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Storm damage brings erosion back in focus

By Lori Sorenson

The rich black soil of southwestern Rock County is among the most fertile in the nation.

That's why it's so disappointing to see the damage from last week's storm that washed topsoil — along with recently planted seed — into ditches and nearby streams.

"We have got to do something about this," said Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office.

He shared photographs (see below, right) of deep washouts and ditches filled level to the road with black dirt after western Rock County received up to 5 inches of rain in some areas May 10, with reports that 2 inches fell in 20 minutes.

"Some of these farmers are just sick about it," Bos said.

"These are good farmers. They are trying to do it right. ... We just have too much loose soil after planting, so the damage is severe when we get these rain events."

Farmers, ag professionals, legislators and others are aware of the need for more conservation practices, but what and how to do it remains the question.

When Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton proposed mandatory grass buffers earlier this year, the push-back was swift and strong.

Minnesota Farm Bureau, the state's strongest ag lobby, argued that the one-size-fits-all approach isn't necessary or effective.

Bos, Rock County's longtime conservation advocate, agreed.

"Some places don't need buffers, others need 100- or 200-foot buffers because they're concentrated flow areas that dump directly into

streams.

What's needed, Bos said, is a universal commitment among all farmers to do what's right for the land according to its own unique circumstances.

"We have farmers that are doing all the right things, but they're suffering from the effects of farmers upstream who aren't," Bos said.

The Farm Bureau motto of "one-size-doesn't-fit-all" means that many different practices need to be considered for every unique erosion challenge.

"We need to consider grassy waterways, terraces, sediment basins, residue management and other conservation practices," Bos said.

And until farmers take a team

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Lori Sorenson photo/0521 fitzer strip-tilling

Geff Fitzer (right) with his son Connor are pictured Monday in a strip-tilled field that shows new corn coming up amid last year's bean stubble. With strip-tilling, only the planted part of the row is disturbed.

Strip-till farming keeps water, soil in fields

By Lori Sorenson

Geff Fitzer, who farms west of Luverne, has been strip-tilling his fields for 13 years with notable success.

That can be no better proven than in the June 2014 and recent May 10 rain events, both of which gouged deep gullies through fields and washed fertile topsoil into ditches and downstream.

"I have to admit, my fields came through in great shape," he said about the storms.

"I've had virtually no loss of soil or water. ... I've had soil wash across my fields, but it's not my soil; it's my neighbor's."

The way strip-till works in a standard row, only a small strip of dirt is tilled where the seed is planted and fertilizer is applied.

The rest of the row is left untilled, with stubble from last year's crop remaining in place.

"I'm disturbing only 20 percent of the field, leaving the other 80 percent undisturbed," Fitzer said.

In addition to preventing soil erosion and mois-

"I would have a hard time doing it any other way. ... When I drive around and see all the erosion ... It's so simple to stop this, if we'd all be willing to make that change."

— Geff Fitzer, Luverne

ture preservation, this method is good for soil health.

"When you leave those roots in the ground, it leaves a mass of residue underground that helps bond the soil," he said.

"The reduction of tillage is very important for night crawlers, which do their own part for creating macro pores that allow water to soak into the soil instead of

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No birds allowed at local county fairs due to avian flu epidemic

By Mavis Fodness

Friday's announcement of no local bird exhibits in Minnesota for the rest of 2015 has left local county fair organizers and poultry project participants disappointed but understanding.

Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) joined decision-makers at the University of Minnesota Extension canceling all bird exhibitions at county fairs, the Minnesota State Fair, swap meets, exotic sales, petting zoos and all other events

where the birds would gather.

The purpose of the board's directive is to minimize the spread of the H5N2 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

"Taking this step makes sense," said Dr. Beth Thompson, BAH's assistant director, in a press release.

"We need to do everything possible to get rid of this virus, and preventing the commingling of birds from different farms is one way to do that."

The cancellation of the Rock

County 4-H's July 29 poultry show involves about two-dozen exhibitors and about 100 birds, primarily chickens, brought to the annual fair.

"It's going to be a disappointment for the kids," said Beth Kalass, poultry superintendent for almost 20 years with Rock County 4-H.

"It's better to be safe than sorry." Since March the HPAI has impacted nearly 90 farms in Minnesota with more reports of the deadly virus striking commercial turkey and chicken flocks in South Dakota

and Iowa. More than 7 million birds have been affected in Minnesota alone.

There have been no reports of the virus in Rock County, according to the BAH website.

Minnesota Extension and its local directors are looking at options for project members who won't be showing poultry locally or at the state fair in August.

Brad Rugg, the state's Extension director, also said in a press release, "(Our) priority is youth and their

learning experiences.

"Part of our job developing the next generation of agricultural leaders includes teaching youth best practices to ensure the health and safety of the animals they raise."

Jenna Schelhaas, a member of the County K-9 4-H club, has been showing chickens for eight years.

She planned to enroll 20 chickens in the local county fair. Friday, May 15, was also the enrollment

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Lori Sorenson photo/0521 highway 75 construction

Traffic detoured on Highway 75

Construction began May 11 on Highway 75 in Luverne and will continue through September, starting with a short in-town detour currently in place at Warren Street. The project consists of a variety of work, including resurfacing (mill and overlay) from I-90 to Main Street, seal coating from Main Street to north city limits, replacing a box culvert between Harrison Street and Edgell Street over Poplar Creek (this is the detoured area), water main work north of Harrison Street to Main Street, sidewalk improvements, revised signal at Main Street and restriping from four lanes to three lanes (one lane each way with center lane for left turns). The \$2.7 million project is a partnership between the city of Luverne and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Felony 'negligent fire' charges filed in August 2014 fatal crash near Kenneth

By Lori Sorenson

Felony charges were filed last week in connection with a crash last summer that took the life of a young woman.

Mark Richard Zebe, 43, Adrian, was charged in Rock County District Court Friday with negligent fire.

The charges stem from a waterway fire Zebe started south of Kenneth on Aug. 4, 2014. Court documents state that Zebe's fire got out of control, causing the crash that killed 26-year-old Ashley (Brands) Von Holtum.

According to the complaint, a burn permit had been issued for the waterway fire, but no one was present to monitor the blaze.

Fire and smoke approached County Road 3 from the east, eventually limiting visibility for motorists.

Shortly after noon on Aug. 4, the Sheriff's Office was alerted of the hazard, and Deputy Glen Reisdorfer was dispatched to the area.

He spoke with landowner Brad Scott, who said he would call Mark Zebe, the land renter who started the burn to make sure it would be monitored.

Reisdorfer was dispatched an hour later to the same location, this time for a crash caused by the smoke.

A semi with a side-dump and another vehicle had been involved in a crash and were stopped south of the fire.

While Reisdorfer drove closer to the fire, he noticed it was not yet monitored, and two semis slowly drove through the smoke at that time with their lights flashing.

At that point Reisdorfer called dispatch to get a squad with lights on the south end of the fire because there was zero visibility in the smoke.

About this time he noticed a yellow crew cab pickup with severe front-end damage in the northbound lane.

Negligent fire/see page 2A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

MS Support 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.

Caregivers Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, in the conference room at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. A video on caregiving and dementia will be shown. Call Greta at 283-5064 with questions.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at the home of Melba Boeve. The program will be growing orchids. For more information call 507-597-6378.

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 Rock County Community 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.

Fair Premium Book released June 7

The Rock County Star Herald's annual Fair Premium Book will be distributed in the June 7 Announcer. The publication lists the upcoming categories for open class and 4-H entries in the 2015 Rock County Fair.

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.

Memorial Day programs

•Luverne Maplewood: The Memorial Day program at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne begins at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 25. Guest speaker is Donald Kuehl, retired Iowa Air National Guard. A noon potluck dinner sponsored by the American Legion Post 123, Rock County VFW 2757, and Auxiliaries will follow at the American Legion.

•Minnesota Veterans Home: A special Memorial Day program with military honors conducted by American Legion Post 123 and VFW Post 2757 of Luverne is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Veterans Home. The speaker is the Rev. Lonny Carpenter.

•Hardwick: A Memorial Day program will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 25, at the Hardwick Veterans Memorial in Hardwick. In case of inclement weather, the service will be at Hardwick Legion Hall. Guest speaker is Curt Hendel, USAF SGT Security Police Dog Handler/Trainer of Adrian. The event is sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion.

•Beaver Creek: Memorial Day program begins at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 25, at the Beaver Creek Elementary School with guest speaker Kyle Oldre.

Coffee and bars are available at 9:45 a.m. at the elementary school.

A ceremony is set for 11:15 a.m. at the Beaver Creek Cemetery with the American Legion and Luverne VFW.

•Hills: Memorial Day program begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 25, at the Hills American Legion with the Rev. Grant Fischer of Bethlehem Lutheran Church as guest speaker. A lunch will follow at the Hills American Legion VFW.

Free community meal May 27 at UMC

The free Fourth Wednesday Community Meal will start at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

New Community Ed. class offered

Kids ages 7-12 who would like to try track and field may register for **Summer Track** practice. There will be six afternoon practices from June 9-25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Register and pay \$10 fee. A state track and field meet for ages 7-12 will be Saturday, Aug. 1, in Marshall for those who would like to compete. Information and registration forms are available for the state meet at the Community Ed office.

Additionally there will be three local track meets in Luverne for all ages. Fee for each track meet is \$5. Dates are June 1, June 22, and July 13. Call Community Ed at 507-283-4724 with questions.

Two bank Ryans face off in 'Kiss the Pig' contest for Rock County Relay for Life

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County Relay for Life's "Kiss the Pig" fundraising effort is shaping up to be a battle of the Ryans at competing local banks.

Ryan Wynia at First Farmers and Merchants Bank and Ryan DeBates at Exchange State Bank are accepting donations for the American Cancer Society for Rock County's June 12 Relay for Life event.

The Ryan who brings in the most money will have the honor of watching his opponent kiss a live pig in Luverne City Park during the Relay program. (So they are taking donations for each other, hoping not to be the winner).

Marilyn Van Grootheest remembers the Kiss the Pig contest in 2006 when Cliff Boom at First Farmers and the late Jim Boeve at Minnesota Bank competed for funds.

Boeve had cancer at the time, and Van Grootheest recalls taking on the job of being captain of First Farmers' Relay team in 2008.

"I had started out just knowing a few people with cancer and not understanding what they had gone through," she said.

Then, in September 2012, cancer hit close to home when her husband, Mike, was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer.

"This was a life-changing event," Van Grootheest said. "I could totally relate to what a person as a caregiver would go through."

She said it was also transforming to watch her husband change from a strong man to one who became vulnerable.

Along the way, she said



Submitted photo

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Mike became an unwitting reminder to others about the importance of colonoscopies and early detection.

"I have some who still tell me that because of Mike being diagnosed and going through what he had, that he has saved some lives," she said.

"And now we are here three years later with a son who graduated from college, married and now going to make us grandparents. There are still more step-

ping stones for us, and I wouldn't want to do it without him."

She said Relay for Life played an important role for healing.

"My family lived through a tough time and found out that our family, friends and community were such a great support system," Van Grootheest said.

"This is why this has become something of importance to me and my family."

She said both Wynia and DeBates didn't hesitate to participate in the Kiss the Pig contest for the 2015 Relay event.

"They too both have been touched by cancer," she said.

To support the cause — and one or both of the Ryans — piggy banks have been placed in the lobbies of the two banks.

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Negligent fire/continued from 1A

Reisdorfer ran to check for occupants and got no response from the driver, Von Holtum. He ended up breaking a window with his flashlight and found Von Holtum to be breathing, but bleeding from the head and face area.

Reisdorfer radioed dispatch for a helicopter and attempted to stabilize Von Holtum, who later died from her injuries.

After the helicopter left, Reisdorfer and Sgt. Jeff Wieneke met with the semi driver, Gary Akkerman, who said he had slowed down to enter the smoke with his lights flashing.

He said he couldn't see a vehicle that hit him from behind, but he knew someone or something had struck him, so he drove a safe distance out of the smoke to call for help.

Wieneke also spoke with Scott, who said Zebe's brother, Paul, had called him that morning to say they would be burning that day. At first the smoke was straight up, but then later it shifted to drift across the road.

Scott and other witnesses said they had seen Zebe several times

throughout the day in the area monitoring the fire. Those witnesses said they noticed compromised visibility, but not totally blocked.

On Aug. 8 Wieneke interviewed Zebe, who said he was monitoring the fire and remembers the wind switching to the northeast around 1 p.m. He said he watched vehicles travel through the smoke, but he would never lose sight of them.

He said he hadn't seen the first accident happen, but that he'd gotten a call to give a motorist involved in that incident a ride home, which he did.

At that point, he said, he saw law enforcement and the fire department on the scene and there was nothing more he could do.

Zebe is scheduled to appear in Rock County District Court on June 1 to answer to the charges in the complaint.

The maximum penalty for felony level negligent fire is five years in jail, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Candlelight ceremony set for Sunday evening

By Lori Sorenson

A candlelight vigil is planned in Luverne for Sunday, May 24, on the eve of Memorial Day.



The ceremony will be at dusk, about 8:30 p.m., at the Rock County Veterans Memorial at the Rock County Courthouse Square in Luverne.

The event will honor the service and sacrifice of Rock County service personnel.

It will include the laying of the wreath, reading of the names of those killed in action and missing in action, and special music by Barb Antoine.

A reception will follow in the Herreid Military Museum following the service.

If weather doesn't cooperate, the ceremony will be in St. Catherine Church, with the reception following in the museum.

The museum won't be open prior to the ceremony.

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County Board approves funding for Rural Water project

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved funding for a Rural Water expansion project during their meeting Tuesday, May 19.

The Rural Water Board was awarded a \$2.448 million loan and \$2.246 grant from the USDA Rural Development to finance the water improvements.

However, because rural water does not have enough in reserves to fund the up-front construction costs before being reimbursed by USDA, the commissioners are seeking a short-term construction loan.

Two loan options were presented on May 5.

George Eilertson from Northland Securities of Minneapolis said his company is prepared to purchase the \$2.448 million loan and work with local banking institutions for financing.

