# Premium Iowa Pork eyes former Gold'n Plump facility in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

A Hospers, Iowa, pork processor has applied for a conditional use permit to process 2,200 hogs per day in the former Gold'n Plump facility on the west side of Luverne.

Premium Iowa Pork, which specializes in antibiotic-free meat, has an option to buy the property that 20years ago served as Luverne's Iowa Beef Processing plant.

If the conditional use permit is approved, the company would start out slaughtering 1,200 hogs per day and eventually build up to 2,200 allowed by permit.

According to company President Dan Paquin, Hospers, PIP has been in contact with Pilgrim's Pride since the company announced its closure late in 2017. "It's not often you find a building

in that location — in the city limits but on the outer edge of the city," Paquin said.

The building is in great shape. It's a 40-year-old facility, but Pilgrim's Pride took good care of it."

The acquisition would initially bring 200 production workers (at \$13 to \$20 per hour) to Luverne. That number could grow to more than 300 employees, depending on growth.

Paquin said he hopes to draw back some of the 200 employees displaced by the chicken processing closure, but the company will recruit workers from the tri-state area.

The Hospers plant processes 3,100 hogs per day and employs 415 people with an annual payroll of \$17

Only three of those employees live in the city of Hospers, population 600, and the rest come from a 50-mile radius.

The company offers a bus service for \$20 per week per passenger to

bring employees from Worthington to Hospers, which is 60 miles from Luverne. "You can't drive for that," Paquin said.

He said the area's low unemployment rate makes it challenging to fill positions.

"With the Luverne plant, we're hoping to gain access to people farther north," Paquin said.

### **Meeting demand**

Premium Iowa Pork specializes in antibiotic-free pork, which serves a growing niche market, and it contracts with local farmers to raise and

finish the animals.

"We are a family-owned company, and we work with family farms," Pa-

He said the company is a small operation compared with JBS in Worthington and John Morrell in Sioux Falls that process more than 20,000 head of livestock per day.

Paquin also said the company goes out of its way to be a good neighbor in the community.

'There are a lot of misconceptions about slaughterhouses, but we're

Premium Iowa Pork/see page 8A

# State's largest solar farm planned for **Rock County**

**By Mavis Fodness** 

Alternative energy developers are eyeing Rock County as the proposed location for the state's largest solar

Geronimo Energy of Edina is proposing to develop Elk River Solar Farm north and west of Magnolia.

Geronimo was also responsible for getting Prairie Rose Wind Farm in northwestern Rock County off the ground in 2012.

Jordan Burmeister, Geronimo Energy's project manager, updated county commissioners about the Geronimo projects at their meeting May 22.

At 1,600 acres, Elk River Solar Farm is a 200-megawatt project proposed for sections 34 and 35 of Vienna Township and Section 3 of Magnolia Township.

Estimated cost of construction is \$250 million with a life expectancy of 20 years for production. About \$300,000 in annual production tax revenue is expected for the area.

"Rock County is in a good position here as a good solar resource in the state and maybe wind too," Burmeister said.

If realized, the Elk River Solar Farm (which takes its name from a local landmark) will be the largest in the state.

"In this region, 200 megawatt is going to one of your largest sites being developed," Burmeister said. Geronimo Energy developed the

largest solar farm operating in Min-Aurora Solar Farm, located on 25

different plots near the Twin Cities, is a 100 MW farm involving 800 acres. The project was finished in 2016.

Elk River Solar Farm will be a single 1,600-acre project. Its name is taken from Elk River,

a nearby landmark near Magnolia. (The Magnolia name was already registered.) The solar farm is expected to be operational by late 2021.

Requesting a permit from the state

**Solar farm in Rock County**/see 5A

# Carpe diem! Senior Derek Fodness greets principal Ryan Johnson Sunday during Luverne High School's graduation ceremonies. Fodness was the commencement speaker. "I just thought he has a great story and it would be fun to hear a little bit of it at graduation," Johnson said.

Mavis Fodness photo/0607 LHS Graduation 2018

Luverne High School's Class of 2018 toss their hats in the air to wrap up graduation ceremonies Sunday afternoon in the elementary gymnasium. Eighty-four students received diplomas and represented the 130th graduating class in school history.

'Don't be afraid to be yourself' and 'dare to dream a little'

# **By Mavis Fodness**

The Luverne High School 2017-18 school year came to a close Sunday with the 130th graduating class of the school's history.

Principal Ryan Johnson addressed audience members gathered in the elementary gymnasium stating graduating day is a culmination of a lot of work, making it the best day

of the 2017-18 school year.

Senior Derek Fodness was chosen by Johnson to deliver the commencement address to his fellow 83 classmates.

Fodness was not your typical student graduation speaker, primarily due to the path he defined for himself and the friendships he forged during 12 years of school in Luverne.

His message brought laughs from graduates and audience members alike.

"In my eyes, I'm not graduating from high school, teachers are graduating from me," he

Fodness admits he wasn't the easiest of

Luverne High School graduation/see 5A

# **Local leaders prepare for construction**

**By Mavis Fodness** and Lori Sorenson

How does a town of 4,600 accommodate a construction workforce of nearly 1,500 on site for a year or more?

That question was the topic of a Monday night meeting among Rock County and Luverne officials, as well as leaders of small rural communities that will be affected.

About a dozen construction projects totaling nearly \$1 billion will be completed in Rock County over the next three years.

The list of projects is extensive, but by far the biggest is the \$120 million tru Shrimp construction project. Work gets underway this sum-

mer, and by December an estimated 1,000 workers will be on site west of Luverne. They'll join nearly 500 contrac-

tors working on other construction projects in town this year. In addition to tru Shrimp, the

upcoming projects and tentative construction start/completion dates include:

•Midwest Dry Cast south of Luverne, now/summer 2018;

 Rock County Rural Water connection to the Blue Mounds State Park, summer 2018/fall 2018;

•Premium Iowa Pork retrofit of Gold'n Plump plant, possible 2018/ late 2019;

•Tru Shrimp harbor and hatchery, summer 2018/late 2020;

 Luverne school renovation, fall 2018/late 2020;

•Towne Square housing development along South Highway 75, starting in summer 2018;

 National Guard Armory along I-90 near Papik Motors, possibly 2019/end 2020;

•Elk Creek Solar Farm near Magnolia (see related story), possible

Contruction planning/see 3A

# County attorney won't seek another term in 2018 election

By Lori Sorenson

Election 2018 on the local front is shaping up to be a quiet affair with incumbents filing for re-election in nearly all the local offices.

The one major exception is the Rock County Attorney Office, which will have a new leader for the first time in more than 31 years.

Don Klosterber, who has been a local attorney for 42 years, has opted not to file for re-election, and longtime assistant county attorney Jeff Haubrich has filed for election to the office.

"It's time," Klosterbuer said. "It not that I'm not enjoying it, but there comes a time when you've had enough."

Klosterbuer served nearly eight terms in the office, starting in January 1987 after Tim Connell's final term ended.

In other local offices, Stan Williamson and Sherri Thompson filed for re-election in Rock County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4, respectively.

Election filings 2018/see page 3A



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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **Meetings**

**Town and Country** garden club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the American Reformed Church parking lot to carpool to Worthington for a peony garden tour. To reserve a spot, call 507-597-6378.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, June 8, at St. Catherine's east parking lot to carpool to the Butterfly House in Sioux Falls with lunch at Culver's. Call Connie, 283-8470, by June 6 to RSVP.

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the Hospice Cottage for a tour and meeting. Call Alvina, 283-2297, with questions.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

### **'Sherlock Gnomes' June 7**

The free Bank Nite movie, "Sherlock Gnomes," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 7, 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. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

## Farmers Market starts June 7

Luverne Farmers Market will be from 4 to 7 p.m. every Thursday from June 7 through Oct. 25, rain or shine, at Redbird Field just south of East Main Street. Vendors now accept debit cards, credit cards, SNAP and EBT. Kids are again welcome to participate in the Power of Produce Club. New vendors are always welcome. Register at the Luverne Chamber office, 283-4061.

### **Relay for Life June 7**

The 2018 Relay for Life will be indoors this year at the Luverne Elementary commons. Supper is from 5:30-7 p.m. with opening ceremonies beginning at 7. (See ad on page 8A.)

## Nature walk at Touch the Sky June 9

Ethno-botanist Jeffrey Emmel will host a nature walk at Touch the Sky Prairie at 1023 171st Street north and west of Luverne beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9. The first 100 children in attendance will receive a free butterfly net, courtesy of the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

## Library announces summer reading

The Rock County Community Library is excited to launch its 2018 summer reading program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere!" The program is open to ages Pre-K through grade 12.

During June and July the library will host a variety of events for families to encourage and support a love of reading. Participants will win prizes for reaching their

Registration starts Tuesday, May 29. For more information call the library at 507-449-5040.

# **Palace offers Kids Summer Cinema**

This summer the Palace Theatre is offering kids' movies at 9:30 a.m. for three Fridays, June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17. Admission is \$5.

# Free food June 21

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food — fresh produce, bread and meat — from 4:30 to 5:30 **p.m.** Thursday, June 21, at the Luverne Senior Center at 319 E. Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags or boxes. Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

# **Refresher Defensive Driving June 21**

Luverne Community Education is offering the Refresher Defensive Driving Class on June 21. Fee is \$20 prepaid. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

# Steen to host Allen Family concert

The Steen Reformed Church invites the public to a gospel music concert by the Allen Family at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 24. A freewill offering will be taken for the Allen Family. Refreshments will follow the concert. Call 507-227-7759 with questions.



Lori Sorenson/0607 remax ribbon cutting

Attending the ribbon-cutting and open house at RE/MAX Land and Home in Luverne Thursday, May 31, include (front, from left) Fay Bremer, Annie Opitz, Judy Fenske, Teresa Hup, Dave Hup, Billy Cowell, Missy Cowell, Christal Serie, Dan Serie, Dave Deragisch, (back) Betty Mann, Melissa Fick, Isaac DeBoer, Tyler Bush, Rick Peterson and Chantel Connell.

# RE/MAX celebrates S. Highway 75 location

### By Lori Sorenson

Dave Hup, Billy Cowell and Dan Serie hosted a ribbon-cutting and private reception Thursday, May 31, for their RE/MAXLand and Home office location in Luverne.

They purchased the RE/ MAX franchise in 2015 and bought the former Smooky's Pizza property on South Highway 75 last year when their business outgrew their previous space downtown.

Construction crews completely gutted the building, and now the two owners each have dedicated office space, as does Dan Serie, who joined the agency this year.

One highlight of the remodeling project is a 100-yearold salvaged bar that serves as the front office reception desk.

The solid wood counter top was refinished to match the dark woodwork in the rest of the office, and the original beveled mirror is perched atop the step-up that once displayed liquor bottles in the Jasper establishment.

Other unique interior features are a stone finish on the south wall of the lobby and



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a sliding barn door between Hup's office and a storage area.

Hup said doing business through the RE/MAX franchise allows him to do more for his clients.

"If I'm working with someone in Luverne who's moving to another state, we can connect them to a RE/MAX office in that state," Hup said.

But he said the fact that all three of them grew up in Luverne and Rock County makes them a valuable resource for local property buyers and sellers.

"All three of us have been lifelong residents and we all have connections and knowledge about the community," Hup said.

Hup manages the business and specializes in agriculture and construction. Cowell's background is in residential and ag construction, and Serie has experience in general contracting of commercial properties.

"Our team has a very diverse background," Hup said. "This helps us bring our clients the experience they need."

He added that their families play a vital role in the business' success.

"We're all very proud of the number of years we've been married," Hup said.

He and Teresa have been married 33 years and have three grown children, Daniel, Michael and Bethany. Billy and Missy have been

married 15 years and have four children, Tyson, 13, Amira, 11, Hannah, 9, and Emma, 7.

