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Farmers anxiously wait for sunshine, planting opportunities as rain continues

The 2018 planting season came to a halt again last week when showers returned to southern Minnesota.

According to crop progress and conditions reports released Monday, corn planting is 40 percent completed statewide this year, five days behind last year and eight days behind the five-year average.

Soybeans, at 11 percent planted, are four days behind last year and nine days behind average.

Agronomists are advising growers to stick with planting full-season corn hybrids for another couple of weeks, before thinking about moving to earlier corn hybrids, wrote Kent Thiesse in his weekly "Focus On Ag" column.

Research from the University of Minnesota has shown that corn planted on May 25 in southern Minnesota averaged over 90

percent of the yield from corn planted from April 25 to May 10 of the same year. Corn yield potential declines rapidly for corn planted after June 1.

The planting window for soybeans is much wider than it is for corn in southern Minnesota. Full season soybean varieties can be planted until late May or early June with only minimal reductions in yield potential.

Thiesse reminded growers that similar wet conditions were experienced in 2014.

Planting conditions took until May 25 to reach 81 percent of the corn planted and to June 1 to exceed 90 percent. The result was a statewide average of 156 bushels an acre.

Weather conditions for the next ten days will determine how serious the corn and soybeans planting delays will become, Thiesse concluded.



Lori Sorenson photos/0517 take 16 event center

Fields like this one just west of Luverne need more sunshine and less rain in order for spring planting to resume. So far, local farmers are staying the course with plans for planting full season hybrids.



Lori Sorenson photos/0517 take 16 event center

Take 16 Brewing Company events coordinator Kim VonTersch (left) and Take 16 board member Sherri Thompson will join their Take 16 Brew Partners in hosting a ribbon-cutting and open house for the new event center at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 24. The public open house is from 6 to 8 p.m. Pictured in the photograph at left are the new restrooms on the east end of the events center near that entrance.

Take 16 Brewing Company to showcase events center

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Take 16 Brewing Company will open its events center next week with a ribbon-cutting and open house May 24.

The 140-person capacity room accommodates a variety of gatherings, from bridal showers to graduations. Smaller gatherings are already popular in the tap room, which holds nearly 50 people at a time.

There are five graduation

parties booked in the room already this spring, and 25 events from June through December this year.

The space, which once served as the Connell Car Care service garage, has a pingpong table, bean bag toss games and a quality speaker system to connect with personal playlists.

Take 16 event coordinator Kim VonTersch said she's already booking events for next year.

The locally crafted beer is available to parties who can cater food in or set up their own serving areas with their own food.

The ribbon-cutting is set for 5 p.m. Thursday, May 24, to kick off the Chamber After Hours reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

The public is welcome for an open house and tours from 6 to 8 p.m.

Take 16 opened in the fall of 2014 on East Main Street

in the former Connell Car Care building. It was formed by a group of local investors, Luverne Brew Partners.

The Take 16 tap room opened in 2017, just in time for Luverne's 150th celebration.

Take 16 beer — several original varieties — can be found on tap in dozens of bars and restaurants in Minnesota and South Dakota.

VonTersch can be reached at events@take16beer.com.

Poverty trainees 'graduate' from Blandin program

By Lori Sorenson

Local volunteers with Leaders Partnering to End Poverty celebrated a milestone Thursday night when the Blandin Foundation "graduated" them from training.

"The movement we've already seen has been significant," said Ed Zabinski, a trainer with Blandin. "We haven't seen this much action this fast in other communities."

Luverne is the sixth community to participate in the Blandin Foundation poverty series, which creates awareness of poverty's effects on families and communities, and guides local leaders and volunteers toward solutions.

About two dozen interested Luverne residents began meeting last fall as #Luv1LuvAll, and they've learned about the numbers and the people affected.

In Rock County more than 9 percent of its 9,000 people lives below the poverty line, according to the website Minnesota Compass, and many of them are children.

#Luv1LuvAll has been considering the nearly 900 Rock County citizens living in poverty and putting faces on the numbers.

And they've involved the community by workshops and listening to those who have experienced poverty.

Jodi Pfarr, who grew up poor in South Minneapolis, shared her experience last fall about how hard it is to escape poverty.

"Poverty isn't about individual decisions," she told a group gathered at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

"How many times have you heard, 'If they would work harder or budget better, there wouldn't be poverty.'"

She talked about what it's like to live without a car or a savings account, and she emphasized the importance of recognizing classes and communicating across them.

"True change can take hold when individuals and communities apply this new understanding," Pfarr said.

The #Luv1LuvAll group also hosted a dinner theatre performance in January to illustrate that poverty isn't only about "haves" and "have-nots," and many poor families also experience unfair and hurtful stereotypes.

The Blandin Foundation selected Luverne to be part of Leaders Partnering to End Poverty, covering the cost of the program.

In return, Luverne leaders committed to attending all seven training sessions and to attend as many community events as their schedule allowed.

The goal was to bring together a wide variety of people

#Luv1LuvAll poverty graduation/continued on page 5A

Hardwick tackles blight

By Mavis Fodness

The city of Hardwick continued its battle against blight when it purchased a tax-forfeited parcel from the county for \$1 at 103 S. Buckingham St.

Council members agreed to the purchase at their May 2 meeting.

Originally the council expressed no interest in the property that has been abandoned for several years. City personnel had been maintaining the property.

Mayor Scott Edwards said he was wary of the responsibility of tearing down the home due to a tight city budget. "We have other projects that need paying for," he said.

However, the council worried about what would happen if they

Hardwick blight/see page 5A



Chantel Connell photo/0517 75 diner

75 Diner makes progress

Codie Boysen — who has 13 years of experience managing Marlin's Restaurant in Sioux Falls — bought the former Papa's Place and will soon open a new family restaurant called 75 Diner.

State park connects to Rock County Rural Water this fall

By Mavis Fodness

By fall the Blue Mounds State Park will have a consistent supply of drinkable water for the first time in four years.

Rock County Commissioners accepted the lowest bid Tuesday, May 8, from Henning Construction Inc. at \$450,481 for the three miles of pipeline to connect the park to the Rock County Rural Water System.

Engineers had estimated \$485,000 for the project.

Darin Schriever with DGR Engineering out of Rock Rapids, Iowa, is the project manager.

In his recommendation letter, Schriever indicated Henning was an acceptable choice.

"DGR Engineering has not worked with Henning Construction Inc. on rural water projects in the

past; however, they are a local contractor that has worked with counties and municipalities in the area," Schriever wrote. "They are a reputable contractor and appear capable of successfully completing the project."

Three bids were opened April 27 with only two bids accepted by the engineers.

Carstensen Contracting, Pipestone, did not include the necessary bid bond documentation.

The other bidder, Duinck Inc. of Prinsburg, submitted a bid of \$686,930.

The project involves burying three miles of water pipeline — one mile of 4-inch and two miles of 3-inch — to the state park entrance. The work is funded through a \$1.1 million

State park water/continued on 3A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Contact Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS and their family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

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

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

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

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

Free food May 17

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food — fresh produce, bread and meat — **from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Thursday, May 17, at the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags or boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions.

Murder Mystery at library May 17

Guests at the "Murder at the Masquerade Murder Mystery" will need to unravel clues and crack codes to find the killer and why he was killed at a special event at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Rock County Library in Luverne. Call the library at 507-449-5040 to RSVP — and to volunteer to be a suspect. Snacks will be provided. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Rock County Community Library.

Register by May 17 for 1 Peter study

Women are invited to a summer Bible study, "1 Peter with Jen Wilkin," at 6:15 a.m. starting Wednesday, June 6, at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Call Evonne, 920-9757, by May 17 to register.

Choir Pops Concert May 18

The Luverne Middle and High School choirs will perform music from the '80s at their annual pops concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, in the Luverne Elementary Cardinal Gym. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for school-aged children. Activity passes will be accepted.

Korean vets photo set for May 18

Rock County veterans who served in the Korean War (June 1950-January 1955) are invited to be a part of a group picture. The picture will be taken at 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, at the Rock County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse grounds. In case of inclement weather, the picture will be taken in the Herreid Military Museum.

Master Gardeners plant sale May 19

The 14th Annual Master Gardeners Plant Sale is set for 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, in the Bomgaars parking lot in Luverne. Gardeners are invited to bring their extra pre-priced perennials and annuals to sell. (No professional growers.) Call Mary at 507-283-4019 with questions.

Performing arts workshop May 20

Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to the Rock County 4-H Performing Arts Workshop Sunday, May 20, at the Rock County Extension Office in Luverne.

The workshop will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and is free to 4-H'ers and non-members. Focus of the workshop will be on stage acting and include learning about the basics that includes dancing. Register calling or emailing the Extension office at 507-283-1302 or mnext-rock@umn.edu.

Sandbox fill May 21

Luverne Optimist Club will sponsor its annual sandbox fill (with sand donated by W&N Construction) starting at 6 p.m. Monday, May 21. Call Audrey, 283-2018, to reserve sand deliveries.

