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Community to celebrate 25 years of Veterans Home in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

On Jan. 24, 1994, the Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne, welcomed its first two residents. That day marked the culmination of a three-year lobbying effort to locate the state facility in Luverne and two years of construction after Luverne was selected in 1991. It also marked the start of an unrivaled economic activity in Luverne. "It was a major development not only for veterans, but for the com-

munity, and particularly for real estate development," said Luverne's Ben Vander Kooi, who emceed the groundbreaking celebration for the Veterans Home in Luverne in 1991. "All of these housing additions (Veterans, Evergreen, Manfred Heights and Sybesma) in Luverne are because of the Veterans Home." Vander Kooi, city attorney, and then city administrator Steve Perkins were among a group of local leaders and citizens who lobbied to get the

facility in Luverne. Perkins told the Star Herald Friday that he remembers the Veterans Home development as a turning point in local morale. "There had been some negative things happening in the community, but veterans were something everyone could support," he said. "Some of the folks who were opposed to city government were on the committee with city officials to get the Veterans Home here. ... It really

united everybody." Perkins and Vander Kooi are among the invited guests for the Friday, June 7, open house to commemorate the Veterans Home 25-year anniversary in Luverne. (See related story on page 2.)

'Cadillac of all veterans homes'
Former Minnesota Senator Jim Vickerman was instrumental in the state's process of selecting Luverne for the facility and spoke at the 10-

year anniversary celebration in 2004. "I couldn't believe my eyes when I looked at it," he recalled at that time. "What a wonderful place. All I wanted was a veterans home, but this was a Cadillac of all veterans homes." In the end, several factors influenced the VA's decision to invest \$4.15 million into the home in Luverne. •The city was able to provide \$2.25 million in matching construc-

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County approves campground ordinance

By Mavis Fodness

A proposed campground east of Luverne can move forward under an amended ordinance passed by county commissioners May 21. Mike Davis and Billy Cowell, both of Luverne, proposed creating a campground along 111th Street southeast of the Luverne City Park in Luverne Township. However, campgrounds weren't a permitted use in ag districts in Rock County until commissioners unanimously supported amending the current ordinance. "Prior to this, the only district that did allow campgrounds was the shore land district as a conditional use," said Eric Hartman, director of the county's Land Management Office. Ag districts encompass 90 percent of Rock County. As a result of the commissioners' action, anyone can develop campgrounds in an ag district by going through the conditional use process through the LMO. Both Davis and Cowell supported the amended ordinance, which requires a license through the Minnesota Department of Health and a public hearing before the conditional use permit is granted. "The department of health has a pretty good standard," Davis said. "It's pretty lengthy, so they pretty much cover a lot of bases." Davis said they are currently working with Southwest Health and Human Services to obtain the license, which includes a review that may take eight to 10 weeks to complete.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0606 buffalo days cruise in

'Weather gods' shine down on Buffalo Days

More than 200 vehicles were on display on Main Street in downtown Luverne Friday night for the Buffalo Days Friday Night Cruise-In. Picture-perfect weather played a role in drawing large crowds for the car show, live entertainment, food vendors and other attractions associated with the event. Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said, "We have to give credit to the weather gods." **See page 18 for more.**

Nutcracker art unveiled at June 10 event at History Center

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 3,000-piece nutcracker collection is the third largest in the world (after Germany and Leavenworth, Washington) and visitors increasingly stop off I-90 and venture into town to see it.

