a son-in-law, Jeff McClure, Brandon; 14 grandchildren, Amy (Mark) Overgaard, Mike (Paula) Gonnerman, Heather (Shane)Roberts, Amber(Tim) Walgrave, Jon (Amy) Mollberg, Jodie (Scott) Swain, Jason McDowell, Nicole (Chris) Miner, Erin (Casey) Helbling, Tanner (Cassie) McClure, Marcus Mollberg, Theresa Rust, Andy (Amanda) Rust, and Alex Rust; 32 greatgrandchildren; a brother, Jack (Liz) Marthaler, Valley City, North Dakota; and a sisterin-law, Marge Marthaler, Burnsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arnie, on Nov. 8, 2003; a daughter, Barb McClure, on April 26, 2004; an infant grandson, Christopher McClure; and a brother, Vernon Marthaler.

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

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Stephen Jensen

Stephen (Steve) Andrew Jensen ETC USN Retired, 70,

died Friday, March 23, 2018, after a two-month battle with multiple

infections resulting in heart failure. A memorial service

will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home in West Bend, Wisconsin, with visitation from 1-3 p.m. Stephen Jensen was born June 22, 1947, to Andrew

and Irene (Prahl) Jensen in Luverne. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1965. He also attended Northwestern Electronics Institute in Minneapolis. In 1967 he joined the U.S.

Navy and attended boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois. He also trained to be an electronics technician in A school.

He married Charlene Witt in January 1969, and he served his first duty station in Rota, Spain. He was transferred to the USS Brumby FF-104 at the Charleston, South Carolina, Naval Base in March of 1974. He was honorably discharged in March 1977. The family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he worked as an electronics technician at Globe Union. In May 1986 he reenlisted in the U.S. Navy as a reservist at the Naval

Reserve base in Milwaukee, where he served in the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare unit. In February 1991 he was named Sailor of the Year for his command. He retired in August 1997 after serving a total of 21 years.

In retirement he served on the Kewaskukm, Wisconsin, School Board, and was a member of the American Legion in West Bend, where he served as finance officer. He enjoyed doing woodworking and projects around the house as his health permitted.

In September 2015 he and his wife moved to Crossville, Tennessee, to live in the mountains.

He is survived by his wife Charlene (Witt) Jensen; a son, Stephen (Kim) Jensen; a daughter, Stephanie (Max Welsing) Jensen; a brother, Jeff (Deanna) Jensen; three granddaughters, Kristen (Mike) Goodwin, Amanda (Brian) Vasquez, and Brittany (Erika) Jensen; six greatgrandchildren, Raphael, Ryan, Alyssa, Hayden, Zoey, and Lexi; eight nieces and nephews, as well as numerous other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were provided by Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home, 1315 W. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095.

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NOTICES

Ignacio Lomeli

Ignacio "Nacho" Lomeli, 51, Luverne, died Thursday, April 5, 2018, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A talk, followed by sharing among family and friends, was Monday, April 9, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

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

Vance Ebert

Vance Ebert, 94, Luverne, died Monday, April 9, 2018, at theMinnesotaVeteransHome in Luverne.

Arrangements are pending with Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne. www.dingmannandsons.com.



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Love the Ladies Expo lives up to expectations/contined from Page 1A

I would say 60 to 70 percent of the people walked out of there with some type of package."

Jessica Glanzer, George, Iowa, for example, sold out of her 17 dozen cupcakes she brought to her booth, Sweet Savannah Cupcakes, at the Expo.

"I visited with another lady from Cottonwood and she said she would definitely be back because she had a great day," Lanphere said.

"Three vendors that were here last year from out of town said they sold more this year."

She said her husband, Larry Lanphere, sold 400 bags of Larry's Bretzels, nearly all that he brought to Grand Prairie Events for the

"I also had several people tell me that the seminars were great," Jane Lanphere said.

"They were very gracious about the cold tent. But who would have figured out that it would have been about 60 degrees colder on April 7 this year than it was on April 8 last year?'



Lori Sorenson photos/0412 ladies expo gardening

Below left, Rock County Master Gardener Lynette Jauert (left) discusses the concept of a "make and take portable salad garden" with Gayle Walgrave (center) and Carol Walgrave. Below right, Dawn DeWispelaere visits with Chaulk Couture designer Lisa Pals, Pipestone.







Luverne artist Jerry Deuschle displays works of his own and of other local artists (such as Nan Kaufenberg, Tom Maras, Kristin Petersen) in his booth at the Ladies Expo.



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Fanta Dopheide (left) sets out drink samples in the Sterling's restaurant booth.

At left, Stacey Rolling (left) gives an Irish cream sample to Nancy Frakes in the Blue Mound Liquor booth. In back are Kenny Rolling, liquor store manager, and Ali Dinger







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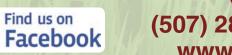
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Mavis Fodness photo/0412 Atlas Banquet 2018 Trenton Bass (left, with moderator Dan LaRock) explains he is currently attending classes at H-BC High School and is on track to graduate with his classmates in May. He is assisted at school by his older brother, Dalton.

Delivering a message of hope

Trenton Bass family shares story at ATLAS banquet of inspiration, hope for the future

By Mavis Fodness

Hope was the theme of the 2018 ATLAS of Rock County fundraising banquet Thursday night, April 5, and the teen guest speaker epitomized hope in the face of life's adversities.