Dan and Christal have been married 22 years and have four children, Carly, 19, Ben, 17, and Will and Tori, 12.

The Luverne office is affiliated with RE/MAX INTEGRA, Midwest, the regional body for RE/MAX franchises in Minnesota.





Dave Hup and Billy Cowell purchased the RE/MAX franchise in 2015 and bought the former Smooky's Pizza property (pictured at left in 2015) on South Highway 75 last year when their business outgrew their previous space downtown. Construction crews completely gutted the building (the current one is at right), which was showcased at the ribbon-cutting and open house last week.



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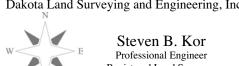
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# Election filing/ from page 1A

SheriffEvan Verbrugge filed for re-election, as did Mayor Pat Baustian and Ward 1 and 2 council members Caroline Thorson and Kevin Aaker, respectively.

The filing period officially closed at 5 p.m. Tuesday, and none of the candidates faced challengers as of noon on Tuesday when the Star Herald went to press.

District 2 Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor Josh Ossefoort filed for re-election and Jim Veldkamp filed for the District 5 supervisor position that Angie Raatz will vacate at the end of the year.

The filing period is July 31 through Aug. 14 for those seeking election to office in school districts and small cities and townships in Rock County.

In Minnesota's House of Representatives Joe Schomacker has filed for re-election in District 22A, which includes Rock County.

He will face DFL challengers Brian Abrahamson and Maxwell Kaufman on the ballot this fall.

Republican Jeff Johnson and Democrat Erin Murphy won their party endorsements Saturday as candidates for Minnesota governor, but both now face tough primary battles against former Gov. Tim Pawlenty, a Republican, and U.S. Rep. Tim Walz, a Democrat.

Attorney General Lori Swanson announced her bid for Minnesota governor on Monday after failing to secure the DFL endorsement in last weekend's convention in Rochester.

Candidates hoping to represent Congressional District 1 in Washington, D.C., are Johnny Akzam and Dan Feehan on the DFL ticket and Carla Nelson and Jim Hagedorn for the GOP.

Candidate filings were not yet complete for attorney general and state auditor, in addition to judicial offices.

The primary election is Aug. 14 and the general election is Nov. 6.



# Construction planning/continued from 1A \_\_\_\_\_

2020; end 2021;

•Prairie Rose II Wind Farm in northwestern Rock County, after 2021;

•Local livestock facility

expansions around the county.
All of these projects will require construction workers, and these construction workers will need goods and services while they're living and working in Rock County.

"It's going to be a big group of people," Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian told the Star Herald last week.

"They're going to need places to eat, places to stay ...'

An estimated 500 meals per day will be needed during the week, and city leaders have been meeting with area restaurants and caterers about meeting that demand – possibly on site.

Baustian said construction managers have learned to be creative about living arrangements for their workers.

For example, many come with dozens of campers that will need places to set up with water and electricity.

"We're reaching out to area farmers about leasing their shops over the winter months," Baustian said. "A lot of these guys have shops with bathrooms and showers and heated floors."

Some residents both in town and surrounding communities have space to lease out in their basements, and that may be an option in Rock County as well.

The Luverne Area Chamber office is coordinating with local hotels, rental properties

"We have to be creative about keeping these people inside of Rock County. ...
We've been talking to our retail and hospitality folks that if they want to make money, they'd better do it while the sun shines if businesses want to see the benefit of extra

— Pat Baustian, mayor, City of Luverne

people in town."

owners and private residents with extraspace in their homes to set up a free listing of leasing options for contractors to refer to.

"That will be really helpful," Baustian said. " ... a one-stop shop for openings available"

shop for openings available."

Baustian said it's important that all hands are on deck for the planning process in order for Luverne and Rock County to meet the needs of the workers — and to get the most out of business opportunities.

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Monday night's meeting included representatives from the cities of Beaver Creek, Hills, Hardwick, Kenneth, Magnolia, Jasper and Luverne.

Commissioner Sherri Thompson appreciated the dialog. "We want everyone to share ideas about what people coming into the community may need."

Once construction is finished, almost 500 workers will be needed to fill positions within the new businesses.

The need could mean more families moving into the area and not just Luverne, where the employment is located.

"People may not want to live where everybody else is," said Commissioner Jody Reisch.

Among the other issues with the upcoming construction projects and influx of workers discussed at the 90-minute meeting were increased traffic, need for medical and other services, and law enforcement.

These will be planning topics at future meetings. The Chamber can be reached at 507-283-2333, the County Administrator's Office phone number is 507-283-5065 and Luverne City Hall can be reached at 507-449-2388.

# Plans underway for 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener

# Luverne to host annual event Oct. 12-13

mittee in Luverne.

ties available in Rock County."

Planning is underway for the eighth annual Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Luverne Oct. 12-13, 2018.

"I thank the people of Luverne for graciously offering to host the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener," said Gov. Mark Dayton.

"The Pheasant Opener has become a special Minnesota tradition, made possible by our tremendous host communities. I look forward to another fantastic opener in Luverne this year."

Luverne was selected through an application process that considered hunting land in the area, event facilities and community support

The greater Rock County area has a rich outdoorsheritage that includes Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie.

"We're very excited to host the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Opener," said Luverne's Rick Peterson, chairman of the

weekend event will include a public dedication of Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area west of Luverne and a Governor's Pheasant

Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener com-

many hunting and unique tourism opportuni-

"This will be a great way to showcase the

In addition to pheasant hunting, the

Hunting Opener Community Banquet. Information and updates will be available at www.exploreminnesota.com/MNGPHO. The Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener was initiated by Governor Dayton in 2011

tourism opportunities in host communities. Explore Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are assisting

to highlight local hunting, recreational and

local partners in planning the event.

Follow along for social media updates using the hashtags #MNGPHO2018 and #OnlyinMN.

# Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is June 8-10

Take a Kid Fishing Weekendis Friday, June 8, to Sunday, June 10, when Minnesotans canfish without licenses if they take children 15 or younger fishing.

"Fishingtogether with kids can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors and have some memorable experiences," said Jeff Ledermann, Department of Natural Resources angler recruitment, retention and education supervisor.

"We encourage people to give it a try. It's fairly easy to buy or borrow fishing poles, and one good way to start is by fishing for bluegills with small hooks, bobbers and live bait."

Minnesotans 15 and younger don't need fishing licenses any time of the year. Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is a way for adults and kids to fish together without the step of buying a license.

The DNR's Take a Kid Fishing Weekend page at mndnr.gov/takeakidfishing includes links to a beginner's guide to fishing; DNR's Fish Minnesota page that includes regulations and locations of

easy-to-access fishing piers and shorefishing areas; and information about fishing in

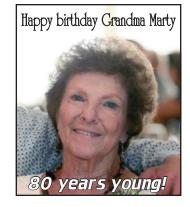
Minnesota state parks.

Fishing gear is available to borrow at state parks. The DNR's I Can Fish! program teaches the basics of fishing and runs throughout the summer at state parks

mer at state parks.

Even when it's not Take a Kid Fishing Weekend, Minnesotaresidents generally can fish in state parks without a fishing license if the body of water does not require a trout stamp.









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# O Star Herald PINION

'10-4, good buddy'

# The more things change, the more they stay the same

more things change, the more they stay the same, and I often smile when I notice or experience



something that proves the ac-

curacy of my favorite saying. This week I'm returning to my part-time summer job as a reporter at the Star Herald. And each year, the position requires filling in for our vacationing sports editor during the first two weeks of June.

While the athletes, some of the coaches, some of the rules and competitive classes might change, it's amazing to me how much in local sports stays the

There are still lots of locals competing at the state track meet, the start of the Legion baseball season is again delayed because of an extended playoff run by the high school team, and the Cardinal boys' tennis team is competing at the state tournament — for the ninth year in a row.

The more things change ... In fact, I can't begin to write about how many times my favorite phrase entered my head over the last nine months.

This was my first year teaching in Luverne, the high school I graduated from 21 years ago.

I don't think a single week went by without my noticing something that had not changed in those two decades.

Even though the world around us and how we teach and learn has changed dramatically since the 1990s, the accuracy of the phrase endures.

Not only had the building not changed much (that will change very soon — thank you, district voters), but so many things about student life and school culture remain the same.

And that's a very good thing. Here's a fun example to

# IN OTHER **WORDS**

### By Jason Berghorst, reporter

hopefully prove my point. A few times this year I had the opportunity to ride on

Luverne school buses. Listening to the two-way radio chatter between bus drivers immediately took me back 30

On winter mornings as the mock trial team I coach traveled to competitions, I overheard conversations like this:

"Bus barn to 53."

"This is 53, go ahead." "The Olson kids will not be riding today." "10-4."

I had no idea in this age of cell phones and GPS that "10-4" was still a phrase, but it definitely is a phrase still used by bus drivers, and it made me smile.

When I came in on Monday to start my summer gig, I found more examples of things staying the same.

I heard conversations in the office about two big news stories in this issue of our local news-

The news that both a pork processing plant (with 200 jobs) and a huge new solar farm are planning to come to our area was not really a surprise.

Each of the five summers I've worked at the paper, there has been good news to share about improvements and growth in my hometown.

I'm looking forward to another summer of helping to share the good news of progress and, yes, some change in

But even with new industry, new residents and improved school facilities, I'm confident most things will stay the same.

And that's a very good thing.

# Are we ready for the construction boom?

Be informed. Be part of community outreach. Seize the opportunities.

Recent data shows a movement away from the large coastal cities as Millennials tend to look for affordable single-family homes and a familyfriendly lifestyle.

The number of rural home mortgages has increased for the last five years, where data from the National  $Association \, of \, Realtors \, indicates \, that \,$ twice as many millennials are buying homes in small cities and rural areas than in denser urban areas.

Many small cities present a promise of safety, quality education and work-life balance. The prospect of economic decentralization and remote work environments aided by technology offers the chance for small towns to leverage these qualities to our advantage.

However, success will not be evenly distributed. Only those small cities whose residents work together will be able to meet the challenges. I do believe that is the case with

If we take a look at what is scheduled to happen in Luverne over the next five years, we should all stand amazed and excited at what the prospects are for our city.

The massive building projects over two to three years (tru Shrimp, Luverne Public Schools project and others) will require more than 1,000

# STAR HERALD GUEST EDITORIAL

By Jane Wildung Lanphere, Luverne Chamber director

construction people in town during that time.

Where are they going to stay? How are they going to get fed? Will we have the products and services available to meet this demand?

Will we be ready?

In order to be prepared and service these people, we all need to work together.

No one business has the capacity to handle everything. It is going to take a team of people who are willing to work together to think of creative solutions to meet the needs of what is going to happen in Luverne.

For Luverne to be successful it will mean that we all need to have some "skin in the game."

We will have to make sacrifices in order to make the best of this opportunity. If we don't, our businesses and residents stand to lose.

It is my hope that over the next months we will create opportunities to sit down and collaborate on solutions.

There will be meetings to discuss opportunities, and I urge you to be in-

formed and to attend those meetings. My other challenge for you is to become the "best sales person" ever for Luverne.

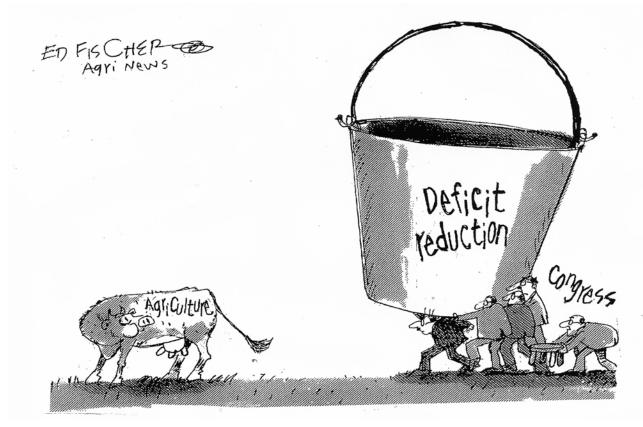
That means you have to take time to educate yourself and your staff about the community and what is available for new residents, visiting workers and travelers.