City leaders are looking to capitalize on this traffic and invited local artists to create 10- to 18-inch nutcrackers to be exhibited at the History Center where the nutcracker collection is housed. These works of art are now

finished, and a public unveiling is planned for Monday, June 10. Destination Branding Committee of Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow (LIFT) will host an open house art reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 10, at the History Center on East

Main Street to showcase the pieces. The 10 artists who created the nutcrackers are Janine Brands, Lori Hallstrom, Cody Henrichs, Jen Huisman, Cora Mumme Miller, Chris

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Sen. Smith 'inspired' by Luverne economy

By Lori Sorenson

U.S. Sen. Tina Smith spent time in southwest Minnesota Thursday, May 30, on a "rural economy tour" of outstate communities. She boarded the Luverne Trolley that afternoon and visited Midwest Dry Cast, Premium Iowa Pork and Dragonfly. "It's good to be here today," she said. "To see what's happening out here is really inspiring." She said she was impressed by what she saw and the people she met. She particularly praised the public-private partnerships that have encouraged growth. "There is some amazing and creative activity out here creating jobs and real opportunities," she said. "The best ideas are coming from the people with boots on the ground doing the work." She said it's encouraging to see Luverne and other communities benefiting from the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System, and she said she's working to support initiatives

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Lori Sorenson photo/0606 tina smith at take 16

U.S. Sen. Tina Smith stopped at Take 16 Brewing Thursday evening for a meet and greet following her "rural economy" tour of southwest Minnesota. She discusses agriculture challenges with (from left) crop insurance agent Josh Teune, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, County Commissioner and Magnolia farmer Gary Overgaard, and Rock County Farm Bureau president and Beaver Creek farmer Peter Bakken.

Community rallies for 'Farming in Faith'

By Lori Sorenson

"Farming is an occupation that requires a tremendous amount of faith," Rev. Billy Skaggs told about 60 people at Thursday night's Farming in Faith event in Luverne. Skaggs is pastor of Living Rock Church, which hosted the gathering in Grand Prairie Events in response to increasing stresses on the farming community. Farmers across the region are up against a fourth year in a row of record low farm income, continuous wet weather that's preventing planting and hurting livestock operations and a global trade war that's hurting ag markets. Farmers are no strangers to adversity, but the combination of hardships over an increasing length of time is wearing on their resiliency, according to organizers of Thursday's gathering. "I felt really strongly that we needed to do something for our farming community," said Tor

Boen, a Rock County farmer and member of Living Rock Church. "I wanted to do something that would offer some hope. ... If one person benefits from this in some way, then we've done our job." The event resembled both a church service and farm seminar. It started and ended with prayer and singing, and included ag business tips and spiritual guidance for handling stress.

Stress of the unknowns

Lucas Peters, a marketing rep with NAU Crop Insurance, helped the group focus on ag business priorities at hand. For example, they need to take stock of how much corn they've planted and how much corn didn't get planted by May 31 and record that information with their crop insurance agents. "Talk to your agent about your

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Eden Ladies Cemetery Association spring meeting will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8, in the home of Bev Hunstad, Jasper, to discuss the Eden Church annual service at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 30.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 10, in the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. Call 283-2297 with questions.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the Kenneth Community Center.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964 with questions.

St. John Lutheran VBS begins June 10

Area children are invited to participate in “Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World,” the Vacation Bible School event at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 10-13. An optional dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. each evening.

To register or for more information, call the church office at 507-283-2316, or register online at stjohnlutheranluverne.org/youthphp.

Free food giveaway June 20

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at the Generations 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.

Register for VBS at Bethlehem

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Hills will offer a free Vacation Bible School program titled “To Mars and Beyond” from Sunday, July 7, through Thursday, July 11, for children ages 3 through eighth grade. Classes will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with supper served every night.

Register by **July 1** by calling Kari Kueter at 507-962-3656 or email kkueter@alliancecom.net.

Relay for Life set for June 13

The Rock County Relay for Life Block Party fundraiser for the American Cancer Society is planned for Thursday, June 13, from 5-9 p.m. at Take 16 Brewing in Luverne. The event includes a catered meal from 5:30-7 p.m. for a free-will donation, opening ceremonies at 7 p.m., along with other events, and a 5K glow run and a 1.5-mile walk at 9 p.m. See the ad on page 17 for details.

Community Education activities

Register by e-mailing C.Arends@isd2184.net or calling 507-283-4724.

Slime, goo, experiments—**Reaction 2 Fun! Adventure Day Camp** June 7 for grades 1-4 as attended during the past year. Fee is \$15.

