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Mavis Fodness photo/0426 Hats

Musical asks, 'What's under your hat?'



"Hats! A Musical that Celebrates What's Underneath" was performed Friday by 179 first- and third-graders in the Luverne Elementary School gymnasium. The John Jacobson and John Higgins production followed the story of Ima Milliner (portrayed by third-grader Reagan Gangestad) and her search for the perfect hat. Ima has help from other hat makers (called milliners) in designing a hat unlike everyone else's. Director Beth Capistran said the production fits into the school's lesson on kindness. "It doesn't matter what hat you wear on your head, it's what's inside of us."

Pictured above, singing the opening song, "Let's Party," are (from left) Lucas Madison, Hannah Cowell, Wed Kadhim, Keagan Jessen, Brody Kopp, Riley Wenzel, Harlie DeKam, Dallas Hultgren and James Wendlandt.

At left, Porter McClure, a first-grader, suggests making a coonskin hat like his for Ima Milliner, who doesn't have a hat.

At far left, third-grader Dylan Hoff, dressed as Uncle Sam, leads the choir in "Uncle Sam Is Who I Am."



At left, Madden Von Tersch, Charlie Von Tersch and James Waddington sing "Keep Your Head in the Game." **Below**, is cowboy Ryder Kobernusz.



DNR unveils Blue Mounds 'Bison Buggy'

12-person vehicle to be featured at Legacy celebration Sunday in Marshall

By Lori Sorenson

The long-awaited bison buggy for the Blue Mounds State Park will be unveiled Sunday as part of a Minnesota celebration of Parks and Trails Legacy funding.

For nearly two years, state and local officials have been working on design and engineering for a vehicle to bring park visitors closer to the elusive bison that have become a signature feature at the Blue Mounds.

It will carry up to 12 passengers across the bison pasture for 90-minute educational tours, which will start Memorial Day weekend.

"The only word that comes to mind is 'excited,'" said Amber Brooks, the Blue Mounds State Park naturalist. "I'm ready for it to be here and I'm ready to drive it."

She'll travel to Marshall Sunday for a Parks and Trails Legacy Celebration that will feature the unveiling of the Blue Mounds Bison Buggy.

It was built with passengers' safety in mind, as well as its footprint on prairie resources.

"For me, it's 100 percent about conservation," Brooks said. "I'm absolutely passionate about the prairie. There's only 1 percent of native prairie left, so these areas are really important."

Brooks said she understands public curiosity about bison, but she said the buggy's purpose has a much



"... prairies are so much more, and I want people to get out and feel it and smell it and breathe it."

— Amber Brooks, BMSP naturalist

Bison Buggy/see page 8A

Olympic athlete to bring message of faith to Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

A Minnesota Olympic athlete will visit Luverne Sunday, April 29, with a message about how faith helped her through life and the Olympics.

Gisele "Gigi" Marvin is a three-time medal-winning Olympic hockey player, most recently as a member of the U.S. gold medal team in February.

The Warroad native started playing hockey as a child and kept with the sport through high school, college and now as an amateur athlete.

Grace Lutheran Church and the Luverne Hockey Association worked together to bring Marvin's message to Luverne.

Carrie Overgaard, children, family and learning coordinator at Grace Lutheran, said it is not often a religious youth group and a youth hockey group can work together.



Submitted photo

Three-time Olympic medalist Gisele "Gigi" Marvin will be in Luverne Sunday, April 29, to share her story on faith and the U.S.A. hockey team.

She said the church youth committee looks for guest speakers who encapsulate faith in

Olympic message/see page 3A

More than 60 on local trap shoot team

By Mavis Fodness

The number of students interested in target shooting tripled since last year when Luverne Middle-High School first joined the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League.

Joining the 35 LHS students this year are an additional 29 eighth-through 12-grade students from Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

H-BC coach Craig Scholten said school officials had looked at starting a clay target team for several years when the idea became a reality this year.

"It's another option for the kids to come and have fun," he said.

The program's focus is on safe use of a shotgun and its proper discharge at clay targets.

Teams began practice earlier this month and this week began the five-week competition season.

In Luverne the 35 middle and high school students registered for the 2018 season almost triples the total of 12 participants last year.

"This year we had a little more preparation with students and



Lori Sorenson photo/0425 trapshoot

Shooting at the Sportsman's Club April 16 are (from left) Cash Bonnett, Holden Overgaard, Grant Wieneke, Jacob Henning and Austin Watts-Boll.

parents," said head coach Scott Loosbrock.

No juniors or seniors competed for Luverne last year, nor are there any upperclassmen on this year's

team. The number, however, does include four girls. H-BC also has four girls on its team.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Regional Autism Network Group will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the Worthington High School Media Center. The program is free, and interpreters are available. A medical doctor will discuss sensory integration. Call Allison Eitrem at 507-920-6334.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the home of Clerk/Treas. Teresa Kramer.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, with Dianna Tomlinson. Call 283-9552 or 220-1322 with questions.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Catherine east parking lot to carpool to Hardwick for an 11:30 a.m. lunch at the Green Lantern with cards/games to follow. Call Donna at 283-8019 by May 8.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at noon Monday, May 14, for a potluck salad luncheon and meeting. Members should bring their own place setting and a salad to share. Call Alvina Christoffels at 283-2297.

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.

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

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

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

NOTICE: Street closure April 26

Sunshine Avenue (County Highway 4) between Walnut Avenue and Warren Street, will be closed Thursday, April 26, for the modification of a concrete box culvert crossing underneath Sunshine Avenue. The duration of the project should be 1-2 days. Call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions.

Additional 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. May 17 and June 21. The food shelf is located at the United Methodist Church with alley access. Call Mary at 507-227-5548 with questions.

Ecumenical Coffee May 2

The First Presbyterian Church invites all area women to their annual Ecumenical Coffee Hour at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 2. Speaker Judy Rops will present the program titled "Song of Hope," in which she shares her experiences as a breast cancer survivor and her mission trip to Palestine.

Help plant food forest April 26-28

Your help is needed to plant a public food forest at 308 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne. The work times are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 26-28, and volunteers may work any length of time during those hours. Please bring shovels and spades of all sizes, wheelbarrows, pitchforks and large wire cutters as able. For more information, contact Kim Rockman at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Knights Tootsie Rolls event April 28

The Luverne Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser for Intellectual Disabilities at Teal's Market and Shopko on Saturday, April 28. Proceeds are donated to Rock County Opportunities (RCO). Contact Randy Walgrave at 507-220-0332.

Look for Community Ed summer brochure in April 29 Announcer

The Luverne Community Education summer brochure will be included in the April 29 Luverne Announcer. Sign up for summer rec activities like morning rec, arts and crafts, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, track, and more by May 23.

Silent movie at Palace April 29

The silent movie, "The Freshman," will be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the historic Palace Theatre in Luverne, featuring Leona Hoek on the classic theater organ. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.



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'Tapester' is new artist at Lord Grizzly Gallery

The next show at Lord Grizzly Gallery in Luverne will feature the work of Dr. Rick Love, a Twin Cities-based artist who works in a multitude of mediums and methodologies on themes related to power and language.

According to gallery owners and curators Cody and Nicole Henrichs, Love has in recent years embarked on a series of work that centers on beauty, self, cliché and collaboration.

"In this show Rick is exploring the nature of an organic, intuitive, fluid art practice, where decisions are made based on instinct and need," Cody Henrichs said.

He said this exhibition, Tapester, "is driven by an experience on the border of Italy and Slovenia where the artist was inspired by the thin red line that separates the two countries."



Love, pictured here assembling his display in Luverne Sunday, is currently the head of Northwestern Art Department and a professor in Printmaking. His work will be on display in Luverne April 27 through May 25. Gallery hours for this show will be Thursdays 4-8, Fridays 4-8 and Saturdays 2-9. The gallery is located downtown Luverne on Main Street.

Rock County a potential federal Opportunity Zone

By Mavis Fodness

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton chose portions of Rock County to be recognized federally as "Opportunity Zones" for economic development.

The selected area includes the portions of the city of Luverne and Luverne Township plus the townships of Magnolia, Martin, Clinton and Kanaranzi. Also included in the designation are the cities of Magnolia, Hills and Steen.

Opportunity Zones encourage long-term investments in low-income rural and urban communities nationwide.

Gov. Dayton announced Friday the 128 eligible zones selected for the federal designation.

Zones were also designated in Pipestone and Nobles counties.

In March officials from the state Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) asked administrators from the state's 87 counties to help in the zone selection process.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre submitted the paperwork for the parcels in Rock County to be considered for the program.

Oldre saw the Opportunity Zones program as a potential selling point to outside investors.

"It's another tool in the economic development tool box," he said.

There were 509 areas throughout the state that met the federal government's guidelines based on census and income information. The governor chose 25 percent of that amount.

Poverty levels in Rock County's selected zone are at 17.90 percent with an average household income of \$46,528. Unemployment is 1.8 percent. Opportunity Zones is a program within the federal government's Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.

Federal officials will announce which of the state's designated parcels are formally accepted into the program later this year.

Pheasant Opener committee seeks \$15,000 from city

Luverne has been selected as the host community for the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, and a local committee is preparing for the Oct. 13 event.

Among other things, the committee is tasked with securing sponsors to help fund the weekend events and activities.

Committee Chairman Rick Peterson approached the Luverne City Council members at their Tuesday, April 17, meeting to request \$15,000 in public support.

"We're estimating it will bring in \$835,000 worth of advertising exposure for the community," Peterson said.

"It's not about the bird harvest, it's about the exposure."

The city's contribution he said could be considered advertising dollars spent at home, rather than paying to promote the community to outside areas.

He compared the hunt-

ing opener to the Ken Burns documentary film, "The War," in terms of putting Luverne in the spotlight.

"This can be a brag session for us for years to come," Peterson said. "Luverne will be able to put another feather in its hat and say, 'We hosted the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.'"

Peterson said the committee is requesting financial support from other government entities, from corporate sponsors and from local businesses and organizations.

Councilwoman Caroline Thorson agreed the Governor's opener will be "an amazing opportunity," and asked what the general public can do to help.

"We can look at it this way," Peterson said.

"We have a whole bunch of company, and we can take this time to spruce up and clean up our yards."

Council members took no action Tuesday but said they would consider the request at a future meeting.



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Lori Sorenson photos/0426 trapshooting

The Luverne High School trapshooting team started its season April 26 at the Rock County Sportsman's Club near Luverne. Pictured at the gun club during an April 16 practice are (front, from left) Marshal Dammann, Hunter Ahrendt, Peter Baustian, Cooper Arends, Mason Wenzel, Carter Loosbrock, Mason Steensma, Jaden Knips, Austin Watts-Boll, Colby Crabtree, Justin Dohman, Eric Somnis, Colton Schutz, Cameron Kopp, (second row) Joe Loosbrock, Delbert Gangestad, Chris Aning, Chase Overgaard, Ayden Bonnett, Austin Ossefoort, Jacob Henning, Noah Mehlhaff, Cash Bonnett, Holden Overgaard, James Bullerman, Samuel Honnerman, Collin Anderson, coach Scott Loosbrock, (back) Pat Baustian, Mitchell Schomacker, Tryg Gangestad, Grant Wieneke, Austin Henning, J.T. Remme, Lacey Saker, Leah Wynia, Cheyenne Schutz, Mike Gangestad, Jeff Ahrendt. Not pictured are Morgan Ahrendt and Joe Schoneman.

For its first year, the Hills-Beaver Creek School District registered 29 students as members of its clay target shooting team. Pictured below its members include (front row, from left) Zander Wysong, Oliver Deelstra, Cole Baker, Brandon Taubert, (second row) Journey Dwire, Parker Gehrke, Ty Bundesen, Meagan Gehrke, Calvin Erickson, Carter Roozenboom, (back) Halle Hoekstra, Jax Wysong, Kyle Kueter, Max Scholten, Seth Klarenbeek and Kadin Duerr. Not pictured: Hunter Bork, Jesse Elbers, Dean Fuerstenberg, Weston Kellenberger, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Josh Kueter, Luke LaRock, Preston Maassen, Orvil Swenson, Garrett Raymon, Chase Bosch, Tory Knobloch and Dustin Tuene.

