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Residents object to fourth new gravel pit in one-mile radius of home

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Board of Commissioners took action on a series of gravel mining permits at their April 2 meeting following recommendations by the county Planning and Zoning Board.

One of the proposed mining operations drew public comment at the March 25 public hearing.

Duininck Inc., Prinsburg, applied for a conditional use permit to open a new gravel pit in Section 29

of Battle Plain Township.

It will be the fourth active gravel mining operation permitted in a one-mile radius of Bryan and Mavis Fodness, who live on the township road (170th Avenue) used for a good share of the hauling.

This new pit will be a mile southwest of an already permitted Duinick pit, and it's within a mile of two other permitted operations — Central Specialties Inc., Alexandria, and Buffalo Ridge Concrete, Edgerton.

The Fodnesses objected to the new new pit — this one permitted for 77 acres — being opened in their neighborhood.

The zoning board recommended that the County Board approve the permit at the April 2 meeting that Mavis Fodness attended.

"This will be the fourth gravel pit along that mile," she told commissioners. "That is the road I use every single day to get to and from my residence."

Required vs. voluntary acts

She said Duinick in particular hasn't been a good neighbor in terms of road maintenance, dust control and other nuisances.

While other gravel operators in her neighborhood have voluntarily reclaimed land as their pits are mined, she said no parts of Duinick's operation have been reclaimed.

According to conditions on gravel permits, pits must be reclaimed once mining ceases, but there's no clear

definition of "ceased operations."

An operator can keep applying for five-year permits on gravel pits that may or may not be actively mined. They're not required to reclaim a pit unless the permit expires.

The Fodnesses moved back to the family farm in 2003, and since then Duinick applied for — and was granted — permits every five years.

Fodness has commented at

County gravel permits/see page 5

Facade program improves downtown

By Lori Sorenson

Another downtown business has been approved for a grant and loan for façade improvements through Luverne's Historic Façade Improvement Program.

Sue Ver Steeg submitted an application for a façade improvement project at 102 N. Freeman Avenue, formerly the Rock County Eye Clinic, which moved next door to the north.

Ver Steeg recently moved Great Planes Travel to this location from its previous office on Main Street and completed an interior remodel project.

Her application for exterior improvements includes a new façade on the upper portion of the building, new awnings and new internally lit signage.

Ver Steeg was approved for a grant in the amount of \$5,250 and a loan in the amount of \$5,250 at 2 percent interest for five years.

In addition to the proposed façade improvement project, Great Planes Travel also took advantage of the city's logo design program through the Luverne Economic Development Authority.

The program assists business owners with logos and branding for signage and business cards, etc. and helps coordinate estimates, production and installation.

Facade improvements/see page 2



Lori Sorenson photo/0411 fire department training

Practice, practice, practice

Members of the Luverne Fire Department practiced dispatch and staging for housefires in three different parts of town Monday night as part of their regular training program. They're pictured here rolling up fire hoses after "responding" to a "fire" in a one-story home on West Bishop Street. From there they moved to a two-story structure on Freeman Avenue to employ different responses that would be necessary in a larger structure. Their third dispatch was east of Luverne in a newer neighborhood comprised of cul de sacs where fire crews practiced staging for a fire in an area without the usual streets and square blocks. The firemen trained on properties where they had homeowners' cooperation. There was no fire.

Local students recognized at state FCCLA conference

Five students advance to nationals; also advancing is 'DeFEET Poverty' project

By Mavis Fodness

Twenty-six Luverne Middle-High School students were among nearly 1,000 youth who attended the Minnesota Family, Career and Community Leaders (FCCLA) state conference March 28-30 in Bloomington.

The leadership conference featured competitions, awards, leadership training sessions and motivational speakers.

Theme of the conference was "Land of 10,000 Dreams."

The competitive portion of the conference featured students participating in one or more of the 50 different STAR events (Students Taking Action with Recognition).

Qualifying students earned trips to compete at the national FCCLA conference June 30-July 4 in Anaheim, California.



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Nine Luverne students earned trips or were named alternates to the national FCCLA convention in Anaheim, California, this summer. They are (from left) Adriana Gonzalez, Parker Carboneau, Ross Bergman, Courtney Wendland, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Zoe DeBates, Jacinda Hustoft, Carissa Cunningham and Lindsey Roemeling.

Results by category, Luverne participant(s) and medal achievement include:

- Illustrated talk: Cedar Viessman and Phoebe DeBates, gold; Nicole Hoogland, gold; Kaylie Ossefoort and Courtney Wendland, gold; Hannah Baker and Rylee Anderson, gold; Elizabeth Kelm, gold; Riley Severtson

and Carissa Cunningham, gold; Faith Mounce and Morgan Bonnett, gold.

- Interior design: Jacinda Hustoft and Zoe DeBates, gold, national trip earners.

- Life planning event: Lindsey Roemeling and Carissa Cunningham, gold, alternates to the national convention.

- Focus on Children: Cedar Viessman and Ella Lanoue, silver; Ross Bergman and Parker Carboneau, silver, alternatives to the national convention.

- Chapter service: Mela Jarchow and Kacie Kracht, bronze.

FCCLA to nationals/see page 3

Children's playhouse debuts Monday

By Mavis Fodness

Josie Scholten's Royal Playhouse Children's Theatre will make its debut this spring with "The Pirates of Penzance" performance slated for mid-May.

Scholten is a Hills-Beaver Creek High School senior who created the Royal Playhouse to expose area children to theater and performing arts opportunities.

Youth ages 8 to 18 can participate in the "Pirates" production by attending an organizational meeting from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Monday, April 15, in the Coffey Contemporary Arts gallery on Main Street in Luverne.

Among the hands-on learning opportunities are stagecraft, set production, direction, dance, auditioning, vocal technique and theater history.

Registration fee is \$15 per child. Meetings will be Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in Luverne through May 18.

Contact Scholten at 507-920-0936 or email RoyalPlayhouseTheatre@gmail.com for more information.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 with questions.

Luverne Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the Luverne High School Choir Room. All parents of choir and band students are welcome to attend.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the home of Eric Sas.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Maplewood Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, at the Remax office conference room. Lot owners meet at 6:30 p.m. and Board of Directors meet at 7 p.m.

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

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

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne. 507-449-1246.

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

41st Street bridge reduced to one lane

The bridge over Kanaranzi Creek on Rock County Highway 1 (41st Street) 1/2 mile west of the Rock/Nobles county line is reduced to one lane. **No trucks** will be allowed to cross the structure at this time, and a **20,000-pound weight limit** is in place.

The restrictions will remain in place for an extended period of time until repairs can be made to the structure. Call Rock County highway engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions.

GEP presents 'Drinking Habits'

The Green Earth Players will present "Drinking Habits" at the historic Palace Theatre April 11-14. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for students and are available at the Palace Box Office, 507-283-4339.

Circus tickets available

Local members of El Riad Shrine have donated circus tickets to area children up to 12 years old for the April 25-28 Shrine Circus shows in Sioux Falls. Tickets are available at Pizza Ranch and Teal's for families to pick up. Adults accompanying children must purchase their own tickets. Call Everett Brandenburg, 507-920-7055, with questions.

Students perform 'Lemonade' April 12

The Luverne Elementary first- and third-grade students will present "Lemonade" at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the elementary gym. With the help of a cheerful Mother Goose, the cast members learn how to make the best out of life's ups and downs.

Red Cross blood drive April 16 at Grace

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Appointments can be made by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Free food giveaway April 18

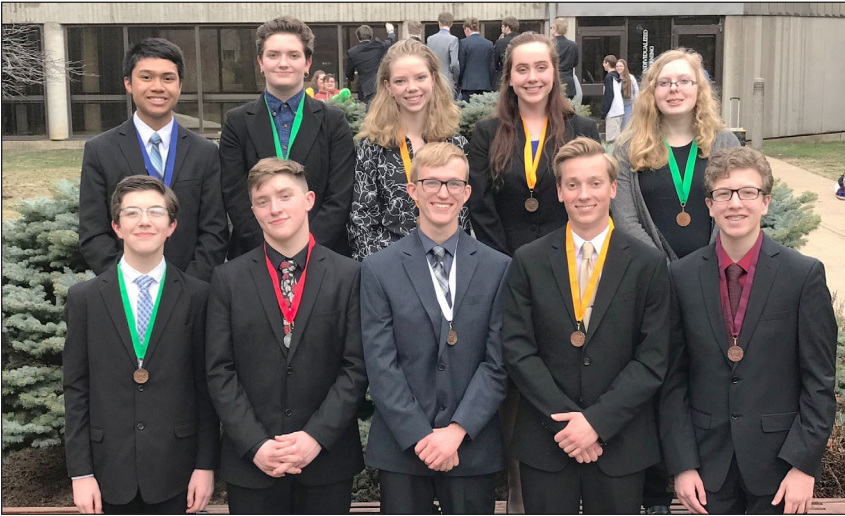
New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in the Senior Citizens Building at 319 East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 507-283-3466.

Jack's Basket founder to speak at April 15 pro-life rally

Kenneth native Carissa (Nieuwboer) Carroll, founder of Jack's Basket, will speak at the Southwest Minnesota Pro-Life Rally at 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, in Southwest Christian High School, Edgerton. Call 507-283-2219 with questions.

Jack's Basket celebrates children born with Down's syndrome and educates medical providers on how to discuss diagnoses with parents and provide support.

Since March 2014, Jack's Basket has celebrated over 1,350 babies in 47 states and 11 countries.



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Ten Luverne High School students earned medals at Saturday's Section 3A speech tournament in Marshall. Pictured in front from left are Parker Carboneau, Chance Tunnissen, Shane Berning, Jordan Winter, Xavier Carboneau, (back) Seno Chanthalangsy, Meagan Hansen, Alexa Chesley, Sage Ver Steeg and Melanie Rittenhouse. Tunnissen, Berning and Chanthalangsy will compete at Friday's state speech tournament in Wayzata.

LHS is fourth at sections

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School speech team finished in a tie for fourth place with Tracy-Milroy-Balaton with 31 points each at the Section 3A speech tournament in Marshall.

River Valley High School captured the section crown with 45 points.

Ten Luverne students broke into the final rounds.

The top three finishers in each of the 24 speech categories at sections move on to Friday's class A Minnesota State High School Speech Tournament in Wayzata.

Seno Chanthalangsy, a sophomore, is making his state tournament debut after placing first in humorous interpretation.

Freshman Chance Tunnissen finished second in extemporaneous speaking, and senior Shane Berning

placed third in the same category.

The 2019 state tournament is Tunnissen's second appearance, and Berning is making his third.

Twenty-four Luverne students competed at Saturday's section meet.

Earning medals at the section meet but not moving on to state competition are Parker Carboneau, fifth, extemporaneous speaking; Jordan Winter, fourth, great speeches; Xavier Carboneau, fourth, prose; Meagan Hansen, fifth, original oratory; Alexa Chesley, fourth, discussion; Melanie Rittenhouse, fifth, discussion; and Sage Ver Steeg, fourth, prose.

The top three finishers in each category from the eight sections compete at the state tournament, where the top eight finishers move into the final medals round.

Adrian sends three students to state speech competition

Three Adrian High School students will compete at the Minnesota State High School Speech Tournament Friday at Wayzata High School.

Sabdi Bravo, Tommy Morrison and Maritz Beltran qualified at the Section 3A tournament Saturday at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Bravo, a senior, placed third in informative speaking, earning her third trip to the state meet.

Last year Bravo finished second in informative speaking at the

state contest, and in 2017 she finished sixth.

Morrison, a senior, was third in original oratory.

He is making his first trip to the state competition in his second year participating in speech.

Beltran placed first at the section meet in poetry.

She also qualified for last year's state meet and continued her mastery of the category by being a finalist in the section tournament, a position Beltran has achieved each year since the seventh grade.



Submitted photo

Sabdi Bravo (left), Tommy Morrison and Maritz Beltran will compete at Friday's Minnesota State High School Speech Tournament after qualifying Saturday at the Section 3A tournament in Marshall.

Facade improvement program has impact downtown/

Ver Steeg, like many other local business owners, used the program to update letterhead and envelopes and incorporate the updated logo in the new signage.

Background

Luverne Economic Development Authority members discussed the history of the program and its proven successes at their meeting Monday morning, April 8.

"I can just about guarantee that without this program we wouldn't have the improvements we've seen in our downtown corridor," said Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian.

The Historic Façade Improvement Program was developed in 2014 to support the revitalization of Main Street and downtown Luverne while restoring buildings as closely as possible to their historic appearance from 1878-1948.

The program covers architectural costs for a professional design proposal to ensure projects align with the goal of a historic Main Street.

Funding provided through the program can be used for materials, construction, awnings, signage and lighting.

One-third of qualifying projects is paid by a grant, one-third by a low-interest loan, and one-third is owner equity.



Sue Ver Steeg submitted an application for a facade improvement project at 102 N. Freeman Avenue, formerly the Rock County Eye Clinic, which moved next door to the north.