Trenton Bass, a senior at Hills-Beaver Creek High School, was injured in a Sept. 8, 2017, football game. The impact to his head and neck left him a quadriplegic.

At the ATLAS event, he and his parents, Jeff and Missy, and older brothers, Colton and Dalton, appeared together on stage.

They answered questions of hope posed by family friend and moderator Dan LaRock from Hills.

Trenton narrated a five-minute video about the accident, the Sioux Falls hospital stay, and his three months in rehab in Colorado.

"After it (missed football tackle) happened, I was laying on the ground and I felt a kind of calm," he said. "After the CT scan, I saw my family. At that point it was a little more serious than I had imagined."

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Bass spent the months of September through December recovering in the hospital and completing rehab at the Craig Hospital near Denver, Colorado. Craig specializes in neuro-rehabilitation and research of patients with spinal cord injuries.

"Once I got to Craig, I saw that as 'go time," Trenton narrated. "It was time to stop sitting around and go do something."

Still images showed Trenton strengthening his shoulders and upper torso on various exercise equipment. The final images showed him sitting upright in a wheelchair.

"Hope is just looking into the future," he said. "I know what one day can do to change your life. So every day is a new day when anything can happen."

Bass carried that positive outlook back with him to his home in Hills this past January, where he resumed attending high school classes.

Three days a week he travels to Sioux Falls for continued therapy. His goal is to become as physically strong as possible in order to lead as independent a life as possible.

Trenton's hopeful outlook has touched each one of his family

members.

"Trenton gives me hope
because he is handling all of this
so well," said his mother, Missy.
"Trenton has a smile on his face
every day."

Older brothers Colton and Dalton also noticed Trenton's smile.

They admit they and their friends used to play football and wrestle hard with their little brother, who broke his nose during one tussling match.

They are older than Trenton by nine and six years respectively.

"We made him a little tougher," Colton joked.

"I have always known he was a fighter," he added.

"I never in a million years thought he would face a challenge like this. He always has a good attitude and a smile on his face."

The smiles became laughter during the story Colton shared at the April 5 banquet.

While the brothers were recently looking at family photographs, Colton teased Trenton.

"I am thankful now that I am not the shortest sibling anymore," Colton quipped about the wheel-



Mavis Fodness photo/0412 Atlas Banquet 2018

Colton Bass (second from right with microphone) said as the oldest brother he still teases Trenton — most recently about his new height. When recently looking at a family photograph, Colton remarked, "At least I am not the shortest sibling anymore." Trenton replied, "At least I am still as tall as mom in my chair." Pictured from left are Jeff and Missy Bass, Trenton, Dan LaRock, Colton and Dalton Bass.

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a new day when anything can happen."

— Trenton Bass, guest speaker at ATLAS banquet

chair.

Trenton said, "At least I am still as tall as mom in my chair."

More of the brotherly banter is exchanged between Trenton and the middle brother Dalton.

Dalton is a paraprofessional helping Trenton at school.

"It is kind of weird to get bossed around by him now," Dalton said. In the day-to-day contact, Dalton witnessed Trenton's determi-

nation.

"He is making the most out of what he's got," he said. "There is no reason for us to put a limit on Trenton's rehab, if God hasn't put a limit on it. I think he is going to do

Jeff hasn't missed his son's

big things in his life."

"Through all of this I got to know one of the strongest, most courageous, faithful persons I have ever met and it turns out to be my son,"

Jeff said.

"He is truly my inspiration here on earth and just gives me the courage to fight the fight because if he can do it, we can all do it."

Next month Trenton returns to Craig Hospital for three months in their NeuroRecovery Network or NRN. He will leave shortly after his 18th birthday on May 1.

NRN helps improve functional mobility, independence and quality of life for individuals who sustained a catastrophic spinal cord injury.

"It is still therapy again, but it is a little different approach," Trenton



Mavis Fodness photo/0412 Atlas Banquet 2018 Lonna Heideman introduced herself to banquet attendees Thursday night as Atlas' recently hired director and staff mentor.



Mavis Fodness photo/0412 Atlas Banquet 2018

Dressed as church sisters "Marlene and Darlene Brower," Luverne's DJ Luethje (left) and Brenda Winter discuss the purpose of ATLAS and encouraged financial support from banquet attendees.

The goal is to prepare for living independently.

During rehab, Trenton is anticipating returning to Hills in late May to attend his high school graduation ceremonies.

This fall he expects to start classes at South Dakota State University's mechanical engineering program.

"It's going to be a lot of learning for me, and my professors too, just finding the adaptations and some technology to help me in my career and to make going off to college as easy as possible," Trenton said.

Trenton's journey is shared by Missy Bass on the "Pray for Trenton" Facebook site. More than 17,000 people are following the site.

About ATLAS

Overcoming life's hardships through faith and mentoring is at the center of ATLAS of Rock County's mission.

There are 13 ATLAS organiza-

tions nationwide. Luverne's office is located on the second floor at 201 E. Main St.

Lonna Heideman of rural Luverne was recently hired as the organization's new director. Laura Luitjens of Luverne is ATLAS' new office assistant.

Thursday's banquet helps raise funds for ATLAS' annual \$100,000 operating and programming budget.