"The better the credit of the municipality borrowing the money, the better open financing works," he said.

Rock County's credit rating of AA+ could garner an interest rate of 1 percent or less, Eilertson said.

Another funding option is through the Minnesota Rural Water Association's finance pool.

Speaking via conference call, executive director Ruth Hubbard said the association created a joint powers board in 1999 to help its members with interim funding for water improvement projects such as Rock County's.

"This program works well with communities who don't have a (credit) rating," she said.

Hubbard said rural wa-

ter's program has an interest rate of 3.4 percent and is only applied as money is drawn from the loan pool.

"It also works well with projects whose construction is halted by cold weather," she said.

Rural water also offers rebates based on accrued interest. On average, rebates average about 20 percent, Hubbard said.

The unpredictability of weather delays was the main reason commissioners opted for financing through Northland Securities, whose terms were more favorable if the project completion stretched past one year.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Rescinded an April 21 resolution transferring county municipal funds to the regular construction funds account.

"I have not done this before so I skipped a step," said County Engineer Mark Sehr.

"You need to have a public hearing according to Minnesota state aid rules."

The public hearing was conducted May 19 with no public comments submitted, and the board unanimously reapproved the fund transfer.

- Approved on May 5 a five-year law enforcement contract with the city of Luverne.

The contract includes annual 2 or 3 percent increases and a change in the base contract amount due to the removal of the cross-guard program.

Contract amounts range from \$808,000 in 2016 to \$892,000 in 2020.



Operators of the 114th Fighter Wing South Dakota Air National Guard Emergency Management office brought their Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) to Luverne Monday for a demonstration.

High-tech help available for emergency officials

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

Area fire departments and emergency response officials recently learned about a high-tech resource that's available to them, should disaster strike.

Operators of the 114th Fighter Wing South Dakota Air National Guard Emergency Management office brought their Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) to Luverne Monday for a demonstration.

As one of the most advanced mobile communications and operations centers available, the MEOC is equipped with technology that enables all local disaster response units to communicate through one connection.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian works as a cyber operations superintendent for the 114th in Sioux Falls and helped to arrange Monday's demonstration.

"It's good to get that inter-agency telecommunication awareness up so that everyone is aware of its capabilities," Baustian said of the MEOC.

Senior Master Sgt. Rick Larson, 114th Fighter Wing emergency manager, helped develop the vehicle with the National Guard Bureau.

He spoke with local officials during Monday night's demonstration at the Luverne Fire Hall, calling the equipment "a great asset to our nation."



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He said it was developed after disaster response to Hurricane Katrina showed a dire need for emergency officials to be able to communicate in a time of emergency.

For example, sheriff's departments, state patrol and fire departments often use their own radio frequencies. The MEOC — equipped with satellite connections and live video feed — provides a single platform for all communication.

During Monday night's demonstration local emergency officials from

all parts of Rock County learned that the unit is available to them during crises.

Among other things, they learned it has a 3-800 MHz telecommunications bandwidth, self-acquiring satellite dish, both interior and exterior Wi-Fi hotspots, an internal computer network, voice over IP phone system, full motion video and video teleconferencing (like Skype), six workstations, self-contained local weather station and a private conference room.

Funding approved for fiber optic, library

By Mavis Fodness

With all members present, the Rock County Commissioners finalized funding for the county's portion of the fiber optic project and upcoming library remodel project.

The commissioners' unanimous agreement at Tuesday's meeting concluded the tax abatement discussion that began two weeks ago at the commissioners' May 5 meeting.

The May 5th meeting began with a tax abatement hearing that sought input on financing the county's \$1 million share of the more than \$14 million fiber optic network project.

Work has started by project partner Alliance Commu-

nications of Garretson, South Dakota.

When completed in the fall of 2016, the network will provide Internet access to the unserved and underserved areas in Rock County.

No one from the public attended the public hearing or supplied written comments.

Commissioners supported paying their share of the project using the tax abatement process.

The abatement will be for up to 20 years and apply to taxes payable in 2016 through 2036.

The county's share of taxes from six land parcels will go directly to the project's loan repayment instead of into the county's general fund.

Because the city of Luverne, Martin Township, Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school districts declined participation in the tax abatement, the county gained an extra five years on the loan repayment schedule.

Six parcels, totaling more than \$1.6 million in value, were identified for the proposal.

Those parcels and the addresses include: Agri-Energy, 502 Walnut Ave.; Grandstay Hotel and Suites, 908 Kniss Ave.; New Vision Co-op, 521 41st St.; Good Samaritan Center, 201 and 203 Oak Dr.; Glen's Food Center, 205 Warren St.; and Papik Motors, 801 Commerce Road.

George Eilertson from Northland Securities of Min-

neapolis said his company would handle the \$1.225 million sale of general obligation bonds scheduled for June 1.

Currently included in the bond sale is \$175,000 earmarked for capital improvements at the Rock County Community Library.

However, commissioners tabled a formal decision to include the library project in the final bond amount until all the commissioners were present for the vote.

A final decision was scheduled for the May 19 meeting.

At Tuesday's meeting Commissioner Boyenga made the motion to include the library remodel with the fiber optic project through the tax abatement process.

Avian flu/continued from 1A

deadline for 4-H livestock.

"I am a little disappointed that they did this a little late," Schelhaas said.

She is, however, eager to take part in other activities at the fair involving poultry, including the promotion of raising a flock.

"They are pretty low maintenance. ... Anyone can take care of them," Schelhaas said.

However, raising a flock could prove difficult with the current influenza outbreak.

According to the BAH, influenza in poultry falls into two groups: low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) and HPAI.

Similar to influenza in humans, poultry infected with LPAI usually experi-

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— Jenna Schelhaas, poultry exhibitor

ence only mild signs including respiratory distress and nasal discharge, ruffled feathers or drop in egg production.

In the past 40 years, LPAI has been successfully eliminated.

Unlike LPAI, however, the first indication of HPAI is sudden death, often without signs of illness.

For the latest news, hotline numbers and biosecurity steps to prevent the spreading of HPAI, go to www.mnairresponse.info.

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You're never too old to revisit childhood activities

An activity traditionally used to keep children busy is making its way into adult hands and eventually into my own hands in the not too distant future.

Call me strange, but I have loved poking through the various pens, pencils and crayons in the office supply aisles. The purchase of new markers or colored pencils leaves me with an eager feeling of starting a new art project.

In the past few months, chatter on Facebook has been about adult coloring books.

I have occasionally picked up an old children's coloring book and some crayons I have found lying around at home and colored a page. It was an enjoyable activity but the simple, comical drawings just weren't appealing for a repeated coloring session.

However, adult coloring books are different. They are childlike and not childish, as one avid adult colorer said.

Artist Johanna Basford heads the top-selling adult coloring book list. Her elaborate hand-drawn designs appeal to my inner child-coloring nostalgia.

Luverne's Martha Nowatzki is an owner of one of Basford's coloring books. She recently shared Basford's "Enchanted Forest" with me and invited me to color a page.

It took every ounce of restraint not to delve into Martha's book. Just looking at the coloring book's design was the best thing since the creation of sliced bread and canned beer. It was that special.

Opening the coloring book's paperback cover revealed hundreds of creamy, heavy-quality pages full of black-and-white designs waiting for color to be applied.

I felt like I found a forbidden activity. After all, I am too old for coloring. Right?

Coloring is Martha's new



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

relaxation technique.

She's tried meditating and other techniques, such as reading a book before bed, but those activities take her away from nightly family activities. Reading a good book often called for staying up late to find out how the story ends.

Peering through Martha's coloring book, Basford's creations also include seeking hidden shapes, much like the find-the-object in the children's "Highlight" magazines. I used to love looking for the objects such as a thimble, top hat or pencil hidden somewhere in the page-sized drawings.

However, the adult coloring book craze has left Amazon's supplies of Basford's creations out of stock.

That could be attributed to a recent story that aired on NBC, focusing on the popularity of adult coloring books.

Coloring has a calming effect, experts say.

"It allows us to be innocent again, in some respects," said Shyla Jannusch, whose Facebook group called "Coloring for All" has gained nearly 1,500 members in less than 3 months. Make that 1,501.

One of the perks of adult coloring is that it can be done alone or with a group of people. The simple task doesn't require total concentration on the part of the artist. Conversations can be carried on while sipping a glass of wine, taking the childhood activity to a whole different level.

Another perk is that coloring books such as Basford's can be found on eBay — which is connected to my (adult) PayPal account.

My new coloring book arrives in 5-7 days.

Farewell, high school seniors, but don't rule out coming home for your grownup life

Congratulations to the Class of 2015.

It's a proud time for the news staff at the Star Herald, because we've watched (mostly through the lenses of our cameras) these students grow up over the past 18 years.

Through various photo opportunities, we've come to know them as they've risen through the ranks of preschool, elementary and high school, and by now we feel like we know them.

We've photographed them in their construction paper pilgrim hats in Discovery Time, and they've made the paper with their fourth-grade science projects and ninth-grade band and choir performances.

We've followed their academic and athletic endeavors as well as their 4-H, church and other community activities. These are great kids, and they've prompted some great news coverage.

It was with great pleasure that we

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assembled the pages of our annual Graduation Special Edition, placing each senior photograph and typing in their plans for the future.

This week we proudly present our Arts and Academics Special Edition, which highlights special achievements of our high school students from the 2014-15 school year.

These editions are our versions of pages in their childhood scrapbooks.

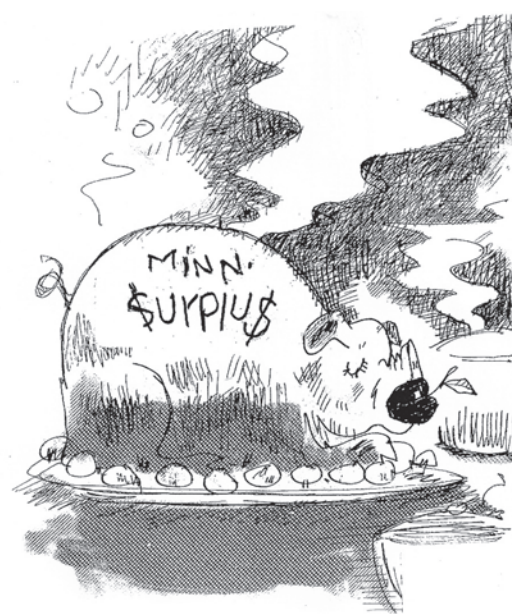
It's not that this year's seniors are more special or newsworthy than the classes that graduated before them. The Star Herald has been following students in this way

for decades.

But with each graduating class, our reporters grow a bit attached to the students, and this time of year represents a certain amount of letting go.

So, bon voyage, high school seniors. Carpe diem!... We wish you well. Go on, get educated and do great things, but don't forget to come back for Buffalo Days and Hot Dog Night.

Or, dare we suggest, consider coming back to Rock County for a career of your own. Many of us have done just that, and we're now living the lives we dreamed of when we were starry-eyed high school graduates ... here in Rock County where our voyage began.



Wieman: Please support veterans through poppies

To the Editor:

This month is Poppy Month, by proclamation of Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton. On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, the verbiage of the governor's proclamation is reprinted here to encourage community members to support the cause.

Beth Wieman, Luverne American Legion Auxiliary Public Relations

WHEREAS: The United States of America was founded upon the premises that all citizens should enjoy the

blessings of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS: The freedom and liberty that Americans enjoy, longed for by people around the world, are the direct result of the many sacrifices made by America's veterans; and

WHEREAS: Many Minnesotans have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper that we recognize the courageous efforts of our veterans who have sacrificed to secure freedom and liberty for all Americans; and

WHEREAS: Each year, disabled veterans assemble and distribute memorial poppies, creating a tangible tribute to honor our nation's fallen heroes, and benefit living veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015, as: POPPY MONTH.

Leslie: Rufus Garnmeister's Letter to the Editor is worth reprinting

To the Editor:

The father of an old friend of mine recently passed away. His name was Rufus Garnmeister.

The following letter was on a display table at his funeral. The letter was written by Rufus to the Star Herald in the late '70s.

Many people at the funeral thought it would be good to see it reprinted.

Have a blessed Memorial Day. I miss you, Rufus, and I'm proud to have known you.

Jeanne (Dreesen) Leslie, Luverne

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to the young men of our nation.

Since President Carter mentioned revival of the draft in his State of the Union message, I have heard many young men say, "I will go to Canada before I will serve in the Armed Forces."

Well, young men, before you put on your track shoes and hit the trail north, please listen to what one veteran has to

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

say about it.

First of all, I hate war probably more than you do.

I have seen the ruins and the rubble, the starving and the homeless, mothers who resort to prostitution to feed their children.

I have seen the bloodshed and smelled the stench of the dead.

I stood dumbfounded gazing at the horrors of Buchenwald.

I have heard the screams of men as they were suddenly hit by enemy fire and listened to their dying groans as they lay mortally wounded.

Even though I came back physically unharmed, the horrible memories will haunt me the rest of my life.

But, you might ask, would I do

it again?

The answer is yes.

You see, I have this feeling inside that I had a part in giving the postwar nation the best standard of living the world has ever known.

I have helped pay the dues my family has owed this great country for three generations for taking my hungry, poverty-stricken grandparents under her wing.

I had a part in preserving the freedom that enables you to say, "I would rather go to Canada than be drafted."

I am proud to be able to tell my grandchildren that I had a part in it.

I remember General George S. Patton once telling us during the seemingly endless push to defeat Hitler, "I know

you hate me now, but the day will come when you won't be ashamed to tell your children and grandchildren that you fought under Old Blood and Guts."

As for myself, I would rather it be told by someone that I gave my life for their freedom than to have to tell them myself that I avoided the draft.

If you still feel you would rather go to Canada, then by all means go. Many have died to give you that privilege.

If I were leading a squad of men in battle, I would not want you in my squad.

I would want men who, regardless of how scared they may be, will do what they know has to be done. These are the kind of men you can depend on when each man's life may be in the hands of the other.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Now, you make up your own mind.