“Crit Happens” at Coffey Contemporary Arts is for all practicing artists, ages 17 and older, to bring a completed work to be critiqued at the professional level with the large group. **Free of charge, but requires registration**—call 283-4724. Meet at 7 p.m. on June 14, July 12, July 26, Aug. 9, Aug. 23

A **Magical Musical Play** offered at Luverne Street Music the **week of June 17** needs student actors grades K-4 (as attended during the past school year) to help save the crops in this fun country-style garden hoedown! Fee is \$40

Hands-on Fun Project Day is for students who attended grades 3-7 during the 18-19 school year. Students will choose three activities and may even complete a project that could be entered into the county fair. Fee is \$15 for this four-hour class on **June 17**.

Rock County library activities

Contact the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register for events.

Story Hour, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays, June 6-July 25, for ages 4, 5 and kindergarten.

Laptime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays, June 7-July 26.

Story & Art, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 5-July 24, for children in first- through fifth-grade.

Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at Take 16 Brewing Co., Luverne. Team registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Group book club, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, June 6-July 25.

Movie & a Snack, 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 11.

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tion costs — about a third of the total construction project. Another \$200,000 in donations came from local and veteran organizations.

In addition, the city purchased 40 acres of land on that end of town, donating land for the 13-acre Veterans Home campus and developing the rest for housing.

•Luverne had what the site selection committee viewed as an impressive supporting medical campus.

•Its close proximity to the VA hospital in Sioux Falls also had bearing on the decision.

The right choice

Seeing how the facility thrived in the years to follow, Vickerman said Luverne clearly was the right choice.

“You gotta give credit to the city and community for building homes around it,” Vickerman said in 2004. “It’s not just a nursing home out there all by itself.”

Sen. Bill Weber was on the Luverne City Council at the time site selection for the facility was underway. He had been elected mayor by the time it opened.

“That was the event that opened development on that end of town,” Weber said during the 2004 10-year observation.

“And it was the single biggest reason for housing growth — something Luverne needed at that time. Up until that time, housing development had been stagnant.”

According to current Luverne Economic Development Authority director Holly Sammons, five new housing subdivisions sprouted up since 1991.

They include the Veterans Addition, Evergreen First and Second Additions, Sybesma Addition and Manfred Heights Addition.

All five developments comprise 210 lots, 179 of which have been sold to date.

Weber refers to the Veterans Home opening as an exciting time for economic development in Luverne.

“On the heels of that, we were able to survive the closing of our largest employer, IBP, and have another employer come in in a year,” he said.

“I think these are phenomenal events for a community of our size.”

Group effort

Looking back on life in Luverne before the Veterans Home, what stands out in Weber’s mind was the cooperative effort of local government officials and legislators from both political parties.

“I think it’s important for people to remember that,” he said. “We all rolled up our sleeves to get it done. It wasn’t a question about who was going to get credit.”

Perkins said that’s the overriding lesson from that era.

“We all have to work together; it goes beyond us as individuals,” he said.

“It changed the mindset of everyone in Luverne. It got



0606 veterans home 1991 groundbreaking
Luverne’s Ben Vander Kooi (at podium) emceed groundbreaking ceremonies in 1991. Pictured with golden shovels are (from left) Rep. Vin Weber, the late Sen. Guy DeCramer, Sen. Jim Vickerman, Sen. Joe Bertram, Rep. Andy Steensma and Rep. Norm DeBleick.

June 7 celebration includes recognition of 25 employees with 25-year careers at facility

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne is recognizing its 25th anniversary with a community celebration on Friday, June 7.

The public is invited as current and former staff, volunteers, resident veterans, families and friends of the Veterans Home gather to reflect on a quarter century of caring for our nation’s heroes.

The event includes tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a program at 1 p.m.

Program highlights include a performance by the Minnesota Veterans Home — Luverne choir, remarks from Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, and a greeting from Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Larry Herke.