Free meal at UMC May 23

The Luverne United Methodist Church will serve a free meal open to the community beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23.

Library hosts antiques and fine arts appraiser

Story and photos by Lori Sorenson

Antiques and fine arts appraiser Mark Moran stopped at the Rock County Community Library Saturday to meet with local residents about their treasures.

A full roster of 40 people had appointments for Moran to appraise everything from Native American artifacts to instruments to paintings.

Many items didn't have financial value, but given their family histories, most were priceless.

Tanya Light had a set of matching framed tiger paintings that her father, Jim Leicher, brought back from Korea after he served there in the war. The prints — gouache paint on silk — were valued at nearly \$200 each.

Below, Ruth Barber brought in a framed Claude Monet painting that turned out to be a reproduction valued at less than \$10.



In the inset, Moran examines a bride doll for a signature.

At left, Jean Svendsen had a four-piece ruby glass set that her grandma had given to her mother 120 years ago. Because ruby glass is so common, it was valued less than \$150, but Moran encouraged Svendsen to enjoy it as a treasured family heirloom.

Wilma Elbers had a tea set from the Netherlands that her grandmother had given to her as a small child. It was appraised at \$40.



School, hockey club sign five-year contract

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public Schools will contribute an additional \$10,000 toward the boys' and girls' hockey program for the next five years.

Board members approved the agreement with the Luverne Hockey Club Inc. at their May 10 regular meeting. The agreement is from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2023.

Both parties entered into an agreement in 1998 in order to compete in the interscholastic hockey program operated by the Minnesota State High School League.

Under the original agreement, the club picked up all expenses associated with the high school hockey program.

Total expenses for the high school activity totaled \$61,000 for the 2017-2018 season, according to club representative Pat Von Tersch who supplied the information to board members at a workshop meeting

March 6.

Last year the school agreed to pay the boys' and girls' head and assistant coaches' salaries totaling \$19,000.

Last year the club paid \$42,000 toward the winter sport offering.

During the workshop, Von Tersch proposed balancing the expenses between the school and the club.

In the new agreement, the school agrees to supply school bus transportation for the team and coaches to all high school league scrimmages, games and tournaments not to exceed \$10,000. Transportation expenses beyond \$10,000 during the season would be the club's responsibility.

In other business, board members accepted the retirement of Sharon Boltjes, media center paraprofessional, effective June 30.

Library applies for broadband grant

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Library is hoping to be one of four communities selected for the Blandin Broadband Community's two-year project for 2018-2020.

"The county has high-speed Internet so now what do we do with it," said library director Calla Jarvie.

BBC works with a local steering committee to develop technology goals, measure the current levels of broadband access and use, and seek technical assistance and resources to meet their goals.

The library was asked to take the lead in the application process due to its focus of serving the public through sharing of information on a county level.

Rock County Commissioners voted May 8 to include a letter of support in the grant application due at the end of this month.

"The library is the nucleus of the community with the county being a resource," said Commissioner Jody Reisch, who also serves on the library board.

The county recently completed a fiber-to-the-premise project that brought access to high speed Internet to all county residents outside the city of the Luverne. Luverne already had access to a high-speed Internet service.

"We thought we would be a great fit with the program because we have access to broadband countywide already," Jarvie said. "Through the grant we can teach them what to do with the Internet."

As part of the program, the library would be eligible for a matching grant from Blandin for up to \$75,000.

The BBC began in 2013. If selected, the library would begin the program in August.



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Child care shortage on agenda — again

Senator's staff meets with local leaders about child care shortage

By Lori Sorenson

Greater Minnesota's child care shortage was on the agenda when U.S. Sen. Tina Smith's staff was in Luverne last week to meet with local parents, providers, advocates and employers.

They met with a room full of local voices on the issue — city and county leaders, child care providers, non-profit organizations and others.

Mayor Pat Baustian provided background on Rock County's child care shortage for Smith's staff.

"This is directly affecting the economic development opportunities in Luverne," he said. "When companies come to Luverne, where are their employees going to find day care? How are we going to keep those employers here or be able to allow them to grow?"

He pointed to a Maxfield Research Study that the city commissioned two years ago. "We knew there was a problem, but we were astounded by the shortage," he said.

In 2016 the study recorded 51 local child care providers, but 111 child care slots were still needed. Since then the number of providers has dropped to 34, thereby increasing the local child care need exponentially.

With Luverne's Economic Development Authority and the Luverne Area Community Foundation leading the way, a series of meetings over the past few months have helped to gather information about the primary problems and possible solutions.

"This community has never had a child care center," said LACF director Emily Crabtree. "We've looked at that for 25 years and can't come up with a model that works."

In conversations with local family child care providers, she learned that the average in-home provider offers services for 5 1/2 years.

"We asked them, 'Why aren't more people staying in it longer?'" Crabtree said. "We found out that they need health insurance and benefits for themselves, and the state keeps increasing regulations on their businesses."

Luverne child care provider Amber Nath has been in business for over 13 years, and she said rules and regulations continue to get tougher.

"That's why we're seeing more people get out of day care," Nath told Smith's staff members Thursday.

"I think providers are crazy to get into it anymore. ... I like to have fun with my kids, but I don't think it's fun with all the rules and regulations. ... My concern is my kids and their health and happiness, not the paperwork."

She pointed out that many providers are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. or longer, and they're not able to do their paperwork during their child care hours, so the extra regulations and training put more pressure on their personal time.

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— Amber Nath
in-home child care provider, Luverne

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— Emily Crabtree
LACF director

Discussion at Thursday's meeting also focused briefly on child care for low-income families, and extra paperwork that's generated for providers who serve working families on public assistance.

"It's easier not to take them at all, and that's not fair to those kids," she said, adding that many of her colleagues also share that sentiment.

Gov. Mark Dayton has proposed universal preschool to improve learning and stability for families of all incomes, but child care providers say that would further harm their businesses.

"We don't make money on our infants and toddlers, so if you take away that age group, you're taking away our primary source of income," Nath said.

Some at Thursday's discussion pointed to collaborations between child care providers and Head Start, as a possible way to share those preschoolers.

The May 10 meeting in the Herreid Board Room of the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building was part of Smith's statewide "Child Care Access and Affordability" tour of Minnesota communities experiencing shortages.

"One thing we've really recognized throughout the state is that each community is different and their needs are different," Senator Smith's staff member Bree Maki said. "So in some communities, centers work great, especially in bigger communities, but in smaller communities, it isn't always feasible."

Minnesota's strict regulations for child care providers appear to be a primary factor affecting the decreasing numbers of outstate providers, but Smith is pressing legislation in Congress to make child care more accessible and affordable.

Among options under consideration is a child tax credit that could be available to families whose children are enrolled in a licensed child care facility.

Local Minnesota lawmakers are also pressing for legislation to relieve regulatory pressure on child care providers.

Meanwhile, the community is preparing to welcome tru Shrimp to Luverne with 100 jobs starting later next year. That means the race is on to find a child care solution for working families.

Another idea that surfaced last week was the likely possibility of a public-private child care center that would involve subsidizing the profit gap.

"We're starting to see child care as a necessity — like roads, water, library and the pool," Crabtree said. "Without child care, we won't see the growth that's possible. People will opt to live somewhere else."



The seventh- and eighth-grade band performs "Port 'O Call," by Michael Sweeney, during Friday's concert in the high school gym. Karen Winter photos/0517 band concert

Luverne concert band programs present spring concert

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Instrumental Music Department presented its 2017 Spring Concert Friday night, May 11, in the high school gym.

The annual event included performances by multiple age groups under the theme, "Around the World."

Band director Richard Owen presented the 2017-18 awards and scholarships during Friday's event.

The Tony Maiello Award for marching band excellence went to drum majors Michael Rahm, Anika Gust and Emma Verbrugge.

The David A. Buffington Memorial Award went to Aric Meinerts, Mark Robinson and Jordan Winter.

The award was established in memory of a former LHS band member and is given to students



High school percussionists perform on garbage cans.

who demonstrate character, loyalty and dedication.

The Carl Nash Award for outstanding contributions to the band program by a junior was awarded to Nathan Overgaard.

The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, a national award for outstanding jazz band performance, was given to Brooke Feit.

Hans Bakken was selected to receive the John

Philip Sousa Award, the most prestigious award for high school instrumentalists.

The Papik Family Music Scholarship was presented to Hans Bakken.

The \$300 scholarship is given in honor of Luverne's Gary and Janine Papik's three children who all were in band and choir all four years of their high school careers.

Luverne airport to get new above-ground jet fuel tank

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members approved the plans and specifications for the 2018 airport fuel system expansion project at their May 8 meeting.

The project includes putting in a new fuel tank system for the airport that will replace an old, obsolete system that is becoming a liability.

According to Councilman Kevin Aaker, who also serves on the airport board, the above-ground tank has a solid construction that won't present issues for groundwater safety.

He said the former tank was becoming "glitchy" and difficult to use.

