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## Hog barn fire claims lives of two Jasper women

By Mavis Fodness

Two people died Monday morning, May 11, in a hog barn fire four miles east of Jasper in Rock County.

According to Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, Sharla Drew, 50, and Kristy (VanSurksun) Giesler, 32, both of Jasper, died in the blaze.

Drew, an employee of New Horizon Farms, and Giesler, a presser-washing contract were working inside the nursery barn.

At least two other employees where at the site near the intersection of 70th Avenue and 251st Street and were not harmed in the fire.

The Jasper Fire Department received the call at 9:21 a.m. Monday with mutual aid provided by Luverne, Edgerton, Hardwick and Pipestone fire departments.

The Jasper Community Ambulance service was also at the scene.

Four nursery barns are located on the site in Section 2 of Rose Dell Township and are owned by New Horizon Farms (NHF) of Pipestone. Only one barn, the western-most facility, was destroyed in the fire.

The 41- by 228-foot barn, which holds 2,500 pigs, was empty of livestock.

"We are all just numb at the loss," said Bob Taubert, managing partner of NHF in a press release. "Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of these won-



Mavis Fodness photo/0514 hog barn fire

Area fire and rescue personnel work Monday to extinguish the blaze at this hog barn fire east of Jasper that took the lives of two Jasper women.

derful people. "Buildings and livestock can be replaced but human life is irreplaceable," Taubert concluded.

This is the second barn fire in the 22-year history of New Horizon Farms. Last year a sow unit with 3,700 sows and piglets was

destroyed by fire in January 2014. No one was injured in that early morning fire. The facility, located four miles southeast from the current fire site,

has been rebuilt. Monday's fatal event is currently being investigated by the state fire marshal.



Mavis Fodness photo/0514 Planting 2015

Danny Roskamp kicks up dust while planting soybeans northeast of Hardwick last week. Due to the dry soil conditions, farmers across the state are reaching the fastest planting on record in 30 years.

## From dust to deluge; planting season takes off at record pace for 2015

By Mavis Fodness

Last week Minnesota farmers tied a 30-year record for the most soybean acres planted in a single week.

That follows the pace set by corn planting the previous week when corn producers had the second-highest acres planted in 30 years, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

For Kenneth farmer Danny Roskamp (picture above) last week meant a personal milestone in the 21 years he has been farming.

"On Wednesday (May 6) I was 100 percent done," he said. "It's the quickest I have ever been done."

Roskamp's fast finish didn't mean he rushed to finish planting his 1,000 acres. It meant that the lack of rainfall didn't hinder his progress. Normally, he



Glenda McGaffee photo/0514 rain

Some areas by Hills received 3 inches of rain Sunday.

Planting progress 2015/continued on page 2A

## Two local graduates attend presidential commencement

By Mavis Fodness

For two area graduates, their recent graduation from community college is one they won't soon forget.

When Tyler Jacobs (Ellsworth Class of 2013) learned President Barack Obama would be the May 8 speaker at Lakes Area Technical Institute (LATI) in Watertown, South Dakota, the 20-year-old didn't believe the news at first.

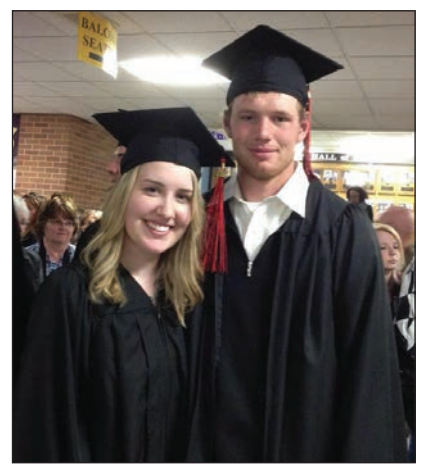
"I thought it was a joke," he said. "It's (Watertown, South Dakota) such a small town and a small school. He (Obama) has to have more important things to worry about."

Apparently the president thought otherwise.

South Dakota marked the 50th state Obama visited as president. He explained the reason in the commencement address to the 601 LATI graduates.

Among them were Jacobs and his girlfriend and fellow LATI student Tracy DeBeer, a 2013 graduate of Adrian High School.

"Compared to other community colleges, the graduation rate at Lake Area is more than three times the na-



Submitted photo

Tracy DeBeer of Adrian and Tyler Jacobs of Kenneth graduated May 8 from Lakes Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota.

tional average," Obama said.

At 98 percent, LATI's graduation rate is one of the criteria that earned the community college the Aspen Prize from the Aspen Institute of Washington, D.C. LATI earned its

Obama commencement/see 3A

## Rural Water bids approved

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners accepted the lower of two bids for second-phase construction of Rock County Rural Water's expansion and improvement project.

Project organizers conducting the bid opening called into question whether or not one of the bids could be considered in the final award.

Bids were opened on Wednesday,

April 29. Ellingson Drainage Co. of West Concord, Minnesota, bid \$3,816,536 and Winter Brothers Underground Inc. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota bid \$3,412,500.

At their May 5 meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to award Winter Brothers the bid for Rural Water's phase-two project. District II Commissioner Ron Boyenga was absent from the meeting.

Embezzlement sentence/see 8A

## Sentence order in embezzlement case includes \$26,000 in restitution

By Lori Sorenson

A former Luverne man appeared for sentencing in Rock County District Court Monday for his role in a felony case of corporate theft.

After a three-year investigation covering more than four years of alleged embezzlement, Jeff Wilsey, 52, now of Brandon, was charged Sept. 8, 2014, with theft from a

corporate property.

The complaint stated that Wilsey "appropriated funds of Hills Stainless Steel to his own account by way of having checks from customers for trailer sales/leases being made in his name instead of the company's."

Wilsey initially entered a not-guilty plea on Nov. 11, 2014, but a jury trial scheduled for March 5 and 6

was canceled after a settlement, and during a March 30 hearing Wilsey entered a guilty plea.

Conviction of a corporate theft charge alleging a value of \$5,000 or more is a felony that carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$20,000 fine or both.

But during Monday's hearing, Judge Terry Vajrt stayed the im-

position of a sentence contingent on a number of conditions.

Among other things, Wilsey was ordered to serve 90 days in jail on a staggered term.

The first 30 days must commence within 30 days and may be served in Minnehaha County if the sheriff there agrees to it and if Wilsey pays his own expenses.

Of those first 30 days, Wilsey will be given credit for two days already served and possibly 10 days for good behavior.

The second 30-day term would start in one year, unless probation recommends the remaining jail time be abated.





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Beaver Creek Township Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the township hall.

**Valley Springs Cemetery** lot owners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.

**MSSupport Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

**Luverne Rotary** meets at noon every Tuesday at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Call Teresa Hup at 283-9590.

**SW MN Freethinkers** will meet at 10:30 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Rock County Community Library, 201 W. Main St., Luverne. For more information email swmnfreethinkers@gmail.com

**Al-Anon** meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the library. Call 605-321-4324.

**Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon** meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

### Area schools announce graduation dates

Local schools will host graduation ceremonies on the following dates:

• **Adrian High School** is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the high school gym;

• **Ellsworth High School** is at 7 p.m. Friday, May 22, in the high school gym;

• **Hills-Beaver Creek High School** is at 7 p.m. Friday, May 22, in the high school gym; and

• **Luverne High School** is at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, in the Cardinal Gym at Luverne Elementary School.

### Free Food Ministry is May 21

The monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

### Community Ed

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

Morning rec begins May 18, arts/crafts, golf, gymnastics, cross country running, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. The summer brochure is online at [www.isd2184.net](http://www.isd2184.net) under the community education link or extra copies are available at the community library.

Learn how to grow a bountiful garden without using herbicides, insecticides or fungicides and without weeding at **Strawale Gardening** on May 19. Fee is \$33.

Register now for **Intro to Pilates/Yoga** or regular **Yoga** class on Tuesday/Thursdays for six weeks beginning May 19. Fee is \$50.

See the breathtaking beauty of **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Friday, May 22**. Fee of \$97 covers the chartered bus ride, entrance fee and a tram ride.

Set your child (grades 3 and older as attended during 14-15 school year) up for success as they begin staying **Home Alone**. Class is on May 27 and will cover all aspects of personal safety, stranger danger, first aid, fire safety, Internet safety, loneliness, boredom, storm safety, trust, honesty, siblings, etc. Fee is \$25.

Learn how to **Decorate Walls With Audrey** on May 27. Bring a photo of your challenging walls, stairwells, above headboards, around TV sets, etc. Fee is \$10.

Students who attended grades 1-4 will learn beginning **Spanish** on May 26, 27, 28. Fee is \$21.

Create on Canvas class will take your skills up a notch as you bring a picture of your pet to paint at **Pet Portraits class** on May 26 Fee is \$22. (for age 10 through adult)

Children ages 4 through Kindergarten will learn the basics of playing a ball game at **Early Play Ball** beginning the last week of May and held in the mornings or evenings. Fee is \$40.

Competitors of all ages welcome to participate in the **Track & Field Meet on Monday, June 1**. Fee is \$5.

**Soccer** for children ages 3-6 years will be Mondays or Wednesdays beginning the first week in June. Fee is \$19.

**Student Driver Education** class is being offered beginning June 15 to any student who is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Fee is \$290 due with registration and covers 30 hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind the wheel driving.

# Panic buttons installed in courthouse

By Mavis Fodness

More panic buttons will be installed in the Rock County Courthouse due to action taken by the Rock County Commissioners at their May 5 meeting.

An additional 22 of the small devices will be installed under desks and service counters, all within easy reach by county employees if emergency assistance is needed.

Commissioners approved \$4,616.10 for the equipment and installation.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge supported the idea of installing more panic buttons in the 127-year old building. Currently, the devices are located only in the courts area on the building's third floor.

He said business at the courthouse often involves money either through paying of fines and fees to discussions about property taxes and assessments.

"People get upset," Verbrugge said.

One current event was cited prior to the commissioners' vote.

"After what we (read about) Balaton, you wonder," said commissioner Stan Williamson.

"Do we have that many crazies out there?"

Williamson referred to the April 29 fatal shooting of a rural Balaton, Minnesota, couple during a robbery. The suspect returned a day later to set the couple's home on fire.

The structure was completely destroyed.

Verbrugge said a recent incident of loud shouting and screaming after a court hearing left some employees feeling uneasy.

A security assessment by Dakota Security Systems of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, determined that 22 panic buttons would provide immediate help throughout the building by just pressing the device.

Rock County contracts with Dakota Security to maintain and test the system monthly. They also forward any alerts to the sheriff's office when the panic button and tell local officials where in the courthouse the button was pressed.

Verbrugge said his office has been dispatched to the courthouse via Dakota Security "a handful of times" in the eight years he has served as sheriff.

The panic system is meant to protect the people working in the courthouse.

"It's a peace of mind for them," said acting chairman Jody Reisch.

Other security measures are being considered, Oldre said.

Additional measures include but are not limited to locking courthouse doors from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., sweeping the building to make sure no one is inside after hours and restricting access between the courthouse and adjoining museum building.



Lori Sorenson photos/0514 sandbox fill

### Optimist Club fills local sandboxes

Members of the Luverne Optimist Club gathered volunteers and three truckloads of sand Monday night, May 4, to fill orders for area backyard sandboxes. Pictured are (on the ground, from left) Mike Schacht, Carol Morgan, Allison Zollner, Glenn Oeltjenbruns, Keith Aanenson, Jim Erickson, Daniel Totteland, Toby Sengvongxay, Nathan Nekali, Dale Reverts, Codie Zeutenhorst, Travis Pierce, (in pickup bed) Sam Berghorst (left) and Dan Steensma.

By the end of the night, they had filled 20 sandboxes with donated sand from W&N Construction, with proceeds from the orders benefiting Optimist Club youth programs.

Also pictured is Ryder Koenig, who hauled three truckloads of his own to help fill his backyard sandbox on North Jackson Street. (Submitted photo)



### Spring planting progress 2015/continued from page 1A

said his schedule has planting finished by the third week in May.

In the past two weeks almost 11 days were suitable for fieldwork in the state, the weekly reported stated.

As of May 10, farmers are 95 percent complete in corn acreage planting, compared to the five-year

average of 50 percent. Corn emergence is at 39 percent. The five-year average is 13 percent.

The state's soybean acreage is 70 percent planted. The five-year average is 17 percent for May 10.

The evening after Roskamp finished with the 2015 planting season, it started to

rain locally.

"We're happy," Roskamp said about the rain.

The area had scattered showers beginning on Wednesday, May 6, with the most rainfall occurring on Mother's Day, May 10.

At the Luverne airport, volunteer weather recorder Troy Thone recorded 0.98

inches of rain.

"I've heard of heavier amounts east of Luverne, anywhere from 1 inch to 1.5 inches," he said.

Farmers in western Rock County reported 2.5 to 3 inches from Sunday's weather event, with some areas suffering field washouts and flood damage.



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# Birthday card fund drive yields \$55,000 for History Center

By Lori Sorenson

Betty Mann turned 85 on May 1, and she said birthday cards are still trickling in. "I just got three more today," she said Monday.