The Veterans Home currently employs 196 people, 25 of whom have been with the facility for 25 years, and those individuals will be recognized Friday.

They are (in order of their hires) Anne Stegenga, Lori Carlson, Sandy Kelm, Missy Verbrugge, Sherri Ladd, Daniel Spreiter, Astrid Rittenhouse, Linette

Eischens, Kathy Fey, Carolyn Norman, Bonnie Groen, Dawn Esselink, Becky Vander Poel, Nancy Lofthus, Lynette Springman, Jodi Clark, Susan Vis, Rita DeBoer, Maggie Fick, Michelle Madison, Teresa Kooiman, Rachelle VanderWaal, Becky Ranschau, Margene Behrens and Twana Smith.

The Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne has cared for more than 841 Minnesota veterans and their families since opening in 1994.

The facility currently cares for 85 residents in three different living spaces, including a 17-bed special care unit for those with dementia.

“We are committed to creating a community where life is truly worth living —with activities and interactions that residents find meaningful and enjoyable,” said Veterans Home Administrator Luke Schryvers.

Friday’s celebration will also include a history display in the front entry where newspaper clippings and photographs will illustrate the past 25 years of the Veterans Home presence in Luverne.

Tours for the 25th anniversary of the Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a program at 1 p.m.

everyone thinking positive and uniting for a common goal, and it started a lot of good things in Luverne with everyone working together on the same page.”

Perkins said the lesson was also that good things don’t just happen.

“It takes leadership and

an attitude of what can we do to keep progress going in Luverne.”

The Minnesota Veterans Home remains at the center of social and volunteer activity in the community, with more than 239,000 volunteer hours logged since it opened and more than \$2.5 monetary and

in-kind donations.

“We are proud to be a vital part of the Luverne community,” said Luke Schryvers, administrator of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

“None of what we do is possible without support of our community, our staff and their families.”



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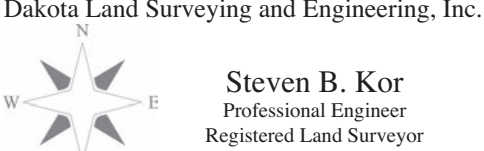


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No bids forces postponement of bridge replacement

By Mavis Fodness

For the first time in decades, a bridge project will be postponed in Rock County because no bids to complete the work were received.

“Everyone is booked through October,” County Engineer Mark Sehr told commissioners May 21.

The notice to construct a new bridge on County Road 52 over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad in Martin Township was completed in late April with the bid opening completed for May 20.

But there were no bids to be opened.

This is the first time since Sehr became county engineer in 1996 that the county received no bids to complete a large project.

Estimates to replace the bridge and grade the approaches were \$1.15 million.

“It’s unfortunate,” Sehr added. “I want to get this project done. ... I feel for the landowners.”

The bridge, built in 1971, has been closed to traffic since July 2017, when fire destroyed the woodpile structure. Fifty vehicles had crossed the bridge on a daily basis.

The state fire marshal determined the cause of the fire to be manmade.

Elliot John Krueger of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was charged in October 2017 with setting a negligent fire.

The case was recently resolved by Rock County Attorney Jeff Haubrich with Krueger agreeing to a continuance of dismissal and \$1,000 in restitution.

The majority of the bridge replacement expense (\$800,000) is covered by state funds.

Sehr said the money has

been allocated to Rock County and will still be available next year.

The county will pay for the bridge grade and supervision costs for the rail line.

The new bridge design will be two lanes with a 10-ton vehicle carrying capacity. The bridge is also larger than the previous span at 29 feet wide and a length of 106 feet.

The previous bridge was wood pilings and had weight restrictions against multi-axle vehicle use.

The rebid process is planned for this fall with construction completion in 2020.

The project was estimated to take 10 to 12 weeks to complete.

Emergency repairs on County 1 bridge stalled

Sehr indicated an environmental study would need to be done before \$52,500 in emergency repairs can be completed on the damaged County Road 1 bridge over the Kanaranzi Creek in southeastern Rock County.