The group also operates a thrift store on Luverne's Main Street called Redeemed Remnants.

Two ministries operate under the ATLAS umbrella, the Loft and Matthew 6 Outreach Ministry.

The Loft provides crisis housing in Rock County and Matthew 6 supports families both emotionally and financially as they face lifethreatening medical crises.

The Bass family is one of more than 50 families who have received more than \$50,000 since the ministry began in 2006.

Unsure about next fall, Nelson braces for playoffs

By John Rittenhouse

By definition, the word limbo means an uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution.

Forlackofabetterdescription, Luverne High School senior Jaxon Nelson currently finds himself living in limbo due to some recent developments.

Nelson, who gave up his final two years of high school hockey to better himself as a player by joining the Sioux Falls Stampede of the United States Hockey League, made a verbal commitment to play college hockey at the University of Minnesota a couple of years

He always wanted to be a Golden Gopher, and the U of M coaching staff wanted him to be a part of their program.

Unfortunately for Nelson, coaching changes at the Big 10 college may alter the timeline when the Luverne standout joins the Gophers.

"It's still up in the air right now," said Chad Nelson, Jaxon's father.

"He still has a scholarship offer. It just depends upon if it will be (offered) this year or the next."

Jaxon's situation grew murky when former assistant coach **Grant Potulny and former head** coach Don Lucia bid farewell to the U of M program.

Potulny, who served as an assistant coach for Lucia for eight years, recruited Nelson heavily prior to taking the head-coachingjob at Northern Michigan University before the 2017-18 season.

Lucia stepped down as head coach of the Gophers a couple of weeks ago after 19 years of service and has since been

replaced by Bob Motzko, who served as the head coach at St. Cloud State University the past 13 seasons.

Chad Nelson said he had a conversation with Motzko at a recent Stampede game, and the coach said he plans to honor prior recruiting commitments.

"It (Jaxon being offered a scholarship) could still happenthis year. We just don't know if it will be this year. It just depends upon how many forwards they will need for next year," Chad said.

To his credit, Jaxon is more focused on the present.

He currently has produced 17 points (eight goals and nine assists) for a Sioux Falls team that already has qualified for the USHL playoffs and has three games remaining in the regular season.

Nelson finished the 2016-17 season with 18 points (seven goals and 11 assists), a year that ended without a playoff appearance for the Stampede.

"It's going a lot better this year," Jaxon said.

"We are playing a lot better as a team, which makes it a lot more fun. We have a good group of guys and we all get along with each other, which is nice."

Nelson should receive more opportunities to add to his point total this season.

After dropping a pair of games to Western Divisionleading Waterloo, Iowa, over the weekend, the Stampede are in fourth place in the division standings with 72 points.

Sioux Falls sports a twopoint edge over Lincoln, Nebraska, and trails Fargo,



Luverne High School senior Jaxon Nelson, pictured during a Section 3A playoff game in 2016, is bracing for a new experience as a second-season member of the Sioux Falls Stampede. The United States Hockey League team based in Sioux Falls has qualified for the playoffs after missing the cut last season.

North Dakota, by five points.

The Stampede complete their home slate with a game against Sioux City, Iowa, Wednesday (April 11) before capping the regular season with a pair of games in Fargo Friday and Saturday.

Placing first or second in the USHL's Western Division would give the Stampede a bye in the first round of the playoffs set for April 16-19.

The conference semifinals are tentatively set for April 20-28, the conference finals April 27-May 8 and the Clark Cup May 11-23.

Jaxon said the Stampede have defeated every team in the Western Division this season, and he is bracing for what he hopes will become an extended playoff run.

"We have a shot at winning it all," he said.

"The first three series will be the toughest to win because the Western Division is a lot stronger than the Eastern

Division this year. We can beat anyone, we just have to put our noses down and keep on going."

What happens after the playoffs remains unclear.

If the Gophers don't offer a scholarship for next season, another year of playing Stampede hockey is another possibility for Jaxon.

"I never really was recruited by St. Cloud, and I never have talked to the new coach (Motzko) personally," Jaxon

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through what has been

weeks of spring in 2018. Most reasonable people

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recollection, I vowed not to

take on Mother Nature ever

again during one month of

One of the Rittenhouse

family traditions was to

rent a cabin on a lake 45

minutes from our home in

Breckenridge twice every

For a guy who loves

lakes of Otter Tail County,

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Mother Nature reminds

us who is in charge

"Hopefully I can build a relationship with him and make it work."

Chad Nelson believes Jaxon will do whatever it takes to live his dream of playing hockey for the Gophers.

"It really doesn't matter to him who the coach is. It's the Gophers atmosphere, and being a Gopher is what he wants," Chad said.



Some of Sunday's snow that fell in Luverne still covered the high school tennis courts at noon Monday.

Weather is dominating spring sports scene

By John Rittenhouse

The winter-like conditions that have ruled southwest Minnesota during the first two weeks of spring have sidelined the athletes from Star Herald coverage area schools.

According to an unofficial tally, a total of 22 events should have been staged before the sun set Monday evening.

Theofficialtallyofcompleted events stands at one.

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team participated in a doubles tournament at an indoor facility in St. Peter March 31.

To date, that's the lone event on the spring slate that has been completed.

The other 21 events have been cancelled, rescheduled or could be rescheduled in what basically will be reduced to a seven-week time span to stage regular season events.