Trap shooting teams draw 35 to Luverne and 29 to Hills-Beaver Creek/continued from page 1A

Both teams practice at the Rock County Sportsman's Club near Luverne.

During the first couple of weeks of practice the teams shot on separate nights. Eventually the two schools merged to shoot at the same time in a virtual league format.

The format is a cost savings because teams do not travel to an opponent's course.

Instead students compete in two 25-shot target rounds at their own gun clubs. The number of targets hit by the shooter determines the score. Each shooter's score is entered on the League's website.

As the competition progresses, participating

schools are organized into conferences based on membership.

This sets up the format for the nine-day championship tournament in Alexandria when similar-sized teams compete against one another. This year's event is June 11-19.

As a second-year coach, Loosbrock has set some goals.

"Individually we'd like the kids to make a goal to go to the championship shoot," he said.

As a team goal, Loosbrock would like Luverne to qualify for the June 22 state tournament in Prior Lake. The state's top teams are then invited to attend July's inaugural national tourna-



Parent helpers are Amy Dammann and Anitra Overgaard. With a group as large as the LHS and H-BC teams, volunteer help is paramount.

ment in Michigan.

"I don't know if we are ready for nationals," he said. "Our oldest kids are only in tenth grade."



Mavis Fodness photo/0426 Trapshooting 2018 HBC

Minimum \$1 bids set for tax-forfeited properties

By Mavis Fodness

In an effort to clean up blight in Rock County communities, the County Board on April 17 set minimum bids for four of five tax-forfeited properties at \$1 each.

The auditor-treasurer will conduct the auction sale beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, at the Rock County Courthouse.

Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz worked with the assessor's office to assign proposed values on properties located in Luverne, Hardwick and Steen.

Commissioners agreed only one parcel (located southeast of General Dollar and east of the railroad tracks in Luverne) should retain its proposed value of \$6,200 as the minimum bid. The parcel is currently bare.

The other four tax-forfeited parcels include homes that are uninhabitable without considerable repairs. Commissioners set those parcels' minimum bids at \$1, with hopes that buyers demolish the current structures.

"The first step to getting people back into these small communities is to clean them up," said Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

The \$1 minimum bid parcels (and their estimated value) include:

"The first step to getting people back into these small communities is to clean them up."

—Gary Overgaard, Commissioner

- 108 S. Buckingham St., Hardwick (\$7,800).
- 103 S. Buckingham St., Hardwick (\$2,000).
- 232 S. Steen St., Steen (\$5,300).
- 220 E. Railroad Ave., Steen (\$2,600).

Hills, Luverne purchase properties for \$1 each

Commissioners unanimously supported resolutions with the city of Hills and the city of Luverne to purchase two tax-forfeited properties for \$1 each. Commissioner Jody Reisch was not at the April 17 meeting.

The forfeited parcels are located at 213 W. Fourth St., Hills, and 409 E. Dodge St., Luverne. Both lots include uninhabitable homes, which both cities plan on demolishing.

"We decided to buy it so no one else gets it and doesn't tear it down," said

Hills Mayor Keith Elbers.

He said in an effort to eliminate blighted areas within its city limits, a previous home demolition cost the city of Hills \$15,000.

"This (demolition) will be more because it is a bigger property," Elbers said.

Municipalities could request tax-forfeited parcels from the county at no cost. However, the property could only be used as a green space or for other public use. Purchase allows cities to resell the property.

Cities of Steen and Hardwick indicated no interest in obtaining ownership of tax-forfeited properties in their communities.

Luverne removed asbestos from the East Dodge Street home several weeks before Tuesday's resolution.

"The reason they did that at that home was because they were doing other properties," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. "Instead of mobilizing again, we let them in."

Three years of non-tax payments places parcels on the tax forfeiture list. Previously the threshold was five years for non-homestead properties.

Rock County originally had 16 properties up for tax forfeiture this year. Eight property owners made payments and one signed a 10-year payment plan.

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their everyday lives and are willing to share that message with others.

"With the society we live in now, kids have day-to-day struggles and if they know that 'God is always there' it's a big deal," Overgaard said.

Susie Beers with the hockey association said she has witnessed a tremendous growth in the sport since the association began locally almost 20 years ago.

Many of the local athletes are aware of Marvin's commitment to the sport and are excited to meet an Olympic athlete face-to-face.

"It's huge for something like that to happen in the community," she said.

Marvin's weekend will include a visit with her aunt Randi Oftedahl, who lives in Luverne and is a teacher at Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

She is also a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Each spring, during the break in the hockey season,

Marvin schedules a visit to Oftedahl's classroom. Last year Marvin missed the usual visit as she concentrated on making the Olympic team.

This year a visit was scheduled for next week, and Marvin asked if she could also speak at Oftedahl's church.

Youth and adults alike are both drawn to Marvin, Oftedahl said.

"They are kind of in awe of what she has accomplished," she said.

Marvin's faith message includes a shared love of learning, sports, family and God.

"She is just an All-American girl," Oftedahl said.

Marvin's message on Sunday is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Root beer floats are available following the event along with the T-shirt sales.

Tickets are \$5 and are available in advance at the church or by calling 507-283-4431.

Volunteers sought for 'Adopt a Craig' efforts Saturday, April 28 at Blue Mounds State Park

Join the friends of Blue Mounds State Park at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, to improve the cliff line for climbers and hikers.

Meet at the climber's parking lot on the curve of County Road 8.

Bring your own hand tools, work gloves and protective eyewear. Lunch and giveaways will be at 12 noon.

RSVP on Friends Facebook page or email Taylor Graphenteen at tj.graphenteen@gmail.com.

Park fees will be waived for volunteers, but carpool if possible.

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come & go Bridal Shower
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Bride-to-be of Brady Dinger
Saturday, April 28
10 a.m. - Noon
Luverne Country Club
1520 111th St
Registered at Target & Amazon

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What's not to like about a snake? No legs is more likable than eight legs

Our naturalist at the Blue Mounds State Park is a nature lover through and through.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Without them, bugs and rodents would take over the world, and others, like the mongoose, would starve for lack of snake suppers.

How do we know this? She loves even the lowest forms of life that slither in the grass. And she's trying to encourage others to love them too by introducing "Chuck, the garter snake." (See the related story about Chuck meeting elementary students.)

It's a noble cause, but I would guess she has her work cut out for her.

It's in our nature to despise snakes, especially if we grew up with any Biblical influence.

In the early chapters of the very first book of the Bible, we hear about all the marvelous creations and how it was "very good."

And then we meet the serpent.

Who doesn't make a very good first impression.

As the story goes, of course, the serpent tricks the humans into eating forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden.

And all hell breaks loose. Not really, but it brings down the wrath of God, who in Genesis 3:14, says to the snake, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life."

And, ever since then — the beginning of time, really — the snake gets a bad rap.

And it gets no legs. I've often wondered if it had legs before it angered God.

Regardless, this cursed creature has a tough existence, even though it eats lots of bugs, (rodents, too, if it's a bigger snake) and other creatures we'd rather not have around.

And, despite their low profile, they hold an important place in our natural ecosystem as "middle-order predators."

Without them, bugs and rodents would take over the

world, and others, like the mongoose, would starve for lack of snake suppers.

And where else would we find better drama in the wild?

One of my most memorable television episodes of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom featured a snake that swallowed some mammal twice its size and then lay there with an awkward lump in its midsection to digest it.

Fortunately we don't have these kinds of snakes in the Blue Mounds State Park, and fortunately Chuck the garter snake eats only insects, which makes him lovable for that reason alone.

I look forward to meeting Chuck, because I personally haven't been that averse to snakes and reptiles.

Or mice, rats or bats. And I intend to help Amber promote Chuck's good reputation.

Because, after all, we have far more important things to be afraid of.

Like spiders.

Autism awareness focuses on clarifying misconceptions

April is Autism Month, but we could all benefit from year-round support for the independent living skills of this population.

For starters, we need to clear up the misperception that people with autism are solitary and prefer to operate alone.

Studies, and my own 22 years working with autism, prove the opposite is true.

People with autism desire personal connection and want to have purpose and value in relationships and work. But because they lack social skills for conversation, most of us miss out on some of the best and talented people in our communities.

Here are some facts about the 3.5 million Americans living with an autism spectrum:

- Thirty-five percent of young adults (ages 19-23) with autism haven't had a job or received post-graduate education following high school.

- Two-thirds of lifelong costs can be reduced by early diagnosis and intervention, and it doesn't stop with toddler and early elementary years.

- Only 16.8 percent of those with a disability are employed, but it's not because autism makes people unemployable.

In the United States alone we have some 50,000 people with autism entering adulthood every year, and employers would do well to know they bring valuable skills to the job.

Our schools and communities need to learn how to provide autism-specific supports. Specific job-targeted skills, greater use of visual aids and teaching appropriate social skills for work situations are the places to start.

People identified with a social communication disorder, such as autism, also need daily practice in conversation skills, friendship skills, problem solving in social situations, etc. It is not that they cannot learn; it is that they need to be taught this information.

When I don't understand a math concept, the teacher adapts the approach and reteaches me, but when people don't understand social norms, they are written off as odd, loners, quirky, weird ... the list goes on.

If we were all written off on Day 1 of an assignment or a new job, virtually all of us would be homebound, depressed and dependent on state funding and others to take care of us.

This is exactly the scenario playing out in roughly 60 percent of those identified with autism.

They often don't get "first jobs," and when they do, they aren't very successful. The anxiety builds and they

GUEST COLUMNIST

By Allison Eitrem, Regional Autism Group

Autism: the positives

Understanding, embracing and celebrating different ways of thinking and doing can release the true power of the autistic mind. Here we look at the positive features of autism.

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Remember

Every experience of autism is unique. No one person will identify with every positive feature of autism. We all have individual skills, attributes and characteristics that are as unique as our personalities — this is the power of neurodiversity.

Harriet Cannon
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become depressed.

People with autism possess job skills and great character. They desire to give back to their community and feel a sense of purpose just like you and I do, but failure and its resulting anxiety can be debilitating.

A Michigan State University study found that (the cycle of) anxiety, depression and low self-esteem cause people with autism to become homebound.

We all lose then.

We lose out on valuable people with potential for being great employees and friends, and we lose about \$1.4 million in public funding.

This is for one person with high

functioning autism (without intellectual disability) for mental health and related costs over his or her lifetime. The cost rises to over \$2.4 million for those with an intellectual disability.

Our autism population needs us to offer a different approach to reaching them. The challenge for all of us is to learn more about autism and how we can make a positive difference in our circles of influence, be it personal or in employment.

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Social media posts too good not to share; meanings bring smile to face

I am not a big fan of the countless useless postings on Facebook day in and day out. But from time to time I do enjoy a post.

It's safe to say any post that has to do with politics is a waste of time. Generally the posts that I do enjoy put a smile on my face.

The following is one that did just that, and I thought you might enjoy it as well.

Oh, before you read it, I have no idea if the people credited for the quotes in fact said them, and if they didn't, I am sorry; that is the Facebook world we live in.

Oh, and one more thing: I deleted the ones that make the Facebook page but won't be printed on the pages of this newspaper.

Philosophers

~ Prince Philip...

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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a new wife.

~ Harrison Ford...

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

~ Spike Milligan...

The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree.

~ Howard Hughes...

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire.

~ Jean Rostand...

Kill one man and you're a

murderer. Kill a million and you're a conqueror.

~ Arnold Schwarzenegger...

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have \$50 million but I'm just as happy as when I had \$48 million.

~ W.H. Auden...

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.

~ Jimmy Durante...

Home cooking. Where many a

man thinks his wife is.

~ Jonathan Katz...

In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.

~ Jean Kerr...

The only reason they say "Women and children first" is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

~ Johnny Carson...

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.

~ Steve Martin...

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.

~ George Roberts.

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

~ Jonathan Winters...

If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

~ Robert Benchley...

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.

~ Buzz Aldrin...

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind — every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

~ David Letterman...

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

~ Old Italian proverb...

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 13

- Complainant reported a semi tipped over in the wind in Beaver Creek.