Ice flow damaged several of the bridge’s wooden piles, closing the bridge to one lane of traffic on April 4.

Engineers recommended installing new transfer girders and steel piles to bring the bridge back to its original two-lane use.

Sehr cautiously reported because the County Road 1 bridgework has a shorter completion time (estimated at one week), a contractor might be able to add the project to an already busy construction schedule for completion this summer.

The bridge continues to be monitored for safety by highway officials on a twice-a-week basis.

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to improve the labor force for outstate businesses.

See the guest editorial on page 4 for her response to the Luverne visit.

Her day wrapped up with a meet-and-greet event at Take 16 where city and county leaders, along with local business and ag leaders, were on hand to exchange information.

The farm crisis was one topic that emerged.

“Our farmers are really living through a double whammy of trade disputes, low prices and bad weather,” Smith said. “Some are wondering if they’re even going to plant this spring.”

Rock County Farm Bureau President Peter Bakken offered perspective on how the current farming crisis is affecting the community.

“Right now we’re looking at a 15-percent reduction in yield on 143,000 acres of corn in Rock County,” he said.

Considering \$4 per bushel corn (the spring crop insurance guarantee), that adds up to \$15.4 million loss in gross revenue for those corn acres.

“And if you use the \$7 economic multiplier effect, that’s \$108 million not coming to town,” Bakken said about businesses that rely on agriculture spending.

Corn needed to be planted by May 31 in order to qualify for full crop insurance coverage, but as of June 1, only about half of Rock County corn was in the ground.

Producers that missed that deadline have a host of options to consider — plant late, don’t plant, switch to soybeans, plant something else ...

At stake are a host of outcomes with potential for major impact on farm revenue — insurance coverage, reduced yield, prevent plant payments, possible disaster compensation and more.

Bakken urged Smith and

other legislators not to overlook livestock producers in disaster aid packages. “If the price of corn is going through the roof ... we need corn for feed and bedding.”

Rock County Commissioner and Magnolia farmer Gary Overgaard reminded Smith that agriculture relies on stable markets.

“We don’t want a government handout,” he said. “We want a fair price for our products.”

Several farmers asked about a solution for tariffs on ag commodities and trade disputes with countries that purchase U.S. ag products.

“I hope we can get these trade disputes in hand,” Smith said, adding that she’s optimistic about a U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement.

“Yes, it’s important to stand up for American businesses and for fair trade, but it’s not a good idea to start a multi-front trade war. It’s chaotic and it’s harming our economy.”

As a ranking member of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Rural Economic Development and Energy, Smith said she would use her influence to help rural Minnesotans.

Smith toured the Minnesota Veterans Home earlier in the afternoon to observe the facility’s 25th anniversary and to meet with local Veterans Affairs officials who were on hand for a Memorial Day event with residents and staff.

Smith is Minnesota’s former lieutenant governor under DFL Gov. Mark Dayton from 2015 to 2018 when she was appointed to the U.S. Senate seat that was vacated by Sen. Al Franken.

She won the 2018 special election to fill the remainder of that term, defeating Republican Karin Housley, a Minnesota state senator.



Mavis Fodness photo/0606 Tina Smith Visit

Senator Tina Smith shakes the hands of veterans Eugene Tracy (left) and Clifford “Hooley” Huehn after the Memorial Day service at the Luverne Veterans Home Thursday afternoon, May 30.

Senator brings early anniversary wishes to Luverne vets home

By Mavis Fodness

U.S. Senator Tina Smith toured the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne for the first time May 30 as part of a “Rural Economy Tour” of southwest Minnesota.

Smith briefly addressed the crowd at the veterans home as a Memorial Day Service was wrapping up.

She has served as senator since 2018, after serving as the state’s lieutenant governor for five years.

Smith, in a short address, congratulated guests, veterans and staff on the facility’s 25th anniversary, in advance of the June 7 public celebration.

Smith left staff with an official letter.