If someone asks you how to get somewhere or how to find something, be informed and ready to respond. If you don't know, use the Chamber as your resource.

Call us at 507-283-4061 and provide the answer people need. After hours, call my cell phone for assistance, 507-920-5197.

You, your staff, your family and your friends can make the Luverne experience special for everyone if you take the opportunity to do so.

Let's be the small-town success story, not the small town that let opportunity slip away.



# First week of summer brings town celebrations, crowds at The Lake, chicken-fried steak at 75 Diner

I know it's just the first week of June, but it seems like summer is off and running at a fever pitch.

Since my last column, we have celebrated Memorial Day, and Buffalo Days is already

in the books for another year. I have a couple of observations

on Memorial Day. The first is Jordan Winter's terrific speech at the Memorial Day service at Maplewood Cemetery. If Jordan is representative of his generation, this country will be in good hands. The second thing I found to be

really cool, as I drove by The Lake, was to see how many people were enjoying the water, the dock, the beach, playing volleyball, and having a great time. It makes me appreciate all the work that went into making The Lake a very nice attraction.

Let's just hope that the people



By Rick Peterson, General Manager, Tollefson Publishing

young and old that use The Lake use it in a way that is respectful and courteous of others enjoying the lake as well.

The 75 Diner opened for business early this week — just another step forward in a town that is headed down the road of unbelievable progress in the next couple of years. The 75 Diner hours are Monday-

Thursday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out their menu on their

website at 75diner.com. A better idea - go out there and check it out in person.

Rest assured I'll be checking out

the chicken-fried steak.

I did go to their website, and while I was searching for the site, I ran across two other 75 Diners, one in Monroe, Ohio, and the other in Windsor, Connecticut. The one in Windsor was featured on Restaurant Impossible with Robert Irvine. Apparently Irvine's help didn't help in the long run because the restaurant is now closed.

I did notice one of the menu items at the Monroe location was fresh-cut buffalo onion rings. Those sound kind

I gotta go. I have chicken-fried steak on my mind. Maybe I'll see you at the diner.

# Frakes:

# 'I owe the Russians an apology. My bad'

To the Editor:

Last year about this time, I wrote a letter to the editor about the Russian investigation.

I concluded that "I don't know about you, but I'm sure that after a few years of investigation, and tens of millions of dollars spent, our politicians will, in fact, find out that the Russians might not be saints."

They will then say, "Aha! We found out that you are unsaintly. Please refrain from this type of behavior as we move forward together."

Well, here we are, well into the second year of investigation and looking at tens of millions spent.

Well, what have we got?

I did notice this quote from White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders on the front page of the Wall Street Journal dated May 8, 2018.

Under the headline, "U.S. Blacklists Russian Oligarchs," she said, "What we would like to see is the totality of the Russian behavior change. We want to continue having conversations and work forward to building a better relationship."

There. Did you see the word unsaintly? I guess they are not unsaintly after all. I guess I owe the Russians an apology. My bad.

Bill Frakes, Luverne

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# ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report May 25

•Complainant reported six bulls out at 251st

Street.
•Complainant reported male walking near High-

way 75 and County Road 7.
•Luverne High School requested deputies for issues in parking lot with seniors.

• Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported vandalism to property exterior.

•Deputy conducted follow-up.

•Road repairs reported on County Road 4 and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

•Report of debris in the roadway at Kniss and Brown intersection.

•Complainant reported unlicensed driver.

•Harassment reported at apartment building on East Warren Street.

•Complainant reported erratic driving and speeding on South Donaldson.

• Harassment reported at location on West Warren.

•Assault reported at location on West Main Street.
•Welfare requested on subject in Hardwick.

•Deputies attempted follow-up at Mead Court.

May 26

•Complainant requested deputies at East Oakland. •Burglary reported on

North Cedar Street.
•Report of garbage dumped in ditch at 41st Street and 120th Avenue

•Sanford Luverne requested deputy for dog bite incident.

near Steen.

•Erratic driver was reported on 115<sup>th</sup> Street near Luverne.

Deputy spoke with subjectregarding civilissue.
Report of four-wheeler speeding on Dakota

Street in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported abandoned vehicle on County Road 4 west of

Beaver Creek.
•Complainant reported domestic in Steen.

• Complainant on North Freeman Avenue heard loud bang.

May 27

•Report of stop sign out at County Road 11 and 21st Street near Steen.

•A bike theft was reported at The Lake.

May 28

•Complainant reported a camper on County Road 7 near Kenneth doesn't have lights. It's a

•Complainantin Steen requested to speak to a deputy.

Jay Flight camper.

•Complainant in Steen reported she wants someone out of her house.

•Complainant reported a pickup and trailer parked on the wrong side

of the street on Pine Drive.
•Complainant reported a pickup all over the road

in Luverne city park.
•Complainant at South
Kniss business reported
a really old man sitting at
Pump 5. She is concerned

•Complainant reported kids are trying to throw a puppy off the dock.

•Complainant reported found safe in dumpster at Magnolia park.

May 29

about him.

•Complainant reported fight in progress on West Luverne Street.

•Deputy reported out checking a trailer in Mead Court.

•Deputy reported a tan Mercury parked too long on West Maple Street.

•Complainant reported welfare check.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy about an ongoing matter.

•Complainant reported a hit and run.

•Sioux Falls reported they arrested a subject on our warrant.

May 30

•A theft was reported at location on 171st Street near Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported animal abuse near high school.

• Report of van driving suspiciously.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

•Deputy reported vandalism.

May 31

•Burglar alarm at location on South Kniss Avenue.

•Erratic driver was reported on S. Main Avenue in Hills.
•Anoka County re-

quested deputies to make contact with subject on Barck Avenue.

•Complainant reported a pickup almost hit him

head on. Deputy stopped vehicle.

•Complainant reported she escorted subject out of the building on South Walnut. She is not to be

 $\bullet Reserved for narcotics \\ information.$ 

•Complainantreported abandoned bike in parking lot on North Jackson Street.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

•Complainant requested utility notice posted at location on North Cedar Street.

In addition officers also responded to 7 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 stalled vehicles, 26 traffic stops, 1 transport, 7 escorts, 23 ambulance runs, 8 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 abandon 911 calls, 8 paper services, 4 drug court tests, 1 purchase/carry request, and 14 burn permits.



Mavis Fodness photo/0607 Magnolia Solar Farm

The 1-MW Auriga Solar Farm is located on the southwest side of the city of Slayton in Murray County and was developed by Geronimo Energy of Edina. Geronimo also developed the Prairie Rose Wind Farm in northwest Rock County. Geronimo officials are proposing construction of a 200 MW solar farm north and west of Magnolia.

# Solar farm proposed for rural Magnolia area/continued from 1A

is a yearlong process.

"Nextyear, maybe later this year, we'll look at permitting with the state of Minnesota," Burmeister said.

Currently Geronimo officials are working to secure the needed acreage for the local solar project either through lease or purchase agreements. Officials expect to finish land acquisition this year.

"We have about 75 percent of the land targeted," Burmeister said.

The three sections are sparsely populated and involve about a dozen landowners.

The proximity to an existing transmission line and a substation north of Magnolia drew the developer's interest.

"This is an area where there isn't a lot out there," Burmeister said.

The 1,600-acre solar farm

includes the solar panels, spacing between the panels, buffer land and service roads.

Burmeister said grass is planted and maintained under the panels to stabilize the soil and help pollinator insects. A security fence will surround the farm.

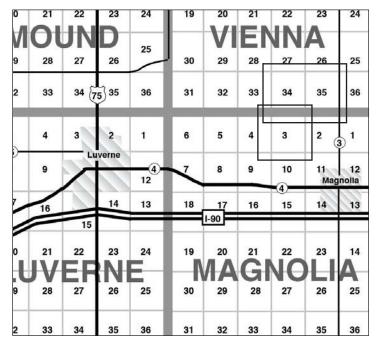
The interest in alternative energy is growing.

"Our solar projects are actually found to be the most cost-effective projects in beating natural gas. That was pretty big for the industry," Burmeister said.

Construction would take sixtonine months to complete.

Geronimo is also proposing a future expansion of the Prairie Rose Wind Farm in Rock and Pipestone counties.

However, the proposed \$160 million wind project won't move forward until after 2021, Burmeister said.



At 1,600 acres, Elk River Solar Farm is a 200-megawatt project proposed for sections 34 and 35 of Vienna Township and Section 3 of Magnolia Township.

# Luverne High School graduation ceremony/continued from 1A

students stating that all his teachers deserved a round of applause. He admits he wanted to forge his own path through his secondary education years.

"I guess the moral is don't be afraid to be yourself," he said. "I know it is easy to just try to fit in, but personally I chose the path least traveled I usually take gravel."

For Fodness the least traveled road usually meant being late for class.

"I spend many hours helping my buddies out when I should have been in class. Some might say I was a better friend than a student," he said.

Ag instructor Dennis Mortiz became Fodness' mentor, encouraging him to share his welding and mechanical skills with fellow students. Mortiz suggestion brought focus to Fodness' helping attitude.

"I would suggest all the kids in this school take his classes ... because there are far bigger lessons to learn in his classes," he said.

"I want to remind you guys why we're celebrating today. We're not celebrating just because we passed high school, we're celebrating because it wasn't easy."

Fodness, the son of Fred and Deb Fodness of Kenneth, plans to attend the South Dakota School of Mines to become a mechanical engineer.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl preceded Fodness' message. He had students thinking about their futures. Would they be married? Have

children? Working in a career of their choice?



Eli Bakken leads his classmates through a row of elementary high-fives on May 30.

More importantly Oftedahl encouraged students to remember to give back to their communities as their current community has supported them.

"I dare you to dream a little and make it come true," he said.

From a visitor's perspective, exchange students Pernille Kjorum from Norway, Frederik Nielsen from Denmarkand Pradana Arviano from Indonesia came from large cities and while apprehensive of living in a small town for almost a year, they don't regret coming to Luverne.

"Life is too wonderful to miss something unnecessarily," Arviano said.

Luverne School Board Vice Chairman Jodi Bosch presented diplomas to 84 seniors at commencement ceremonies in the Luverne Elementary School Cardinal gym Sunday.



Mavis Fodness photo/0607 LHS Graduation 2018 Posing for a selfie are (front) Alexis Henrichs, Isabella Donahue, Jocilyn Oye, (back) Rachel Oftedahl, Emma Verbrugge, Pernielle Kjorum, Samantha Pierce (hidden) and Maddie Dinger.



# Star Herald COMMUNITY



Mavis Fodness photo/0607 Library Magician

# Library magician asks, 'Where are all the secrets kept?'

Des Moines, Iowa, magician Keith West (behind box) and his assistant Miss Kitty Marie kicked off the summer reading program at the Rock County Library Monday afternoon to a crowd of about 150 children and adults. He asked those in attendance where all the secrets are kept.

The answer is in all the books in the library. The local Friends of the Library sponsored the magician's performance. The library's summer reading program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere," is currently underway and will continue through the summer.



Grady DeBoer (left) reacts to a trick by Magician Keith West, who pulls a coin out of Gavin Mead's ear (below). Liam Wolthuizen is mesmerized by a hand-kerchief dancing in the water bottle during the magic show presentation.