The new fuel system will provide both jet fuel and aviation fuel on an island that will be located just to the north of the airport lounge area.

The new fuel system funding has been approved by both the Federal Aviation Administration and the Minnesota State Department of Transportation.

Federal and state agencies will provide 95 percent of the funding of the project that is estimated to be in the range

of \$500,000.

Tuesday's action authorizes the advertisement for bids, and a bid opening date is set for June 5.

Progress continues on Roundwind twin homes

In other business the council approved a \$21,623 payment to Hulstein Excavating for the Roundwind Road improvement project.

Hulstein Excavating began work on Roundwind Road on April 24. Grading operations for the pond and the twin home lots was completed the

first week in May.

Grading for Clevering's lots is being fulfilled by a separate contract between Clevering and Hulstein.

Rough grading for the pond is complete and all that is left for grading is some touch-up work with a skid loader.

DGR has checked the grade on site to ensure the pond and lots were built per design prior to Clevering building.

Hulstein returned to the site last week to begin work on the storm sewer water and sanitary sewer services.

City gives \$15,000 to help promote Pheasant Opener

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members agreed to contribute \$15,000 to help promote the community during the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.

Luverne was selected as the host city for this year's opener, which is Oct. 12-13, and a local committee has been working to prepare for it.

Rick Peterson, Luverne, chairs the committee and approached the City Council at the April 17 meeting.

"The DNR and Explore Minnesota estimate it will bring in \$835,000 worth of ad-

vertising exposure for the community," Peterson told council members at that meeting.

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

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

At Tuesday's meeting May 8, the council took action to approve that request.

"I'm so excited for all that's to come this fall," councilwoman Carolyn Thorson said. "It will be a great opportunity to showcase this little corner

of the state, and I look forward to all the good things that will come as a result of the event."

The official action at the May 8 meeting was to approve the activity coordination agreement between the city of Luverne and the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce to promote the community and the event.

Peterson updated the council on a tentative agenda for the Pheasant Hunting Opener weekend.

It includes a land dedication of 100 new wildlife management acres, Bison Buggy tours at the state park,

photographer Jim Brandenburg at Touch the Sky Prairie, trapshooting at the Sportsman's Club, youth events, live music at Take 16, a bird dog parade, The Locals in concert at the Palace and more.

"The actual hunting part of the weekend is only a couple of hours," Petersen said.

"The rest is about promoting Luverne."

In addition to support from the city of Luverne, Peterson said his committee has secured donations from local businesses and organizations and from corporate sponsors.

Rural Water connects to Blue Mounds State park/ from page 1A

bonding bill passed last year by legislators.

Besides bringing rural water to the park, the bonding bill would also upgrade the park's 40-year-old waterline infrastructure.

Park manager Chris Ingebreton said state engineers have finished the pipeline design that would merge the park's current two water systems together.

However, the project won't be sent out for bids until more funding is secured.

While no estimates were released, upgrading the 1.25 miles of infrastructure were above the current funding level, he said.

"If it's not done and in place by the time rural water is done and in place, we can send that water through the existing infrastructure," Ingebreton said.

He is optimistic that the funding will be made available to complete the project.

As for construction of the rural water pipeline to the park, Henning will begin work this spring with completion set for this fall.

Construction is about 12 weeks, depending on the severity of the rock formations and weather conditions.

Henning will also connect the rural water and park systems together.

Their \$19,600 bid was also the lowest. Duinick's bid was \$29,805.

Since 2014 the park's drinking water has tested positive for fecal coliform.

Attempts to clean the system and the installation of a new 330-foot well didn't eliminate the E. coli from the system.

The park has been open since the contamination, with visitors given bottled water and advised not to use the showers.

As a result of a feasibility study last fall, connecting to rural water was found to be the best solution to the park's water issues.

Rock County and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources developed a joint powers agreement last fall.

The county is charged with the engineering and construction of the pipeline with the state picking up the costs.

Originally, RCRW was not incurring any costs for expanding the water system.

However, RCRW officials requested an upgrade for the first mile of pipe from 3 inches to a 4-inch pipe.

Cost to RCRW for the upgrade is \$3,100.

"This will be our line for future hookups," said RCRW manager Ryan Holtz.

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Happy Mother's Day to all the daughters who have become their mothers

There's nothing quite like being a mom to turn you into your own mother.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

'How can you be so smart and yet do something so dumb!?'

The older I get and the older my children get, the more I see and hear my mother in my house.

Mostly I sound like her. "House cleaning is thankless work," I heard myself say last week. "Tomorrow I can do it all over again, and no one will notice unless it isn't done."

I hear myself at times say, "Someday we'll look back at this and laugh." Mom's phrase is more often, "This, too, shall pass."

And I'm pretty sure we've both often repeated, "Things could always be worse," and "Look at the bright side ..."

But there's nothing like talking to my children to really put Mom's words in my mouth.

"How can you be so smart and yet do something so dumb!?" was one of her favorite expressions. ... Or maybe I just heard it more often than anyone else in my family.

And there was also, "That is not how I raised you." (I still hear that one sometimes.)

We observed Mother's Day Sunday, and it prompted a few other recollections of things moms say.

- "Put a smile on your face, no one will notice what you're wearing." Lots of things can be inserted in the second part of the phrase, like a zit on your chin or a bad hair day.

- "If you're that bored, I can sure find something for you to

do." She didn't have to say this very often, because we learned to never be bored around Mom.

- "If someone's being mean, it's probably because she's feeling badly about herself and you should treat her kindly."

The short versions of that expression were "Kill them with kindness" or "Don't stoop to their level of behavior."

- "Money can't buy you happiness." This usually came up if we were openly jealous of someone's good fortune. "Do you think they're any happier than we are?" would be the follow-up question.

- "You are your own worst enemy and your own best cheerleader."

In other words, "You can do or be whatever you want to do or be if you make up your mind to do it."

- "Good things come to those who wait," and "Good things are worth working for." Moms are so smart.

Happy Mother's Day ... to the original moms and to all their daughters who have become their mothers.

'We all do better when we all do better'

Over the past several months, more than two-dozen local volunteers have been grappling with the concept of poverty in our community.

We're a community abundant with blessings and with generous people, but poverty does exist, and those in its grips are in a daily struggle to escape it.

What we've learned through our #Luv1LuvAll volunteers is that poverty, left unaddressed, can eat away at the core of a community's vitality, and the Star Herald has been learning along with everyone else what this means.

In Rock County more than 9 percent of its 9,000 people live below the poverty line, according to the website Minnesota Compass, and many of them are children.

#Luv1LuvAll has been considering the nearly 900 Rock County citizens living in poverty and putting faces on the numbers.

And they've involved the community by workshops and listening to those who have experienced poverty.

Anyone who's been part of those

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processes knows that poverty isn't something to be ignored.

The easy choice is to ignore it, but kudos to our local committees who have been plugging away through the Blandin Foundation's training for Leaders Partnering to End Poverty. And kudos to Blandin for funding it.

They graduated Thursday night, May 10, but the work isn't done. Far from it.

In fact, the real work is just beginning. We have five local groups — subcommittees of determined and motivated local volunteers — who are quietly working on their own assignments to improve the lives of those affected by poverty. They are:

- Ensure safe, stable and affordable housing for everyone.
- Increase dental care access for the under- and uninsured.
- Increase brain health for every-

one — change the stigma attached to mental illness.

- Improve access to senior nutrition.

- Remove barriers to allow easy personal access to all resources.

Wondering what you can do? These folks have a few ideas. Please join the team. Choose a cause. Make a difference.

Anyone interested in learning more about #Luv1LuvAll can email Nicole Henrichs at NHenrichs@ccsomn.org and find it on Facebook at Luv1LuvAll.

The next steering committee meeting is at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Wildflowers Coffee in Luverne, and the public is welcome.

In the words of the late Minnesota Sen. Paul Wellstone, "We all do better when we all do better."

We believe that, too.



Speed's a leading factor in motorcycle crashes; tinted windows need documentation

Question: Can you talk about motorcycle safety?

Answer: With spring upon us and motorcycles once again sharing the highways, this is a great time to provide motorcycle crash facts and safety tips. We currently have had two fatal motorcycle crashes this year.

In Minnesota over half of motorcycle crashes are single-vehicle crashes. Motorcycle use is at an all-time high, and the two primary factors involved when they crash are driver inexperience and speed.

One main reason that motorcyclists are killed in crashes is because the motorcycle itself provides virtually no protection. The occupant protection built into our passenger cars protects us greatly but cannot be incorporated within a motorcycle.

- Nationwide, 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death; a comparable figure for automobiles is only 20 percent.

- Nationwide, 25 percent of motorcycle operators killed in crashes are not licensed or are improperly licensed to operate a motorcycle.

Approximately half of all fatal single-vehicle motorcycle crashes involved alcohol. Driving a motorcycle requires more skill and coordination than driving most other



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

vehicles, and impairment, even at lower levels, diminishes judgment and motor skills greatly.

