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'Farm to Table'

June 12 event brings education, philanthropy together for a cause

By Lori Sorenson

Farmers are educating the community about safe and humane food production and charitable groups are seeking new ways to raise money for good causes.

The two efforts will join forces next month for a "Farm to Table" event to accomplish education and fundraising goals.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation (LACF) and the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers will host a meal at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at The Bluestem.

Chef Skyler Hoiland will create a four-course meal featuring locally grown food.

Between courses and drinks important topics in agriculture and food supply will be discussed:

- Water quality and buffer strips in Rock County
- Organic farming and the food supply
- New food labeling and GMOs

Foundation director Emily Crabtree said she's looking forward to the event as a collaborative effort for farmers and fundraisers.

"We've been working on how the foundation can reach the ag community, and the Corn and Soybean Growers came to me and said what if we did an educational event?" Crabtree said.

The \$40 ticket includes the meal and locally featured beer or wine, and proceeds go to the foundation, which supports a number of local causes.

Lucas Peters of the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers said he's looking forward to helping the foundation and reaching new community members.

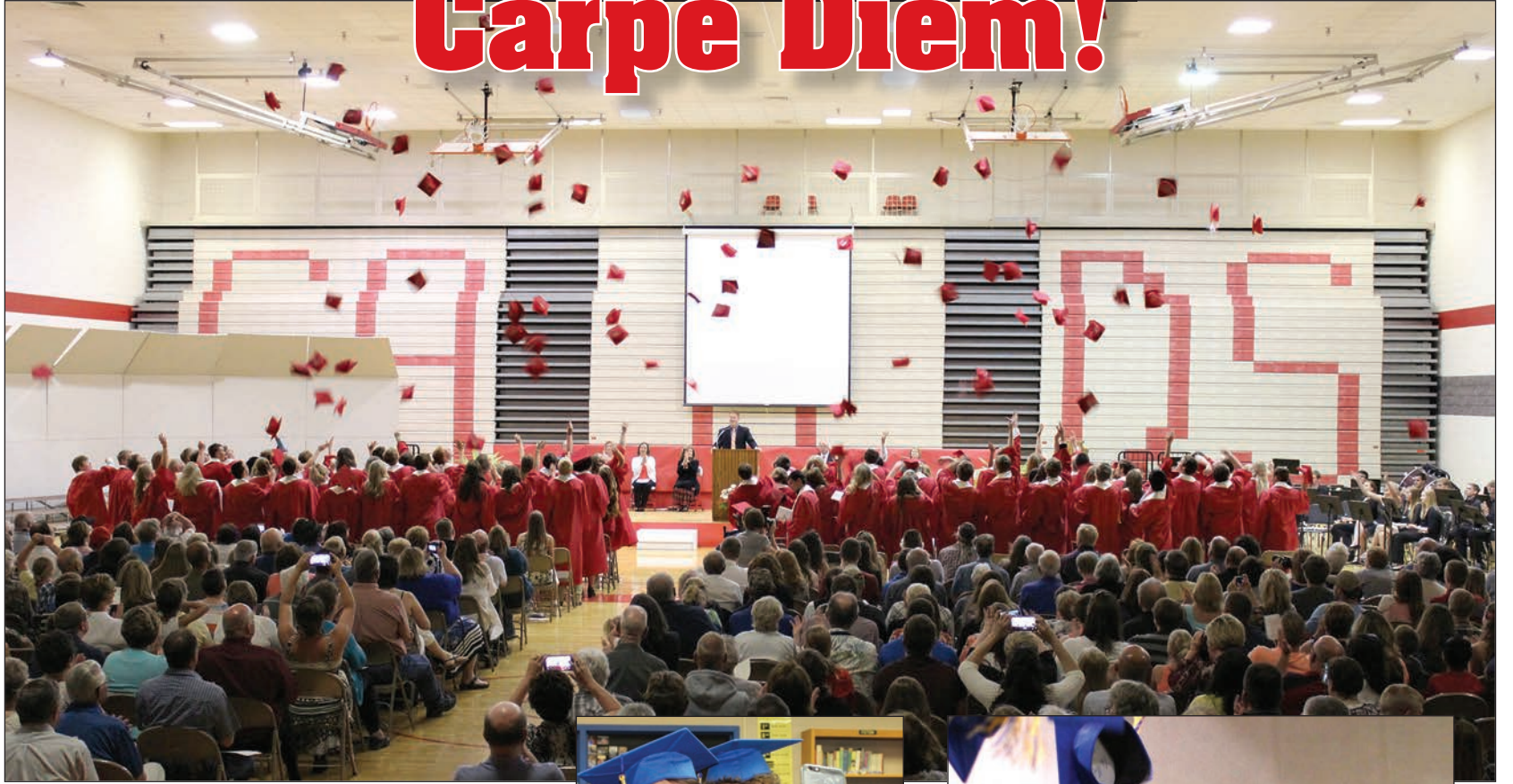
"We saw this event as an opportunity to help the fundraising efforts of the LACF and have a conversation with people about what local farmers are doing to grow food safely for local residents and a growing population," Peters said.

He said guest speakers will address GMOs and new labeling requirements and how local landowners are protecting water quality. They'll also answer questions from attendees.

"Holding the event at The Bluestem is a great way to show how farmers are growing food for local residents," Peters said. "And a creative menu will emphasize the use of corn and soybeans."

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Carpe Diem!



School's out for summer

Students from around the region and in Rock County celebrated high school graduations over the weekend. Above, seniors toss their caps in the air at the conclusion of the Luverne ceremony in the Cardinal Gym Sunday. (Mavis Fodness photo).

Below, Luverne senior Adam Fodness joins his classmates on a parade through the Luverne Elementary School hallways where younger students congratulated with high fives. (Lori Sorenson photo)



At left, Adrian seniors Celestynne Castaneda (left) and Gavin Engelkes capture selfies.

Below, Adrian High School seniors Brooke Grussing (left) and Anna Haper toss their hats in the air. (Adrian photos by Joyce McCarthy).

Hills-Beaver Creek and Ellsworth seniors will graduate at 7 p.m. Friday, May 27.



Candidates filing for 2016 election to local offices

By Mavis Fodness

Tuesday marks the filing deadline for many local, state and federal offices.

Anyone interested in being elected to political office has until 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, to file.

As of 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, the following people have filed.

Current Luverne Mayor Patrick Baustian is seeking re-election to the position and filed May 17, the first day of filing.

Three people have filed so far for the two open Luverne City Council positions.

In Ward 1, Lennis "Red" Arndt and Larry Lanphere both also filed on

opening day for the seat being vacated by Esther Frakes, who announced she would not seek re-election.

In Ward 2, Lori Hallstrom filed for the council position on May 20. Incumbent Eugene Marshall is also not seeking re-election.

For the three Rock County commissioner positions, seven people

have indicated interest in serving on the board.

In District 1, Gary Overgaard filed for the office on May 18 with Kyle Hemme entering the race on May 23. Don Bryan filed on Tuesday. Incumbent Ken Hoime has not made

Filing for office/Continued on 3A

LHS guidance counselor reflects on 30 years

By Jason Berghorst

Each year, in his role as Luverne High School counselor, Craig Nelson gives LHS freshmen a list of careers.

The list includes college professor, Mars exploration scientist, director of scouting for an NFL team, retractable stadium engineer, professional dancer and Big Ten Coach, among others.

Nelson then asks the students what all of these careers have in common. The answer often surprises the students.

All of these occupations are currently held by Luverne High School graduates living all around the country.

"I tell them people doing these jobs sat in these same desks, walked in these same halls and had the same teachers as our current students," Nelson said.

"My goal has always been that when you leave LHS, you can do



Lori Sorenson photo/0526 nelson
Craig Nelson is retiring from Luverne Public Schools as guidance counselor and track coach.

whatever you want for the next 50 years of your life," he said.

"Whether it be a four-year college, technical school, the military

or a good job."

Nelson, who grew up in Sioux Falls and graduated from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, came to Luverne in the fall of 1984. He began his career in Waubay, South Dakota, where he was a teacher, counselor and coach for two years before beginning his 32-year career as counselor and coach in Luverne.

"I wanted to get closer to the Sioux Falls area," Nelson said. "I still remember driving into Luverne for the interview. It's hard to believe it's been 32 years."

Nelson is retiring from Luverne schools at the end of this school year.

In his first years in Luverne, Nelson worked primarily as the counselor for grades 9-12 with some responsibilities at the elementary level before the district

Craig Nelson/Continued on 8A

Sampson monument to be dedicated May 30

By Lori Sorenson

In the cemeteries of Rock County, there's a story for every flag and veteran's marker. Some have been told before and others are known only to a few.

Father Francis Sampson, who is buried in St. Catherine Cemetery, is relatively unknown to local residents, but his story of service in World War II was told through the 1998 Academy Award-winning movie, "Saving Private Ryan," with Tom Hanks.

After Monday's 4 p.m. Memorial Day mass at St. Catherine Cemetery, parishioners will gather at Sampson's graveside to dedicate a new stone monument in honor of the distinguished war hero. The 6-foot-tall quartzite



monument displays a bronze plaque that tells the story of Sampson's military career.

Sampson was a military chaplain known for staying with the enlisted men he served ... and that included jumping with the paratroopers into dangerous places.

In June 1944 he jumped as the Normandy Invasion began.

He was captured, escaped and then stayed with 14 wounded men as the Americans pulled back from counterattacking Germans. He was wounded. He earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his efforts.

He returned to England, jumped again into Holland, was

Sampson monument/see 2A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Caregivers Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, in the conference room of Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Society, Luverne. Anyone caring for a loved one is encouraged to attend.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 3, (*note change of date*) in the St. Catherine east parking lot to carpool to Worthington for lunch and for a tour of Round Lake Winery. Call Connie at 283-8470 by May 31.

Fair participants watch for your Fair Preview book coming out with the June 5 Luverne Announcer.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxilliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, in the Post home.

Beaver Creek Township will have their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the township hall.

Rock County VFW 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, in the Herreid Military Building. Call 449-0632.

Meet Luverne's new mascots May 26

The public is encouraged to come downtown Luverne Thursday, May 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. to meet Luverne's new bison mascots, Thunder and Rumble. Post a selfie with a mascot to the Chamber Facebook for a chance to win \$50.

Palace Afternoon Escape 'Race'

The movie "Race" will be shown as the Afternoon Escape movie Thursday, May 26, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Palace Theatre. Admission is \$5. This month's movie is sponsored by Hartquist Funeral Home and Sterlings Café and Grille. The movie is based on the story of legendary athlete Jesse Owens and his inspiring journey to overcome racism, culminating in his triumphant performance at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The movie is rated PG-13.

'The Jungle Book' at Palace Theatre

The movie "The Jungle Book" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, May 27, through Monday, May 30, at the Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for children age 3 through 12th grade and \$7 for adults. The movie is rated PG.

Master Gardeners annual garden tour

Join the Rock County Master Gardeners for their annual tour Monday, June 20. The bus will leave promptly at 6:30 p.m. from the south side of the school to tour gardens in the Luverne area. Pre-registration is necessary to secure seating. To reserve space or if you have questions contact Sheila Steinhoff at 507-283-1302. Rain date is Tuesday, June 21.

Bank Nite movie 'Kung Fu Panda 3'

The free Bank Nite movie, "Kung Fu Panda 3," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s.

Summer Reading Program

Be a good sport and sign up for the 2016 Summer Reading Program, open to all ages from pre-K through 12th grade at the Rock County Library. Registration starts Tuesday, May 31. Contact the library at 507-449-5040.

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

Men's Annual Community Prayer Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. Friday, June 3, in the Blue Mound Banquet Center to kick off the Buffalo Days weekend in Luverne. Speaker is Cory Grimm. Cost is \$10.

Farmers Market begins June 2

The first Luverne Farmers Market of the season will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Redbird Field. Farmers Market continues Thursdays through October 26. Watch for the signs on Main Street.

Bible Study for women begins June 8

The Luverne Christian Reformed Church invites all women in the area to a 7-week Bible study by Priscilla Shirer titled "The Armor of God," beginning at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 8. To order a book, call 507-283-8726 by May 18.

Book Club/Domestic Violence Support

Book Club/Domestic Violence Support Group will begin meeting from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays starting June 7 and continuing for 6 weeks (location to be announced.) The group will read New York Times bestseller, "Crazy Love," Call Southwest Crisis Center at 507-283-9917 to sign up or at jennifer@mnsbcc.org



Papik hosts Spring Car Rally

Papik Motors hosted its 2016 Spring Rally and Car Show Saturday, this time with a Cruise around Luverne. Mild spring weather prevails for the event, which featured free burgers served by the Rock-Nobles Cattleman's Association. Also, there were inflatables for children's entertainment. According to Heidi (Papik) Sehr, the event has grown increasingly popular. "It's progressively gotten bigger and bigger through the years," she said. "We have cars that come from Mitchell, Sioux City, Worthington, Brewster ... People just like to show off their cars." New this year was a cruise around town, which included Main Street and local nursing homes.

Photo credit Papik Motors

Sampson memorial to be dedicated/continued from page 1A

captured in Belgium and was imprisoned in Germany until 1945.

Father Sampson, who was ordained as a priest in 1941, served as an Army chaplain from 1942 until he retired in 1971. In addition to serving in World War II, he also served in Korea and Vietnam.

During his military career, he rose to the rank of major general and chief of chaplains, and he was awarded over 18 medals and honors for his exemplary service to the United States and the world.

He wrote two books about his military chaplain career. His autobiography, "Look Out Below," served as inspiration for the 1998 movie, "Saving Private Ryan." His other book is called "Paratrooper Padre."

Sampson always said he saw a direct connection between being a priest and a soldier. "They are both called to the identical things," he wrote.

"That is the preservation of peace, the establishment of justice when it has been lost, and the providing of security with protection for the weak

and the innocent."

Sampson went on to serve the USO and as a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Born in 1912 in Cherokee, Iowa, he died Jan. 28, 1996, in Sioux Falls. He chose St. Catherine Cemetery because his mother was buried there. In one of his books he wrote that his mother, who died in 1942 in Oregon, wanted to be buried in Luverne because she was born and spent her childhood there.

It was "the place she always called 'home,' the place she loved above all others."

Sampson is buried next to his mother, Philomena Ryan, and her sister, Gertrude Ryan.

Sampson's father ran a hotel in Luverne, and his mother worked there, too. Sampson attended high school in Sioux Falls and Portland, Oregon, before graduating from Notre Dame in 1937.

The monument will be dedicated in St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne Monday after the 4 p.m. Memorial Day Mass. The monument project is funded by the Knights of Columbus and the LCCW.