The grant amount is capped at \$21,000 per project.

To date the LEDA has invested \$220,863 in grants to local businesses for façade improvements.

Of the \$116,188 administered in loans, \$48,966 remains to be repaid.

Businesses have invested \$368,652 of their own capital for a total of \$705,703 over the past four years.

Main Street Financial was one of the first businesses to complete a project in 2015 through the program.

The former Loopy's (now Mall on Main) and Grand Prairie Events were improved in 2016.

In 2017 improved businesses included W-2 Quality Meats, Quality Printing, Redeemed Remnants, the Coffey building art gallery, Print Express, Sincerely Yours, Take 16 Brewery, Rock County History Center and Tyanna's Boutique.

Façade projects approved in 2018 through the program included the Rock County Eye Clinic and Luverne Family Dental and the Ben Franklin Lodge building.

LEDA Director Holly Sammons said the program took awhile to gain momentum, but the financial incentives and professional support have been helpful.

"Some projects are big, some are small, but that's the advantage of having a flexible program," Sammons said.



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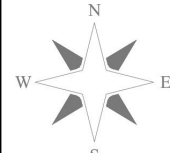
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‘Farm-to-Pint’ event April 12 supports local BackPack program

By Mavis Fodness

The longer-than-usual summer break has two organizations working together to continue a needed nutrition program.

The BackPack Program and Farmers Market teamed up for a 14-week summer backpack program.

The group needs \$6,000 to get the program off the ground for children ages 4 through 12. A Friday fundraiser at the Take 16 Brewery will assist with the group's goal.

Currently the backpack program distributes food for the weekend to more than 160 children each week. The school year program only operates while school is in session, generally August through May.

This year Luverne Public School will have a 16-week summer break for its building project.

The summer backpack program picks up where the school year program ends but with a slight twist.

Pickup of the meals will be each Thursday at the Farmers Market location at the east end of Luverne's Main Street.

“Our goal is to get kids down there ... and get fresh vegetables and fruit,” Dinger said.

Corrine Bonnema, organizer for Luverne's Farmers Market, approached the BackPack Program committee to partner with the Farmers

Market Power of Produce or POP program.

The summer backpack program includes three days of meals plus \$4 in tokens to purchase items at the Farmers Market.

If the students sign up for the POP program, they receive an additional \$2 in tokens, Bonnema said.

At the Farmers Market, BackPack participants can take part in the POP education sessions.

These sessions will feature how fruits and vegetables are grown, offer taste tests using the seasonal produce and give out kid-friendly recipes.

“We love the idea of having good food ... and to have produce in their diet,” Dinger said.

Donations at Friday's “Farm to Pint” event at Take 16 Brewery go toward purchasing food for the summer BackPack Program. Volunteers complete the packing and distribution.

Hamburgers and rib ticklers are served at the indoor event.

The fundraising event begins at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m., a new corn-based beer will be announced followed by an 8 p.m. performance of Dueling Pianos.

Donations can be mailed to the Luverne BackPack Program, P.O. Box 912, Luverne, MN 56156.

Checks can be made out to Luverne Summer BPP.



File photo

Carnival rides are among several traditional county fair experiences that members of the Rock County Agricultural Society have continued. The society recently kicked off a sponsorship campaign to keep ride costs as inexpensive.

Ag Society launches direct mail sponsor campaign to support Rock County Fair

By Mavis Fodness

Organizers of the long-running Rock County Fair are seeking financial support in a direct mail campaign launched last month.

The Rock County Agricultural Society kicked off its first bulk mail fundraising campaign seeking support for entertainment offerings at the annual four-day event.

This year's Rock County Fair is July 24-27.

Deadline for donations is June 1 in order to be recognized at this year's fair.

“Because of the increased cost of entertainment, we are asking your help to continue to offer items for free or at a minimal cost,” the letter stated.

“With your sponsorship dollars, we will be able to continually improve the fair.”

Luverne Area Community Foundation is collecting the money for the fair board. Donations will continue to be accepted after the June 1 deadline.

Sponsorships include grandstand shows as well as events occurring daily on the fairgrounds.

Operating budget doubles over the past dozen years

On March 19 Ag Society President Isaac DeBoer and Secretary Lee Sells updated county commissioners about the non-profit organization's continued goal to provide a quality county fair to the public.

That includes maintaining facilities on South Freeman Avenue in southwest Luverne.

Since 2006, the ag society completed more than \$530,000 in capital improvements.

Revenue since then has more than doubled from \$62,600 to \$171,800 in 2018.

The increase was bolstered primarily by the \$67,500 received in grants and sponsorships, an amount that was zero in 2006.

A portion of the money (\$42,000) is earmarked for fair entertainment.

Large crowds at the 2018 county fair were positive signs that the events are attracting people to come to the fairgrounds.

“Last year was probably our record year,” DeBoer said. “We have stepped it up a long way with some of the on-the-ground entertainment that we did, and the goal is to continue to do that.”

As a free admission event, DeBoer said exact attendance numbers are difficult to track, but food sales can be a barometer for the Wednesday-Saturday event.



File photo

The Wild Things Zoo made its first appearance at the Rock County Fair in 2018 and is scheduled to return in 2019. Ag Society members kicked off a sponsorship campaign last month to defray the zoo's \$5,000 cost and keep the event free for all fair-goers.

“Pork producers, by mid-day Saturday, were basically sold out of rib-ticklers,” DeBoer said. “They ordered more than they ever ordered before and that tells me how good presence on the ground was as a whole.”

Kelsey Maeschen, the county's 4-H coordinator, said the food stand operated by the youth organization experienced a good 2018.

“We did set a profit record at the food stand with all the business that we received,” she said.

Increased attendance is not an experience shared among all local fairs.

“A lot of folks haven't really thought outside the box,” DeBoer said. “A lot of county fairs are not making it financially.”

Turn toward direct mail campaign new for group

Rock County commissioners increased the county's annual fair contribution from \$16,000 per year to \$20,000 beginning in 2019.

“The fair board should be com-

mended,” said Commissioner Stan Williamson. “This board doesn't have to worry — when we give you a contribution, we know you've spent it wisely.”

The county's contribution used to account for 26 percent of the fair's income in 2006, now it is 9 percent.

Donations and sponsorships comprise 39 percent of the fair board's total budget and the direct mail campaign is intended to make fundraising easier for the ag society members.

Sells said members previously stopped at sponsoring businesses to share event plans and to ask which event(s) the owners would financially support.

“This year we redid that whole process,” Sells said. “(It) is a mailer to the whole community, businesses and everybody in Rock County and including all of Jasper.”

The mailer was sent in late March to 5,000 mailboxes and to 250 busi-

Ag Society campaign/see page 14

Local Working Group to discuss county natural resource priorities April 15

The public is encouraged to attend the Rock County meeting of the USDA Local Working Group at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 15.

The meeting will be in the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District/Land Management Office in Luverne.

The public meeting is planned as part of a joint effort by the USDA and the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District to engage more participants in the conservation process in Rock County.

Local Working Groups provide input to the District

Conservationist of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs.

Topics of discussion will include prioritizing resource concerns for Rock County for Fiscal Year 2020.

Contact Resource Conservationist Levi Campion at 507-283-2360 ext. 114. He can also be reached at email Levi.Campion@mn.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Campion by April 10.

FCCLA students to nationals/ continued from page 1

•Show me: Phoebe DeBates and Ryenn Stegenga, bronze.

•National programs in action: Sage VerSteeg, gold; Anita Cole-Kraty, Kacie Kracht and Kynzie Hamann, silver.

•Advocacy: Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Adriana Gonzalez and Courtney Wendland, gold, national trip earners.

Wiederhoeft, Gonzalez and Wendland created “DeFEET Poverty,” where they sought to increase awareness of poverty issues locally through various special events.

A clerical error almost kept the three students from presenting their advocacy project at the national convention.

Adviser Carmen Thompson said the Luverne students were announced as the first advancers and proceeded to the registration desk to sign up for the national convention.

Organizers said “DeFEET Poverty” project finished fourth and did not qualify for advancement.

“This upset everyone,” said adviser Carmen Thompson. “After some checking, they found out they were second and got their national trip.”

Joining Wiederhoeft, Gonzalez and Wendland to California this summer are Jacinda Hustoft and Zoe DeBates.

Hustoft and DeBates were also two of 18 FCCLA members across the nation who qualified for the national convention with their “Digital Stories for Change.”

The students developed a video for this year's topic of “Being Responsible Online.”

The state convention marked the end of Lindsey Roemeling's term as state vice president of service. Carissa Cunningham, Adriana Gonzalez and Courtney Wendland also completed their terms as southwest area officers.

Elected to serve as southwest area officers next year are Ella Lanoue as secretary and Rylee Anderson as peer educator.

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What dreams are made of ...
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“Sweet dreams,” “Living the dream,” “Man of my dreams,” “In your dreams” ... all imply that dream-ing is a good thing.



But my dreams are mostly weird. Like the ones that find me in my childhood home in the kitchen with yellow linoleum, rooster-patterned wallpaper and a black-and-white television on the counter.

There's no real significance to the stories that play out in those dreams. They're mostly just obscure flashbacks to 6-year-old Lori with tousled pigtails and dirty fingernails.

Sometimes she's with her sisters in the barn hayloft or on the banks of the muddy Champepedan Creek.

Sometimes she's at the dinner table wondering what Grandpa likes about peaches and cottage cheese.

Not all my weird dreams are about young Lori.

Sometimes 50-year-old Lori finds herself caring for an infant. When did I have a baby? How could I not remember I had a baby? What kind of mother am I?

Sometimes my dreams are troubling and occasionally terrifying — like 12-year-old Lori fleeing a charging bull in the pasture and her legs are paralyzed.

Or, almost as troublesome is the dream where 20-year-old Lori shows up for class at the U of M where everyone is starting a final exam — and she hasn't yet purchased the textbook, much less showed up for class.

Another recurring dream from that era finds me criss-crossing the urban campus in a never-ending search for a classroom in a building that forever remains around the next corner.

ON SECOND
THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Dream experts have all sorts of explanations for stories that unfold behind our eyes while we sleep, and they say many of us share the same odd dreams in common.

Like the one where we find ourselves in public while wearing our pajamas — or worse, wearing nothing at all.

Many people share the common dream of flying — or floating peacefully — over our pedestrian friends.

I love the flying dreams ... until I can't figure out how to come down ... and I startle awake after plummeting to the ground.

Dreams indicate we've fallen deeply asleep, but weird dreams aren't very restful for my brain.

Why can't I have satisfying dreams with happy endings? What if we could choose the topics of dreams?

Turns out we can, to a degree.

Relaxed (happy) sleepers have pleasant dreams, so a thoughtful bedtime routine can result in better dream outcomes, according to sleep experts (whoever they are).

Maybe it's yoga and meditation, or pleasant fragrances or soothing music — or a glass (one) of red wine — before bedtime.

Whatever you do, don't eat a midnight snack of leftover spicy nachos. Apparently our tummies can dictate the flavor of our dreams.

Sweet dreams (not weird ones), my fellow dreamers. May you achieve the happy sleep stories you dream of dreaming.

Distracted driving enforcement
campaign aims to reduce tragedy

Extra enforcement
on Minnesota roads
April 8–30

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, distracted driving-related crashes have claimed an average of 45 lives per year over the past five years.

Each of these tragedies has caused a lifetime of grief and pain for the families left behind, and the drivers responsible for the crashes must live with the guilt of their negligence.

To increase awareness and change dangerous behaviors, more than 300 Minnesota law enforcement agencies will begin a three-week extra distracted driving enforcement campaign starting April 8.

The distracted driving campaign, which runs through April 30, is coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

Distracted driving is
dangerous driving

Continuing a six-year trend, texting and driving citations jumped 30 percent from 2017 to 2018 with 9,545 tickets written by law enforcement statewide in 2018, according to

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Distracted Driving	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Texting Citations	2,177	3,498	4,115	5,988	7,357	9,545
Fatalities	68	59	72	41	24	*27
Serious Injuries	241	196	173	254	218	*178

*Preliminary Data

Minnesota court records.

Since 2012, texting citations increased by 459 percent.

Distracted driving contributes to one in five crashes in Minnesota.

Distracted driving has contributed to an average of 45 deaths and 204 life-changing injuries per year since 2014. (See chart above.)

Distracted driving consequences

With Minnesota's "No Texting" law, it's illegal for drivers to read or send texts and emails and access the web while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic.

That includes sitting at a stoplight or stop sign. Penalties for this violation can include:

\$50 plus court fees for a first offense.

\$275 plus court fees for a second and/or subsequent offense.

If you injure or kill someone

because of texting and driving, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or homicide.

Speak up and join Minnesotans
driving distracted-free

Put the phone down, turn it off or place it out of reach.