“It takes tremendous effort to run an organization like this successfully,” the letter read in part. “The meaningful and positive impacts your organization has had on veterans and their families does not go unnoticed.”

Eighty-five residents currently reside at the facility for veterans and their spouses that opened in 1994.

Administrator Luke Schryvers led Smith on a brief tour, explaining the facility’s focus on creating a home-like atmosphere.

He pointed out recent upgrades, easy access to outdoor terraces and the special care unit for residents with advanced dementia.

“I am really struck how important it is that people have an alternative,” she said. “They don’t have to be so far from home.”

Schryvers said the brotherhood connection veterans experienced while serving in the military is carried on throughout hallways and rooms of the Veterans Home.

Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Doug Hughes said more facilities like the one in Luverne



Mavis Fodness photo/0606 Tina Smith Visit

U.S. Senator Tina Smith (left) talks about the tomato plants John Schoep is growing in the raised garden at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. Smith stopped at the facility Wednesday afternoon, May 29, to view the facility that will celebrate its 25th anniversary June 7. See page 2 for more information on the public event.

should be located throughout the state.

His office submitted application for matching federal funding for three new nursing homes in the state — in Bemidji, Montevideo and Preston.

They would join the existing veterans homes in Luverne, Fergus Falls, Minneapolis, Silver Bay and Hastings.

“We will circle the state,” Hughes said if the three new homes receive funding later this year.

Smith also received feedback on the “VA Mission Act of 2018,” signed into law last year.

Criteria are currently being developed to improve:

- veteran access to health care.
- funding for staff training and recruitment.
- expanded programming such as adult day care centers, which allows veterans to stay in their homes longer.

Luverne currently has a waiting list of 12 veterans and 90 spouses.

Smith visited with staff members, residents and their spouses before finishing an afternoon tour of Luverne and Rock County businesses.

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Springwater Township Board

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Here kitty, kitty, kitty A case of mistaken identity leads to unusual cat tale

A “Tale of Two Cats” unfolded recently on social media involving mystery, mistaken identity and, best of all, a happy ending.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

The tale opens May 17 with Luverne’s Martha Nowatzki posting that her 18-year-old cat named Shamus “has gone on a walkabout” and had been gone for several days.

It’s not unusual for the black cat with a cloudy left eye to cross people’s paths in the area of Freeman Avenue and Dodge Street. Martha reported that the last time her kitty went missing, he was stuck in a garden shed.

By May 27, ten days after Shamus’ disappearance, a picture of a black cat was posted. The quick snap was of a feline looking through the window at Sterling’s Bar and Grille in downtown Luverne, some six blocks from his home.

Martha said when she saw that picture “there was absolutely no doubt in my mind it was Shamus.”

The face-to-face meeting left Martha “flummoxed” and thinking “This isn’t him.”

“But he was so friendly and clearly distressed so I figured I would sort it out later,” she said.

Three days later Martha’s puzzlement at Shamus’ sudden clinginess was correct: The real Shamus, complete with cloudy eye and the characteristic aloofness, arrived back at the Nowatzki home May 28.

“What are the freaking odds of two cats looking that similar going missing at the same time?” she questioned.

Martha’s self-proclaimed “Black Cat Whisperer” title came with a responsibility of finding

out who this Shamus-imposter was.

Meanwhile, on an acreage some four miles north of Luverne, Dean and Linda Wenzel were puzzled as to where their 12+-year-old black cat named Speck could have gone this time.

“This cat has a lot of lives,” Linda recalled last week. “He is just very inquisitive and follows Dean around everywhere.”

The black cat also likes truck rides into the metro and had stowed away in a customer’s pickup, later jumping out near First Farmers Bank.

Speck was the one who peeked into the window at Sterling’s and ultimately went home with Martha.

“They took such good care of him. I think he was hesitant to come home with me,” Linda said. “This is not the first time he went for a ride to town, but this is the longest time he was gone. Thought he was lost for sure.”

With Speck reunited with the Wenzel family and Shamus back home with the Nowatzki family, Martha reflected on her feline experience.