Mike Frisch offers 'School of Fish' and 'Walleye School' June 2

Professional fisherman and guide Mike Frisch returns to Luverne to do a "School of Fish" Thursday, June 2, for children grade three and older (during the 2015-2016 school year) with an adult friend.

Fee is \$30 per child/adult pair. Call 283-4724 to register.

In addition to great fishing information and stories, each child will receive a new rod and reel, tackle with a tackle box, a fishing resource book, a \$10 Cabela's gift card, a T-shirt, snacks and a chance to be a guest on the television show "Fishing the Midwest."

"Walleye School" for adults begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in the Community Education classroom. Cost is \$30. Mike Frisch will share techniques for jig fishing, shallow-water live bait rigging, bottom bouncer fishing and others as well as how to use a sonar/GPS effectively.

Farm to table/from page 1A

The first course includes Shrimp Corn Arancini — a homemade risotto stuffed with sweet corn, basil and salad shrimp served on a curry corn puree, served with paprika oil, and scallions.

The second course is Roasted Corn and Arugula Salad — fresh arugula topped with roasted corn, red onion, roasted red peppers, black beans and a soy vinaigrette.

The third course is Teriyaki Flat Iron Steak and Sweet Corn Edamame Succotash — char grilled flat iron steak served on a bed of sautéed corn, soy edamame, blistered cherry tomatoes and

garlic confit.

The final course is Maple Corn Bread with a Coconut Soy Sweet Corn Ice Cream — maple syrup infused cornbread served with smooth soy sweet corn ice cream topped with candied bacon.

Tickets (only 100 will be sold) are available at the LACF office at 102 E. Main St. The deadline to purchase tickets is June 10. Our hope is that attendees will leave with a better understanding of how their food is grown, how farmers are taking steps to protect water quality, and have a great meal while supporting the LACF.



Photo credit City of Luverne

Showcasing veterans

The latest addition of public art at the Flag Park corner features local veterans who participated in the Veterans Portrait Project last fall. With permission from the veterans and from photographer Stacy Pearsall, the photographs are displayed on three sides of the electrical box at the corner facing traffic at the Main Street and Highway 75 intersection.

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Community Education announces classes, activities

For information or to register for these activities call Community Ed at 283-4724.

Aerobics/Strength Combo class will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays for five weeks beginning May 31. Fee is \$27.

Soccer Fun for ages 3 through grade 2 (as attended during the 2015-2016 school year) will be during the month of June. Fee is \$28 for 7 sessions.

Home Alone class for those who just finished third grade or older will be June 1. Tips on safety and how to deal with loneliness and boredom will be emphasized. Fee is \$25.

Summer Exercise Challenge is a simple, but fun community activity open to all. Will you make your way across Rock County or even Minnesota with this fun challenge offered by Prairie Rehabilitation? An initial visit on **June 1** will provide information and discuss exercise options. The midway check will be July 6, and final numbers are turned in Aug. 10. Fee is \$10.

Maximize Social Security. class is **June 6** for those 55-62 years old. Fee is \$5.

DNR Firearms Safety Instructor training class is **June 7**. Become an instructor to encourage the next generation of hunters. No charge. Participants must be 18 years old, pass a background test and register online at dnr.state.mn.us. Call 283-4724 for details.

Early Play Ball teaches the skills for baseball and softball beginning the week of **June 8**. Evening times are available. Fee is \$28.

Adventure Games Day Camp, for students who attended grades 1-4 during the 2015-2016 school year, on Friday, **June 10**, is three hours of fun playing all kinds of 'games' with a new twist added. Fee is \$15.

Little Ninja Boys offers obstacle courses, balance activities and fun strength-building games perfect for age 3 through grade 2 (as attended during the 2015-2016 school year). Fee is \$20 for this four-session class beginning **June 13**.

Keeping the Farm in the Family will focus entirely on estate planning. Dominic Smith of Marshall will be in Luverne to answer your questions about keeping the farm in the family on **June 14**. Fee is \$5.

Discovery Time **School Readiness Preschool** registrations are being accepted now for September of 2016. There are classes for ages three, four and five.

Families, daycares, and visitors are invited to play and learn in the **Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom** located on the southwest corner of school property. Engraved brick pavers line the path into the classroom and are sold to cover costs for upkeep and new materials. For paver ordering information, call 283-4724.

Filing for office/from page 1A

a decision in re-filing for the position.

Two people will face incumbent District 3 Commissioner Ron Boyenga, who filed on opening day along with challengers Greg Burger and Darrel Van Aartsen.

Incumbent Commissioner Jody Reisch is the only candidate to file for the District 5 seat to date.

One candidate has filed for one of the three open seats on the local soil and water conservation district board.

On Tuesday Dave Eselink refiled for his District 4 seat in Beaver Creek and Martin townships.

No one has filed for the open seats in District 1 (Luverne and Mound townships), or District 3 (Clinton, Kanaranzi and Magnolia townships). Incumbents in those positions are Gene Cragoe and Norman Overgaard, respectively.

At the state level, incumbent Bill Weber has filed for re-election to the State Senate District 22 seat on the Republican ticket with Brian Abrahamson of Luverne challenging Weber on the Democratic-Farmer-Labor side. Both candidates threw their hats into the ring on the first day of filing.

Laura Woods of Luverne has filed for election to the Minnesota House of Representatives District 22A on the DFL ticket. Incumbent Joe Schomacker (R-Luverne) has yet to file.

At the federal level, in-

cumbent Tim Walz has filed for re-election and so far doesn't have a challenger for his U.S. House District 1 seat.

How to file for office

Candidate filing requirements vary depending on the office, whether the candidate is a member of a major political party or a minor political party or an independent, and whether the office is partisan or nonpartisan.

Candidates for State Senate, House of Representatives and judicial offices have a choice to either file with the secretary of state or in their county of residence.

Candidates for U.S. Congress must file with the secretary of state. Candidates for county offices must file with their county auditor.

Filing dates may vary for candidates for municipal and school district offices.

Additional candidate filing information, forms and instructions are available on the office website, www.sos.state.mn.us.

Candidates for local offices should contact their county auditor, municipal clerk, or school clerk for additional information.

After the filing period closes, the secretary of state will post a listing of candidates who have filed for office on its website, which will include local candidates if those jurisdictions provide filing information to this office.

The Rock County Auditor's Office can be reached at 507-283-5060.



The main floor of the Carnegie will remain open. Pictured are (from left) Councilwoman Caroline Thorson, Building Inspector Chad McClure, Mayor Pat Baustian, Councilwoman Esther Frakes and Councilman Eugene Marshall. (Lori Sorenson photos)

Carnegie Cultural Center soon to be home to Luverne Street Music students, teachers

By Lori Sorenson

Remodeling work on the historic Carnegie Cultural Center continues into spring, and Luverne City Council members toured the building last week to check progress.

Luverne Building Inspector Chad McClure has been overseeing the project and answered questions during the May 17 tour.

He said he's learned a few things about historic preservation along the way. For example, he anticipated matching the new woodwork with the existing 1902 trim, but that won't happen.

"They want the old to look old and the new to look new," McClure said.

In February the City Council approved a 10-year agreement with Luverne Street Music to lease the city-owned Carnegie Cultural Center.

The non-profit music agency that connects private music instructors with interested students took over the Carnegie building on North



Building Inspector Chad McClure answers questions for City Administrator John Call and Councilwoman Esther Frakes.

Freeman Avenue March 1.

The Council for Arts and Humanities in Rock County was the previous building tenant, using the Carnegie for art shows and classes.

CAHRC terminated its lease of the Carnegie in December based on decreasing

artists' needs for the building and decreasing public attendance at displays.

Now Luverne Street Music directors say they're dedicated to continuing the building's cultural purpose.

"We are looking forward to promoting all the arts in the community," Janine Papik said at the Feb. 23 council meeting.

In line with that vision, the Carnegie's main floor has essentially been left in its open format accented by arched windows and heavy wood trim.

The bulk of the construction work has centered on the basement where walls for five rooms have been reinforced with soundproofing layers and insulation for individual, simultaneous music lessons.

There will also be a central room with a small kitchenette, the restrooms are being redone, and an area of the basement has been finished with a future elevator in mind.

The renovations are being done by Tom Nergaard, Luverne, and are estimated to cost \$91,000.

Among the improvements are plumbing and electrical updates that would have been necessary regardless of who's leasing the building.

The new lease agreement of \$300 per month rent will generate \$3,600 per year for the city. This compares with \$900 per year generated by the previous CAHRC lease.

The city is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the historic building, and these costs amounted to more than \$30,000 in the past two years.

The city will also provide snow removal and mowing, in addition to utilities, at no added expense to LSM.

LSM will keep the building neat and clean and will carry general liability and personal property insurance.

They said the LSM program has grown from 30 students and four teachers in 2013 to 100 students and 16 teachers today.

The curriculum includes summer music camp, a children's choir, a pre-school string program and a chamber orchestra, with a puppet theater camp on the horizon.



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Guess who's the honorary Relay for Life chairperson this year?

This year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Rock County is Friday, June 10, and guess who's the honorary chairperson?



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Yup, I am. When Mercie Domagala (the real chairperson who does all the work) asked me if I'd accept this honorary position, without hesitation I offered an enthusiastic "Yes! I'd love to." I said yes for two reasons. One, I get to ride in a convertible in the Buffalo Days Parade. This has been a lifelong dream of mine, waving to the adoring minions while doing the perfect princess wave. "Elbow. Wrist. Elbow. Wrist. Touch your pearls and blow a kiss."

As a cancer adventurer I know it would be wrong to throw sugar-laced candy to the children, so I'm planning on tossing broccoli florets instead. (The sooner children learn that life is filled with disappointment, the better off they'll be.)

I haven't yet received all the parade information, but I think I'll be placed somewhere between the firetruck and the two kids on a lawn mower pulling their little brother in a wagon.

The second reason I said yes to this wonderful opportunity is because I thought I got to be supreme ruler of Rock County for a day. This turned out to be incorrect.

I was already drawing up plans to reroute the bike path, re-rename The Lake, bring back the crossing guards, pave County Road 15, (it goes to my parents' house and we get our car dirty driving there) and rescind all federal school lunch

guidelines in county schools.

I was a teeny bit disappointed to learn that I just need to make a brief speech to the audience gathered in the City Park on June 10.

Don't get me wrong — I'm happy to do it. I just thought being the honorary Relay For Life chairperson came with a little more responsibility.

OK, all kidding aside, it really is an honor to serve as the honorary chairperson for this year's Relay for Life. Sadly there are hundreds of other local cancer adventurers who are "qualified" to fill the position. There is nothing special about the annual honorary chair. He or she is just one more person with cancer.

One of the things the American Cancer Society does is fund research looking for the cure for cancer.

I always used to say, "I don't want a cure for cancer. I just don't want to get it in the first place." That philosophy didn't work out very well, but not getting cancer in the first place is still the best way to "cure" cancer.

If you drink, drink in moderation. Quit smoking. Exercise. Lose weight. Eat real food. De-stress.

And come to the City Park June 10 to walk and remember our friends, family and neighbors who have died from this disease and to show love and support for those still on the journey.

We would appreciate it.

What would Rock County be like today had it not been for sacrifices of those before us?

We have life pretty good here in Rock County, with relative peace and prosperity that we tend to take for granted.

We don't worry where our next meal will come from and we don't fear enemy attacks on our community.

When we turn on the light switch and water faucet, we don't give it another thought when the lights go on and water fills the sink.

When we get in the car, we assume it will start and that the local gas stations will have affordable gas when we need to refill.

We can trust that our roads and bridges are stable and secure, and we think nothing of crisscrossing the state by car or flying in a plane cross-country or across the globe.

While some of our residents have fewer luxuries than the rest of us, it's safe to say that even the poorest and most destitute resident in Rock County is still far better off than the average resident in a war-torn community or

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better still than the average refugee displaced by war and violence.

Yes, we are a blessed nation and we in Rock County are blessed to assume life's little luxuries will be here tomorrow and into the future.

But we should never, ever take our peace and prosperity for granted, and Monday — Memorial Day — will be a great time to thank those who made our current lifestyle possible.

Without the sacrifices of military service men and women dating back to our nation's founding, who knows where our allegiances might lie? Who knows what kind of leadership would dictate our nation's future?

The world and our nation might

be a very different place — one without reliable infrastructure and services and one without safety and security.

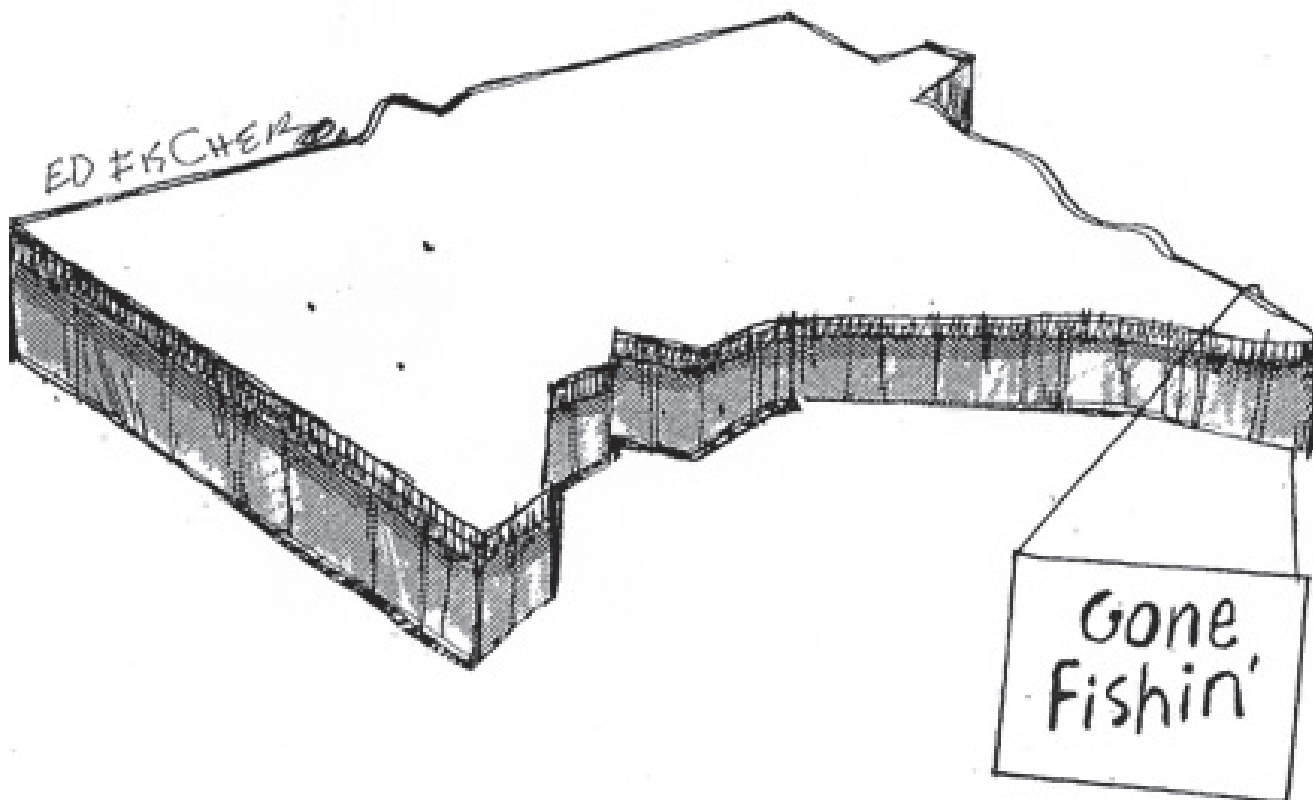
Thanks to many, many American servicemen and women, we live in a free nation that fosters the lifestyle we've grown to appreciate today.