Rufus Garnmeister Sherman, S.D.

Pike: Kudos to city of Luverne; now keep the beautification going

To the Editor:

I'm happy the city took out the three condemned homes and the fourth will soon follow, I hope.

Now the city has to take out the old laundromat. It looks worse than the three houses that went. That corner would look beautiful with a flower garden. This would be a good project for 4-H or the Girl Scouts or any of the clubs.

Keep working on Sharkee's Bar because it will degrade the beauty of South Hwy. 75 when it gets done.

Duane Pike Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 8

•Deputy arrested subject for trespassing and disorderly conduct. He is quite intoxicated and won't leave. He was taken to jail.

•Complainant reported that his wife's vehicle broke down on Hwy. 23, just off I-90. It is a 2012 maroon Ford diesel. He will take her to work and come back and get it. Notified state patrol.

•Deputy requested G&S to tow a vehicle that is not currently registered and is sitting on the street.

•Deputy stopped subjects at 11th Street and 80th Avenue and told them it was not a good place to park. Female party reported she is there on her own free will.

May 9

•Complainant requested an escort onto his property because of his court order.

•Complainant reported he owns an apartment and someone threw a TV in the dumpster. The garbage has been picked up but he would like a deputy to speak with the offender.

•Deputy reported a vehicle all over the road on 60th Avenue and Hwy. 270.

•Deputy reported two 14-year-olds sitting in a building on top of the bales. They were advised not to sit there.

•Complainant reported a vehicle has been parked on E. Dodge Street for a long time and has not moved. Deputy requested G&S to tow to their lot until someone claims it. It has a low or flat front tire.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on her sister.

•Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle in Luverne.

May 10

•Complainant reported there was a fire in a vehicle on N. McKenzie Street but it looks like they got it out. Deputy advised fire is out. Owners are attempting to get the car onto a trailer to move it because it did spark and start on fire when they started it.

•Complainant reported vandalism to a window.

•Complainant requested a deputy accompany him onto the property because of an order.

•Complainant was unable to contact father and requested a welfare check. He was located in Sioux Falls at the hospital.

•Complainant reported a power line leaning like it could fall. Alliant Energy was notified.

•Complainant called 911 and hung up when dispatcher answered. Sent deputy who said everything is OK.

May 11

•Complainant reported the new horizon hog barn is on fire. Possibly someone inside. Had Pipestone County page out Jasper, Edgerton and Pipestone fire departments. Jasper requested we page Hardwick and Luverne fire departments.

•Complainant reported there is a motorcycle that is parked across from the library and it's been there for a long time. Sent deputy to check it out.

•Complainant reported a truck drove over the construction barricade on Edgerton Street. Complainant ran the truck down but the truck driver denied driving over it.

•Complainant requested a deputy be present as they take a child out of the house.

•Complainant reported a vehicle partially blocking the roadway on Hwy. 75, 1/2 mile north of the Iowa border. Vehicle is not occupied. Notified state patrol.

•Complainant reported a couple of boys were shooting a BB gun in town and took the gun from them and would like a deputy to come there. Deputy advised that he has the BB gun. If the parents call, he will talk with them.

•Complainant reported subject is

burning plastic and it's toxic. Complainant would like a deputy to go speak with the subject. Deputy advised subject will be cited for burning prohibited materials.

May 12

•Trooper arrested subject for DWI. He was passed out behind the wheel on I-90 and they had a hard time waking him up. Deputy took him to jail.

•Complainant reported a small child alone and crying because he can't find his family. Deputy advised the child's grandmother found him.

•Complainant reported theft of medication and personal papers and she knows who did it.

•Complainant requested extra patrol on Donaldson Street because the traffic has increased due to road construction and cars are speeding.

•Complainant requested an escort onto his property because of a court order.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported a green/white truck and trailer was headed into Minnesota and the doors on the back of the trailer were open with a load starting to shift. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle; must have turned off.

•Reserved for narcotics info.

•Complainant reported animal abuse and wanted it recorded that she called about this. Animal and owners reside in Minnehaha County so she was told to contact them.

May 13

•Lifeline requested help for an individual in her apartment who can't stand up to get out of her chair.

•Deputy stopped a vehicle and cited driver for no Minnesota driver's license.

•Lifeline called and requested someone help woman who can't get up.

•Complainant reported vandalism to his door.

•Deputy spoke with parties walking in the ditch on I-90 MM 6 westbound. Vehicle was on the side of the road with hazards on. Parties said they were looking for a license plate and a hat.

•Complainant reported there was a couple outside screaming profanity at each other and there was a small child in the house. Complainant was concerned for them and for the child. Sent deputy to check on them.

•Deputy stopped a vehicle and subject did not show a valid driver's license. Deputy secured the vehicle and gave subject a ride to Magnolia.

May 14

•Complainant reported some kids burned something at the corner near N. Oakley Street. Sent deputy to check it out.

•Brown County, South Dakota, sheriff sent a copy of a warrant to pick subject up at his residence in Hills. Sent deputy who said subject no longer resides there.

•Complainant reported they have received two calls from an unknown number ordering pizzas and both have been fake orders. The last one requested it be delivered to Ellsworth. When driver contacted people at that location they said they did not order a pizza.

•Deputy reported suspicious activity in one of the pocket parks.

•Complainant reported a vehicle parked in their parking lot and it doesn't belong to any employees.

In addition, deputies responded to 1 deer accident, 3 funeral escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 3 fingerprint requests, 1 driver's license check, 1 gas drive-off, 7 log/alarm sheets, 1 drug court test, issued 6 purchase/carry permits and issued 20 burn permits.



Submitted photo

During the "Click it or Ticket" campaign from May 18-31, the Rock County Sheriff's Office has committed 40 additional hours to the regional seatbelt enforcement effort.

'Click it or Ticket' joint seatbelt enforcement underway until May 31

The Minnesota State Patrol and southwest Minnesota law enforcement agencies are teaming up this week and next week for extra seatbelt patrols.

During the "Click it or Ticket" campaign from May 18-31, the Rock County Sheriff's Office has committed 40 additional hours to seatbelt enforcement.

These efforts will combine with State Patrol seatbelt saturation efforts to encourage more seatbelt use in this part of the state.

Deputy Dallas Hamm is the Safe and Sober officer in Rock County. A seatbelt fine is

more than \$100, but he said it's not about the money.

"We're not out to take money out of your wallet," Hamm said. "But we've seen too many crashes where people aren't buckled, and we've seen the consequences."

He said 50 percent of people in fatal crashes in southwest Minnesota are not buckled, and 80 percent of unbelted crashes are in rural Minnesota.

According to 2014 preliminary data, 86 percent of unbelted deaths occurred in greater Minnesota. Last year 14 unbelted motorists were killed and 20 were seriously injured in the

south central Minnesota region.

Seat belts keep motorists in the vehicle's designed protective space, giving them "room to live" in the event of a crash.

Hamm said it's difficult to assist at a fatal crash knowing a seatbelt would have saved those lives.

The goal of the Click it or Ticket campaigns is to encourage more seatbelt use.

The cost of the additional manhours is covered through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

More information can be found at dps.mn.gov.

South Dakota, Minnesota troopers join in I-90 safety operation

Troopers from South Dakota and Minnesota join forces Friday for a 21-hour joint operation designed to promote highway safety.

The Minnesota State Patrol and South Dakota Highway Patrol will have an increased law enforcement presence on Interstate 90 from 6 a.m. Friday, May 22, to 3 a.m. Saturday, May 23.

"As we are entering summer, we encourage all motorists to obey traffic laws so they may arrive at their destinations safely," said Lt. Matthew Sorenson of the Minnesota State Patrol.

"This joint operation will promote highway safety in the two states. Please pay attention to your driving and arrive at your destination."

Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, says the joint operation is designed to stop criminal activity and reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

"Our two agencies highlight traffic safety every day," he says.

"As we are entering summer, we encourage all motorists to obey traffic laws so they may arrive at their destinations safely."

— Lt. Matthew Sorenson
Minnesota State Patrol

"This is a way to work together to deliver an even more effective message. In this cooperative effort, we can reach more motorists at one time."

Troopers will promote highway safety through enforcement, with an emphasis on speed, hazardous moving violations, seatbelt use and impaired driving.

The operation includes use of patrol aircraft, personnel with police service dogs, drug recognition experts and motor carrier personnel.

Motor carrier personnel from the Iowa State Patrol also are involved, as are many local

law enforcement agencies.

"We will use all the resources available," says Col. Matt Langer, chief of the Minnesota State Patrol.

"Through our cooperative effort, we want to further reduce those events that occur on our roadways and can impact so many people, not just those in the vehicles."

The focus is on I-90 from the Wyoming border to the Wisconsin border.

However, troopers are also working other state and county roads in the area, especially those that might be used to avoid the state line ports of entry.

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Summer sessions begin for 4-H horse project members

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

The Rock County 4-H Horse Project participants kicked off their 2015 season Wednesday, May 13, with the first of 11 sessions to help 4-H'ers learn to ride and be eligible to show at this year's Rock County Fair.

The sessions take place each Wednesday evening from now until July 22. Each of the 42 horse project members is required to attend five sessions to participate in the 4-H horse show slated for July 31-Aug. 1.

Six adult horse superintendents conduct the sessions that teach horsemanship and showmanship skills along with

trail and game patterns. Two special English riding sessions and two clinics will also be conducted this summer.

Also attending the first session were the 10 4-H'ers enrolled in the horseless horse program.

This program is for 4-H'ers who do not own a horse but who want to learn more about horses and horse care. Teaching the horseless horse participants are older 4-H'ers who show in the horse project.

Also on Wednesdays is the horse-training program, where 4-H'ers work with a yet-to-be-ridden horse.



Each Wednesday evening until the Rock County Fair in late July, 4-H horse project members will be learning horsemanship basics in the newly resurfaced arena at the Rock County fairgrounds in Luverne. Pictured above is the beginner rider group.



Syndal Pick of Luverne saddles her horse named Hollywood for the first (and her first) weekly Wednesday night session.



First-year 4-H horse project member Jennifer Konz (far right) closes the trailer door as her sister, Laura Roelfs, tends to their horse named Junior. Both riders are from Beaver Creek.



Young riders Chance Heyden and Cash Bonnett take their horses around the fairground's arena Wednesday night, May 13.



Rock County 4-H Horse Project veteran Joanna Westphal (far right) points to the equitation questions for a crossword puzzle with horseless project participants Mia Wenzel and Tyrae Goodface. Pictured (from left) are Goodface, horseless helpers Thea Richards and Andrea Severtson, Wenzel and Westphal.



Second-year horse superintendent Chad Meinerts gives 4-H'er Morgan Bonnett of Luverne a few horsemanship tips.

Sharpness of adult child's careless words won't be fully felt until he becomes a parent

I hope that Mother's Day brought you flowers that were bought, picked or colored; handcrafted cards with careful crayon coloring, or beautiful scribbles. I hope you were blessed, Moms, for the blessings you give daily to your blessings. That said, sometimes our blessings, well, sometimes they lack perspective. Yes, perspective is the word I want here.

Just before Mother's Day I heard a young grown man talk about his mother's cooking. He said, "She's a good cook as long as she doesn't have to pay attention. Her pot roast is always a little dry." I said nothing. There were no words. None that should be said aloud, anyway.

Actually, I wanted to give his mother a Mother's Day present from this perfect



HEALTHY BYTES

By Mary Brown, RN, Luverne

stranger — a Crock-Pot and a bar of soap. The Crock-Pot, so that she could continue to multi-task with the best of them. The bar of soap, well, I figure there's at least one place for that bar of soap that I could think of.

Mothers, don't become disheartened by careless words by your children. It can be terribly discouraging to hear the opposite of appreciation in return for all you do to create a home, be it ever so humble; a meal, be it ever so distractedly prepared; and a family, be it ever so crazy. But in this forever crazy world, a

parent's perspective cannot be gained until the children who are blessed by you become parents themselves. Parents with bills, tight schedules, all-consuming demands, multiple blessings, illnesses, misunderstandings, trials, chaos, and more.

So, Moms, keep fighting the good fight. One day those kids will be asking for pot roast just like Mom used to make.

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

•Luverne's Stacy Mente served as spokesperson for a room full of parents who attended the Thursday, May 12, School Board meeting. She's among roughly 110 kindergarten families in the district deciding whether to enroll their children in Kinder Plus. It's an afternoon program the Luverne district offered after the all day every day program was cut last month.

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.

Bill Ketterling, association president, announced that after a series of weekly meetings with parents of Luverne children, fund-raising plans are going ahead. ... Estimated cost of the structure ... is \$350,000.

50 years ago (1965)

•Les Murphy, of Les' Foodland announced yesterday that everything will be in readiness for business in his new location (now NAPA Auto Parts), just south of the Luverne Federal Savings and Loan building (now Rock County

Community Library).

Workmen have been busy since the closing of Les' Piggly Wiggly Saturday night, moving stock and fixtures.

75 years ago (1940)

•A rare treat is in store for those attending the cooking school at the Luverne Armory Thursday and Friday of next week. In addition to hearing that most interesting home economics expert, Mrs. Olga Hanscomb, ... the Star has booked ... the Williams Piano Company, of Sioux Falls, to give a half hour concert of operatic and classical music before each demonstration.

100 years ago (1915)

•(The advertisement for the Luverne automobile appeared as follows:)

The Big Brown Luverne A seven-passenger touring car that will furnish genuine satisfaction for the whole family.

Luverne Automobile Company

Note — If you are in the market for a small car, find out all about the Dodge, and you will probably decide that it will pay you to wait for one.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Katelyn Brands** (bride-to-be of **Mark VanAartsen**) will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Lowell and Pat Ahrendt will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Greetings may also be sent to them at 1017 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156. They request no gifts.

An open house baby shower for **Kaitlyn Miller** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May

30, at the Lester Community Center, 105 W. 5th St., Lester, Iowa.

An open house baby shower for **Amy Von Holtum** will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 1, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

Card showers

Virgil Staeffler will celebrate his 90th birthday on Wednesday, May 27. Greetings may be sent to him at 2035 160th Ave., Hardwick, MN 56134.