# Know it and grow it

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

# Beware of pests

I noticed black spots on my goldstrum rudbeckia (black eyed susan) and that is an indication of septora leaf spot. A spray of the fungicide daconil will stop that disease. If you don't stop it now, that leaf spot will destroy the beauty of this perennial before it blooms. The fungicide doesn't make the disease go away; it protects the new foliage from becoming infected.

I want to remind you that this is the time to prune lilacs and other spring blooming shrubs that have finished their bloom cycle.

Be sure to prune back far enough to give them room to grow because they are not to be pruned again until they have finished blooming next year. Mugho pine is another plant that is ready for its annual haircut.

The new growth emerges in what we call a candle and you can cut up to 3/4 of that growth off to maintain the size and fullness of this evergreen. Not pruning will result in an open and undisciplined look ... not the way the picture shows.

Be sure to watch your roses for the damage of saw fly larvae (shows up as small round holes in the leaf and progresses to the leaf being skeletonized). If you didn't use a systemic insecticide earlier to protect the rose bush, you will have to use a spray to prevent the shrub from being defoliated. The worms are the same color green as the leaf and are on the underside of the leaf, so that is where the spray needs to be applied.

# SCHOOL NEWS

# Baartman receives degree from Mayo

Hannah Baartman, a 2011 graduate of Luverne High School, graduated Friday, May 25, from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy at Rochester.

She is the daughter of Bruce and Vicki Baartman, Brandon, South Dakota.

# Ebert named to Illinois dean's list

Laurin Ebert was named to the Spring 2018 dean's list with a 4.0 GPA at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois.

She is the daughter of Paul and Dyan Ebert, Big Lake, and the granddaughter of Laurin and Rose Carroll, Luverne, and the late Vance and Doris Ebert.

## Maleki earns DVM at Iowa State

Brianna Maleki, Hills, was awarded a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Iowa State University's Spring 2018 commencement ceremonies in Ames, Iowa.

## Burgers earns SDSU scholarship

South Dakota State Universitysophomore Jed Burgers received the Larry and Jo Kallemeyn Scholarship in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences for the 2018-19 year. Burgers, son of Stacen and Donna Burgers, HIlls, is majoring in wildlife and fisheries sciences at SDSU, Brookings. He is a 2017 Hills-Beaver Creek graduate.

# Mount Marty announces grads

Drew Cheskie, Ellsworth, and Mary Brown, Luverne, graduated Saturday, May 12, from Mount Mary College in Yankton, South Dakota. Mary Brown earned her Master of Science in Nursing as a family nurse practitioner. Drew Cheskie graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in biology.

# U of M Duluth names dean's list

The University of Minnesota Duluth named the following area students to the Spring 2018 dean's list: Samantha Ykema, Jasper, a sophomore majoring in biology. Brandon Winter, Luverne, a sophomore majoring in civil engineering. Hanna Honerman, Luverne, a sophomore majoring in elementary and special education. Kayla Thone, Luverne, a senior majoring in unified early childhood studies.

# Rahm scholarship

MichaelRahm, a 2018LHS graduate, has been awarded a \$1,000 academic scholarship from the Minnesota Soybean Processors. Michael is the son of James and Becky Rahm, Luverne.

# **Boltjes scholarship**

Ashlee Boltjes is the recipient of an Excellence Scholarship to attend Concordia College, Moorhead.

Ashlee is a 2018 Luverne High School graduate and the daughter of Darryl Boltjes and Marti Boltjes, both of Luverne.

### The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on July 24, 1952.

Sportsmen's Quarter To

**Headline The County Fair** 

The Sportsmen's Quartet, nationally famous radio stars on the Jack Benny show, will headline the entertainment at the Rock County Fair this year. The quartet will appear at the fair for one show Tuesday night, August 12, at 8 p.m. The fair will run August 11-12-13.

The showwill be two hours long and will also feature music by Joy Cayler and an all-girl orchestra of 12 pieces. There will also be comedy, dancing and novelty acts. There'll be fun and entertainment for the entire family ... so bring the youngsters too

youngsters too.

The first day, Monday, is the traditional "Entry Day." This year's fair is expected to attract a record number of exhibitors, says George Golla, fair secretary.

# BITS BY BETTY

Rodeo, midget auto races included in county fair in 1952

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

# Expect Many Entries

Last year there were 1,735 exhibits and 408 exhibitors. Of this total, 576 were 4-H exhibits and 1,159 open class exhibitors. A total of \$1,807.85 was paid out in premium money last year, according to Golla ... "And we expect to pay more out this year," he said.

Entries will close at 9:00 p.m. Monday. All entries must be made at the secretary's office.

Fair books will soon be in the mails, Golla said, and all Rock County residents are asked to read them through carefully and follow the rules for entering their exhibits.

Then Monday evening

the Black Hills Rodeo will provide spills and chills for the fans. This event is slated for a two-hourshow, from 8 to 10 p.m.

There'll be bucking broncos, steer riding, calf roping, bull-dogging, rodeo clown, brahma bull riding, trick horses and many other events guaranteed to keep spectators on the edge of their seats.

The youngsters won't be missing out. Tuesday afternoon will be Children's Day when everything will be half price. There will be 1,000 free tickets given to children from 2-12 years of age.

One of the biggest midways in the United States will be at the fair this year. Dobson's United Shows will feature 10 popular thrill rides, eight shows and 35

concessions. This company had played several state fairs in the past years.

Wednesdaynight there'll be midget auto races at the fairgrounds track. This race is free to all. Time trials will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the races will begin at 8:15 p.m.

Some of the best midget auto drivers will be something for the one of the 16 entries and there'll be a grand scramble for prizes with top notch drivers piloting their hopped-up rigs around the track. Ed Schaeffer, Pipestone, a name long associated with midget auto races, will manage the affair. All entries should be made with him.

The 4-H livestock sale will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at the sale barn. This event always has attracted a large number of persons and this year promises to be no exception, says George Golla.

# **ENGAGEMENT**

Tony and Natasha Weis, Luverne, and Paul and Rhonda Besel, Austin, announce the engagement of their children Alex Weis and Mckenzie Besel.

Mckenzie graduated from Austin High School in 2013 and from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, in 2018.

She is currently a teacher in the New Ulm Public Schools.

Alex is a 2013 graduate of Luverne High School and a 2017 graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University.

New Ulm area.

He also teaches in the



Mckenzie Besel and Alex Weis

The couple is planning an Aug. 11, 2018, wedding at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Austin.

# **CELEBRATIONS**

# **Open houses**

A come and go wedding shower for **Kenzie Besel** and **Alex Weis** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9, at the Hinkly House in Luverne.

A bridal shower for **Maddie Stegenga**, bride-to-be of **Joe Brake**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 16, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Guests are requested to bring a recipe to share and to RSVP to wendysteg@hotmail.com.

An open house bridal shower for **Lindsy Sells**, bride-to-be of **Doug Holst**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 16, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

# **Card showers**

**Lavonne Hansen** will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, June 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 570 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

# **O**BITUARIES

## Joel Olson

Joel E. Olson, 76, Moore, Oklahoma, formerly of Mag-

nolia, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, at his home.

A time of fellowship will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial of cremains

will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Joel Olson was born March 7, 1941, to Eldor and Elizabeth (Jensen) Olson in Luverne.

He graduated from Magnolia High School and later received his bachelor's degree from Augustana University in 1964.

He received his meteorology degree from Penn State. He served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1967.

> Joel worked as a meteorologist, trackingtornadoes for the National Weather Service and the Severe Storm Center in Kansas City and later in Oklahoma

Joel was a member of the Luverne Masonic Lodge and the Retired Weatherman Association. He belonged to the Sierra Club and the Norman Oklahoma Citizens Climate Lobby.

His activism led him to Washington, D.C., in order to lobby for environmental causes. He considered himself an environmentalist. He was an avid reader and enjoyed music, computers, golfing and playing (GO) competitively.

Joel is survived by his brother, Bruce (Barb) Olson, Magnolia; his sister-in-law Linda Olson, Laurel, Maryland; five nieces and nephews, Noël (Casey) Steinert, Holly (Doug) Forester, Eric Olson, Kris (Megan) Olson, and Kari (Kevin) Hirst; and six greatnieces and great-nephews, Cameron and Lauren Steinert, Emma and Bailey Olson, and Ian and Cole Hirst.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Leon Olson; a sister, Gayle Olson; and many uncles and aunts.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com.

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Gwendolyn Ann Sells, 92, Hills, died Friday, June 1, 2018, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Inurnment will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until the hour of service.

Gwendolyn Ann Sells was born Feb. 5, 1926, to Jacob and Mabel (Anderson) Sells in Chicago, Illinois.

When she was three years old, her family moved to a farm near Beaver Creek.

Gwendolyn attended Beaver Creek Community School and graduated from Beaver Creek High School in 1944.

She continued her education at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and transferred to Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, graduating in 1949.

Gwedolyn began her teaching career, teaching home economics in Ochevedan and Cleghorn, Iowa, and Cannon Falls and Bloomington, Minnesota.

She then moved to Colorado where she taught and completed her master's degree for counseling and guidance.

She was a counselor at Cherry Creek High School and Smoky Hill High School until her retirement in 1989.

She was involved with many organizations including Tall Club International and Timberline Tall Club, Colorado School Counselors Association, Vocational Education Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sweet Adelines and Sons of Norway.

She also was active with her church choir and Busy Bee Quilters.

Gwen enjoyed reading, Rosemaling (Norwegian painting,) needlework, crossword puzzles and knitting. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Gwen resided in Lake-

wood, Colorado, until 2012. when she returned to Hills and resided at Tuff Village.

In January of 2018 she moved to the Tuff Home due to failing health.

Gwen is survived by her sister, Barbara (Jack) Pollei of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; sister-in-law Joyce Sells of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and nieces and nephews Steven Pollei (Solveig), Scott Pollei, Shelia (Mark) Flucke, Spencer (Pam) Sells, David (Ronda) Sells, Jacob Daniel (Vicki) Sells, Thomas (Donarae) Sells and Cindy (Brian) Hook.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Jacob Sells Jr.

Memorials can be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhome.com.

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Mavis Fodness photos/0607 Buffalo Days History Center

Eugene "Pucky" Sandager tells the story of Haaken Moen who immigrated from Norway and traveled by covered wagon pulled by oxen 350 miles through lowa to Lyon County. Sandager restored the covered wagon now displayed at the History Center. Moen's daughter married a Danish settler near Hills, and their daughter Clarice married a Sandager. Pucky is Clarice's great-great-grandson, who still lives and farms the homestead.

# Locals revive 'Tales from the Graves'



The Rock County Historical Society added a new twist to its annual "Tales from the Graves" event Sunday afternoon when instead of staging the event at local cemeteries, local residents stayed indoors at the History Center to tell stories of past residents.

George Langford (at left) portrayed Magnolia native Cedric Adams. Adams worked at WCCO radio for more than 25 years and from the 1930s to the 1950s was known as the "Best Voice in the Midwest."

Greta Van Der Brink (below) tells Alice Bosch's story about the July 9, 1932, tornado that struck near Hills and Steen. She holds a picture of the storm's devastation. Alice's daughter Jennie died from the injuries suffered when the tornado struck the family farm east of Steen.

Other historical figures from Rock County and the local reenactors included Edwin "Leonard" Rogness performed by Dale Nelson; Deborah Estey reenacted by Betty Mann; Harrison White (founder of Beaver Creek) presented by Dave Smith, and an audio compilation of

news reports of the death of Kenneth's Ras Tweet's beloved donkey Ethel was played.

Because of the subject matter and available props, "Tales from the Grave" were told from the History Center this year, rather than at local cemeteries, which has been the venue for past presentations.