Track teams from LHS, Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne have taken the

biggest schedule hits to date.

All four squads were scheduled to compete at meets in Luverne on March 27 and April 3, but both events have been cancelled.

The annual Cardinal Relays set for Tuesday in Luverne has been moved to Thursday, and all four schools are expected to participate.

Luverne's baseball and softball teams have had three games rescheduled to date.

The Cardinal baseball team now will play a game in Adrian April 23 (rescheduled from March 29), host Martin County West April 27 (rescheduled from April 3) and play a twin bill in Redwood Falls Thursday (rescheduled from April 5).

The Cardinal softball team, which was scheduled to host Adrian Area to open the season March 27, will play a doubleheaderwhentheteams meet in Ellsworth April 30.

Luverne's softball team now

Local wrestler places second in Rochester over weekend

travels to Edgerton April 16 (rescheduled from April 5) and hosts Fairmont May 7 (rescheduled from April 6).

The Luverne boys' golf team didn't have any outings listed on its schedule prior to April 10, but threatening weather over the weekend probably will force the April 10 meet in Windom to be rescheduled.

The LHS girls' golf squad had their 2018 debut at the Worthington Invitational on Saturday rescheduled for April 20.

Although the LHS tennis team did compete in St. Peter in late March, the Cardinals had two events postponed last week.

LHS now hosts Vermillion Thursday (rescheduled from April 5) and Madison April 17 (rescheduled from April 3).

Along with having the game against Luverne rescheduled, the Adrian baseball team is seeking to find a date to host

Jackson County Central for a game that was postponed Friday.

The Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams have had events postponed or cancelled as well.

The Patriot golfers were set to host Southwest Christian for a meet at Meadow Acres Country Club April 3, but the event was cancelled.

H-BC also had meets in Lamberton (Monday), Fulda (Tuesday) and Adrian (April 12) postponed.

No makeup dates have been announced for those events.

Along with the match against H-BC, the Adrian golf teams have had matches in Lamberton (April 6), in Worthington (April 7) and at home against Southwest Christian (April 9) postponed.

Only the Worthington Invitational has been rescheduled (now set for April 20) at this point.

beautiful late afternoon weather, I got into our rented boat on the south side of Long Lake and traveled to the north side of the body of water.

afternoon.

Since the fishing was good, I ignored the clouds building in the western sky and kept on angling.

I did catch a few more fish, but there was a price to be paid for that when the wind picked up and the ensuing waves turned the lake into an obstacle.

A powerful boat motor

From the SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

would have solved my problem at that point, but the 2.5 horsepower Elgin latched onto the stern of the boat was anything but explosive.

What should have been a 10-minute mile ride across the water turned into a 40-minute adventure that ended with me nearly kissing the ground in front of our rental cabin.

Needless to say, Mother Nature taught me a lesson I'll never forget.

Nature hasn't challenged me in that way this spring, but it's beginning to break me down both physically and mentally.

As I was writing this column on Monday, I could feel the aches and pains in my muscles from scooping six inches of snow off the driveway and sidewalk twice on Sunday.

From a mental standpoint, I can't imagine a worse vision than looking at one-half of one foot of snow on the ground when we are less than three weeks away from the month of May.

I'm pretty sure the athletes waiting to open the spring sports season in Luverne and the surrounding schools are feeling the same way.

By this time last year, I already had photographed three track meets, one softball game, one baseball game and one tennis match.

In 2018 I've yet to cover my first outdoor event. The athletes and I know

the games will begin eventually, but it won't happen until Mother Nature releases its grip on us all.

By John Rittenhouse

A member of the Luverne YouthWrestlingClubturnedin a place-earning performance at the Northland Youth WrestlingStateTournamentin Rochester over the weekend.

Kane Akkerman, one of seven members of the Luverne club to participate at the tournament, fell one win

short of capturing a state title. Competing in the 130-pound class for first- and

compiled a 2-1 record to place second in the division. Braylynn Altman went 2-2

second-graders, Akkerman

at the state tournament. Jade Johnson, Ashton Altman and Jaden Reisch all

Akkerman dropped both of

their matches at the state classic.

went 1-2 in Rochester.

The Cardinal wrestlers are coached by Cody Hess.

Brody Kopp and Nathan

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Thursday, April 12: 8:30 a.m. MIA. Friday, April 13: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 14: Women's Spring Conference in Fellowship Hall. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, April 15: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship; Sunday School; Adult Study. 6:30 p.m. National Youth Gathering meeting. Monday, April 16: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, April 17: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Meet for Ride and Dine. Wednesday, April 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors meeting. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, April 19: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 6:30 p.m. Executive Ministry meeting.

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

Sunday, April 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, April 16: 7 p.m. Voters meeting. Wednesday, April 18: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. 4:30-7 p.m. Public Supper.