So, on Monday while we're enjoying a day off from work and gathering with loved ones for an outdoor barbecue, pause to remember that freedom isn't free.

It came with a great cost.

And we must always remember that.

And be forever grateful.



Applications sought for school safety patrol camp

Q: My son is involved in school patrol at his school and I would like to know more about Legionville School Patrol Camp.

A: There is a lot of information about Legionville School Patrol Training Camp. The Camp is where school patrol students are taught the fundamentals of school patrol, school bus safety, bicycle and pedestrian safety. It is located just north of Brainerd, and it operated by the American Legion, using State Patrol Troopers as instructors. I will be one of the instructors again this year.

Students who will be 10 years old before Sept. 1 and not older than 13 years will be accepted. Exceptions to this restriction can be made but must be cleared in advance through the American Legion. Legionville is currently taking applications.

Legionville will be celebrating 78 years of instruction. It actually started 80 years ago in 1936, but because of World War II, class was canceled in 1942 & 1943. The 'old familiar barn' is gone and a new one has been built.

School Patrol training itself was started (informally) back in



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

1920, when Sister Carmella asked the older boys to help the younger children cross the streets from school in St. Paul.

Earle Brown (former Minnesota Governor and former Minnesota "Highway Patrol" Chief), formalized the program and got the Highway Patrol (now called Minnesota State Patrol since about 1974) involved with the instruction at the Earle Brown Farm in the Twin Cities. Based on records from American Legion personnel, the training locations also included the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, Camp Ripley and the present Legionville location north of Brainerd, (southwest of Merrifield).

Besides school patrol and school bus patrol training by troopers, other instructors help complete the week with swimming, canoeing, first aid training and many other activities and games. The camp is a very active place.

Parents can pay for their kids to go, even though there are also some limited numbers of scholarships available each year through the local schools, State Patrol Troopers Association, local American Legion posts and many other venues. The registration fee is \$275 per student.

This year, weekly sessions run from the middle of June, until the middle of August. For registration and camp information go to: <http://www.legionville.org/>

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If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol, at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, Minnesota 55901-5848, or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.

Take time out of your Memorial Day plans to recognize our veterans

If you haven't notice already, today's edition of the Star Herald has a number of mentions of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

Today's editorial reminds us of the many blessings we have as free citizens because of the sacrifices that tens of thousands of American servicemen and servicewomen have given to our country. Those sacrifices were not only for our benefit but also for the benefit of foreign lands many of us had never heard of.

Be sure to check out Page 8B in this issue also. Highlighted on the page are the special events that are scheduled for this weekend, starting with the Rock County Memorial Candlelight Vigil Sunday at dusk. Also listed are the Memorial Day services for Luverne, Hills, Beaver Creek and Hardwick, as well as the Minnesota Veterans Home program.

When I think about holidays throughout the year, Memorial Day is the one that gives me the most reason to pause.

We give thanks at Thanksgiving, we rejoice at Easter, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior at Christmas, and on the Fourth of July we set off fireworks to toast our independence.

But for good reason, Memorial Day is different, or at least I think it should



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager Tollefson Publishing

be. In a way we are able to be thankful, we are able to rejoice, we are able to celebrate the birth of Jesus and have a picnic on the Fourth of July because of the sacrifices of those we honor on Memorial Day.

My Memorial Day emotions run the gamut from sadness, to appreciation, to humbleness, to sheer admiration for the men and women who gave their lives to their families that suffered the loss of a loved one in service to our country.

To all veterans that stand tall, that stand proud, because of them we stand together as free American citizens.

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ON THE RECORD

0526-on the record

Dispatch report

May 13

•Deputies found an open door on a business. They did a walkthrough, and nothing appeared to be missing. Notified owner.

•Complainant reported someone threw a brick through his vehicle side windows. A wallet was stolen with credit cards in it.

•Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle along the roadway at location. Complainant also mentioned items in the ditch. Deputy investigated. Subjects are on their way to Montana and were sleeping in the vehicle. Subjects will pick up items in the ditch and move on.

•Complainant requested to know why his ex didn't get a citation for no insurance on his vehicle. The vehicle is registered to complainant, and he dropped the insurance.

•Complainant requested a deputy escort her to get some property that belongs to her.

•Dispatch received abandoned 911 call. Dispatch called back and complainant advised he was putting his case on his phone and dialed by accident. No signs of distress.

•Complainant reported the theft of an item from his apartment. He knows who did it. Complainant called back the next day and said the items had been returned.

•Complainant reported a transient hanging around the 300 block of West Hatting Street. He was given a room for the night through Salvation Army.

•Complainant reported a group of juveniles running around knocking on windows.

•Deputy made a traffic stop and arrested subject on a warrant out of Blue Earth County. He was taken to jail.

May 14

•Complainant called 911 due to being broken down at location. Contacted G&S to tow vehicle to Papik Motors. Deputy transported complainant to Super 8.

•The Hills Fire Department conducted a burn for training.

•Complainant reported a couple of four-wheelers riding around the 600 block of West Lincoln Street going fast.

•Complainant reported subject called a deputy at his home and started to rant.

•Metro Communications requested a welfare check on subject.

•Complainant reported a house in flames at location. Transferred to Minnehaha County. Minnehaha County requested mutual aid. Paged Hills Fire Department.

•Deputy found an open door on a building.

May 15

•Complainant reported a bicycle was abandoned up against a tree at location. The bike has been there about a week. Deputy picked up the bike.

•Complainant reported

a very rusted truck and trailer parked by the bathrooms at the fairgrounds that has a chain holding the two together. It is not moving, but complainant believes it belongs to a guy from Edgerton and thinks it is very unsafe. Deputy advised it does have a hitch on it and the chains are just wrapped around the bumper.

•Complainant reported a branch in the southbound driving lane on the bridge that goes over I-90. Deputy moved the branch off the road.

•Complainant reported that someone has been in the house and has vandalized a personal item.

May 16

•Deputy arrested subject for domestic assault. He was taken to jail.

•Complainant reported cases of pop broke open all over the intersection of location. City Hall was advised and will send the street department. Sheriff did traffic control.

•Nobles County requested we be on the lookout for a vehicle that may be in Rock County. Notified deputies and sheriff.

•Complainant reported theft of items from a storage unit.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle watching his home from the roadway on 121st Street. Sent sheriff to check it out.

•Complainant reported subject threatening to burn down her property in the county.

•Complainant reported possible sexual abuse.

•Complainant reported she just broke up with her boyfriend, and she is concerned about his welfare. She would like someone to check on him.

May 17

•Complainant reported vandalism to property.

•Complainant reported his mailbox was damaged again. He is sure it is farm equipment and not vandalism.

•Complainant turned in a wallet he found in the gutter. No cash. Lots of cards. Owner is camping at Blue Mounds State Park and will pick up her wallet on Thursday, May 19, before noon.

•Complainant reported possible child abuse.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle that may be abandoned at Schoneman Pond.

•Complainant requested a deputy for a child being disruptive.

May 18

•Deputy patrolled school zone.

•Complainant brought in three license plates that were found in the car wash, and he didn't want them reported as stolen.

•Deputy reported a stalled abandoned vehicle at Highway 270 and County Road 6.

•Complainant reported they will be distributing Bibles for the Gideons today off grounds by the school in Luverne and tomorrow in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported cars at G&S are blocking the

view of Kniss Avenue. Deputy reported a couple of cars are too far over the sidewalk. Contacted owner, and he will take care of it.

•Complainant reported a shoplifting. Suspect is possibly driving a gray or silver Ford Focus with paper plates.

•Complainant came in to the Law Enforcement Center to report some items stolen. Deputy spoke to suspect's parents, and they advised that all listed items would be returned tomorrow, May 19.

•Complainant reported someone came into their home and stole some things sometime during the day.

•Deputy arrested subject for third degree DWI and took him to jail.

May 19

•Deputy removed tire from roadway at Highway 23 and County Road 12.

•Complainant requested a deputy to open the impound lot, so they could spray.

•Complainant reported a small amount of damage done to road right-of-way at Dodge Street and Blue Mound Avenue.

•Complainant requested immediate assistance in having boyfriend removed from her apartment. Deputy advised that parties were separated. She has keys and has locked doors. Subject was advised that his return to property will be immediate arrest.

•Complainant stated that his ex girlfriend will not leave the place they once shared. Deputy removed female from residence, as she is not on the lease. After she retained two dogs and a few personal items, she was advised to call the sheriff's office when she wanted to retrieve the rest of her belongings.

•Complainant reported she is homeless and does not have a place to stay tonight. She was given a room for one night through Salvation Army.

In addition, officers responded to 7 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 gas drive-off, 2 transports, 2 funeral escorts, 5 traffic stops, 13 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 12 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 7 log/alarm sheets, 5 drug court tests, and issued 4 purchase/carry permits and 10 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photos/0526 crossing guards
Crossing guards and their years of crossing guard work include (from left) Pat Weerheim, seven years; Marinus Cross, 4 1/2 years; Dave Ruddy, three years; Kevin Elbers, 12 years; and Nelvin Schelhaas, four years.

Thank you, crossing guards

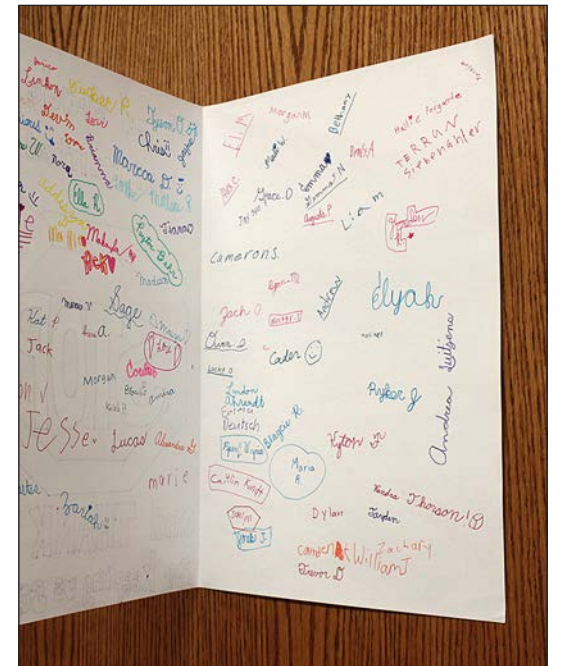
By Lori Sorenson

Crossing guards near the Luverne Public School campus were honored at a thank you brunch Friday, May 20, at the American Reformed Church.

Church staff there came up with the idea of hosting the luncheon to thank the crossing guards for their service and to present them with hand-made thank-you cards from students.

Crossing guards who attended the brunch (and their years of crossing guard work) include Pat Weerheim, seven years; Marinus Cross, 4 1/2 years; Dave Ruddy, three years; Kevin Elbers, 12 years; and Nelvin Schelhaas, four years.

Rectangular rapid flashing beacons were installed this year at the Dodge and Bark intersections of Highway 75. The \$200,000 equipment will replace most of the six crossing guards that had cost \$50,000 annually.





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Optimist Club fills local sandboxes



Members of the Luverne Optimist Club and Luverne High School hockey and baseball players gathered volunteers and two truckloads of sand Monday night, May 16, to fill orders for area backyard sandboxes. Pictured above, Gaige Nath waits on the ground for Kaden Ericson (left) and Codie Zeutenhorst to fill his wheelbarrow on North Donaldson Street.

At left: Zeutenhorst fills the wheelbarrow for Jesse Reed as Nath (below) maneuvers across the lawn with Keith Aanenson.

By the end of the night, the group had filled 15 sandboxes with donated sand from W&N Construction, and proceeds from the orders will benefit the Luverne Optimist Club youth programs.



CELEBRATIONS

Open Houses

An open house baby boy shower for **Ryan and Connie Rich- ters** will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Card Showers

Elmer and Eunice Bartels will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Friday, June 10. Greetings may be sent to them at 501 James Street, Luverne MN 56156.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day – Site Closed.

Tuesday, May 31: Stuffed baked potato with ham, cheese and broccoli, bread, pudding.

Program: 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Board meeting. Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Minnwest Bank

Wednesday, June 1: Lasagna, green beans, lettuce salad, garlic bread, bar.

Thursday, June 2: Oven crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, cake.

Friday, June 3: Baked fish, tri tators, 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

UND Spring 2016 graduation

Two area students graduated from The University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, at commencement ceremonies this spring.

Ethan Rozeboom, Hills, earned his Juris Doctor, School of Law, at the UND School of Law graduation event May 7.

Brittany Nichols, Luverne, earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree at the school's general commencement ceremony May 14.

St. Cloud State University dean's list

Luverne graduate Spencer Schacht has been named to the Spring 2016 St. Cloud State University dean's list.

To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Area student receives NDSU scholarship

Derek Krueger, son of Don and Shelley Krueger, Luverne, received the North Dakota State University Freshman Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. The scholarship recognizes high academic achievement.

Sanford Health Network Health Career Scholarship recipients selected

Luverne graduates Sue Reisch and Austyn Thier were listed among the 25 students receiving scholarships from the Sanford Health Network.

Each recipient receives a \$1,000 scholarship to help support their education in the health career of their choice.

1924: Former resident's return home to Luverne leads to reminiscing

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on August 22, 1924:

OLE-TIMER RECALLS THE DAYS OF THE EARLY '70s

George DeForce Returns here After Absence of Forty-Eight Years — And, Becomes Reminiscent.

George DeForce, who first came to Rock county with his parents fifty-two years ago, returned here last week after an absence of forty-eight years, and expects to again make his



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

home here.

Mr. DeForce, who is a son of the late Ed. A. DeForce, one of the first settlers of Kanaranzi township, still retains vivid recollections of Rock county when it was a wilderness in the

first stages of transformation.