To give to the History Center, tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, PO Box 741, Luverne MN 56156. Checks can be written to Rock County Historical Society Endowment Fund.

Mann, president of the Rock County Historical Society, is among a group of volunteers raising money for a new History Center to start construction this summer in downtown Luverne.

It will occupy the Herman Motors building once that business relocates to its new dealership location on South Highway 75.

Cost estimates for renovation and relocation are at more than \$1 million, and fundraising totals last month had reached \$750,000.

To spur more support, Mann's friend Esther Frakes suggested a birthday card campaign for Mann's 85th birthday on May 1.

"We can give Betty the best gift for her 85th birthday on May 1 by making a donation in her honor to the Rock County Historical Society for their new building," Frakes wrote in an open letter to friends.

The response was resounding.

Cards poured in with checks enclosed and messages of encouragement.

In all, the birthday card campaign resulted in more than \$55,000 for the History Center.

Because an anonymous donor promised matching funds, that amount comes to \$110,000.

Mann said Tuesday she's still shaking her head.

"I've shed more tears in these past few weeks than I probably have in a lifetime," she said, her eyes welling with more tears.

"I have been absolutely blown away ... I could never have expected this."

She said she was touched by a young girl with modest means who gave \$8.50, and at the other end of the spectrum, one birthday card held a check for \$5,000.

Many donors used the

fundraising campaign as a way to thank Mann for her contributions to the community.

"The expressions to me personally ... that's why I shed so many tears."

Greg Burger, chairman of the History Center Fundraising Committee, told Mann he wasn't surprised.

"Your diligence is being recognized, Betty" he said. "It has been an amazing response. ... It's been kind of fun."

Mann said she's grateful for the enthusiasm for the project.

"It proves to us that people are interested in history and want to preserve it," she said, adding that a great deal of support came from former Luverne residents who haven't lived here for decades.

Burger said, "People grow up and leave, but they still consider Luverne to be a great town and their home base."

He thanked donors for their generosity.

"Luverne is an extremely generous community for a good cause, and we want to thank them."

The matching funds will also apply to History Center donations going forward.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0514 concert choir

The high school concert choir wows audience members with their performance of "Let It Go" from the movie, "Frozen."

# Disney songs featured at pops concert

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Middle School and High School choir students performed their spring pops concert Friday night, May 8, in the Cardinal Gym.

Under the direction of Seana Graber, the groups sang and danced to familiar tunes that have become popular as Disney theme songs.

Each of the groups performed their own numbers, and the evening wrapped up with a combined choral performance of "Seize the Day," which was accompanied by high school senior Drew Weis.

After the audience gave a standing ovation, Graber said, "I wish they could do it again. I could listen to them all night."

The night ended with senior recognition and awards.

Graber gave Emma Verbrugge the most valuable underclassman award and Kristin Ziegler the most valuable concert choir member award.

The award for most improved went to Samantha Aanenson, and the unsung hero awards went to student pianist Drew Weis and chaperone Sharon Zinnel.

Madeline Oye was received the Carl Nash Memorial



The ninth-grade girls choir performs "Songs of a Disney Princess," including "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and "Whole New World." Below, sixth-graders perform songs from "The Little Mermaid" to start the choir concert Friday night.



Award, which is given to an outstanding junior member of the choir.

Mitchell Graber and Oye were named to All State Choir.

Charlie Sietsema received the National Choral Award.

The Papik Family Music Scholarship was presented to Monaya Hustoft. It's given in honor of Gary and Janine Papik's three children who all were in band and choir all four years of their high school

careers.

It's the 14th year the Papiks have handed out the award, which comes with a \$300 scholarship.

Hustoft had been formerly recognized at the band concert on April 24.



The high school concert choir performs "Frozen Heart" from the popular movie, "Frozen." At right, the seventh- and eighth-grade choir performs songs from "The Lion King," including "Circle of Life," "Hakuna Matada" and others.



## President commencement address/continued from page 1A

first excellence award in 2011.

"It's basically the Oscars for great community colleges," Obama said. "Only two community colleges in the country made the top 10 every year the prize has been awarded - and one of them is Lake Area Tech."

The community college was established in 1965.

For Jacobs and DeBeer the choice of LATI was a matter of time and economics.

"(The ranch management program) was the shortest in the area and it was less expensive," Jacobs said.

Obama said he wants to make attending a two-year college like LATI free to high school graduates, a proposal he included in his speech.

Learning a hands-on trade from dedicated instructors is the main reason students succeed.

"Those professors are

good at checking up on you if you're not in class," Jacobs said.

While Jacobs said he never received a phone call he did receive his professors' cell phone numbers during the first day of class.

Jacobs suspects it was faculty who told the president's staff about the gatherings at the gravel pit and "Thirsty Thursdays." Both topics and other local flair were included in the president's speech.

"As long as you keep your student ID, you can still get your Sunday night student discount at B-Dubs," Obama said. "I had my staff check on that."

Humor was something Jacobs didn't expect from the president of the United States.

"He was funnier than ex-

pected," Jacobs said.

Not so funny was the hours-long wait graduating students and audience members endured before the president's arrival.

He was flying in from Oregon from a morning speaking engagement. Expected to be at LATI at 4:30 Friday afternoon, Obama didn't begin his speech until an hour later.

"They had to fly around the snow storm," Jacobs heard staff explain.

Jacobs' mom, Barb Krapf of Kenneth, arrived at LATI and was seated three hours before the speech began. She likened the security experience to that at an airport.

"We were told not to bring anything extra. They searched bags and swiped phones," Kraft said of the secret service staff.

The speech, however,

made the wait worthwhile, she said.

Each of the LATI students was invited to write a story about themselves. Neither Jacobs nor DeBeer, a physical therapy assistant major, submitted their stories. Four students and one faculty member's personal stories were included in the speech.

"He was very well spoken and the speech was well-

written," DeBeer said. "But he really didn't inspire me."

Jacobs thought the president's message was more about the students than directed to the students.

"You guys are great; you guys inspire me," he said.

Despite the wait and extra security precautions in-

cluding dogs, Jacobs said he and DeBeer would always remember their college graduation event.

"It's cool," he said. "No matter what you think politically. (It's) pretty amazing that the president of the United States came to a community college."

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## Neighbor's life modeled compassion

Jan was my neighbor. You wouldn't have known her because she and Dar didn't get out much.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

On a good day, Jan would call the White House and stay on hold for hours simply for the joy of hanging up on whoever finally answered.

After Dar passed away, Jan relaxed a little. For a few weeks she slept the exhausted sleep of someone who's been on call for years. Then she went to the neighbors' for coffee. She got out a little. Sometimes we'd go to the Bean. She loved to talk politics.

On a good day, Jan would call the White House and stay on hold for hours simply for the sheer joy of hanging up on whoever finally answered. "If the White House is The People's House and I am 'the people' then I don't want Al Sharpton in my house." (Slam!)

Ah, sweet victory. Then Jan would check the bird feeders, the squirrel feeders, the cat food dishes and have a smoke.

I think when Dar died, most of Jan died, too. They'd been together for 40 years. Apparently they both came from "rough homes" and didn't have too many family connections, but they had each other through thick and thin.

I don't know a whole lot about Jan. She didn't talk much about herself. What I know about her I learned through observation. She was a woman of compassion who cared for the sick, tended God's creation and who dedicated her life to a friend long after the friend forgot who she was.

Jan was a true friend and a great neighbor.

Rest in peace, Jan Riggins. We miss you.

They moved here in '07 on account of the veterans home. They were two retired army nurses traveling across the countryside when the home caught their eyes. So they stayed. They and three cats — Willie, Annie and Winkie.

(It was Annie or Winkie that had no tail, I don't remember which was which. And one of them was Willie's mother, too, but I never got that figured out.)

I never figured out Jan and Dar either. Dar was older by about 10 years, but Jan looked older by about 30. Jan weighed 90 pounds dripping wet and followed the "smoke 'em if ya got 'em" school of thought.

They were kind and gentle in a "nurse" sort of way, but they packed heat and drank beer for breakfast, too.

Before Luverne they lived in Alaska. They caught their own fish. They hunted their own meat. They chopped their own wood and worked at the VA. (The only reason they would get a new truck in Alaska, Jan said, is when they hit a moose with the old one.)

Jan was the resident nurse on Northview Drive. She aided more than one neighbor through terminal cancer. She dressed wounds, cleared tubes and was the on-call consultant when we needed her.

She tended to us — all the while caring for Dar, who suffered a debilitating stroke in 2008 that eventually led to severe dementia. For several years Jan helped Dar remember where she was, reminded her how to use the microwave and made sure she didn't get lost in the yard.

Dar died in the veterans home in October.

Jan died last week at age 68 in the Luverne hospital from complications of COPD. I don't know what the death certificate lists as the cause of Jan's demise, but it might as well say, "smoking."

## Investment in education is an investment in southwest Minnesota

### STAR HERALD GUEST EDITORIAL

By Connie Gores, president, Southwest Minnesota State University and Barbara McDonald, interim president, Minnesota West Community and Technical College

At this exciting time of year, we have many occasions to celebrate the amazing success of our students, including scholarship ceremonies, awards banquets and commencement activities.

These annual occasions exemplify our most valuable asset: an educated citizenry prepared to build the future prosperity of our communities and grow our competitive advantage.

What does this really mean? As public post-secondary institutions we play a significant role in providing the educated workforce necessary for securing a bright future for our corner of the state.

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We encourage you to look around your towns where you will find our graduates employed as bankers, business owners, community leaders, farmers, trades men and women, teachers and more.

These productive community members once graced our classrooms, earned their degrees, and are now contributing tenfold back to the region as employees, employers and community leaders.

The legislative session is just weeks away from completion. Legislators are considering many important investments, among them funding for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, which of course include our southwestern institutions, Minnesota West and SMSU.

Maybe you've heard about our

funding request and maybe you've been wondering what it's for and why it's so important. If that's the case, here's what you need to know.

Our colleges and universities have two primary sources of funding: tuition from students and appropriations from the state of Minnesota. Thanks to the legislature and Gov. Dayton, we have frozen tuition for the last two years, making college a lot more affordable for students across 21,000 square miles we serve, in the towns of Canby, Marshall, Luverne, Worthington, Jackson, Pipestone, Granite Falls and Redwood Falls.

With the exception of a funding increase last session, over the past 15 years state support for higher education has been on a steep decline.

Since 1999 Minnesota has cut funding by 53 percent. In the past we led the nation when it came to supporting our state colleges and universities but now we lag far behind. Once we were 21 percent above the national average and now we're 20 percent below. And with that, it has become increasingly difficult to continue to offer programs of study critical to our regional economy.

Our ability to offer these opportunities has never been more

important, particularly in the growing fields of advanced manufacturing, industrial technology, healthcare and agriculture.

Within five years, fully 74 percent of the jobs in Minnesota will require some postsecondary credentials.

At a time when the demographics of the state are such that 70 percent of our growth will come from under-served populations, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is the only resource able to respond.

Our colleges and universities serve more first-generation students, more students of color and American Indian students, more low-income students, and more veterans than all of Minnesota's other higher education options — combined.

So as you hear about all the many investments being considered this legislative session, we hope you will keep higher education in mind.

Making access to college possible for all Minnesotans, meeting the future workforce needs of Minnesota, and protecting our ability to deliver programs to make that happen — these are all things worthy of our investment in the southwest region of Minnesota, a place we are proud of and home to those we serve.



## Grandma and Grandpa Peterson's babysitting experience takes another interesting turn

Despite the Baby Brezza Formula debacle from our last grandbaby babysitting experience, Grandma and Grandpa Peterson were given a second chance to watch Brooke. To avoid any formula mishaps, I was banned from the Brezza machine.

The reason we were babysitting in the first place was so mom and dad could go to the Luke Bryan concert. Instead of formula maker, my role was transportation director, which, by the way, went off without a hitch.

We did have one hiccup in between the trip to and from the concert, however.

Somewhere around 9:30 or so Brooke finally drifted off to sleep, so Grandma Mary quietly placed



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
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her in the crib.

One would think that the rest of the babysitting stint would be uneventful.

... Not so much.

We were watching television and I was having a hard time hearing it, so I

asked Mary how to turn up the volume.

In addition to being a neat freak, our son-in-law, Blair, is also a bit of a techno geek. He did give a remote control lesson before I took them to the concert, but I must have missed the part on volume control.

I wasn't having much success raising the volume when Grandma Mary took over the remote control. I am not sure what she did, but all of a sudden we were at maximum volume and had no idea how to bring down the decibels level below jetliner level.

The sound was beyond loud, and after a few frantic seconds with no luck in lowering the volume, I made a mad dash to shut the door to Brooke's bedroom.

By now, minutes had passed and the television was still cranked to max volume. We had no choice but to shut the television off. We sat in silence for just a moment, then we started laughing at ourselves. This

was like an episode from the "I Love Lucy" show.

After several more attempts we finally stumbled on the correct way to control the sound, but between the eardrum bursting television and our uncontrollable laughter, Brooke was now awake ... for the rest of the night, I might add.