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

 $Thursday, April\,12:5:30\,p.m.\,Tumbling\,Tikes.\,Friday, April\,13:6:30\,a.m.\,Community$ Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6 p.m. Commons reserved. Saturday, April 14: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission service. Sunday, April 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 3 p.m. Triumphant Sound Quartet concert. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, April 16: 7 p.m. Ridder Team meeting. Tuesday, April 17: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, April 18: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/ YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 7:30 p.m. PC Awards Night. Thursday, April 19: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4 Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

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

Thursday April 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, April 14: 8 p.m. AAMeeting. Sunday, April 15: 9:30 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/ Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, April 16: Messenger deadline. Noon LLP Mentor Group in Mankato. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, April 18: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, April 19: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 5-6:30 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, April 12: 9 a.m. PW Executive Committee meeting. 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, April 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. 11:15 a.m. Fellowship. Tuesday, April 17: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on cable access channels. Wednesday, April 18: 1:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle at Poplar Creek. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; MS Fellowship. Thursday, April 19: 10 a.m. Worship on cable access channels.

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

Thursday, April 12: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge meeting at LHS. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, April 14: 7:40 a.m. LWML depart for rally in Marshall at 9 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, April 15: 9 a.m. Worship; Junior Choir sings. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir Celebration. Monday, April 16: Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, April 17: 1 and 6 p.m. Quilting, 2 p.m. Circle meetings. Wednesday, April 18: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Youth supper. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. Thursday, April 19: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group.

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: newlifecelebration@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 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: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com Thursday, April 12: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, April 13: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, April 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Thursday, April 19: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. (605) 757-6662

Sunday, April 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, April 17: 7 p.m. Church Council. Wednesday, April 18: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

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

Thursday, April 12: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, April 15: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, April 18:7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025

Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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-Drever 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Sunday, April 15: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, April 17: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, April 18: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Joint Circles meet at Village Garden. 7:30 p.m. Circle of Hope at Marilyn

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

What is truth?

A person of integrity wants to know that the information used to make decisions is valid and

true. This can require a lot of time and effort to verify the validity of your information. The problem is, who wants to make this type of investment every time we have a decision to make.

In order to get around this dilemma, we count on "experts" who have proven themselves reliable over time. We trust information that has stood the test of time. And finally, we act upon what we believe to be true from our own experiences.

For many years this has been a fairly reliable way to make decisions. But it has not always worked out. No one has proven to be reliable all of the time. Sources of information that were thought to be trustworthy have failed at times.

In Biblical times, Pontius Pilate, Roman governor of Israel, even asked Jesus Christ, "What is truth?" He was questioning what Jesus had said, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice (John 19:37)." Pilate believed that "truth" was determined by whoever had the power to back up what was spoken. Therefore truth could change with the change of power.

I believe that this kind of thinking has corrupted our modern times. No longer is truth absolute (true for everyone and for all time). All too many people believe that truth is personal and changeable with time. This kind of thinking is divisive and destructive because it separates us all into our own little groups. It leads us to think that we don't have to listen to one another because we can all do our own thing. We should tolerate one another because there is no longer a right and wrong that fits all of us. All of this thinking is a lie that comes from the "father of lies," also known as the devil. It also feeds our sinful flesh and fills the

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Gary Klatt, pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

sinful world with more destructive thinking.

Jesus spoke the truth that leads us all back to where life began with God. From this beginning we learn that God is the source of all truth because he is the Creator of all that is good. He is still active in his creation, always working for the good of those whom he has given

Man does not always understand the ways of God because we have become corrupted in our human flesh. The very first sin for man was his wanting to become like God so that he didn't need the true God. This false thinking was the result of a lie spoken by the devil. The lies that people choose to believe will never succeed in giving them what they want because they don't possess the power they promise.

God's Word does possess the power to deliver what it promises because God always stands behind what he has spoken. We may not always understand the truth that God speaks, but we can always trust it because God has proven himself faithful from the beginning of time. He has never broken a promise or lied about anything. His love and devotion to mankind was proven when he sacrificed his Son, Jesus Christ and then raised him from the dead. This was his way of defeating the lies of the devil and the power of sin because now he promises new life to all who will "listen to my voice."

He has the words of life and truth that we all need to make the right decisions in our life. He invites you to walk with him and he will lead you all the way to eternity with him in heaven. This is the truth for all mankind!

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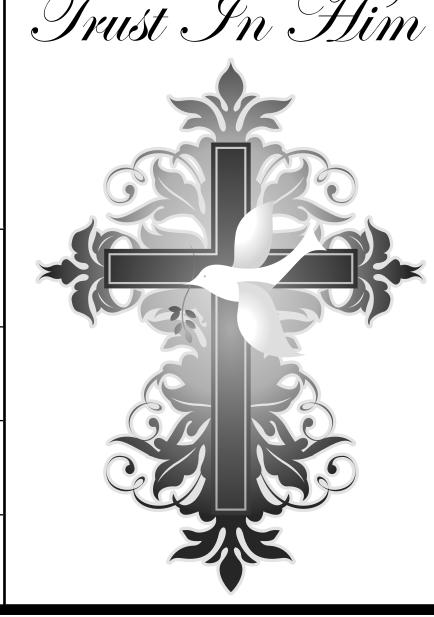
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Public Notices

Rock County seeks seal coat proposals by April 23 COUTNY WIDE SEAL COATS / S.A.P. 067-030-014

BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. APRIL 23RD, 2018 LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed *Bid Packets* will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday April 23rd, 2018

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, May 8TH, 2018 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

The project will consist of county wide seal coats.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 833,136 Sq. Yds. Bituminous Seal Coat; 251,584 Gal. Bituminous Material For Seal Coat; 467,265 Lin. Ft. 4" Solid Line White - Paint; 175,774 Lin. Ft. 4" Solid Line Yellow - Paint; & 60,064 Lin. Ft. 4" Broken Line Yellow.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock. mn.us/highway . Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$30.00. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn

in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-030-014". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer (3-29, 4-5, 4-12)

Notice of public hearing for Haroldson conditional use permit

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 7:10 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2018. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Nathan Haroldson

Location: SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 6 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Expansion of an existing feedlot to more than 1000 animal units

The conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of one total confinement barn housing 2400 head of finishing swine between 33 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, the permitted capacity of the existing facility is 720 animal units

The expansion shall consist of adding one total confinement barn to house 2400 head of finishing swine. All manure will be stored in under-floor concrete pits. After the expansion, the facility shall hold 4800 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds.