His father first came here in 1871, filing on a homestead in Kanaranzi, and the following year returned to Boone county, Illinois, and brought his family, which included

George, then nine years of age, back with him. That fall the father passed away and the family moved into Collin Estey's dugout for the winter. This dugout was on the south part of what is now known as the Frank Kohn place, but was originally the Henry Martin homestead.

In the fall of 1873 the DeForces returned to Illinois and later on, in the same year, Mrs. DeForce was married to Collin Estey at Mankato. The next spring they moved to the Estey homestead located four miles south and one half

mile west of Luverne, on the southwest quarter of section 34, Luverne township. The year 1874 was the first year that the grasshoppers were here and they continued to ravage the crops in the county for the next two years.

In the summer of 1876 Mr. DeForce began to work in the first drug store in Luverne owned by Nathan Estey. That December he left this county and since that has lived, for the greater part of the time, in Colorado and Montana. For the last eighteen months he has been under a physician's

care, spending part of that time, in hospitals, but since his return to Minnesota, his health has shown considerable improvement.

Mr. DeForce, in company with Nathan and Collin Estey, are credited with having killed the last buffalo seen in Rock county, which was in 1873. Nathan Estey had often hunted buffalo in this section and he claimed that the male that was shot at that time was the largest ever seen on these plains. These buffalo, which

Bits by Betty/see page 7A

Little Free Library opens at Blue Mounds campground

By Lori Sorenson

Readers in Rock County will have additional locations to pick up or drop off a book as part of the Little Free Library program that allows people to take books and return them once they're read.

The Rock County Early Childhood Initiative is coordinating the project with the help of the Luverne Area Chamber and Rock County Community Library.

"The whole idea is to encourage people to read and use the library," said Karen Willers, ECI member.

Friends of the Library have donated available books, and ECFE is providing children's books.

Four proposed locations — Luverne City Park, Luverne Community Education, Red-

bird Field and Blue Mounds State Park — will be stocked with children's and adult books.

Each location has small structures to protect the books from the elements.

"This 'book shelter' offers travelers, visitors and residents the opportunity to stop by and pick up a book," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"They can have it for as long as they want or they can keep it. They are asked to replace the book at the same little library or at another one. The purpose is getting people to read."

The most recent one was installed at the Blue Mounds campground.

Ray Vander Wolde built that one for the Luverne



Submitted Photo

This Little Free Library at the Blue Mounds State Park campground is the first of four new structures proposed for the Luverne area. Another library is currently open in Magnolia.

Chamber and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. It cost \$300 and was built with shingles and permanent siding.

The CVB will be in charge of keeping books stocked and for maintaining the structures.

LHS grad earns Chinese degree at Notre Dame

On May 15 Rona Mae Vaselaar, a 2012 Luverne High School graduate, graduated cum laude with Latin Honors from the University of Notre Dame with a major in Chinese.

Earlier in the month Vaselaar received the 2016 Chinese Language Award and her name will be added to the permanent plaque in the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department.

Vaselaar received honors of distinction from the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department and was presented with a gold-bound copy of her thesis during the department awards ceremony.

The Center of Languages



and Cultures at the University of Notre Dame presented Vaselaar with an award for being the 2015-16 Outstanding Foreign Language Peer Tutor.

Next fall Vaselaar will study at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in China. After the first year of study in Nanjing, Vaselaar plans to return to Johns Hopkins University in Maryland to complete her master's degree.

Attending the graduation ceremonies at the University of Notre Dame were Vaselaar's parents, Eric and Meredith, as well as her brother, Eldon, and sister, Samantha Thompson.

Locals honored among SWIF's 30-30 recognition

The Southwest Initiatives Foundation is celebrating its 30th anniversary by recognizing 30 people, organizations or businesses that provide a snapshot of all those who "make southwest Minnesota a special place."

At SWIF's 30th anniversary celebration April 29 near Granite Falls, the organization honored three local entities among that group of 30:

- Gary Papik, Luverne, president of Papik Motors, a founder of LIFT (Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow) and community leader,
- Lisa Dinger, Luverne, Child Guide leader, promoting student success and connecting students to activities at Luverne Elementary School, and
- Fey Industries, Edgerton, "Innovative" manufacturer and imprinter, family owned and operated for 50-plus years.

"Our hope is that they will inspire all southwest Minnesotans to picture their role in keeping our communities strong and vibrant for years to come," was a statement on the SWIF website about the 30-30 awards.

The Southwest Initiative Foundation brings together resources, expertise and inspiration to make communities stronger. The organization supports community leaders, invests in businesses and provides business lending, helps entrepreneurs grow and improve, supports children and families, manages funds for local giving, processes gifts and grants and promote our region.

"In short, we work with people who want to make a difference in southwest Minnesota, both today and forever."

The organization will highlight all 30 honorees through-out its 30th anniversary year.



Jen Rolfs, Luverne, successfully navigates the bike rodeo obstacle course with this tandem bicycle in the Luverne Community Education parking lot Saturday, May 14. Her son, Philip, is on the second seat. **Below:** Ken Petersen, Luverne, of Ken's Bike Shop, inspects bicycles and makes repairs and adjustments as necessary.

Optimists conduct bike rodeo in Luverne, Beaver Creek

By Lori Sorenson

Dozens of local bicyclists participated in the Luverne Optimist Club annual Bike Rodeo in Beaver Creek and Luverne Saturday, May 14.

In addition to Optimist Club volunteers, Ken Petersen of Ken's Bike Shop, Luverne, was there to help make minor adjustments to bikes.

Helmets and door prizes were given to all participants

at each location, plus two bikes and a scooter were given as prizes in drawings at the conclusion of the events.

In Beaver Creek Katlin Conners and Camron Allen won bikes in the drawing, and Penni Moore won a scooter.

In Luverne Marcos Diaz and Makayla Baker won bikes, and Harper Renken won a scooter.

Aanenson also visited the local elementary schools and



spoke to students about bike safety.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•When students return to school this fall, they may find their school vending machines lacking the sweetness they once held.

Earlier this month, the nation's top three soft drink companies announced that they'll start removing sweetened drinks like Coke, Pepsi and iced teas from cafeterias and vending machines.

The decision was prompted by health advocates threatening to sue beverage makers on behalf of a healthier future generation.

25 years ago (1991)

•The Luverne City Council Monday set a July 1 closing date for bids on lots in the veterans home addition.

Council member Bill Weber and Luverne City Administrator Steve Perkins were instructed to develop a minimum price list for each lot. With the price list, Perkins will put together a simple set of rules describing the bidding procedure.

50 years ago (1966)

•Pocket gophers seem to be a very harmless animal. They live alone, are seldom seen and usually remain underground during the day. They feed primarily on roots. They seem to find alfalfa roots particularly to their liking, maybe because these roots are in abundance and grow deep. But, they do little damage to the alfalfa plant by eating on the roots. These little animals are a terrible nuisance to alfalfa fields because of the many mounds of dirt they produce. ...

A machine which deposits poisoned milo into the gopher channels will have the gopher pick up this grain, come in contact with the poison and Mr. Gopher dies a sudden death.

Clinton Township has purchased such a machine. It is operated by Orrin Aukes. Adrian Paulson also has a new machine.

75 years ago (1941)

•School picnics, which are eagerly looked forward to by the pupils, have been events of the past week. The Senior High School had their annual outing in Sioux Falls Tuesday afternoon and the Junior High went to Blue Mounds State Park for a picnic yesterday afternoon.

Miss Rogers and Miss Hanson took the second and third grade pupils on their picnic to the local park Monday afternoon. Tuesday afternoon the fourth grade, accompanied by Miss Goodine, had a picnic while the sixth graders, chaperoned by Miss Palmer and Mrs. Lohius were at Mound lake. Wednesday the first grade, accompanied by Mrs. Glaser and Miss Osborne enjoyed their annual outing, and yesterday Miss Wolff accompanied the kindergarten pupils and Miss Kottke chaperoned the fifth grade students on picnics.

100 years ago (1916)

•Tomorrow will be "tag day" in Luverne, and every person who comes down town will be "tagged" by a bevy of high school girls who will patrol the downtown district from early in the morning until the business houses close for the evening.

The purpose of the "tag day" event is to raise funds to wipe out the deficit in the treasures of the High School Athletic association and the High School Debating society. The combined deficit is approximately \$150 and it is hoped that this can be wiped out before the close of the school year. Each person tagged will be requested to contribute to the cause, the contribution to be deposited by the person tagged in sealed boxes the girls will carry for the purpose.

Wet spring means grass is green (and long) on both sides of the fence

For those people who love mowing their lawn, this has been a great spring. For those people who hate mowing the lawn ... well, the rest of us can tell.



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

pattern of mowing. It reduces the wear and tear on the lawn.

Last year our flowering crab trees showed a lot of damage from a bacterial disease called fire blight. This virus usually enters the vascular system of the trees when they are blooming. Much as I appreciate bees, they are often the culprits who spread the virus. When the trees are blooming, the flower is an open port for the virus to enter. That virus will eventually lodge somewhere within the vascular system and block off the flow of sap, resulting in the symptom of the leaves suddenly wilting and drying on the stem beyond that blockage.

Some varieties are not susceptible and others have varying degrees of susceptibility. If you notice these symptoms and act promptly, often the tree can be saved, depending on the severity of the infection.

First line of defense is an application of fire blight spray. The spray is an agricultural streptomycin that is applied late in the day so the leaves have a chance to absorb it rather than it evaporating immediately.

Next step is to remove any visibly damaged stems. Prune out branches that show symptoms by making the cut 6 inches back into healthy wood.

That will effectively remove that point of infection. Be absolutely sure to sterilize the pruning tool with a 10-percent bleach solution between cuts so you are not spreading the virus from one cut to the next.

It may take more than one spray application to stop the spread of the virus, depending on weather conditions and how promptly you act.

If you choose to do nothing, the tree will either succumb to the disease or its shape will be seriously distorted.

I was out working one of my part-time jobs for most of the day yesterday and when I got home, Corrine informed me that the yellow-striped cucumber beetles had attacked our zucchini plants ... already! This is alarming because like fire blight virus that I just informed you about, these critters not only eat the leaves, they also transmit bacterial virus that can wreck the plants for the rest of the season ... their banquet was short lived!

Grace Loose

Grace Agnes Loose, 100, Luverne, died Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. A visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne.

Grace Loose was born May 16, 1916, to William and Emma (Hagemeyer) Loose on a farm near Luverne. She attended school in Luverne and graduated in 1934. She attended Minneapolis Business College where she took a nine-month course in five months. Grace then moved back to Luverne and worked in the office of John Morrell and Company in Sioux Falls for 8 1/2 years. She started working at Rock County Bank on July 5, 1944. The bank underwent a number of name changes, and Grace worked there until 1979 when she retired.

She was a member of the Luverne United Methodist Church where she served as the financial secretary for 50 years. She sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and was a member of the Women's Society. Grace



was also a member of PEO, a charter member of the Business & Professional Women, and a member of the Rock County Historical Society and the Maplewood Cemetery Auxiliary.

She enjoyed playing golf, bowling, and keeping up with Luverne and all Minnesota sports and athletics.

Grace bowled on the bank's bowling team for over 50 years and was recognized with a certificate. She thoroughly enjoyed visiting the families of her two nieces and nephew.

Grace is survived by her niece Barb (Gary) GERMUNDSEN of Grafton, Wisconsin; her nephew, Dr. David Loose, Sugarland, Texas; three grandnieces, Julie (Kevin), Lori (Hussien) and Amy (Eric); one grandnephew, William "Will" (fiancée, Chelsea); three great-grandnieces, Meghan, Grace and Sophia; a great-grandnephew, Matthew; and her special friend, Anna Van Batavia, whom she referred to as her Luverne niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a niece, Judy Leopold; and her brother, Earl Loose.

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Evan VerSteeg

Evan VerSteeg, 71, Luverne, died Wednesday, May 19, 2016, at his home.

A funeral service was Monday, May 23, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Evan VerSteeg was born April 5, 1945, in Sioux County, Iowa, to Vernon and Johanna (Wegter) VerSteeg. He grew up on farms in the Newkirk, Iowa, and Edgerton and Kenneth areas in Minnesota. Evan attended Kenneth Elementary School and graduated from Luverne High School in 1963.

Upon graduation Evan served his country with the Luverne National Guard Unit. Evan was a farmer throughout his life and was also employed at Terrace Park Dairy, Iowa Beef Packers and Farm Pro.

Evan was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. His passion was spending time with his family. He also enjoyed gardening, fishing, quarter horses, rodeos,

collecting Red Wing Pottery, Transport for Christ, and more recently, the great coffee times with friends, neighbors and family.

Evan loved vacationing in Northern Minnesota with family and also cherished relationships developed with Lao friends.

Evan is survived by his wife, Twila; two sons, Tim (Na) VerSteeg, Brandon, South Dakota, and Tom (Alison) VerSteeg, Luverne; a daughter, Tami (Brian) Bergman, Luverne; five grandchildren, Cade and Lauren VerSteeg, Ross and Will Bergman, and Ty VerSteeg; and a sister, Veralyn (Don) Klosterman, Wilsonville, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a twin brother, Elden Merle VerSteeg; and his in-laws, Elmer and Frances Drost.

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Arts on the Prairie

A celebration of the 125th anniversary of American national parks and the 100th anniversary of Minnesota state parks



Park manager to present the story of the Blue Mounds State Park American bison Saturday evening, May 28, to kick off the summer of celebration

By Lori Sorenson

This year is the 100th anniversary of Minnesota state parks and the 125th anniversary of America's national parks. To celebrate, a summer of special events and activities has been planned at the Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie.

The first of those events is set for this weekend when park manager Chris Ingebretsen shares the story of Blue Mounds State Park bison.

The event will be at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 28, in the state park amphitheater near the campgrounds. Ingebretsen will explain how the local herd was

developed and how park staff members care for the creatures. He'll also talk about the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' efforts to keep the herd pure and maintain its 100-percent genetic American bison makeup.

The evening's information will address how these animals provided more than food, clothing and shelter to Native Americans and how these animals connected heart, mind, body and soul.

Similar presentations will also be made June 25 and Sept. 3.

Prairie celebration events in June include photog-

rapher Brian Peterson's photo program and prairie photography walk on June 11.

Peterson is a photojournalist who recently published "Minnesota State of Wonders," a 2014 adventure of photographing the four corners of Minnesota.

That same weekend, on June 12, the late author Fred Manfred's story of "Lord Grizzly" will come to life in a presentation by his children, Fred and Freya.

They will read excerpts from the novel based on the true story of Hugh Glass and provide a comparative narrative of the book with the Academy Award-winning movie, "Revenant."