# **DEATH NOTICE**

# Diana Reisdorfer

Diana L. Reisdorfer, 57, of Adrian, died Sunday, June 3, 2018, ather home as a result of primary progressive multiplesclerosis.

An open house to celebrate Diane's life will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at her home.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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# SENIOR MENU

Monday, June 11: Chicken hotdish, broccoli, coleslaw, bread, tropical

Program: Pinochle. Tuesday, June 12: Lemon pepper fish, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, bread, slice pie.

Half-price day sponsored by Hartquist Funeral

Wednesday, June 13: Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, dinner roll, peaches.

Program: Volunteer Appreciation; music by Bruce Dysthe.

Thursday, June 14:

potatoes, beets, bread, angel

Friday, June 15: Baked chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, bread, fresh fruit.

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

Call Lauree Teunissen reservations or for home-

Meatballs in gravy, mashed

food cake with fruit.

Half Price Day. Birthday Party; music by Kitchen Band.

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

nutrition.

at 283-9846 to make dining delivered meals.

# **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Sign up for the following Community Education classes by calling 507-283-4724.

We're Going on a Scavenger Hunt is a Friday morning, June 8, adventure day camp put on by 4-H members. Fee is \$15 for students who completed grades 1-4.

Introduction to Horsemanship for students who attended grades 3-6 will be June 11 or June 22. Dress to interact with horses. Fee is \$15.

Make a Reclaimed Wood **Project** on June 14. Fee is \$18. Open to adults and children who attended grade 2 and

Sendyour child grades 1-5 (as attended during 2017-18) to Make a Mess Science class Iune 18-20. Fee is \$30.

Rock County Master Gar $deners will host a {\bf Garden Tour}$ on June 19. Fee is \$10 prepaid by June 14.

Two different 6 session clay classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 19. Students grades 5-adult who would like to learn hand building and wheel throwing may register for Play with Clay. Fee is \$49, plus a \$15 material fee. Students in grades 4-adult will learn hand building techniquescreatingpinchpotsand slab thrown trays and pots at Pinch, Pull, Pat With Clay. Fee is \$35 plus \$15 material fee.



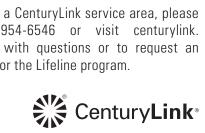
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# Premium Iowa Pork proposes processing plant in former Gold'n Plump facility/continued from 1A

looking to hire good local people and be good community citizens," Paquin said.

"We look at it as a place to be proud of, and we hope others do, too."

Owner Gary Lynch started Premium Iowa Pork 12 years ago when the Hospers plant was acquired. He has two daughters and two sons-inlaw involved in the Lynch Livestock business that started

Lynch owns a majority of the hogs in the process, from wean to finish, and contracts with local farmers to raise the animals to the company's specifications.

"We do take hogs from other growers, but they have to be raised under our specs," Paquin said.

He said that hasn't happened yet, because raising antibiotic-free pork isn't easy.

If an animal does need antibiotic treatment, it gets sold on the commodity market, not under the antibiotic-free label.

Paquin said Premium Iowa Pork began producing antibiotic-free meat in response to growing market demand.

"It's not that antibiotics are bad, but there's demand out there for antibiotic-free meat, and there's never been a reliable, consistent supply," he said. "We developed Premium Iowa Pork to be a reliable supply for that market."

The company is currently the largest supplier of antibiotic-free pork in the nation.

### **Timeline**

PIP filed the conditional use permit request Friday morning in Luverne City Hall, and a public hearing has been set for Monday, June 25.

That meeting serves as a "finding of facts" when Luverne's Planning and Zoning Commission asks PIP representatives questions about their plans for the property and explains the permitting process to the public.

The public will also have a chance to ask questions and or voice concerns at this meeting.

At the end of that meet-

ing, the Planning and Zoning Commission will close the public hearing and decide whether or not to recommend the City Council approve the conditional use request.

If so, the council would take action at a future meeting in July.

If the conditional use permit is approved, the company would begin working on the Luverne facility this summer with production starting later

### City's role in the project

**The existing Luverne plant** is already a USDA-inspected facility that had undergone some major improvements including new freezers and technology — under the previous owners.

Still, improvements and retrofits for the facility would cost PIP an estimated \$25 to \$30 million.

In addition, the company would pay \$6.76 million for necessary upgrades to Luverne's wastewater facilities due to the plant's sewage load

into the city's system. (PIP also did the same in Hospers.)

Under a proposed agreement, the company would pay half up front, \$3.375 million, and make payments on the other half over a five-year period.

The PIP facility would use roughly 150,000 gallons of water per day, so a "significant use agreement" with the city would be required by the state (for anything over 25,000 gallons per day).

The agreement would set limits on suspended solids and biochemical substances sent to the local wastewater plant, based on the 2,200 per day kill rate.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said news of a potential slaughterhouse in Luverne has created some concern in the community about odor or other undesired effects.

"We've been in touch with Hospers Mayor Dan Dykstra, and he told us about what a clean facility it is and that it was good for the community," Baustian said.

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He and city staff toured the PIP facility and community in late April, and Baustian said they found these statements to be true.

The Hospers facility currently is located on the west side of that town and residents reportedly don't complain about odor.

"We knew the Pilgrim's Pride building could possibly be a slaughterhouse at some point," Baustian said.

"This will be an opportunity for employment for those workers displaced when Pilgrims Pride closed."

City Administrator John Call echoed Paquin's sentiments about the relative size of the proposed facility. "At 2,200 pigs per day it is

approximately 10 percent of the size of JBS operation in Worthington," Call said.

"With this comparison I think the common person can put this proposed operation into perspective."

### Background

When IBP (Iowa Beef

Processors) left Luverne in January 1998, it employed 370 people, and its closing signaled a low point in morale for Luverne economic devel-

opment. But Gold'n Plump offered

new hope later that same year. The company immediately spent \$2 million remodeling the former IBP plant and started operating with 120 employees.

The plant never took in live chickens; it only processed the meat after it arrived in Luverne from its other plants.

At one point, Gold'n Plump in Luverne employed more than 250 people with an annual payroll exceeding \$6 million.

But in 2003 local employment dipped below 100 when the company relocated its deboning process from Luverne to Cold Spring, taking 140 employees with it.

Gold'n Plump was purchased by Pilgrim's Pride in 2017 and the plant closed later that year, displacing 200 employees.



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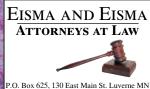
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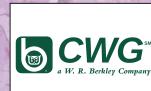
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# **Star Herald** ARIETY



Roughly 200 automobiles were registered at the Buffalo Days Cruise-In Friday night in downtown Luverne. That number is down a bit from other years, according to one of the organizers, Bill Miller, who said an approaching storm from South Dakota scared some auto enthusiasts away.

# LUVERNE CELEBRATES BUFFALO DAYS

# Photos and text

by Lori Sorenson

Mother Nature spared Luverne from heavy showers that were anticipated for the Saturday morning parade and afternoon Arts in the Park during the 34th annual Buffalo Days celebration.

The weekend also included a quilt show at the Hinkly House (see page 3A), Tales from the Graves at The History Center (see page 7A), Saturday night races and much more.

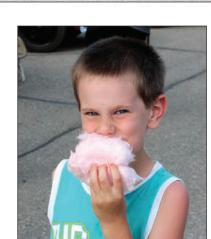
Pictured at right, CharleeAnn Winger shows off her face paint after leaving the Atlas for Life booth at Arts in the Park.

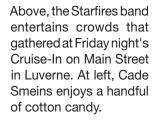
Below, Joseph Thompson races down the slide in the inflatables set up at Arts in the Park Saturday.











Below at left, Scott Ketterling and Justin Vandenhoek get a gyro at Arts in the Park, and below, the inflatables were a popular attraction in the city park.





# REMEMBER WHEN

# 10 years ago (2008)

·Luverne already has nine homes with residential services for disabled adults, but another is in the works specifically for those with traumatic brain injuries.

The board of Rock County Opportunities Inc. (formerly the Developmental Achievement Center) recently approved the project.

Director Beth Bartels said RCO has past experience as a landlord.

"The organization currently owns two other houses in Luverne," she said. "RCO board members approved the construction of the first house about four years ago specifically for individuals with traumatic brain injury."

RCO was recently contacted regarding construction of a second home for clients

with traumatic brain injuries.

"Knowing that this is a legitimate need in the area, RCO board members voted to approve the construction of RCO's third house," Bartels said.

# 25 years ago (1993)

•Everyone makes mistakes, but when a mistake made by a county employee involves a \$12,000 car, it's difficult for some to forgive and forget.

During the May 8 flood and the resulting road damage, Rock County Deputy Sheriff Evan Verbrugge drove his brand-new squad car around a roadblock and accidentally landed in a deep washout. ...

"The public would like a report or explanation as to what happened and why," said Commissioner Ken Hoime. "It would clear the air. We don't want it swept under the rug."

Concern over the cause of the accident, which oc $curred nor the ast of Luverne\,on$ County Road 9, was generated bythefactthatVerbruggeknew the washout was there and, in fact, had to drive around the county barricades to get to the scene.

# 50 years ago (1968)

•A safe stolen from Les' Foodland here March 11 was discovered this week in the Rock river, just south of the Iowa state line. Les Murphy, owner, accompanied Sheriff Ole Hommen to Rock Rapids Monday and positively identified the wrecked strongbox as the one taken from his store, after burglars crawled in through a hole they had made

in the wall on the south side of the building.

The safe, according to Hommen, was found by a fisherman who saw it in the river, lying in about two feet of water.

The door, which Sheriff Hommen said appeared to have been ripped or pried off at the scene, was lying in the  $water not far from \, the \, safe. \, The \,$ empty cash box was also in the water nearby, he said.

There was no evidence at the site of any of the \$2,000 in cash and checks that were in the safe at the time it was taken.

# 75 years ago (1943)

•Paul Herreid, county treasurer, has one thing good to say about the person or persons who took his car last week-theydidn'truinthetires.

The carwas found Monday morning in the west part of Sioux Falls by the Sioux Falls police department. They reported that it had been there since Saturday.

The gasoline tank was dry, and the car was virtually out of oil, indicating that the users had driven it hard while they had it.

The keys were in the car, but the rear cushions had been removed and papers etc. had been strewn about. A clock in the rear view mirror had also been removed, but was found on the floor of the car.

Only real damage that might have been done, Herreid said, was to the motor. When the small amount of remaining oil was drained, it contained fine grains of metal, indicating that the bearings might have been damaged.

# 100 years ago (1918)

•That the food dealers of Rock county keep a record of all sales of sugar and flour, and report same to the county food administrator so that tab may be kept upon the amount of sugar and flour being sold to each customer, was the earnest recommendation made by Judge F.T. Wilson, of the state food administrative board, at the meeting held in Luverne Wednesday morning.

The above recommendation, which all food dealers in Rock county are urged to adopt, was based upon findings in other communities, where it was discovered that people would go from store to store and buy in order to get more sugar and flour than the rulings permit. By keeping a record of sales a check can be kept and violations can easily be detected.

# Star Herald PORTS

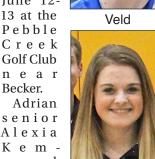
# Two Dragons, One Patriot make state golf field

### By John Rittenhouse

Three athletes from the Star Herald coverage are qualified for the state tournament during the final day of play at the Section 3A Golf Tournament at the Worthington Country Club May 30.

Two Adrian players and

one from Hills-Beaver Creek punched their tickets to the state classic, which is set for June 12-13 at the Pebble Creek



senior Alexia K e m per and classmate Mitchell Veld will be making their s e c o n d appearances at the state tourna ment,

and H-BC



Kemper

Van Maanen

eighth-grader Tess Van Maanen is a first-time qualifier. Kemper and Van Maanen secured two of the five individual berths into state play that were up for grabs at the

section event. Kemper finished the event with a 93-93-186 to lead the Dragon girls, while Van Maanen posted a 112-98-210.