I went back to pick mom and dad up from the concert and, of course, the first thing out of their mouths was, "How did babysitting go?"

I started laughing and had to tell them the truth. I mentioned earlier that after the Baby Brezza debacle we were happy to get a second chance at babysitting, but a third chance? That might be pushing it.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**May 1**  
 •Complainant reported that her client was not answering the door and she is diabetic. Would like a welfare check. She was taken to the hospital last night.

•Complainant reported they found a license plate in the county. Contacted owner to pick it up.

•Complainant reported they were repossessing a Dodge Journey in Luverne.

•Complainant reported she found a black large phone in her yard and brought it to the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

•Complainant reported there are some kids on motor scooters playing around the lift station and trying to get inside of it. Deputy advised the building was open but it did not look like anything was disturbed. Deputy spoke to three kids on scooters and the kids said it was not them.

•Deputy stopped a vehicle and cited the driver for driving after revocation and open container.

•Complainant reported that her boyfriend has been assaulted.

**May 2**  
 •Complainant reported she heard a loud banging noise outside and wants deputies to check it out. Complainant is afraid it's in relation to an earlier assault.

•Complainant reported some damage on his land. It looks like a car drove in circles in the field and it tore up his land.

•Complainant reported subject wrote checks from his account.

•Complainant reported she spoke with the sheriff and was advised that if a vehicle was registered to her, she should have no issues taking it from her mother's place. The vehicle hasn't been registered since 2008.

•Complainant reported she lost the front license plate on her vehicle. She is going to get the registration switched to her name this week.

•Complainant reported a scam on Facebook that he was involved in.

•Complainant requested a deputy to help with child who will not go in the apartment. Deputy transported juvenile to the ER for an evaluation.

•Deputies arrested male for domestic assault and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported subject is suicidal. Taken to the ER by ambulance.

•Complainant reported subject is breaking things. They were separated for the night.

•Complainant reported that her neighbor told her that subject made threats and said he has a gun.

**May 3**  
 •An employee from the rest area turned in a wallet. Made contact with owners.

**May 4**  
 •Complainant requested extra patrol for a couple of nights.

•Complainant reported a break-in over the weekend.  
 •Deputy saw someone

crash moped at E. Dodge and N. Kniss streets. No injuries.

•Complainant reported harassment on Facebook.

•Complainant reported he has physical custody of his son and the mother went to the school and took him to the doctor. The son was afraid and wanted to go back to school. Requested deputy meet dad at the clinic.

•Complainant brought in some black kneepads that were found on the bike path.

•Complainant requested a deputy accompany him to get some stuff from his residence.

•Complainant reported a gold and cream pickup dumping garbage into the ditch.

**May 5**  
 •Complainant kept calling 911 to say that her ex just drove by the motel on Hwy. 75 and that is harassment. She was told to get an order for protection and she got upset because she had to get it when she had all these advocates to do it for her.

•Complainant reported a curved piece of metal lying on the roadway. Complainant ran over it but did not have any damage. Metal was removed.

•Complainant reported two recliners were dumped on 51<sup>st</sup> Street between 30<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> avenues.

•Complainant requested we page the fire department to help spread floor dry for a hydraulic leak on Hwy. 75 by the stoplights.

•Complainant called 911 again and wanted a deputy

to meet her immediately and protect her because that's what we're supposed to do. Her ex is driving on a road in town again.

•Complainant brought in a driver's license they found on the bike path.

•Complainant brought in a driver's license that was found on the sidewalk.

•Minnesota Duty Officer reported a spill at Agri-Energy. Notified city also.

•Complainant requested a deputy come to location so he can do some things at the residence.

•Complainant reported a kid that was racing around the fairgrounds and thinks he should be arrested. Deputy spoke with members of the fair board and they wanted him warned.

•Complainant reported problems with her soon to be ex.

**May 6**  
 •Complainant reported he drove into the car wash and the door closed while he was

entering. Vehicle had damage to back window.

•Complainant reported a white van on Fireleaf Road. That seems suspicious. The van door is open and her neighbor's car door and the person in the van keeps going back and forth. Deputy advised it's the Safelite Auto Glass people and they are fixing the windshield.

•BNSF Railroad reported that 81<sup>st</sup> Street will be closed at the railroad crossing overnight.

•Complainant reported that subject was on his property yesterday and was told not to be there again or he would call the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Subject was on his property again today.

•Complainant reported a tan Jeep-like vehicle swerving in both lanes of traffic headed west on Hwy. 23. Complainant got to I-90 from Jasper so the vehicle would have been going south.

•Complainant reported subject was trespassing on

his property.

**May 7**  
 •Complainant requested a residence check, as he has been threatened.

•Complainant reported a white car is parked at location on S. Kniss Avenue without current tags and at least one of them does not have a valid driver's license.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject who did not answer the door when they went to take him lunch from the senior citizens center. Dispatcher contacted subject and he is home.

•Complainant requested deputy escort him to his property, as there is an order in place.


In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 2 funeral escorts, 11 ambulance runs, 7 paper services, 12 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 1 driver's license check, 10 log/alarm sheets, 7 drug court tests, and issued 3 purchase/carry permits and 17 burn permits.



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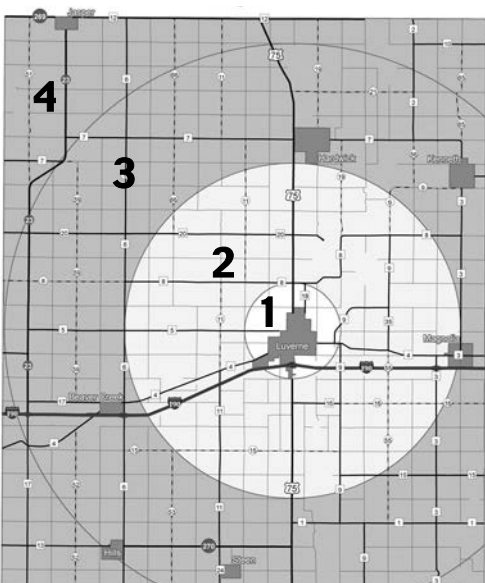
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## Jarchow's essay wins local Rotary contest

By Lori Sorenson

Local sixth-graders recently learned about truth, fairness, good will and team benefits through the Luverne Rotary Club's Four-Way Test.

The Four-Way Test is the ethical code that Rotarians live by, challenging them to ask four simple questions:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

To engage students in the code, the Luverne Rotary Club sponsors an annual essay contest for Luverne sixth-graders in Jan Olson's English class.

The essay must be 200 to 500 words in length, and it must address the question, "How can I apply the Four-Way test to my life?"

Elise Jarchow was the first-place winner, and Ellie Hodgen was second and Ainslie Robinson third.



Winners of the Luverne Rotary Club 4-Way Test Essay are (from left) Ellie Hodgen, Ainslie Robinson and Elise Jarchow. Jarchow's essay will be forwarded to the districtwide contest.

Submitted photo

The three students and their parents attended the April 21 Rotary Club meeting in Luverne

where they read their essays and were awarded their prizes. Jarchow's winning essay has

been forwarded to the Rotary Club district president for a districtwide contest.

## How to apply the Four-Way Test to my life

By Elise Jarchow, winning essay writer

Do you feel like you're missing something in your life? Or maybe you just have trouble with saying mean things that hurt other people's feelings? If you do, or even if you don't and you just want to learn about something new, then you're reading the right thing.

The Four-Way Test has four simple steps to ask yourself including, "Is it the truth?," "Is it fair to all concerned?," "Will it build goodwill and better friendship?," and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" These steps might be just the thing you need.

First, ask yourself, "Is it the truth?" For example, if someone were going to say something mean to someone else, they should ask themselves, "Is it the truth?" before saying it. Also, if you hear something from another person, you shouldn't repeat it unless you know for a fact that it is true. I would also ask myself how I would feel if someone said that about me. I, for one, probably wouldn't feel too good.

Next, ask yourself, "Is it fair to all concerned?" Is it fair for you to say something mean about somebody that probably isn't true or isn't nice to say to their face? If it isn't, then you probably shouldn't say it and instead maybe say something nice that is true. Also, if it isn't fair to all concerned, you should try to make it as fair as possible so that no one feels left out, hurt, or lonely.

Then ask yourself, "Will it build good will and better friendships?" If someone is saying mean things about another person, you could ask that person if they think what they're saying is building any friendships. You might even tell them that what they're doing is wrong and they should stop. Bullying others doesn't build better friendships or goodwill unless the bully and the person being bullied become friends!

Finally, ask yourself, "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" If a bystander were to report the bullying to an adult, it would be very beneficial to the adult to know what is going on so that they can do something about it. When a bully gets into trouble, it might not be very beneficial to them, but it would definitely be beneficial to the person being bullied and also their friends. It could also be beneficial to the bystander who reports it to an adult because they might be awarded for helping instead of just watching.

So, now that you've learned a little bit about how to apply the Four-Way Test to your life, why don't you try it out for yourself!

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Buffalo Ridge earns eighth award

Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Company of Chariton, Iowa, and Minneapolis announces that Buffalo Ridge Insurance of Luverne has been named to their prestigious President's Club for eight consecutive years.

This award recognizes outstanding continued services to customers and community and superior performance.

Employees of the agency are Cory Bloemendaal, Steve Smedsrud, Lorie Gruis, Marilyn Bloemendaal, Pam Haakenson, Amanda Ebert and Brent Dinger.



### VFW leadership

Luverne VFW member Buck Underwood was recently elected to a two-year term as an officer of District 3, which represents 18 counties in Southwest Minnesota. Underwood and the new officers will begin their terms July 1. Pictured are (from left) State Commander Gary Anderson, Blaine; Commander-elect Ed Lozinski, Minneota; Senior Vice Commander Buck Underwood, Luverne; Current District Commander Dan Meyer, Gibson; Junior Vice Commander-elect Derek Schultz, Marshall (not pictured); Judge Advocate-elect John Sullivan, Holland; Chaplain-elect Myron Busse, Canby; and Legislative-elect Richard Krueger, Garvin.



Submitted photos

### Bike safety

Area students wrapped up their school year with an annual lesson on bike safety this spring, thanks to volunteers with local civic groups. Luverne Rotary Club members donated bike helmets to Luverne third-graders on April 27 when Keith Aanenson also provided a bike safety presentation. Then on Saturday, May 2, the Optimist Club sponsored their annual Bike Rodeo in the Luverne Elementary School parking lot. Dozens of families turned out for the event, which included free brake checks by bike repairman Ken Petersen (above far right) with bike owner Marty Fick.



Pictured above, this year's bike winners are (front, from left) Katie Enninga and Keagen Jessen with bike rodeo volunteers (back, from left) Mike Schacht, Keith Aanenson and Cliff Boom. The group took the bike rodeo to the Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School Saturday, May 9.

## When you argue with yourself you win every time

Do you ever fight with yourself? Who wins when you do? Do you ever fight with yourself out loud? If so, is anyone else ever in earshot?

A silly question deserves a silly answer. Actually, I do fight with myself. This seems to be happening with increasing frequency lately. You see, as I pursue my education, I must read for long periods of time. Sometimes I get bored with reading. Sometimes I'd rather walk the dog or clean the house or play with the kids in the yard. At any rate, I must discipline myself to continue reading until I'm done with what I set out to do.

Sometimes I snack to get through.

Do you ever do that? I didn't think so.

So, this fight with myself goes something like this: The sun is shining. I should be outside. Why don't I just bring my books outside and read there? What a great idea. I'm glad I thought of it. I should bring a snack as I go outside,



## HEALTHY BYTES

By Mary Brown, RN, Luverne

so that I don't have to get up again, and I can keep right on reading. "Good idea. So far so good, you think.

Then I approach the snack zone: I should have carrot sticks for a snack. Yes, and some chocolate. It's dark chocolate, so it's healthy. Well, maybe just the carrot sticks. I am sitting on my rear after all. That healthy chocolate has more calories in it than I will burn while studying. Yes, but brains run on glucose. That's sugar. The carrot sticks are healthy, and the dark chocolate is healthy. Plus dark chocolate has lots of healthy antioxidants. Remember?

The good news is that when you argue with yourself, you win every time. The bad news is that you also lose every

time. The long and the short of it is that healthy snacking is harder than it sounds. We want to make healthier choices. But then we really want what we want. Conflicting information can get you when you least expect it, especially when you really, really want some chocolate.

I'm sure we will all lose an argument with ourselves some time along the way. At that point, give yourself a stern talking to, and vow to do better next time. Then do it!

Who ever heard of eating carrot sticks and chocolate anyway?

Brown is a registered nurse with an interest in health promotion and fitness. She can be reached at unionjack524@gmail.com.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Northwestern College

Klint Knutson, a sophomore at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, will study for a month this summer in the Czech Republic.

Participants will compare and contrast the nation's sports, fitness and leisure pursuits with those of the United States. The program is led by Northwestern College professors.

Knutson, a biology health professions major, is the son of Kristi Knutson, Magnolia.