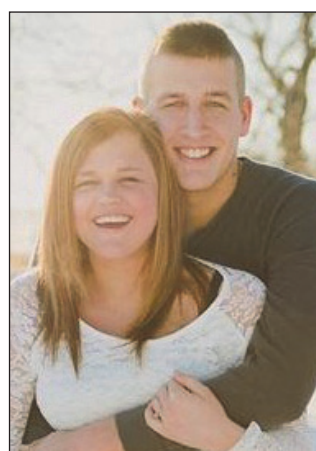
Mel Hoffman will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, May 30. Greetings may be sent to him at 1535 60th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

ENGAGEMENT

Rick and Paula Halma, Rock Valley, Iowa, and Doug and Erin Jacobsma, Luverne, announce the engagement of their children **Holly Halma** and **Dalton Jacobsma**.

Holly is a 2014 graduate of Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. She is currently attending Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for nursing.

Dalton is a 2014 graduate of Luverne High School. He is a hog barn manager and is a member of the Minnesota National Guard. They are planning



Dalton Jacobsma and Holly Halma

a July 3, 2015, wedding at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

FFA CHAPTER NEWS

Region 6 Awards Banquet

Andrea Severtson and Maddie Oye attended the Region 6 FFA Awards banquet Monday, April 20, at the Community Center in Westbrook.

Andrea received a first place plaque for the Dairy Handling contest. Maddie performed in the talent contest and earned first place overall.

Andrea and Maddie earned the right to compete in their respective contests in the Minnesota State FFA Convention.

State FFA Convention

Andrea Severtson and Maddie Oye traveled to Minneapolis/St. Paul to participate in the State FFA Convention April 26-28. Maddie performed in the State FFA Convention Talent contest on Sunday evening along with 15 other FFA members from across Minnesota.

Andrea participated in the State FFA Convention Dairy Handlers Contest at the Minnesota State Fair Coliseum and earned a spot in the top eight individuals.

The Chapter received a Membership Growth Award for this past year and a Certificate of Appreciation from Camp Courage-Corn Drive donation.

OBITUARIES

Howard Emery

Howard Eugene Emery, 86, Luverne, died Monday, May 18, 2015, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne with full military rites presented by Dell Hogan American Legion Post #123 and the Rock County VFW Post #2757. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church in Luverne.

Howard Emery was born Jan. 4, 1929, to Lyle and Anna (Henningsen) Emery in Luverne. Howard graduated from Luverne High School. He served his country in the U.S. Navy Air Force from December 1950 to October 1954.

On July 14, 1952, he married Mary Helen McRobert in Luverne. Howard was stationed at Ft. Moffitt in San Jose, California. The couple lived in California while Howard was in the Navy. After his honorable discharge, the couple started farming north of Luverne. After five years they moved to a farm east of Beaver Creek. In 1971 Howard and Mary built a house north of Luverne and continued farming until 1985. The couple moved to Scottsdale,



Arizona, and Howard worked for Dollar Rental Car. In 2011 the couple returned to Luverne. Howard entered the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne on March 16, 2015.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne, where he had served as a trustee. He was also a member of the Masons, the Shriners, the Luverne Eagles, the Dell Hogan American Legion Post #123 in Luverne and had served as president of the Rock County Farm Bureau. Howard enjoyed golfing and fishing. He loved farming and being on the farm.

Howard is survived by his wife, Mary Emery, Luverne; a son, Mark (Deb) Emery, Luverne; four grandchildren, Sandi Emery, Tami (Kyle) Van Heerde, Joe (friend Lexi) Emery and JayDee Emery; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, LeRoy "Buster" (Arabella) Emery, Hector; and a sister-in-law, Sara (Richard) Dorn, St. Cloud.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Thomas Emery, in 1982.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (521 F)

Genevieve McClure

Genevieve McClure, 87, Luverne, died Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Saturday, May 16, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Genevieve Smook was born July 26, 1927, to Henry and Tillie (Van Essen) Smook south of Adrian. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1946.

On Jan. 25, 1947, she married John "Buster" McClure in Luverne. After their marriage the couple farmed northeast of Luverne. They moved to Luverne in 1991. Gen was a homemaker. She also worked at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home for more than 10 years. Later she worked at the Heritage House and as a sales person at the Luverne Style Shop.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne and the GLCW, where she had been in charge of the kitchen and rum-

mage sales. She enjoyed embroidery and cross-stitching.

Gen is survived by four sons, Rodney (Donna) McClure, Sioux Falls, David (Martha) McClure, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Bruce (Jodie) McClure, Keystone, South Dakota; and Greg McClure, Luverne; eight grandchildren, Ben (friend, Nancy) McClure, Holly (friend, Matt) McClure, Jason (Caryn) McClure, Brandon McClure, Joy (Brian) Mueller, Jacob (Amber) McClure, Angie (Jason) Clark and Sara (friend, Brad) McClure; five great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, on Nov. 1, 1995; an infant grandson, John Delbert McClure; three brothers, Harm, Herman and Harold Smook; and four sisters, Mathilda Bowen, Anna Hageman, Henrietta Ferguson and Edna Tripp.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com (521 F)



Kristy Giesler

Kristy Kaye Giesler, 32, Jasper, died as the result of an accident Monday, May 11, 2015, near Jasper.

A funeral service was Monday, May 18, at Living Rock Church in Luverne. Burial was at Leota Community Cemetery.

Kristy Van Surksun was born Oct. 28, 1982, to Evert and Carolyn (Bruggeman) Van Surksun in Pipestone. She grew up in Jasper and graduated from Pipestone-Jasper High School in 2002.

She was married June 28, 2000, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She worked at the Good Samaritan Society - Sioux Falls Center from 2004 to 2006. On April 19, 2007, she started working for Sanford Luverne Medical Center in Luverne. In 2012 she also began working for Van Hawk Power Washing in Jasper.

Kristy was a member of Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she was baptized on April 15, 1992, and confirmed her faith in 1997. She also attended Living Rock Church in Luverne. She enjoyed photography, gardening and tending her flowerbeds, fishing, bonfires

in the backyard with her kids, and being outdoors. Kristy loved cooking and trying new recipes. She enjoyed attending her son's and her nieces' and nephew's events.

Kristy is survived by two children, Clay and Rylee, Jasper; her mother, Carolyn DeJongh, Jasper, and her mother's special friend, Jim Vatne, Ihlen; seven siblings, Beth (Michael) Westerbur, Luverne, Ivan (Deb) Van Surksun, Jasper, Chad (Vanessa) Van Surksun, Luverne, Darla (Ivan) Westenberg, Sunnyside, Washington, Ruth (Rod) Corbin, Edgerton, Mavis (Mike) Hulstein, Leota, and Doug (Marilyn) Van Surksun, Bakersfield, California; her boyfriend, Kelly Bakken, and his daughter, Shanna, Volga, South Dakota; her aunts and uncles; four nieces and a nephew; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Evert Van Surksun; and her grandparents.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (521 F)

Friends help family members of the late Steve Hup organize transport of grain



Submitted photos

A team of volunteers organized by Larry Smith (pictured at right with Debbie Hup) spend May 13 loading and unloading dozens of semi-trailer loads of grain, emptying all the storage bins on the Hup family farm south of Luverne.

By Lori Sorenson

In the true spirit of Rock County generosity, more than a dozen area farmers rallied to help out a fellow farm family.

The late Steve Hup, who died March 30 in a crash, had dozens of semi loads of grain stored in bins on the farmyard.

Realizing this grain would need to be hauled, Hup's friends, Larry Smith, Steve Top and Tony Bosch, organized a team of volunteers to get the job done.

On May 13, a parade of semis showed up on the Hup farm to start hauling, and in a single day got the job done.

"My family and I are very humbled by the community's support and help that we have had over the past month and a half since my dad passed away," said Andrea Hup-Kovarna, daughter of Steve and Debbie Hup.

1922: Commencement conducted at Palace Theatre

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 26, 1922:

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BE HELD FRIDAY JUNE 2

Thirty-Two Students to Graduate From Regular High School course—Six Post-Graduates

The commencement exercises at the Luverne high school will be held next Friday evening, June 2nd, at the Palace theatre, beginning at 8 o'clock, when the members of the graduating class will receive their diplomas from the Luverne board of education.

Although no definite program has been arranged yet, the commencement exercises will consist of the usual numbers, including the valedictory and salutatory addresses, for class history



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

and will, and the prophecy, interspersed with several musical numbers.

The members of the class of 1922 will be: **ENGLISH COURSE:**

Evangelyn Chesley, Francis Everett, Mabel Preston, Orile Davis

COMMERCIAL COURSE:

Raymond Campbell, Viola Foulk, Albert Haakenson, Herbert Hansen, Leona Hanson, Opal Hunter, Reginald Leslie, Herbert Nelson, Alva Teskey, Iris Wedge, Elsie White, Russell Wiggins, Nora Wold.

LATIN COURSE:

Lorraine Connell, Lulu Hanson, Elizabeth Martin, Gleva Nolterieke

NORMAL COURSE:

Edith Cook, Irene Drake, Anna Husen, Fannie Judd, Fern Lamm, Reeva Merkel, Mildred Pieper, Clara Skyberg, Fern Speers, Erma Swenson, Alice Welzenbach

POST-GRADUATE NORMAL:

Laura Angell, Gladys Da-

vis, Mildred Marr, Vance Tatge, Lena Todd, Maude Todd

Elizabeth Martin has won the place of valedictorian, and Lulu Hanson has been awarded salutatorian honors.

Reserved seats will be on sale at the Palace Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. A charge of 25 cents will be made to help defray the expenses.

The baccalaureate services will be held next Sunday afternoon, May 28, at three o'clock at the Presbyterian church. The Rev. J.A. Saunders will deliver the baccalaureate address.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day. Luverne Senior Dining closed.

Tuesday, May 26: Brat on bun, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert.

Program: \$2 Tuesday. Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, May 27: Lasagna, green beans, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, pudding.

Thursday, May 28: Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, cake. Program: Pastor of the

month: Kenneth Kashner Assembly of God.

Friday, May 29: Sweet and sour pork, rice, California blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, fruit cobbler.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

DEATH NOTICE

Ruth Ann Nielsen

Ruth Ann Nielsen, 65, Marion, South Dakota, died Friday, May 15, 2015, at the Tieszen Memorial Home in Marion.

A visitation with family present will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, May 22, at the Hofmeister Jones Funeral Chapel in Marion with a memorial service at 7:30 p.m.

A full obituary is available at www.hofmeisterjones.com. (0521 DN)

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approach to soil conservation, he said individual attempts may not hold up on their own against repeated extreme weather events.

Drought and deluge will be the new norm

Bos admitted that it's tough for any conservation practice to hold up against 2 inches of rain in 20 minutes.

"Still, we have to change our farming practices," he said, pointing out that climatologists are predicting that with current climate changes underway, these sorts of events should be expected as the new norm.

For example, data shows that major storm events dropping more than 6 inches of rain over 1,000 miles used to occur once every 20 years or so (14 of them since 1880).

By contrast, these "mega rain events" have occurred seven times in the last 15 years.

If anyone's paying attention, the trend means farmers should prepare their ground to better withstand these washouts.

"Guys are trying to implement some things, but we have to examine how we leave our soil after planting," Bos said.

He said in the first few weeks after planting, soil — in its loose, black form — is most vulnerable to erosion.

"The perfect seed bed doesn't equate to the best erosion protection," Bos said, adding that buffers alone aren't the solution.

"We as an ag community need to look at conservation methods and tillage and residue retention."

Rock County farmers embraced no-till farming in late 1980s and early 1990s, but several years of wet weather meant that saturated residue hindered planting and contributed to mold and other problems.

"We got burned by that," Bos said.

Only recently, with recurring drought, local farmers are returning to no-till practices.

Strip-till farming, which uses both till and no-till methods in the same trip through the field, is becoming a popular compromise. (See the related story.)



With no crop residue or root matter to hold soil back, the May 10 deluge washed tons of soil out of fields and into nearby ditches and waterways. "We have got to do something about this," said Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office. He is encouraging all area landowners and crop producers to incorporate conservation methods into their farming practices.

In a perfect world ...

The solution to soil erosion — and resulting water contamination — isn't complicated, and producers, for the most part, are interested in being part of the solution, Bos said.

What becomes difficult, however, is accessing adequate resources to implement all the conservation methods needed to protect soil and water.

For one thing, there are significant costs involved in taking land out of production, seeding waterways and building structures like terraces and retention ponds.

Waterways can cost \$5,000 to \$15,000 and sediment basins can cost \$5,000 each and may require one to as many as six in each field.

Farming equipment that can plant into high residue or leave adequate residue on top can range from \$10,000 to over \$100,000.

There are numerous government grants and loans available to assist farmers with these conservation practice costs, but it most often falls on county offices to apply for them or to assist landowners with red tape.

It's a time-consuming work that needs to be done in the middle of other Land Management Office duties.

Another major hurdle

standing in the way of soil conservation is the sheer lack of technical assistance to get the work done.

Bos said he's fortunate to have shared resources with Rock County staff, but not enough technical field workers to get the work done.

"We have \$165,000 available for fixing existing conservation practices and a potential legislative bill may provide another 2.4 million in our county to repair storm damage, but we don't have staff to get it on the ground," Bos said.

Hiring the right people and training them further stresses limited time and resources in his office.

Neighboring counties are even worse off, with dozens of conservation projects on long waiting lists. These stacks of paperwork represent farmers that have committed to implementing the practices, with available funds, but there aren't enough technicians to get the jobs done.

"The problem then is that they lose interest and decide not to follow through," Bos said.

Yet another problem is the fact that nearly half of Rock County's acres are rented, meaning that the farmers with direct contact with the land aren't the ones directly involved in investments to improve it.

\$165,000 available for flood-damaged conservation practices

By Doug Bos, Rock County Land Management Office

As anyone with farm ground knows, the extreme rainfall events in June of 2014 caused severe erosion on farm ground in Rock County. Gullies were cut through crop fields and ditches filled with sediment.