Kemper played in the state tournament as a sophomore in 2016, when she placed 38th

overall. Other individual qualifiers include Hendricks' Kaylee Johnson (190) and Sophie Johnson (212), and Southwest Christian-Edgerton's Jennifer Schelhaas (212).

Murray County Central sophomore Abby Hamman shot a tournament-low 172 to lead the Rebels to the team championship with 805 strokes.

Hendricks, Adrian and Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda capped the team field with 844-, 877- and 878-stroke efforts.

Kemper paced the Dragons, who ended team competition with a 20-13 record, with a 93 on Day 2.

 $Gracia\,Elias\,contributed\,112$ to Adrian's team tally, while Annika Elias and Josi Altman chipped in 114s.

Taya Elias and Madeline Wagner shot 130- and 168-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Veld returns to the state tournament after placing 59th at the event last season.

Veld led the Dragons with an 86 on Day 2 and during the tournament with his 97-86-183. Veld joins Westbrook-Wal-

**Golf**, continued on page B3

# Girls win fourth straight section crown



Luverne's Tenley Nelson delivers the baton to Brooklynn Ver Steeg during the 3,200-meter relay at the Section 3A Track and Field Championships in Montevideo Thursday.

# Ten Cardinals advance to next week's state track, field meet

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne girls' track team solidified its status as the top squadin southwest Minnesotaduring the Section 3A Track and Field Championships Thursday in Montevideo.

Luverne dominated matters on the track to score 93.5 points to win the Section 3A team title for the fourth consecutive season.

LHS outscored secondplace Canby-Minneota (74 points) by 19.5 points and the rest of the squads in a 22team field.

Along with the team success, LHS gained ample representation for the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships at Hamline University in St. Paul Friday

and Saturday.

Ten Cardinal girls qualified for state in eight different events by placing first or second at the section level.

Luverne won five section championships and placed second in three events in Montevideo.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg and Mallory Thorson claimed section titles individually.

Ver Steeg won the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.53, while Mallory Thorson took top honors in the triple jump with a distance of 35-0.

Luverne also claimed the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter relay titles with respective 1:48.93, 4:11.48 and 9:45.35

Girls, continued on page B3



John Rittenhouse photo/0607 lgt 11

Luverne's Regan Feit turned in a fifth-place finish during the 300-meter hurdles at the Section 3A Track and Field Championships in Montevideo Thursday.

# Cardinals go 1-1 at section baseball tournament

### **By John Rittenhouse** and Jason Berghorst

The Luverne High School pacehall team moved into the elimination bracket of the Section 3AA baseball tournament on Saturday.

The Cardinals lost to Paynesville 16-7 for their first loss in the double-elimination tournament.

Luverne played Pipestone Tuesday night after press deadlines. A win against the Arrows would advance Luverne to the section championship game on Thursday in Marshall.

Paynesville 16, Luverne 8 Luverne jumped out to a quick lead against the Paynesville Bulldogs in Marshall on

Saturday. The Cardinals were up 7-0 after two innings after plating two runs in the first inning and five more runs in the

second inning. The offense-filled second inning included singles by Mark Sterrett and Ben Serie, a double by Tyler Reisdorfer and a triple by Jaxon Nelson.

The Bulldog bats came alive after that, however. Paynesville scored four runs in the third inning and eight more in the fourth to take control

of the game.

Isaiah Bartels hit an RBI double in the seventh inning for the Cards, but it wasn enough. Paynesville went on to win the game and earn their spot in the section championship game.

Jake Haugen started the game on the mound and pitched three and two-thirds innings. Reisdorfer then pitched one and two-thirds innings and took the loss. Bartels pitched the final two innings for the Cardinals.

Luverne was led by Nelson and Sterrett with two hits each in the contest. Nelson also batted in three Cardinal runners.

Box score	ΑB	R	Н	В
Reisdorfer	3	2	1	2
Serie	3	1	1	0
Von Tersch	0	1	0	0
Beers	2	1	1	1
Nelson	4	0	2	3
Haugen	4	0	0	0
Lundgren	4	0	0	0
Sterrett	3	2	2	0
Reisch	2	1	0	0
Bartels	1	0	1	1
Crabtree	4	0	0	0

# Luverne 14, NL-S 6

A classic response by the Cardinals kept them undefeated in tournament play May 29 in Marshall.

After three scoreless innings of play in a third-round game against NL-S, the Cardinals



slipped into a hole when three LHS errors helped the Wildcats score four runs in the top half of the first inning.

Luverne simply didn't panic. The Cards rose to the challenge by exploding for nine hits and 10 runs in the bottom of

the fourth to set the stage for an eight-run victory.

Luverne's 10-run rally featured a three-run homerun by Jaxon Nelson, two-run doubles from Jake Haugen and Derek Lundgren and RBI singles from Declan Beers and

Mark Sterrett to give the Cards a 10-4 advantage.

The Wildcats plated two more runs in the top of the fifth to make it 10-6, but LHS countered by scoring one run

Baseball, continued on page B3

# Five Luverne tennis players advance to individual state tournament

# **By John Rittenhouse**

Some members of the Luverne tennis team found success during the final day of the Section 3A Individual Tournament in Redwood Falls May 29.

Two LHS singles players and both of the school's doubles squads qualified for the tournament's semifinals during the first day of play back on May 24.

When the final day was complete, one of the Cardinal singles players and both doubles teams qualified for the state tournament by placing first or second at the section level.

Both the Minnesota State Class A Singles and Doubles









Baustian



Tournaments will be staged Ver Steeg and Trey Baustian at Reed Sweatt Family Tenwon the doubles tournament. nis Center in Minneapolis Luke Jarchow and Matt Jelken placed second in doubles, and all of those guys will represent

June 7-8. "We had a great day at individual sections (May 29)," said

Cardinal coach Greg Antoine. "Jim Erickson won the singles tournament, and Cade

the section at the state tournament." As a sixth seed in the singles field, Erickson emerged as a

surprise champion of the section tournament.

He squared off against Worthington's Blaine Doeden, the tournament's second seed, in the semifinals.

Erickson posted 6-1 and 6-3 victories to move into the finals. Fourth-seeded Ryan Borstad, of Lac qui Parle Valley, emerged as Erickson's opponent in the championship match.

Erickson served his way to a 6-4 win in the opening set, but Borstad rallied to secure a 6-2 win in the second set.

The third set was tied at three when Erickson reeled of three consecutive wins to

secure a 6-3 victory. Ver Steeg and Baustian drew the No. 1 seed in doubles and lived up to the

billing. The LHS squad nailed down 6-3 and 6-1 semifinalround wins over Montevideo's Henry Strunc and Chris Erickson, the field's fifth-seeded team.

Waiting for Ver Steeg and Baustian in the finals was the other LHS squad, third-seeded Jarchow and Jelken. Jelken and Jarchow secured

a 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 win over LQPV's second-seeded squad consisting of Blake Buer and Jeraco Parsa in the semifinals. Ver Steeg and Baustian won

the all-LHS final by 6-3 tallies over Jelken and Jarchow. Luverne's Mark Robinson,

the No. 1 seed in singles, dropped both of his matches in Redwood Falls May 29. LQPV's Borstad secured a

4-6, 6-1, 6-3 win over Robinson, while Worthington's Doeden saddled him with 6-4 and 6-1 setbacks in the third-place match.

# Dooyema, DeSollar advance to state track and field tournament

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of Luverne High School juniors extended their seasons during the Section 3A Track and Field Championships Thursday in Montevideo.

Luverne's Jed Dooyema and Dalton De Sollar will represent LHS at the Minnesota State Class A meet at Hamline University in St. Paul Friday and Saturday.

One of the LHS athletes wona section title and the other advances as a second-place finisher in Montevideo.

Dooyema came away with the section title for LHS by clearing 11-11 to win the pole

Dooyema competes at the state meet Friday.

DeSollar finished second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:45.75.

DeSollar runs in the 1,600 finals on Saturday.

With Dooyema and DeSollar coming up with the lion's share of Luverne's 29 points, the Cardinals placed 10<sup>th</sup> in a 22-team field at the section meet.

Montevideo claimed the

team championship with 98.5 points.

LHS received five other point-earning efforts outside of what Dooyema and DeSollar gave the team.

Austin Winter ran a strong race in the 800-meter run by placing fourth with a time of Winter also ran a leg with

Luverne's 1,600-meter relay, which placed fifth with a time of 3:39.76.

Dooyema, Jordy Thone and Michael Rahm ran with Winter in the relay.

Luverne's Shane Berning placed eighth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:03.65, while Matt Ziegler finished eighth in the discus with a distance of 126-10.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's efforts during Thursday's meet.

Ninth place: 800 relay (Ashton Sandbulte, Thone, Jarod Berndt and Eli Haugom), 1:40.11. 11th place: Brayden Tofteland, 1,600, 5:07.52.

13th place: Sandbulte, 100, 11.96; Berning, 1,600, 5:11.89. 14<sup>th</sup> place: Dooyema, 200, 24.36; Tofteland, 3,200, 11:28.41.

John Rittenhouse photo/0607 lbt 7 Junior Jed Dooyema won the pole vault title during the Section 3A track meet Thursday in Montevideo.



Luverne junior Dalton DeSollar advances to state after placing second in the 1,600-meter run during the Section 3A Track and Field Championships in Montevideo Thursday.

# MACHINERY MARSHALL, MN CASE III CASE

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Luverne's Jaxon Nelson prepares to snag the ball at first base as New London-Spicer's Ethan Roeder dives to the bag during a third-round tournament game in Marshall May 29.

# Baseball/continued from page 2B

in the bottom of the fifth and three runs in the sixth to win handily.

Colby Crabtree walked and scored the fifth-inning run on a wild pitch.

Haugen and Charlie Reisch delivered RBI singles to highlight the three-run sixth inning.

Ben Serie received the pitching win after tossing four and one-third innings of six-run,

six-hit ball. Lundgren worked the final two and two-thirds innings, yielding three hits and registering six strikeouts without allowing the Wildcats to score.

Reisdorfe Serie Von Tersch Nelson Haugen

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# Girls, continued from page B2 \_\_\_\_

efforts.

Sierra Schmuck, Gracie Zewiske, Sydney Biever and Ivy Hudson won the 800.

Regan Feit, Autumn Nath, Jadyn Anderson and Brooklynn Ver Steeg formed the 1,600-meter squad, while Feit, Anderson, Tenley Nelson and Ver Steeg claimed the 3,200-meter crown.

Along with winning the 800, Schmuck, Zewiske, Biever and Hudson placed second in the 400-meter relay with a time of 51.63 to advance to state.

Placing second individually and moving on to state are Schmuck (26.78 in the 200) and Nelson (11:42.24 in the 3,200).

LHS produced team points in eight other events during the section meet.

Biever placed fifth in the 200-meter dash in 27.46, Feit finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in 50.13 and Mackenzie Petersen came in fifth in the high

jump after clearing 5-8. Tiana Lais ran the 400-meter in 1:03.53 to place sixth. She will be an alternate at the state meet.

Hudson raced her way to seventh place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.33.

Placing eighth for the Cardinals were Zewiske (27.79 in the 200), Elizabeth Wagner (5:58.94 in the 1,600) and Thorson (14-11



Elizabeth Wagner competed in the 1600 meter run Thursday.

in the long jump).

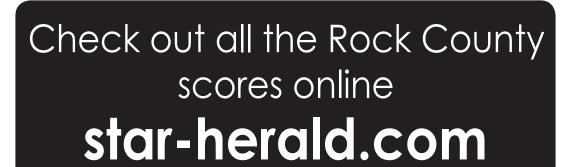
Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's results from the section meet.