### MSU, Mankato

Two Luverne area students graduated Saturday, May 9, from Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Jennifer Nath received a Master of Science degree in experiential education, and Morgan Sommers earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

### Winona State University

Hannah Baartman graduated summa cum laude from Winona State University Friday, May 8, with a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science/movement science.

She will continue her studies at Rochester Mayo for three years to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy in Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Baartman, a 2011 Luverne High School graduate, is the daughter of Bruce and Vicki Baartman of Brandon, South Dakota.

### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Zane Aubert, Luverne, was among more than 2,900 who graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, on Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9.

Aubert earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Open houses

Ruth Roemeling will celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

### Card showers

Grace Loose will celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, May 16. Greetings may be sent to her at 201 Oak Dr., Apt. 316, Luverne, MN 56156.

Cliff Anderson will celebrate his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, May 24. Greetings may be sent to him at the Tuff Memorial Home, 505 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Rm. 47, Hills, MN 56138.

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## 1922: Burglars take everything but the safe from Kanaranzi Bank

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 12, 1922:

### BURGLARS RANSACK BANK; BUT DON'T PROFIT GREATLY

#### Pry Into Drawers, Desks and Safety Boxes; Cut Through Vault Wall — Safe Unmolested

Gaining entrance in the building by breaking out a glass in the front door, the Farmers State bank, at Kanaranzi, was burglarized Friday night. Everything except the safe, was pretty thoroughly ransacked, but the burglars only secured \$382.00 in the form of cash and war savings stamps.

Of the swag secured, \$300.00 was in war savings stamps, removed from private boxes, and \$82.00 was in small change, pennies, nickels and dimes.

The robbery was discovered Saturday morning when Cashier Joy Baker opened the institution, his attention being first attracted to the broken door glass and then to the letters and other matter that had been taken out of desks and strewn upon the floor.

It was found that after ransacking the desks and drawers the yeggmen had chiseled their way through the two-foot brick wall into the vault from the private room of the bank, the hole being cut large enough to enable a man to crawl through.

Not finding anything of much value in this vault proper, the robbers forced open the private safety deposit boxes, and thus obtained a few liberty bonds and a small amount of property of not a great deal of value.

The greatest loss was due to the damage done to the fix-



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

tures and equipment in prying desks, drawers and safety deposit boxes open, but the entire loss sustained by the bank will not exceed \$400, which is fully covered by insurance.

Before forcing an entrance to the bank, the burglars had apparently gone to the Rock Island railway's section house, and secured pinch bars, a maul and other tools with which to work.

The fact that the bank building is situated somewhat apart from other buildings, is thought to have materially aided the robbers in working without their presence in the building becoming known.

In some of the safety boxes the yeggs found registered liberty bonds, and they displayed a keen sense of discrimination by leaving these on the floor of the vault.

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*Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.*

### Vernon Brower

Vernon Lee Brower, 86, Luverne, died Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, May 12, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne with full military rights presented by Dell Hogan American Legion Post #123 and Rock County VFW Post #2757.

Vernon Brower was born Feb. 9, 1929, to John Jr. and Dora (Vander Schaaf) Brower in Doon, Iowa, where he was raised and received his education. As a young man, Vernon worked with his father on the Great Northern Railroad. In March 1953 he entered the U.S. Army and served his country as a radiotelecommunication operator, attaining the rank of corporal.

He married Wilma Van Wyhe on May 26, 1953, at the Christian Reformed Church parsonage in Rock Rapids, Iowa. The couple lived in Louisiana during Vernon's service time. Following his honorable discharge in January 1955, they returned to northwest Iowa and lived on Wilma's family's farm west of Rock Rapids. They moved to Edgerton for a short time before returning to Rock Rapids. During this time Vernon drove truck for a rendering company and worked on a farm as a hired hand. In 1962 he began working at Iowa Beef Processors in Luverne. The family then moved to Luverne where Vernon worked until his retirement.

Vernon was a member of the Christian Reformed

Church in Luverne, where he had served as a deacon and visited shut-ins. He took pride in his home and yard. He enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren to fish. He liked to visit with others and was known for sharing a joke.

He is survived by five children, Bonnie Lingen, Hills, Sandy Maxwell (Jeff Munson), Hill City, South Dakota, Verlyn (Karla) Brower, Meridian, Idaho, Vance (Laurie) Brower, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Rachele (David) Rylaarsdam, Grandville, Michigan; his grandchildren, Vicky VanderWoude, Seth (Chris) VanderWoude, Davita Farwick, Deidre Farwick, Jonah (Rachel) Lingen, Jocilan (Dan) Fick, Jasmine Lingen, Sherry (Andy) Diller, Erin (Matt) Brown, Eric (Amanda) Lammert, Austin Maxwell, Nicholas Brower, Holly (Jon) Sikha, Josiah Brower, Jeremy Brower, Alex (Tanner) Overweg, Andrew Rylaarsdam, Kate Rylaarsdam, and Simon Rylaarsdam; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Trot, Storm Lake, Iowa; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wilma, on Nov. 21, 2013; a grandson, Jared Lingen, an infant great-granddaughter, Cora Vander Woude; two sons-in-law, Curt Maxwell Jr. and Frank Vander Woude; and his siblings Julie Vissla, Frieda Wagner and David Brower.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0514 F)

### Harlan Johnson

Harlan Navonne Johnson, 83, Mazeppa, died Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at Golden Living Center-West in Rochester.

A memorial service Tuesday, May 5, at the United Redeemer Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. Burial was at Southeastern Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Preston.

Harlan Johnson was born April 1, 1932, to H. Clarence and Sadie (Ahlness) Johnson in Madelia. He grew up in Hanska where he graduated from high school. On Oct. 2, 1952, Harlan entered the U.S. Army. He served in the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged on Sept. 21, 1954.

On May 5, 1957, he married Lois Shope in Coleridge, Nebraska. Harlan was a station agent for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and in Luverne for more than 20 years.

Harlan was a life member of the VFW, including the Swanson-Owens VFW Post #9647 in Oronoco, the American Legion Post #588 in Mazeppa, Mazeppa Veterans Honor Guard, Korean War Veterans Club, Chicago and Northwestern Veterans Em-

ployees Association and life member of Gold Wing Road Rider Association. Harlan enjoyed backyard mechanics, camping, snowmobiling, motorcycling and classic car shows.

Harlan is survived by his wife, Lois Johnson, Mazeppa; a daughter, Melanie (Bruce) Huie, Crescent City, California; two sons, Lorne Johnson, Rochester, and Wayne (Sharon) Johnson, Raleigh, North Carolina; two grandsons, Seth and Aaron Bauer; five granddaughters, Nicole Kraayenhof, Kaitlyn Morris, Brittini Johnson, Cassidy Johnson and Callie Johnson; two great-granddaughters; a sister, Betty (Perry) Thompson, Hanska; a brother-in-law, Curtis Asleson, New Ulm; and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sonia Asleson.

Memorials may be directed to the Mayo Hospice Program, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Arrangements were by Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel of Zumbrota, www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com. (0514 F)



## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2005)

•Construction crews closed Highway 75 north of Luverne Wednesday to begin work at the intersection of 131<sup>st</sup> Street just north of the new medical campus.

### 25 years ago (1990)

•An organized drive for funding to build an indoor ice rink and hockey playing facility is about to be launched by the Luverne Hockey Association.

### 50 years ago (1965)

•Luverne's public swimming pool will be open June 5. Season tickets will be sold at \$15 for a family, \$5 for individual tickets. Single admission price will be 10 cents

for children and 25 cents for adults.

### 75 years ago (1940)

•Luverne's municipal liquor store made a net profit of \$2,937.44 during the fiscal year ending March 1, 1940. The total volume of sales for the store was \$33,964.66, and total merchandise and operating expenses were \$30,977.68.

### 100 years ago (1915)

•Luverne's new flowing well broke loose yesterday morning and since that time it has been discharging between seventy and eighty barrels of water per hour. The well is 284 feet deep and the change indicates that a very strong vein has been tapped.

## MENU

### Senior Citizens

**Monday, May 18:** Swedish meatballs, potatoes, gravy, spinach, bread, ice cream.

**Tuesday, May 19:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding dessert.

Program: \$2 Tuesday. LCCW Gerri Mitchell, dietician.

**Wednesday, May 20:** Chef salad with turkey, ham, cheese, tomato, cucumber slices, muffin, bar.

**Thursday, May 21:** Liver or pepper steak, buttered potatoes, peas, bread, apricots.

Program: NLCC Food Mission.

**Friday, May 22:** Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, cookie.

Program: Elaine Hamann's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party.

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Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

### Dorothea Huiskes

Dorothea Marie Huiskes, 91, Luverne, died Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Saturday, May 9, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Dorothea Kurtz was born Aug. 25, 1923, to William and Anna (Holst) Kurtz on the family farm south of Luverne. She was baptized Sept. 16, 1923, and confirmed Sept. 6, 1936, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Steen. She attended District No. 3 country school through eighth grade when she left to help on the family farm.

On Feb. 14, 1946, she married Alvin Huiskes at the St. John Lutheran Church parsonage after Alvin returned home from serving in the U.S. Army in World War II. They made their home in Luverne and raised a family of nine children. After 26 years of marriage, Alvin died on April 25, 1972. Dorothea devoted her life to helping others, working at the Good Samaritan Society and Mary Jane Brown Home for more than 15 years. In 1974 she began working at the Luverne Community Hospital where she was employed for 32 years until her retirement in August 2006. On March 23, 2015, she was diagnosed with cancer, and she began receiving

care at Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage on April 27.

She was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Luverne. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, working on puzzles, going for rides, camping, vacations and was an avid Minnesota Twins fan.

Dorothea is survived by eight children, Dianna (Glen) Malmquist, David (Shirley) Huiskes, Darla (Keith) Schmuck, Donna (Lon) Remme and Dawn (Dan) Dewispelaere, all of Luverne, Marcia (Don) Bork, Beaver Creek, Jim (Mary) Huiskes, Northfield, and Kathy (Jeff) Wilsey, Brandon, South Dakota; a daughter-in-law, Anna Huiskes, Luverne; 23 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; a sister, Millie Roberson, Norfolk, Virginia; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvin Huiskes; a son, Darrell Huiskes; a great-granddaughter, Faith Hoogeveen; and a grandson-in-law, Steven Watts.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0514 F)

## DEATH NOTICE

### Kristy Giesler

Kristy Giesler, 32, Jasper, died Monday, May 11, 2015, near Jasper.

Funeral arrangements are pending through the Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0514 DN)

### Carrie Boom

Carrie Boom, 77, Beaver Creek, died Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, May 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial followed at the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Carrie Van Maanen was born on April 19, 1938, to Albert and Fananie (Reurink) Van Maanen in Luverne. She was raised in Beaver Creek and graduated from Beaver Creek High School in 1956. From 1957 to 1972 she was employed at the Luverne Community Hospital.

On Oct. 27, 1972, Carrie married Cliff Boom. The employment of her husband moved them to different areas. On Aug. 24, 1976, the family moved to Slayton. On Nov. 1, 1978, they moved to Luverne. The family then returned to Beaver Creek on Aug. 1, 1985. Carrie loved being a stay at home mom to their children. When their youngest went to school, Carrie took a job at Luverne Truck Equipment

where she was employed from 1990 until her retirement in April 2000.

Carrie was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. She enjoyed attending different sporting events that her children and grandchildren were involved in.

She is survived by her husband, Cliff Boom, Beaver Creek; three children, Randy (Brenda) Van Maanen, Hills, Rhonda Meester, Beaver Creek, and Ranae (Jason) Johnson, Luverne; six grandchildren, Jared (Kristen) Van Maanen and Justin (Amanda) Van Maanen, all of Hills, Dalton and Ashton Meester, of Beaver Creek, and Chase and Sydne Johnson of Luverne; four great-grandchildren, Tess and Nate Van Maanen of Hills, Jackson and Samantha Van Maanen of Hills; a brother, James Van Maanen of Beaver Creek. She was preceded in death by her parents.

To view a video tribute or sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com). (0514 F)



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# Drought continues with lack of April showers

By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

While the old adage, "April showers bring May flowers," is true of most years that cannot be said of this year.

I was mulling over some new adages that might have been more appropriate like "April drought brings May burnout" or "April dry causes May flowers to go bye-bye," but nothing seemed very appropriate or flowed quite right.

Regardless, the lack of water in April continues the slide into drier conditions for the area.

As a side note, this is being written in May during a week of good moisture that has fallen across the area, which, I hope, is a continued sign of things to come for the rest of May.

The story, for April, continues to be the dry conditions plaguing the area. While total precipitation for April was greater than the previous three months combined, it was still only about one-third of the normal monthly total.

That puts us at more than 3 1/2 inches below normal for the year and, in an even more ominous sign, more than 10 1/2 inches below normal since the great floods of June 2014.