- Complainant reported power line down and sparking in Hills.

- Complainant reported power lines down and across road in Luverne.

- Complainant reported power lines down in Magnolia.

- Complainant reported power lines down and across road near the transfer station.

- Complainant reported a traffic jam near Kanaranzi.

- Complainant reported power lines down in Magnolia.

- Complainant requested assistance with facilitating housing.

- Complainant reported trash cans blowing in the wind on Cedar Street.

- Complainant reported a light pole down on Christensen Drive.

- Complainant reported power is out in Kenneth.

- Complainant reported a tin shed has been blown over from a neighbor's property on Spring Street.

- Complainant reported debris on Spring Street.

- Complainant reported debris in Beaver Creek.

- Request for welfare check on subject.

- Report of alarm on Interstate Drive.

April 14

- Citations for driving around barricade.

- Complainant reported his vehicle died in the middle of the road on Blue Mound Avenue.

- Complainant requested we block ramps on I-90 at Luverne.

- Complainant reported stalled vehicle on 90th Avenue.

- Complainant is stuck in a snow bank in Hills.

- Complainant requested a welfare check.

- Complainant reported she is stuck on the overpass in Beaver Creek.

- Complainant reported three cars stuck in drifts on Spring Street.

- Complainant reported stalled vehicle on I-90 off ramp.

- Complainant reported an accident on Hatting Street. No injuries.

- Complainant reported mailbox hit by a plow on Blue Mound Avenue.

- Complainant reported a vehicle stuck in the snow on Highway 75.

- Deputy requested to check furnace vent on Blue Ridge Drive.

- Ambulance requested for snowmobile accident.

- Reserved for documentation.

- Potential gas leak reported on 115th Street.

April 15

- Complainant locked keys in the car on Kniss Avenue.

- Complainant has a parking issue on Pine Drive.

- Complainant reported general burglar alarm on Hatting Street.

- Complainant called 911 requesting help.

- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about parking issue.

- Complainant reported pedestrian walking on Veterans Drive.

- Complainant requested welfare check.

- Complainant reported stoplights not working on Kniss Avenue.

- Complainant reported parking issue on Barck Street.

- Complainant reported roll-over vehicle accident in Magnolia.

April 16

- Complainant reported he accidentally set off vault alarm on Main Street.

- Complainant requested to close County Road 3 for overhead line work.

- Complainant reported burglary alarm in Beaver Creek.

- Complainant reported wife throwing things all over on Warren Street.

- Complainant reported that his dad was going to shoot someone.

- Complainant attempted warrant service on Spring Street.

- Reserved for domestic and drug arrest.

- Subject arrested on narcotics violation.

- Complainant reported a woman walking in the middle of the street on Highway 75.

- Complainant turned self in on felony warrant.

- Complainant requested deputy to report theft on Kniss Avenue.

- Roadside assist on I-90.

April 17

- Complainant reported two-vehicle collision in Beaver Creek.

- Complainant got rear-ended on Kniss Avenue.

- Complainant reported vandalism on Freeman Avenue.

- Complainant requested background checks for housing.

- Complainant requested child welfare check.

- Deputy out with vehicle for motorist assist at Schoneman Pond.

April 18

- Complainant reported vehicle in ditch in Magnolia.

- Complainant reported vehicle in ditch in Ellsworth.

- Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

- Complainant reported he hit a sign on 134th Ave.

- Complainant requested lights for pullout in Magnolia.

- Complainant requested welfare check.

- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

- Report of a suicidal female in Steen.

- Duplicate report of a suicidal female in Steen.

- Deputies conducted probation check.

April 19

- Complainant requested fingerprint.

- Deputy conducted a follow-up on a previous call.

- Complainant requested deputy to remove kids from her back deck on Warren Street.

- Complainant reported fire alarm on Kniss Avenue.

- Complainant reported deer accident in Ash Creek.

In addition officers also responded to 1 transport, 7 escorts, 14 ambulance calls, 3 animal complaints, 7 burn permits, 5 drug court tests, 2 permits to purchase/carry, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 15 traffic stops, 2 follow ups, 2 paper services and 1 test.



Star Herald file photo/0426 wet field

Although timely planting is important, it is also important to avoid planting when soils are too wet. Sidewall compaction and poor seed-to-soil contact (cloddy soil structure) can result in poor root growth and poor stands.

U of M educators offer considerations for late spring planting in wet conditions

By Lizabeth Stahl and Dave Nicolai, U of M Extension Crops Educators and Jeff Coulter, U of M Extension Corn Agronomist

Much of Minnesota has been covered in snow past mid-April and it will take some time for field conditions to dry enough for field work and planting to begin.

Farmers are encouraged to consider the following as they wait for the 2018 corn planting season to begin.

Planting date: University of Minnesota studies show that corn yield is typically maximized when planting occurs from late April through mid-May.

In research conducted at Lamberton, Morris, and Waseca from 2009 to 2011, corn yield was maximized when planting occurred between April 25 and May 15.

In long-term research conducted at Lamberton from 1988 to 2003, corn yield was maximized when planting occurred from April 21 to May 6, and reduced by just 5 percent when planting was delayed until May 15.

Minnesota corn growers have achieved good yields in the past several years even when the average corn planting date (50 percent of the corn planted in the state) has been April 29 for the years 2014-2016 and May 7 in 2017.

Hybrid maturity: Although planting delays raise questions about when to switch to earlier-

maturity hybrids, a general guideline in Minnesota is to stay with planned choices unless planting is delayed beyond the third week of May.

When planting occurs between May 25 to May 31, a hybrid that is 5 to 7 relative maturity units earlier than full-season for the region is suggested to reduce risk of corn freezing in the fall before reaching maturity.

Keep in mind what your starting point is for hybrid maturity.

Many farmers plant hybrids that are not quite full-season for the area to limit drying costs after harvest. Switching to an earlier-maturity hybrid too early could reduce yield potential.

Other considerations include: 1) the number of corn acres one intends to plant and time required to plant these acres, 2) labor availability during planting, and 3) availability and suitability of earlier-maturity hybrids for your farm.

Planting corn for grain after May 31 in Minnesota carries high risk of reduced yield and test weight and increased harvest moisture and dockage at the elevator.

If corn must be planted after May 31 in Minnesota, planting a hybrid about 15 or more relative maturity units earlier than full-season for the region can help reduce risk.

At June 5 or later, a crop other than corn should be considered, although this decision will need to be evaluated on a field by field basis.

Soil conditions: Although timely planting is important, it is also important to avoid planting

when soils are too wet. Sidewall compaction and poor seed-to-soil contact (cloddy soil structure) can result in poor root growth and poor stands.

Even though soil temperatures may be cold now, by the time the snow melts, fields dry, and soils are dry enough for planting, it will be late April to early May and warmer soil temperatures are expected soon afterward.

Unless cold weather is forecast soon after planting, soil temperature should not greatly influence this year's planting decisions in Minnesota.

Minnesota weather forecast (optimism for the short term): According to the National Weather Service, springtime conditions are in the forecast for the next week.

At this time, the only real risk of precipitation for the next seven days is on Tuesday, April 24, with the outlook calling for a quarter to a half inch of precipitation over southern and central Minnesota.

The snow pack that remains will rapidly erode with high temperatures in the 50's and 60's, and overnight lows above freezing.

The longer range picture from eight to 14 days from the Climate Prediction Center for the period ending May 3 has normal-like temperatures, which for early May means high temperatures in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

There is a chance, however, of above normal precipitation from April 27 to May 3.

FFA judging teams travel to Brookings, Windom

On April 13, nine members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter traveled to South Dakota State University in Brookings to participate in the Region 6 FFA general livestock and dairy judging contests.

The general livestock team consisted of Halle Hough, Hannah Kruse, Trey Baustian, Tyler Fick, and Trevor Mente.

The team judged performance Simmental bulls, performance Sim-Angus heifers, performance Hampshire ewes, market lambs, two classes of market hogs, a keep/cull class of gilts, completed a Suffolk sire team activity, and gave a set of reasons for market hogs.

The team placed third out of eighteen teams.

Individually Trevor Mente was seventh overall, Tyler Fick was

eleventh overall, Trey Baustian was 15th overall, Hannah Kruse was 23rd, and Halle Hough was 39th.

The team qualified for the State Convention FFA General Livestock judging contest Sunday-Monday, April 22-23 at the Coliseum on the Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

The dairy Judging team consisted of Austin Henning, Jaimie Ross, Paige Madison and Blake Madison.

The team judged dairy sire records, dairy pedigree records, Holstein fall yearlings, Holstein spring yearlings, two-year-old Holstein cows, a class of Brown Swiss cows, and gave a set of reasons on a class of dairy cows.

The team placed sixth out of fourteen teams.

Blake Madison placed ninth overall individually.

The team also qualified for the State FFA Convention FFA dairy contest.

Four members participated in the Region 6 FFA floriculture contest on April 4.

The contest was conducted at the BARC center in Windom.

Members of the team included Anita Cole-Kraty, Kynzie Hamann, Gretchen Jacobsma, and Destiny Matthiesen.

For the contest, the team completed a floral arrangement, identified floral species and floral equipment, completed a floral billing for a customer, and completed a knowledge test on floriculture and greenhouse management.

Destiny Matthiesen placed highest individually for the team.



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Lori Sorenson photos/0426 medical lab tech week

Dr. Rita Miller (standing at right) is a microbiologist at Avera McKennan who heads up the medical lab technician program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Luverne. Below: Chondra Bhandari works on her MLT degree.

Medical Lab Technician Week

Demand increases for graduates of Luverne college program

By Lori Sorenson

This week is Medical Lab Technician Week, and it's a good time to remind students and career seekers about the demand for workers in this field.

Dr. Rita Miller, who teaches the MLT program at the Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Luverne, said there is more need than ever for medical lab technicians.

"We're so short of lab

techs," she said. "You talk to hospitals all over, and they're having trouble filling those positions."

Medical laboratory technicians collect samples and perform tests to analyze body fluids (like blood or urine), tissue and other substances. They work primarily in hospitals, but they're also employed in diagnostic labs and doctors' offices.

Miller obtains anonymous blood and tissue

samples from Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, where she works as a microbiologist and brings them to her students in Luverne to study on slides under microscopes.

Since Miller started with the Luverne program in 2011, 42 medical lab technicians graduated, counting this year's students.

Of the eight students currently working toward their MLT degree in Luverne, Miller said four of them have already been hired at jobs that will start after they graduate in June.

"The demand for these skills is so great," Miller said, adding that competent lab tech graduates can count on 100 percent job placement.

According to the U.S.



Bureau of Labor Statistics, that demand is projected to grow 13 percent in the next 10 years, faster than the average for all occupations.

By 2022, 5,000 new techs will be needed in Minnesota, and nearly 50,000 nationwide due to new job openings and retirements.

An increase in the aging population is expected to lead to a greater need to diagnose medical conditions, such as

Medical Lab Technician, 8A

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

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.

A come and go bridal shower for **Emily Lichtscheidl**, bride-to-be of **Nick Sandager**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28, at the Shirley Sandager residence at 331 31st Street in Hills.

A come and go bridal shower for **Savannah Tinklenberg**, bride-to-be of **Brady Dinger**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28, at the Luverne Country Club, 1520 111th Street, Luverne.

An open house brid-

al shower for **Kendra Doerr**, bride-to-be of **Trevor Paulsen**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen.

An open house baby shower for **Alexis Klarenbeek** and baby girl "K" will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Card showers

Lyle and Gloria Nelson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 27. Greetings may be sent to them at 1209 North Linden Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Ken Bowen will celebrate his 80th birthday on Friday, April 27. Greetings may be sent to him at 2419 180th Avenue, Edgerton, MN 56128.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, April 30: Hamburger, oven-brown potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb sauce.

Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, May 1: Taco salad, bun, fresh fruit.

Program: May Day. Half Price Day sponsored by GrandStay Hotel & Suites.

Wednesday, May 2: Chicken in cream sauce, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, cream puff dessert.

Thursday, May 3: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, candied carrots, bread,

poke cake.

Program: Half Price Day.

Friday, May 4: Italian meat sauce over spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, green beans, garlic bread, ice cream.