Ninth place: Petersen, 100 hurdles, 18,12: Gabrielle Ferrell, long jump, 14-10 1/4.

10th place: Savannah Siebenahler, 300 hurdles, 14:00.27. 12th place: Tia Hadler, shot, 30-8 1/2. 13th place: Cassie Flanagan, 3,200, 14:00.27; Mia Wenzel, high jump, 4-6. 14th place: Siebenahler, triple jump, 29-4 1/2; Mallory Oye, 100, 13.78. 15th place: Kamryn Van Batavia, 1,600, 6:22.19; Cedar Viessman, pole vault, 6-5.

16th place: Ferrell, 800, 2:48.34.







# Rozeboom qualifies for return trip to state track meet in St. Paul

By John Rittenhouse

A Hills-Beaver Creek High School senior earned a return  $trip \, to \, state \, during \, the \, Section \, 3A$ Track and Field Championships Thursday in Montevideo.

Kourtney Rozeboom, who placed fifth at the state in the shot put as a junior in 2017, has an opportunity to better that showing after qualifying for the state classic for the second straight year in Montevideo.

Rozeboom, who made a bid to advance to state in the discus before placing third with a distance of 112-6, did move on in the shot put by placing second with a toss of 39-6.

Rozeboom competes at the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships at Hamline University in St. Paul Saturday.

With Rozeboom leading the charge with her throwing exploits, the Patriot girls scored 26 points to place 12th in a 23-team field.

Luverne won the team championship with 93.5 points.

Along with Rozeboom's throwing efforts, H-BC produced points in a total of six events.



John Rittenhouse photo/0607 hbc

H-BC senior Kourtney Rozeboom, pictured tossing the discus, earned a return trip to the state classic after finishing

second in the shot put competition during the Section 3A meet in Montevideo Thursday.

Taryn Rauk, who finished eighth in the 400-meter dashin 1:03.67, placed fourth individually with a time of

27.27 in the 200-meter dash. H-BC's 800-meter relay placed

fourth with a time of 1:53.12. Rauk, Madison Spath, Ashlee Kelderman and Sidney Fick formed

the squad. Kenadie Fick placed eighth in the 800-meter run with a 2:32.65 effort.

The H-BC boys registered three points to place 21st in a field of 22 teams paced by Montevideo (98.5 points).

H-BC's 800-meter relay consisting of Hunter Bork, Luke LaRock, Tryce Bennett and Tyson Bork turned in the top effort by placing seventh with a time of 1:38.5.

Tyson Bork placed eighth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.56. Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's efforts during the section meet.

H-BC girls

Ninth place: 400 relay (Joslyn Birger, Kelderman, S.Fick and Spath), 54.48.

11th place: Lauren Tatge, 3,200, 13:36.51; Abby Knobloch, 300 hurdles, 53.36; 1,600 relay (S.Fick, K.Fick, Kelderman and Taylor Durst), 4:33.21.

11th place: 400 relay (H.Bork, LaRock, Easton Harnack and T.Bork), 48.17.

# 15th place: George Merson, shot, 36-2 1/4.

# Adrian completes 2018 track season

### By John Rittenhouse

The 2018 track season came to an end for the Adrian Dragons during the Section 3A meet in Montevideo.

Seventeen Dragons competed at the event, but no AHS athlete was able to advance to the state meet this weekend.

The Adrian boys turned in a competitive effort by producing 10 points to place 16th in a 22-team field.

The Dragons produced points in four events led by Ryan Wieneke's fourth-place showing in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.03.

Adrian's Scot Edwards capped a successful season by placing sixth in the shot put with a toss of 44-2.

The Dragons also placed eighth in the 800- and 1,600-meter relays with respective 1:39.41 and 3:46.98 efforts.

Dakota John, Chance Turner, Christian Weidert and Brendyn White formed the 800-meter squad.

White, John, Weidert and Wieneke

teamed up in the 3,200. The Adrian girls scored one point

to cap a 23-team field.

Moriah Bullerman came up with the point by placing eighth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:29.05.

Here is a look at the rest of the efforts turned in by AHS athletes at the meet.

AHS boys 15th place: John, triple jump, 35-1 ¾; 400 relay (John, Wieneke, Tahj Schroeder and White), 49.86. Sixth place: 3,200 relay (Abraham Lopez, Cole Weidert, Humberto Ramos and Christian Weidert) 10:35.07.

Ninthplace: 800 relay (Hannah Henning, Bullerman, Bailey Lonneman and Kendra Frodermann), 1:57.16 10<sup>th</sup> place: Frodermann, 100, 13.39; Bullerman 800, 2:34.

14th place: Frodermann, high jump, 4-6. 15<sup>th</sup> place: Sammy Wieneke, discus, 80-3. 16<sup>th</sup> place: 400 relay (Erika Alvarado, Henning,



John Rittenhouse photo/0607 ahs track 4 Adrian senior Ryan Wieneke placed fourth in the 400-meter dash at the Section 3A meet in Montevideo Thursday.

# **Knights eliminate Dragons**

### By John Rittenhouse

The 2018 season came to an end for the Adrian baseballteam May 29 in Windom.

Adrian squared of fagainst Russell-Tyler-Ruthton for a Section 3A Tournament elimination game at Island Park.

The third-seeded Knights

fell behind early only to outscore No. 5 Adrian by six runs the rest of the game to secure a 7-2 victory.

Adrian ends the campaign with a 9-10 record.

The Dragons did produce 10 hits in the contest, but they also had three fielding errors.

"We got our hits, but we could not string them together for runs," said AHS coach Joe Kruger.

Adrian plated a run to gain a 1-0 edge in the top half of the first inning, but R-T-R scored once in the first and three runs in the second to gain a 4-1 advantage.

The Dragons made it a 4-2 game by producing one run in the top of the fourth.

R-T-R, however, scored two runs in the fifth inning and one on the sixth to ice a five-run victory. Grant Jansma led the

Dragons with three hits, while Landon Rogers (one RBI), Lance Luettel and Skylar Polzine recorded two hits each.

Noah Reyne was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing six innings of eighthit, six-strikeout, seven-run (five were earned) ball.

# Season comes to an end for Cardinal golfers at section meet May 29

# **By John Rittenhouse**

The 2018 golf season came to an end for a pair of Luverne High School seniors and a Cardinal sophomore at Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake May 29.

LHS seniors Coy Gonnerman and Hannah Ver Steeg and sophomore Anna Huisman qualified for the second day of play in the Section 3AA Golf Tournament based on their performances during the first day of the tournament one week earlier.

Unfortunately for the LHS athletes, they were unable to earn one of the five individual berths into state play that were

up for grabs at the section event.

Day2 of the event turned into a heart-wrenching experience for Gonnerman, who was in third place in the individual standings entering play on

Gonnerman, who shot a 76 on Day 1, posted a strong openingscore of 38 strokes afternine holes of play on Day 2.

The second round was a different story for the LHS standout.

After making birdie on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, all Gonnerman needed to advance to state individually was to register a bogey or better on the 18th hole. Gonnerman, however, end-

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Coy Gonnerman (left), Hannah Ver Steeg and sophomore Anna Huisman qualified for the second day of play in the Section 3AA Golf Tournament

ed up taking a double-bogey six, which sent him into a playoff with Marshall's Spencer Ehlers and New London-Spicer's Noah Dietz for the fifth and final qualifying position

into the state tournament. Gonnerman bowed out (after one hole) of the play off that was eventually won by Ehlers,

who advances to state with a

two-day total of 159 strokes.

Gonnerman's tournament line is 76-83-159.

Other individual qualifiers include New Ulm's Gavin Schugel (143), Fairmont's Bryan Grotte (151), New Ulm's Aiden Guggisberg (152) and Windom's Tyler Porath (154).

Worthington edged New Ulm 641-644 to win the team championship.

Ver Steeg ended up in 12th place in the individual stand-

ings in the girls' competition. Ver Steeg, who posted a score of 83-83-172 for the tournament, needed to shoot a 168 to qualify for a playoff with Windom's Paige Pigman for the fifth qualifying position

Duty?

into state competition.

Huisman, who we overlooked as a Day 2 qualifier in last week's story about the tournament opener (we regret this oversight), did earn one of the 15 qualifying positions for play on May 29.

Huisman posted a 93-103-196 to earn a share of 34th place.

Other individual state qualifiers include Minnewaska Area's Madi McGinity (145), Fairmont's Bergen Senf (150), New Ulm's Abbey Frauenholtz (160) and Worthington's Anneke Weg.

Marshallbested MA 638-663 to capture the team title.







ROCK COUNTY VETERAN



# Four Panthers earn berths into state track and field competition

# **Ellsworth** athletes to compete in three events this week

### By John Rittenhouse

A strong showing by the Ellsworth boys' track team at the Section 3A meet in Montevideo Thursday extended the season for four Panther athletes.

Ellsworth gained representation in three events at the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships set for Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul by placing first or second at the section event.

Two Panthers placed second in individual events to advance to state, and one relay team captured a section title.

Led by those performances, Ellsworth scored 44 points

to place ninth in a 22-team field led by Montevideo (98.5 points).

 $Moving \, on \, to \, the \, state \, meet \,$ as section champions is the 400-meter relay consisting of Sean Boltjes, Noah Kruse, Cole Boltjes and Kade Boltjes.

The EHS four some produced the winning time of 45.14.

Kade and Sean Boltjes move on after placing second in a pair of individual events.

Kade Boltjes, who made a bid to advance to state in the long jump before finishing third with a distance of 20-8, qualified for the state classic by placing second in the 200-meter dash 22.94.

Sean Boltjes, who placed fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.92, advances to state in the 300-meter hurdles after placing second in 40.81.

Both individuals and the relay compete in preliminary events in St. Paul Friday.

EHS received three more point-producing efforts in Montevideo.

Carter Boyenga placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 129-5.

Kade Boltjes finished seventh in the 100-meter dash with a 11.43 effort, while Robby Armstrong placed eighth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.87.

Here is a look at the rest of the efforts turned in by EHS athletes at the section meet.

Ninth place: Armstrong, 800, 2:10.22; Brandon Kramer, shot, 39-11; Kramer, 13th place: Kruse, 200, 24.1; Kruse,

long jump, 18-2 1/4. 14th place: 1,600 relay (Armstrong, Sam Kramer, Cole Boltjes and Kruse),

Ellsworth junior Sean Boltjes placed second in the 300-meter hurdles to earn a trip to the state meet in St. Paul during Thursday's Section 3ATrack and Field Championships in Montevideo.

John Rittenhouse photo/0607 ehs



# VFW team wins home tournament

### By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne VFW baseball team opened their season by hosting the annual Buffalo Days tournament Friday through Sunday at Redbird Field.

The home team wasn't all that hospitable to their guests, however, as Luverne went 3-1 on the weekend to win the tournament championship.

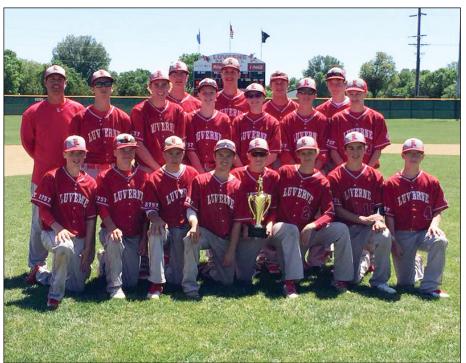
In the opening game on Friday, Luverne defeated West Central 5-1.

On Saturday, Post 2757 lost to Worthington 6-5 before routing the South Dakota Bulls, a team from Sioux Falls, 16-1.

Luverne, with a 2-1 record in pool play, earned a chance to play in the championship game through a tie-breaker scenario.