Using 0.3 animal units per head, the total capacity of the site will be 1440 animal units

Dated: April 5, 2018

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

(4-5, 4-12)

ISD #2184 seeks grounds equipment bids April 23

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Luverne, Minnesota March 22, 2018

Bids will be received by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne, Minnesota, for the following grounds equipment:

A. One (1) Commercial Cab Front Mower with Discharge Deck, Snowblower and Broom Attachments

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018, at the District Office in the Middle-Senior High School Building, Luverne, Minnesota.

Specifications and information may be obtained at the Office of the Super-

intendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technicalities. Shelly Sandbulte

Clerk

(4-12, 4-19)

Rock County seeks highway bids by April 30

S.A.P. 067-605-012; S.A.P. 067-616-009; S.A.P. 067-620-014; S.A.P. 067-620-015 Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at

Luverne, Minnesota until 10:00 A.M. on Monday April 30th, 2018.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 41,172 Sq. Yds. Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation; 129,843 Gallons Bituminous Material for Mixture; 57,799 Sq. Yds. Mill Bituminous Pavement; 13,617 Tons Type SP 12.5 Bituminous Wear Course Mix; 2,974 Tons Aggregate Shouldering Class 1.

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The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-605-012, etc." The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer

(4-5, 4-12, 4-19)

Notice of public hearing for Hoff variance request

Close Proximity Owners and Local Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment.

Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 16, 2018, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:00 pm to act on the following application:

A request for a variance to allow the placement of a new farm machinery storage shed which would encroach upon the required setback of 130 feet from the centerline of County Road 11, or also known as 100th Avenue as allowed in the Rock County Zoning

Property Owner & Applicant: Roger and Lisa Hoff Legal Description: NE 1/4 of Section 18 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W,

Rock County, Minnesota

The property described is zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by rep-

Dated: April 5, 2018

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

(4-5, 4-12)

Rock County Commissioners meet Feb. 20

Herreid Board Room Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M. February 20, 2018

The meeting was called order by Vice Chair Burger with Commissioners Williamson and Overgaard present; Commissioners Thompson and Reisch absent. Also in attendance were County Administrator Oldre, and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

Motion by Williamson, seconded Overgaard to approve the February 20, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson to approve the February 06, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Cathleen Amick, UCAP Transit Director, presented information regarding RTCC Planning grant and requested a letter of support from Rock County to accompany the grant application; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ms. Amick also presented a transit update stating in 2017, over 21,000 rides had been logged. Currently they are implementing a computerized scheduling system for the dispatcher and upon a successful training period, will then implement the computerized system to the bus drivers. Amick also stated that they have also hired an additional full time dispatcher and that they will be presenting a future request to change the fares; more information will be presented a later date.

Calla Jarvie, Rock County Community Library Director introduced herself to the County Board; the Commissioners welcomed her and wished her well in serving as Rock County's new Library Director.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims with an additional from the Rural Energy Board for the 2018 dues of \$2,500.00; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to pay the claims with the addition, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's

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FEBRUARY 20, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
CHS	3,353.87
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC	9,550.55
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	4,625.00
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	5,747.73
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	9,947.16
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORP	6,258.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	7,890.65
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	2,255.38
LUVERNE/CITY OF	3,353.80
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	13,637.50
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	2,251.55
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,826.76
RUNCHEY, LOUWAGIE & WELLMAN	2,023.92
RURAL MN ENERGY BOARD	2,500.00
STONEBROOKE	3,495.73
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	3,625.70
WEX BANK	2,188.64
ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	5,778.52
69 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	23,248.16
TOTAL	\$114,558.62
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The Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board of an employee retirement for Carol Weber with an effective date of May 31, 2018; also stated that interviews are scheduled for the RCRW Systems Manager and Deputy Auditor/Treasurer-

Accountant positions. The County Board was in receipt of a One Watershed One Plan meeting announcement scheduled for February 21st at 9:30AM; purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the structure of the multi county/SWCD member organization.

The Administrator briefly discussed the timelines for the AMC Legislative Conference scheduled for February 28 - March 1 in St. Paul.

The Administrator presented an Emergency Management Conference update stating the EMPG may get cut by twenty-four percent, implementing a web-based Regional EOC, FEMA may implement some type of deductible for disaster related reimbursements instead of paying one hundred percent and that the State of Minnesota is requiring homebased Daycare facilities to have an emergency plan documented as part of their license requirement.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Burger had no report.