Lori Sorenson photo/0526 blue mounds state park bison

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hired Marie Atkinson-Smeins as the elementary counselor about 25 years ago.

According to Atkinson-Smeins, Nelson has been a leader among counselors in the region. He was selected as the Southwest Minnesota School Counselor of the year in 2003.

She also points out that, because of Nelson's efforts, Luverne has been a host site for ACT testing and a regional college fair for over 30 years.

When Keith Erickson retired as middle school counselor in 1999, Nelson was shortly thereafter assigned the counseling duties for grades 6-8 in addition to his previous responsibilities. "It was a big change; it doubled my workload," he said.

Other changes have occurred over the years. When Nelson was hired in Luverne, there were no computers in

the office and he did student scheduling by hand. Since then, technology, standardized testing, and the number of students attending college have all increased significantly.

"Thirty years ago, about one third of our graduates went to a four-year college, one third went to the military or a technical school, and one third went right into the work force," Nelson remembered. "Now, it's about 60 percent to a four-year college and another 20-30 percent to a technical program or the military."

Every few years Nelson has collected data from recent LHS graduates to study the results of their post-secondary plans. His unofficial research has often found that more than 80 percent of those graduates have successfully completed their post-secondary education or training.

"That's well above the national average," he said. "The community can be very proud of that."

In addition to the normal guidance counselor tasks, a wide variety of other student needs have kept Nelson busy over the years.

"You rarely know on any given day what issues you are going to be presented with," he said. Common issues that he works with students on include grief, bullying, depression, friendship and family challenges.

"I often tell people it doesn't matter what size school you are in — you will deal with everything you can imagine as a school counselor," Nelson stated.

As he looks back on more than three decades in Luverne, Nelson says he feels fortunate to have been part of the team of educators in the local schools.

"The community has always placed a high value on education and that sets a great foundation of success for Luverne graduates," he said. "The vast majority of kids have taken advantage of that."

Nelson has seen these benefits with his own sons. "My three boys all graduated from the Luverne schools and I feel they had great experiences because of our outstanding staff," he said.

When asked about his future plans, Nelson, who now resides in Sioux Falls, said his first priority is to "disable my alarm clock." He also plans to play golf this summer and has built a short list of travel destinations he hopes to visit soon.

"Beyond that, I have no specific plans," he said. "I look forward to seeing what happens."

As his final school year winds down, Nelson said he realizes what he'll miss in retirement.

"It's been a great, great ride," he said. "I've met so many wonderful people, students, parents and community members. ... It's been a fun time, and I will definitely miss the people."

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Four golfers earn league honors Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal golf teams wrapped up the regular season by competing at the Big South Conference Tournament in Fairmont Monday.

One LHS player made the all-league roster and three others raked in honorable mention for their efforts during the event.

Senior Chaz Smedsrud made the All-BSC Team, which includes nine golfers, by playing his way into a five-way tie for fifth place after shooting an 83.

New Ulm's Gunner Cowning, Marshall's Addison Clarin and St. Peter's Eric Carlson and Joey Wenner shot 83s to make the all-league team as well.

Worthington's Tyler Van Hove won the individual title by firing a 78.

Fairmont's Hunter Jorgensen and New Ulm's Ethan Kraus carded 79s, while Waseca's Andrew Weber and Joey Wenner round out the top five by registering respective 80-82 stroke rounds.

With Smedsrud leading the way, LHS placed eighth in a 12-team field with 361 strokes.

The Cards topped Redwood Valley (362), Pipestone (368), Fairmont (370) and Windom (384) in the standings.

New Ulm (335), St. Peter (335), Marshall (342), Worthington (334), Jackson County Central (346), Waseca (353) and Blue Earth Area (355) led the field.

Carter Stemper, Jack Baustian and Coy Gonnerman contributed 91-, 93- and 94-stroke rounds to Luverne's team tally.

Max Skattum and Jacob Van Santen shot 95- and 99-stroke scores for the Cards, who end the regular season with a 19-20 record.

Three LHS girls earned honorable mention by finishing between 10th and 18th place individually at the event.

Earning honors were Hannah VerSteege, Makayla Sterrett and Hailey Remme.

VerSteege shot a 93 to tie for 11th place, Sterrett tied for 13th place with a 94 and Remme placed 16th with a 95.

Waseca's Sydney O'Brien claimed the individual title with an 85.

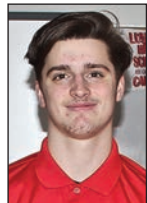
Windom's Hallie Will (88), Emily Jackson (90) and Paige Pigman (91), Marshall's Olivia Peterson (86), JCC's Abby Brinkman (89), Abby Benson (90) and Molly Brinkman (91) and BEA's Natali Fellows (91) made the all-league squad.

LHS placed fourth in an 11-team field with 382 strokes. JCC (367), Marshall (368) and Windom (379) topped LHS in the standing.

Waseca (387), St. Peter (388), Worthington (405), BEA (415), Fairmont (431), New Ulm (432) and St. James (554) capped the field.

Jenna Zewiske contributed a 100-stroke round to Lu-

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Submitted photo

The Luverne girls placed third at the Minnesota State Class A True Team Track and Field Championships Saturday in Stillwater. Team members include (front row, from left) Madison Reisdorfer, Regan Feit, Madison Schandelman, Morgan Edwards, Jaidyn Elbers, Sierra Schmuck, (second row) Tianna Doppenberg, Ivy Hudson, Meghan Mollberg, Shelbie Nath, Bergin Flom, Kami Sawtelle, Jacynd Anderson, (third row) Gracie Hudson, Autumn Nath, Sydney Bieber, Gracie Zewiske, Mallory Thorson, Gabrielle Ferrell, Courtney Siebenahler, (back) coaches Al Stoakes, Gordie Hansen, Pete Janiszski and Craig Nelson.

Girls place third in Stillwater

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls turned in their second consecutive third-place effort at the Minnesota State Class A True Team Track and Field Championships in Stillwater Saturday.

LHS compiled 383 points, finishing behind Blue Earth Area (420) and Osakis (399.5) in an eight-team field.

Holdingford (327), Trinity School at River Ridge (314), Park Rapids Area (295), Lake City (294), Pierz (274.5) and Frazee (226) capped the field.

Considering the Cardinals placed higher than projected, the meet was a success in the mind of LHS coach Craig Nelson.

"On paper, we were predicted to finish fifth," he said.

"We knew it would be close

and knew if our team could compete they way we were capable of, we would be in the hunt."

The Cardinals put themselves in title contention by winning six meet championships and placing second in two events.

Madison Schandelman and Courtney Siebenahler led the charge by claiming two individual titles each.

Schandelman won the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs with respective 5:16.94 and 11:57.71 times, while Siebenahler took top honors in the long and triple jumps with 15-4 1/2 and 36-11 1/2 distances.

Morgan Edwards also landed an individual title for LHS by winning the discus competition with a toss of 115-1.

Luverne's 3,200-meter relay left Stillwater as a meet champion with a time of 10:22.28.

Jacynd Anderson, Autumn Nath, Regan Feit and Madison Reisdorfer formed the team.

Anderson registered both of Luverne's second-place efforts with times of 1:01.87 and 2:24.51 in the 400-meter dash and the 800-meter run.

"I'm very pleased with our girls," Nelson said.

"We had a lot of seasonal-best performances and that's all you can ask for as a coach. They went out there and did their best. This is the 10th year in a row we've gone to state and we've placed third or better nine times in that span."

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's results from the state meet.

Third place: Kami Sawtelle, discus, 101-11.
Fourth place: Edwards, shot, 37-10; Bergin Flom, pole vault, 8-6; 1,600 relay (Schandelman, Gabrielle Ferrell, A. Nath and Shelbie Nath), 4:20.35.
Fifth place: Sawtelle, shot, 36-4.
Sixth place: Feit, 3,200, 12:55.73.
Seventh place: Siebenahler, 200, 27.45; Flom and Mackenzie Petersen cleared 4-8 to share seventh place in the high jump; Mallory Thorson, long jump, 14-9 1/2; 800 relay (Jacynd Elbers, Ivy Hudson, Sierra Schmuck and Tianna Doppenberg), 1:53.96.
Eighth place: Siebenahler, 100, 13.28; Elbers, 300 hurdles, 51.24.
Ninth place: Schmuck, 200, 27.47; Ferrell, 1,600, 5:47.96; 400 relay (Doppenberg, Hudson, Schmuck and Meghan Mollberg), 53.62.
11th place: Doppenberg, 100, 13.5.
12th place: Schandelman, pole vault, 7-0.
13th place: Elbers, 100 hurdles, 18.21.
14th place: Gracie Zewiske, 400, 1:06.18; Ferrell, 800, 2:31.1; Petersen, 300 hurdles, 53.44.
15th place: Thorson, triple jump, 30-2.
16th place: Petersen, 100 hurdles, 18.84.



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Luverne catcher Declan Beers waits for a late throw as Adrian's Landon Rogers slides across home plate with the decisive run in a 4-3 victory Monday in Luverne.

LHS, AHS split baseball set in Luverne

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne and Adrian baseball teams split a double-header Monday in Luverne.

The Dragons pulled out a 4-3 win in the opener, while Luverne coasted to an 11-1 victory in the finale.

Luverne sported a 10-9 record at set's end, while Adrian ends the regular season with a 13-6 mark.

AHS 4, Luverne 3

The Dragons came out on the winning end of a one-run decision during Monday's opener.

The game picked up where it left off when it was suspended on May 9 with the score tied at two and Luverne batting in the top half of the fourth inning.

Luverne took 3-2 lead when Cole Bosch delivered an RBI single in the top half of the fifth inning, but the Dragons knot-

ted the score at three with an RBI triple from Landon Rogers and moved in front 4-3 when Rogers scored on a sacrifice fly by Zach Loosbrock in the bottom of the fifth.

Logan Rogers blanked the Cardinals over the final two innings to earn a save for winning pitcher Alex Loosbrock, who pitched the fourth and fifth innings.

Landon Rogers tossed the first four innings of the game.

Tyler Reisdorfer took the loss for LHS after tossing four innings of four-run ball.

Jesse Reed pitched the final two frames.

Luverne received an RBI double from Jaxon Nelson and an RBI ground out by Declan Beers early in the game.

Nate Lonneman recorded a two-run double for the Dragons early in the contest.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Overgaard	4	0	0	0
Sandbulte	3	2	1	0
Nelson	3	1	2	1
Olson	4	0	0	0
Bosch	2	0	1	1
Beers	3	0	1	1
Reisdorfer	2	0	1	0
Ericson	2	0	0	0
Haugen	3	0	0	0

LHS 11, Adrian 1

The Cardinals evened the score with the Dragons by posting a 10-run, six-inning victory in the finale.

Luverne opened a 4-0 lead two innings into the contest and outscored the Dragons 7-1 the rest of the way.

LHS led 1-0 when courtesy runner Blake Baum scored on a throwing error in the first inning.

Adrian's first two batters reached base to start the sec-

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Cardinals win section debut

Take first loss in BSC title match

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team opened the Section 3A Tournament by posting a seven-point win over MACCRAY Monday in Luverne.

The victory was preceded by a three-point loss to St. Peter staged May 17 at LHS.

The 14-1 Cardinals completed the section team event in Redwood Falls Tuesday (May 24) and return to the same venue to open the Section 3A Individual Tournament Thursday.

LHS 7, MACCRAY 0

The Cardinals made short work of the Wolverines when the teams squared off in Luverne for a Section 3A quarterfinal Monday.

LHS won six matches in straight sets and received a forfeit at third doubles against an overmatched MACCRAY squad.

"They have a young and inexperienced team and it really showed," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"All of their players return next year so it should be a better year for them."

Along with the pair of 2-0 wins Trey Baustian and Isaac Gillette received for drawing a forfeit at third doubles, LHS recorded four more team points without losing a game in those matches.

Erik Wahnoutka (over Ben Burner at No. 1) and Mark Robinson (over Gabe Sparks at No. 4) posted a pair of 6-0 victories in singles.

Luverne's first doubles team consisting of Dalton Schoeneman and Layne Curtis secured a pair of 6-0 wins against Alex Spence and Jaeden Woltjen, while Cade VerSteege and Tanner Baustian prevailed by the same scores against Robert Garza and Carter Tomes at No. 2.

Jacob Jarchow posted a pair of 6-1 wins over Levi Sparks at



John Rittenhouse photo/0526 tennis 4

Mark Robinson posted a straight-set win at fourth singles during the Big South Conference title match in Luverne May 17.

second singles, while Chris Jelken notched two 6-1 victories against Noah Johnson at No. 3.

St. Peter 5, LHS 2

The Cardinals took their first loss of the season during the Big South Conference championship match May 17 in Luverne.

LHS, the Western Division champion, took on Eastern Division champ St. Peter for the overall title.

The Saints went 3-1 in singles and took two of three double matches to secure the league crown.

"We really were up against a great team," said LHS coach Antoine.

"I thought we played as well as we could have in this match. We haven't seen a team this

good and this deep this year."

Robinson came up with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Tobin Mittermayer at fourth singles for the Cards, while Trey Baustian and Gillette secured a 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5 in the tiebreaker) win over Kaelon Weiss and Will Miller at third doubles.

Winning for the Saints at singles were Zeke Haugen (6-2, 6-2 over Wahnoutka), Rafat Solaimon (6-0, 6-2 over Jarchow) and Drew Eloffson (6-4, 6-4 over Jelken).

St. Peter's Joey More and Avery Bachman secured a 7-6 (7-4 in the tiebreaker), 6-0 victory over Schoeneman and Curtis at first doubles.

Saints' Aaron Leeb and Joe Siebles downed VerSteege and Tanner Baustian by 7-3 and 7-5 tallies at No. 2.

Redbirds go 2-1 to open home schedule

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds went 2-1 during a span of playing three home games in five days. Luverne nipped Hadley by one run May 18 before taking a two-run setback Friday from Coleman, South Dakota. The Redbirds rolled to an 11-run win over Martin County Sunday.

The 4-1 Redbirds play in Tracy Sunday.

Luverne 11, MC 0

The Redbirds experienced little trouble in disposing of the Foxes by 11 runs during a four and one-half inning game staged Sunday in Luverne.

Andrew DeBoer tossed a five-inning shutout and Codie Zeutenhorst drove in three runs at the plate to highlight the win.

DeBoer limited MC to seven hits and fanned four batters, while Zeutenhorst drove in runs during all three of Luverne's scoring rallies.

Zeutenhorst recorded an RBI single and Dominic Nibbelink received an RBI for a ground out during a two-run first inning.