Fields that had conservation practices in place such as terraces, waterways and sediment basins didn't sustain as much damage as those without, but many will require repairs.

Examples of the damages needing repair could be a sediment basin or terrace washout or channelization along each side of an existing waterway.

The state of Minnesota has awarded Rock Soil and Water Conservation (SWCD) \$165,000 to fix these existing conservation practices that had damage from the 2014 storm.

The Rock SWCD Board has voted to provide 80 per-

cent cost share to repair existing conservation practices.

The repairs must receive approval before starting the repairs and be done according to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Standards to be eligible for this cost share.

Potentially cost share money for installing new conservation practices may also be available.

The Minnesota State Legislature is debating the funding in the last days of this session. If you feel that there is a need for this type of assistance, it would be prudent to contact your legislators.

Sen. Bill Weber can be reached at Sen.Bill.Weber@senate.mn or 651-296-5650 and Rep. Joe Schomacker can be reached at joe.schomacker@gmail.com or at 507-935-0308.

If you have existing conservation practices that were damaged in the June 2014 storms, please contact the Rock County SWCD/Land Management office at 507-283-5886 ext. 4 or stop in.

Fitzer strip-till farming/from 1A

running off."

He explained that when surface soil is tilled into a fine powder, it takes only an inch or two of rain to create runoff.

"The rain basically pulverizes the exposed soil particles that are not protected by residue, and the soil particles are so fine, they actually form a seal on the surface."

Conversely, soil with residue and reduced tillage retains moisture. "It opens up and acts like a sponge," Fitzer said.

Strip-till allows the soil's nutrients to be better adapted to the plant's needs, while still giving residue cover to the soil between the rows.

While he can't confirm that his yields have improved, Fitzer said his input costs are less, since he's making fewer trips across the field for tilling and less

fertilizer is required.

When fertilizer is applied, it can be directly applied in these strips where the seed is being planted, reducing the amount of fertilizer needed while improving proximity of the fertilizer to the roots.

Fitzer admits making the switch to strip-till and investing in the equipment was a big move, but he said the decision has more than paid off.

"I would have a hard time doing it any other way," he said.

"When I drive around and see all the erosion ... It's so simple to stop this, if we'd all be willing to make that change."

Fitzer doesn't actively promote strip-tilling, but he said two of his neighbors are now strip-tilling their ground after seeing the benefits of the practice.

Also, he does some custom strip-till work, hoping those producers will also see the advantage and use more conservation methods.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0521Luverne Graduation

Luverne High School Principal Ryan Johnson opened the Class of 2015 commencement exercises in the Luverne Elementary gymnasium on Sunday, May 17.

Celebrating the end of another school year

Luverne High graduates 85

By Mavis Fodness

Despite the interruption from a fire alarm, Sunday's commencement exercises for Luverne's Class of 2015 flowed smoothly and focused on the class motto, "We have come a long way, but not half as far as we will go."

Nine of the Class of 2015 high school graduates spoke to the crowd of fellow students, friends and family members seated in the Luverne Elementary School gymnasium.

Spencer Schacht and Mckenzi Wenninger started the encouragement by looking back at their elementary and middle school years during their welcome to open Luverne commencement exercises. The duo used party poppers to set the celebratory tone for the program.

Finnish exchange student Akseli Hatakka reflected on his time and experiences in

Luverne followed by the main address presented by Naomi Dooyema, Drew Weis, Lexie Severtson and Brooke Nattress.

Lexi Rust and Madeline Stegenga delivered the farewell address.

As high school Principal Ryan Johnson was introducing Gary Fisher for his final superintendent's speech, the fire alarm sounded.

Audience members and students stayed in their seats, and after several minutes Fisher announced, "One of our future students found the fire alarm too tempting not to touch."

During the ceremony, the Luverne High School concert band played "The Hunger Games," and the high school concert choir performed "You'll Never Walk Alone."



Mavis Fodness photo/0521Luverne Graduation

Mortarboards fly Sunday afternoon signifying the end of Luverne High School's Class of 2015 commencement exercises Sunday in the elementary gymnasium.

Adrian graduates 47



Joyce McCarthy photos/0521 graduation adrian

Tony Sieve celebrates with a jump into the arms of classmate Katie Wieneke at Adrian School's commencement program on Friday, May 15.



Above: Graduates Quinn Cleveland and Erica Diekmann, right, patiently wait for their diplomas.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School and Ellsworth High School will conduct their commencement exercises at 7 p.m., Friday, May 22.

May 13 signals Luverne Elementary School's final day of classes



Mavis Fodness photos/0521School Last Day

Luverne Elementary School Principal Stacy Gillette (above) does her customary goodbye wave to the last bus to leave the parking lot Wednesday, May 13, a half day of school before the summer break.

Recently graduated fifth-grader Jesse Gutierrez (left) shows his enthusiasm as he leaves the school building. Luverne Public Schools will begin the 2015-2016 school year on Aug. 24.

Luverne athletes compete at Special Olympics

By Mavis Fodness

Eleven Luverne athletes were among the 103 representatives who participated at the 2015 Area 8 Special Olympics Track and Field Meet May 2 in Redwood Falls.

The Luverne Lions Club hosted the event with the help of the Windom Lions Club.

"We are in a rotation within the region," said Lions Club member Ryan Wynia.

As hosts, the Luverne club conducts fundraisers and is in charge of the event that includes coordinating the volunteers for the annual event. Volunteering for this year's indoor event was the Luverne High School's peer helping program.

Competing with Luverne were athletes from Jackson, Redwood Falls, Marshall, Pipestone and Windom.

"It's very rewarding seeing their smiling faces," Wynia said. "And everyone cheering everyone else on."

First-year coach Michelle Munk agreed.

"They just have a great time," she said. "They enjoy it."

The athletes, ages 8 through adult, competed in different events depending on age and disability. Events ranged from the typical track running events and some field events such as shot put and long jump. Other events such as the wheelchair



Submitted photos

Eleven athletes from Luverne participated in the Area 8 Special Olympics Track and Field Meet conducted recently in Redwood Falls. Pictured (from left) are Ariana Weidert, Jennifer Moller, Erica Egdorf, Nikole Koffron, David Weis, Aaron Dyk, Tyler Briggs, Alex Hartman, Katie Fick, Derek Deutsch and Evan Ushijima.

obstacle course are exclusive to Special Olympics.

The athletes received ribbons for their efforts.

Munk was one of five Luverne coaches at the event. Other coaches included Harlan Kurrasch, Evie Kephart, Keri Vander Beek and Colleen Deutsch.

Next year the Tracy Lions Club hosts the event with Luverne Lions Club assisting.

Wynia said anyone can volunteer at the event. Seventy volunteers assisted at the recently completed event.



Luverne American Legion and VFW members led the procession of coaches and athletes. Pictured in front (from left) are Buck Underwood, Gary Hassebrook, Jerry Hoff and Mel Hamann.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

The summer brochure is online at www.isd2184.net under the community education link or extra copies are available at the community library.

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.

Students in grades 4 and older will learn techniques of hand-building clay, creating pinch pots and making slab-thrown trays and pots at **Pinch, Pull, Pat With Clay on Tuesdays/Thursday beginning June 2** for six sessions. Fee is \$35 plus a \$15 material fee.

Adults and students in grades 5 and older (2014-15 school year) can learn how to use a pottery wheel in this six-session **Play With Clay class starting on June 2 meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Fee is \$49, plus \$15 material fee.

Using only three ingredients you can prepare some fun foods to eat for lunch at **Kids in the Kitchen Tasty Treats on June 4**. Fee is \$18.

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

BUSINESS NEWS

Luverne hotel earns franchise recognition

Luverne's GrandStay Hotel earned industry accolades at the GrandStay Hospitality, LLC, 2015 Brand Conference at the La Grand Conference Center in Apple Valley on April 29.

At the conference the GrandStay Hotel in Luverne received two prestigious awards.

The 2014 Every Guest ~ EveryTime Customer Service award recognizes consistent high scores in guest surveys and through the brand quality assurance evaluations.

The 2014 GrandStay Hotel Web Hotel of the Year award honors the hotel with the best online presence within the brand.

The award recognizes the efforts of the hotel owners and manager for their effective use of web information, attractions, promotions and active participation in social media.

"We are extremely proud of the Luverne location and all they accomplish each day to make the hotel feel like home to each and every guest that stays there," said GrandStay Hospitality President Jon

Kennedy.

"The dedication to caring service which happens in Luverne is what our brands stand for."

The conference theme, Grand Ideas, focused on the brand's approach to operational efficiency and hotel success.

Attendees included franchise owners, general managers and management company representatives along with key vendor partners.

For more information see www.grandstayhospitality.com.

DNR assesses future of dam at Blue Mounds State Park

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is gathering information and assessing the future of the Lower Dam at Blue Mounds State Park, north of Luverne.

Significant damage occurred at the park last June after heavy rains. Floodwaters from Mound Creek caused a breach of about 100 feet in the emergency spillway of the Lower Dam, prompting Lower Mound Lake to be drained.

"There are many things to consider as we decide how to move forward with the damaged site," said Kathy Dummer, regional manager for Minnesota state parks and trails.

"We're exploring environmental, recreational and historical factors."

Lower Mound Lake, constructed in 1937, has been the only lake offering water recreation opportunities in

Rock County.

The Blue Mounds State Park is the only recreational property in Rock County listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Lower Dam, Lower Mound Lake, Upper Dam and Upper Mound Lake are four of five features listed by the National Register as contributing to the cultural landscape of the historic district.

Mound Creek is one of many tributaries in the Rock River watershed designated as critical habitat for the federally endangered Topeka shiner minnow species. The area is a focus for habitat improvements by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dummer said Federal Emergency Management Agency funding and permitting will consider impacts to both the Topeka shiner and

National Register features.

"This summer we'll work on engineering and design plans, and a species and habitat analysis," Dummer said. "That information will help us make a formal recommendation for moving ahead."

Although the lake is closed to recreation, all other areas of the park remain open.

Blue Mounds State Park is also known for its bison herd, Sioux quartzite cliffs that rise 100 feet from the plains, and a sea of prairie grasses and flowers.

The park is a favorite for birdwatchers who want to see nesting blue grosbeaks and other species. Camping and rock climbing are popular activities at the park.

For updates, check the Visitor Alert at www.mndnr.gov/bluemounds or call the park office at 507-283-6051.

2014 Disaster Assistance arrives for Rock County livestock producers

By Fraser Norton, Rock County FSA director

Applicants will begin receiving disaster assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for losses suffered from Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014.

The program, reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides disaster relief to producers not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs. Eligible adverse weather events for livestock feed and grazing losses include blizzards, three-day winter storms, excessive wind, flooding, lightning and tornadoes. Drought is not an

eligible cause of loss, since these losses are covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP).
Beekeepers, most of whom suffered losses due to colony collapse disorder, represent more than half of

the 2014 ELAP recipients. However, several Rock County livestock producers will also receive ELAP assistance for grazing and feed losses resulting from last year's floods.

The Farm Bill caps ELAP disaster funding at \$20 million per fiscal year and the Budget Control Act of 2011, requires USDA to reduce payments by 7.3 percent from Oct. 1, 2014, onward. To accommodate the number of requests for ELAP assistance, which exceeded 2014 funding, payments have been reduced to ensure that all eligible applicants receive a prorated share.

To learn more about ELAP, please visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elap, or contact the FSA Office.



Mary Peterson photo/0521 pheasants forever plaque

More than \$1 million in pheasant habitat

The Rock County chapter of Pheasants Forever was recently recognized for its efforts to invest more than \$1 million in local wildlife habitat. Pictured during an April meeting are (front, from left) Steve Heitkamp, Darrin Kindt, Pheasants Forever regional representative Matt Christensen, Jeff Stewart, Jeff Wieneke, (back) Rick Peterson, Matt Sorenson and Dan Kindt. They received a plaque recognizing their work in conservation excellence.

Luverne Meals on Wheels receives grant from Luverne Area Community Foundation

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota's Meals on Wheels service in Luverne has been awarded a \$7,075 grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

For many years the Luverne Area Community Foundation has offered philanthropic support to the missions of partnering organizations, including Lutheran Social Service's vision that older adults have access to services that support their wishes to stay independent at home and participate fully in community life.

Grant funds will allow Lutheran Social Service to move forward with plans to purchase new kitchen equip-

ment for the Luverne Senior Dining Center.

A new, commercial-grade, double-door refrigerator and double convection ovens will help LSS Senior Nutrition staff prepare nutritious home-cooked meals for older adults who count on Lutheran Social Service to meet their daily dietary needs.

"Our valuable cooks are very happy to have reliable equipment in our kitchens so that they are better able to provide well-balanced meals to seniors at home, or at our community dining site," said Rhonda Lorang, assistant director of Senior Nutrition for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

"This generous financial support demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of our service that enables so many Minnesota seniors to remain healthy and independent in their homes. We are so thankful for the Luverne Area Community Foundation's recognition of our work."

For over 40 years LSS Senior Nutrition has helped adults age 60 and older enjoy the benefit of healthy eating.

In 2014 nearly 19,000 older adults statewide were served over a million meals. In addition to home-cooked meals and socialization, Senior Nutrition provides older adults with recreational and

volunteer opportunities, and referrals for other needed services.

Today about 50 percent of older adults served through LSS Senior Nutrition locations statewide receive home-delivered meals, compared to 25 percent when the program started in 1973.

For a comprehensive list of all services for older adults, visit www.lssmn.org/olderadults or call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1.800.333.2433.

About Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota offers a wide variety of human support services relating to the basics

of life — food, shelter, safety, physical and emotional well-being. The nonprofit organization, headquartered in St. Paul, serves one in 65 Minnesotans yearly with operations in 300 Minnesota communities, supported by 8,000 volunteers and 2,300 employees. For comprehensive information about the organization's statewide services, visit www.lssmn.org.

About Luverne Area Community Foundation

The Luverne Area Community Foundation has helped to transform the visions and missions of donors into philanthropic legacy that will endure for generations to come.