Temperatures were warmer than normal for the

Date	High Temp (°F)	Low Temp (°F)	Avg Wind Speed (mph)	High Wind Gust (mph)	Significant Weather	Total Precip (in)	Snow (in)
1	86	43	17	48	Lgt Rain, Tstorm	0.08	
2	63	36	14	37			
3	46	28	12	27			
4	68	23	10	47			
5	72	36	12	30			
6	50	39	15	30			
7	43	39	11	23	Haze		
8	45	36	9	20	Drizzle, Haze, Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm	0.03	
9	50	37	13	30	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain	Trace	
10	57	34	11	28	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain	0.28	
11	73	32	18	40			
12	75	46	19	40	Lgt Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.15	
13	64	34	13	35			
14	73	32	14	30			
15	64	39	12	32	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain	Trace	
16	70	45	7				
17	75	50	6		Haze		
18	68	52	8	27	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain	0.14	
19	55	43	16	37	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain	0.01	
20	52	34	18	40	Drizzle, Lgt Rain	Trace	
21	50	32	17	39			
22	54	27	13	32			
23	63	32	8	21	Tstorm		
24	68	46	15	30	Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm	0.50	
25	59	45	13	25	Haze, Tstorm		
26	66	36	7	17			
27	70	36	5				
28	68	39	9	23			
29	70	37	7	23			
30	77	37	8	29			
TOTAL						1.19	0.0
AVERAGE	63.1	37.5					

month with highs nearly 5 degrees warmer and lows just over 3 degrees warmer.

This continues an overall trend for this year where January, March and now April have seen significantly warmer than normal temperatures with February being the odd month out with well below

normal temperatures.

April's warmest temperature of 86 degrees, oddly enough, occurred on April 1 with its monthly low coming only three days later at 23 degrees.

As stated above, we are starting to see some good rainfall for the first half of May. We will see if

this continues and we can get some above-normal amounts for the month to try and cut into the current rainfall deficit.

A blog of daily summary and other interesting weather events for Luverne is at <http://lvernemweather.blogspot.com>. Thone can be reached at [tathone@gmail.com](mailto:tathone@gmail.com).

## Embezzlement sentence/ continued from page 1A

The final 30-day term would begin four years from now, unless it's abated.

During Monday's hearing, Wilsey apologized in court.

"I'm sorry for the mistake I made, and I'm willing to pay for the mistake I made," Wilsey said. He also asked for a merciful sentence, saying that he hoped he could continue working through work release.

The sentence order does allow for work release, provided he's eligible through probation and jail.

### Ordered to pay more than \$26,000 in restitution

Wilsey's theft conviction stems from criminal transactions that took place from around Jan. 1, 2008, through May 15, 2012, at Hills Stainless Steel in Luverne where he was employed nearly 17 years as a sales and lease representative.

The evidence showed Wilsey embezzled more than \$5,000 over several years essentially by pocketing the first few months' payments of a lease agreement that on paper wouldn't be documented to start until later.

For example, a lease agreement that started in May wouldn't be documented for the company to start until July.

The criminal complaint chronicles a trail of evidence and tips — some anonymous, some on record — about Wilsey's business practices.

While the earliest evidence dates back to 2008, company officials said they hadn't become aware of the problem until 2011.

At that time, an anonymous letter accused Wilsey of stealing from the company, but accountants were unable to prove it.

In 2012 a long-time customer mailed Hills Stainless Steel a check for \$3,000 implicating Wilsey in a corrupt business deal. The complaint states that Wilsey denied knowing what the check was for.

Another customer called Hills Stainless Steel to inquire about company rebates or incentives for sales and leases. When the customer was told there aren't any, he told Hills Stainless Steel that he had leased two trailers in 2009 and had received a check for \$5,000 — \$2,500 per trailer.

The customer told the company that Wilsey instructed him to send \$2,000 of that in a check to Wilsey for his commission, which he did.

After this, Hills Stainless Steel reportedly began monitoring Wilsey's transactions and conducted an inventory that revealed a missing trailer.

When asked about it, Wilsey provided the name of the client, but said he must have forgotten to invoice him.

The client told Hills Stainless Steel Wilsey had demanded the first month's check be written to him (Wilsey), but the client said he refused and told Wilsey he would pay when he was properly invoiced.

Company officials later told law enforcement they believed Wilsey never invoiced the client in order to keep him quiet.

The client said he didn't call the company — or pay for

the trailer — because he believed it was Wilsey's problem to correct.

Other customers offered information about Wilsey instructing them to leave blank checks with the drivers, and Wilsey would write his name in and cash it himself.

Over the final several months of 2012, the Rock County Sheriff's Office and Hills Stainless Steel officials attempted to investigate the extent of the embezzlement.

The complaint states, however, that "it was eventually determined there was too much to go through and Hills Stainless did not have the time or resources to provide much more information."

Investigator Jeff Wieneke followed up on leads and interviewed clients who had been referenced to that point, and in April 2014 a client called Hills Stainless and asked if "Jeff Two Check Wilsey" still worked there.

When asked what the caller meant, he indicated that he had to write a separate check to Wilsey when they got a trailer from him.

The customer provided a photocopy of a cashed \$2,000 check written to Wilsey with notation "trailer" in the memo. The customer also provided the rest of the paperwork from the transaction showing a trailer sale in 2010.

The court document concludes by saying, "It is believed the defendant (Wilsey) had been performing this double check writing scheme and forward dating agreements for many years and with many customers."

The report recognized that more leads could have been pursued, but that investigators decided to file charges with the evidence they had.

"Hills Stainless has indicated that they do not have the staff or the time to investigate any more customers," the complaint states, "and the BCA staff was assigned elsewhere and couldn't investigate further."

### Judge suggests sale of Corvette to pay restitution

An important part of Wilsey's sentence is that he pay \$26,474.48 in restitution owed to Hills Stainless Steel.

Judge Vajgrt said he may pay it on a schedule set up through probation, but it must be paid.

"I will be paying very close attention to the balance of restitution owed when I consider abatement (of remaining jail time)," Vajgrt said.

He said a good place to start would be for Wilsey to sell his Corvette, since it's a second vehicle that isn't needed for daily transportation.

"I'd suggest you sell that vehicle and get the victim paid sooner, rather than later," Vajgrt said. "That needs to be your first priority going forward."

In addition to jail time and restitution, Wilsey was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and submit to five years of supervised probation.

He must also submit to chemical use and gambling addiction assessments, and pay for them and abide by their recommendations.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collections Thursday, May 28, 2015 Noon to 6 p.m. Rock County Transfer Station (old Landfill)

Acceptable Waste: paint, aerosol cans, hazardous household, automotive, lawn & garden, or home improvement products which you would like to dispose of properly. Any questions: Call Rock County Land Management Office at 507-283-8862 Ext. #4.

## Unusable and Unwanted Agriculture Pesticide Collection

THURSDAY, May 28, 2015 noon to 6 p.m. Rock County Transfer Station (old Landfill)

This is a great opportunity for farmers, gardeners, and all other pesticide users to safely dispose of unwanted and unusable pesticides. For most participants up to 300 lbs. of pesticides will be accepted without charge. We have a limited amount we can accept. Call 283-8862 Ext. #4 to pre-register.



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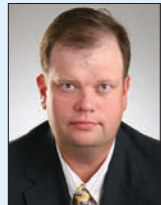
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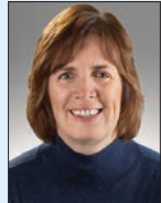
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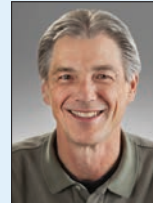
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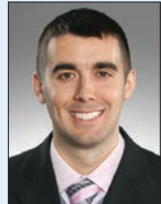
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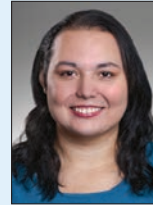
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At left, is a creation by Mollie in Peggy Fisher's Luverne day care. Above, Carolyn Baustian's day care kids show how they dance painted for this artwork. They are (from left) Myah Johnson, Barrett Rodman, Dallas Erickson, Josie Garcia and Sophia Baatz. At right is a spring mobile created with contributions by each of Baustian's young day care artists.

## Carnegie showcases work of young artists

By Lori Sorenson

The May display at the Carnegie Cultural Center rivals that of professional art exhibits, yet many of the artists don't yet know how to tie their own shoes.

The Day Care Art Show, featuring the work of Rock County's youngest artists, is on display through the month of May at the Carnegie at 205 North Freeman Avenue in Luverne.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said many local day care providers incorporate art into their children's regular routines with beautiful results.

With the May show at the Carnegie, Lanphere said the providers and their artists have a chance to share their work with the public.

To make it a field day for



At left, Carolyn Baustian's day care group boards the Luverne Trolley after their trip to the Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne Thursday, May 7. At right are the works of children in Abbie Behr's day care in Luverne.



(Photos by Lori Sorenson)

the children, Lanphere invited them to visit the Carnegie via the Luverne Trolley, which also transported them

past local attractions.

Carolynn Baustian's day care center in Jasper visited on May 7, and the students

were visibly excited to see their artwork on display.

One piece in particular prompted explanation.

Called dance painting, it was created by painting the bottom of each child's feet a different color and sending

them dancing to the beat of their favorite song.

Which song was that? "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," they replied.

Baustian's group also contributed a tie-dye cloth, springtime mobile, egg carton crocs and fabric bowls, to name a few.

Their work is displayed among displays of several other local day care providers who contributed creative pieces in many other mediums. Those include Anne Shelton, Evonne Top, Jill Arp, Abbie Behr, Monica Edstrom, Roni Feit, Amy Domagala, Amy Dammann, Heather Frahm, Peggy Fisher, Peggy Nelson and Brenda Johnson.

Carnegie are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. The phone number is 283-8294.



At left, Carolyn Baustian prepares her day care group for departure in the lobby of the Carnegie. Pictured in the center is Dallas Erickson with his egg carton crocodile. At right is a fabric bowl with eggs.

## Rust makes sign proclaiming Kenneth folks as 'Salt of Earth'

By Lori Sorenson

Kenneth, Minnesota, is a small rural town with an official population of 67.

To outsiders, the dot on the map doesn't mean much, but to those who live there and make their regular acquaintances at the Kenneth Community Center, it's the best place on earth.

Just ask the Rust brothers; they'll attest that Kenneth people are "salt of the earth."

Bud, Keith and Don Rust joined the morning coffee group on May 4 to present them with a sign proclaiming just that.

A four-foot-long finished wood sign says, "Home of the Salt of the Earth Club — Kenneth, Minnesota."

Don Rust made it in his backyard wood shop in New York to honor his friends back home.

"These are the people who have a whole different set of values," he said. "They're a special kind of people who live out here in these little towns."

He said the ones who



Brothers Bud (left) and Don Rust show the sign Don made in his wood shop for the Kenneth Community Center.

make time to connect with each other are especially noble.

"They're from all walks of life, and they come in every day and have a great time," Don said about the Kenneth coffee club.

In his mind, they're "salt of the earth," mentioned in the book of Matthew where Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount, tells his followers (mainly fisherman and common

people), "Ye are the salt of the earth."

In researching the reference further, Don found the phrase to define basically good people who give "meaning or flavor to life's existence."

In the solid mahogany wood sign, he made it official during coffee in Kenneth on May 4 when he and his brothers presented it to their friends.

## Now that it rained, watch for weeds

It is Sunday afternoon and we have just had a beautiful shower of much needed rain. That will make a huge difference on everything you have planted in your garden ... and a few things you didn't plant ... like weeds!

We use our grass clippings for mulch and other than my hoe, that is the best weed control I have.

The layer of grass blocks sunlight which many weed seeds need to germinate. It also conserves moisture and adds organic matter to my soil when I till the garden in the spring.

Each spring I plant about 10 pounds of seed potatoes. I have had a problem with Pontiac and Kennebec varieties developing scab on the tubers. Scab looks like blisters on the skin of a potato ... they look gross and may shorten the storage life of the tuber. The only way to prevent this problem is to plant varieties that are resistant to scab, so I am using Red Norland as an early variety and Russet as a late variety; both are excellent. After the potatoes grow to



### KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Flowers

about 8 inches tall, I hill soil up around the base of the plants and then mulch between the rows. This process helps prevent the green shoulders that happen when the tuber is exposed to sunlight.

If you are planning to use the bugcocktail for preventing insect damage in your fruit trees, start eating bananas and saving the peels. One banana peel, one cup of honey and one cup of vinegar are combined in a gallon milk jug, then filled 3/4 full of water. We dissolve the honey with hot water in the jug first.

We use three jugs per large tree and get them hung in the trees by Memorial Day. They do an amazing job of capturing apple maggot flies and codling moths as well as lots of other bugs. The good news is that bees are not attracted to this trap, so they remain safe to do their own thing!

Strawberries are blooming and rain is just the ticket for them. I have thinned my patch

and applied straw mulch, now I'm anticipating a great crop. I had a call this week asking about fertilizing strawberries ... I hesitate recommending fertilizer because often you'll get bigger plants at the expense of the fruit.

Berry size is more often reduced by the plants growing too thick, rather than because of a lack of nutrients, unless the patch is very old, in which case the bed probably needs to be reworked anyway.

About three to four years is the limit for maximum quality and production. Strawberry plants are susceptible to several diseases, and after a few years these diseases will limit the production potential of the plants.