In Sunday's title game, Luverne defeated Renner 4-1.

The VFW team was scheduled to host Sioux Falls West on Wednesday and has a home game against Pipestone tonight (Thursday). Luverne will play in Slayton on Monday.



The Luverne VFW baseball team won the Buffalo Days Tournament championship on their home field over the weekend. Pictured are (front, from left) Ethan Beyer, Jaime Palmquist, Hunter Baker, Jacob Von Tersch, Quinn Buss, Tyler Roberts, Cade Wenninger, Trevor Halverson, (second) Bailey Cowell, Jaden Knips, John Miller, Riley Anderson, Shaid Shearer, Ben Jarchow, (back) Coach Mike Wenninger, Nathan Nekali, Isaiah Bartels, Colby Crabtree and Noah Herman.

# Redbirds record fourth straight amateur baseball win

### By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds reeled off their fourth consecutive victory May 30 in Jackson.

 $Luverne\,scored\,four\,unanswered$ runs in the first five innings of play and never lost control of the game before securing a 7-1 win.

Codie Zeutenhorst, who led the Redbirds with three RBIs, helped Luverne gain an early advantage by registering a sacrifice fly in the first inning before belting a two-run single during a three-run rally in the top of the fifth that included an RBI single from Phil Paquette.

The Bulls trimmed the difference to three runs (4-1) in the bottom of the sixth, but the Redbirds added three late counters to win by six.

Logan Norman singled and

scored on an error in the eighth inning. Skyler Wenninger tripled home a

run and scored on a fielder's choice by Paquette in the ninth inning.

Connor Crabtree fanned 15 Jackson batters during a complete game victory on the mound. He walked six batters and yielded three hits.

The 6-2 Redbirds host Martin County June 6.

Box score	AB	R	Н	В
Hoffman	5	2	3	0
Wenninger	5	3	2	1
Paquette	5	1	1	2
Zeutenhorst	4	0	1	3
Z.Loosbrock	5	0	0	0
Norman	5	1	2	0
Crabtree	4	0	1	0
Bosch	2	0	0	0
Mauer	2	0	0	0
Johnson	3	0	0	0

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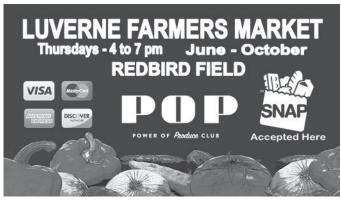
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# CHURCH

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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net Thursday, June 7: 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. Saturday, June 9: Nath/Edwards wedding. 5:30 p.m. St. Catherine's Mass. Sunday, June 10: 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Mass. 10:30 a.m. St. Catherine's Mass. Tuesday, June 12: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, June 14: 2:30

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

Sunday, June 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship

Service.

### First Baptist Church 1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, June 7: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, June 10: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, Tuesday, June 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, June 14: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

### **Grace Lutheran Church** 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@ iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor Thursday, June 7: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. Friday, June 8: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 9: 11-4 Tyler Fick open house. 5:30 p.m. Worship (in sanctuary). Sunday, June 10: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee; Adult Study. 6:30 p.m. National Youth Gathering meeting with parents. Monday, June 11: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 12: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW Executive meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ministry Retreat at Grand Prairie Events. Wednesday, June 13: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, June 14: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study

### **Bethany Lutheran Church** 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834 pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com **Andrew Palmquist, Pastor**

at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Sunday, June 10: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, June 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

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

Friday, June 8: 6:30 p.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, June 9: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, June 10: 9:30 a.m. Children in Covenant. 10:30 a.m. Senior RCYF Mission Trip meeting with parents. Monday, June 11 to Friday, June 15: 8:30 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School. Tuesday, June 12: 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, June 13: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team practice.

## First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4 Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

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

Thursday, June 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, June 9:4 p.m. Dahl/Maurer wedding. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, June 10: 9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10 a.m. New United church service. Praye Warriors meeting after church service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, June 11: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, June 13: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, June 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

### Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, June 7: 9 a.m. PW executive meeting. 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 9: 10 a.m. Stegenga/Brake bridal shower. Sunday, June 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. 1:30 p.m. Nursing home services. Tuesday, June 12: Home communion. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, June 13: 7 p.m. Session.

### St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@iw.net - www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, June 7: 2 p.m. Women's Society. 8:15 p.m. VBS Closing Program. Friday, June 8: Summer Friday office hours 8 a.m.-noon. Saturday, June 9:5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, June 10: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, June 11: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class. Tuesday, June 12: 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, June 13: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, June 14: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class.

### **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** 110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

## **Ben Clare United Methodist Church** 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

### First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. (605) 757-6662

Sunday, June 10: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship Service at First Lutheran.

# **Palisade Lutheran Church**

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 - firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Sunday, June 10: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship Service at First

### First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025

Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

# Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@ gmail.com

### www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

### **Steen Reformed Church** 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336 Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pastor Maggie Berndt-Drever** 112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

### e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net Sunday, June 10:9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, June 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, June 13:9 a.m. Quilting.

### **Hills United Reformed Church** 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

# A new way to see the world

As I write this, I just returned from leading Bible study at staff training for Shetek Lutheran Ministries, a faith-based summer camp near Slayton.

Though not the focus of this week's article, I do want to put in a plug for faith-based summer camps. I encourage you to find one that works for you and your family this summer. Many have financial assistance to help kids attend, and church camp was instrumental in my own personal growth in the faith.

### But, I digress.

Together with the camp staff, we looked at the text assigned for the day, which was Matthew 25:31-36. It's a familiar parable by Jesus. The trouble with the familiar is that we can become too comfortable with it, and while the word of God comforts, it also challenges us out of our complacency.

In Matthew 25 Jesus tells a parable about what will happen when the Son of Man comes. It tells of him sitting on his throne of glory and separating the nations like sheep and goats. He says to the ones on his right, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36, NRSV) And to the ones on his left he says that they did not do those things. Both groups are confused by this because they don't remember seeing the Son of Man hungry or as a stranger or imprisoned. The Son of Man responds, "Truly I tell you, just as you did (or did not) do it to one of the least of these, you did (or did not) do it to me." (verses 40 and 45)

Christians have long read this passage as inspiration to go out and do good works — to help feed the hungry, to donate clothing, to show hospitality to strangers - and all of that is a great way to show God's love. But when we stop there, we miss out on the radical message that Jesus is proclaiming in this parable.

Jesus is identifying with the "least of these." Jesus is promising that he is present

# BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Reverend** Maggie Berndt-Dreyer - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

It challenges us to see everyone as someone loved by God, to see everyone as God sees them, as worthy of abundant life, no questions asked, and to live life like we really believe that.

with the hungry, the strangers, the prisoners, the sick, etc. That's a promise that brings hope to toughest situations! It's also a parable that challenges the hearers to change the way we see the world. It challenges us to see everyone as someone loved by God, to see everyone as God sees them, as worthy of abundant life, no questions asked, and to live like we really believe that.

This is a life-changing way to see the world. We are not the judge of who is worthy of having their basic needs met. God is, and God has declared us all worthy of life through Jesus Christ.

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# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 13 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

18-108488

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: July 31, 2009

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$142,300.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jimmie H. Lafrenz and Janice M. Larson, two single persons MORTGAGEE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation

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

SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed August 3, 2009, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 171866

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc; Dated: July 31, 2009 filed: September 3, 2009, recorded as document number 171867; thereafter assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC dated February 1, 2018 and recorded on April 26, 2018 as Document Number 192552.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

That part of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 102 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35; Thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 35 seconds West (Geodetic bearing) along the South line of the SE 1/4 of said Section a distance of 717.00 feet to the point of beginning; Thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 50.00 feet to a point; Thence continuing North 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 425.00 feet to a point; Thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 655.00 feet to a point; Thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 425.00 feet to a point: Thence continuing South 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 50.00 feet to said South line; Thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 35 seconds East along said South line a distance of 655.00 feet to said point of beginning. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 783 71st St, Beaver Creek, MN 56116

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 02-0191-000 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$131,759.87

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 13, 2018, 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 January 13, 2019, or the next business day if January 13, 2019 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE RE-DUCED 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 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUC-TION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 15, 2018 Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Assignee of Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR (5-24, 5-31, 6-7, 6-14, 6-21, 6-28)

# **Summons**

**DISTRICT COURT** FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **COURT FILE NO.67-CV-18-123** 

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF ROCK** 

> Case Type: 14 - Other Civil **Declaratory Judgment**

BMO Harris Bank as successor to M & I Bank FSB,

Plaintiff

Charlene Ann Ver Meer, also all heirs and devisees of any of the above named persons who are deceased; and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, John Doe, Mary Roe,

Defendants,

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: The above-named Defendants;

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons and is on file in the Office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no Court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

> PFB Law, Professional Association Attorney for Plaintiff

55 East Fifth Street, Ste. 800

St. Paul, MN 55101 (651) 291-8955

Attorney ID # 0394992

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this issue.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Rock County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows: Lot Seven (7) in Block Nine (9), in the Original Plat of Hills, Minnesota, County of Rock

This action is in the nature of a reformation of a mortgage.

PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION Date: April 10, 2018

By: /s/ Michael V. Schleisman Michael V. Schleisman (#0394992) mschleisman@pfb-pa.com 55 East Fifth Street, Suite 800 St. Paul, MN 55101 Phone: (651) 291-8955 Fax: (651) 228-1753 Attorney for Plaintiff

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# **Intersection warning system** bids accepted until June 18

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CONSTRUCT RURAL INTERSECTION CONFLICT WARNING SYSTEM (RICWS) / S.A.P. 067-604-029

BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. JUNE 18TH, 2018 LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed \*Bid Packets\* will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday June 18th, 2018 READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special** Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in the

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construct Rural Intersection Conflict Warning System, located at the intersection of C.S.A.H. 4 and C.S.A.H. 17 in the City of Manley.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 1 System of Flashing Beacon System; 1 Lump Sum Traffic Control; 120 Lin. Ft. 24" Solid Line White (Epoxy).

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock. mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$30.00. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn

in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-604-029".

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

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Mark R. Sehr, P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer

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# **BRT Group, RES Americas** apply for conditional use permits

**Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits** Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the

Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday June 18, 2018. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments on the following applications for conditional use permits:

Conditional Use:

BRT Group for T-Mobile SW 1/4 of Section 18 of Magnolia Township, T102N, R44W, Rock County, MN Placement and operation of a telecommunications tower

W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 1F of Martin Township, **RES Americas** T101N, R47W, Rock County, MN

Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a meteorological tower

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator 311 W. Gabrielson Road Luverne, MN 56156 507-283-8862

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**Apply To:** Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 or email — t.holthaus@isd671.net Letter of application, resume, copy of teaching license, transcripts, and three (3) current letters of reference.

**District Application:** Submit a completed signed copy of the district employment application found on the District's website...www.hbcpatriots.com under employment tab.

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# ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ROCK COUNTY LICENSE CENTER & RURAL WATER

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant until June 20, 2018; the position is a full time with duties split between the License Center and Rock County Rural Water. The position performs a high level of customer service and conducts clerical work all while providing general office functions. Duties include: processing drivers licenses,

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or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience; must also possess good oral and writing communication skills and experience with Microsoft office software applications. This is a benefit eligible position with minimum hourly range of \$16.37 – \$17.70 DOQ and maximum hourly range of \$23.30.

A detailed job description and an application form for this position can be accessed at http://www.co.rock.mn.us/ employment.html. For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 or by email at susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us

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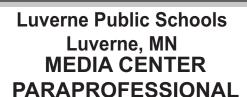
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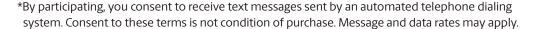
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