Each individual, family or organization has unique charitable interests and financial circumstances.

The foundation works to make the most of both so that the community receives the greatest impact.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation offers a variety of giving methods tailored to unique needs in the community. Additional information can be found by visiting <http://www.luvacf.org/index.html>.

Editor's Note: Luverne Area Community Foundation funding will support LSS Senior Nutrition in serving older adults in the City of Luverne.

Remme, Gonnerman make All-Big South Conference list

By John Rittenhouse

Two Luverne High School athletes earned all-conference honors during the first Big South Conference Golf Tournament staged Monday in Fairmont.

A total of 18 boys and 18 girls form the all-conference squad at the end of the 18-hole event.

Luverne sophomore Hailey Remme and freshman Coy Gonnerman graced their respective lists for LHS.

With Remme setting the pace, the LHS girls placed seventh in an 11-team field with a 407-stroke total.

Marshall (343), Jackson County Central (357), Windom (361), Waseca (388), St. Peter (401) and Fairmont (404) led the field.

LHS topped Blue Earth Area (438), Worthington (439), New Ulm (442) and St. James (476) in the final standings.

Remme fired a 92 to share 11th place individually with Windom's Emily Jackson.

Marshall's Hanna Peterson won the individual title with a 73.



Remme



Gonnerman

Madison Crabtree, Makayla Sterrett and Hannah VerSteege contributed respective 102-, 105- and 108-stroke rounds to the team tally.

Hailey Franken shot a 114 for the Cards, who end the regular season with a 20-19 record.

The LHS boys placed eighth in a 13-team field with 368 strokes.

Worthington (326), NU (333), Marshall (337), JCC (346), SP (356), Fairmont (361), Waseca (362) and Windom (372) led the pack.

BEA (376), Redwood Valley (381), Pipestone (387) and St. James (543) capped the field.

Gonnerman placed 18th individually for the Cards after registering an 87.

NU's Ethan Kraus claimed the individual title with a 72.

Chaz Smedsrud, Colton Arends and Jack Baustian added 90-, 93- and 98-stroke scores to Luverne's team tally.

Casey Klosterbuer and Seth Millershot 100- and 108-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring for the Cards, who end the regular season with a 20-11 mark.

Adrian evens score with Luverne baseball team Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons used a rally late in the game to pull out a 4-2 win over the Luverne Cardinals Monday in Luverne.

Adrian, which lost to Luverne 17-3 in early April, plated a pair of runs in the top half of the sixth inning to even its annual season series with the Cardinals.

Luverne tied the game at two when Joe Sommers laid down a successful squeeze bunt in the home half of the fourth inning.

Adrian, however, received two-out singles from Michael

Preuss and Logan Rogers before Brady Lonneman delivered a two-run single to settle the issue in the sixth inning.

Cole Bosch doubled and scored when Connor Crabtree singled in the first inning to give the Cards a 1-0 cushion.

Cody Polzine delivered RBI singles in the second and fourth innings to give the Dragons a 2-1 lead before Luverne tied the game in the bottom of the fourth.

Tony Sieve tossed two

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Photo courtesy Kristin Peterson

The Luverne girls placed third at the Minnesota State Class A True Team Track and Field Championships in Stillwater Saturday. Team members include (front row, from left) Gabrielle Ferrell, Madison Reisdorfer, Tayla Peterson, Kynzie Smedsrud, Naomi Dooyema, (second row) Hannah Ehlers, Mallory Thorson, Jaidyn Elbers, Sierra Schmuck, Joci Oye, Claire Baustian, Courtney Siebenahler, Tianna Doppenberg, (third row) Kami Sawtelle, Morgan Edwards, Bergin Flom, Mackenzie Petersen, Samantha Pierce, Sydney Biever, (back row) coaches Natalie Willers, Craig Nelson, Al Stoakes and Pete Janiszkeski.

Girls place third at state

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne's dream of repeating as the Minnesota State Class A True Team Track champion went unrealized Saturday in Stillwater.

The champions of 2014 turned in a solid showing at the meet, but the Cardinals ended up placing third in a nine-team field with 379.5 points.

Class A champion Blue Earth Area (399) topped the Cardinals by 19.5 points, while Holdingford (393.5) placed second, 14 points ahead of LHS.

"It was a very close meet on the girls side and we knew it would be going into the meet," said Cardinal coach Craig Nelson.

"We just didn't have quite enough to pull it out."

Luverne recorded a number of outstanding performances during the meet.

Tayla Peterson, who placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:00.73, won the 100-meter dash in 13.2.

Courtney Siebenahler covered 33-2 1/2 to win the triple jump title, and Morgan Edwards took top honors in the shot put with a toss of 38-9.

Luverne also claimed a meet title in the 800-meter relay.

Sierra Schmuck, Naomi Dooyema, Kynzie Smedsrud and Joci Oye produced the winning time of 1:50.13 in the 800 relay.

Gabrielle Ferrell established a new school record in the 1,600-meter run.

Ferrell registered a time of 5:15.88 to place second in

the event.

Anna Tofteland established the former school record of 5:18.1 in 2010.

Smedsrud also turned in a strong individual effort by placing second in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.91.

Edwards placed second in the discus with a distance of 107-9.

"Our girls put together a nice meet," Nelson stated.

"They proved they are one of the best teams out there."

Here is a look at the team standings and the rest of Luverne's point-earning efforts from Saturday's meet.

Team standings: BEA 399, Holdingford 393.5, Luverne 379.5, Morris Area-Chokio-Alberta 358.5, Lake City 310.5, Maple Lake 305.5, Crookston 252, Pierz 221.

Results

Third place: 400 relay (Schmuck, Dooyema, Oye and Tianna Doppenberg), 52.25.

Fourth place: Peterson, 200, 27.54; Ferrell, 800, 2:26.99.

Fifth place: Dooyema, 200, 27.53; Jaidyn Elbers, 300 hurdles, 50.21.

Sixth place: Smedsrud, 300 hurdles, 50.37; Kami Sawtelle, discus, 98-0.

Seventh place: Madison Reisdorfer, 3,200, 13:30.69; Bergin Flom, pole vault, 7-6; 1,600 relay (Ferrell, Elbers, Sydney Biever and Doppenberg), 4:26.11.

Eighth place: Schmuck, 100, 13.84; Doppenberg, long jump, 15-2 1/2; 3,200 relay (Mackenzie Petersen, Mallory Thorson, Biever and Samantha Pierce), 11:34.13.

Ninth place: Sawtelle, shot, 33-9.

10th place: Siebenahler, long jump, 14-9 1/2; Smedsrud, triple jump, 31-7 1/2.

11th place: Elbers, 100 hurdles, 18.71.

12th place: Petersen and Flom cleared 4-6 to tie for 12th in the high jump.

13th place: Reisdorfer, 1,600, 6:04.64.

14th place: Claire Baustian, 3,200, 13:58.72.

16th place: Oye, 400, 1:06.34.

17th place: Hannah Ehlers, pole vault, 6-0.

18th place: Flom, 800, 2:50.36.



John Rittenhouse photo/0521 tennis 5 cut

Luverne's Mark Robinson prepares to strike a forehand during Monday's Section 3A Team Tennis Tournament against MACCRAY in Luverne. The Cards coasted to a 7-0 win.

Cards advance in section play

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis squad opened the Section 3A Team Tournament by strolling to a home win over MACCRAY Monday.

The Cardinals completed the regular season by dropping a three-point match in St. Peter May 12.

LHS, 11-7 overall, completed the team event in Redwood Falls Tuesday before opening the Section 3A Individual Tournament in Redwood Falls Thursday.

LHS 7, MACCRAY 0

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of the Wolverines during

Monday's tournament opener in Luverne.

Top-seeded LHS won all seven matches in straight sets against an overmatched Wolverines squad.

"Everybody did their jobs and we beat them pretty soundly. We went out and played like the No. 1 seed," said LHS coach Greg Antoine.

Prevailing in singles for the Cards were Erik Wahnoutka (6-0, 6-1 over Henri Menz at No. 1), Cory Stroeh (6-1, 6-2 over Ben Burner at No. 2), Jacob Jarchow (6-0, 6-1 over Ian Anderson at No. 3) and Trey Baustian (6-0, 6-0 over Kevin Miles at No. 4).

Dalton Schoneman and

Chris Jelken posted a pair of 6-0 wins against Nathan Eisenmenger and Ben Burner at first doubles, while Mark Robinson and Cade VerSteege prevailed by the same scores against Noah Johnson and Levi Sparks at No. 2.

Tanner Baustian and Isaac Gillette notched 6-1 and 6-2 victories against Alex Spence and Jaden Woltjer at third doubles.

St. Peter 5, LHS 2

The Cardinals wrapped up a 10-7 regular season by dropping a three-point decision to the Saints in St.

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Dragons win tourney opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team extended its season in dramatic fashion Friday in Ellsworth.

AA, the eighth seed in the South Section 3A Softball Tournament, trailed No. 9 Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut Grove by two runs after six and one-half innings of play.

The Dragons, however, scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings and won the game 3-2 when Devin Dreesen belted a home run in the ninth inning.

The win sent 5-16 AA to Edgerton Tuesday, where it met No. 1 Edgerton-Southwest Christian in another elimination game.

Dreesen, who won the game against the Falcons with her bat, also turned in a solid nine-inning, nine-hit pitching performance to get the win.

After surrendering two runs to RRC-W-WG in the third inning, Dreesen blanked the Falcons over the final six frames.

The Dragons started their comeback in the seventh



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Devin Dreesen pitched a complete game and belted the game-clinching home run against RRC-W-WG Friday.

inning when Olivia Weidert delivered an RBI single before Alicia Lunt tied the game with a run-scoring double.

Dreesen settled the issue when she lined a one-out home run over the left-center-field fence in the ninth inning.

Dreesen and Madisyn Dingmann led the Dragons with two hits in the game, while Lunt, Weidert, Brooke Grussing and Madison Neuenberg added one hit each to the winning cause.

T-S Buffalos register season's first victory in Iowa

By John Rittenhouse

The Tri-State Buffalos broke through Saturday in Rockwell, Iowa.

After dropping the first two games of the Southern Plains football season at home, the Buffalos turned things around by rolling to a 60-26 victory

over the North Iowa Bucks in their first road game of the season.

Tri-State faced a deficit early in the first quarter before dominating the rest of the half to open a 40-20 cushion at the intermission.

The Buffalos proceeded to

outscore the Bucks 28-6 in the second half to prevail by 34 points at game's end.

Tri-State, 1-2 overall, returns to action May 30 when it entertains the Buffalo Ridge Wildcats in Hills.

Game time is 6 p.m.



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Makayla Sterrett recorded a 46 to help the LHS girls down AHS.

Luverne, Adrian split golf showdowns

By John Rittenhouse

Golf teams from the Star Herald coverage area locked horns at the Adrian Area Country Club May 12.

Luverne and Adrian met on the Dragons' home course during a day that included mixed results for both programs.

The LHS girls posted a 184-193 win over the Dragons, while the AHS boys handed the Cardinals a 165-168 setback.

Madison Crabtree led the Cardinal girls to victory with a 44.

Makayla Sterrett and Hailey Remme added 46-stroke efforts to the team tally, while Hannah VerSteeg capped the scoring with a 48.

Hailey Franken shot a 54 without impacting the scoring. Alexia Kemper secured medalist honors for AHS by carding a 42.

Katie Wieneke, Mackenzie Wagner and Jada Elias added respective 44-, 52- and 55-stroke rounds to the team total, while Madelyn Odell and Courtney Pennings shot 59- and 69-stroke tallies without influencing the scoring.

Collin Kemper fired a two-over-par 38 to earn medalist honors for the AHS boys.

Ben Henning, Ryan Elias and Tommy McCarthy added 41-, 42- and 44-stroke rounds to the winning team tally, while Brady Henning and Mitchell Veld shot 48- and



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Ryan Elias shot a 42 during Adrian's win over the LHS boys May 12 in Adrian.

51-stroke scores for AHS.

Coy Gonnerman led the Cards with a 40.

Jack Baustian recorded a 42, while Colton Arends and Chaz Smedsrud added 43-stroke efforts to the team tally.

Seth Miller and Casey Klosterbuer shot 49- and 50-stroke scores without contributing to the effort.

Cardinal boys place seventh in Stillwater

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys slipped back in the pack at the Minnesota State Class A True Team Track and Field Championships in Stillwater Saturday.

After placing third in the Class A field in 2014, the Cardinals placed seventh with 282.5 points at Saturday's meet.

Holdingsford ran away with the state title by scoring 413.5 points.

"We had a good meet. We're just a little young on the boys' side," said Cardinal coach Craig Nelson.

"There are some events in which we are a little inexperienced. I'm happy the boys made it to state, and placing seventh overall is really good for a young team."

Trenton Rops won a pair of individual titles to highlight Luverne's appearance at the state meet.

The LHS senior took top honors in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with respective 15.93 and 40.49 times.

Senior Jackson Winter also raced well in the sprints.

Winter, who placed third in the 200-meter dash in 22.98, finished second in the 100-meter event with a time of 11.68.

Luverne's top effort in the relays came from the 800-meter squad.

Winter, Cyrus Halverson,



Photo courtesy Kristin Peterson

The Luverne boys placed seventh in a nine-team field at the Minnesota State Class A True Team Track and Field Championships in Stillwater Saturday. Team members include (front row, from left) Cyrus Halverson, Matthew Hup, Jordy Thone, Austin Winter, Dalton DeSollar, Mitchell Muller, Trenton Rops, Jackson Winter, (second row), Payton Stemper, Brandon Winter, Tanner Wiese, Dylan Thorson, (third row) D.J. Reker, Eli Haugom, Drew Weis, Ethan Marshall, Logan Stratton, Jeremiah Dooyema, Griffin Ahrendt, (back) coaches Natalie Willers, Al Stoakes, Craig Nelson and Pete Janiszkeski.

Mitchell Muller and Brandon Winter placed third in the event with a time of 1:36.96.