It is not advisable to buy a motorcycle you cannot push or pull upright by yourself. A motorcycle must be the right fit for the person and the style of the cycle should fit the user.

Because serious head injury is common among fatally injured motorcyclists, helmet use is important. Helmets are about 37 percent effective in preventing motorcycle deaths and about 67 percent effective in preventing brain injuries.

All motorists are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcycles and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Motorcyclists are reminded to make themselves visible to other motorists.

For more information on

motorcycles, crash facts, training course and research go to: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles>.

Question: Would law enforcement give me a citation if I have a prescription, from my eye doctor, saying that I get migraine headaches from intense lighting and my truck windows can be tinted to 20 percent on driver and passenger windows, for no more than two years?

Answer: Drivers must be in possession of a prescription or document from their doctor regarding the medical need to have tinted windows below the 50 percent light transmittance, plus or minus 3 percent. If they don't have the required documentation with them, a law enforcement officer may issue a citation.

The document must state the minimum percentage of light transmittance that would satisfy the

patient's prescription or medical needs. The document must also contain an expiration date that is no more than two years after the prescription or statement was issued.

If the window tint is below the state minimum of 50 percent light transmittance, a law enforcement officer may stop the vehicle since the officer will not be aware of the medical exemption.

In Minnesota, you can have your windows tinted to a light transmittance of 50 percent but not less. Light transmittance is the amount of light that is required to pass through both the window and the tint film. Vehicles come from the factory with tint already inside the glass material. No window comes from the factory at 100 percent light transmittance. My experience has been that most vehicles are already at 75 percent before any modifications.

Below is a summary of Minnesota's window tint law:

- No vehicle can have ANY tint to the front windshield.
- Passenger cars are limited to 50 percent on all side and rear windows.
- Pickups, vans and SUVs are limited to 50 percent on the front side windows.
- Pickups, vans and SUVs are not limited on the rear side and rear windows. It can be less than 50

percent behind the front seat.

- Squad cars, limousines and vehicles used to transport human remains by a funeral establishment are not limited on the side and rear windows.

Most troopers have window tint meters in their patrol cars and will test the windows for the legal percent of light transmittance if they look to be below the statutory limit. If they are found below the legal limit, the trooper will issue a citation or warning. Prior contact data is stored in our Minnesota State Patrol computer system, and if the vehicle is stopped again, the trooper will be able to read what that vehicle was stopped for, driver and passenger information, if a citation or warning was issued and any comments entered from the previous trooper(s).

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. Or at (Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us) Twitter: MSPPIO_SOUTH.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 4
 •Subject arrested on DWI Charges on Harrison St.
 •Complainant reported parking in a no parking space on Bark Street.
 •Complainant reported an unattended client on Christianson Drive in a driveway.
 •Complainant reported landlord tenant issues and is trying to resolve them for the subject.
 •Complainant reported kids playing in the street on Service Drive. Would like a deputy to monitor it.
 •Complainant reported a UTV driving on city streets unlicensed.

•Complainant reported the young girls are ringing doorbells again tonight on Warren Street.

May 5
 •Complainant reported a driving complaint on I-90.
 •Complainant reported individual refusing to leave the store on Kniss Ave.
 •Complainant reported a gas line was hit and is leaking on Christianson Drive.
 •Complainant reported a trailer lost some bales on County Road 4.

•Complainant reported a stalled vehicle in Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant requested to speak with deputy about a landlord issue.
 •Complainant reported car east of the city shop fishing.
 •Complainant reported commercial burglary alarm.
 •Complainant reported subject fishing at Rock River dam.
 •Complainant reported loud music and voices on Spring Street.

May 6
 •Complainant reported activated burglar alarm on Kniss Avenue.
 •Complainant reported commercial alarm zone 1 front door on Interstate Drive.
 •Complainant reported subject driving with revoked driver's license.
 •Subject cited for driving after revocation.

•Report of vandalism on Main Street.
 •Complainant reported a break-in Friday night or last night in the back shed on Fairview Drive.
 •Complainant reported she is in pain.
 •Complainant reported a railroad fire on the east side of the tracks in Hills.
 •Complainant requested a residence check on Spring Street.
 •Complainant reported an ATV almost hit his kids by the power plant.
 •Complainant reported a couple of kids running around town on a 4-wheeler.
 •Complainant requested deputy for family dispute.
 •Complainant reported vandalism on the alley behind Main Street.

May 7
 •Complainant requested

welfare check, made contact with subject.
 •Deputies checked doors on Main St.
 •Request for welfare check.
 •Deputy transported drugs for disposal.
 •Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle on County Road 6.
 •Fire alarm reported on Oak Drive.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a neighbor in Hills.
 •Report of trailer parked at property on Walnut Street.
 •Report of suspicious male on Maple Street.
 •Complainant requested welfare check.
 •Complainant reported a semi truck sprung a leak on Kniss Ave.

May 8
 •Complainant requested a background check for liquor license.
 •Report of vandalism in Hills.
 •Welfare check requested on subject.
 •Deputies at residence in Steen for warrant check.
 •Complainant arrested subject on warrant in Steen.

May 9
 •Complainant reported accident property damage on 201st Street.
 •Complainant reported a woman in a gray SUV slumped over the wheel in Evergreen Park.
 •Complainant reported two disorderly students on Kniss Ave.
 •Caller reports possible drug activity on Dodge Street.
 •Complainant reported a huge gas leak at the pump on Kniss Ave.
 •Report of a car accident on 201st Street.
 •Complainant reported open garage door at Schomacker Cleaning.

May 10
 •Attempt to locate a missing male.
 •Complainant requested to be fingerprinted for license.
 •Church van parking over the sidewalk, blocking view.
 •Complainant requested to be fingerprinted.
 •Complainant reported kid at the gas station was smoking marijuana.
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about child custody.
 •Complainant requested to be fingerprinted for adoption.
 •Complainant requested a residence check.
 •Deputy out with trooper for vehicle search on I-90.
 •Complainant reported stolen bike on Luverne Street.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check.

In addition officers also responded to 1 deer accident, 7 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 12 animal complaints, 21 burn permits, 3 drug court tests, 2 permits to purchase/carry, 5 paper services, 26 traffic stops, 1 abandon 911 call and 1 test.



Mavis Fodness photos/0517 Senior Service 2018

Seniors spend morning involved in service projects

Luverne High School's Class of 2018 spent Friday morning completing various community service projects around Luverne as part of Senior Service Day. Students worked in small groups cleaning, straightening and organizing. For the Luverne Area Chamber, seniors help committee members Annie Opitz (far left) and Janine Papik (far right) clean and organize the "Luv the Life" banners that will be hung on Highway 75 and Luverne Main Street. Seniors included Tucker Oeltjenbruns (left), Cade Ver Steeg and Tyler Reisdorfer scrubbing the vinyl banners. Also helping were Jaxon Nelson and Dylan Mente. **Pictured below, left**, lots of dust was raised at the city of Luverne garage from seniors Eli Haugom (left), Chandler Eitrem, Jayda Walgrave and Megan Frey.



Seniors (from left) Daniel Tofte-land, Trey Roberts, Jim Erickson, Jon Stearns and Oscar Holmberg clean dead vegetation from the front of the Rock County Historical Society in Luverne before heading inside to help society president Betty Mann with a filing project.

Poverty graduation/from 1A

from within the community to discuss opinions and beliefs about poverty and how it impacts the Luverne community. Anyone with an interest in addressing poverty was encouraged to participate, and ultimately 24 people completed the training.

One of the trainees, Val Saarloos, said she got involved with the effort to give back to the community. "I feel like I've had a good life," she said. "I want to see barriers broken down between class and color." After hosting last week's poverty simulation (see related story) the group gathered Thursday, May 10, for a graduation ceremony at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

"They now have the leadership capacity to do this on their own," said Valerie Shangreux, director of the Blandin leadership program. Zabinski said he has high hopes for Luverne's success. "The community has the resources it needs to help address poverty as long as people

are aware and care," he said. During the graduation and debriefing event, the Luverne trainees reviewed progress and organized for future tasks, which they narrowed to five priorities:

- Ensure safe, stable and affordable housing for everyone.
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Hardwick blight/from page 1A

didn't buy it. "We are worried someone will buy it and fix it up enough to live there but it will remain an eyesore," said city clerk Tammy Johnson. "It's by Main (Street) ... and even a green space would be a huge improvement."

Rock County commissioners approved of the \$1 sale at their regular meeting May 8. A similar agreement was completed with the cities of Hills and Luverne for blighted properties within their city limits.

There are seven properties up for tax forfeiture this year. The four remaining properties will be offered for public sale at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, at the Rock County

Courthouse. The residential properties (two in Steen and an additional home in Hardwick) have minimum opening bids of \$1. A bare lot within the city of Luverne has an opening bid of \$6,200.

Full payments are due at the time of the auction sale along with extra fees and costs associated with a forfeiture sale, according to the Rock County Auditor's public notice.