Clematis vines are shooting some pretty fast growth, so be sure to keep them trained to the trellis to avoid a "blob" of vines snarled at the bottom of their support. Once they have assumed that position, you can't correct it for this season.





Luverne's Connor Crabtree slaps a tag on a Worthington runner to register an out at home plate during Thursday's home game.

John Rittenhouse photo/0514 lbb 9

## Area teams compete at Trojan Relays

By John Rittenhouse

Three track programs from the Star Herald coverage area competed at the Trojan Relays in Worthington Thursday.

Participating in the Class AA portion of the meet, both the Luverne girls' and boys' squads placed second in six-team fields.

H-BC's boys finished second in an eight-team Class A field, while the Patriot girls placed third.

The Adrian girls placed sixth and the boys eighth in the Class A division.

The LHS girls, who were nipped by Marshall (274-269), won six meet championships and placed second in two events.

Kynzie Smedsrud won the 100- and 300-meter hurdles with respective 17.08 and 50.15 times and ran a leg with Luverne's 800-meter relay, which placed first in 1:49.31.

Sierra Schmuck, Naomi Dooyema and Tayla Peterson round out the 800 relay.

Petersen (13.35 in the 100) and Gabrielle Ferrell (5:27.77 in the 1,600) earned individual titles for LHS, while Schmuck, Dooyema, Joci Oye and Tianna Doppenberg took top honors in the 400-meter relay with a time of 53.5.

Doppenberg (15-0 ½ in the long jump), Morgan Edwards (37-0 in the shot) and Kami Sawtelle (102-7 in the discus) accounted for Luverne's second-place efforts.

The LHS boys, who came up on the short end of a 244.5-243 decision against Worthington in the team standings, claimed three meet titles and placed second in seven events.

Jackson Winter (11.53 in the 100), Trenton Rops (15.63 in the 110 hurdles) and Matthew Hup (12-0 in the pole vault) placed first for the Cards.

Rops (41.92 in the 300 hurdles), Payton Stemper (53.14 in the 400), Ethan Marshall (2:08.83 in the 800), Drew Weis (4:56.36 in the 1,600) and Griffin Ahrendt (38-4 in the triple jump) placed second individually.

LHS finished second in the 800 and 3,200-meter relays with 1:37.72 and 8:36.77 efforts.

Winter, Cyris Halverson, Mitchell Muller and Rops ran the 800, while Weis, Marshall, Jeremiah Dooyema and Stemper formed the 3,200-meter team.

The H-BC boys, who placed second to Murray County Central (204-197) in the team standings, won three event titles and placed second in three events at the meet.

Carson Baker (2:10.37 in the 800), Zach Scholten (5-10 in the high jump) and Isaiah Vis (18-8 ½ in the long jump) claimed the meet championships.

Cooper Vaughn (12.76 in the 100), Drew Forshey (17.81 in the 110 hurdles) and

Relays/continued on page 3B

## Quick start lifts Cards over WHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team plated eight early runs to set the stage for a 9-6 home win over the Worthington Trojans Thursday.

Worthington took a 2-0 lead in the top half of the first inning, but the Cards bounced back to outscore the Trojans 8-1 over the next four innings to open a commanding 8-3 advantage.

Luverne moved in front to stay with a four-run rally in the

bottom of the first featuring RBI singles from Connor Crabtree and Jaxon Nelson, a bases-loaded walk drawn by Tommy Vajgrt and a sacrifice fly from Joe Sommers.

The score was 5-3 when catcher Jakob Olson singled and his courtesy runner, Omar Martinez, scored on a balk in the third inning.

A three-run rally including a two-run single by Olson and an RBI single from Vajgrt

upped the lead to 8-3 after four innings of play.

WHS scored two runs in the fifth inning and one in the seventh, but the Cards countered with an RBI single from Olson in the sixth to prevail by three runs at game's end.

Connor Hoffman pitched four innings of eight-hit, four-run, five-strikeout ball to earn the win.

Crabtree tossed the final

three innings, surrendering two runs, three hits and four walks.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	3	1	1	0
Bosch	2	1	0	0
Sueltter	1	0	0	0
Verhey	3	1	2	0
Crabtree	3	2	1	1
Nelson	3	2	2	1
Vajgrt	2	1	1	2
Sommers	3	0	0	0
Sandbulte	0	0	0	0
Olson	4	0	3	3
Martinez	0	1	0	0
Overgaard	3	0	2	0



Luverne's Dalton Schoeneman and his No. 1 doubles partner, Chris Jelken, overcame a one-set deficit to pull out a 2-1 win during Saturday's home tennis match against Fairmont.

John Rittenhouse photo/0514 tennis 3

## Fairmont edges Luverne tennis team

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team came up on the short end of a 4-3 decision when they took on Fairmont Saturday morning in Luverne.

Fairmont went 3-1 in singles and produced a win at second doubles to nip the 10-6 Cardinals by one point.

"It was a really good match with a lot of great tennis," said LHS coach Greg Antoine.

Luverne's singles win came

from Erik Wohnoutka, who handed Austin Becker a pair of 6-1 setbacks.

Luverne's Dalton Schoneman and Chris Jelken secured a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Sterling Johnson and Tony Joseph at first doubles, while Tanner Baustian and Isaac Gillette nailed down 6-0 and 6-2 victories over Jake Kallenbach and Shawn Busche in the third slot.

Fairmont received singles

wins from Tyler Head (6-1, 6-3 over Cory Stroeh at No. 2), Carter Klanderud (6-4, 6-1 over Jacob Jarchow at No. 3) and Andy Hagen (7-3, 7-5 over Trey Baustian at No. 4).

Fairmont's Mitch Anderson and Ryan Busche posted a 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4 in the tiebreaker) win over Mark Robinson and Cade Versteeg at second doubles.

LHS hosts a section match Monday.

## MCC bests AA in Slayton Monday

By John Rittenhouse

A change of venues allowed the Adrian Area softball team to play a Red Rock Conference game against Murray County Central Monday.

The game was scheduled to be staged in Ellsworth, but wet grounds forced the contest to be moved to Slayton.

AA still played as the home team, but that didn't matter to

the Rebels.

MCC never trailed in the contest and posted a 13-3, five-inning win at game's end.

The Rebels plated three runs in the top of the first before the Dragons made it a 3-1 game in the bottom of the second.

MCC bounced back to score 10 runs in the next two innings before AA capped the scoring with a two-run rally in the

seventh.

Devin Dreesen, who was saddled with the pitching loss, registered one hit for the 2-16 Dragons.

Jodi Bents slapped two hits and drove in one run, while Brooke Grussing and Madison Neuenberg chipped in one hit each.

The Dragons open postseason play Friday.

## Tigers top LHS girls

By John Rittenhouse

A rough first inning for the Luverne Cardinal softball team led to an 11-4 loss when they entertained Marshall for a game May 5.

The visiting Tigers plated five runs in the first inning on the way to building a 10-0 advantage after four and one-half innings of play.

The Cards kept the game alive by putting together a four-run rally in the bottom of the fifth, but Marshall capped the scoring by plating one run in the seventh inning to cap a seven-run victory.

Alexis Hiller recorded two hits for the Cards, while Rilee Olson, Ariel DeBeer and Katie Kracht chipped in one hit each.

Olson pitched one-plus innings and was saddled with the loss after yielding seven runs. DeBeer tossed six innings of four-run ball.

The 3-10 Cardinals play in Redwood Falls Thursday.



Luverne pitcher Ariel DeBeer chases down a slow-rolling ball during a home game against Marshall May 5.

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## Seven Dragons, one Patriot earn positions on 2015 All-RRC golf roster

By John Rittenhouse

Golfers from Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek high schools made an impact at the annual Red Rock Conference Tournament staged Monday at the Worthington Country Club.

The event was shortened from 18 holes down to nine due to cool, wet and windy weather conditions that ruled the day.

The area athletes showed their resolve by landing eight positions on All-RRC rosters at event's end.

Four boys and three girls

made the all-league squad for Adrian, which placed second as a team in both the boys' and girls' fields.

H-BC, which finished fourth out of nine teams in boys' competition, placed one player on the All-RRC roster.

Led by Adam Christensen's medal-earning round of 38 strokes, Murray County Central topped Adrian (170-176) to claim the boys' team title.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove (196), H-BC (198), Fulda (199), Mountain Lake Area

(206), Red Rock Central (207), Heron Lake-Okabena (230) and Southwest Christian (242) capped the nine-team boys' field.

Adrian's Ben Henning (third with a 41), Ryan Elias (tied for fourth with a 42), Brady Henning (ninth with a 46) and Collin Kemper (tied for 10th with a 47) made the all-league team.

Tommy McCarthy and Mitchell Veld shot 49s for the Dragons without impacting the team scoring.

Stuart Plimpton led the Patriot boys to their fourth-

place finish as a team by shooting a 44 to earn an all-conference position.

Plimpton placed seventh individually.

Preston Maassen and Justin Sandbulte added 48- and 49-stroke scores to H-BC's team tally, while Braden Ellingson and Anthony Ackerman shot 57s.

Noah Holthaus carded a 58 for the Patriots.

Other players making the All-RRC squad included MCC's Grant Everson (40), Tyler Groves (45), Brad Schneiber (47) and Jack

Pierson (47), MLA's Aaron Walzak (42), E-SWC's Jay DeBoer (42) and Fulda's Brandon Everett.

Led by a medal-earning round of 44 strokes by Abby Herding, W-WG nipped Adrian 206-208 to win the girls' team title.

HL-O (230), MCC (231), Fulda (237) and RRC (284) round out the six-team girls' field.

Alexia Kemper (tied for second with a 47), Katie Wieneke (fifth with a 49) and Mackenzie Wagner (eighth with a 54) made the All-RRC

squad for the Dragons.

Jada Elias capped the team scoring with a 58.

Adrian's Madelyn Odell and Courtney Penning shot 61- and 89-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Other girls making the all-league team include HL-O's Kailey Wendland (47), W-WG's Brittany Erickson (48) and Deziree Koenig (56), MCC's Liz Prahm (53), Fulda's Caitlin Streng (53) and MCC's Abby Hamman (56).



# Jumping to wrong conclusion

As it turns out, I wasn't alone in being confused about the news I received last week.



## FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Upon learning Luverne High School junior Chaz Smedsrud had been selected in the 26<sup>th</sup> round of the United States Hockey League draft by the Sioux Falls Stampede, I quickly reached a conclusion.

"There goes Luverne's best chance of qualifying for the state hockey tournament for the second time in three years," I said to myself.

Smedsrud, after all, has earned his place among the state of Minnesota's most prolific point producers the last two seasons.

And the thought of watching the Cardinals race on to the ice at the Blue Mound Ice Arena next season without No. 8 (Smedsrud's jersey number) being among the charges would have been a disappointing prospect, to say the least.

The thing about jumping to early conclusions is they could be wrong.

After sharing a conversation with Chaz's father, Steve Smedsrud, it appears my initial reaction about the situation was way off base.

"Don't worry about that," Steve told me. "You are not alone. We've got a lot of calls from people who are wondering if Chaz was done playing hockey here. It's not necessarily true."

That's good news for the Luverne hockey faithful, who can feel free to breathe a sigh of relief.

Being drafted by the Stampede doesn't mean Chaz's high school career is over.

It means he'll have some options when it comes to his hockey future.

"Chaz's goal right now is

to play Division 1 (college) hockey some day, and that usually requires playing junior hockey at some point. Junior hockey can be a stepping stone to Division 1 schools, and that's the way we're looking at this," Steve said.

By being drafted, Chaz will be invited to attend the Stampede's tryout camp June 12-15 in Sioux Falls.

The LHS athlete hopes to make a good impression at the camp, which could keep him in the Stampede's future plans.

"He'll be evaluated at the camp and they'll make a decision from there," Steve said.

"He could be placed on an affiliate list and asked to come and play for them at the end of the next high school season. They also could say thanks for coming and that would be the end of it."

Regardless of what the Stampede decide, I believe Smedsrud has a bright future in hockey.

The chances are slim that he would be asked to forego his senior season at LHS and join the team next winter.

And, if the Sioux Falls team decides to pass on his talents, I'm sure there are other junior teams out there that would be more than willing to give Smedsrud an opportunity to play with them in the future.

If that proves to be the case, the high-scoring forward can focus his attention on a shorter-term goal.

"Right now he plans on playing here next year and make a run at getting back to the state tournament," Steve stated.

# Dragons win two baseball thrillers Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team went 2-1 when they played three games in a five-day span.

The Dragons dropped a three-run decision in Edgerton May 5 before posting a pair of home wins Saturday.

Adrian sports a 9-4 record after the stretch.

**Adrian 4, T-M-B 3**

The Dragons plated a run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to nip Tracy-Milroy-Balaton in Saturday's second game.

With the score knotted at three, Logan Rogers slapped a leadoff single and advanced to third base on a throwing effort by the Panthers.

Following intentional walks to Brady Lonneman and Tony Sieve, Landon Rogers lined a single to center field to chase home the decisive run.