Logan Stratton turned in a third-place performance in the shot put with a toss of 46.2.

Here is a look at the team standings and the rest of Luverne's efforts during Saturday's meet.

Team standings: Holdingsford 413.5, Maple Lake 388, Pine Island 375.5,

Montevideo 363, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 321.5, Minnesota Valley Lutheran 315, Luverne 282.5, Park Rapids 245, Moose Lake-Willow River 225.

Results

Sixth place: Payton Stemper, 400, 52.72; Matthew Hup, pole vault, 11-0; Stratton, discus, 121-1.

Seventh place: Dylan Thorson, discus, 42-1 3/4; 1,600 relay (Stemper, Drew Weis, B. Winter and Ethan Marshall), 3:41.03.

Eighth place: Weis, 800, 2:07.09; Marshall, 3,200, 10:47.97.

Ninth place: Jeremiah Dooyema, pole vault, 10-0; 400 relay (Halverson, Tanner Wiese, Hup and Griffin Ahrendt), 49.13;

3,200 relay (Dooyema, Jordy Thone,

Austin Winter and Dalton DeSollar), 9:31.05.

10th place: Rops, 200, 24.12.

11th place: Stemper, 800, 2:09.81.

12th place: Muller, 300 hurdles, 18.7; Ahrendt, high jump, 5-2; Ahrendt, triple jump, 37-0 3/4; D.J. Reker, discus, 107-7.

13th place: Muller, 110 hurdles, 18.7; Muller, triple jump, 36-7.

14th place: Halverson, 100, 12.42; B. Winter, 400, 55.62; Marshall, 1,600, 5:41.94.

17th place: Weis, 1,600, 4:58.39; Eli Haugom, high jump, 5-0; Wiese, long jump, 16-8 1/2.

18th place: DeSollar, 3,200, 11:56.99; Ahrendt, long jump, 16-6 3/4.

Track teams sweep division titles at Big South meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne teams turned in commanding performances during the first Big South Conference Track and Field Meet staged May 12 in Redwood Falls.

Competing in a seven-team division made up of the smaller schools in the league, Luverne walked away with both the boys' and girls' team titles.

The Cardinals were competing against Blue Earth Area, St. James, Jackson County Central, Redwood Valley, Windom and Pipestone.

The Cardinal boys won seven event titles and placed second in one event during their trek to a conference championship.

Trenton Rops won the 110- and 300-meter hurdles crowns with respective 15.91 and

41.43 times.

Payton Stemper and Ethan Marshall won the 800- and 3,200-meter runs in 2:05.37 and 4:49.45, while Matthew Hup cleared 11-0 to win the pole vault.

Luverne also won the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays in 3:40.67 and 8:27.78.

Stemper, Drew Weis, Marshall and Brandon Winter formed the 1,600-meter team, while Weis, Marshall, Jeremiah Dooyema and Stemper formed the 3,200-meter squad.

Logan Stratton placed second individually with a toss of 47-5 1/4 in the shot put.

The Cardinal girls captured five meet championships and placed second in six events.

Gabrielle Ferrell (11:32.93 in the 3,200), Morgan Edwards (38-3 3/4), Kami Sawtelle (114-6 in the discus) and Courtney

Siebenahler (34-2 in the triple jump) claimed individual titles.

Sierra Schmuck, Naomi Dooyema, Kynzie Smedsrud and Tayla Peterson teamed up to win the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:48.43.

Peterson (13.09 in the 100 and 26.88 in the 200), Smedsrud (31-7 in the triple jump), Ferrell (5:19.71 in the 1,600) and Sawtelle (34-1 1/2) placed second individually.

Schmuck, Dooyema, Joci Oye and Tianna Doppenberg finished second in the 400-meter relay in 52.85.

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

LHS boys

Third place: Rops, 200, 23.43; D.J. Reker, discus, 135-6.

Fourth place: Griffin Ahrendt, triple jump, 38-6.

Fifth place: Dylan Thorson, shot, 42-7; Ahrendt, high jump, 5-4; 800 relay (Cyrus Halverson, Winter, Mitchell Muller and Ahrendt), 1:40.14.

Sixth place: Winter, 400, 56.94; Dooyema, pole vault, 9-6; Ahrendt, long jump, 16-11; Dooyema, pole vault, 9-6; 400 relay (Halverson, Tanner Wiese, Hup and Eli Haugom), 50.95.

Seventh place: Weis, 1,600, 5:10.33; Muller, 300 hurdles, 44.18; Stratton, discus, 119-7; Wiese, long jump, 16-9.

Eighth place: Hup, 100, 12.62; Haugom, high jump, 5-0; Muller, triple jump, 35-9.

LHS girls

Third place: Smedsrud, 100 hurdles, 17.48; 1,600 relay (Sydney Biever, Jaidyn Elbers, Mackenzie Petersen and Doppenberg), 4:31.7.

Fourth place: Schmuck, 100, 13.49; Oye, 400, 1:06.29; Smedsrud, 300 hurdles, 50.42.

Fifth place: Bergin Flom, high jump, 4-6; Siebenahler, long jump, 15-0; 3,200 relay (Peterson, Mallory Thorson, Biever and Samantha Pierce), 11:27.02.

Sixth place: Petersen, high jump, 4-6.

Seventh place: Pierce, 400, 1:14.32; Dooyema, 200, 27.99; Madison Reisdorfer, 800, 2:50.25; Reisdorfer, 1,600, 6:07.

Eighth place: Flom, 800, 2:50.83; Elbers, 100 hurdles, 19.11; Elbers, 300 hurdles, 55.11; Doppenberg, long jump, 14-8.

Dragons complete RRC play with loss in Slayton

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team squandered a chance to clinch a share of the Red Rock Conference championship May 13 in Slayton.

Taking on Murray County Central in the league finale for both squads, the Dragons lost their second conference game of the campaign when they came up on the short end of a 4-0 decision.

The Dragons end RRC play with an 8-2 record.

AHS was limited to a pair of singles from Nolan Rogers

and Logan Rogers in the game.

MCC, which recorded three hits, scored two runs in the first and second innings to settle the issue.

Brady Lonneman was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing one and one-third innings of three-run (one run was earned) ball.

Logan Rogers pitched the final four and two-thirds innings, limiting MCC to one hit and one run.

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Buttermakers spoil Redbirds' baseball debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds came up on the short end of a tight decision during their 2015 amateur baseball debut at Redbird Field May 13.

Hadley scored four runs in the first three innings of the game, and that proved to be enough production to give the Buttermakers a 4-3 victory.

Hadley, which produced two-run rallies in the first and third innings, never trailed in the game.

Luverne plated single runs in the second, fourth and seventh innings, but the Redbirds couldn't overcome Hadley's offensive production early in the game.

Skylar Wenninger, who led



John Rittenhouse photo/0521 redbirds 9

Luverne pitcher Codie Zeutenhorst delivers a throw to first base during the season debut May 13.

the hosts with four hits, singled home a run in the second

inning and Joey Slieter added an RBI single in the fourth.

Codie Zeutenhorst belted a home run over the left-field fence to cap the scoring in the seventh inning.

Zeutenhorst was charged with the pitching loss after throwing seven innings of eight-hit, four-run (three were earned), nine-strikeout ball.

Andrew DeBoer relieved Zeutenhorst in the eighth inning and retired six consecutive batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	4	0	1	1
Jy.Slieter	5	0	2	1
Paquette	4	0	0	0
Zeutenhorst	4	1	2	1
Kor	0	0	0	0
Pick	4	0	0	0
Js.Slieter	5	0	1	0
Fitzer	4	1	1	0
Fisher	2	0	0	0
Skattum	0	0	0	0
DeBoer	0	0	0	0
Sandbulte	2	1	0	0

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Peter May 12.

St. Peter went 3-1 in singles and took two of the three doubles matches to claim the victory.

"St. Peter is a good team.

They really have some strong players at the top of their lineup," said coach Antoine.

Gillette came away with a singles win for the Cards by topping Tanner Peterson 6-2, 7-5 in the No. 4 slot.

Robinson and VerSteeg nailed down a 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (12-10 in the tiebreaker) over Aaron Leeb and Kallen Werss at second doubles.

St. Peter's singles wins came from Zeke Haugen (6-3, 6-3 over Wohnoutka at No. 1), Rafat Wolaman (6-1, 6-0 over Stroeh at No. 2) and Drew Elefson (6-2, 6-1 over Jarchow at No. 3).

Avery Bachman and Joey More posted a 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 win over Schoeneman and Jelken at first doubles, while Joe Siebels and Bradyn Klubben handed Tanner Baustian and Trey Baustian a pair of 6-3 setbacks at third doubles.

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Format changes for first postseason meet

Area athletes will need to travel a slightly different path on the road to the state track meet in 2015.



Gone are the days of Section 3A opening postseason competition with four sub-section meets.

Replacing the format of four sub-sections are two super sub-sections.

The change means Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth will travel to Pipestone today (Thursday) to compete in the first South Sub-Section 3A Track and Field Championships.

Along with the four area programs, 10 other programs will compete in Pipestone.

Former Sub-Section 10 entries Fulda, Murray County Central, Pipestone and Southwest Christian-Edgerton are in the field.

Added to the mix are Cedar Mountain-Springfield-Comfrey, Heron Lake-Okabena, Jackson County Central, Mountain Lake Area, Windom, and Westbrook-Walnut Grove-Red Rock Central.

With more athletes on hand for the meet, area fans can expect a longer meet event with more heat races.

Along with a longer event, the criteria to qualifying for section competition as changed slightly.

In past years, the top four finishers in the sub-section event automatically qualified for section competition and at-large berths (four in each event) into the section field based on the performances of those who finished fifth or higher in their events.

Under the new format, the top six finishers in each event automatically qualify for section competition from each sub-section.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Four more at-large berths into section competition will be based on the efforts turned in by athletes at both sub-section meets.

"The big thing for me was they kept the performance-based entries into the section meet," said LHS veteran coach Craig Nelson.

"In order to place first or second as a team at the section meet, you need to get as many athletes as you can past the sub-section meet. Along with the 12 automatic qualifiers from each sub-section, the other four section qualifiers in each event will make it to the section meet because they deserve to be there."

As an outsider looking in, I don't think the new format hampers Luverne's postseason performance as a team at all.

In my mind, LHS remains the favorite to win both team titles in Pipestone, and LHS probably will send as many athletes to the section meet as it has in the past.

"Our strategy won't change. We're going to take advantage of our strengths and try to get as many kids on to the state meet as we possibly can," Nelson said. "As for this new format, we'll just have to wait and see how it goes. I've been coaching here for 31 years and we had a lot of success in the past, and I liked the way we did things in the past. It will be a little different this year, so we'll see how it goes."

Girls end regular season by registering wins

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne softball team ended the regular season riding a three-game winning streak after putting together three victories since last Friday.

The Cardinals swept Redwood Valley in a doubleheader Friday in Redwood Falls before rolling to a 10-run home win over Worthington Monday.

Luverne, which ends the regular season with a 6-11 record, opened postseason play in Pipestone Tuesday.



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Luverne senior Alexis Hiller drops down a bunt single during Monday's home softball win over Worthington.

10-run rule after scoring one run in the bottom of the fifth.

Brianna Jonason, Bryanna Wessels, Kayla Thone and Madi Oye registered two hits at the plate for LHS.

Olson drilled a homerun for the Cards, while Alexis Hiller, Kaitlyn Roberts, Susan Thompson and Lexi Hinrichs added one hit each.

RWV twin bill

The Cardinals completed play in the Big South

Conference Small School Division with a 3-7 record after sweeping a doubleheader in Redwood Falls Friday.

Luverne took Game 1 by a 6-2 margin and plated the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure a 5-4 victory in the finale.

The Cardinals and Redwood Valley were tied at two after five innings of play in the opener. LHS settled the issue in the top of the sixth, when Jonason

delivered an RBI triple to ignite a four-run rally that propelled the Cardinals to victory.

Olson pitched all seven innings in the opener to earn the win. She fanned 10 batters and yielded seven hits.

Olson led the Cardinals at the plate with two hits, while Jonason, Hiller, Ariel DeBeer, Thompson, Katie Kracht, Wessels, Mckenzi Wenninger and Oye chipped in one hit each.

Luverne faced 2-0 and 4-2 deficits before rallying to win the second game.

The Cards knotted the score at four by plating single runs in the fourth and fifth innings before producing the decisive run in the bottom of the seventh.

Hiller singled, stole second and scored the winning run when Olson doubled.

Hiller, DeBeer and Thompson registered two hits each at the plate, while Olson, Zayna Hustoft and Roberts added one hit each to the cause.

DeBeer worked all seven innings on the mound to secure the win. She surrendered eight hits and fanned four batters.

Cardinals lose one-run games to Tigers, Bison

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team dropped a pair of 4-3 games last week.

The Cardinals fell at Legion Field in Marshall May 13 before dropping a one-run home decision to Buffalo Friday.

The losses left LHS with an 8-9 record.

Buffalo 4, LHS 3

The Cardinals rallied to knot the score late in the game before falling by one run to Buffalo at Redbird Field Friday.

Luverne, which faced 2-0 and 3-1 deficits in the game, put together a two-run rally in the bottom of the sixth inning to knot the score at three.

The Bison, however, scored one run in the top of the seventh and blanked the Cards in the bottom half of the inning to leave town with a victory.

Buffalo plated single runs in the first and fourth innings before Luverne came up with a run in the bottom of the fourth when Connor Hoffman was hit by a pitch and scored on a throwing error to make it 2-1.

The Bison extended their



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Luverne's Connor Sandbulte fields a bouncing ball during Friday's 4-3 home loss to Buffalo at Redbird Field.

lead to 3-1 in the top of the sixth before the Cards tied the game at three with RBI singles from Jaxon Nelson and Tommy Vajrt in the bottom half of the frame.