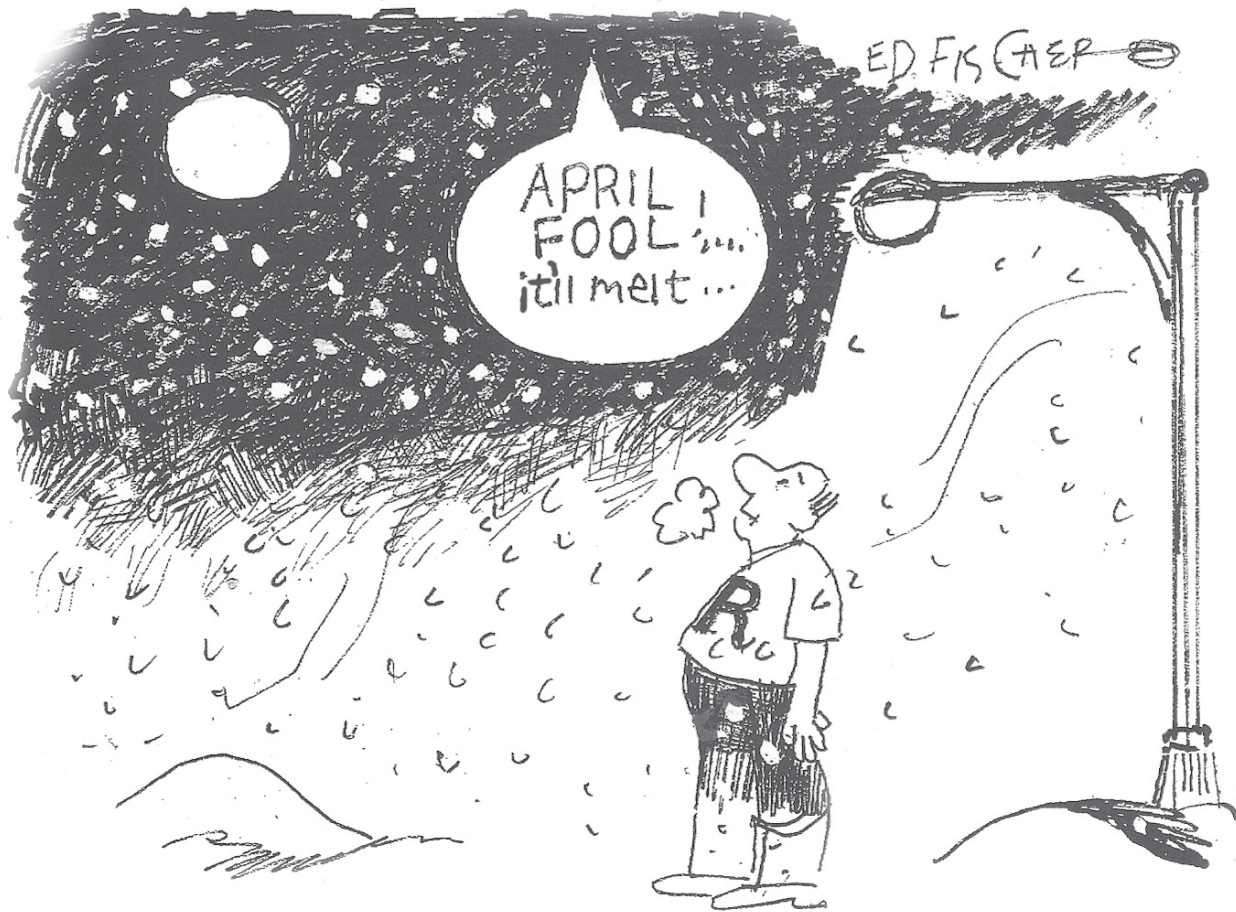
Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.

Map out navigation destinations and enter the GPS route in advance.

Avoid messy foods while driving and secure drinks.

Teach children the importance of good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.

Passengers, speak up to stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver's attention off the road.



Some items aren't garbage in this throwaway-thinking society

After one of our weekly Monday morning advertising meetings, the ever-popular bag phone, for whatever reason, was the topic of our post-meeting conversation.

I was a proud bag phone user and would still be today if it was up to me. If memory serves me, it was a Motorola. I did check on eBay and found one just like the one I had for \$14.99 plus \$11.99 for shipping. Anyway, this brings me to the topic at hand and that is the throwaway society we currently live in.

But instead of writing about the things we use and then throw away as soon as the latest style or color comes along, instead I want to give some love to the things that have stood the test of time and for whatever reason I still have around and still use — if not on a regular basis, at least every once in a while.

The first thing that comes to mind, much to the dismay of my



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

family, is my spring jacket I hope to be wearing more often than the rest of the month. I have had the jacket for more than 17 years.

My toolbox has more than a couple of items that have been around for two generations, and I also have a draw knife that, if I were to pass it on to one of my grandsons, he would be the fifth generation of Petersons to have it and wonder what it's for.

I have an aluminum scoop shovel, and I know the scoop part

is at least four inches shorter than it was when it was new. It worked perfectly on the high snowbanks at the end of the driveway this year.

The tow rope in the back of my vehicle is 20 years old and only used twice. The little lock box I have been using for the past 41 years still works.

I still have the first shotgun I bought used oh so many years ago, and I still use it. The same can be said for my favorite hunting hat.

The pencil sharpener on my

desk has been with me for 20 years or more, and the same can be said for my letter opener.

I would still be using my 15-year-old grandpa coffee cup each morning if it hadn't cracked. I still have the cup — it's just been retired, not thrown away.

For those of you in the throwaway crowd who live in the city of Luverne, you should have received a letter last week explaining the rules and dates of the citywide junk pickup.

The city has been doing this annual junk pickup for years, and you would think we would be running out of junk sometime soon.

The list of junk that the city won't pick up is getting longer and longer, so I would suggest you follow the rules or you'll be hauling a lot of your junk back into your garage.

Generations supporters
contribute to healthy
community for all ages

To the Editor:

We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support at the April 1 Dessert Theater and Auction in Grand Prairie Events for our Generations organization.

The evening was an impressive showcase of local talent — from the delicious desserts to the beautiful music to the hilarious acting — that made us once again proud to be part of this community.

By the end of the night all the generous ticket buyers (roughly 300 attendees), bidders, donors and volunteers combined efforts to raise more than \$71,000 for the new Generations building.

What a remarkable statement of support for our project, which will provide a modern space for nutrition and social enrichment as we all seek to age well long into the future.

We're grateful to everyone involved in making our community a healthy place for all ages.

George Bonnema, Luverne,
on behalf of the
Generations Board of Directors

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 29
•Complainant reported harassment.
•Complainant on Luverne Street requested a welfare check.
•Outage reported at location.
•Welfare check requested on S. Kniss Avenue.
March 30
•Complainant in Magnolia ran out of gas going home from work.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity on North McKenzie Street.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity on West Luverne Street.
•Complainant requested a deputy on West Bishop Street.
•Complainant reported a burglar alarm on South Kniss Avenue.
March 31
•Cattle out at location on 95th Street near Luverne.
•Welfare check requested on South Kniss Avenue.
•Outage reported at location.
•Complainant on Mead Court reported threats.
•Complainant reported an accidental gunshot. Complainant near Kanaranzi reported vehicle spot-lighting.
April 1
•Complainant reported a property theft.
•Complainant reported subject at location on West Brown Street with a warrant.
•Complainant reported road closure on 200th Avenue, I-90 to 101st Street, Magnolia.
•Complainant reported order for protection violation on South Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant reported a wallet found on South Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant reported a driving complaint on Highway 75 and 211th Street.
April 2
•Complainant reported a pedestrian light

outage on Kniss and Barck Avenue intersection.
•Complainant on North Kniss Avenue reported a locked vehicle at gas pump.
•Complainant conducted follow-up on North Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant requested background check for liquor license.
•Complainant reported subject arrested on Rock County warrant.
•Complainant reported order for protection violation.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity.
April 3
•Complainant in Beaver Creek is doing bird surveys.
•Complainant on Oakley Street requested to speak to deputy.
•Deputy conducted follow-up on South Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant turned in a wallet.
•A civil defense weather test was conducted.
•Complainant requested assistance with notice on Mead Court.
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy about civil issue.
•Deputy reported suspicious activity in Hills.
April 4
•Complainant reported a parking violation on East Luverne Street.
•Complainant reported harassing communications on Blue Mound Avenue.
•Complainant requested traffic control on South Kniss Avenue just south of I-90.
April 5
•Complainant reported a car sale issue.
In addition, officers responded to 1 vehicle in the ditch, 1 transport, 8 escorts, 25 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 37 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 3 drug court tests, 5 permits to purchase/carry, 2 stalled vehicles, 25 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls and 2 tests.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Contact the Rock County Library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register.
Evening Story Time each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. through April 30.
National Library Week open house 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11.
National Library Week puppet show 10 a.m. Friday, April 12.
Candance Simar Author Visit 2 p.m. Monday, April 29. Simar writes historical fiction including the "Abercrombie Trail" series.
Mah Jongg at the library is from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. Anyone is welcome to learn to play the Chinese game played with tiles printed with various symbols.
Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 to 2.



Rock County approved a new permit for Duininck Inc., Prinsburg, to open a new gravel pit in Section 29 of Battle Plain Township. It will be the fourth active gravel mining operation permitted in a one-mile radius of Bryan and Mavis Fodness, who live on the township road (170th Avenue) used for a good share of the hauling. This new 77-acre pit will be a mile southwest of an already permitted Duininck pit, and it's within a mile of two other permitted operations.

Gravel permits in Battle Plain Township /continued from page 1

previous public hearings for Duininck's permit applications, but she said her concerns seem to have fallen on deaf ears.
That's why she was disheartened to learn Duininck was opening a brand new pit in her neighborhood.
"... so if you allow them to open a new pit, what are the plans for reclaiming the existing one?" she asked. "If there are no plans to extract from it, are there plans to reclaim it?"
Rationale for business
There aren't currently restrictions on the number of open and active pits an operator is allowed to have, and there is no limit on the number of times a permit can be renewed.
County Administrator Kyle Oldre questioned Duininck's rationale for starting a new one.
"If you have an open pit to the north, why would you open another pit and have two open sores, as they've been called?" he asked Duininck engineer Jason Ver Steeg at the April 2 County Board meeting.
"Our long-term plan is to reclaim that pit to the north," Ver Steeg said.
Duininck owns the land for the new permit, while it leases the land for the 25-acre pit to the north.
Ver Steeg offered additional reasons why gravel haulers keep open pits — and

open options.
He said new mandates for asphalt plants require six different types of aggregate to be used in the mix for road surfaces.
That means the extraction process requires a larger staging area for stockpiled materials and more areas to extract from, considering the varied aggregate materials are found at different levels of mining.
Commissioner Stan Williamson empathized with Fodness and also with gravel companies in general.
"I understand why you get all these permits, just in case you're awarded a bid and need access to the gravel right away," he said.
Price of progress
Fodness said that doesn't change the fact that gravel operations directly affect their lives when hauling is in full swing.
"There's a truck either coming or going every three to five minutes, and their permitted hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day," she said.
"And that's if only one pit is active. What's going to happen if all four are active?"
She said she and her husband raise livestock, and opportunities for summer horseback riding are restricted by truck traffic.
"My summer is basically ruined every summer when

they're hauling from those pits," Fodness said.
In addition to traffic, noise and dust, she said there are pollution issues that went unchecked for years when Duininck left a broken-down crane parked in a pit for nearly 10 years while it dripped oil.
That piece of equipment was moved two years ago after the Fodnesses repeatedly expressed concerns at public hearings when permits were due for renewal.
"The public reporting process is the only way anyone would know if the conditions are being met," Fodness said.
"I'm not against gravel extraction, but clean up your mess. ... It's right next to the Rock River and it poses environmental concerns."
She said she's noticed operational differences between local haulers — like Pronk Ready Mix (now owned by Buffalo Ridge), who are sensitive to the impact their operation has on neighbors, and the operators that are headquartered in other parts of the state.
"Duininck doesn't live in the area," Fodness said. "They don't care. They aren't good neighbors."
David and Brenda Vander Ziel live directly south of — and almost adjacent to — the new planned pit at the intersection of County Road 7 and 170th Avenue.
Their driveway opens to the blacktop road and they will

benefit from an arrangement discussed with Ver Steeg at the March 25 conditional use hearing.
Duininck has agreed to work with the Vander Ziels to grade drainage away from their residence, which has been prone to flooding.
Permits require conditions
Before voting on the permit April 2, commissioners reviewed the conditions of the permit as listed.
The permit holder must:
•comply with local weed statutes.
•control dust on the haul road and pit entrance road.
•operate between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.
•keep extraction at least 100 feet from a property line and at least 500 feet from a residence, and operations must be at least 1,000 feet from a residential structure.
•have a road haul agreement with Battle Plain Township.
•not proceed until a storm water permit is issued.
"It's important for you to be a good neighbor, and we would ask you to comply with the conditions of the use," Board Chairman Greg Burger told Ver Steeg before calling the vote.
It passed unanimously with ayes from Burger, Williamson, Sherri Thompson, and Gary Overgaard. Commissioner Jody Reisch was absent.