Earlier this year, Hardwick officials charged a property owner under the new blight ordinance. The city is in the process of removing items from the property that are not contained in the storage shed.

Cost of the cleanup will be assessed to the property.

Correction:

The May 10 Star Herald story about local child care shortages incorrectly referred to Nancy Sandager as Karen Sandager. Nancy works at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne and participated in the May 21 discussion among community employers. The Star Herald regrets the error.

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Dam It All!

Four local veterans honored with flight to and tours around the nation's capital

Photo and story by Mavis Fodness

Four military veterans from Luverne received an all-expense-paid flight and tour of Washington, D.C., Tuesday as part of the Midwest Honor Flight program.

Arnie Stoel, Wayne Biever, Lowell Ahrendt, Leon Siebenahler and their guardians left the Sioux Falls airport early Tuesday morning for the nation's capital.

They were four of 82 veterans selected for the flight. The group of 82 guardians or assistants for the veterans during the daylong activities included Luverne's Darcy Raddle. She accompanied her dad, Leon Siebenahler.

"I think I am more excited than my dad is," she said.

Also on the Tuesday morning flight were honor flight staff and medical personnel.

Midwest Honor Flight recognizes American veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by flying them to Washington, D.C., to see their memorials at no cost.

The organization is one of 130 hubs of the National Honor Flight network. They focus on flying as many veterans from northwest Iowa, South Dakota and southwest Minnesota to Washington, D.C., as possible.

Siebenahler, Biever, Stoel and Ahrendt all fought in the Korean War.

"It's a day of honor and closure," said Midwest Honor Flight Director Aaron Van Beek.

Special recognitions and surprises for the veterans are planned before, during and after the flight, he said.

On Monday night veterans were treated to a banquet in their honor at the Sioux Falls Convention Center before departing on their 6 a.m. flight.

Tuesday they received a police escort as they visited Arlington National Cemetery to watch the Changing of the Guard before visiting the memorials for the World War II, Korean and Vietnam war veterans.

Tuesday night they received a welcome home celebration at the Sioux Falls Arena.

For the Luverne delegation, they received a special ride to and from the events by the Luverne Area Chamber's bus, Molly the Trolley.

Tuesday's flight was the second such event for

Luverne Korean War veterans (from left) Wayne Biever, Lowell Ahrendt, Arnie Stoel and Leon Siebenahler participated in the Midwest Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., Tuesday. Monday night the four were among 82 veterans who attended a banquet as a thank you for their military service.



the Midwest group. The first event took place in August 2017.

The next honor flight is Sept. 25.

Any veteran (active, reserves or national guard) who served in the World War II, Korean or Vietnam wars is eligible to apply for the free honor flight.

Applications can be made on the group's website, www.midwesthonorflight.org.

*One Final Tour
with Honor!*

Each veteran received a bright blue shirt to wear for Tuesday's trip to Washington, D.C.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Adams graduates from basic military training

Jordan Adams, Luverne, completed the U.S. Air Force eight-week basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



The 2009 LHS graduate completed intensive military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. He earned honor graduate status for demonstrating excellence in all academic and military training phases.

Adams is the son of Scott and Peggy Adams, Luverne, and the grandson of Gene and Colleen Cragoe, Luverne.

He is a member of the South Dakota Air National Guard in Sioux Falls and is currently completing technical training in F-16 aircraft maintenance at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, and Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

We welcome your good news!

Share your special happenings by filling the forms on our website, www.star-herald.com/webforms.

Births, engagements, weddings and news tips are accepted by filling in the blanks. You can even upload a picture!

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

The city of Luverne this week sweetened its offer on lots for sale in Evergreen and Veterans additions.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority has teamed up with the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce to offer \$10,000 worth of incentives to qualifying buyers.

These merchant incentives join the existing lot promotion that gives buyers a \$2,000 rebate for each family member they bring to the neighborhood.

For example, a family of four would receive an \$8,000 grant if they build a new home on a qualifying city lot. This is in addition to the \$10,000 Chamber incentive.

LEDA Director Jill Wolf presented the information at the Tuesday meeting.

"Business participation in this was far beyond my wildest imagination," Wolf said. "I expected two or three, but we have almost 60."

25 years ago (1993)

In two short weeks, Betty Mann will close the lesson book on her fifth-grade social studies class - forever.

June 3 stands out on Mann's calendar as the last day of her 25-year teaching career - the day she retires.

Although retirement is often seen as an end to a career, Mann, 63, sees it as a chance to open new doors and broaden her horizons.

"I look at it as just another turn in my life," she said. "I'm looking forward to being home with my husband."

After 25 years of teaching, Mann has watched the face of her classroom change.

"Teaching as a whole is so much more stressful than it used to be because of our society," Mann said.

50 years ago (1968)

A coronary care unit will be installed at the Community Hospital here in the near future. The city council Tuesday night awarded the contract for the equipment to Kreiser Surgical Inc., Sioux Falls, for a bid of \$8,762 which includes financing at 6 1/2 percent simple interest. One other bid submitted by General Electric, Milwaukee, was for \$8,345.06, but did not include certain attachments which were included in the big for the Corbin-Farnsworth equipment submitted by Kreiser Surgical. Dr. P.D. Rud, medical staff member, and Joseph McFadden, deemed these attachments to be worthwhile additions to the equipment, and recommended that the Kreiser bid be accepted. Quoted delivery date was 90 days. Mr. McFadden said he hopes that the installation will be completed in early August.

75 years ago (1943)

Announcement that he had purchased a modern ambulance and funeral coach was made this week by F.C.C. Smith,

owner of the I.I. Smith furniture and funeral service here. A deluxe model, designed by Studebaker, the car has all the conveniences offered by most up-to-date vehicles of its kind.

In making the announcement of the purchase, Mr. Smith said, "It has always been our aim to give the best in service. We feel that this new combination funeral coach and ambulance is another step forward in affording the people of Rock county the ultimate in service in time of sickness and sorrow."

100 years ago (1918)

County Attorney C.H. Christopherson sustained an unusually severe compound fracture of his left leg just above the ankle Saturday afternoon, while attempting to get aboard an east-bound Omaha freight.

Mr. Christopherson had planned to go to Magnolia to attend a meeting of the directors of the Magnolia State bank and return on the evening passenger. When he arrived at the Cedar street end of the station platform, the train had obtained a two-block start for the Jones hill, and was moving at rather a high rate of speed.

As the rear end of the caboose approached Mr. Christopherson ran alongside the train for a short distance grasped the caboose-steps railing, and jumped. His feet struck the steps of the car, but he did not obtain a secure enough hold on the railing for the momentum of the train, and the next instant he was hurled to the ground, and rolled over several times.

SCHOOL NEWS

Magnolia student earns scholarship

Alexis Knutson was honored with the Berneice Johnson Health Career Scholarship from Sanford Medical Center Volunteer Advisory Board.

Knutson received the \$1,000 scholarship during a ceremony April 16 at CJ Callaway's in Sioux Falls to recognize her outstanding volunteer commitment and academic achievement.

Knutson is a 2015 graduate of Southwest Christian High School, Edgerton, and is a junior at Augustana University, Sioux Falls, majoring in biology as a pre-med student.

She is the daughter of Kris Knutson, Magnolia, and granddaughter of Joyce Schelhaas, Kenneth, and the late Dalwyn Schelhaas.

Weiss-Anderson named to Honor Society

Sydney Weiss-Anderson, daughter of Chad and Wendy Anderson of Luverne, was initiated Tuesday, April 24, into the Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Members are selected based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career, and a professional attitude that assures steady growth in the profession.

LHS senior earns FFA scholarship

Luverne High School senior Hans Bakken has been awarded a \$1,000 National FFA scholarship on behalf of Papik Motors and Chevrolet Trucks.

Scholarship recipients were selected based on their leadership, academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised or work experience in agricultural education and future goals. Sponsors like Papik Motors and Chevrolet support the scholarship to encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

Minnesota State University Mankato

April Wallace, Luverne, received a Master of Science degree in teaching and learning from Minnesota State University Mankato at the end of Spring 2018 semester at graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 5.

Moorhead graduates two Adrian alumni

Two Adrian High School graduates will receive degrees at graduation ceremonies at Minnesota State University Moorhead on Friday, May 11. McCall Lutmer earned a Master of Science, and Jake Tiede will receive a Bachelor of Science degree.

Javner honored at U of M Crookston

Dalton Javner, Hardwick, was recognized with the President's Award and Student Orientation Staff Service Award at the annual awards celebration at the University of Minnesota Crookston in April.

Ellenbecker receives psychology degree

Jori Ellenbecker, Beaver Creek, graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, at spring commencement Saturday, May 12, with a Bachelor of Arts in general psychology.

Oye receives scholarship at Bethany

Jocilyn Oye, a senior at Luverne High School, has been awarded the Luther Scholarship for the 2018-19 school year at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. The scholarship, valued at \$52,000 over four years, is based on high school grade point average and standardized test results.