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

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

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

BUSINESS NEWS

Local banks named 'Community Champions'

The First Farmers and Merchants National banks in Luverne and Pipestone were among 38 Minnesota banks to be recognized for community involvement.

The Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) created the Community Champion recognition program to honor banks that contribute to their communities and to recognize their involvement.

First Farmers & Merchants banks local have worked with organizations in their communities, providing funding, volunteers, materials, supplies, or food for their neighbors.

In total, their donations reached over \$40,000 to a list of causes.

Forty-five employees from these banks dedicated over 2,216 hours at a variety of volunteer events or programs both locally and statewide.

"This extraordinary level of volunteer participation by Minnesota banks demonstrates their deep commitment to the communities they serve," said MBA President and CEO Joe Witt.

"In addition to providing the capital that helps families and local businesses thrive, the banking industry's record of supporting local programs is second to none. The MBA is pleased to recognize these 38 banks for their commitment to making a real difference in their local communities."

Last week I gave some suggestions for indoor plant care and I want to continue that conversation today.



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

Boston ferns are one of the plants that really benefit from annual "renewal" root surgery. As this type of fern grows, it develops roots that snake along the surface of the soil. In a natural setting, these roots start new baby ferns sporadically along that root stem.

In a pot, the root grows to the edge of the pot and then starts circling around because it has no other choice. It still develops the new baby ferns, and consequently you get all these new little ferns around the inside edge of the pot.

If the renewal surgery is not performed, the fern gets so dense that by the second year, you have a plant that provides a continuous mess of yellow leaves on the floor.

So here's what to do. Carefully remove the plant from the pot and lay the root mass on its side. I like to use a serrated knife to cut about 1 to 1 1/2 inches of root mass from the outside of the soil ball. This material that you are removing will have all those baby ferns growing in it. I cut that layer into chunks, each one having a couple of those

little ferns in it, and then repot those young ferns back into the same pot and throw the center away.

I usually try to have about six of those young plants grouped together in the center of the pot. Over time as a fern grows, that center crown grows higher and higher above the soil level and it loses its vigor, so often there is very little new growth being produced. This is why this renewal is necessary to keep the fern healthy and not becoming a shedding nescience. Sounds

severe I know, but the results are so worth the effort.

If you use your fern outdoors, I recommend doing this chore in the fall when you are going to bring it in for the winter. Saves cleaning up a lot of mess because the plant will naturally shed as it acclimates to its new environment. Also, it then has the entire winter to grow before it goes back out the next season.

If your fern is an indoor candidate, do that task now so the longer hours of daylight will help it recover and you will have a beautiful specimen by fall.

I like the weather forecast ... check the oil and put gas in the tiller 'cause we're going to get it ... soon, I hope!

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•Paving the way for a soon-to-be-announced business expansion in the industrial park, the Luverne City Council took action at its Tuesday meeting to authorize a land swap with the ethanol plant.

"This is a big deal for the city of Luverne, because it's the last piece of economic development remaining out there," said City Attorney Ben Vander Kooi.

"It's a great deal for us, and it's a good deal for Agri-Energy"

The city and ethanol plant representatives have been working on details of the land trade for some time, Vander Kooi said.

The city is proposing to sell to the plant 12 acres of land directly adjacent to the plant property on its south side.

25 years ago (1993)

•This summer, when classes wind down, construction will shift into high gear on several District 670 building projects.

The Luverne School Board Thursday accepted bids to remodel the art room and the Community Service Building at the high school and build a storage building on school grounds.

For the art room, the Board accepted the low bid of \$75,443 from Design Craft, Luverne. The work may begin before the school year is over and will be completed by August 20. ...

The project involves moving the art department from its current location on the north end

of the first floor corridor in the high school into a portion of the agriculture shop area. The estimate for the job was \$70,000.

50 years ago (1968)

•Rock countians who consider themselves to be senior citizens will be given special recognition during the month of May, which is "Senior Citizens Month" in Minnesota.

Arrangements have been made by a special Senior Citizens Month committee for special events for Rock County's older residents, and those who may be handicapped and seldom have the opportunity to get out of their homes.

Leading off the list of events planned is a "Store Visitation Day" in Luverne on Wednesday, May 1. This has been planned to make it possible for those who haven't been able to visit a store in recent years to do so. In this day, members of a family are asked to bring an aged or infirm parent to the American Legion in Luverne for registration at 1:30 p.m. Assistance will be given in getting them out of cars and into the stores where they will be permitted to look around at their leisure.

75 years ago (1943)

•A 1941 Dodge, owned by Schoon Motor Sales, was taken from the parking lot adjacent to the garage Wednesday night. Peace authorities in cities in this area were notified, and it was located the following day by a Minnehaha county deputy sheriff on a Sioux Falls street. It was unharmed.

Girls who befriended three soldiers from Sioux Falls by giving them a ride to Luverne Saturday night may have had an enjoyable ride over, but Sheriff Roberts is willing to bet their ride back virtually devoid of all happiness. According to information obtained by Mr. Roberts, the girls have taken the keys from the car, but when they came to get in about 4:30 a.m. it was gone. It later developed that the soldiers had utilized their electrical knowledge to the extent that they started the car and drove it back to Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls authorities were called, and they later apprehended the men with the car in their possession. They were turned over to the military police for prosecution.

100 years ago (1918)

•The Nonpartisan League organizers, who proposed holding a meeting at Kanaranzi on Thursday evening of last week, narrowly escaped a coat of tar and feathers, according to reliable reports received from that village.

The only reason the tar and feathers were not applied, it is said, was the lack of opportunity to use them. It is claimed that as the organizers drove into the village to conduct the meeting some friends gave them a tip on the reception that awaited them, and they hastily left the village without even leaving their automobile. Quite a crowd had assembled in expectation that there would be "something doing," but the chief disappointment was not in the fact that the meeting was not held, but in that it was not attempted.

Area students perform at solo-ensemble contest

By Mavis Fodness

Fifty students represented the Luverne High School instrumental and choral departments at the Section 3A sub-section 10 solo and ensemble music contest April 9 in Fulda.

Students performed for judges who rated each performance as superior, excellent, good or fair.

The LHS choral department had 19 student participants including 13 soloists, one duet and a six-member sophomore girls' ensemble. The participants earned 14 superior ratings and one excellent.

"The excellent missed superior by one point," said choral director Seana Gerber.

The instrumental department had 31 students at the event, including five soloists, three duets, a quintet, a saxophone ensemble and the jazz band.

The participants earned 11 superior and one excellent.

"We did very well," said instrumental director Richard Owen.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School entered 18 instrumental and choral groups. The participants earned 14 superior ratings.

Nine schools competed at the annual Minnesota State High School League event.



Glenda McGaffee photo Hills-Beaver Creek High School junior Garrett Raymon escorts sophomore Sadie Fuerstenberg during the school's Grand March Friday night in Hills. They were one of 34 couples participating in the event. Theme for the school's annual prom was "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream."

Area students compete at state speech, Adrian's Bravo finishes second

By Mavis Fodness
Six students from Luverne and Adrian high schools competed at Saturday's Class A Minnesota State High School League Speech Tournament in Apple Valley. Junior Sabdi Bravo earned her second state medal as runner-up in informative speaking. Last year Bravo finished sixth. Maritza Beltran, an Adrian sophomore, competed in poetry but did not advance to the final round. From Luverne, none of the four participants earned a top-eight finish. Junior Shane Berning and eighth-grader Chance Tunmissen com-

peted in extemporaneous speaking. Sophomore Alexa Chesley competed in discussion. Sophomore Nicole Hoogland competed in extemporaneous reading. "They did a great job," said speech co-coach Caroline Thorson. "Alexa was one out (of the finals) and Shane maybe two." There were 101 teams representing Class A at the tournament, with 186 schools competing in Class A speech statewide this year. The top 24 students in each category compete at the state tournament.



Submitted photo Sabdi Bravo earned a second-place ribbon at Saturday's Class A Minnesota State High School League Speech Tournament.

1952: Hardwick Booster Club horse show well attended by participants, spectators

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on June 12, 1952.

Horse Show At Hardwick Is A Success

Hardwick's annual horse show Sunday proved to be a success with 48 horses and ponies being entered in the various divisions. About 400 persons witnessed the show.

Dale Shade, Luverne, won the parade class. Pearl Boehnke, Pipestone, placed second, August Jansen, Pipestone, third, and Hans



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Jensen, Pipestone, fourth.

In the men's western pleasure class, Dale Shade, Luverne, came in first, Eddie Bokken, Dell Rapids, second, August Jansen, Pipestone, third, and Carl Staudenrau, fourth.

Eddie Bokken, Dell Rapids, won the stock horse class, with Merrill Mitchell, Jasper, placing second, B. Anderson, Pipestone, third, and Frank Facile, Jasper, fourth. Winning the ladies west-

ern pleasure class was Pearl Boehnke, Pipestone. Eleanor Kringsen, Sherman, was second, Judy Hutchinson, Flandreau, third, and Sheila Hutchinson, Flandreau, fourth.

In the children's musical chair division, Dale Facile, Jasper, won first prize. David Schuetts, Hardwick, second, Eleanor Kringsen, third, Grant Kringsen, fourth.

In the ring ride event, David Schuetts, Hardwick, won first place, Dale Facile, Jasper, second, and Dale Shade, Luverne, third. Ben Kringsen, Sherman, won the Shetland

pony class, Karen Kringsen, Sherman, second, Herman Edmundson, third and Dale Facile, Jasper, fourth.

Judy Hokeness, Rushmore, won the pony class. Judy Hutchinson, Flandreau, was second, Eleanor Kringsen, Sherman, third, and Sheila Hutchinson, Flandreau, fourth.

Bob and Dale Facile, Jasper, won the scoop shovel race. The rooster race was won by Bob Facile.

Donald Larson, Slayton, was awarded the 500 pound calf, given by the Hardwick Booster Club.

Don Null with his trick horses and music proved very entertaining.

In the softball game played the previous evening, Edgerton won from Steen.

The entire event was sponsored by the Hardwick Booster Club.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmad@iw.net.

OBITUARIES

Stanley Rolph

Stanley Euclid Rolph, 77, Pipestone, died at his home on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

A funeral Mass was Saturday, April 21, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Interment was in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery in Pipestone.

Stanley Rolph was born on June 18, 1940, to Lemuel W. and Blanche (Chatelle) Rolph in Luverne. He was raised in rural Hardwick and attended grade school in Hardwick. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1958.

On April 28, 1961, he married Rosemary Erickson at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. In the months immediately following their marriage, they resided at the Mayfair Motel in Pipestone until they moved into their first home in October of that same year. They moved within Pipestone a few times throughout their married life. In his early years Stan worked for Pan-O-Gold Bakery and then building modular structures for a time. In September of 1970 he started working for the Pipestone Vocational School. In June of 1973 he began working for both Bayliner Marine Inc. and Harvey Riffle Transport. In September of 1976 he began working as a custodian for Pipestone Public Schools where he stayed until his retirement on June 30, 2002. After his retirement Stan

enjoyed travelling with Rosie. Stan was a member of St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus for 57 years. Stan was known by all to be a hard-working man.

Stan is survived by his wife, Rosie, of Pipestone; five children, David (Nita) Rolph of Pipestone, Paula (Tom) Darveaux of Pipestone, Elizabeth (Kjell) Turner of Windom, Christopher (Amy) Rolph of Brandon, South Dakota, and Benjamin Rolph of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren, Gregg and Eric (Connie) Versteeg, Austin (Kaitlyn) Saker, Lindsey Faaborg, Brian and Jennifer Turner, and Tara and Paige Rolph; seven great-grandchildren, Kade and Ryker Versteeg, Kylan, Ayla, and Ariyah Saker, and Corbyn and Camryn Faaborg; two sisters, Kathleen Sehr of Luverne, and Albertine Appel of Ivanhoe; one brother, Paul (Myrna) Rolph of Benson; and two sisters-in-law, Jeanetta Rolph of Adrian and Marian Rolph of Lake City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Margaret Kasemodel and June Kuske; and two brothers, Philip and Jerome Rolph.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Pipestone, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0426 F)



Charles 'Cub' Holm

Charles "Cub" Holm, 86, Luverne, died Monday, April 16, 2018, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A memorial service was Friday, April 20, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial of remains with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion and VFW followed in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Charles "Cub" Holm was born Sept. 15, 1931, to Chester and Lydia (Maddison) Holm in Grove City. He graduated from Grove City High School and later received his mortuary science degree from the University of Minnesota. He served in the United States Army Quartermaster Corps in Europe from 1954 to 1956.