Papik picks of the week...

2016 Chevrolet Colorado
31K • Stock 114151N **save \$4,000**
Was \$28,990 Now \$24,990

2016 Chevrolet Silverado
63K • Stock #125045N **save \$4,000**
Was \$34,990 Now \$30,990

2017 Ford Edge
46K • Stock #5755U **save \$2,500**
Was \$24,490 Now \$21,990

2015 Honda Civic
50K • Stock #540247U **save \$3,000**
Was \$13,990 Now \$10,990

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CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Lincoln Christopher, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and 19 3/4 inches long, was born Friday, March 1, at Sanford in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Logan Crosby and Hallie Baker**, Steen. Grandparents are Alan and Vonnice Baker, Steen, and Dawn Lawson, Bemidji.

A girl, Eden Jane, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 21 inches long, was born Monday, March 4, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Eric and Kilee Uittenbogaard**, Steen. She joins a sister, Harper. Grandparents are Alan and Vonnice Baker, Steen, and Marlin and Tammi Uittenbogaard, Boyden, Iowa.

A girl, Gracelyn Lorraine, weighing 7 pounds, and 19 1/4 inches long, was born Tuesday, March 19, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Shea and Dani Klooster**, Steen. Grandparents are Alan and Vonnice Baker, Steen, and Scott and Shelly Klooster, Adrian.

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Nicole Hoff**, bride-to-be of **Karic Wiertzema**, will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Gathering Space at St. Catharine Church in Luverne.

MENU

Monday, April 15: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, pineapple.

Program: 9 a.m. Quilting; Bone Builders.

Tuesday, April 16: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry garnish, carrots, bread, fruit shortcake.

Program: Half-Price Days sponsored by GrandStay Hotel and Suites.

Wednesday, April 17: Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, dessert.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders and site council.

Thursday, April 18: Mandarin chicken salad, fresh fruit, cucumber slices, muffin.

Program: Half-Price Day; Food Giveaway.

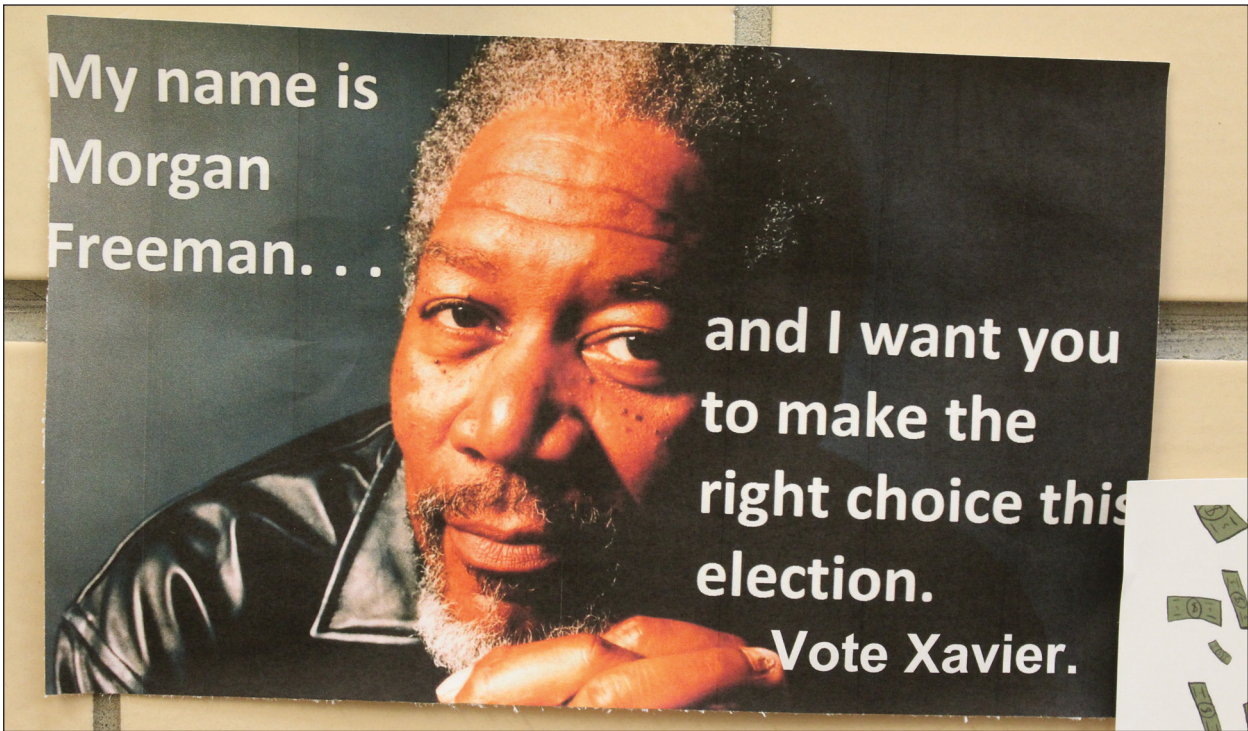
Friday, April 19: Vegetable soup, tuna salad sandwich, fruit salad, crackers, dessert.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Birthday Party. Kitchen Band.

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

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

Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.



Luverne High School students turned to poster-making to encourage classmates to vote for them in the upcoming student council elections. The result was a plethora of posters taped to hallway walls.

Getting the word out

Student council candidates use posters to self-promote

By Mavis Fodness

Today's divisive politicians could learn a few lessons from students at Luverne High School.

The school of 395 ninth- through 12-graders recently completed its annual student council elections that attracted 62 candidates for 36 open offices.

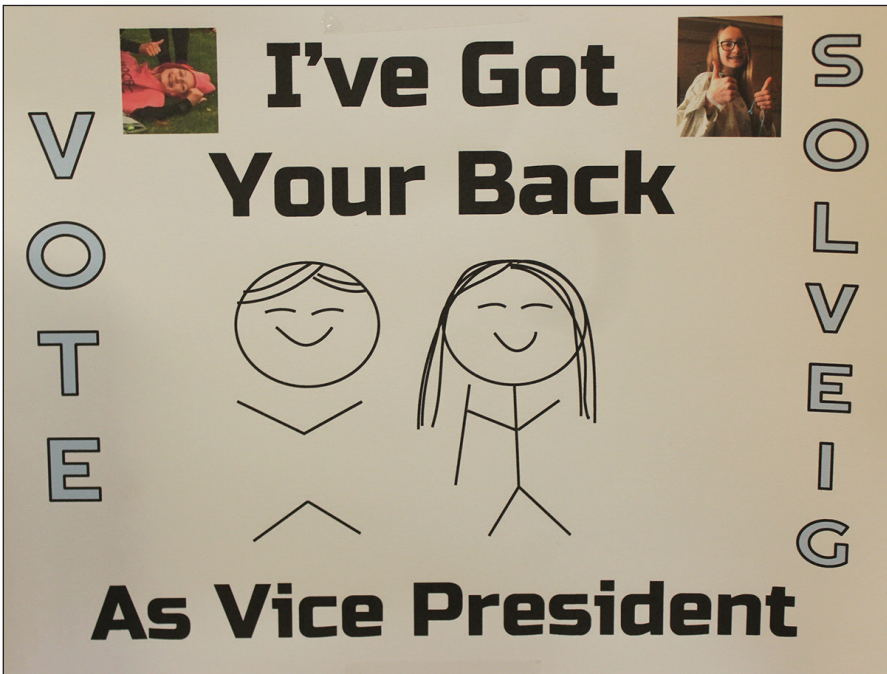
Due to the increased competitions, some students designed campaign posters to inform classmates of their desire for a class office.

Sophomore Cade Wenninger is running for junior class president. "I like being a voice for the students," Wenninger said. "I (also) like being a part of something bigger than the school structure."

Typically, he said, school structure limits activities to a sports team or club with decisions focused among its members.

Student council's structure is broad and impacts the entire student body.

In his campaign, Wenninger used four graphics of a human brain, each one glowing more brightly (getting smarter) with each of his messages, "Show up to school," "Vote at the elec-



tions," "Vote for literally anyone," and finally, "Vote for Cade Wenninger for president."

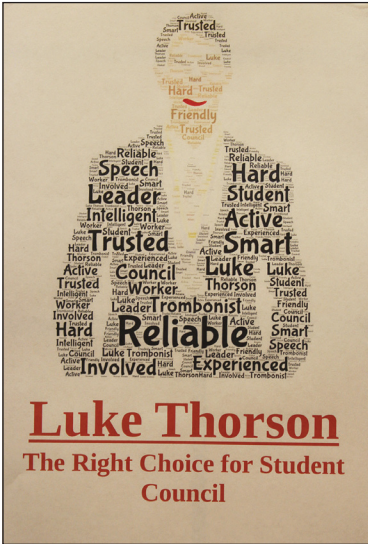
Humor was a popular campaign theme.

Incoming freshman Camden Hoven let his classmates know he was interested in the vice president position.

His poster featured a fish with Hoven's face used in place of an eye.

The words, "There are a lot of fish in the sea, but vote for me!!" He headlined the poster with a speech bubble that said, "Vote for me. Everyone else is fishy."

Poster placement was another



consideration for candidates.

Thirsty students were likely to notice junior Gunnar Oldre's posters — he hung one above each water fountain.

"Vice president 2020. Refreshing Ideas. Hydration Intensifies. This drink is on me, Luverne. I'm Gunnar Oldre and I approve this message."

Another candidate used clever messages.

Sophomore Solveig Tofteland used multiple puns and inferences to let students know she wanted to be

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BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

1958: Biz group organizes, elects president

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on March 27, 1958.

Frick Elected To Head New Business Corp.

Officers and committee heads were elected by the Luverne Industrial Corporation at a meeting here last week.

Named as president of the newly incorporated group is Ray Frick. Larry Brinkman is vice president; Magnus Christensen, secretary-treasurer, and Merle Geving, executive secretary. All are members of the board of directors, but Mr. Geving, who is city administrative assistant.

Other directors appointed to head various committees of the organization are Lloyd Rapp, new industry; Lester Tollefson, existing industry; W. J. (Bill) Brakke, attracting new residents; Gene Blair, housing; Rodger Jensen and Mort Skewes, legal, and Jack Smith, Civic and Commerce association.

Committee charimen will choose assistants to help them develop their particular phase in the corporation.

Purpose of the new organization is to promote and develop business and industry in Luverne to benefit the entire community. It is a non-profit group.

Membership to the corporation is open to anyone who wants to help promote and develop the progress of the community. Minimum membership fee is \$25, but larger amounts may be contributed to the work of the corporation.

The organization will supply prospective residents and businesses with complete information on the facilities that they can find here, and will endeavor to do what it can to provide special needs for an industry that would consider moving to Luverne.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuv.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•The Rock County Commissioners are taking steps to address budget shortfalls for 2009 and coming years.

"The board is aware there is a problem and is taking early steps to solve it," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

After several financial retreats involving the board and department heads, commissioners accepted a proposed budget that would address expected shortfalls.

The county's actions stem from Governor Tim Pawlenty's proposed state budget and anticipated cuts to local government.

25 years ago (1994)

•"Isn't it interesting how you go from wondering whether they'll sell to how many to sell?" Mayor Bill Weber commented Monday. He made the observation during the discussion of lot sales in the Evergreen Addition at the Luverne Economic Development Authority Meeting.

His question related to how LEDA should allocate the number of lots in the Evergreen Addition for apartments and condominiums. Evergreen Addition is the new housing area north of the city located just west of Blue Mound Avenue.

The consensus of the group was that building too many multifamily dwellings might make the area less appealing to

those purchasing lots for single family homes. The board asked Director Bryan Kienholz to draw up covenants limiting multifamily construction to 16 of the 54 lots in the addition. They earmarked specific lots for multifamily construction according to traffic patterns and lots already purchased.

50 years ago (1969)

•Special 4th Class Michael P. Hanson, who has been stationed in Vietnam since May 1968, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with ground operation against the hostile forces, between the periods of July 1, 1968 to February 28, 1969.

Hanson is the son of Raymond Hanson and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Sliby. He is with the 101st Admin. Company, PRB, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

A 1966 graduate of Luverne High School, Hanson attended one year at the University of Minnesota before entering the U.S. Army in July of 1967.

75 years ago (1944)

•Even before war was declared members of the Luverne Rotary club started entertaining service men, home on furlough,

at the regular Monday luncheons of the club.

Hardly a week passed that some service man wasn't present at the luncheon but Monday found an all-time record breaking "bumper crop" of soldier guests. The occasion was the return of Battery E. from Kodiak after three years' absence from home.

The men didn't all arrive home until Saturday and the club extended its "invitation" by posting handbills in the various business establishments welcoming the men home and inviting them to the luncheon. Several other service men, in addition to the Kodiak contingent, were also guests.

Sgt. Karl Heiden was in charge of "roll call" for the meeting, introducing each man to the club.