Jocilyn is the daughter of Todd and Carrie Oye, Luverne.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Chrystal Davis**, bride-to-be of **Brant Rosin**, will be from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Card showers

Connie Lindblom will celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, May 19. Greetings may be sent to her at 400 West 67th Street, Richfield, MN 55423.

Bob Rasmussen will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, May 26. Greetings may be sent to him at 1149 Spruce Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

Correction: The Star-Herald inadvertently included a card shower for Betty Burmeister's 85th birthday in last week's Celebrations column. The birthday was a past event in the newspaper, and we regret the error.

MENU

Monday, May 21: Cheesy chicken on bun, corn, mandarin oranges, cookie.

Tuesday, May 22: Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, bread pudding.

Program: Half Price Day sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, May 23: Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce, tomato cucumber slices, dressing), muffin, bar.

Thursday, May 24: Liver or pepper steak, potatoes, peas, bread, apricots.

Friday, May 25: Meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, ice cream.

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

Gift certificates are available at the site or online. Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

1952: Guard members are coming home

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on July 3, 1952.

Members Of The 47th Division Are Due To Be Discharged Soon To Release Men By Point System After August 15

Best news to reach Rock county this week was the word that the local national guard unit members are coming home.

Plans for the release of all Minnesota and North Dakota National Guardsmen still with the 47th "Viking" Infantry Division at Camp Rucker, Alabama have been drawn up, announced the Division G - I office this week.

In accordance with present department of army policies, it is contemplated that guard enlisted men will be phased out in five equal monthly groups after August 15, 1952.

Sixty-five officers and men from Rock county and adjacent area were with the local headquarters company when it left Luverne on January 24, 1951. The division had been activated on January 16, 1951, on order of President Truman.

Point System Used



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

To determine priority for release, a point system has been set up for the discharges.

According to the system, one point will be allowed for each month of active service in the United States; two points for each month overseas in War II or in Korea; and five points for each dependent.

Many of the guardsmen have seen service in World War II including overseas duty.

Those with the highest total points will be phased out first unless they express the desire to remain on active duty up to the completion of the 24-month tour which ends January 16, 1953.

Of the original 9,000 guardsmen in the division, many have been rotated overseas or discharged, including some enlisted men and officers from Rock county.

Officers will Remain

Guard officers will probably remain on duty for a full 24-month period of duty. The release from the division G - I office does not specify when and if officers are included in the point system, but they indicate that they will be with the 47th until it completes its 24 month period of January 16, 1953.

The number of eligible men for discharge under the point system was not revealed by the division G - I so there is no way of knowing how large the five equal monthly groups will be.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156. Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Documentary sheds light on teenagers, phone usage

By Mavis Fodness

A 70-minute documentary titled "Screenagers" focuses on today's young people and the intensity they have into reading their cell phone screens or playing video games.

"Screenagers" is a 2016 award-winning documentary that probes into family life of director Delaney Ruston and other parents who struggle with balancing their teens' time using social media, playing video games, completing academics and the potential for Internet addiction.

A free showing of the documentary will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, in the Luverne Middle-High School media center.

The film offers solutions on how to help kids navigate in the digital world.

On average, today's youth spend 6.5 hours a day looking at screens, according to the documentary. This amount doesn't include time spent doing homework. Often learning time is sacrificed in order to spend more time on social media or playing video games.

Various experts explain the negative toll on young people's minds if they spend too much time in front of screens.

"Teenagers need to understand

why they need to put the phone down and pay attention," said Sherry Turkle, MIT professor of psychology. "Thinking they can multitask so well and think the more they do it, the better they are at completing tasks it isn't so."

Of those who play video games, teenaged boys spend on average more than 11.3 hours per week, often foregoing adequate sleep, in order to play the games.

The documentary focuses on a community approach to setting use limits to technology rather than just the school's or the parents' concern.

The key is effective communication.

As one teen said in the documentary, "When my parents actually had that deep conversation, it works a lot better."

The 70-minute documentary will be shown free and is open to the public. Its showing is sponsored by the Sanford Luverne Physicians Donor Advisory Group.

"The physician group is aware of the national discussions related to social media and impact on teenagers," said Laurie Jensen, director of clinic operations. "They felt that it was a very worthy cause to support with grant dollars."

OBITUARIES

Wendell Bengtson

Wendell Walter Bengtson, 87, Hills, died Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m.

Friday, May 18, at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Wendell Bengtson was born Dec. 11, 1930, to Theodore and Mamie (Jeffers) Bengtson. Wendell graduated from Colo, Iowa, High School in 1949. He entered the United States Army and served his country from May of 1951 to May of 1953, serving 14 months in Korea. He began working at the State Bank in Nevada, Iowa, in 1954.

Wendell married Wilma Van Loon on Aug. 3, 1957, in Osceola, Iowa. The couple lived in various cities in Iowa and Minnesota where Wendell

was employed as a banker. He retired in 2000.

Wendell acknowledged his faith in God as a teenager and he remained faithful in his service to the Lord all of his life.

Wendell is survived by his wife, Wilma Bengtson, Hills; a daughter, Noreen (Dan) Zarmbinski, Hills; a son, Brian (Becky) Bengtson, Springfield, Missouri; four grandchildren, Jesse and Lane Zarmbinski, Bethany (Marty) Faber and Bradley (Kalee) Bengtson; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Leon (Mary) Bengtson, Greentop, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leonard and Edgar Bengtson.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0517 F)

Sheldon Sandager

Sheldon Sandager, 94, Hills, died Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.



A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial with full military honors will follow in the Flowerfield

Cemetery at Hills. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, May 18, with the family present from 6-8 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Sheldon Sandager was born March 31, 1924, to Nels and Clara (Skovgaard) Sandager in rural Hills. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Hills High School in 1942. Sheldon enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and received training in Naval Aviation. Following his service Sheldon returned home to farm with his brother Vic.

On July 6, 1947, he married Elnora Henke in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They made their home on the family farm in Hills where Sheldon continued to farm and Elnora worked as a nurse. Sheldon and Ellie did volunteer agricultural and nursing work in Ethiopia from 1965-1967. They returned to Africa from 1975-1976 where Sheldon worked for USAID in Tanzania, and in Ghana from 1981-1986. After retirement from active farming, Sheldon and Ellie lived in Herrick, South Dakota, and enjoyed "retirement ranching" for a few years before returning to the Hills homestead.

Sheldon was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

the Rock County Cattlemen's Association, and the Hills and Herrick American Legions. He enjoyed farming, flying, traveling, family and friends.

Sheldon is survived by five children, Elizabeth Sandager of Sioux Falls, Robert "Charlie" (Dawn) Sandager of Hills,

Eugene "Pucky" (Shirley) Sandager of Hills, Joyce "Jo" (Floyd) Wulf of Herrick, South Dakota, and Michael (Nancy) Sandager of Hills; 13 grandchildren, Sheldon (Des) Norton, Carolyn (Cody Gossen) Starzl, Tarah (Jake Jaspers) Huston, Andrew Norton, Katie (Justin) Arndt, Lucas Sandager, Aaron (Melissa) Sandager, Brittany (Dakota Steensma) Sandager, Brianna (Sam) Maleki, Becca (John) Goossens, Maleeka (Ethan) Rozeboom, Nick (Emily Lichtscheidl) Sandager, and Kelly (Jamie Gieseke) Sandager; 10 great-grandchildren, Connor and Rowen and Cullen Norton, Cate and Charley Starzl and Cole Gossen, Chloe and Jon Huston, Cassidy Arndt, and Sadia Rozeboom; a brother, Lee (Betty) Sandager; a sister Anita Johnson; a sister-in-law Bev Reinertson; friend Fraser Norton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elnora; his parents; brothers Victor and Paul; and sisters Lenore Hansen, Leona Goehle, Marie Muckala and Beulah Sandager.

Arrangements are provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneral-home.com. (0517 F)

Carol Cooper

Funeral services for Carol Jean Cooper of Albert Lea, MN, was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Bridge Community Church North in Albert Lea, MN. Pastor Clayton Balsley officiated. Visitation was Thursday evening from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Bonnerup Funeral Service and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in Lakewood Cemetery.

Carol died Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Thorne Crest Retirement Center in Albert Lea. She was 88 years of age.

Carol was born December 30, 1929, in Luverne, MN, the daughter of Herman and Edna (Welzenbach) Thorson. She was a graduate of Luverne High School on June 5, 1947. After a short time in nursing school she was united in marriage to Roy Cooper on June 25, 1949, in Mankato, MN.

In her early married years Carol spent time raising her family and took on the role of bookkeeper for the family business, Cooper Plumbing and Heating. When her children grew older, through the encouragement of her mother, she began taking college

classes. In 1970 she graduated from Mankato State University with a degree in business education.

She taught in the New Richland School district for over 22 years. She was a very active member of the First Baptist Church in Albert Lea for 40 years teaching Sunday school, singing in choir, church circle, missions and many other roles. Carol enjoyed traveling and would drive great distances to visit family and friends. The best times were spent with her children and grandchildren and friends.