 $Commissioner\,Overgaard\,stated\,that\,he\,attended\,an\,Extension\,meeting\,where$ the 2018 MOU was discussed; also attended a township-fire protection meeting, Fair Board and Kenneth City Council meeting.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended a One Watershed One

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

declared adjourned. (4-12)

Kruse probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COURT FILE NO.67-PR-18-86

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF ROCK** Estate of Melinda Jean Kruse 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 May 7, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated January 9, 2018 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jody O'Brien, whose address is 1503 Nichols Avenue, Okoboji, Iowa 51355, 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 the Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: April 5, 2018.

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

Attorney for Petitioners Craig J. Krogstad (Attorney ID 0387866) Jordan J. Feist (Attorney ID 0398268) Woods, Fuller, Schultz &Smith P.C. 300 South Phillips Avenue, Suite 300 Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Telephone: (605) 336-3890 FAX: (605) 339-3357 Email: Craig.Krogstad@woodsfuller.com

Email: Jordan.Feist@woodsfuller.com

(4-12, 4-19)

Rural Water seeks bids by April 27

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Owner: Rock County Rural Water District Owner's Address: 541 150th Avenue Luverne, MN 56156

2018 Blue Mounds State Park Water Service Project: Sealed BIDS for the construction of the 2018 Blue Mounds State Park Water Service will be received by Rock County Rural Water District at the Rock County Courthouse, before 10:00 A.M. local time April 27, 2018, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be acted upon by the Owner at a later time. The Project shall

consist of the following work and approximate quantities and kinds of materials: Construction of approximately 3 miles of 3" and 4" PVC water main, valves crossings, rock excavation/blasting, and miscellaneous work.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis. Bids mailed prior to the bid letting shall be mailed to the Rock County Rural Water District office, 541 150th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156. Bids received on day of the bid letting shall be handed in at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Rock County Rural Water District 541 150th Avenue Luverne, MN 56156

DGR Engineering 1302 South Union Street Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$15.00 by inputting Quest project #5687990 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, lowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$50.00, none of which is refundable.

All proposals shall be made on forms provided by the Engineer.

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security payable to the Owner for 10% of the total bid as a certified or bank check or Bid Bond. As soon as the bid prices have been compared, the Owner will return the bond of all except the three lowest, responsive, responsible bidders for each Schedule. The bonds of the two remaining unsuccessful bidders will be retained until the earlier of seven days after the Effective Date of the Agreement or 35 days after the Bid opening. The bond of the successful bidder will be retained until the contract and surety bond have been executed and approved, after which it will be returned.

With submittal of a Bid, the Contractor represents that he has visited the site, familiarized himself with the local conditions under which the work is to be performed, and correlated his observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid. Contractor's Proposals shall hold firm for 35 days from the date of opening. Mutually agreed upon extensions of time may be made, if necessary

ROCK COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT

Dated: 4/5/2018

By /s/Paul Heronimus **Board President** (4-12, 4-19)

Hoff probate

DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NO. 67 PR-18-87

In Re: Estate of Verlyn Lee Hoff, also known as Verlyn L. Hoff and Verlyn Hoff,

Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application of Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated April 11, 2012. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Tamara Hoff, whose address is 1377 U.S. Hwy 75, Luverne, MN 56156, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as

personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection. Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal

representatives have the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent,

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representatives or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred, Dated April 2, 2018

> /s/ Terry Vajgrt Terry S. Vajgrt - Registrar

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Rock County Commissioners meet March 6

Herreid Board Room Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M. March 6, 2018

The meeting was called order by Chair Thompson with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were County Administrator Oldre and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the March 06, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the February 20, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Southwest Health and Human Services Representatives Tara Vander Steen. Keri Peterson and Jessica Schmit presented an overview of the application process to become a licensed daycare provider; typically it takes two to three months to get licensed with a renewal every two years. Currently, Rock County has 36 licensed daycare providers and they charge on average \$2.50/child. A shortage is anticipated in Luverne due to existing providers reaching retirement age; many younger providers stay licensed short term until their own children reach school age. Daycare shortages are statewide crises.

Petersen and Vander Steen also discussed federal assistance available to qualifying participates, which indicated that the sliding fee schedule has many variables. Assistance also requires additional paperwork for the provider, so the participant would have to find a daycare that is willing to participate with the assistance process. After considerable discussion, the County Board thanked Petersen, Schmit and Vander Steen for their informative presentation.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director presented a 2017 Feedlot recap to include activity and the financial report; requested approval of the 2017 Feedlot Summary Report and the 2017 Annual County Feedlot Officer Report Supplemental Report. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. Bos also stated that new construction for 2018

Bos also presented an update regarding One Watershed One Plan, a 14-member entity that has been working under a Memorandum of Agreement to develop a Water Plan for the 14-member area. The organization is proposing a Joint Powers Agreement to determine the governance and to clearly state the intention and function of the organization. The JPA governance structure is identified as Policy Committee, Planning Committee and Advisory Committee. Potential funding for each region for Water Plan development and compliance is \$800,000 - \$850,000.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, reviewed details of the 5-Year Construction Plan 2018-2022 and requested comments or questions; after discussion, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to adopt the 2018-2022 5-Year Construction Plan and to authorize an informational meeting to present the 5-Year Construction Plan scheduled for April 3rd at 1:30PM, declared carried on a voice vote. The informational meeting will be held in the basement of the Rock County Community Library.