100 years ago (1919)

•An American "whippet" tank, heavily mottled by the brush of the camoufleur, and showing the scars of German bullets, will be on display in Luverne from Saturday morning, April 19, until the following Tuesday.

This member of the famous tank family is one of twenty similar implements of war that have been assigned to the Ninth federal district for the purpose of promoting interest in the coming Victory loan campaign. It will be driven by members of the United States Tank corps.

H-BC announces third quarter student honor roll lists

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Mary-Frances Ladd, Luke LaRock, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

Juniors: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Kailey Rozeboom.

Sophomores: Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Taryn Rauk, Jacob Sheppard, Lauren Tatge, Jacey VandenHoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

Freshmen: Austin Allen, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen, MacKenzie Voss.

Eighth grade: Devon Dysthe, Jennifer Martinyuk, Brayden Metzger.

Seventh grade: Peyton Bennett, Sylvia Fick, Ty Leuthold, Brynn Rauk.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Alexia Boltjes,

Amber Bos, Ana Hagen, Levi Vandenbosch, Wyatt Westrum, Preston Wilhelmi.

Juniors: Joslyn Birger, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Jax Wysong.

Sophomores: Tyson Bork, Annie Bos, Erika Dysthe, Thomas Dysthe, Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Ethan Gray, Ashlee Kelderman, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

Freshmen: Weston Kellenberger, Ethan Kruger, Daniel Martinyuk, Dallas Page, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg.

Eighth grade: Tyrae Goodface, Britton McKenzie, Cody Moser, Elisha Taubert, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

Seventh grade: Grace Anderson, Layla Deelstra, Lanae Elbers, Cooper Gehrke, Taylor Gehrke, Kyle Hartz, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Tahliya Kruger, Larissa Steinhoff, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie.

Luverne releases third quarter honor rolls

Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Alex Mann, Destiny Matthiesen, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Gracie Zewiske.

Freshmen: Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Isabelle Hoiland, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Grace Sandbulte, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia Wieneke.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Nicole Aanenson, Shane Berning, Matrim Borth, Thomas Brown, Brookelynn Brust, James Chanthalangsy, Giulia Cillen Nepis, Timothy Click, Carson Davis, Lillian Donohue, Jedidiah Dooyema, Autumn Emery, Zachary Evans, Adriana Gonzalez,

Tia Hadler, Jake Haugen, Halle Hough, Brayden Jacobsma, Matthew Jelken, Brianna Jonas, Suwapat Kongchan, Michelle Kramer, Ty Lindemann, Trevor Mente, Faith Mounce, Rylee Olson, Joel Ortiz, Madison Reisdorfer, Breanna Richters, Benjamin Serie, Grace Steensma, McCall Stegenga, Carter Stemper, Mark Sterrett, Jordy Thone, Eric Thorson, Sage Ver Steeg, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Selena Wright, Matthew Ziegler.

Juniors: Martin Anderson, Michelle Arevalo, Claire Baustian, Justice Brandt, Anita Cole-Kraty, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Carson Ehde, Hannah Ehlers, Sara Ernst, Jonah Friedrichsen, Meagan Hansen, Alexandra Hartman, Zayda Holmgren, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Carter Loosbrock, Kaitlyn McDowell, Michael Meeker, Meghan Mollberg, Alyssa Nattress, Nathan Nekali, Samantha Niessink, Marshal Oakes, Mallory Oye, Henry Rolling, Ainsley Rysdam, Maren Schaap, Colton Schutz, Matthew Sehr, Isabel Smeins, McKenzie Swenson, Brayden Tofteland, Jacob Von Tersch, Andrew Wagner, Sydney

Wicks, Meghan Witte.

Sophomores: Russell Aanenson, Zachary Ahrendt, Rebecca Austin, Hunter Baker, Tiffany Berrios, Ethan Curtiss, Sophia Eisma, Cassie Flanagan, Bella Gagieva, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Emma Hinz, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Elisabeth Kelm, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, John Miller, Katlin Petronek, Sadie Reisdorfer, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Paige Sandbulte, Crystal Sayavong, Savannah Siebenahler, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Leah Wynia.

Freshmen: Hunter Ahrendt, Rylee Anderson, Ayden Bonnett, Reghan Bork, Luke Bosch, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Billi Connell, Sam Emery, Kyle Ferguson, Jordan Friedrichsen, Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Burke Johnson, Justin Mente, Catalina Oakes, Chase Overgaard, Ethan Roemeling, Jonathan Saarloos, Lacey Saker, Alenya Sayavong, Colin Schoeneman, Brenn Siebenahler, Jacey Smith, Macie Swenson, Mia Wenzel, Dawson Wicks.

OBITUARIES

William Fischenich

William Joseph “Bill” Fischenich, 92, of Ellsworth, Effie and Bigfork, died Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Bigfork Valley Communities in Bigfork.

A funeral service was Tuesday, April 9, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors provided by the Ellsworth American Legion was in the St. Mary Cemetery in Ellsworth.

William Fischenich was born on Feb. 11, 1927, to Nerris and Ethel (Rowe) Fischenich in Ellsworth, the last of six children. He attended St. Mary Catholic School in Ellsworth until he was drafted



to serve in the military during World War II. After re-enlisting in the Army, he served in Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Bill attained the rank of PFC and received various awards including the World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation of Germany Medal.

Upon discharge in 1947, Bill returned home to Ellsworth and learned the carpentry and construction trade. He became an independent contractor and employed other workers. Eventually he

took a position as foreman for the Great Plains Lumber Company. It was said that he and his workers either built or repaired most of the homes in Ellsworth at one time or another. He also built his own lakeshore home in northern Minnesota, to which he retired in the early 1980s.

Bill was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, motorcycling and camping, particularly in Minnesota's North Woods. Later in life, he enjoyed cooking, gardening, wood-carving and going to the casino. He shared his interests and lakeshore home with family, often serving as stepdad for nieces and nephews or step-

granddad for their children.

Bill is survived by 24 nieces and nephews and their children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, John Neyens; three brothers, Ray, Ed and Cecil Fischenich; and two sisters, Anastasia (Fischenich) Engel and Marian (Fischenich) Palmer.

Memorials are preferred to St. Mary's Cemetery in care of St. Catherine's Church in Luverne, Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Bigfork, or Bigfork Valley Communities.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0411 F)

Arlyn Hemme

Arlyn Calvin “Dutch” Hemme, 91, Luverne, died Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A memorial service was Saturday, April 6, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the Jasper City Cemetery in Jasper.

Arlyn Hemme was born on June 22, 1927, to Henry and Emma (Dibbern) Hemme on the farm in Denver Township in Rock County. He was baptized and confirmed. Arlyn left the farm to attend high school, staying with relatives until he graduated from Luverne High School in 1945.

After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country as an operator of early radar until 1947, when he was honorably discharged. Upon his return, he enrolled in the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Business Administration with distinction and a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering with high distinction. He was an



active member of the Triangle Fraternity.

Arlyn married Gladys Bakke on Sept. 10, 1950, at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Minneapolis until Arlyn's graduation. Upon graduation, Arlyn accepted a chemical engineering position with Union Carbide, and the couple moved to West Virginia. They initially settled in the city of Dunbar until Arlyn built a home in Cross Lanes, West Virginia, where they lived for 54 years.

Arlyn loved to read and learn. He was a detail-oriented, analytical problem solver, as well as an accomplished gardener and fruit grower. He was particularly fond of Catawba grapes and produced several varieties of homemade wine.

Professionally Arlyn was involved in projects that had national and worldwide implications. He was involved in experimental coal to liquid

fuel conversion technology and in development of chemical components used by the first commercial plant to produce the insecticide known as “Seven”. Arlyn also participated in hosting a United Nations delegation of engineers from around the world in the 1960s. Arlyn spent his entire career at the Institute, West Virginia, plant and was respected for his historical and technical knowledge of the facility.

While in West Virginia, Arlyn and Gladys were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where Arlyn was active in council, church choir and as a Sunday School teacher. In 1992 Arlyn and Gladys began spending the summer months with family on Lake Cowdry near Alexandria. In 1996 they purchased a summer home on Lake Mina, also near Alexandria. During this time, Arlyn volunteered at the Runestone Museum.

In 2006 Arlyn and Gladys moved back to a twin home on Oak Drive in Luverne. They continued to visit Lake Mina during the warm months. While living in Luverne, Arlyn

volunteered with Lutheran Social Services, taking elderly shut-ins for rides in the country.

In January 2017 Arlyn became a resident at Poplar Creek Assisted Living Facility and in January 2018 he became a resident of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. While there, he enjoyed puzzles, activities and card games to keep his mind active.

Arlyn is survived by four children, Diane of Ladera Ranch, California, Dwight (Audrey) of Chaska, James of Cross Lanes, West Virginia, and Douglas (Jenny) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, Adam, Jonathan, Claire, Morgan and Connor.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Gladys; infant daughter Deborah; two brothers, Glenn (Irene) and Russell (Elsie); and his parents.

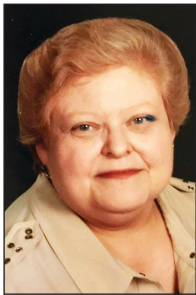
Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0411 F)

Linda Dummer

Linda Marie Dummer, 65, Luverne, died Friday, April 5, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A memorial Mass will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at Church of St. George in St. George. Burial will follow in the St. George Catholic Cemetery. A memorial visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, April 14, with a rosary at 6:30 p.m., all at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Linda Dummer was born on March 5, 1954, to Donat and Vernita (Berle) Dummer in New Ulm. She was baptized and confirmed in her faith at Church of St. George in St. George. Linda graduated from New Ulm High School in 1972. She continued her education at Minnesota State



University in Mankato and graduated with Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry, math and computer science, and she also received her teaching certificate. Linda first taught school in Prior Lake. She then moved into

quality control in the canning industry while living in Rochester. Her next career move brought her to Luverne where she worked for Berkeley Information Services. In 1997 Linda began working as a team member at Wells Fargo in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she worked for over 20 years. In November 2018 she was diagnosed with cancer. Due to her health concerns,

she retired from Wells Fargo on March 1, 2019.

Linda was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, where she prayed for many in the adoration chapel. Her trust in the Lord carried her through many difficult times. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, needlepoint and was an avid reader. Most of all, Linda enjoyed arts and the theater.

Linda served on the boards of the Green Earth Players and the Council for Arts and Humanities in Rock County for many years. Through these organizations she helped many talented individuals get started, receive funding and become noticed. She volunteered for numerous productions at the Palace Theatre with moving sets, props and costumes into the theatre

and coordinating costumes for productions.

Linda is survived by four siblings, Judy (Mike) Malone of Merced, California, Deb (Terry) Harris of Sioux Falls, Betty (John) Henning of Golden Valley, Arizona, and Ron (Cindy) Dummer of Hopkins; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous special friends, especially those from the theater whom she considered family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Barb Link.

Memorials are preferred to the Green Earth Players or St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0411 F)

Get ready for pruning as winter loosens its grip; class offered April 23

A couple of perfect spring days have convinced me that we are on the backside of winter so here I am again, telling you to get to work outside to keep your landscape looking great.

The one plant that is first on the list to get cut back is Karl Forster grass. This is a cool season grass that starts growing really early in spring. You will already see several inches of new green grass blades pushing up so get the clump cut back to an inch or two above the ground and you will have a lush green clump for the whole season.

Another plant that deserves early attention is the daylily. Last year's dead growth will pull off easily now without damaging new growth which is already emerging. If the clump is getting large and not blooming as well as it should, now is the best time to divide it. As this type of perennial grows, the clump gets really dense, and competition for nutrients and light impedes its ability to give the best show of flowers. Dividing that mass of growth gives the same result as you had when the plant was first planted. Getting the task done now is the least disruptive to the plant ... waiting will cost the bloom cycle for this year.

A reminder NOT to trim lilacs, mock orange, weigela, bridal wreath spirea, forsythia, azaleas or rhododendron until they have finished blooming. Anything you cut



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

off now is blooming wood. Pruning immediately after they have bloomed allows new wood to mature and set flower buds for the next season so correct pruning controls the size and also allows for uninterrupted blooming.

I am offering a pruning class through Community Education on Tuesday, April 23. The class will take place in my yard, where you will learn how to do “renewal” pruning to keep shrubs looking great indefinitely. The class will begin at 6 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, call the Luverne Community Education office at 507-283-4724 to register.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iuw.net.

FFA News

FFA teams compete at Little I in Brookings

Twenty-one members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter traveled to South Dakota State University in Brookings to participate at the 96th annual Little I competition.

The chapter sent teams to compete in the floriculture, dairy, horse and general livestock judging contests.

Destiny Matthiesen competed as an individual in the floriculture contest. She placed 43rd out of 143 participants.

Gretchen Jacobsma, Cassie Flanagan and Destiny Matthiesen teamed up for the horse judging contest, where they placed 12th out of 53 teams.

Jacobsma finished as the 11th overall individual, Flanagan, 54th, and Matthiesen, 72nd out of 149 participants.