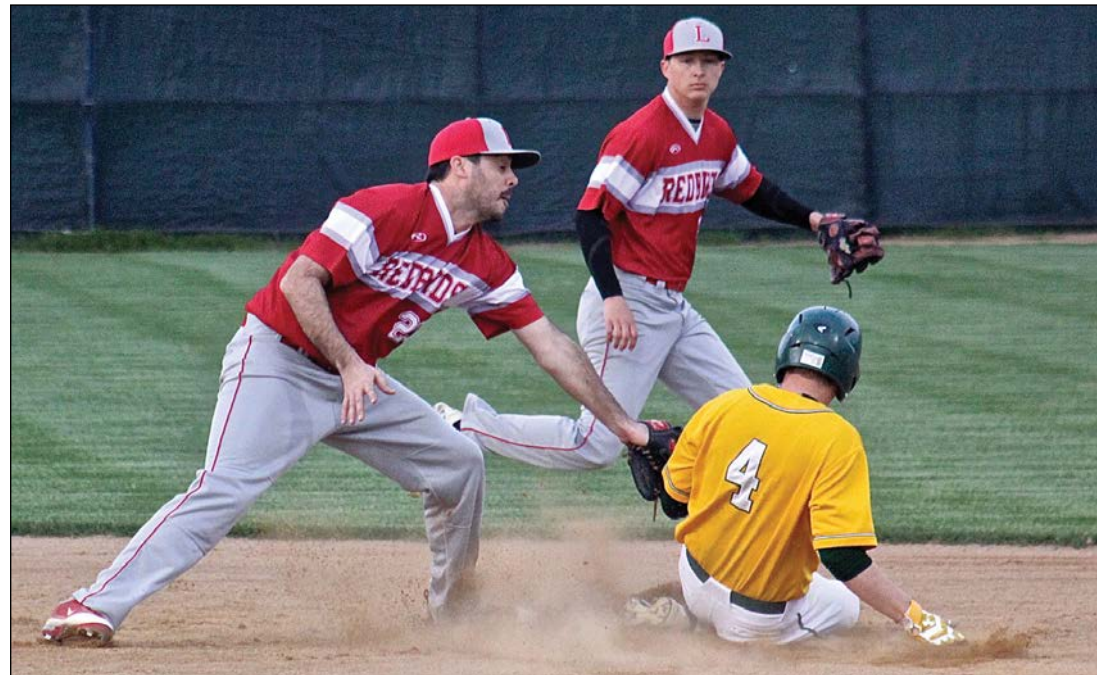
Luverne upped the lead to 8-0 with a six-run third inning featuring an RBI single by Zeutenhorst, a run-scoring double by James Fisher and an RBI ground out by Brooks Mauer.

Zeutenhorst recorded a sacrifice fly and Fisher doubled home a run during a three-run fourth inning for the hosts.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Pick	1	2	1	0
Sengvongxay	0	1	0	0
Norman	1	3	1	0
Nibbelink	2	2	1	1
Zeutenhorst	2	1	2	3
Fisher	3	1	2	2
DeBoer	0	0	0	0
Js.Slieter	3	0	0	0
Verhey	1	1	1	0
Mauer	3	0	0	1
Crabtree	2	0	0	0

Coleman 11, Luverne 9

The Redbirds fell from ama-



John Rittenhouse photo/0526 redbirds 6

Luverne's James Fisher slaps a late tag on a Coleman runner at second base during Friday's game at Redbird Field. Coleman handed the Redbirds their first loss of the season.

teur baseball's unbeaten ranks when they lost a two-run game to the Coleman (South Dakota) A's Friday at Redbird Field.

Luvernesported 7-2 and 8-3 advantages in the first three innings of the game, but the A's outscored the Redbirds 8-1 the rest of the night to snap Luverne's run of three consecutive wins.

After surrendering a pair of unearned runs in the top half of the first inning, Luverne scored one run in the bottom of the first and six in the second to open a 7-1 cushion. Zeutenhorst delivered an RBI single in the first.

Mauer doubled home one run, Connor Hoffman, Logan Norman and Nibbelink slapped RBI singles and Jared Pick chipped in a sacrifice fly to highlight the six-run second.

Both teams scored one run (Luverne received an RBI single from Hoffman) in the third inning to make it an 8-3

game before Coleman plated five runs in the fourth and three in the sixth to move in front 11-8.

Tanner Skattum received an RBI for a ground out to cap the scoring in the bottom of the seventh.

Mauer took the pitching loss after tossing three innings of three-run ball in relief of Hoffman, who yielded eight runs in four innings as the starting pitcher.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	5	2	4	2
Norman	5	1	2	1
Nibbelink	4	1	2	1
Paquette	1	0	0	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	1	1
Pick	2	1	0	1
Fisher	4	1	1	0
Skattum	3	0	0	1
Mauer	4	1	2	1
Verhey	4	2	1	0

Luverne 6, Hadley 5

The Redbirds staged a thrilling come-from-behind victory against the Buttermakers during their home opener May 18.

Trailing 5-3 after seven and one-half innings of play,

Luverne plated one run in the home half of the eighth inning before pulling out a one-run win after Nibbelink delivered a two-run, two-out single in the bottom of the ninth.

Fisher registered a sacrifice fly in the second inning and Pick singled home a run in the third to give the hosts a 2-0 lead that was erased when Hadley moved in front 3-2 in the fifth.

The score was tied at three when Nibbelink singled home a run in the sixth, but the Buttermakers scored twice in the seventh to gain a 5-3 cushion.

Connor Crabtree registered the pitching win by tossing four innings of two-run relief. DeBoer surrendered three runs in a five-inning stint as the starting pitcher.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Jy.Slieter	5	0	3	1
Hoffman	5	0	1	0
Norman	4	0	0	0
Zeutenhorst	5	2	2	0
Pick	4	2	2	1
Js.Slieter	5	0	0	0
Nibbelink	3	1	2	3
Verhey	2	0	0	0
Paquette	0	0	0	0

Area track teams compete at RRC meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek, Ellsworth and Adrian track teams completed the regular season at the Red Rock Conference Championships in Mountain Lake Thursday.

The H-BC boys placed third, Adrian sixth and Ellsworth tied for seventh place in a nine-team field led by Murray County Central (207 points).

H-BC's girls placed sixth and Adrian capped an eight-team field paced by Southwest Christian-Edgerton (191 points).

The Patriot boys compiled 94 points during the meet that featured H-BC winning four conference championships and placing second in two events.

Drew Forshey won the 110- and 300-meter hurdles titles with respective 17.4 and 45.38 efforts and ran a leg with H-BC's 400-meter relay, which took top honors with a time of 48.25.

Hunter Bork, Trenton Bass and Isaiah Vis joined Forshey in the relay.

Zach Scholten claimed the RRC title in the high jump after clearing 6-1.

Forshey cleared 36-7 3/4 to place second in the high jump, while Scholten teamed up with Bork, Bass and Jed Burgers to place second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:41.59.

Michael Preuss led the AHS boys, who compiled 49 points, by placing second in the triple jump with a distance of 37-2.

The EHS boys won one conference championship and placed second in two events to highlight their 41-point performance at the meet.

Malik Herman covered 39-4 1/2 to win the triple jump crown.

Sean Boltjes placed second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 18.15 and ran a leg for Ellsworth's 400-meter relay, which placed second with a time of 48.61.

Bobby Walkowaik, Kade Boltjes and Herman round out the 400-meter squad.

The Patriot girls, who registered 58 points, claimed one conference championship and placed second in four events.

Taryn Rauk, Madison Spath, Sidney Fick and Paige Tilstra teamed up to win the 400-meter relay with a time of 53.72.

Kourtney Rozeboom placed second in the shot put and discus with respective 32-9 and 90-8 tosses, while the 800- and

1,600-meter relays finished second with respective 1:54.37 and 4:21.47 efforts.

Spath, Grace Bundesen, Tilstra and Fick ran the 800, while Fick, Tilstra, Spath and Bundesen formed the 1,600-meter squad.

The Adrian girls won one conference title and placed second in a pair of events to highlight their 47-point effort.

Moriah Bullerman, who placed second in the 3,200-meter run with time of 12:42.42, won the 1,600-meter event in 5:41.49.

The 400-meter relay consisting of Michaela Kern, Morgan Kern, Katie Reisdorfer and Katia Suarez placed second in 55.81.

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

H-BC boys
Fourth place: Scholten, shot, 40-4 3/4; Logan Leuthold, discus, 107-9; 1,600 relay (Jax Wysong, Dean Fuerstenberg, Vis and Luke LaRock), 3:54.86.
Fifth place: Bass, triple jump, 36-7 3/4; 3,200 relay (Burgers, Easton Harnack, Leuthold and Dawson Leenderts), 10:07.82.
Sixth place: Vis, 100, 12.45; Nick Kiers, 400, 56.67.
Seventh place: Wysong, 100, 12.6; Kiers, 200, 25.01; Scholten, discus, 102-3.
Eighth place: LaRock, 800, 2:17.08.

Adrian boys
Third place: 800 relay (Dakota John, Tristan White, Hunter Heitkamp and Brendyn White), 1:42.8; 1,600 relay (Logan Ahlers, Heitkamp, Frank Serrao and Zach Bierman), 3:47.79.
Fourth place: Ahlers and Bierman tied for fourth in the 100-meter dash with times of 12.25; 400 relay (Heitkamp, Kasey Matdson, Serrao and Ahlers), 49.06.
Fifth place: Bierman, 200, 26.63; B. White, 400, 56.07.
Sixth place: Bierman, long jump, 18-4 1/2.

Seventh place: Scot Edwards, shot, 37-0; Serrao, long jump, 18-0.

Ellsworth boys
Third place: K. Boltjes, triple jump, 36-11.
Fourth place: S. Boltjes, 400 hurdles, 47.16.
Sixth place: Herman, high jump, 5-6.
Eighth place: Walkowaik, high jump, 5-4.

H-BC girls
Sixth place: Rauk, 200, 28.67; Rauk, long jump, 14-1.
Seventh place: Josie Bartels, 800, 2:49.04; Joslyn Birger, discus, 75-7; Abby Knobloch, high jump, 4-2; Fick, long jump, 13-11; 3,200 relay (Knobloch, Ashlee Kelderman, Lauren Tatge and Eve Burgers), 12:11.87.

Adrian girls
Fourth place: Morgan Penning, 1,600, 5:56.91; 800 relay (Mc.Kern, Mg.Kern, Reisdorfer and Kendra Frodermann), 2:00.72.
Fifth place: Frodermann, high jump, 4-6.
Sixth Place: Penning, 800, 2:48.25; 1,600 relay (Mc.Kern, Mg.Kern, Reisdorfer and Suarez), 4:38.05.
Eighth place: Elizabeth Erwin, triple jump, 28-4.

CORRECTION

Correction

A correction needs to be made to last week's column that ran in the sports section concerning Alex Weis. The column stated that Weis

won the discus championship at the Northern Sun Inter-collegiate Conference meet, when in fact Weis won the shot put championship. We regret this error.

Athletes find success at WHS Trojan Relays

By John Rittenhouse

The 2016 version of the Trojan Relays attracted three track programs from the Star Herald coverage area to Worthington May 17.

Luverne competed in the Class AA division of the event, while Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek participated in the Class A division.

The LHS squads placed third in team competition with the boys scoring 114 points and the girls compiling 104 points.

Pipestone won the eight-team boys' division with 146 points, while Marshall bested the eight-team field in girls' division with 180.5 points.

Logan Stratton won the shot put and discus com-

petitions for the Cardinal boys with respective 46-9 3/4 and 140-5 tosses, while Matt Hup cleared 12-6 to win the pole vault.

Morgan Edwards claimed the lone meet title for the Cardinal girls by winning the shot put with a toss of 37-4 3/4.

The H-BC boys placed fourth (81 points) and Adrian sixth (58) in an eight-team Class A field led by Murray County Central (172).

Drew Forshey completed the 110 hurdles in 17.53 and Zach Scholten cleared 6-2 to win the high jump for the Patriots.

Michael Preuss turned in the top effort for the AHS boys by placing second

in the triple jump with a distance of 36-8 1/2.

The H-BC girls placed sixth (59 points) and Adrian eighth (40) in an eight-team field paced by Southwest Christian-Edgerton (162).

Taryn Rauk, Madison Spath, Paige Tilstra and Sidney Fick teamed up to win the 400-meter relay with a time of 54.4 for the Patriot girls.

Moriah Bullerman ran 1,600 meters in 5:43.42 to win a meet title for the Dragon girls.

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

LHS boys
Second place: Dylan Thorson, shot,

42-6; Mitchell Muller, 300 hurdles, 42.18; Brennan Hart, discus, 126-1; 800 relay (Cyrus Halverson, Muller, Brandon Claussen and Quinton Siebenahler), 1:37.03.
Third place: Siebenahler, 200, 24.0; Jeremiah Dooyema, pole vault, 11-0; 400 relay (Halverson, Tanner Wiese, Claussen and Siebenahler), 47.3.
Fourth place: Dalton DeSollar, 1,600, 5:49.37.
Fifth place: Halverson, 100, 12.12; Muller, 110 hurdles, 16.61.
Sixth place: Jr. Dooyema, 800, 54.74; Ben Wagner, high jump, 5-4; 3,200 relay (DeSollar, Austin Winter, Shane Berning and Chandler Eitrem), 9:20.86.
Seventh place: Hup, 200, 24.79; Jonah Friedrichsen, 3,200, 1:38.05; 1,600 relay (Brandon Winter, Jed Dooyema, Jr. Dooyema and Wagner), 4:05.95.
Eighth place: Berning, 1,600, 5:23.43; Riley Siebenahler, triple jump, 35-7 1/4.

LHS girls
Second place: Sierra Schmuck, 200,

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Dragon girls win regular season finale

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team wrapped up the regular season on a winning note Thursday in Ellsworth.

Taking on Worthington in a non-conference clash, the Dragons faced 3-0, 4-2 and 7-5 deficits in the first three and one-half innings of play.

AA responded to the challenge by scoring five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and three in the fifth to secure a 13-7 victory.