Hoffman tossed all seven innings on the hill for LHS. He yielded nine hits and three earned runs.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	3	1	1	0
Bosch	2	1	1	0
Verhey	3	0	0	0

Crabtree	2	1	0	0
Nelson	3	0	2	1
Vajrt	3	0	1	1
Sommers	1	0	0	0
Overgaard	0	0	0	0
Baum	0	0	0	0
Sueller	1	0	0	0
Olson	3	0	0	0
Martinez	0	0	0	0
Sandbulte	3	0	0	0

Marshall 4, LHS 3

The Cardinals put up a good fight before falling to the Tigers by one run at Legion Field in Marshall May 13.

Luverne rallied from a 3-1 deficit to knot the score at three late in the game, but the Tigers scored the winning run in the bottom half of the seventh inning due to a fielding error by LHS.

The Cards took a 1-0 lead in the first inning with an RBI single by Andrew Verhey.

Marshall scored one run in the second inning and two in the third to move in front for the first time, but LHS plated single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to tie the game at three.

Vajrt belted a home run in the fifth inning and Verhey singled home a run in the sixth. Connor Crabtree worked all seven innings on the mound and took the loss.

He walked five batters, fanned three and yielded three hits.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	3	2	1	0
Bosch	2	0	0	0
Verhey	3	0	1	2
Crabtree	3	0	1	0
Nelson	3	0	0	0
Vajrt	3	1	1	1
Sommers	3	1	0	0
Overgaard	3	0	0	0
Olson	3	0	0	0

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innings of one-run ball for the Dragons before giving way to Lonneman, who also threw two innings of one-run ball.

Preuss threw two shutout innings and got the win for AHS, and Rogers recorded a save by pitching a scoreless seventh inning.

Tommy Vajrt pitched three

innings of one-run ball for LHS before being replaced by Bosch, who yielded one run in one inning.

Nick Overgaard worked the next two innings and took the loss after surrendering two runs.

Crabtree twirled a scoreless seventh inning.

Luverne, which ends the regular season with an 8-10 record, opens postseason play in Fairmont Saturday against Worthington.

The 11-5 Dragons, who capped the regular season in Worthington Tuesday, opens the Section 3A Tournament in Windom Saturday.

Hoffman	3	0	0	0
Bosch	2	1	1	0
Verhey	4	0	2	0
Crabtree	4	0	1	1
Nelson	3	0	0	0
Vajrt	3	1	0	0
Sommers	2	0	1	1
Sandbulte	0	0	0	0
Olson	3	0	1	0
Sueller	1	0	0	0
Overgaard	1	0	0	0

MAY 12 SPORTS REPLAY

AA softball team produces RRC wins

The Adrian Area softball team wrapped up the regular season by sweeping a Red Rock Conference doubleheader from Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Sanborn.

The Dragons scored seven runs in the final three innings to prevail 10-5 in the opener. AA completed the sweep by downing the Falcons 12-1 in five innings in Game 2.

Adrian rallies to upend Falcons

The Adrian baseball team overcame an 8-1 deficit to pull out a 9-8 victory over RRC-W-WG in Lambertson.

Adrian scored seven runs in the fifth and sixth innings and registered the winning runs when Logan Rogers, who earned the pitching win during a relief stint on the mound, walked and scored on an error in the eighth.

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Thomas Jennings, Pastor

Saturday, May 23: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, May 24: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW.

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www.luverncrc.com — luverncrc@gmail.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Dick Lauger, Pastor
Thursday, May 21: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, May 22: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, May 24: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Isaiah Wagenaar open house at Hills Legion. 6:00 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, May 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, May 28: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor
Josh Anderson, Pastor

Thursday, May 21: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 5:15 p.m. Executive meeting. Friday, May 22: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, May 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 24: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast; Worship. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship. Monday, May 25: Office closed for Memorial Day. 4 p.m. Telecast. Tuesday, May 26: 7 a.m. Dorcas at the Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle. Wednesday, May 27: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 9 a.m. Assemble Grace Notes. Thursday, May 28: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Lorraine Olson; Naomi Circle at Fireside. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home; Lydia Circle at Poplar Creek; Hostess: Ardie Bowen. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew M. Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, May 21: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, May 24: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, May 28: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Friday, May 22: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 5:30 p.m. Cornerstone Prison Church. Saturday, May 23: 10 a.m. Brands/Van Aartsen bridal shower. Sunday, May 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with Communion. 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF. Tuesday, May 26: 1 p.m. Staff meeting. 6 p.m. Good Samaritan Home fundraiser supper. Wednesday, May 27: 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team.

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

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

Thursday, May 21, and Friday May 22: Confirmation retreat for Seventh- and eighth-graders with Magnolia Confirmation students. Thursday, May 21: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, May 24: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour with Holy Spirit Cafe. 11 a.m. Come as you Are Service.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
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Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, May 21: 1 to 8 p.m. Pictures. Sunday, May 24: Start of summer schedule. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. Monday, May 25: Office closed for Memorial Day. 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, May 26: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, May 27: 7 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, May 28: 1 to 8 p.m. Pictures.

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Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22: 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Friday, May 22: Church office closed. Saturday, May 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, May 24: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, May 25: Church office closed for Memorial Day. Wednesday, May 27: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Newsletter assembled. Thursday, May 28: 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
211 E. Main St., Luverne

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305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, May 21: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, May 22: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, May 24: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, May 25: 10 a.m. Hardwick Memorial Day program. 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 27: June Newsletter deadline. Thursday, May 28: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@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 24: 9 a.m. Worship Service.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretton, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, May 24: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Thursday, May 28: 1:30 p.m. WELCA regular meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd 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
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Kerry Boese, Pastor

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m. Worship Service.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
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Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
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Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22: Camp. Sunday, May 24: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, May 26, through Friday, May 29: Pastor and Lay Leaders at the Minnesota Annual Conference in St. Cloud. Tuesday, May 26: 10 a.m. Bible Study. Wednesday, May 27: Fourth Wednesday Community Meal at UMC in Luverne. Confirmation.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema, Pastor

Sunday, May 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; Pulpit Supply by Tom Goehle. 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Monday, May 25: 3 p.m. Inspiration Hills Memorial Day kick-off and fundraiser. Wednesday, May 27: 7 p.m. Mulder bridal shower open house.

Planting is hard work

A farmer invests huge amounts of money, time, energy and thought to planting. He must get his equipment in good repair, making numerous trips for parts or purchasing updated machinery. He must get his soil in proper condition — tilling corn stalks, applying fertilizer, and perhaps putting in tile for better drainage. He must purchase sacks of seed and spend hours planting, paying attention to fences and drainage markers and the weather.

All this hard work is expended in hope — hope of a harvest. In some parts of the world, hope is almost foolish. The soil is depleted. The rains often do not come. The farming methods are outdated. For all his effort, the farmer may receive little more than his seed. In our part of the world hope is well repaid. Year after year the rains come, the soil does its wonders, and a marvelous harvest results. Farmers do not have to worry about putting food on the table. They toss and turn about paying for a piece of equipment that costs \$100,000.

Spiritual planting is also hard work.

A church invests huge amounts of money, time, energy and thought to planting each year. We build buildings and mow the lawn. We implement youth programs. We invite neighbors. We hold services at nursing homes. We visit jails. We send out missionaries to places near and far. We practice Sunday's music and put the week's message on the radio. We devise a catchy saying for the church sign. We haul kids to camp.

All this hard work is expended in hope — hope of a harvest. In some parts

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Dick Lauger, pastor,
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

of the world, hope seems almost foolish. The people are hostile. They actually persecute or even kill those who bring the gospel. Some, who make a profession of faith, recant when family and friends shun them. Others have to go into hiding to preserve life or to keep their children from being taken away. In our part of the world, of course, hope is well repaid. Year after year people come to Christ. Children come. Grown-ups come. Seniors almost at death's door come. We plant and water and weed. God gives the increase.

The difficulty of spiritual planting lies in the nature of the harvest. Corn planted in spring is harvested the same year in the fall. Spiritual seeds planted in a human heart might not germinate for years. The sower may never see the results of his efforts. People move away. (I've never seen a corn stalk go to college or drive to Chicago for a new job.) Yet the power of the gospel seed is actually stronger than any yearly crop we might seek. While we are not guaranteed 100 percent germination, the rate is far higher than any of us expect.

Do you hope in the harvest? Have confidence in the Lord of the harvest? The seed is good, very good. The seed sprouted in you. Will it not sprout in many others through you? "In due season we will reap." (Galatians 6:9)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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112 N. Main St., Hills
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Friday, May 22: 7 p.m. H-BC school graduation in the gym. Saturday, May 23: Basement reserved for graduation. Sunday, May 24: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Monday, May 25: Church office closed for Memorial Day. Tuesday, May 26: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Wednesday, May 27: 9 a.m. Quilting.

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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.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(5-7, 5-14, 5-21)

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
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416

(952) 925-6888
18 - 15-002769 FC
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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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

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 032673F01

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City of Luverne seeks airport bids by June 4

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, at the Luverne City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota until **1:30 P.M.** on the **4th** day of **June, 2015**, for the Pavement Sealing and Marking project at the Luverne Municipal Airport in Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The following types of work are included in the project: pavement sealcoating, crack repairs, removal of pavement markings, pavement markings, and other miscellaneous items and related work.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory bond. Work shall commence on or after **September 17, 2015**; once work commences it shall be completed within 10 calendar days but completed no later than **October 15, 2015**.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The City also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instruction to Bidders for more details.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questodn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$15.00 by inputting **Quest project #3892073** on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 2909 East 57th Street, Suite 101, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108, telephone 605-339-4157, upon payment of \$50.00, none of which is refundable.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
By /s/ Patrick T. Baustian
Patrick T. Baustian
Mayor
(5-21)

Gott probate

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Myrtle D. Gott

DECEASED

The Petition of Thomas M. Gott dated the 8th day of May, 2015, having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting that the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That said Petition be heard on Monday, the 15th day of June, 2015, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, State of Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204.

Dated: May 12, 2015

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Denise Brandel
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

/s/ Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Attorney for Petitioner
EISMA AND EISMA
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Luverne, MN 56156
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ID #: 389457

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Audrey DePauw and family
(5.21-5.23)

Thank you for the flowers, gifts and many, many cards. God bless you all.

Tillie Clark
(5.17-5.21)

Thanks to all of our family and friends for the cards, gifts, well wishes and surprise 25th anniversary party. We greatly appreciate it. Thanks to all.

Kevin and Glenda Dreesen
(5.17-5.21)

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Rummage Sale: American Girl dolls and clothes, Bitty Baby twin doll clothes and accessories, books including Rainbow Magic, Puppy Place, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and many more. Trading cards, movies, Wii games and much more. 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 1-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, and 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 28. 514 S. Fairview Dr., Luverne.

(5.21-5.23)

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Rock County Rural Water System - 2014 Drinking Water Report

The Rock County Rural Water System is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2014. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. *The CCR is not being directly mailed to all customers but a copy is available upon request by calling 507-283-8886.*

Source of Water

The Rock County Rural Water System provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: 10 wells ranging from 23 to 37 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Water Table aquifer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has made a determination as to how vulnerable our systems' source(s) of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Call (507) 283-8886 if you have questions about the Rock County Rural Water System drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2014. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Key to abbreviations:

MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MRDL Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

MRDLG Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

AL Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile Level This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

pCi/l PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

ppm Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

nd No Detection.

N/A Not Applicable (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2014)	Average/Result*	
Alpha Emitters (pCi/l) (03/19/2013)	0	15.4	N/A	3.9	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.86-1.1	1.04	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	0	60	N/A	21	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.4	10.4	4.4-4.8	4.8	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80	N/A	33.1	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Coliform Bacteria	0 present	>1 present	N/A	1 □	Naturally present in the environment.

*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Follow-up sampling showed no contamination present.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	nd-1	.55	Water additive used to control microbes.

****Highest and Lowest Monthly Average.

*****Highest Quarterly Average.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (07/03/2012)	1.3	1.3	1.25	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (07/03/2012)	0	15	6.9	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Rock County Rural Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791.

2015 Memorial Day Services

Rock County Veterans Memorial Candlelight Vigil

Rock County Veterans Memorial, Rock County Courthouse Square

Sunday, May 24, Dusk

Honoring the military and personal contribution of Rock County Service Personnel

Herreid Military Museum open for tours, following the service

Laying of the Wreath and reading of the names of KIA-MIAs

Taps: Lois Nelson, Reception to follow for the public

In case of rain:

Vigil at St. Catherine's Catholic Church

Reception at the Veterans Memorial Building

and the Herreid Military Museum

The museum will not be open prior to the Candlelight Vigil.

☆☆☆☆ Luverne Memorial Day Program ☆☆☆☆

Maplewood Cemetery • Monday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Donald Kuehl, Retired Iowa Air National Guard

Patriotic Reading: Jay Mann, "Remember Me"

Luverne High School Band

Potluck Dinner at the American Legion Post 123, Luverne

Sponsored by the American Legion Post 123, Rock County VFW 2757 and Auxiliaries

☆☆☆☆ Hills ☆☆☆☆

Hills American Legion • Monday, May 25, at 9 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Pastor Grant Fischer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Hills American Legion VFW (lunch)

☆☆☆☆ Hardwick Memorial Day Program ☆☆☆☆

Hardwick Veterans Memorial • Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m.

In case of rain: Hardwick Legion Hall

Guest speaker: Curt Hendel, USAF SGT Security Police Dog Handler/Trainer of Adrian, MN

Readings by Knute Oldre "Forgotten Fighter" and Gunnar Oldre "Come Visit My Grave"

Music by Bruce Dysthe

Coffee and cookies will be served after the program.

Sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion

☆☆☆☆ Beaver Creek ☆☆☆☆

Beaver Creek Elementary School • Monday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Kyle Oldre

7 - 10 a.m. - Breakfast at Fire Hall

9:45 a.m. - Coffee & Bars at Elementary School, Program

11:15 a.m. - American Legion and Luverne VFW at Cemetery

Minnesota Veterans Home

Veterans Home Dining Room

Saturday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m.

Invocation & Benediction: Pastor Jason Cunningham,
First Presbyterian Church

Guest Speaker & Music: Pastor Lonny Carpenter

Taps: Lois Nelson

*Military honors conducted by American Legion
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