In the dairy judging contest, the team of Jaimie Ross, Paige Hinrichs, Tanner Hinrichs, Blake Madison, Devin

Susie, Paige Madison and Austin Henning finished 12th out of 46 teams.

Ross had the team's highest individual placing at 41st, Paige Hinrichs, 49th and Tenner Hinrichs, 88th, out of 132 participants.

Luverne-Adrian formed multiple teams for the general livestock contest.

The team of Justin Mente, Trevor Mente, Michael Kinsinger and Halle Hough placed 16th out of 122 teams.

Eric Somnis, Tacey Baustian, Meghan Mollberg and Lacey Saker ended at 68th place.

Hannah Kruse, Ayden Bonnett, Hunter Ahrendt, Chase Overgaard and Greta Ahrendt also competed at the event.

Justin Mente placed 31st out of 373 individuals with Bonnett finishing 44th, Baustian, 78th and Hough 113th overall.

Dragons break into win column Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team picked up its first win of the 2019 season by besting Jackson County Central by two runs Friday in Adrian.

The win came after a two-run home loss to Tracy Milroy-Balaton April 2.

Adrian, 1-2 overall, hosts Mountain Lake Area Thursday.

Adrian 5, JCC 3

The Dragons broke through for their first win of the season when they topped the Huskies by two runs Friday in Adrian.

The score was knotted at two after JCC plated a pair of runs in the top half of the fourth inning, but AHS scored twice in the bottom of the fourth and added another run in the fifth to open a 5-2 advantage.

The Huskies scored one run in the sixth inning to cap the scoring.

Grant Jansma came up big for the Dragons by tossing six innings to get the win and registering a pair of hits at the plate.

Jansma fanned six batters and yielded three earned runs and seven hits.

Jansma doubled home a run during a two-run first inning that included an RBI single by Lance Luettel.

Luettel picked up a save when he pitched a scoreless seventh inning.

Brandon Schnoor recorded an RBI double for Adrian.

T-M-B 7, Adrian 1

The Dragons slipped to 0-2 for the season after taking on the Panthers in Adrian April 2.

Adrian led 1-0 when Luettel drove in a run in the bottom half of the first inning.

T-M-B, however, outscored the Dragons 7-0 the rest of the game and left town with a six-run victory.

The Panthers scored two runs in the second inning, four in the fourth and one in the seventh to settle the issue.

Ian Stamer worked three

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Freshman Hannah Baker cleared the height of 4-0 during the high jump competition at the Luverne Invitational April 2.

Girls dominate field during Luverne Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' track team turned in a commanding performance at the Luverne Invitational April 2.

Making their first outdoor appearance of the season, the Cardinals blew away a seven-team field by winning the team title with 213 points.

Redwood Valley finished second to the Cards in the standings with 131 points.

Luverne won 10 meet titles and placed second in eight events during the outing.

Gracie Zewiske (13.65 in the 100), Brooklynn Ver Steeg (27.41 in the 400), Jadyn Anderson (1:05 in the 400), Tenley Nelson (2:37.25 in the 800), Jocelyn Hart (88-1 in the discus) and Mallory Thorson (33-3 ¾ in the triple jump) landed individual titles for LHS.

Luverne also won the 400-, 800-,

1,600- and 3,200-meter relays with respective 53.66, 1:53.19, 4:20.61 and 9:01.95 efforts.

Zewiske, Mallory Oye, Ivy Hudson and Sydney Bieber teamed up in the 400, while Autumn Nath, Zewiske, Hudson and Bieber formed the 800 squad.

Regan Feit, Nath, Tiana Lais and Gabrielle Ferrell took top honors in the 1,600, while Feit, Ver Steeg, Ferrell and Elizabeth Wagner ran with the 3,200-meter team.

Placing second individually for LHS include Feit (5:59.06 in the 1,600 and 7-6 in the pole vault), Wagner (12:53.39 in the 3,200), Ferrell (55.01 in the 300 hurdles), Hart (31-4 in the shot) and Thorson (15-1 in the long jump).

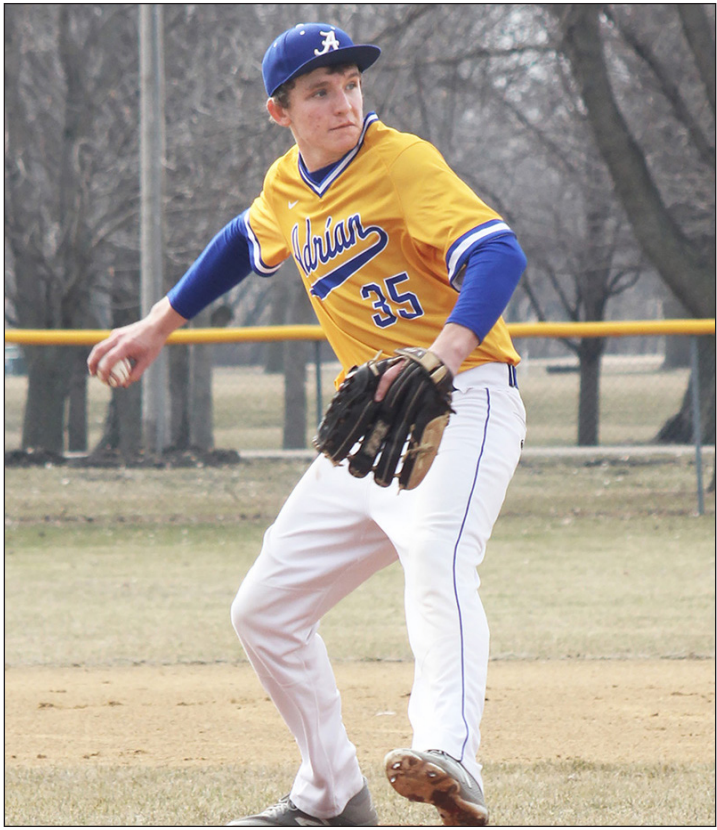
LHS also fielded 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays that placed second in 4:21.34 and 10:25.07.

Anderson, Tenley Nelson, Makena

Nelson and Ver Steeg ran the 1,600, while Anderson, Tenley Nelson, Lais and Makena Nelson competed in the 3,200.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's top eight finishes during the meet.

Third place: Nath, 200, 28.44; Oye, pole vault, 6-6; Lais, triple jump, 14-11; Ferrell, long jump, 31-6 ½; 400 relay (Mia Wenzel, Shayla Wallenberg, Sarah de Cesare and Meghan Mollberg), 57.28. Fourth place: Oye, 100, 14.09; Bieber, 200, 28.52; Elise Jarchow, fourth, 100 hurdles; Tia Hadler, shot, 29-5; Nath, high jump, 4-6; Mollberg, pole vault, 6-6. Fifth place: Mollberg, 100, 14.22; Kayla Bloemendaal, 3,200, 14:48.88; Jarchow, 300 hurdles, 58.26; Wagner, high jump, 4-4; Cedar Viessman, pole vault, 6-6. Sixth place: Lais, 800, 2:41.41; Kamryn Van Batavia, 1,600, 6:28.3; Thorson, 100 hurdles, 19.5; 3,200 relay (Van Batavia, Bloemendaal, Josie Anderson and Grace Ingebretson), 12:18.3. Seventh place: 400 relay (Mia Halverson, Rachel DenHerder, Sophia Eisma and Anita Cole-Kraty), 1:03.18. Eighth place: Hadler, discus, 63-8; Wenzel, high jump, 4-4; 400 relay (Abby Boltjes, Addison Huiskes, Hope Thorson and Silvia Recuero), 1:04.05; 800 relay (Anja Jarchow, Hannah Baker, Morgan Bonnett and Skylar Vander Steen), 2:11.78.



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Grant Jansma pitched six innings to get the win and led Adrian at the plate with two hits during a 5-3 home win over JCC.

Panther boys win six events at outdoor opener at LHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth track teams made their outdoor debuts at the Luverne Invitational April 2.

The meet turned into a good one for the Panther boys, who won six meet titles and placed second in one event.

The EHS boys scored 78 points to place fourth in a seven-team field led by Southwest Christian-Edgerton (137 points).

Kade Boltjes took top honors in the 100-meter dash (11.62) and the long jump (19-2), while Sean Boltjes won the 300-meter hurdles (41.18) and Carter

Boyenga claimed the discus title (118.4).

Ellsworth also won the 800- and 1,600-meter relays with respective 1:34.97 and 3:39.12 times.

Sean, Kade, Cole Boltjes and Noah Kruse formed the 800-meter squad. Kruse, Kade Boltjes, Sean Boltjes and Robby Armstrong teamed up in the 1,600.

Kruse placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.79.

The EHS girls, which recorded one point to place seventh in a seven-team field

led by Luverne (213 points), received two place-earning efforts from Ashlyn Meester.

Meester placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles and seventh in the 100-meter hurdles with respective 58.56 and 19.76 times.

Here is a look at the rest of Ellsworth's top eight finishes.

EHS boys
Third place: Armstrong, 800, 2:09.17.
Fifth place: C. Boltjes, 400, 57.64.
Sixth place: C. Boltjes, 200, 26.02.
Seventh place: Linkin Bossert, 800, 2:28.33; Bossert, 1,600, 5:30.37; Christian Hoiland, discus, 106-10.
Eighth place: Kramer, discus 103.7.



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Luverne senior Jordy Thone (left) receives the baton from freshman Jack Schlosser during the 800-meter relay at the Luverne Invitational April 2. LHS placed second in the event.

Cardinal boys play role of hosts for LHS invite April 2

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' track team opened the outdoor season by hosting the annual Luverne Invitational April 2.

The Cardinals mixed it up with six other teams and turned in a third-place finish as a team with 96 points.

Southwest Christian-Edgerton walked away with the team title by scoring 137 points.

Cardinal athletes won three meet titles and placed second in two events.

Jed Dooyema won the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.82 and cleared 11-6 to win the pole vault.

Jordy Thone produced another meet championship by taking the 400-meter dash title with a time of 55.32.

Kameron Keene made a bid to win the discus title before finishing second with a distance of 117-9. LHS also placed second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:36.11.

Ashton Sandbulte, Jack Schlosser, Thone

and Dooyema formed the team.

Here is a look at the rest of the top eight efforts turned in by Cardinal athletes during the Luverne Invitational.

Third place: Sandbulte, 100, 12.12; Austin Winter, 400, 56.24; Brayden Totteland, 1,600, 5:04.12; Zach Ahrendt, shot, 38-7; 1,600 relay (Dooyema, Thone, Jamie McCarthy and Dalton DeSollar), 3:46.43; 3,200 relay (Winter, Jonah Friedrichsen, Shane Berning and Nicholas Kiers), 9:17.12. Fourth place: DeSollar, 800, 2:12.69; Eric Thorson, shot, 38-6; 1,600 relay (Winter, Friedrichsen, Sandbulte and Schlosser), 3:50.45. Fifth place: Eli Radtke, pole vault, 9-0; Friedrichsen, 300 hurdles, 46.33; 3,200 relay (DeSollar, Totteland, Camden Janiszewski and D.J. Swenson), 9:48.33. Sixth place: Berning, 1,600, 5:23.53. Seventh place: Kiers, 400, 58.91; Keene, shot, 38-11; Rogers, high jump, 4-10; Tyler de Cesare, pole vault, 9-0; 400 relay (Abraham Hernandez, Joel Ortiz, Rogers and Eduardo Godines), 52.04; 3,200 relay (Zach Bradley, Ethan Curtiss, Sam Emery and Ethan Rahm), 10:21.47. Eighth place: Curtiss, 300 hurdles, 50.37; Kiers, high jump, 4-8; Sandbulte, long jump, 17-6; 400 relay (James Bullerman, Tyler Rolfs, Dominic Barnett and Gavin DeBeer), 1:01.76; 800 relay (de Cesare, Radtke, Brock Behrend and Zach Kruse), 1:50.13.



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Ellsworth senior Carter Boyenga won the discus competition at the Luverne Invitational April 2.

Patriot track teams make 2019 debut

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek track teams made their 2019 debuts at the Luverne Invitational April 2. The Patriot girls scored 34 points to place fifth in a seven-squad field led by Luverne (213 points). H-BC's boys registered 39 points to place sixth in a seven-squad field paced by Southwest Christian-Edgerton (137 points). The 400-meter relay produced the top effort for the Patriot girls by finishing second in 55.41. Ashlee Kelderman, Joslyn Birger, Madison Spath and Layla Deelstra formed the team. The Patriot boys claimed one meet title and placed second in two events. The 400-meter relay consisting of Dewell Rauk, Liam Raymon, Gavin Wysong and Tyson Bork placed first in 47.13.

Hunter Bork, Luke LaRock, Easton Harnack and Jax Wysong finished second in the 400-meter relay in 47.62, while Tyson Bork placed second in the 100-meter dash in 11.8. Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's top eight finishes as the meet.

H-BC girls
Third place: Deelstra, 100, 14.02; Taylor Durst, 400, 1:09.85; Abby Knobloch, 300 hurdles, 56.39.