Cub married Joyce Thulin on June 26, 1954, at the First Lutheran Church in Grove City. After Cub returned from the Army, he and Joyce moved to Luverne, where he worked with his father at Holm Funeral Home while also working at Smith Furniture. Cub purchased the funeral home in 1969 after Chet died. After Cub sold the funeral home in 1992, he retired as a funeral director, and he and Joyce moved to Spicer and then later to Tucson. Cub returned to Luverne

and entered the Veterans Home in 2014.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne, the Masonic Lodge No. 114 in Luverne and was a Shriner. Cub had strong mechanical skills that he picked up in his youth while working at the Holm Brothers Hardware Store in Grove City. Whether at home or while traveling, he always found the shop where the guys assembled at coffee hour, where he would pull up a chair and take up the discussion of the day. He was never shy.

Cub is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Luverne; three daughters, Jodyne Holm, Seattle, Washington; Jill (Jim) Holmes, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Jennifer (Tom) Hey, Marshall; six grandchildren, Carina Miller, Charlie Miller (Melissa), Tom Holmes (Leah), Peter Holmes, Sami Hey and Sydney Hey; and three great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Mason and Madeline Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Dorothy Martin and Joan Service.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0426 F)



Cathryn Hoeck

Cathryn Jeanette Hoeck, 91, Luverne, died Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, April 23, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Cathryn Wright was born Feb. 26, 1927, to Leonard and Clara (Erickson) Wright at Lake Norden, South Dakota. She was baptized in May 1927 at Garfield Lutheran Church in Bryant, South Dakota, and received her confirmation at American Lutheran Church in Bryant on May 31, 1942. Cathryn was raised in Bryant and graduated from high school in 1944. She attended Dickenson Business School in 1945. Following her education, Cathryn became employed as a secretary for Northwestern National Life Insurance and later Crane Company in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On Aug. 28, 1949, Cathryn married Victor Hoeck at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. After their marriage the couple

began farming in rural Hardwick and made their home on the acreage. In August of 2010, Cathryn became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Cathryn was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, where she had taught Sunday School for 25 years and held other offices in the church. During her life, she was active in the community and enjoyed helping others.

Cathryn is survived by her daughter, Vicki (Scott) Daggett of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two granddaughters, Jennifer (Shea) Reiners of Sioux Falls, and Staci Daggett (Reid Benincasa) of Denver, Colorado; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, on March 29, 2011; a sister, Donva Guiana; a brother, John Wright; and her parents.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0426 F)



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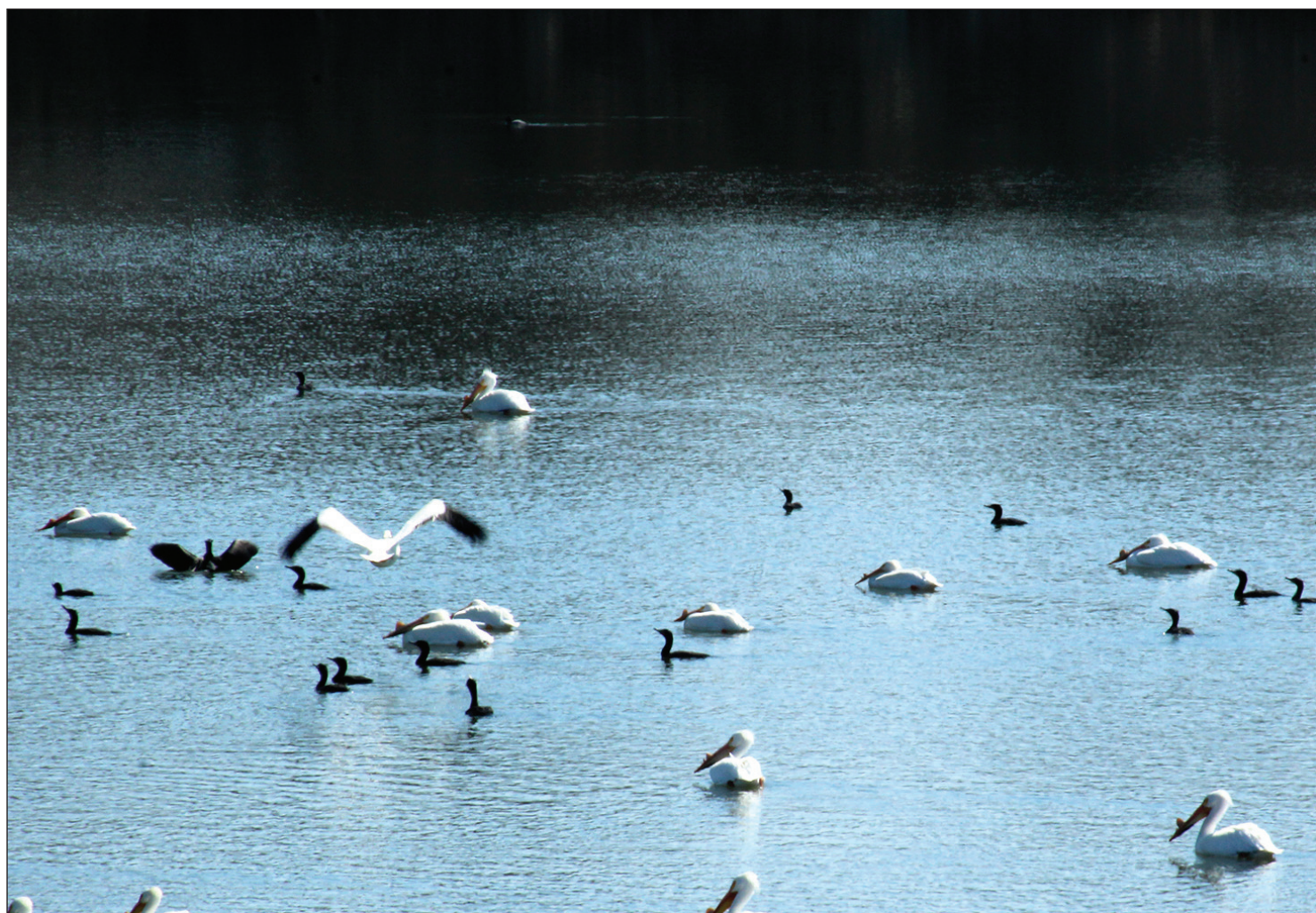
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Mavis Fodness photo/0426 Pelicans 2018

Spring weather — and migrating birds — return to Rock County

Temperatures finally reached 60+ degrees Monday, the first time since Nov. 27, 2017, that area temperatures were at least 60-degrees. Officially Luverne reached 66 degrees by 3 p.m., according to the Weather Underground. The more-like normal temperatures allowed the snow piles from the mid-month blizzard to disappear. At The Lake in Luverne and other water areas have become a resting spots for a variety of migratory birds including the Great White Pelican and the Double Crested Cormorant.

Meet Chuck, the new ambassador at the Blue Mounds State Park

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mounds State Park has an official "Animal Ambassador," a garter snake named Chuck.

He made his official Facebook debut earlier this spring and has already amassed a notable social media following.

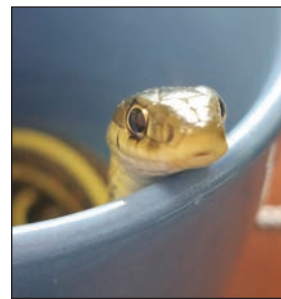
"He has been quite popular so far," said Blue Mounds State Park naturalist Amber Brooks.

"We're very excited to bring attention to the park."

In his Facebook introduction, Chuck assumes his own voice, describing his job at the park as an animal ambassador.

"... I've been petted by a billion kids who learn that I'm not much different from them," he says on Facebook.

"We want the same things. Food. Purpose. Shelter from raccoons. Other beings who understand our value to the ecosystem ... Did I mention food? Amber says all



wild critters have worth, especially sun-warmed reptiles."

He tells park visitors that he started at the park last summer when Brooks "retrieved" him from a "sunbath" on a warm road.

"Maybe she saved my life, maybe not," he says on Facebook. "We can agree on this: A star was born."

When he's not working, Chuck said he hides in paper towel tubes inside his terrarium.

"Why hide?" he says. "It's what garter snakes do."

The Blue Mounds State Park phone number is 283-6057, and on Facebook, mnstatepark-sandtrails.

Prairie Photo Contest returns for 2018 season

By Lori Sorenson

Area photographers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the 2018 Prairie Photo Contest sponsored by the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We're trying to encourage people to get out and enjoy the prairie," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, who also staffs the CVB.

Winners will be selected among three categories: birds and wildlife, landscape and native prairie plants.

The CVB will accept photo entries for three contest periods: May and June (entry deadline is June 30), July and August (deadline Aug. 31) and September and October (enter by Oct. 31).

Photographers may enter up to five photos per entry period, and two \$50 prizes will be awarded per category per entry period.

Contest entrants may be amateur or professional, but the CVB will retain the rights to use the winning images for the postcard

"We're trying to encourage people to get out and enjoy the prairie."

— Jane Lanphere
Luverne Area Chamber and CVB

promotion.

All photographs not selected as winners in the monthly judging will be retained in the pool of photos to be considered in the following month's judging.

Photographs may be new images or selections from existing portfolios, but they must all be digitally submitted with a resolution of 300 pixels per inch or greater.

Individuals may submit up to five images per entry per month.

Submissions should be emailed on or by the first day of each month to luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

The photographer's name, address, phone



Lori Sorenson photo.0426 blue mounds state park file photo

Prairie Photo Contest winners will be selected among three categories: birds and wildlife, landscape and native prairie plants, for three contest periods: May and June (entry deadline is June 30), July and August (deadline Aug. 31) and September and October (enter by Oct. 31).

number and email should be submitted with each entry, along with the title of the entry.

Lanphere said the

Prairie Photo Contest is a fitting way to celebrate parks and to capture the beauty of the local prairie.

"We hope it's something

the community can envision being part of," she said.

Lanphere can be reached at 283-4061 with questions.

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broadier goal of educating the parkvisitors about the rare and protected prairie ecosystem.

"For me it's about getting people out to see something that's absolutely gorgeous," she said.

"Not very many people appreciate the prairie; to some, it's just a bunch of grass. But prairies are so much more, and I want people to get out and feel it and smell it and breathe it."

The Blue Mounds State Park will begin taking reservations for bison tours as the summer season approaches, and Brooks said she looks forward to leading the tours.

"This is a really special place, so I want people to be able to feel it and smell the air and experience the prairie," she said.

"Hopefully it will inspire interest in other people to want to save these precious areas."

The park phone number is 507-283-6057, and Brooks can be reached at amber.brooks@state.mn.us.

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Medical Lab Tech Week/ continued from page 6A

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The median annual wage for medical and clinical laboratory technologists and technicians was \$51,770 in May 2017, according to the bureau.

Among the MLT students currently working toward

their AAS degree at Minnesota West, some are returning for advanced degrees, while others are narrowing their first career choices.

Crystal Nelson, Jackson, works in medical administration for the U.S. Air Force and is seeking a change of pace.

"I like the science behind it," she said about MLT work. Kathy Richmond, Ivanhoe, said MLT work satisfies her curiosity about medicine without the demands of a nursing degree.

"I thought I wanted to be a nurse, but after I went to a career day, I knew that it wasn't going to happen," she said. "I knew I wanted something in the health care field, and this is a smaller, more personalized program. There's always someone available if you need help."

Chandra Bhandari, Sioux Falls, already works as a phlebotomist at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

"I like the lab field, but I wanted to go up higher," she said about pursuing her MLT degree. "I felt like I wanted to do something more. ... Looking at cells and finding diseases is very interesting for me."