Adrian opened a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning with an RBI single by Logan Rogers, a successful squeeze bunt by Sieve and an RBI double from Landon Rogers.

T-M-B tied the game with a three-run rally in the third.

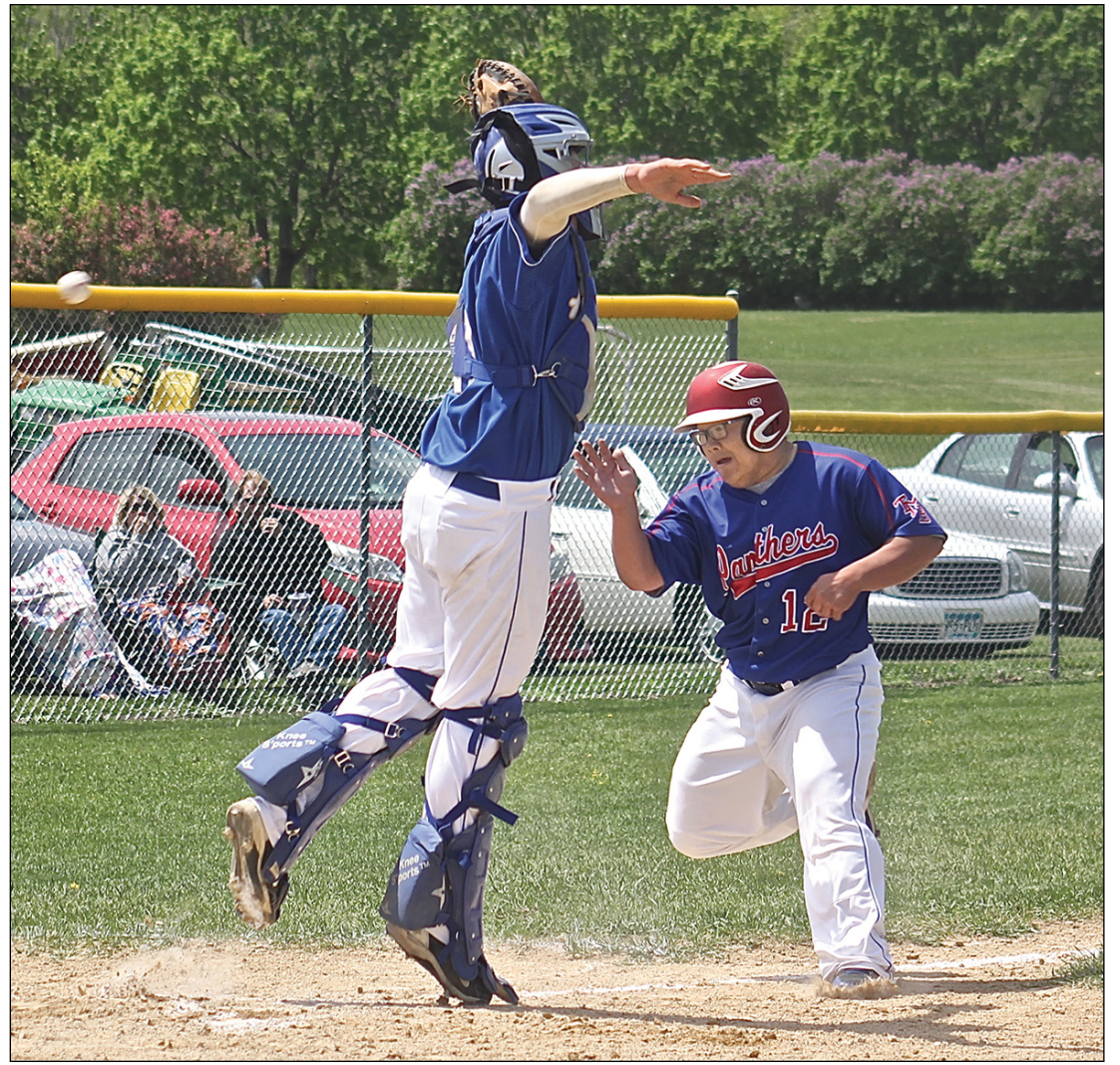
Lonneman tossed seven innings of four-hit, nine-strikeout ball to earn the win.

**AHS 6, RRC-W-WG 5**

A five-run rally in the bottom half of the seventh inning gave the Dragons a one-run win during Saturday's first game against Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

After taking a 1-0 lead with an RBI single from Lonneman in the first inning, the Dragons found themselves facing a 5-1 deficit heading into the bottom of the seventh.

Adrian loaded the bases with one out before Lonneman



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Adrian catcher Tony Sieve is unable to snag an errant throw as Tracy-Milroy-Balaton's Kenny Her races to home plate during Saturday's game in Adrian. The Dragons posted a 4-3 win.

bounced into a fielder's choice that chased home one run and resulted in the second out of the frame.

Sieve singled to load the bases for a second time before Landon Rogers chopped a ball down the third-base line.

The ball was fielded by the Falcons, but the throw to first sailed down the right-field line and the error allowed the Dragons to score four runs and win the game.

Logan Rogers pitched five and two-thirds innings of four-run, nine-strikeout ball in relief of Sieve to earn the win. Sieve tossed the first one and one third innings, surrendering one run.

**E-SWC 4, Adrian 1**

The Dragons dropped the first conference game of the season when they took on the Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton May 5.

E-SWC took advantage of five Adrian errors to plate three unearned runs and build a 4-0 lead after five innings of play.

Logan Rogers singled and scored on a single by Landon Rogers for AHS in the sixth inning, but it wasn't enough to keep a six-game run of wins in conference play alive for the Dragons.

Sieve fanned eight batters and yielded two hits and three unearned runs on the mound.

# Luverne girls place third at Oakdale Golf Course

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' golf team turned in a strong showing at an invitational staged at the Oakdale Golf Course near Buffalo Lake Thursday.

Competing in a field of nine complete teams, the Cardinals

placed third overall with 374 strokes.

Minnewaska Area (319) and Marshall (332) led the field, while Morris (385), Worthington (411), New Ulm (425), New London-Spicer (455), Fairmont (464) and

Montevideo (486) capped the standings.

Madison Crabtree placed ninth and Hannah VerSteeg finished 11<sup>th</sup> for LHS with 89- and 90-stroke efforts respectively.

Hailey Remme and

Makayla Sterrett added 97- and 98-stroke rounds to the team tally, and Hailey Franken carded a 117 without influencing the scoring.

Minnewaska Area's Jenna Janu landed medalist honors by shooting a 68.

# Adrian squads mix it up at Fulda Invitational event

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian golf teams participated in eight-squad fields at the Fulda Invitational May 5.

The Adrian boys topped six of the eight teams on hand to place second, while the Dragon girls finished third overall.

Murray County Central

topped AHS 317-330 in the boys' competition.

Windom (339), Westbrook Walnut Grove (370), Mountain Lake Area (384), Fulda (395), Red Rock Central (399) and Heron Lake-Okabena (479) capped the field.

Ben Henning placed third individually after registering a 78.

Ryan Elias, Collin Kemper and Tommy McCarthy added respective 81-, 84- and 87-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Brady Henning and Mitchell Veld turned in 89- and 92-stroke tallies without influencing the scoring.

MCC's Adam Christensen earned medalist honors with a 71.

Adrian compiled a 386-stroke tally to top MCC (424), Fulda (439), HL-O (469), RRC (472) and Southwest Christian (557) in the girls' standings.

Windom bested W-WG 347-384 to claim the team crown.

Alexia Kemper placed fifth

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Jelken draws honor**

A 2014 Luverne High School graduate graces the roster of the 2015 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Tennis All-Conference Roster.

Andrew Jelken, a freshman member of the Bethany Lutheran College tennis program in Mankato, is one of three program members to make the all-conference list.

Jelken won eight singles

matches and five doubles matches as a freshman.

**Fun Run information**

The Buffalo Days Fun Run is set for Saturday, June 6.

There is a half-mile run for kids 12 and under as well as 5K and 10K events.

The registration form for the events can be found at www.sanfordluverne.com.

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Carey Taubert (39-8 1/2 in the triple jump) placed second individually.

The H-BC girls won one event and placed second in three events at the meet.

Jenna Wilgenburg took top honors in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:00.55.

Wilgenburg teamed up with Madison Spath, Grace Bundesen and Sidney Fick to place second in the 800- and 1,600-meter relays with 1:55.51 and 2:20.06 efforts.

Spath, Bundesen, Fick and Paige Tilstra finished second in the 400-meter relay in 56.06.

The Adrian girls placed first in two events and finished second in one event at the meet.

Hannah Bullerman and Morgan Sauer placed first and second in the 1,600-meter runs in 5:39.11 and 6:00.9.

Shaina Combs cleared 4-4 to win the high jump.

The Adrian boys claimed one meet title and placed second in two events.

Theron Miller, Chris Christians, Tanner Kamm and Zach Bierman won the 800-meter relay in 1:41.94.

Miller placed second in the high jump (5-6) and ran a leg with the 1,600-meter relay, which placed second in 3:42.95.

Christians, Kamm and Taylor Recker round out the 1,600-meter squad.

Here is a look at the rest of the point-producing efforts and the team standings from the meet.

**LHS girls**  
Third place: Sydnie Biever, 400, 1:06.56; Jaidyn Eibers, 300 hurdles, 52.05; 1,600 relay (Ferrell, Eibers, Oye and Mackenzie Petersen), 4:26.69.  
Fourth place: Schmuck, 100, 13.91; Dooyema, 200, 28.59; Sawtelle, shot, 32-8 1/2; Edwards, discus, 94-5; Bergin Flom, high jump, 4-4; 3,200 relay (Madison Reisdorfer, Mariah Aukes, Petersen and Mallory Thorson), 11:25.92.  
Fifth place: Aukes, 3,200, 3:40.1; Courtney Siebenahler, triple jump, 30-2.  
Sixth place: Eibers, 100 hurdles, 18.75;

Petersen, high jump, 4-4; Flom, pole vault, 8-0.  
Eighth place: Flom, 800, 2:56.17; Reisdorfer, 1,600, 6:14.61; Aukes, pole vault, 7-0; Thorson, triple jump, 27-4 1/2.

**LHS boys**  
Third place: Logan Stratton, shot, 45-3.  
Fourth place: Dylan Thorson, shot, 42-1; D.J. Reker, discus, 129-0; Dooyema, pole vault, 10-0; Tanner Wiese, long jump, 17-4 1/2.  
Fifth place: Muller, 110 hurdles, 17.36; Muller, triple jump, 36-10; 400 relay (Halverson, Wiese, Brandon Winter and Ahrendt), 51.46.  
Sixth place: Muller, 300 hurdles, 45.36; Eli Haugom, high jump, 5-2; 1,600 relay (B. Winter, Dooyema, Jordy Thone and Ben Wagner), 4:01.7.  
Seventh place: Halverson, 100, 12.69; B. Winter, 400, 57.29; Stratton, discus, 115-0.

**H-BC boys**  
Third place: Taubert, 400, 53.96; Vis, triple jump, 39-0 1/2; 400 relay (Isaiah Wagenaar, Vaughn, Vis and Taubert), 48.95; 800 relay (Logan Leuthold, Forshey, Vaughn and Vis), 1:45.09.  
Fourth place: Taubert, 200, 25.29; Scholten, discus, 101-7.  
Fifth place: Wagenaar, 300 hurdles, 46.38; Forshey, high jump, 5-4; 3,200 relay (Nick Kiers, Trenton Bass, Dylan Forshey and Dawson Leenders), 10:27.52.  
Sixth place: Wagenaar, 110 hurdles, 19.15; 1,600 relay (Scholten, Kiers, Dean Fuerstenberg and Baker), 4:01.83.  
Seventh place: Dr. Forshey, 300 hurdles, 47.17; Scholten, shot, 34-4; Leuthold, discus, 91-4; Vaughn, long jump, 17-2 1/2.  
Eighth place: Jacob Wingert, 400, 1:04.56.

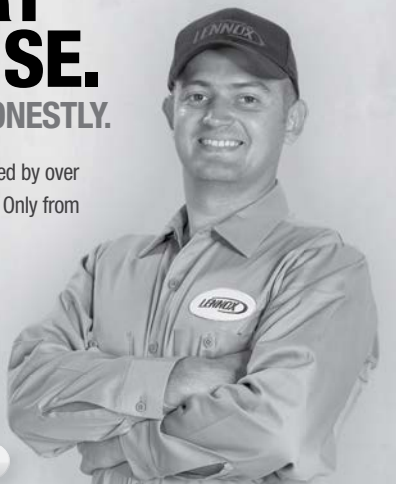
**H-BC girls**  
Third place: Kourtney Rozeboom, discus, 78-10.  
Fourth place: Olivia Richards, 800, 2:51.22; Rozeboom, shot, 28-2 1/2; Bundesen, high jump, 4-2; Fick, long jump, 13-7 1/2.  
Sixth place: Tessa Velgersdyk, 100, 14.46; Velgersdyk, 200, 30.12; Halle Hoekstra, 800, 2:56.28.  
Seventh place: Tilstra, 400, 1:07.6; Richards, triple jump, 26-0 1/2.  
Eighth place: Avery Van Roekel, shot, 24-8 1/2; Van Roekel, discus, 72-0.