Carol is survived by her children Nancy (James) Cope of Albert Lea, MN, Lori Cooper of Albert Lea, MN, Mark Cooper of Albert Lea, MN, grandchildren Kaitlin Cope and Geoffrey Cope both of Brooklyn Park, MN, one brother Steven (Mary Jane) Thorson of Ft Collins, CO, and sister in law Sharon Thorson of Rapid City, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Roy, brother James Thorson and sister Joyce (Arnie) Gabrielson. (0517 V)



Vivian Mueller

Vivian Viola Mueller, 96, Adrian, died Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Adrian Country Living Cottages.

A funeral service was Monday, May 14, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Adrian. Burial was in the Adrian Cemetery.

Vivian Olson was born Nov. 16, 1921, to Andrew and Lena (Olson) Olson in Kittson County, Minnesota. She was the youngest of eleven children. She worked many jobs prior to her marriage.

Vivian married Bill "Jr" Mueller on June 19, 1946, at the First Lutheran Church in Worthington. After their marriage, the couple farmed in the rural Lismore, Kenneth and Adrian areas. Vivian was a farm wife until 1966 when she and Jr opened the Home Café in Adrian. After selling the café in 1973, Vivian worked at the Arnold Memorial Nursing Home and she helped at the Senior Dining Center in Adrian.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Adrian. Vivian was one of the best softball short stops in the area. She enjoyed making lefse and spending time with her family.

Vivian is survived by three daughters, Carolyn (Bill) Ketterling, Luverne; Cindy (Ching) Heitkamp, Adrian;

and Connie (Bob) Kunkel, Adrian; seven grandchildren, Mike (Laurie) Ketterling, Scott (Lisa) Ketterling, Tom Ketterling, Tad (Michele) Heitkamp, Tracy (Scott) Altman, Dawn (Jeff) Kopplow, and Bobby (Tracy) Kunkel; 14 great-grandchildren, Jesse and Alicia Kontz; Lyndsey Ketterling; Peyton and Aftyn Heitkamp; Riley and Raegen Altman; Brendon, Jordin and Logan (girlfriend, Kennedy Fitzgerald) Kopplow; and Braden, Miah, Kyler and Bryson Kunkel; a sister-in-law, Delores DeVos, Waconia; three brothers-in-law, Don "Cannon" (Mary) Mueller, Rushmore, Darrell (Marlene) Mueller, Worthington, and Alvin (Karen) Mueller, Council Bluffs, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jr, on Nov. 21, 1994; a son, Jeff Mueller, in 1973; and an infant daughter, Robyn in 1965; five brothers, Bennett, Clifford, Oscar, Lester and Alf; and five sisters, Nellie Anderson, Alma Hultgren, Amelia Hultgren, Myrtle Thom and Edna Bruns.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0517 F)



Ruth Ashby

Ruth Margaret Ashby, 101, Luverne, formerly of Magnolia, died Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.



A funeral service was Tuesday, May 15, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Ruth Vogt was born to Henry and Mary (Campbell) Vogt on a farm in Nobles County on Sept. 12, 1916. Ruth and her siblings all received baptism at the farm place in 1925. She was raised on the farm and attended Westside Township, Nobles County, and District 64 country schools. She enjoyed playing softball as a teenager. After Ruth completed normal training at Luverne, she began teaching at District 50 and later District 64, where she continued to teach for five years and coached both girls' and boys' softball teams. Ruth played and coached softball until she was age 47.

On Dec. 31, 1937, she married Howard Ashby in Adrian. Following their marriage they lived and farmed in Westside Township of Nobles County. Ruth was an active partner in the farming operation with Howard. In 1991 the couple retired from farming and moved to Luverne. Howard died on Nov. 18, 2007. Ruth moved into The Oaks apartments in 2012 and in 2014 moved into Poplar Creek. She became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in January 2018. In April Ruth entered the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Ruth was a member of the Magnolia United Methodist

Church. She was active in the United Methodist Adult Fellowship Club and the Women's Society. She taught Sunday School and Bible School for many years. She was also a member of the Rock County Extension Club. She enjoyed doing crafts, playing

croquet, playing all types of card games, and watching the Minnesota Twins. She was an avid bowler and member of the women's bowling league.

Ruth and Howard began going to Texas in the winter of 1979. Ruth especially liked to visit friends, travel and spend time at home and church. After her retirement, and as soon her grandson, Chris, was old enough to participate in sports, Ruth became an avid sports fan and attended his activities.

She is survived by her son, Gene (Barb) Ashby of Luverne; a sister, June Nath of Luverne; 33 nieces and nephews; 94 great-nieces and great-nephews; and many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; a son, Melvin Ashby; a grandson, Chris Ashby; her parents; three sisters, Edna Wieck, Dorothy Smeins and Virginia Schei; a brother, Raymond Vogt; a sister-in-law, Ann Vogt; and four brothers-in-law, Lester Wieck, Art Smeins, William Nath and Alfred Schei.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Luverne Area Community Foundation - Bike Path Fund.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0517 F)

Audrey Walgrave

Audrey Walgrave, 92, Luverne, died Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills after suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia for many years.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will be in St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Audrey Corbett was born Jan. 11, 1926, to Lloyd and Florence Corbett in Edina. She moved to Luverne her junior year of high school and graduated from Luverne High School.

Audrey married Ardean "Bub" Walgrave. The couple lived in Luverne. Audrey worked as a bookkeeper at the Luverne Creamery and

later at Luverne Co-op Oil.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She enjoyed sewing and getting dressed up. She was an instrumental member of The Green Earth Players.

Audrey is survived by her husband, Bub Walgrave, Luverne; two children, Mary Pat (Pete) Willson, Baronett, Wisconsin, and Dan Walgrave, Minnetonka; and two grandchildren, Gregory (Christina) Aanenson and Danielle (Richelle) Aanenson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Pat Soyer; and two brothers, Stewart and Lloyd Corbett.

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Ohme served youth as official for more than four decades

I've shared many conversations with Jere Ohme over the years, but one now stands out in my mind.



Ohme passed away at the age of 71 on May 3, and my thoughts instantly bounced back to a brief give-and-take we shared during an Adrian High School football game more than a decade ago.

The conversation took place about one week after I penned a column about a 13-year-old cat that I had to put down, and it gave me an instant belief that Ohme was a kind and perceptive man.

"Sorry to read about your cat," he said, during a timeout in the AHS game he was officiating.

"I bet you've already received a lot of sympathy cards for that column you wrote."

As strange as that may sound, Ohme was absolutely correct.

I did receive some correspondence through the mail as a result of said column, including some from people I didn't even know, and it led me to believe Ohme possessed a great insight into human nature.

One doesn't learn those things on the sideline at a football game very often, but I have to believe the gridiron is where Ohme was most comfortable.

As an official for 43 years, it's clear to me Jere cared about kids and wanted to do his part to make sure the games they played were staged within the rules.

Luverne's Cary Radisewitz will back up that statement.

"He loved it," Radisewitz responded, when asked why Ohme served as an official for more than four decades.

"He always looked forward to working football games on Fridays and Saturdays, and he was good at it. He was what I call a quiet observer. Like all officials, he didn't want to be noticed. But he knew rules very well, he enforced them, he stayed in shape and always played the part of a referee well."

Radisewitz should know because he worked with Ohme as a football official from 1992 until Ohme hung up his whistle four years ago.

Ohme's officiating career included working basketball games with Curt Laudon Jr. and baseball games early on, but Radisewitz knew him best as a football official.

"I was a football coach at Huron College (South

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Dakota) in 1991 and he showed up to work one of our games," he recalled.

"I moved to Luverne in 1992 and guess who I ran into on the street one day? It was Jere Ohme.

We ended up refereeing high school and college football games until he called it quits. We worked state championship games, arena football games and college games in the regular season and the playoffs. There are a lot of guys who officiate football games, but Jere made it fun. He was our leader and I think he is one of the pioneers of the profession."

One thing I know for sure is Ohme wasn't an official for game checks.

He was an administrator of the rules during a lot of high profile, meaningful contests, but he wasn't above helping out kids playing football at all levels of the sport.

"Jere was always working the junior varsity and freshman games in Luverne, and I know the kids and opposing coaches appreciated that," Radisewitz said.

Radisewitz appreciated the fact that he got the chance to work on a crew with Ohme for what was going to be his last high school game.

It was a section championship game in Marshall, and his crewmate said Ohme was spot on with his calls the entire night.

As fate would have it, Radisewitz didn't get the chance to work with Ohme during his final game. That would come a year later.

"I got a call from Murray County Central saying they needed an official for their homecoming game," he recalled.

"We were booked for that weekend, but I told them that I know the best official in southwest Minnesota was open that night. I also said I didn't know if they could talk Jere into it because he didn't have his license any more and sold his officiating gear."