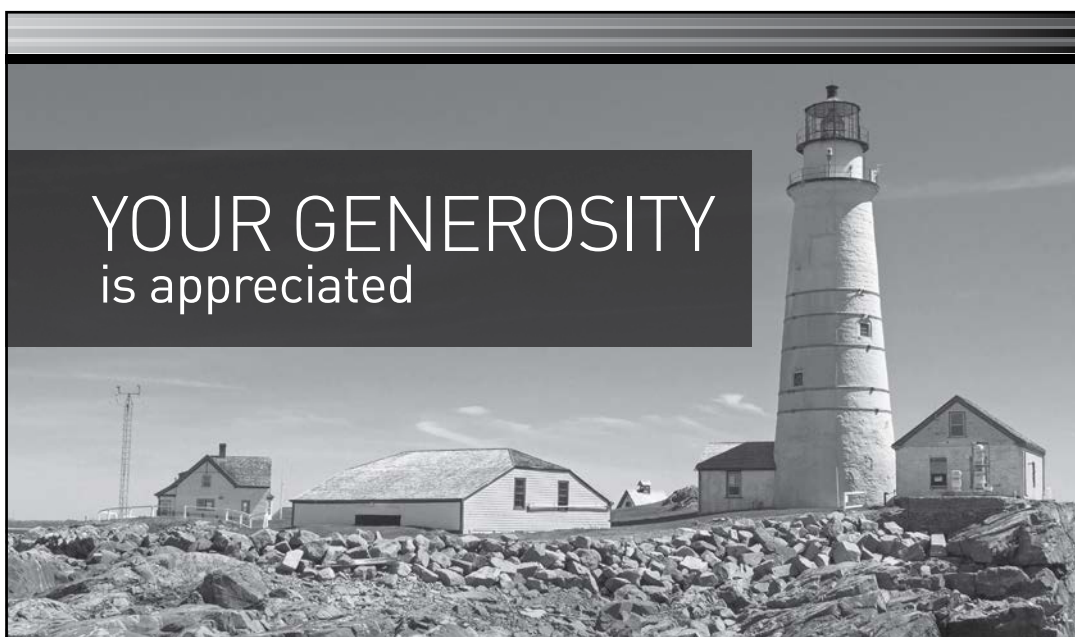
The Dragons end the regular season with a 4-11 record.

Olivia Weidert led AA at the plate with four hits and five RBIs, while Devin Dreesen

drove in one run with three hits.

Rebecca Sjogren and Payton Echter recorded two RBIs with one hit.

Madison Neuenberg (one RBI) and Hailee Nolte slapped one hit each for the Dragon girls.



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Olympic success

Eighteen athletes from the surrounding area competed at the Area A Special Olympics Area 8 Track and Field Meet in Redwood Falls May 7. The local competitors collected 20 first-place ribbons, 16 second-place ribbons, 12 third-place ribbons and six fourth-place ribbons. Competitors include (front row, from left) Ariana Weidert, Kate Rolling, Katie Fick, (middle) Evan Ushijima, Jennifer Moller, Bethany Starling, Grace Runia, Alexander Nelson, Derek Deutsch, Alex Hartman, Erika Egdorf, (back) Brandon Kurrasch Jr., David Weis, Josh Malone, Nicholas Buss, David Klosterbuer, Tim Ebert and Amber Schick.

Skyler Wenninger's great adventure

Skyler Wenninger has unique plans for the summer of 2016.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The 2013 Luverne High School graduate and current South Dakota State University student will be playing a lot of baseball in the coming months. He simply won't be taking his swings and playing shortstop for the Luverne Redbirds as much as he has in recent years. After his sophomore season with the Jackrabbits is complete, Wenninger will be loading up his vehicle and heading out on adventure to the West Coast. His destination will be Southern California, where he will be playing baseball for the San Diego Waves, a team that is a member of the National Baseball Congress that competes in the California Collegiate League. "My coach at SDSU got me set up with the team," Wenninger said during a conversation Sunday morning. "It's kind of exciting because I've never been there before and I'm venturing out there on my own for the first time." It will be an adventure for the oldest son of Mike and Lori Wenninger. Ultimately, it will be a business trip. Wenninger is traveling to San Diego to play shortstop for a Waves team that has produced a number of MLB players in the past, including former Minnesota Twins pitcher Kevin Correia. He'll be the only mem-

ber of the team from the Midwest. The Waves are scheduled to play their first game on June 2 and a good year for San Diego could result with an appearance in the NBC World Series set for August 5-13. "We'll play around 50 games, about five or six games a week," Wenninger said. "I'll be playing baseball just about every day in a good week." The team sets players up with host families, and Wenninger will be lodging with a single, elderly gentleman he has yet to meet. When he sleeps isn't a concern of Wenninger's, but he does like what he has learned about the location of his host's dwelling. "It's close to the field and about a mile from the beach. It should be a lot of fun," he stated. For a guy who loves baseball as much as Skyler does, it should be a lot more than fun. It sounds like the adventure of a lifetime. "It's a little weird because I'm used to spending my summers working and playing baseball in Luverne. Hopefully, this will be something that will make me a better player," Wenninger stated.

Cardinals sweep Redwood Valley Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne softball team wrapped up a 5-12 regular season by sweeping a Big South Conference doubleheader from Redwood Valley Thursday in Luverne.

The Cardinals overcame an early deficit to defeat RWV 16-6 in six innings during the opener before rolling to a 19-1, five-inning win in the finale.

LHS ends BSC Western Division play with a 3-7 record. RWV led 3-0 early and sported a 6-4 advantage when Luverne exploded to score five runs in the bottom of the fifth and seven more in the sixth to win by the 10-run rule.

Kaitlyn Roberts and Brianna Jonason slapped two hits in the opener.

Rylee Olson, Mariah Aukes, Ariel DeBeer, Katie Kracht, Makayla Huisman and Natasha Thone chipped in one hit each.

Olson earned the pitching win by working six innings of four-hit, six-strikeout ball.

Luverne scored nine runs in the first two innings and coasted to an 18-run, five-inning victory in the finale.

LHS scored eight runs in the first inning, one in the second, four in the third and three runs in the fourth and fifth frames.

DeBeer limited RWV to two hits and one run during a five-inning, four-strikeout pitching effort.

Roberts recorded three hits, while Hustoft, Thone, Olson



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Luverne junior Mariah Aukes prepares to snag a ball in right field during Thursday's home doubleheader against Redwood Valley. LHS won the set with 16-6 and 19-1 victories.

(with a two-run home run) and Kracht registered two hits each.

Hanna Honermann, DeBeer and Itzel Soto added one hit each to the winning cause.

LHS opened the Section 3AA Tournament in Jackson Tuesday (May 24).

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27.78; Edwards, discus, 115-8; Bergin Flom, pole vault, 8-6; 1,600 relay (Madison Schandmeier, Gabrielle Ferrell, Gracie Zeviske and Jady Anderson), 4:17.58; 3,200 relay (Schandmeier, Ferrell, Autumn Nath and Anderson), 9:49.08. Third place: Tianna Doppenberg, 100, 13.68; Kami Sawtelle, shot, 35-3; Sawtelle, discus, 108-7; 800 relay (Jaidyn Elbers, Ivy Gudson, Schmuck and Doppenberg), 1:53.62. Fourth place: Mackenzie Petersen, high jump, 4-10; 400 relay (Doppenberg, I. Hudson, Schmuck and Meghan Mollberg), 53.34. Fifth place: Elbers, 300 hurdles, 51.31; Flom, high jump, 4-8. Sixth place: Regan Felt, 1,600, 5:46.54; Mallory Thorson, long jump, 14-5. Seventh place: Claire Baustian, 3,200, 13:16.41; Thorson, triple jump, 30-7. Eighth place: Gracie Hudson, 100, 14.23. H-BC boys Second place: Forshey, 300 hurdles, 44.89; Scholten, shot, 39-8 1/4; 400 relay (Isaiah Vis, Trenton Bass, Jed Burgers and Jax Wysong), 48.85. Fourth place: Bass, triple jump, 35-7; 800 relay (Bass, Luke LaRock, Scholten and Vis), 1:43.94; 1,600 relay (Nick Kiers, Dean Fuerstenberg, LaRock and Wysong), 3:53.52. Fifth place: Vis, 100, 12.36; Kiers, 800, 2:12.24; 3,200 relay (Burgers, Jacob Wingert, Dawson Leenderts and Logan Leuthold), 9:50.7. Sixth place: Forshey, high jump, 5-4; Burgers, long jump, 17-11. Seventh place: Wingert, 400, 58.2. Eighth place: Hunter Bork, 100, 12.77; Wyatt Westrum, 110 hurdles, 22.04. H-BC girls Second place: Kourtney Rozeboom, shot, 31-4; Rozeboom, discus, 94-6; 800 relay (Rauk, Grace Bundesen, Tilstra

and Fick), 1:54.01. Third place: 1,600 relay (Spath, Tilstra, Rauk and Fick), 4:25.19. Fourth place: Fick, long jump, 14-3 3/4. Sixth place: Rauk, long jump 13-11; 3,200 relay (Josie Bartels, Ashlee Kelderman, Abby Knobloch and Eve Burgers), 11:43.9. Seventh place: Sadie Fuerstenberg, discus, 79-5; Tilstra, triple jump, 28-0. Eighth place: Fuerstenberg, shot, 28-6 1/2; Hunter Harvey, 100 hurdles, 20.84; Harvey, 300 hurdles, 59.88. Adrian boys Third place: 400 relay (Hunter Heitkamp, Kasey Madson, Frank Serrao and Zach Bierman), 49.35; 800 relay (Bierman, Heitkamp, Serrao and Logan Ahlers), 1:40.33. Fourth place: Ahlers, 100, 12.04; Ahlers, 200, 24.58; Brendyn White, 400, 55.85; Bierman, long jump, 18-6 1/2. Fifth place: Dakota John, triple jump, 35-4 1/4. Sixth place: Alex Fuerstenberg, 1,600, 5:25.85; Brody Loosbrock, 3,200, 12:35.16. Seventh place: B. White, 200, 25.32; Dylan Gyberg, shot, 34-7 1/2; 1,600 relay (Heitkamp, Tristan White, Serrao and Bierman), 3:58.12. Adrian girls Third place: Morgan Penning, 1,600, 5:54.69; 800 relay (Michaela Kern, Morgan Kern, Katie Reisdorfer and Kendra Frodermann), 2:01.78. Fourth place: Bullerman, 800, 2:36.49; 400 relay (Mc.Kern, Mr. Kern, Reisdorfer and Katia Suarez), 56.47. Fifth place: Elizabeth Erwin, triple jump, 28-6. Sixth place: 1,600 relay (Bullerman, Mr. Kern, Reisdorfer and Suarez), 4:39.97. Eighth place: Karis Barr, 3,200, 16.16.21.



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Tri-State's Richard Gonzales attempts to haul in a two-point conversion pass during Saturday's game in Hills.

Buffalos break through

By John Rittenhouse

The Tri-State Buffalos picked up their first Southern Plains Football League win of the season Saturday in Hills.

After being limited to six points during the first three weeks of the 2016 campaign, the Buffalos exploded for 44 points during a 44-14 victory over the Watertown (South Dakota) Rebels.

Tri-State raced to a 26-2 lead in the game's first half and outscored the Rebels 18-12 in the second half to prevail by 30 points.

The hosts experienced a shaky start to the game as Watertown registered a safety three minutes into the contest when a botched snap led to the Buffalos' punter being tackled in the end zone.

T-S responded to the challenge by scoring 26 unanswered points to end the first half.

Tyler Miller scored on a 23-yard run and carried in the ensuing two-point conversion with 56 seconds left in the first quarter to make it an 8-2 game.

Miller scored on a 29-yard run 16 seconds into the second period and Kris Dearie registered a seven-yard touchdown run 2:14 later to make it a 20-2 game.

Buffalo quarterback Ryan Gonzalez tossed a 13-yard touchdown to Stephen Fry with 9.7 seconds left to make it a 24-point (26-2) difference at the intermission.

Watertown trimmed the difference to 18 points (26-8) with a touchdown pass late in the third quarter, but Kendall Ledbetter scored on a four-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter and Dearie added a 17-yard touchdown run to make it a 38-3 game with 7:52 remaining.

Following a touchdown pass by Watertown, Richard Gonzalez capped the scoring for T-S with a 45-yard touchdown run with 3:09 remaining.

The 1-3 Buffalos play in Albert Lea Saturday.

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Six local golfers crack All-RRC roster

By John Rittenhouse

Six area golfers made their respective all-conference squads during the Red Rock Conference Golf Championships in Worthington May 17.

Three Adrian girls, two AHS boys and one Hills-Beaver Creek boy made their respective 10-player all-league rosters.

The Adrian girls made a bid to win the team title before finishing second to Westbrook-Walnut Grove by a 405-424 tally in the six-team event.

Abby Herding led the Chargers to their team championship by earning the individual title with an 84-stroke effort.

Alexia Kemper led the Dragons and placed second overall with a 97.

Adrian's Mackenzie Wagner and Jada Elias placed fourth and fifth individually with respective 104- and 105-stroke efforts.

Annika Elias capped the team scoring for the 19-11 Dragons by carding a 118, while Madelyn Odell and Courtney Penning shot 120- and 144-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Both the AHS and H-BC boys' squads lost tiebreakers to place fourth and sixth in an eight-team field.

AHS matched W-WG's 404-stroke tally, while H-BC and Southwest Christian-Edgerton both shot 412s.

The scores produced by the fifth-lowest scores were used to settle the ties, and the Dragons and Patriots came up short in that respect.

Led by a medal-earning round of 88 strokes by Tyler Groves, Murray County Central claimed the team title with 374 strokes.

Adrian's Ryan Elias and H-BC's Stuart Plimpton shot 90s to earn a share of second place in the individual standings.

Adrian's Mitchell Veld also made the all-league roster by firing a 97 to earn a share of seventh place.

Brady Henning and Cole Weidert contributed 105- and 112-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally.

Landon Runia and John Christians shot 115- and 121-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring for the 16-22 Dragons.

Tyler Paulsen, Preston Maassen and Dylan Taubert contributed 101-, 108- and 113-stroke rounds to H-BC's team tally.

Thomas Dysthe and Noah Hellerud shot 124- and 131-stroke rounds for the 10-11 Patriots.

H-BC and the AHS squads competed at the Section 3A Tournament in Worthington Wednesday (May 25).

Worthington sweeps AHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian golf teams capped their regular season schedules by hosting Worthington for matches at the Adrian Area Country Club Thursday.

The visiting Trojans walked away with victories as the girls edged AHS 188-191 and the boys secured a 170-186 win.

Worthington's Anneke Weg and Adrian's Alexia Kemper shared medalist honors in the girls' competition by carding identical six-over-par 42s.

Mackenzie Wagner, Jada Elias and Madelyn Odell contributed respective 47-, 50- and 52-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally.

Annika Elias and Courtney Penning shot 57- and 60-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring for AHS, which ends the regular season with a 19-12 record.

Tyler Van Hove led the WHS boys to a 16-shot win by registering a medal-earning round of 39 strokes.

Ryan Elias paced the Dragons with a 41, while Mitchell Veld, Brady Henning and John Christians pitched 44-, 48- and 53-stroke scores to the team tally.

Cole Weidert and Landon Runia carded 60s without impacting the scoring for AHS, which ends the regular season with a 16-23 mark.