**Adrian girls**  
Third place: 800 relay (Kaitlyn Christians, Katie Reisdorfer, Combs and Katia Suarez), 1:57.46.  
Fourth place: 400 relay (Combs, Christians, Morgan Kern and Suarez), 56.62.  
Fifth place: Ashley Schnoor, discus, 76-10.  
Sixth place: Elizabeth Erwin, triple jump, 27-10 1/2.  
Eighth place: Combs, 300 hurdles, 56.96.

**Adrian boys**  
Fourth place: Recker, high jump, 5-6; 400 relay (Bierman, Miller, Kamm and Kasey Matdson), 48.95.  
Seventh place: Cain Rautenkrantz, 110 hurdles, 19.91.

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Tri-State Buffalo Richard Gonzalez has the ball stripped out of his hands by a Panic defender during Saturday's football game in Hills. The Buffalos rallied in the second half to force overtime before falling 40-34.

## Buffalos rally before falling in second overtime

**By John Rittenhouse**

An impressive comeback in the second half by the Tri-State Buffalos was erased in overtime Saturday in Hills.

After falling behind 26-6 in the first half of a Southern Plains Football League game against The Panic, the Buffalos rallied to knot the score at 34 late in the fourth quarter.

T-S, however, couldn't produce any points with two possessions in overtime.

The Panic missed a field goal at the end of their first overtime possession, but

they completed a 10-yard touchdown pass on the first play of their second possession to pull out a 40-34 victory.

The Panic took a 13-0 lead by registering 13- and two-yard touchdown runs in the first quarter before the Buffalos registered their first points of the season when quarterback Alex Toupal scored on a one-yard run at the 7:55 mark of the second quarter to make it 13-6 game.

The Panic added touchdown runs covering 22 and three yards before the first half was

complete to increase the lead to 20 points (26-6) before the intermission.

The second half belonged to the Buffalos, who received a three-yard touchdown run by Toupal and a conversion run by Tyrel Kool at the 5:02 mark of the third quarter before trimming the difference to six points (26-20) when Toupal fired a seven-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Gonzalez with 8:06 remaining in the fourth quarter.

T-S moved in front 28-26 when Mickey Mahar

scooped up a blocked punt and returned it 18 yards for a touchdown before Toupal carried in the ensuing two-point conversion.

The Panic regained the lead at 34-28 with an 18-yard touchdown run and a successful conversion run with 6:07 remaining.

T-S battled back to knot the score at 34 with 32 seconds remaining, when Toupal tossed a 16-yard touchdown pass to Kool.

The 0-2 Buffalos play Saturday in Rockwell, Iowa.

## Adrian hosts golf triangular Thursday

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian golf teams registered victories during an event at the Adrian Area Country Club Thursday.

The Dragon boys won a triangular involving Hills-Beaver Creek and Southwest Christian.

The AHS girls downed SWC 191-295.

Katie Wieneke led the Dragon girls to a 104-stroke victory by carding a 41 to secure medalist honors.

Jada Elias, Alexia Kemper and Mackenzie Wagner added respective 47-, 51- and 52-stroke scores to the team tally, while Courtney Penning and Madelyn Odell shot 59 and 62 stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Katie Van Dam led the E-Gals with a 60.

The AHS boys turned in a

159-stroke effort to top H-BC (190) and SWC (217).

Collin Kemper earned medalist honors for the Dragons by firing a one-over-par 37.

Ben Henning, Ryan Elias and Tommy McCarthy added 39-, 41- and 42-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Brady Henning and Mitchell Veld shot 45- and 47-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

Stuart Plimpton led the Patriots with a 44, while Anthony Ackerman, Noah Holthaus and Justin Sandbulte added 47-, 49- and 50-stroke rounds to the team score.

Preston Maassen shot a 50 and Braden Ellingson a 54 for H-BC.

Jay DeBoer led the Eagles with a 43.

## Flying Dutchmen rout AA

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian Area Dragons fell behind early and were unable to recover when they faced conference-leading Edgerton-Southwest Christian in Ellsworth May 5.

E-SWC scored nine runs in the top half of the first inning and plated seven runs in the final two frames to complete a 19-3, five-inning victory.

AA scored one run in the

second inning and two in the third.

Devin Dreesen started the game on the mound and took the loss. She registered one out before being lifted for Jodi Bents, who worked the final four and two-thirds innings.

Dreesen belted a two-run homerun at the plate in the third inning, while Olivia Weidert and Alecia Lunt singled for the Dragons.

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individually for AHS with a 90.

Katie Wieneke and Mackenzie Wagner added 98s to the team tally, while Jada Elias capped the scoring

with a 100.

Courtney Penning and Madelyn Odell shot 119- and 130-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

W-WG's Abby Herding claimed the individual title with an 80.

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605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
www.luverncrc.com — luverncrc@gmail.com  
Roger Sparks, Pastor

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1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org  
Dick Lauger, Pastor  
Thursday, May 14: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC (Psalms 85-87). 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, May 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Saturday, May 16: 3 to 3 p.m. Open House for Sam Gerloff at her home, 1076 95<sup>th</sup> St. Sunday, May 17: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Noon All-church potluck with Ted and Dawn. 2 p.m. LHS graduation. 6:00 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, May 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, May 21: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com  
Ron Nichols, Pastor  
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**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew M. Palmquist, Pastor  
Thursday, May 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, May 17: 9 a.m. Last Sunday School classes. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship; Sunday School students sing. Wednesday, May 20: Southern Minnesota Circuit ELS pastors' conference at BLC in Mankato. Thursday, May 21: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org  
Friday, May 15: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, May 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time. Tuesday, May 19: 1 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 20: 7 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Supper; Abide Praise Team.

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220 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

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**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor  
Thursday, May 14: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, May 15: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, May 17: 9 a.m. Mentor Program. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 2 p.m. LHS Graduation. Monday, May 18: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 20: 1:30 p.m. Hannah Bible Study at church. Thursday, May 21: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17: Pastor Dorie on vacation. Pastor Kristie Franken from UMC, Magnolia, on call at 507-227-7821. Thursday, May 14: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, May 17: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship; Senior Recognition; Ethel and John B. Schwartz Scholarships. 10 a.m. Coffee and Cake reception to honor high school seniors. 11 a.m. Come as you Are Service; Senior Recognition. Tuesday, May 19: 8 a.m. Priscilla Circle. 9:30 a.m. Salad Luncheon Committee meeting. 6:30 p.m. Trustee Committee meeting. 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, May 20, and Thursday, May 21: Confirmation retreat for Seventh- and eighth-graders with Magnolia Confirmation students. Thursday, May 21: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com  
Jason Cunningham, Pastor  
Thursday, April 14: 5 p.m. Music Staff meeting. Saturday, May 16: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pictures. Sunday, May 17: Senior Brunch 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 2 to 4 p.m. Elaine Hamann birthday open house. Monday, May 18: 9 a.m. Quilting. 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, May 19: Noon Over 60's picnic. 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, May 20: Newsletter deadline. Circles. Thursday, April 21: 1 to 8 p.m. Pictures.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005  
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org  
Gary Klatt, Pastor  
Thursday, May 14: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Friday, May 15: Church office closed. Saturday, May 16: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 17: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Monday, May 18, through Friday, May 22: 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Monday, May 18: Newsletter deadline. Tuesday, May 19: 1 p.m. Quilting; No evening quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. Wednesday, May 20: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study.

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

**New Life Celebration Church**  
211 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

**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  
Ray Heidenson, Pastor  
Sunday, May 17: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, May 19: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, May 20: 7 p.m. Choir practice.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
Ray Heidenson, Pastor  
Thursday, May 14: Church Council meeting. Sunday, May 17 (Coffee Cup Sunday): 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
Reuben Sinnema, Pastor  
Thursday, May 14: Volunteer Day at Thrift Store in Worthington. Sunday, May 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; Pulpit Supply by Norlyn Van Beek. 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Evening Service; Pulpit Supply by Grant and Gawaine Dekevers. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Monday, May 18: 7 p.m. Elders' meeting. 8 p.m. Consistory meeting.

## Sitting here quietly

"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3 ESV)



Young Sven went to study at the university and was living in a dorm with other students. After he'd been there a month, his mother came to visit him.

"How do you get along with de other students, Young Sven?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied, "dey are strange people. De one on dat side keeps banging his head on de wall and vill not stop. De one on de other side screams and screams every evening."

"Oh Young Sven!" said his mother. "How do you manage to put up with dese noisy neighbors? Haf you talked with someone about de problem?"

"Mother, I do nothing.

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

I just sit here, playing my drums and ignore dem."

Sometimes we see oddities in the behaviors of others, but fail to identify our own shortcomings. When there are problems in a relationship, what is really the cause of the trouble? How do our actions affect others? What chain reaction might we be setting in motion with our comments and misinterpretations of what someone else has said?

God wants us to humbly look at ourselves, instead of judging others.

Lord, help us see ourselves honestly. Take away what is obstructing our vision so that we can help others, in Your name. Amen.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Beaver Creek  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Third Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle.

**Kenneth Lutheran Church**  
340 Church St., Kenneth  
Office Ph. 283-4804; Home Ph. 879-3216  
www.hkz.lutheranweb.net  
Kerry Boese, Pastor  
Saturdays: 5:15 p.m. Worship Service.

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

Sunday, May 17: Graduation Sunday for Seniors at 10:30 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, May 19: 10 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Mary Martha Circle. Wednesday, May 20: Confirmation. Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22: Camp.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
507-962-3270  
Sunday, May 17: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 2 p.m. H-BC Baccalaureate; Luverne graduation. Tuesday, May 19: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Wednesday, May 20: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. BLCW Honor Day: honoring women over 80. Regular circular meeting following. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at the home of Marilyn Nelson. Newsletter deadline.

**Hills United Reformed Church**  
410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
hillsurc@alliancecom.net  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor  
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## Hwy. Department public hearing set for May 19

ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRANSFER OF STATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR MAY 19, 2015

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption of Resolution No. 19-15, to transfer Municipal construction Funds to the Regular construction Funds Account  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Rock County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Minnesota State Aid Operation Rules 8820.2400 on May 19, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Herreid Board Meeting Room at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota to consider the transfer of Municipal construction Funds to the Regular construction Funds Account.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Individuals unable to attend the public hearing can make written comment by writing to the County Administrator of County of Rock, Rock County Courthouse, P.O. Box 509, Luverne, Minnesota 56156. Written comments must be received prior to the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
/s/ Kyle J. Oldre, County Administrator  
(5-7, 5-14)

## Yellow Nook Photography assumes name

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NAMEHOLDER(S): **Michelle Lynn Aanenson**  
**415 West Brown St., Luverne, MN 56156**

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SIGNED BY: /s/ Michelle L. Aanenson  
MAILING ADDRESS: None provided  
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: michelleaanenson@hotmail.com  
(5-7, 5-14)

## Rock County seeks highway bids by June 1

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.A.P. 067-600-002 (150th Avenue/Vienna Twp.)  
Grading & Aggregate Surfacing

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 1st, 2015.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015 at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

**The Major Quantities of Work are:** 3,100 Cu. Yds. Common Excavation; 8,723 Cu. Yds. Common Borrow; 2,480 Tons Aggregate Surfacing; and Clearing & Grubbing. Plans, specifications and proposals may be examined and obtained at **\*\*Quest.com\*\***. Any questions contact, the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010. The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be **\$30.00**.

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-600-002."**

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  
(5-7, 5-14, 5-21)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 07, 2006  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$64,260.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Michael Zinnel, a single person  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp, its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:  
Recorded: November 09, 2006 Rock County Recorder  
Document Number: 165362  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP  
Dated: March 23, 2012

Recorded: April 02, 2012 Rock County Recorder  
Document Number: 178916  
And assigned to: Selene Finance LP

Dated: October 09, 2014  
Recorded: April 14, 2015 Rock County Recorder  
Document Number: 185779

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100029500014247724  
Lender or Broker: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp  
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Selene Finance LP

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
Property Address: 119 E Barck Ave, Luverne, MN 56156-1107  
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0375-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
The W1/2 of Lot 4 in Block 15 in Barck, Adams & Howes Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$62,001.66  
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on December 25, 2015, or the next business day if December 25, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: April 21, 2015  
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Selene Finance LP

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Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee  
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200  
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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 30, 2009  
MORTGAGOR: Kimberly A. Lange, an unmarried woman.  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 4, 2009 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 172481.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.. Dated June 11, 2014 Recorded June 18, 2014, as Document No. 184107.  
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100061907000122275

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 304 East 2nd Street, Hardwick, MN 56134

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 14.0134.000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Lots 9 and 10, in Block 2, in Halverson's Addition to the City of Hardwick

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$38,919.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$41,394.09

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 11, 2015, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: April 6, 2015

Bank of America, N.A.  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
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Document version 1.1 December 11, 2013

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