Once the MCC athletic director found out which official Radisewitz was referring to, they got him cleared by the state officials to work the game and set him up with a uniform to do so.

As it turns out, the last game Ohme officiated may have been the most special one because he was a 1964 graduate of Slayton High School.



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Contributing to youth

Papik Motors president Gary Papik (back, right) presented Jon Schomacker (back, left), the Luverne Community Education Summer Recreation director, with a \$1,000 check for the youth softball and baseball programs after the Chevy Youth Baseball event was recently completed. Some of the athletes benefitting from the donation include (front row, from left) Gracy Woodley, Maddox Schomacker, (back) Elijah Woodley, Kelly Schomacker, Jaydon Johnson, Carter Sehr, Alex DeWispelaere, Landon Ahrendt, Delaney Ahrendt and Luka Smith.

Girls finish fourth Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' golf team turned in a fifth-place effort in the Pre-Section Tournament at Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake Thursday.

Luverne turned in a 389-stroke effort at the 18-hole event, besting Pipestone (410), Montevideo (437) and Martin County West (479) in an eight-team field.

Minnewaska Area (339), Worthington (366), Fairmont (371) and Morris Area (376) led the field.

Anna Huisman led the Cardinals by posting a 90.

Hannah Ver Steeg, Samantha Pierce and Paige Sandbulte contributed respective 95-, 100- and 104-stroke rounds to the team tally.

Brynn Thier and Josie Golla shot 105- and 113-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Minnewaska Area's Madi McGinty and Fairmont's Bergen Senf both shot 77s to lead the field.

McGinty won a tiebreaker on the scorecard to claim the individual title.

The Cardinal girls sported a 17-8 record when Thursday's outing was complete.



John Rittenhouse photo/0510 girls golf 7

Luverne's Paige Sandbulte completes her swing after striking a drive during a recent match at the LCC. Sandbulte posted a 104 at a golf event near Buffalo Lake Thursday.

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in 42.97 to claim an individual crown.

He also teamed up with Noah Kruse, Cole Boltjes and Kade Boltjes to win the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:37.37.

Kade Boltjes placed second in the 100-meter dash (11.7), the long jump (18-4 1/2) and the triple jump (36-5) to cap a productive day.

The H-BC boys produced three second-place efforts at the meet.

Garrett Raymon placed second with a toss of 119-6 in the discus, while the 400- and 800-meter relays finished second with times of 49.0 and 1:40.18.

Hunter Bork, Luke LaRock, Easton Harnack and Tyson Bork formed the 400-meter squad, while the Borks, LaRock and Tryce Bennetran in the 800-meter event.

Here is a look at the rest of the top-eight efforts turned in by H-BC and EHS athletes at

the meet.

H-BC girls
Third place: Abby Knobloch, 300 hurdles, 54.96; Rauk, long jump, 13-9.
Fourth place: Kenadie Fick, 800, 2:41.5.
Fifth place: K.Fick, 400, 1:06.77; Joslyn Birger, triple jump, 27-10 1/2.
Seventh place: Taylor Durst, 1,600, 6:25.25; Knobloch, 100 hurdles, 19.86.
Eighth place: Avery Wysong, 100, 14.98; Ana Hagen, 1,600, 6:31.51; Birger, 300 hurdles, 20.25; Knobloch, shot, 26-11; K.Fick, high jump, 4-0; Wysong, long jump, 12-7.

H-BC boys
Third place: H.Bork, 400, 55.89.
Fourth place: T.Bork, 100, 11.9.
Fifth place: LaRock, 100, 12.29.

Eighth place: Bennett, 110 hurdles, 19.83.

EHS boys
Third place: Kruse, 200, 24.69.
Fourth place: Brandon Kramer, discus, 111-10; 1,600 relay (Robby Armstrong, C.Boltjes, Sam Kramer and Kruse), 3:58.38.
Fifth place: Armstrong, 400, 56.3.
Sixth place: B.Kramer, shot, 38-9.
Seventh place: C.Boltjes, 200, 26.31; S.Kramer, 1,600, 5:42.32.
Eighth place: Micah Onken, 800, 2:44.8.

EHS girls
Sixth place: Ashlyn Meester, 300 hurdles, 57.57.
Eighth place: Meester, 100 hurdles, 19.9.

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AA bounces back from loss to break even

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team split a Red Rock Conference doubleheader in Ellsworth Thursday.

Taking on Westbrook-Walnut Grove-Red Rock Central, the Dragons fell 9-8 in the opener before coasting to a 12-1 victory in the finale.

A spirited rally by AA fell short during Game 1 of the set.

Facing a 9-3 deficit after four and one-half innings of play, the Dragons were on the verge of being blown out before coming up big in the bottom of the seventh.

AA scored five runs in the final frame before the final out was recorded, leaving the Dragons on the short end of a one-run decision.

Autumn Grussing, who drove in three runs in the opener, registered three hits at the plate along with Kristina Cauwels.

Devin Dreesen added two hits for the Dragons, while Jennifer Preuss, Halle Heitkamp (one RBI) and Morgan Dreesen chipped in one hit each.

Avery Balster took the pitching loss after surrendering seven runs in four innings. Dreesen worked the final three frames, yielding two runs and fanning three batters.

The Dragons avenged the loss in Game 1 by rolling to an 11-run, six-inning victory in the finale.

AA scored five unanswered runs to open the game and produced runs five of the six innings to win handily.

Devin Dreesen and Madison Neuenberg led AA at the plate with three hits and two RBIs, while Morgan Dreesen and Paige Bullerman added two hits each.

Devin Dreesen pitched six innings of four-hit, one-run ball to earn the win.



John Rittenhouse photo/0517 aa sb 1

Adrian junior Avery Balster delivers a pitch during Thursday's twin bill against RRC-W-WG in Ellsworth. The teams split contests during a conference doubleheader.



John Rittenhouse photo/0510 boys golf 6

Luverne's Carter Loosbrock posted a 56 for the Cardinal boys during a home win over the Adrian Dragons Monday.

Luverne golf teams top Adrian at LCC Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne golf teams played well on their own course when they entertained the Adrian Dragons for matches at the Luverne Country Club Monday.

The Luverne boys topped Adrian 185-189 in a tight battle.

The Cardinal girls rolled to a 199-217 win over the Dragons.

Coy Gonnerman fired a 42 to lead the LHS boys to a four-stroke win over the Dragons.

Carter Stemper and Will Stegenga contributed respective 44-49 stroke rounds to the winning team tally, while Cooper Arends and Jack Golla posted 50s.

Carter Loosbrock posted a 56 for LHS, which upped its record to 8-12 with the win.

Brady Henning emerged as the medalist for AHS by carding a 40.

Landon Runia, Brock Henning and Mitchell Veld added 48-, 49- and 52-stroke rounds to Adrian's team total.

Easton Braun and John Christians shot 55- and 63-stroke rounds for the 10-9 Dragons.

Hannah Ver Steeg shot a 46 to claim medalist honors and led the Cardinal girls to an 18-stroke victory over Adrian.

Anna Huisman and Paige Sandbulte registered 50s for the winners, while Brynn Thier capped the scoring with a 53.

Samantha Pierce and Josie Golla produced 55- and 58-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring for the 18-8 Cardinals.

Alexia Kemper led the charge for Adrian with a 48.

Annika Elias, Madeline Wagner and Gracia Elias notched 52-, 58- and 59-stroke rounds to cap the scoring for the Dragons.

Josi Altman and Taya Elias registered 70- and 71-stroke rounds for the 11-9 Dragons.

Luverne plays in Windom Wednesday (May 16), while Adrian travels to Fulda Thursday.

AHS, H-BC golfers play Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

Golfers from Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek High Schools played at different events Thursday.

Girls representing both schools participated at the Fulda-Heron Lake-Okabena Invitational in Fulda, while the AHS boys entertained Worthington for a meet at the Adrian Area Country Club.

The AHS girls posted a 419-stroke total to place fourth in a seven-team field in Fulda.

AHS topped Westbrook-Walnut Grove (489), Southwest Christian-Edgerton (500) and Mountain Lake Area (582) in the standings.

Murray County Central (390), Windom (395) and HL-O-F (416) led the field.

Alexia Kemper fired an 88 to lead the Dragons, while Annika Elias, Josi Altman and Gracia Elias added respective 104-, 113- and 114-stroke rounds to the team tally.

Madeline Wagner and Taya Elias posted 116- and 123-stroke tallies for AHS without impacting the scoring.

H-BC competed as an incomplete team with Hannah Fick and Tess Van Maanen both shooting 104s.

HL-O-F's Abby Hamann earned medalist honors with an 86.

Worthington topped the AHS boys 152-173 at the AACC.

Brady Henning registered a 38 to lead the Dragons, while Brock Henning, Nick Harder and Landon Runia added 44-, 45- and 46-stroke scores to the team effort.

Mitchell Veld and Easton Braun shot 49- and 50-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

Ben Koepsell and Jacob Prunty shot 37s to share medalist honors for WHS.

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