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Luverne's Jesse Reed completes a successful steal of second base as the ball skips away from a Marshall defender during Thursday's game at Redbird Field. The Tigers rallied late to secure a 7-5 win.

Cardinals rally before falling to Tigers

By John Rittenhouse

An impressive rally by the Luverne Cardinal baseball team went unrewarded Thursday at Redbird Field.

After falling behind the Marshall Tigers 4-0 three and one-half innings into the game, the Cardinals battled back to take a 5-4 lead into the seventh inning.

Marshall, however, put together a three-run rally in the top half of the seventh frame and blanked LHS in the bottom of the inning to secure a

7-5 win.

The Tigers plated single runs in the first and fourth innings and scored twice in the third to open a four-run cushion early in the contest.

LHS climbed back into contention with a three-run fourth inning featuring RBI doubles from Jakob Olson and Tyler Reisdorfer and a run-scoring single by Cole Bosch before knotting the score at four in the fifth when Connor Sandbulte singled and scored on a wild pitch.

The Cards moved in front 5-4 when Bosch doubled and scored on a single by Jake Haugen in the sixth, but LHS couldn't close the door on the Tigers.

Marshall turned two walks and two singles into a three-run rally in the seventh inning to settle the issue.

Jesse Reed tossed three innings of three-run, three-hit ball as Luverne's starting pitcher before giving way to Reisdorfer, who limited the Tigers to one run and two hits

over the next three innings. Nick Overgaard took the pitching loss after yielding three runs and two hits in the seventh.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	3	1	1	0
Beers	3	0	0	0
Baum	0	0	0	0
Nelson	4	1	1	0
Olson	2	1	1	1
Reed	1	0	1	0
Reisdorfer	3	1	1	1
Overgaard	2	0	0	0
Bosch	3	1	2	1
Ericson	3	0	0	0
Haugen	3	0	1	0

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ond inning, but LHS escaped the situation by registering a rare triple play.

The Cards upped the lead to 4-0 in the second with an RBI double from Connor Sandbulte, a run-scoring single by Reisdorfer and an RBI ground out by Beers.

Adrian's Jacob Stamer drew a bases-loaded walk in the top of the third inning, but the Cards countered with a five-run rally in the bottom of the third and plated single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Bosch doubled home two runs, Reisdorfer slapped an RBI single and scored on a wild pitch and Beers delivered an RBI single in the third inning.

Reisdorfer registered an RBI single in the fifth and Nick Overgaard was hit by a pitch with the bases full in the sixth

inning to end the game by the 10-run rule.

Blake Baum scored three innings of scoreless relief to earn the pitching win for LHS.

Nelson yielded one run in two innings as the starting pitcher, while Overgaard threw one inning of scoreless relief.

Landon Rogers started the game on the mound and took the loss for AHS.

Michael Preuss, Stamer and Mitchell Wagner pitched in relief.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	3	1	1	1
Beers	3	1	1	2
Ericson	0	0	0	0
Nelson	2	0	0	0
Baum	0	1	0	0
Olson	3	0	1	0
Johnson	0	1	0	0
Reed	3	1	1	0
Overgaard	3	1	1	1
Bosch	3	2	2	2
Reisdorfer	3	2	3	3
Haugen	2	1	0	0

SPRING STANDINGS

BSC baseball			
Pipestone	8-2	Luverne	3-3
JCC	8-2	Windom	1-4
Windom	7-3	RWV	1-3
Luverne	5-5	Pipestone	0-5
St. James	2-8	BSC West girls' golf	
RWV	0-10	JCC	5-1
BSC softball		Luverne	5-1
Pipestone	10-0	Marshall	4-1
JCC	8-2	Worthington	3-3
Windom	4-6	RWV	1-3
St. James	4-6	Pipestone	0-5
Luverne	3-7	Windom	0-5
RWV	1-9	BSC West tennis	
BSC West boys' golf		Luverne	4-0
Worthington	5-1	St. James	2-1
JCC	5-1	RWV	1-2
Marshall	3-2	Worthington	1-3
		Pipestone	0-2

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verne's team tally. Madison Crabtree and Anna Huisman shot 103- and 125-stroke rounds without

impacting the scoring for the Cards, who end the regular season with a 31-10 record.

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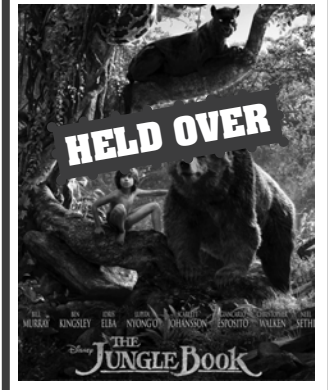
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May 30, 10:30 a.m.
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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, May 26: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 5:15 p.m. VBS Picnic. 6:15 p.m. Program. Friday, May 27: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, May 28: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, May 29: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary in Ellsworth. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine in Luverne. Monday, May 30: 10:45 a.m. St. Mary Cemetery Mass. 4 p.m. St. Catherine Cemetery Mass. Tuesday, May 31: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

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

Thursday, May 26: 6 p.m. Last night for Vacation Bible School. Saturday, May 28: Fellowship Hall reserved. Sunday, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship.

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 26: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, May 27: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, May 29: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. No Evening Service. Tuesday, May 31: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Thursday, June 2: Noon Senior Focus Potluck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor
Thursday, May 26: 9 a.m. Vacation Bible School. 9:30 a.m. Coffee; Naomi Circle at Grace Lutheran; Rachel Circle at Karen Rollag. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle — host Mona Peterson. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla and Elizabeth Circle — host Dianna Spath. Friday, May 27: 9 a.m. Vacation Bible School. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, May 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 29: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Healing Service Worship. Monday, May 30: 4 p.m. Broadcast of worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, May 31: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Thursday, May 26: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 29: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Friday, May 27: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, May 31: 10 a.m. Staff meeting.

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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Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors
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.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, May 29: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran.

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

Thursday, May 26: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, May 28: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:35 a.m. Adult Sunday School. Wednesday, June 1: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, June 2: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, May 29: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, May 30: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, May 31: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, June 1: 6 p.m. Bells. 7 p.m. Choir.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
May 26: 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association. 5:30 p.m. Last night of VBS. Saturday, May 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 29: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Tuesday, May 31: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting.

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
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

Thursday, May 26: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, May 27: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, May 30: 10 a.m. Hardwick Memorial Day Program. 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, June 1: 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night/Canvas Painting at Church. Thursday, June 2: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwl@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, May 26: 1:30 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting. Sunday, May 29: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Thursday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; Adrian Sunday School.

Accommodations for afterlife

Sometime very soon, you — yes, you — will be whisked away into eternity for your afterlife. The afterlife — that's more than just a weekend away. That's more than just a short vacation lasting a week or two, or even a month. That's something that will last forever and ever!

It would seem like everybody should be thinking about their accommodations for the afterlife. After all, we're fussy about where we spend even just our weekends. We're fussy about where we go for those little vacations that only last a week or two. We're fussy about what seat we have on the airplane. We're fussy about what hotel we stay at, and how big the room is, and whether the linens and towels are clean. We're fussy about what meals we eat, what attractions we see, and whether or not we get good photos of the whole thing.

Why then would anyone be careless about their eternal accommodations for the afterlife? Well, maybe some people think they're doing fine in preparing for the afterlife themselves. A look into our lives and into our hearts shows otherwise. At times we are greedy, proud, lustful, disrespectful, impatient. ... Those are all sins.

People who die in their sins will not be happy with their accommodations in the afterlife. Scripture tells us that there will be weeping and gnashing of

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church

teeth (Matt. 8.12), where the fire is not quenched (Mark 9.48). And there's no front desk in hell where people can phone in their complaints.

That was going to be our fate. How can we possibly face death and judgment, and the afterlife? Thankfully there are good, very good accommodations for us in the Lord Jesus. He lived out the perfect life for us that we should have lived. He gave Himself into suffering for us, even to the point of dying our death in order to pay for our rooms in heaven.

Yes, what a huge relief that all of our sins are forgiven in our Savior Jesus. Without Him there is nothing good. But when we're in Him, we have forgiveness for all sins and peace with God. Because of Jesus we have a beautiful home in heaven with the Lord to look forward to. A place where we are free from sin, pain, suffering, and sadness. All of us need that. So please come at the Lord's invitation, to receive His forgiveness and new life! He loves you, He cares about you, and He wants the very best for you!

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sunday, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills

Hills United Reformed Church
Sunday, May 29: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran. Tuesday, May 31: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, June 1: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 31, 2005
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Pamela G. Den Herder, a married person
MORTGAGEE: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: September 12, 2005 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 162275

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP
Dated: December 02, 2015

Recorded: December 03, 2015 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 187419

And assigned to: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust

Dated: December 21, 2015

Recorded: January 19, 2016 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 187696

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable
Lender or Broker: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Selene Finance LP

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 601 S Donaldson St, Luverne, MN 56156-2206

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-1323-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W 1/2 of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 2 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$60,457.62

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 23, 2016 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 23, 2016, or the next business day if December 23, 2016 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: March 01, 2016

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust

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Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

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Woodbury, MN 55125-2296

(651) 209-3300

File Number: 035309F01

(05-05, 05-12, 05-19, 05-26, 06-02, 06-09)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 30

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 the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 4, 2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$51,020.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Joshua DePypere, an unmarried man
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1003109-0000616275-8

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: GSF Mortgage Corporation

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 4, 2009, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 172688

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: February 16, 2016 filed: February 23, 2016, recorded as document number 187859

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

W.80 feet of Lot 4, in Block 3, in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 702 N McKenzie St, Luverne, MN 56156

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20.0252.000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$47,604.28

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 30, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt 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 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

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 30, 2016, or the next business day if December 30, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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 January 16, 2017, or the next business day if January 16, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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DATED: March 01, 2016

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust

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Dated: May 6, 2016
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(952) 831-4060

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

(05-12, 05-19, 05-26, 06-02, 06-09, 06-16)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 14

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 & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$71,440.30

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: July 14, 2016 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 January 16, 2017, or the next business day if January 16, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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DATED: May 09, 2016

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Selene Finance LP

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Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200

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(05-26, 06-02, 06-09, 06-16, 06-23, 06-30)

Rittenhouse Family General Partnership assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: Rittenhouse Family General Partnership

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

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NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Address:

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SIGNED BY: Suanne Goroski

MAILING ADDRESS: none provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: jaritt@vastbb.net

(05-26, 06-02)

Versteeg applies for livestock feedlot permit

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Harold Versteeg will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The feedlot proposed to be expanded is located in the NW 1/4 of Section 32 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The existing feedlot currently has 2,000 head of grow-to-finish swine housed in two total confinement buildings for a total of 600 animal units. The proposed expansion will consist of one total confinement building and an additional 2,800 head of grow-to-finish swine for a total of 4,800 head of grow-to-finish swine on site. All manure will be stored in under-floor concrete pits. After the expansion the feedlot will consist of 1,140 animal units. The feedlot will be owned by Harold Versteeg.

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

(05-26)

SRDC public hearing set for June 9

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) will hold a public hearing on its budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Southwest Regional Development Commission Office, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN. The Hearing will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until all persons wishing to offer testimony have been heard. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Southwest Regional Development Commission Office, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, Minnesota. Copies of the proposed budget are also on file with each county auditor, county coordinator, city clerk, and township association chairs in Region 8.

(5-26)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 15

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 the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 24, 2003
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$ 78,625.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Randolph L. Scoggins and Deborah Scoggins

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded with the County Recorder in and for the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, on the 29th day of October, 2003, as Document No. 157417

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association in assignment recorded August 4, 2011, as Document No. 177180, subsequently assigned to Residential Funding Company, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183263, subsequently assigned to Kajaine Estates, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183264, subsequently assigned to Gemini Capital Managers, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183265, and subsequently assigned to Platinum Notes, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183266

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 7, Block 3, Davis Addition to the City of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1025 Elmwood Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$106,461.03

THAT there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure requirements; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

THAT pursuant to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs of 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;

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: May 12, 2016

Platinum Notes, LLC

Assignee of Mortgagee

HOELSCHER LAW FIRM, PLLC

By: /s/ Brian G. Hoelscher #0238752

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

13100 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 100

Minnetonka, MN 55305

(952) 224-9551

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FORECLOSURE DATA

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CARDS OF THANKS

A big thanks to my nieces and nephew for giving me a 90th birthday party and for the flowers, plants, cards and lunch. Thanks for my friends and cards that were there. It was very much appreciated. God Bless all.

Love,
Anna Schouwenberg
(5.22-5.26)

The family of Lucille Fick would like to thank the staff at the Oaks for the great care she received. Thank you for those who served the lunch. Special thanks to Jeff Hartquist and staff for their compassionate guidance through the week. Thanks to Reverend Klatt for words of comfort. Thanks to everyone else that helped make this time easier on our family.

Arden Fick
Morris and Beth Fick
Judy and Mike Simudson
(5.22-5.26)



Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers at the time of our mother and grandmother's death, Celine Klein. Thank you for the hugs, food, cards and memorials. Your support and kindness at this difficult time will always be remembered.

Thanks to the Tuff Village staff and residents for mom/grandma's care and companionship. Mom didn't like it at the village "she loved it." Thanks to Father Beerman & Dan Dingmann for all the help with mom's service and making it so special.

Thank you Lord for blessing us with the special lady whose legacy was her faith, kindness and sense of humor. In Jesus name, Amen. 1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
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Sunday, May 29, Dusk

In case of rain:
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Luverne Memorial Day

Program

Maplewood Cemetery

Monday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Representative Joe Schomacker

Luverne High School Band

Noon Potluck Dinner at the American

Legion Post 123, Luverne

Sponsored by the Rock County VFW Post 2757, American Legion Post 123 and its Auxiliary

Hardwick Memorial Day

Program

Hardwick Veterans Memorial

Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m.

In case of rain: Hardwick Legion Hall

Guest speaker: Don Reker of Jasper, MN

Special readings by Griffin Ahrendt & Paul Witte, 2015 & 2016 Boy Staters

Special music by Madi Oye

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Hills Memorial Day

Program

Hills American Legion

Monday, May 30, at 9 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. Arvin Olson, (retired) Army Reserve

Hills American Legion VFW

(lunch following)

Minnesota Veterans Home

Program

Veterans Home Dining Room

Monday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m.

Program participants: Emma Verbrugge, Hannah Hoogland, Madi Oye & Dylan Thorson

Military honors conducted by American Legion Post 123 & VFW Post 2757, of Luverne.

Beaver Creek Memorial Day Program

Beaver Creek Elementary School • Monday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Andrew Blank

7 - 10 a.m. - Breakfast at Fire Hall

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