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Hills-Beaver Creek freshman Kenadie Fick clears the bar during the high jump competition at the Luverne Invitational April 2. Fick turned in a seventh-place showing in the event.

Fourth place: Kenadie Fick, 800, 2:40.21.
Fifth place: 800 relay (Durst, Kelderman, Fick and Spath), 2:01.91.
Sixth place: Deelstra, 200, 29.45; Birger, triple jump, 29-1.
Seventh place: Spath, 100, 14.35; Ana Hagen, 1,600, 6:28.47; Fick, high jump, 4-4.
Eighth place: Aspen Shimp, 400,

1:13.74; Lauren Tatge, 1,600, 6:31.76; Birger, 300 hurdles, 59.67.

H-BC boys
Fourth place: J. Wysong, 100, 12.21; 800 relay (Rauk, Cole Baker, LaRock and L. Raymon), 1:41.61.
Fifth place: G. Wysong, 100, 12.22; Harnack, 110 hurdles, 19.78; L. Raymon, triple jump, 36-4; 1,600 relay (H. Bork,

Rauk, Baker and J. Wysong), 3:55.05.
Sixth place: H. Bork, 100, 12.23; Brandon Taubert, 300 hurdles, 49.67; T. Bork, long jump, 18-2.
Seventh place: Taubert, 110 hurdles, 20.17; J. Wysong, long jump, 17-9.
Eighth place: Tryce Bennett, 110 hurdles, 20.55; Garrett Raymon, shot, 37-5; Taubert, high jump, 4-8; Baker, triple jump, 35-7 ¾.

Dragon athletes open season in Luverne

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian track teams opened the 2019 season at the Luverne Invitational April 2. Competing in seven-team fields, the Dragon girls placed fourth and the boys seventh at the meet. The AHS girls turned in four second-place finishes to highlight a 50-point effort, while the Dragon boys secured one meet title and scored 24 points. Placing second individually for the Dragon girls were Moriah Bullerman (2:37.48 in the 800), Sammy Wieneke (85-0 in the discus) and Kendra Frodermann (4-6 in the high jump). Adrian's 800-meter relay consisting of Hannah Henning, Bailey Lonneman, Hali Bullerman and Frodermann finished second in 1:58. Scot Edwards turned in the top effort for the AHS boys by winning the shot put with a toss of 43-6.

Here is a look at the rest of Adrian's top eight finishes at the meet.

AHS girls
Third place: M. Bullerman, 1,600, 5:49.45.
Fourth place: 400 relay (Henning,



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Adrian freshman Alesha Henning clears a hurdle during the Luverne Invitational April 2.

Brianna Reckamp, Lonneman and H. Bullerman), 57.32; 1,600 relay (M. Bullerman, H. Bullerman, Lonneman and Frodermann), 4:37.53.
Seventh place: Reckamp, 400, 1:13.73.
Eighth place: Frodermann, 200, 29.98.

AHS boys
Third place: Edwards, discus, 116-6.
Fifth place: Tucker Wieneke, discus, 110-6; 400 relay (Dakota John, Tahj Schroeder, Braxton Vortherms and Christian Weidert), 50.14.

Sixth place: John, triple jump, 36-3.
Seventh place: 800 relay (John, Schroeder, Vortherms and Weidert), 1:45.95; 1,600 relay (John, Weidert, Schroeder and Vortherms), 4:03.71.

Trojans saddle Adrian with 10-run setback at WHS

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian Area softball team opened the 2019 season

April 2 in Worthington. Taking on the Trojans in a non-conference clash, the

Dragons came out on the short end of a 12-2 decision. Worthington opened a 6-0

lead after three innings of play

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Cardinals coast to five-run softball conquest Friday

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Cardinal softball team opened the season in a positive way by defeating Fairmont 6-1 Friday in Fairmont. Fairmont bested the Cardinals when the teams met last spring, but Luverne scored three early runs and never lost the lead in Friday's contest. LHS took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Halle Hough

delivered an RBI single. Billi Connell, one of three Cardinals to register two hits in the game, belted a two-run home run in the third inning to make it 3-0. Fairmont scored once in the bottom of the third before LHS iced the win with a three-run rally in the seventh. Rylee Olson's second hit of the game, a two-run single, came in the seventh.

Connell recorded her third RBI of the game in the seventh inning as well. Ainslie Robinson slapped two hits and scored two runs for the Cards.

Olson pitched seven innings of three-hit, one-earned-run ball to get the win. She fanned seven batters without issuing a walk.

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and one-third innings on the mound and took the loss after surrendering five runs (two were earned) and fanning seven batters.

Noah Reyne worked the final three and two-thirds in-

nings, yielding two runs (one was earned).

Brent Hokeness doubled for the Dragons, who made six errors in the field during the game.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0411 ahs golf 2
Adrian senior Madelyn Odell fired a 48 to earn medalist honors during Monday's win over HL-O-F.

Dragons host first golf event

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian golf teams hosted their first competition of the season at the Adrian Area Country Club Monday.

The grounds at the AACC were soggy in places, but that didn't keep the teams involved from completing the event.

In girls' competition, Adrian nipped Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda 211-212.

Southwest Christian-Edgerton fielded an incomplete team for the girls' meet.

HL-O-F won the boys' team title with a 174-stroke tally.

AHS and SWC-E placed second and third with respective

194 and 201 scores.

Madelyn Odell shot a 12-over-par 48 to capture medalist honors for the Dragon girls, who upped their season record to 2-7 with the win.

Gracia Elias and Taya Elias added 54-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Madeline Wagner chipped in a 55.

Josi Altman shot a 64 without impacting the scoring for AHS.

Meakin Bang led HL-O-F with a 50, while Brielle Vis posted a 60 for SWC-E.

Brock Henning carded a 45 to pace the AHS boys, who went 1-1 in their 2019 debut.

Easton Braun, Landon Ru-

nia and Logan Nogosek added 47-, 48- and 54-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally.

Landyn Loosbrock and John Christian shot 60- and 74-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Cory Renneke fired a four-over-par 40 to earn medalist honors for HL-O-F.

Derek Fey led Southwest Christian-Edgerton with a 48-stroke effort.

Twins turn some heads early

I know the sample size is pretty small at this point, but I have to say the Minnesota Twins have surprised me through early stages of the baseball season.



Some surprising performances by a few returning players, along with some key contributions made by new additions to the team, have given me some optimism for the coming months.

By no means do I believe this team is a World Series contender, but that does not mean the Twins can't be a title contender in what appears to be a somewhat soft American League Central Division this year.

For a glass-half-full guy like me, that would be enough to keep my attention from now through September.

With a 5-3 record through the first eight games of the year, I'm pleased with the way things have played out for a team that wrapped up a 2018 season with a 78-84 record (13 games behind division champion Cleveland).

Two guys I often overlooked last year have played key roles in the team's success in 2019.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Shortstop Jorge Polanco is looking like a rising star with a .375 batting average, which includes a five-hit gem Friday, when he became the first Twin to hit for the cycle in 10 years.

Max Kepler has been a pleasant surprise as well. Moved into the leadoff spot in the lineup for the first time, Kepler leads the Twins with three home runs to date.

Byron Buxton, who has done nothing but disappoint me for the past few seasons, might be on the verge of breaking out this year with a .263 batting average so far.

One returning guy who hasn't lived up to expectations yet is Eddie Rosario. Rosario had a .200 average at the end of the weekend, but I have no doubt he will shake off the slow start and be one of the team's statistical leaders by season's end.

I also like the addition of C.J. Cron at first base. He is hitting .250 now, but that's a lot more production than Logan Morrison provided for the Twins last year before being released in the offseason.

Along with Cron, I'm hoping the addition of Marwin Gonzalez pans out this year.

He is a veteran player with postseason experience from his days with the Houston Astros, so he should improve on his .182 average at the plate as the season progresses.

The pitching staff has disappointed promise as well.

It looks like Jose Berrios (1-1, .218 ERA) is the ace of the starting staff, and Michael Pineda (1-0, .200 ERA) is another top-notch starter.

Blake Parker has converted both of the save opportunities he has received as the closer, and Trevor Hildenberger, Trevor May and Taylor Rogers have pitched extremely well in relief roles as well.

It's too early to tell how things will pan out for this team as the season progresses, but I'm optimistic about what I've seen so far.

Optimism doesn't yield championships, but I would think a .500 record would allow this team to play meaningful games in September.

That would be a successful season to me.

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By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne and Adrian High School girls' golf teams opened the 2019 season at the Worthington Invitational Saturday.

The 18-hole event attracted nine complete teams and it served as the season debut for most of the squads.

The Luverne girls placed fourth in the field and Adrian finished eighth.

Lac qui Parle Valley (377 strokes), Fairmont (395) and Murray County Central (405) topped the Cardinals, who turned in a 428-stroke effort.

With 443 strokes, Adrian bested ninth-place finishing Pipestone (456).

Jackson County Central (429), Windom (429) and Worthington (435) also competed in the tournament.

Anna Huisman led the Car-

dinals with a 100-stroke effort.

Paige Sandbulte and Morgan Gonnerman contributed 108-stroke scores to the team tally, while McCall Stegenga capped the scoring with a 112.

Josie Golla and Elise Ferrell shot respective 122- and 125-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Gracia Elias and Annika Elias set the pace for the Dragons by posting 107- and

109-stroke tallies.

Madelyn Odell and Madeline Wagner added 112- and 115-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally.

Josi Altman and Taya Elias posted 121- and 132-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

Fairmont's Bergen Senf captured the individual title with an 81.

Cardinals test skills against South Dakota's best

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne track athletes

squared off against some of the best teams the state of

South Dakota has to offer at the Brandon Valley Invitational

Saturday in Brandon.

Luverne was one of 10 schools forming the field at the 2019 version of the meet.

No team scores were tallied at the event, but LHS did return home with three meet championships.

Tenley Nelson played a role in both of the conquests produced by the Cardinal girls.

Nelson won the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:23.47 and ran a leg with the 3,200-meter relay, which placed first in 9:54.

Regan Feit, Jadynd Anderson and Brooklynn Ver Steeg teamed up with Nelson in the winning relay.

Jed Dooyema claimed a meet title for the Cardinal boys by taking top honors in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.2.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's top eight finishes at Saturday's meet.

LHS girls
Fourth place: 1,600 relay (Feit, Anderson, Autumn Nath and Ver Steeg), 4:16.28.
Fifth place: Mallory Thorson, triple jump, 33-11 1/2.
Sixth place: Feit, 300 hurdles, 51.87.
Seventh place: Tiana Lais, 400, 1:03.61; 400 relay (Gracie Zawiske, Mallory Oye, Ivy Hudson and Sydney Biever), 53.64; 800 relay (Nath, Zawiske, Hudson and Biever), 1:53.47.
Eighth place: Zawiske, 200, 27.71; Gabrielle Ferrell, 300 hurdles, 53.03.

LHS boys
Sixth place: Dooyema, pole vault, 11-6; Jonah Friedrichsen, triple jump, 38-10; 800 relay (Ashton Sandbulte, Jamie McCarthy, Jordy Thone and Dooyema), 1:38.38; 1,600 relay (Dooyema, Austin Winter, Friedrichsen and Thone), 3:41.0

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne

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Thursday, April 11: 9 a.m. Head Start. Friday, April 12: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 5:30 p.m. Stations. 6 p.m. Simple Soup Supper. Saturday, April 13: 9 a.m. Walking with Purpose. 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, April 14: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. Monday, April 15: 10 a.m. Book Brunch. Tuesday, April 16: 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. Wednesday, April 17: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Last day of Faith Formation. 7:15 p.m. Shadow Stations. Thursday, April 18: 5 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass at St. Catherine. 7 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass at St. Leo.

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Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, April 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Church Education Classes. Noon Potluck. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, April 15: 9 a.m. Perk Up at Oasis. Tuesday, April 16: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, April 17: 7 p.m. GEMS and Cadets.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne

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Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, April 11: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, April 15: 4 p.m. Paint foyer and Fellowship Hall. 7 p.m. Constitution Review Team Meeting. Tuesday, April 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Ladies Bible Study. 4 p.m. Paint Foyer and Fellowship Hall. 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study at the Parsonage. Wednesday, April 17: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, April 18: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

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Ron Nichols, Pastor

Thursday, April 11: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, April 12: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship; all children will sing. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, April 15: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, April 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1-7 p.m. Bloodmobile. 5:30 p.m. Ride and Dine. Wednesday, April 17: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors meet. 3:30-5 p.m. Faithweavers. 7 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal. Thursday, April 18: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 5:15-6:15 p.m. Fifth-grade Seder Meal. 6:45 Maundy Thursday Service.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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Thursday, April 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, April 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, April 17: 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes. Thursday, April 18: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

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Mike Altena, Pastor

Thursday, April 11: 7 p.m. VBS Teacher Meeting. Friday, April 12: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, April 13: 3:30 p.m. Commons reserved. 7 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, April 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Girls Night/Guys Night. Monday, April 15: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Tuesday, April 16: Noon staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team Meeting. Wednesday, April 17: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal; VBS registration night. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Junior and Senior Youth Group. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle; Praise Team practice. 7:30 p.m. PC Awards Night.