The Engineer presented the bid results for SAP 067-599-179, a bridge construction project over the Split Rock Creek in Rose Dell Township:

•Prahm Construction \$348,380.00 ·Structural Specialities Inc. \$370,552.00 •M & K Bridge Constructin, Inc \$417,512.00 •ICON Constructors, LLC \$439,620.00

On a recommendation by the Engineer, motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to accept the low compliant bid from Prahm Construction of \$348,380.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented Per Diems of \$200.00 and the claims; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

MARCH 6, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000 AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC 2,615.77 SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS INC 6,136.97 SANFORD HEALTH 4,655.00 SHORT - ELLIOTT - HENDRICKSON INC 2,941.98 62 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 27,771.79 \$44,121.51 Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson to approve the Fund Balance

report as presented, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board that Rock County has been notified of the 2018 Wind Production Tax for the amount of \$825,431.35, a slight decrease from 2017. The Auditor/Treasurer provided a distribution breakdown which indicated that the county receives eighty percent of the amount with the remaining twenty percent to go to townships that have wind turbines in their township.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented an update of a recent Minnesota Association of County Offices (MACO) conference: MACO membership is County Auditors. Treasurers and Recorders. Overall the conference was good and included discussion pertaining their legislative platform, MNLARS and professional development sessions

The Auditor/Treasurer information the County Board that Katie Kopp has accepted Rock County's employment offer for Deputy Auditor-Treasurer/Accountant and will begin employment March 26, 2018. Also stated that tax statements are due to be mailed out March 23rd.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 06-18, a request to MN Department of Natural Resources to conduct an Aggregate Resource Study, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a recap of the AMC Legislative Conference identifying the following as priorities: Land Acquisitions, Mental Health Regional Crisis Centers & Supportive Housing, Opioids, Broadband Development funding and Transportation fund.

The Administrator requested authorization to submit an application for Opportunity Zones designation from MN Employment & Economic Development; the designation is not intended to compete with TIF's or any other type of development incentives. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was reminded of the County Board retreat scheduled for

March 20th following the regular scheduled County Board meeting. The County Board was in receipt of a summary changes to be made to the Plum Creek Joint Powers Agreement; all changes have been through a legal review. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the proposed changes to the Plum Creek JPA, declared carried on a voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended a City/County Liaison meeting.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended a Southwest Health & Human Services meeting, AMC Legislative Conference and will be attending the March 16 LIFT meeting/banquet.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended a One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) meeting, AMC Legislative Conference, Planning & Zoning meeting and City/County Liaison meeting.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended a Rock County Opportunities meeting, 1W1P meeting and Rural Water meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the AMC Legislative

The Administrator informed the County Board that an employment offer has been made to Ryan Holtz for the Systems Manager at Rock County Rural Water, effective March 19, 2018.

The Administrator also stated that the needed repairs to the elevator will begin on March 12th and that the elevator will be out of service for approximately two

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

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EMPLOYMENT

FamilyU, Luverne's School Aged Child Care program, is seeking applicants for a parttime Child Care Assistant for Summer 2018, and possibly school year after school care. Qualified candidates must be a high school sophomore or older, have experience working with K-5 children, and demonstrate positive behavior management skills. Weekday hours vary from 15-40 hours per week, June 1 through August 24. Apply at Luverne Community Education, 709 N. Kniss Ave, Luverne. Application deadline - April 17. EOE (4.1-4.12)

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The family of Frances Sandager would like to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful care and support from the Tuff Memorial Nursing Home, Tuff Village, Sanford Hospice and Jurrens Funeral Home. We would also like to thank the community for their support given during this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer for her spiritual guidance. (4.12-4.15)

We would like to thank Mary Jane Brown Home and Sanford Hospice for the wonderful care given to Wilma Jeffer. Thank you to the community for all of the support given to us during this difficult time. We would also like to thank Dingmann Funeral Home for the arrangements and Pastor Tom Voigt for the beautiful service.

The Family of Wilma Jeffer (4.8-4.12)

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For full job description, please go online at: http://www.swmhc.org

- 1. Click on the Careers tab toward the top of the web page.
- 2. Click on Search for Jobs.
- 3. In the Quick Search, click on Positions by Facility. 4. Click on Southwestern Mental Health Center and search for this position to apply.

If you need further assistance, Email: david.vinzant@swmhc.org Phone: 507-283-9511

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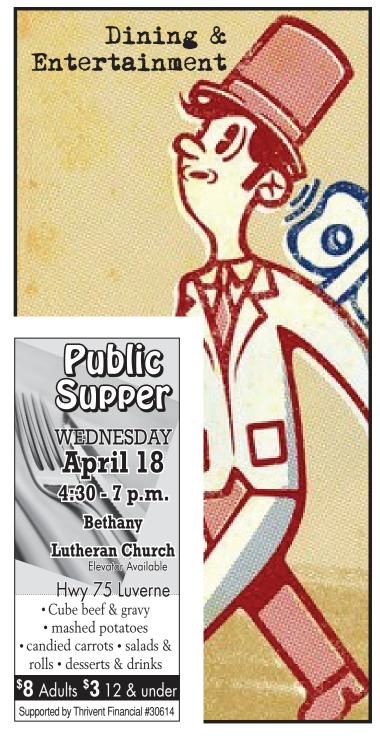
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