For more information about the medical lab technician program at Minnesota West in Luverne, call 449-2763.

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Luverne's Sierra Schmuck (middle) and Ivy Hudson (left) pull away from a Worthington runner during 200-meter dashes at the Luverne Makeup Meet Saturday. Schmuck and Hudson placed third and fifth in the event.

Dooyema posts two wins for track boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' track team turned in a third-place showing at the Luverne Makeup Meet Saturday.

Saturday's event replaced the Luverne Invitational, which was postponed April 3.

Six teams formed the field at Saturday's meet and Worthington walked away with the team championship by scoring 170.5 points.

Luverne compiled 100 points to place third in the team standings.

LHS athletes captured two meet championships and placed second in two events to highlight the day for the Cardinals.

Senior Jed Dooyema led the Cards by winning a pair of individual events.

Dooyema cleared 12-3 to win the pole vault and completed the 400-meter dash in

53.99 to place first in the event.

Luverne's Dalton DeSollar made a bid to win the 3,200-meter run before finishing second with a time of 10:31.09.

LHS also placed second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:38.81.

Ashton Sandbulte, Jordy Thone, Dooyema and Eli Haugom formed the team.

Here is a look at the rest of the point-producing efforts turned in by LHS athletes during the Luverne Makeup Meet.

Third place: Austin Winter, 400, 55.93; Matthew Ziegler, discus, 110-10; Haugom, high jump, 5-4; 400 relay (Sandbulte, Thone, Jamie McCarthy and Dooyema), 48.48; 1,600 relay (Winter, Michael Rahm, Abraham Hernandez and Ethan Rahm), 4:05.65; 3,200 relay (DeSollar, Winter, Brayden Tofteland and M. Rahm), 4:05.65.

Fourth place: Thone, 200, 25.18; Tofteland, 1,600, 5:15.23; Kameron

Boys/continued on page 2B

Girls capture second straight team title at home Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

Home dominance continued for the Luverne girls' track team when the Cardinals hosted their second meet of the season Saturday.

The LHS girls ruled the competition during the Luverne Makeup Meet, a six-team event staged in place of the Luverne Invitational that was postponed April 3.

Luverne blew away the competition by compiling 197 points, besting second-place Worthington (102 points) and the rest of the field.

The Cardinals won 11 meet titles and placed second in three events during their second meet of 2018.

Mackenzie Petersen and

Regan Feit led the charge by winning two individual events each.

Petersen took top honors in the 100-meter hurdles (18.79) and the high jump (4-8), while Feit won the 300-meter hurdles (51.27) and the pole vault (7-0).

Mallory Thorson, Brooklynn Ver Steeg and Sydney Bieber added one individual event title each to the winning effort.

Bieber and Ver Steeg won the 100-meter dash and the 800-meter run with respective 13.74 and 2:28.87 times.

Thorson claimed the triple jump crown with a distance of 33-3 1/2.

Luverne also won all four

relay events during the meet.

Sierra Schmuck, Gracie Zewiske, Bieber and Ivy Hudson won the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective 52.97 and 1:51.35 performances.

Feit, Zewiske, Tiana Lais and Ver Steeg claimed the 1,600-meter title with a time of 4:22.69, while Ver Steeg, Feit, Gabrielle Ferrell and Tenley Nelson won the 3,200 relay in 10:13.35.

LHS also received second-place efforts from Ver Steeg (4-8 in the high jump), Thorson (14-9 1/4 in the long jump) and Savannah Siebehanler (54.56 in the 300 hurdles).

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

Third place: Autumn Nath, 400, 1:05.97; Mallory Oye, 100, 14.14; Schmuck, 200, 28.09; Lauren Ver Steeg, 300 hurdles, 19.74; Nath, high jump, 4-4; Siebenahler, triple jump, 26-7 3/4; 800 relay (Siebenahler, Meghan Mollberg, Alyssa Nattress and Oye), 1:58.78; 3,200 relay (Elizabeth Wagner, Madison Reisdorfer, Josie Anderson and Anika Gust), 12:24.82.

Fourth place: Cassie Flanagan, 1,600, 6:16.96; Mia Wenzel, high jump, 4-2; Zewiske, long jump, 14-4 1/4; 400 relay (Mollberg, Nattress, Hailey Kruger and Thorson), 57.22.

Fifth place: Mollberg, 100, 14.21; Hudson, 200, 29.42; L. Ver Steeg, 300 hurdles, 57.17; Brooke Feit, shot, 26-3; Michaela Sandbulte, discus, 74-4; Lais, long jump, 14-3.

Sixth place: Flanagan, 800, 2:54.27; Sandbulte, shot, 24-0; Gretchen Jacobsma, discus, 62-9; L. Ver Steeg, high jump, 4-2.

Seventh place: Wagner, 400, 1:10.53; Lais, 100, 14.47; Ferrell, long jump, 13-7.

Eighth place: Thorson, 200, 30.57; Reisdorfer, 1,600, 6:46.38; B. Feit, discus, 61-4; Wagner, high jump, 3-8.



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Senior Jed Dooyema won the 400-meter dash and the pole vault during the Luverne Makeup Meet Saturday.



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Luverne's Derek Lundgren forces out a sliding Windom runner at second base before completing a throw to first base in an attempt to register a double play Monday at Redbird Field.

Cardinals sweep set to open Big South Conference slate

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team raised its record to 3-0 by sweeping a Big South Conference doubleheader from Windom Monday at Redbird Field.

Luverne pulled out a 2-1 win in Game 1 before rolling to a 10-0 victory in the finale.

The Cardinals play a doubleheader against Pipestone in Sioux Falls Thursday.

Luverne 2, Windom 1

The Cardinals came out on the winning end of a one-run decision in the opener against the Eagles.

In a game that ended with the teams registering a combined five hits, LHS scratched

out runs in the second and sixth innings to gain the victory.

Ben Serie walked and Jake Haugen singled in the second inning before Mark Sterrett laid down a sacrifice bunt to move the runners to second and third.

Isaiah Bartels chased home Serie with an RBI ground out.

Windom took advantage of four walks to knot the score at one in the top of the sixth, but the Cards registered the decisive run in the bottom of the sixth.

Tyler Reisdorfer tripled and scored the second run on a wild pitch.

Haugen tossed four innings

of scoreless, two-hit, three-strikeout ball without earning a decision.

Serie picked up the win after surrendering one run, one hit, four walks and fanning three batters in three innings of relief.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|------------|----|---|---|----|
| Reisdorfer | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lundgren | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beers | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Serie | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Haugen | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Nelson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sterrett | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bartels | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Crabtree | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Luverne 10, Windom 1

The Cardinals completed

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Area athletes win 16 events at Pipestone Invitational Monday

By John Rittenhouse

All four track programs from the Star Herald coverage area competed at the Pipestone Invitational Monday.

The meet was a good one for athletes from Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth, who combined efforts to win 16 meet championships.

The LHS girls topped an 11-team field with 171 points.

H-BC and Adrian placed fourth and seventh with 66 and 28 points respectively, while EHS didn't score in the girls' competition.

The LHS and EHS boys finished fourth and fifth in the team standings with 78.5 and 69 points respectively.

H-BC and Adrian tied for seventh place (38 points) in an 11-team field led by Southwest Christian (126 points).

The LHS girls won nine meet titles and placed second in three events.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg won the 400-meter dash (1:01.18) and high jump (4-10) titles for the Cards.

Ivy Hudson (13.64 in the 100), Sierra Schmuck (27.87), Regan Feit (5:47.31 in the 1,600) and Mallory Thorson (32-11 in the triple jump) also claimed individual crowns.

LHS also won the 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relays with respective 53.82, 1:50.25 and 4:17.97 times.

Schmuck, Meghan Mollberg, Sydney Bieber and Mallory Oye ran in the 400, while Schmuck, Bieber, Gracie Zewiske and Hudson formed the 800-meter team.

Ver Steeg, Autumn Nath, Tiana Lais and Feit claimed the 1,600-meter title.

Bieber (28.26 in the 200), Jady Anderson (2:37.44 in



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Brooklynn Ver Steeg won the high jump and 400-meter dash titles at the Pipestone Invitational Monday.

the 800) and Thorson (14-5 1/2 in the triple jump) placed second individually.

The H-BC girls claimed one meet title and placed second in two events during their fourth-place showing.

Kourtney Rozeboom, who placed second in the discus with a toss of 103-8, won the shot put championship with a distance of 39-1.

Taryn Rauk finished second in the 100-meter dash in 13.86.

Kendra Frodermann turned in the top effort for the Adrian girls by placing third in the high jump by clearing 4-8.

The LHS boys won two individual events and placed second in one event to highlight their meet appearance.

Brayden Tofteland won the 3,200-meter run title in 11:17.49, while Matt Ziegler landed the discus title with a

toss of 118-3.

Dalton DeSollar, Jed Dooyema, Jordy Thone and Austin Winter finished second in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 8:48.63.

The EHS boys won two events and placed second five times during the meet.

Kade Boltjes, who placed second in the long and triple jumps with respective 20-6 and 38-11 distances, won the 100-meter dash in 11.8.

Sean Boltjes won the 300-meter hurdles and placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with 42.87 and 16.98 efforts.

Brandon Kramer placed second in the shot put with a toss of 99-10, and the 400-meter relay consisting of Shaun and Kade Boltjes, Noah Kruse and Robby Armstrong finished

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Tennis team surpasses .500 mark Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team surpassed the .500 mark for the season after posting three road wins.

LHS posted 7-0 wins in Granite Falls and Montevideo on Saturday before posting another seven-point victory in Blue Earth Monday.

The 4-3 Cardinals play at Sioux Falls Lincoln Thursday.

Luverne 7, BEA 0

The Cardinals notched their fourth victory of the season when they coasted to a seven-point win over the Bucs Monday in Blue Earth.

Seniors Jim Erickson, Trey Baustian and Tyler Fick were unable to attend the match, but the Cards played well just the same.

LHS won all seven matches in straight sets.

Mark Robinson (6-1, 6-4 over Jack Frundt), Cade Ver Steeg (6-0, 6-0 over Nick Frundt), Matt Jelken (6-2, 6-0 over Vern Johnson) and Luke Jarchow (6-2, 6-1 over Jacob Olsen) prevailed in singles.

Cole Stoltenberg and Ethan Thorson posted 6-1 and 6-0 wins over Jonathan Hill and Marcos Gonzalez at first doubles, while Matt Sehr and Graham Cunningham secured 6-0 and 6-1 victories against Jack Barke and James Greer at No. 2.

Carson Ehde and Jordan Winter saddled Gannon Haase and Calvin Farrow with a pair of 6-0 setbacks at third doubles.

Saturday matches

The Cardinals nailed down a pair of wins at different venues Saturday.

Luverne posted a pair of 7-0 victories over Yellow Medicine East and Montevideo without losing a single set

during the matches.

The YME match was played in Granite Falls first and the second match was played in Montevideo.

"For not having many practices this year, we played some really nice tennis," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"I thought we really played smart tennis. We were creating opportunities and then using angles to finish points. I was really pleased with everyone's play."

Posting wins at singles for the Cards were Robinson (6-0, 6-0 over YME's Matt Young and 6-2, 6-2 over Montevideo's Henry Strunc), Ver Steeg (6-2, 6-1 over YME's Noah Lusti and 6-0, 6-0 over Montevideo's Chris Erickson), Erickson (6-2, 7-6 over YME's Ean Clarke and 6-0, 6-3 over Montevideo's Owen Strunc) and Baustian (6-0, 6-4 over YME's Tyler Syring and 6-0, 6-0 over Montevideo's Lucas Holum).

Jarchow and Jelken won two matches at first doubles.

They downed YME's Brandon Beyer and Austin Canatsey by 6-0 tallies, and bested Montevideo's Cayden Olson and David Moreno 6-2, 6-1.

LHS used different combinations at second and third doubles.

Stoltenberg and Thorson secured 6-0 and 6-1 wins over YME's Chandler Rillo and Ty Anderson at No. 2, while Sehr and Tyler Fick posted 6-1 victories over Jackson Torgerson and Isaac Olevson at No. 3.