First Assembly of God Church

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

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Thursday, April 11: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, April 12: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, April 13: 10-11:30 a.m. Egg Stravaganza at Zion. 1 p.m. Congregational Day of Doing. Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, April 15: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, April 18: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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Thursday, April 11: 11 a.m. History Center Salad Luncheon. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, April 13: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, April 14: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Service with Communion; Living Last Supper; Prayer Warriors after service; FUEL Auction/MN Hotdish Dinner. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, April 15: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, April 17: 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, April 18: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion.

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Thursday, April 11: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, April 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, April 16: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, April 17: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Middle school fellowship; Choir. Thursday, April 18: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion.

St. John Lutheran Church

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Thursday, April 11: 11:30 a.m. DCE Meeting at Burnsville. 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. Saturday, April 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, April 14: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 2 p.m. Second Sunday Fun Day. Monday, April 15: Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, April 16: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle Meetings. 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, April 17: No Little Lambs. No other activities. Noon Rock the Edge Adult Meeting at The Bean. 7 p.m. HS Game Night. Thursday, April 18: No Little Lambs. 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion.

Living Rock Church

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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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First Lutheran Church

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Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, April 14: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, April 16: 7 p.m. First Council Meeting. Thursday, April 16: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday combined worship at First Lutheran Church. Friday, April 19: 7 p.m. Good Friday Worship at Valley Springs Reformed Church.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

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Sunday, April 14: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday. 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem; First Communion students receive Communion. Tuesday, April 16: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, April 17: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7:30 p.m. Circle of Hope (Marilyn Nelson's home). Thursday, April 18: 1 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at Tuff Home. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at Bethlehem.

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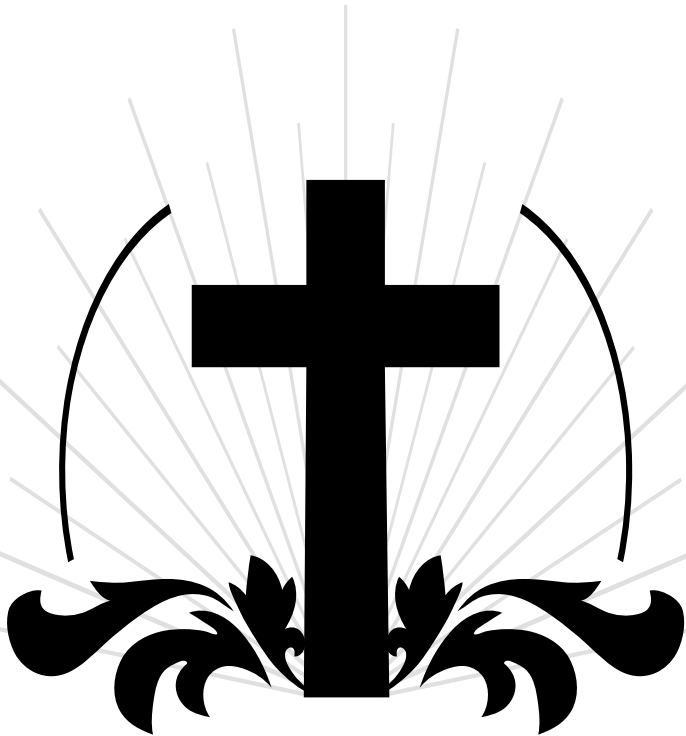
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 30

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 09, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$240,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Justin Birger, Her Husband and Laessa Birger, His Wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for
Dacotah Bank, its successors and/or assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: February 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 178607
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Colonial Savings, F.A.
Dated: January 19, 2017
Recorded: February 13, 2017 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 190119
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 10079350000021541
Lender or Broker: Dacotah Bank
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Colonial Savings
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 302 E 7th St, Hills, MN 56138-1072
Tax Parcel ID Number: 15-0316-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Two (2) of Parkview Second Addition to the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$214,400.58
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: May 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on December 02, 2019, or the next business day if December 02, 2019 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

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

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

DATED: April 05, 2019
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Colonial Savings, F.A.
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 036989F02

(04-11, 04-18, 04-25, 05-02, 05-09, 05-16)

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

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 7:10 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2019. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Duinink, Inc.
Property Owner: Ron Fick
Location: A portion of the SE 1/4 of Section 15 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture
By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 West Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(4-4, 4-11)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 23

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2003
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$102,600.00
MORTGAGOR(S): David E. Hewitt and Peggy D. Hewitt as Joint Tenants, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: April 26, 2004 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 158611

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And Assigned By Court Order to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-4

Dated: January 08, 2018
Recorded: January 22, 2018 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 192033

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

Lender or Broker: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 612 S Donaldson St, Luverne, MN 56156-2205

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0005-003

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Rock and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Six (6) in Block Two (2) in Industrial Park First Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$85,429.53

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: May 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on

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

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on November 25, 2019, or the next business day if November 25, 2019 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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DATED: March 28, 2019

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-4

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200

Woodbury, MN 55125-2296

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File Number: 038333F03

(04-04, 04-11, 04-18, 04-25, 05-02, 05-09)

Walraven Trust Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DECEASED SETTLOR AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

Notice is given that on February 11, 2019, Marie Walraven died, who was the Trustor of the Marie Walraven Living Trust, dated April 21, 2011, and any amendments thereto.

Robert D. Walraven, whose address is 281 50th Avenue, Hills, MN 56138 and Delwyn J. Walraven, whose address is 281 50th Avenue, Hills, MN 56138, are the current Trustees of the Marie Walraven Living Trust, dated April 21, 2011, and any amendments thereto.

Creditors of the deceased Settlor must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or any claim or collection efforts which otherwise could have been asserted or enforced against the trust or assets thereof may be barred.

Claims may be submitted to the Trustee by mailing a written statement of this claim to the Trustee at the address above.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Robert D. Walraven

281 50th Ave.

Hills, MN 56138

(507) 962-3726

/s/ Delwyn J. Walraven

281 50th Ave.

Hills, MN 56138

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CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Adele Oien deeply appreciates the friendship and love Adele received over the years from the Luverne community. Special thanks to the residents and staff at the Oaks and Poplar Creek for their friendship, support, and care; thank you to the women's groups, visitors, congregation, and pastors of Grace Lutheran Church; thanks to the businesses Adele frequented and the eating places she visited for her afternoon coffee, Sunday breakfast, or a meal. These many contacts enabled Adele to continue living in this community. Thank you for the assistance, services, and visits our family received as we returned to Luverne to remember and celebrate Adele's life. A special thank you to Grace Lutheran Church for hosting her funeral service and providing the lunch. Your presence, remembrances about Adele, and expressions of sympathy will long be remembered. Luverne will always be a special place for us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**Gloria (Oien) and Tom Wesely
Bob and Julie Hermann
Rob, Chris, Mark, Joel, and Tim Hermann, Julie Cody, Kyle Wesely and their families**
(4.7-4.11)

The family of Elzora Ott would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who acknowledge us with comfort of her passing. Your thoughtfulness was a reminder of how her life touched so many people and she will be greatly missed. God Bless
(4.11-4.14)

The family of Jeff Dirks would like to thank our family and friends for the many acts of kindness, cards, phone calls and prayers at the time of our loss. Special thanks to those who attended the memorial service, to Becky Sehr for her help with the planning, to the kitchen gals, and to Pastor Jason for his comforting words. We feel so blessed to live in such a caring and thoughtful community. God bless you all.
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Election posters/from page 6

class vice president. In one poster, stick people drawings conveyed, "I've got your back as vice president." Another poster pictured Tofteland with bubble gum and mint gum. "Chews' Solveig," it read. "She's 'Mint' to be your Vice President." Sophomore Xavier Carbonneau used celebrity endorsements. "My name is Morgan Freeman... and I want you to make the right choice this election. Vote Xavier." Junior Jordan Winter used President Trump's push for a wall at the Mexico border as a

theme for this year's message with a nod to the district's upcoming construction plans. "We will build GREAT and MIGHTY walls! Due to school renovations," read his poster for class president re-election. Graduating seniors serve as election judges. "This is the first time I have seen so many (posters) hanging around," said Carissa Cunningham. "And they were so creative." Besides posters, student candidates also used YouTube, Snap Chat and Instagram to tell their classmates to get out and vote.

State park announces naturalist events

Blue Mounds State Park is offering several events for the public to come out and enjoy the park this spring. For special accommodations or questions, call the park at 507-283-6051. Signs of Spring will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13. Meet at the picnic grounds parking lot. It's officially spring at Blue Mounds State Park. Join our park naturalist for a 1-mile hike to look for signs of spring. This one-mile hike will require stepping down and walking downhill. Trails may be wet or slippery. Slither Critters is from 11 to noon Wednesday, April 17. Meet at the park office. Snakes are such an important part of our ecosystem. Come learn why snakes are so important, where to find them in Blue Mounds State Park, what kind of snakes you might find, and touch our Animal Ambassador snake. This program is open to all ages and comfort levels. Build a Bison: Hooves to Horns from 1-2 p.m. Friday, April 19. Meet at the picnic shelter (cart-in campsite). Help a naturalist "build" a bison by transforming an audience member through dress-up. This program is tailor made for youth of all ages to learn the anatomy of a bison and what makes this unique animal perfect for the prairie.



Mavis Fodness photo/0411 Solar Cars

A beautiful day for a solar race

Monday dawned with clear skies and 60-degree temps allowing Bill Thompson (pictured far right) to take his Luverne Middle School students outside for a lesson in alternative energy vehicles. With the help of Sioux Valley Energy, students built solar cars and conducted races against one another. Andy Halverson (left), Cash Bonnett, James Bullerman and Jacob Madison (hidden) watch as their cars compete in a run-off to determine a winner. Madison's car was the fastest.

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nesses. Recipients can choose various levels of support. Levels range from Purple Ribbon (\$1,000), Blue Ribbon (\$750), Red Ribbon (\$500), White Ribbon (\$100) or other. Depending on the level, sponsors receive grandstand passes, meal tickets and/or media recognition. While the committee of Sells, Barb Krapf, Lyle Rollag and Bob Remme didn't set a specific fundraising goal, reaching the amount budgeted for entertainment (\$42,000) or more would be ideal. Entertainment comprises 24 percent of the group's expenses. However, some entertainment may not be improved through additional dollars.



Courtney Blenner (left) of Schaller, Iowa, looks at the slider turtles with her 14-month-old daughter, Jayden, during the 2018 Rock County Fair. The turtles were among dozens of animals at the Wild Things Zoo, which was free admission thanks to donations to the Rock County Ag Society. (File photo)

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Monday, April 22

Route 2: Main St. to Dodge St.

Tuesday, April 23

Route 3: Dodge St. to Barck & Tri-State Addition

Wednesday, April 24

Route 4: Barck and to the North

Thursday, April 25

What will NOT BE PICKED UP

Tires, toxic or hazardous chemicals, TV's, electronics, computers, VCR's, stereos, cameras, camcorders, cell phones, game decks, mattresses, car batteries, fluorescent light tubes, waste oils, paints, and household hazardous waste will NOT be picked up and should be disposed of properly. Very large unsorted piles will NOT be picked up. Additionally, large quantities of building materials from construction or remodeling should be disposed of as part of your project and will not be picked up by the City during Spring Clean-Up. It is your responsibility to take these items to the Transfer Station. The Rock County Transfer Station is located ¾ mile East of Luverne on Rock County Road 4, and ¾ mile North on Rock County Road 9.

A survey conducted after the 2018 event pointed out some key improvements areas. Lack of parking, quality of the midway and cost of the carnival rides topped the list. The group continues to weigh parking options but carnival options are a different story. "That continues to be a challenge for fairs our size and smaller," DeBoer said. "Fortunately we haven't been one of the stories out there who paid money for a carnival but didn't have it show up." Facility improvements and use planned in 2019 The fair board received \$11,500 grant last year from the state Department of Agriculture. It also received grant money to improve fair facilities for the 2019 event. Ventilation in the enclosed livestock show arena will be improved, as will the commercial exhibit buildings. The restrooms located in the 4-H exhibit building will also be remodeled to be more handicap-accessible facilities. "We did get a lot of compliments last year," DeBoer said. Outside the fair dates, ag society members are exploring other activities. They joined forces with two area racetracks to offer a point series for area racecar drivers. Three enduro races are planned for the fairground's dirt track. The local races will take place in June, one in July during the county fair, and one before Labor Day. Success of the current fundraising campaign will allow the volunteers to focus more on the grounds and planning additional events and less on finding fair sponsorships. For more information about the sponsorship program, contact Sells at 507-220-1725, Barb Krapf at 507-227-4307, Lyle Rollag at 605-261-4031 or Bob Remme at 507-220-0177.

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