Stoltenberg and Sehr topped Montevideo's Tyler Johnson and Tyler DeJong by 6-0 and 6-1 tallies at No. 2, while Thorson and Graham Cunningham collected 6-1 and 6-0 wins over Colton Unzen and Drake Bartuknek at No. 3.

Golfers eagerly waiting to play at LCC

By John Rittenhouse

One year ago at this time, the Luverne Country Club was a busy place.

With a mild winter in the rearview mirror and above average temperatures during the third month of 2017, the LCC was open for business in late March.

"We had some 60-degree days last year in February and we had some playing golf. I was one of them," said LCC President Mark Iveland.

Although February golf in southwest Minnesota is a rarity, so are mid-April snowstorms.

Luverne withstood an all-out blizzard April 14 and another measurable snowfall on April 17, and the evidence could be found at the LCC on Thursday.

A vehicle-less parking lot was covered with snow, and there was no grass visible on the fairways and greens as of 10 a.m. that morning.

Needless to say, it was an unwelcome sight for area golfers who have not received the opportunity to take many swings this spring after experiencing nearly one month worth of opportunity to golf 12 months earlier.

"I think the high school kids used the driving range twice this year," Iveland said.

"There may have been some walkers that sneaked in some holes, but the course has not been open for any type of play for one day yet. It's starting to remind me of when I was in high school, when we would be happy to be on the driving range by April 15. I hit 10 balls on the range so far this year because I wanted to try my new clubs. It's just been a weird year." Ultimately this abnormal



John Rittenhouse photo/0426 lcc photo

After opening for play in late March of 2017, a year later the Luverne Country Club stood idle Thursday morning with the ninth green and fairway completely covered with snow.

spring has hampered the LCC's chance to generate revenue.

The local course does not rely on golfers who pay green fees to play the loop because of a strong and faithful membership, but that doesn't mean idling cash registers are not taking a toll on the club.

"We can usually count on \$25,000 in sales during the month of April, which means we are down something like \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of net revenue," Iveland said.

"We basically have lost the whole month of April (to generate revenue) this year. We'll get through this, but we're hoping the weather cooperates and we can make up some of what we lost in the coming months."

The LCC has tried to keep up the spirits of its members

by opening the clubhouse for special events in early April.

Members were invited to view some NCAA tournament games and some rounds of the Masters Tournament on Saturdays earlier in the month, and some members took advantage of the opportunities.

Regardless of those occasions, being robbed of three weeks of play is not an ideal situation for the club.

"Our target date to open the course and clubhouse is April 1 every year, but it just didn't happen this year," Iveland said.

"We just need the weather to warm up so the snow melts. After that, we're hoping we don't see a lot of rain so the fairways and greens dry faster and firm up."

A promising forecast left

Iveland feeling good about the situation heading into last weekend.

"The clubhouse will be open over the weekend and I think there is a possibility that some walkers could get the chance to play as early as Sunday," he said.

"We need everything to dry up and firm up before carts can be used on the course, so our members need to be patient in that respect. We could be open for carts next weekend, but members should call ahead of time to make sure the course is ready. I know there are a lot of die-hard golfers out there just waiting to get out there, but they have to be patient. It's been a year when Mother Nature has been in charge so far, and she has decided to make it a cold and wet one."

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second in 47.36.

The H-BC boys landed one meet crown and placed second in one event.

Tyson Bork placed first in the 200-meter dash in 23.89, while Garrett Raymon finished second in the discus with a toss of 117-1.

Adrian matched H-BC by winning one event title and placing second in one event.

Scot Edwards won the shot put title with a toss of 40-7 for the Dragons, while Ryan Wieneke placed second in the 400-meter dash in 54.74.

Here is a look at the rest of the point-producing efforts turned in by area athletes in Pipestone.

LHS girls

Third place: Mackenzie Petersen, 100 hurdles, 18.22.
Fourth place: Zewiske, 100, 14.11; Oye, 200, 29.13; Elizabeth Wagner, 1,600, 6:02.36; Cassie Flanagan, 3,200, 13:10.07; 3,200 relay (Gabrielle Ferrell, Lais, Wagner and Flanagan), 10:44.
Fifth place: Ferrell, 800, 2:39.95; Tia Hadler, shot, 29-7 1/2; Nath and Petersen cleared 4-6 to tie for fifth in the high jump.
Sixth place: Mollberg, 100, 14.29.
Seventh place: Savannah Siebenahler, 400, 1:09.22; Elise Jarchow, 300 hurdles, 58.55; Schmuck, triple jump, 30-0 1/2.
Eighth place: Lauren Ver Steeg, 100 hurdles, 19.49; Lais, long jump, 13-6 1/2.

H-BC girls

Third place: Taylor Durst, 400, 1:07.21.
Fourth place: Abby Knobloch, 300 hurdles, 56.53; Rauk, long jump, 14-2; 400 relay (Ashlee Kelderman, Sidney Fick, Kenadie Fick and Rauk), 54.99; 800 relay (Kelderman, S.Fick, K.Fick and Rauk), 1:56.48.
Fifth place: S.Fick, triple jump, 30-3.
Sixth place: Kelderman, 200, 30.04; K.Fick, 400, 1:08.4.
Seventh place: Knobloch, shot, 28-10.

Eighth place: S.Fick, 100, 14.71; Knobloch, high jump, 4-4.

AHS girls

Fourth place: Moriah Bullerman, 800, 2:39.66; 1,600 relay (M.Bullerman, Hali Bullerman, Hannah Henning and Frodermann), 4:41.85.
Fifth place: M.Bullerman, 1,600, 6:02.4; 400 relay (Henning, H.Bullerman, Bailey Lonneman and Frodermann), 56.61; 800 relay (Henning, Erika Alvarado, Lonneman and Frodermann), 1:58.52.

LHS boys

Third place: Dooyema, 200, 24.38; Winter, 400, 55.64; Tofteland, 1,600, 5:11.19.
Fourth place: DeSollar, 800, 2:16.18; 800 relay (Ashton Sandbulte, Thone, Dooyema and Eli Haugom), 1:40.82.
Fifth place: Zach Ahrendt, shot, 38-3.
Sixth place: Sandbulte, 100, 12.41; Michael Rahm, 800, 2:22.29; Justin Dohlmann, discus, 100-5; Haugom, high jump, 5-6; 1,600 relay (Winter, DeSollar, Abraham Hernandez and Rahm), 4:04.16.
Seventh place: Eric Thorson, shot 36-9.
Eighth place: Thone, 200, 25.36; Rahm, 1,600, 5:31.39.

EHS boys

Fourth place: Kruse, 400, 56.09.
Seventh place: Kramer, discus, 99-10.
Eighth place: Carter Boyenga, discus, 99-9; Kruse, long jump, 17-5.

H-BC boys

Third place: Bork, 100, 12.07.
Fourth place: George Merson, shot, 38-5.
Fifth place: 400 relay (Bork, Jax Wysong, Tryce Bennett and Zander Wysong), 49.67.
Seventh place: D.J. Swenson, 1,600, 5:28.08.
Eighth place: J.Wysong, 100, 12.46; Raymon, shot, 36-5; 800 relay (Dewell Rauk, Z.Wysong, Brandon Taubert and Bennett), 1:49.02.

Adrian boys

Third place: 1,600 relay (Dakota John, Chance Turner, Brendyn White and Wieneke), 3:53.41.
Fourth place: 400 relay (John, Wieneke, Turner and White), 49.15.
Fifth place: Edwards, discus, 101-5.
Sixth place: John, triple jump, 36-5.
Seventh place: 800 relay (John, Tahj Schroeder, Christian Weidert and White), 1:45.21.

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek track squads received their second taste of meet competition this spring by attending the Luverne Makeup Meet Saturday.

H-BC and five other schools competed at the event, which replaced the Luverne Invitational, which was postponed April 3.

The meet was a good one for the Patriot girls, who scored 73 points to place fourth in a six-team field led by Luverne (197 points).

The H-BC boys finished fifth out of six teams with 45 points.

Worthington captured the team title with 170.5 points.

The Patriot girls claimed two meet titles and placed second in three events during Saturday's meet.

Senior Kourtney Rozeboom landed the meet championships with tosses of 38-6 3/4 and 87-9 in the shot put and discus respectively.

Taryn Rauk placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:05.16 and the 100-meter dash in 13.77.

Lauren Tatge finished second in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 14:33.58 for the Patriots.

The Patriot boys won two meet championships and placed second in one event Saturday.

Hunter Bork, Jax Wysong, Luke LaRock and Tyson Bork teamed up to win the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective 47.01 and 1:38.54 times.

Garrett Raymon turned in a second-place finish in the discus with a distance of 111-1.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's point-producing efforts during the Luverne Makeup Meet.

H-BC girls

Fourth place: Taylor Durst, 400, 1:07.27; Rauk, 200, 29.8; Durst, 800, 2:46.18; Abby Knobloch, shot, 28-4 1/2; Knobloch, high jump, 4-2.
Fifth place: Tatge, 1,600, 6:27.15.
Sixth place: Madison Spath, 200, 30.01; Ana Hagen, 1,600, 6:37.81; Knobloch, 100 hurdles, 20.55; Rauk, long jump, 13-11 1/2.
Eighth place: Spath, 100, 14.52.

H-BC boys

Third place: T.Bork, 100, 11.96; T.Bork, long jump, 18-1 3/4.
Fifth place: George Merson, shot, 39-0 1/2; Easton Harnack, triple jump, 33-7 3/4.
Sixth place: Merson, discus, 102-10.

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their sweep by coasting to a 10-run win in Game 2.

After being blanked in the first inning, LHS played 10 runs over the next four frames to win by the 10-run rule in five innings.

LHS put together a six-run second inning featuring an RBI single from Colby Crabtree.

The Cards took advantage of

three Windom errors to score five more second-inning runs.

LHS upped the lead to 8-0 with an RBI single by Reisdorfer in the third inning and an RBI fielder's choice from Bartels in the fourth.

Derek Lundgren singled home a run and Haugen registered a sacrifice fly when the Cards capped the scoring in the

top of the fifth.

Lundgren and Reisdorfer tossed a combined one-hit shutout.

Lundgren fanned two batters and yielded one hit in the first four innings to register the win.

Reisdorfer registered two strikeouts and walked one batter in the fifth inning.

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Keene, discus, 107-0; Tyler Decesare, pole vault, 8-6; 3,200 relay (E.Rahm, Hernandez, Henry Ramstorf and Sam Emery), 10:24.85.
Fifth place: Sandbulte, 100, 12.34; Eli Radtke, pole vault, 8-0.

Sixth place: M.Rahm, 1,600, 5:29.93.
Seventh place: Brogan Hart, shot, 38-6 1/2.
Eighth place: Zach Ahrendt, shot, 37-7; Andrew Wagner, high jump, 4-10; Hernandez, pole vault, 6-0.

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Beyer shoots his way to second place at state event

When it comes to shooting a basketball, Luverne's Ethan Beyer must be a natural.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The son of Jamie and Jen Beyer has an uncanny knack for draining free throws, as one might expect from a two-time, second-place finisher at the Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships.

The funny thing is, the LHS freshman doesn't spend a lot of time honing his skills at dropping shots from the charity stripe.

"He's always playing basketball, but he doesn't shoot a lot of free throws in our driveway," said Ethan's mother, Jen.

"He likes basketball, but he also plays football and baseball."

There's nothing varsity coaches like more than working with three-sport athletes, and that's what LHS has in Ethan Beyer.

He enjoyed this past winter season playing as a guard with the C squad and B squad basketball teams.

Now Beyer is all about baseball, patiently waiting for the snow to melt on area fields so he can take the field as a pitcher, second baseman or do some catching for Luverne's developmental teams.

In the fall Beyer plays as a wide receiver and safety for teams in the lower levels of Luverne's football program.

When it comes to a preference in terms of his sport of choice, Ethan doesn't have any.

"I like all of them," Beyer said, insisting he doesn't have a favorite sport.

"It just depends upon which season it is."

That's a surprising statement from a guy who obviously shoots the basketball with incredible accuracy.

When Beyer was a seventh-grader, he displayed an ability to put the ball in the basket on a consistent level by placing second in the division for 12-year-old boys at the 42nd annual MKOCSFTC.

The sharp shooter didn't qualify for the state event in 2017, but that didn't stop Beyer from trying again as a 14-year old,



Beyer

which is his final year of eligibility.

That proved to be a wise decision for Beyer, who made 89 percent of his shots (80 of 90) during four different competitions.

Beyer sank all 15 of his attempts during a local competition in Luverne Jan. 21 before claiming the District Championship with a 21 of 25 shooting effort in Ellsworth Feb. 11.

The win in Ellsworth sent Beyer to the Region Contest in Adrian on March 4, where he canned 22 of 25 shots to win his second region title in three years.

By claiming the region crown, Beyer earned a trip to St. Cloud Cathedral High School for the state championship April 7.

Beyer calmly drained 22 of 25 points under the pressure of state competition, placing second in the 14-year-old division behind one entry who made 24 shots.

When it comes to explaining the success he experienced in St. Cloud and during his four-competition run, Beyer didn't have one.

"I'm not sure," he said. "I just shot the ball and it went pretty well for me."

Those words were spoken by a three-sport guy who is more concerned with playing baseball right now instead of dwelling in the past.



John Rittenhouse photo/0426 ehs track 2

Ellsworth's Sam Kramer sports a lead over Luverne's Ethan Curtiss during the 800-meter run at Saturday's Luverne Makeup Meet. Kramer placed seventh in the 800 and finished eighth in the 1,600-meter run for the Panther boys.

Panther boys place fourth at LHS meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth track squads participated at the Luverne Makeup Meet Saturday.

EHS made the short trip to LHS to mix it up at a meet that replaced the Luverne Invitational, which was postponed April 3.

Six teams competed in Luverne, and the EHS squads scored points at the same meet for the first time in 2018.

The Ellsworth boys registered 57 points to place fourth in the field.

Worthington claimed the team title with 170.5 points.

The EHS girls capped a six-team field with three points.



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Ashlyn Meester produced three team points for the Ellsworth girls Saturday.

Luverne claimed the team crown with 197 points.

Ellsworth's boys captured one meet championship and placed second in three events to highlight their appearance at the meet.

Sean Boltjes collected the team's lone meet title by winning the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.8.

Boltjes also placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with his 16.33 effort.

Kade Boltjes placed second in a pair of individual events.

He ran 100 meters in 11.76 and covered 19-8½ in the long jump during his second-place showings.

Ashlyn Meester accounted for Ellsworth's three points in girls' competition by placing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles in 19.78.

Here is a look at the rest of the point-producing efforts turned in by the Ellsworth boys at Saturday's meet.

- Third place: Noah Kruse, 200, 25.11.
- Fourth place: Brandon Kramer, shot, 39-2.
- Fifth place: Carter Boyenga, discus, 106-3; 800 relay (Simon Boyenga, Austen Klein, Elijah Kruse and Cole Boltjes), 1:56.13.
- Sixth place: N.Kruse, 400, 59.65; N.Kruse, long jump, 17-4 ½.
- Seventh place: Robbie Armstrong, 400, 1:00.24; S.Boltjes, long jump, 17-3 ½; Sam Kramer, 800, 2:36.38.
- Eighth place: S.Kramer, 1,600, 5:39.4.

Dragon athletes compete for second time Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

Short-handed track teams representing Adrian made an appearance at the Luverne Makeup Meet Saturday.

The meet, which replaced the Luverne Invitational that was postponed April 3, attracted six teams.

The AHS girls scored eight points to place fifth in a field led by Luverne with 197 points.

Adrian's boys capped the six teams on hand for the meet with 30 points.

Worthington won the team title with 170.5 points.

Sammy Wieneke accounted for all of the eight points registered by the Dragon girls.

Wieneke, who placed seventh in the shot put with a toss of 23-11, finished second in the discus with a distance of 85-9.

Scot Edwards turned in the top effort by the Dragon boys Saturday.

Edwards, who placed seventh in the discus with a distance of 102-8, finished second in the shot put with a toss covering 41-1 ½.

Here is a look at the rest



John Rittenhouse photo/0426 ahs track 2

Adrian senior Cole Weidert makes up some ground on a Southwest Christian-Edgerton runner during the 400-meter dash at the Luverne Makeup Meet Saturday.

of the point-earning efforts turned in by the Dragon boys Saturday.

Third place: 800 relay (Dakota John, Brendyn White, Christian Weidert and Ryan Wieneke), 1:45.09.

Fourth place: Wieneke, 400, 56.62; 400

relay (John, Wieneke, Chance Turner and White), 49.75.

Fifth place: Wieneke, long jump, 17-7 ½.

Eighth place: Weidert, 400, 1:00.29.

SPORTS BRIEF

Youth track

Minnesota participants are welcome to compete at the third annual South Dakota Youth Track and Field Championships in Harrisburg Saturday, May 19.

Groups are determined by age in two-year intervals

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Thursday April 26: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, April 29: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service/ Awana Awards Recognition. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, April 30: 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study. 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study. Tuesday, May 1: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, May 3: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, April 26: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. GLCW Salad Luncheon. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Judy Fenske. Friday, April 27: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, April 29: New Member Recognition. 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. SS and Adult Study; Fellowship coffee. 1-5 p.m. Christ in Canvas. Monday, April 30: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, May 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Chanel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, May 3: 8:30 a.m. MIA Grace Serving at the Banquet in Sioux Falls.

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Sunday, April 29: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship.

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Thursday, April 26: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, April 27: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT fitness. Saturday, April 28: 8 a.m. Commons Reserved. Sunday, April 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
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Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, April 26: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, April 28: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, April 29: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Discussion. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group with P.D. Monday, April 30: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday May 1: 8 a.m. Priscilla Circle. Wednesday, May 2: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 5:15 p.m. F.U.E.L. Party. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, May 3: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, April 26: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at American Reformed Church. 11:30 a.m. DCE devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. Friday, April 27: 5 p.m. Family day youth summer send-off picnic. Saturday, April 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, April 29: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Tuesday, May 1: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 2: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. National Youth Gathering Meeting. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, May 3: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society.

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Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, April 26: 10 a.m. Worship on cable access channels. Sunday, April 29: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 6 p.m. Confirmation Banquet. 6:45 p.m. Session. Tuesday, May 1: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on cable access channels. Wednesday, May 2: 7 p.m. Choir practice. 8 p.m. Session meeting. Thursday, May 3: 10 a.m. Worship on cable access channels.

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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
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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 26: 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 29: 9 a.m. Parish meeting with Deacon Susan Marone of the SD Synod Bishop's Office. 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship Service with the First Lutheran Preschool Academy Spring Program. 11 a.m. First Lutheran Preschool Academy Children's Art Show and Potluck Fellowship Dinner at the American Legion in Valley Springs. Wednesday, May 2: 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 26: 1:30 p.m. WELCA regular meeting. Sunday, April 29: 9 a.m. Parish meeting with Deacon Susan Marone of the SD Synod Bishop's Office at First Lutheran. 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship Service with the First Lutheran Preschool Academy Spring Program. 11 a.m. First Lutheran Preschool Academy Children's Art Show and Potluck Fellowship Dinner at the American Legion in Valley Springs. Wednesday, May 2: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

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

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Saturday, April 28: 10-12 p.m. Open House Bridal Shower for Emily Lichtsheidl at Shirley Sandager's Home. Sunday, April 28: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem.

Questions about marriage

A few years ago I came across some questions about marriage — with answers provided by children. Behold the innocence and creativity of youth!

How does a person decide whom to marry?
"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with." Kirsten, age 10
Concerning the proper age to get married: "Twenty-three is the best age because you already know the person FOREVER by then!" Cam, age 10.

How can a stranger tell if two people are married? "You might have to guess based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids." Derrick, age 8.

What do most people do on a date? "Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough." Lynnette, age 8.

What would you do on a first date that was turning sour? "I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns." Craig, age 9.

When is it okay to kiss someone? "The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that." Curt, age 7.

The great debate: Is it better to be single or married? "Single is better ... for the simple reason that I wouldn't want to change no diapers ... Of course, if I did get married, I'd figure something out. I'd just phone my mother and have her come over for some coffee and diaper-changing." Kirsten, age 10

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Roger Sparks,
Lutheran Christian
Reformed Church

"It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them." Anita, age 9

How to make a marriage work: "Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck!" Ricky, age 7

How would the world be different if people didn't get married? "There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?" Kelvin, age 8

"You can be sure of one thing — the boys would come chasing after us just the same as they do now!" Roberta, age 7

The best advice for marriage comes not from children but from the Bible. Its teaching applies to all relationships. In his Word God calls us to love one another. To do that, we have to remember that love isn't just a feeling but it's a choice we keep making to seek each other's good. It's how God demonstrated His love. He chose to seek our good when He so loved the world He gave His only Son. (John 3:16). May God help us follow the example of His love, and help us forgive one another if we fall short.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. 1 Cor. 13:4-7

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

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Bridge replacement bids due May 14

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067 - 599 - 178
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. MAY 14, 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, May 14, 2018.**

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE 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 this 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, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridge 67573, a 107' Concrete Slab Span. The project is located in Luverne Township, 1 Mile North of C.S.A.H. 15 on 144TH Avenue, over Elk Creek.

The major items of work are: 75 Cu. Yd. Structural Concrete; 3,317 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 214 Lin. Ft. of Type S (TL-4) Railing Concrete; 54,970 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 670 Cu. Yds. Random Riprap (Class III); 360 Lin. Ft. 12" - C-I-P Piling; 2 - 12" C-I-P Test Piles 70 Ft. Long; 600 Lin. Ft. 16" - C-I-P Piling; 2 - 16" C-I-P Test Piles 85 Ft. Long; & Approach Work.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded 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, Minnesota 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. S.A.P. 067-599-178"**

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(4-19, 4-26, 5-3)

Gerloff applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Kellen Gerloff has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 30 in Luverne Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2,400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(4-26)

Stegenga applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Jordan Stegenga has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 28 in Luverne Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2,400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(4-26)

Richters probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 67-PR-18-93

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
Estate of
Dick Edward Richters,
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 21, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown St, Luverne, MN 56156, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, November 16, 2011, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Carol Richters, whose address is 1316 - 51st St., Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: April 11, 2018

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

Attorney for Petitioner
Jennifer L.J. Gilk
Gilk Legacy Law PLLC
1241 E. Bridge St., Suite A
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(4-26, 5-3)

SRDC 2019 budget hearing May 10

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) will hold a public hearing on its budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Lake Benton Community Center, 105 W. Benton Street, Lake Benton, MN. The Hearing will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until all persons wishing to offer testimony have been heard. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Southwest Regional Development Commission Office, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, Minnesota. Copies of the proposed budget are also on file with each county auditor, county coordinator, city clerk, and township association chair in Region 8. (4-26)

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Job applications are available at www.co.rock.mn.us/employment or by contacting the Rock County Administrator's office at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota at 507-283-5065 or by email to susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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See job description for qualifications & further details. Applications available at: City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., Luverne, MN 56156; (507) 449-9898; or at www.cityofluverne.org
Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018
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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE FOR ROCK/NOBLES COMMUNITY ASSISTANT CORRECTIONS AGENT

The Rock County Administrator's Office is currently accepting applications for an Assistant Corrections Agent for the Rock/Nobles Community Corrections organization until **May 11, 2018**. This position will provide assistance to agents by conducting pre and post dispositional activities along with miscellaneous administrative work; duties include but are not limited to: conducting initial interviews and investigation of clients, makes recommendations to supervising officer/agent, completes necessary reports and legal correspondence, and enters case documentation into appropriate electronic databases. This is a full time and benefit eligible position with an hourly range of \$20.71 minimum and maximum of \$29.48.

Applicants must possess one of the following: a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, or related field required, with a minimum of one year experience as an adult and/or juvenile agent OR an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work or related field with three (3) years of full time, paid experience working for a correction/social services agency. Must also possess a valid driver's license.

A full job description, application or general questions for this position can be obtained at <http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html>; or by email: susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us or contact the Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

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