“I think Speck enjoyed the indoor digs but was getting antsy to get back home,” she said. “We are so happy to have our elderly gentleman back, though. Speck soothed our hearts for a few days for sure!”

Reportedly, Martha would like to write a book about her cat mix-up. The working title is “The Tail of Two Kitties.”

Washington could learn from ‘resilient, inventive, hard-working’ rural communities

If you don’t live in rural America, you may well have some preconceptions about what it’s like “out there” in the heartland.

It’s true, the news hasn’t been good: the worst farm economy in a generation, never-ending wet weather that has kept farmers out of the field when they can least afford it, and tariffs that are ripping apart the trading relationships that Minnesota ag producers have spent decades building.

This isn’t fake news. I’ve talked to farmers with tears in their eyes as they contemplate family farms that may not survive for another generation.

But if you see rural America only through the lens of struggle and lost opportunity, you are missing another inspiring story.

Over the last two days, here’s what I’ve seen in the countryside and small towns of southwestern Minnesota that has given me a lot of hope.

Luverne is a town that maybe you didn’t notice when you breezed through on I-90. But there are some amazing things happening right off the interstate.

I got to the Luverne Veterans Home just in time to help commemorate Memorial Day and felt grateful that we have places like this, though

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Sen. Tina Smith

not enough, where those who have served our country can live in comfort and dignity, as close as possible to their families, and grow tomatoes and green beans — though the cold, damp weather has set back the growing season for vegetables as well as row crops.

Luverne is a creative, entrepreneurial town of a little under 5,000 souls, where people love where they live and feel a strong commitment to their neighbors. This is probably why Luverne just passed a big referendum to support the public schools.

And this is the spirit that motivated city and local businesses to get together and combine resources to spiff up the wonderful old storefronts on Main Street. ... Through this public-private partnership, downtown is being transformed, one storefront at a time, into exactly the kind of place where any of us would want to shop and eat, live and work.

All this is anchored by Take

16, a local brewery named after US Highway 16, which once connected Detroit, Michigan, to Yellowstone National Park.

The first thing you need to know is that the beer is amazing. The young brewer, who barely looks 20, is making beer like Country Mile Kolsch, which you can enjoy sitting on Main Street. And don’t be surprised if one of the owners (there are over a hundred of them) comes up to ask if you need anything, and invite you to come back for the live music this weekend.

At Midwest Drycast, just outside Luverne, a young entrepreneur is making cement molded slats for the livestock industry, and his business is growing fast. Down the road, one of the largest organic pork producers in the country is building a new processing facility that will employ hundreds of people starting next year.

These communities are grap-

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Permitted pistol owners need place to practice

One of the most popular — and of course most read — sections of our paper is the On the Record report. Each week On the Record recaps the calls that came into the local sheriff’s department. We have, on occasion, inadvertently left the On the Record report out of the paper, and rest assured, we hear about it soon after the Star Herald hits the street.

The part of the On the Record report I would like to write about is always included toward the end of the report. The last couple of inches of the weekly report is kind of lumping together the miscellaneous activity. This is where you will find the number of ambulance calls, parking violations, animal complaints, traffic stops that were handled during the week. Also mixed in with those calls is the number of purchase/carry permits that were applied for that week at the sheriff’s department.

Last week four such permits were applied for, and this week one more was run through the office. In case you are unaware what a purchase/carry permit is, it is a permit one has to have in order to purchase a



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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handgun. The “carry” part of that is permission to carry a concealed handgun. In order to apply for the carry permit, you have to complete a classroom course and shooting skills test and then a background check by the sheriff’s department.

I personally have a purchase/carry permit. The point that I am getting to is this. Year to date, I have tallied up the number of permits that have been applied for so far this year with the Rock County sheriff’s department, and the total is about 112 according to the weekly On the Record report. That doesn’t mean that all the applications were granted. So if the current application trend continues till the

end of the year, that means over 200 permits will have been applied for or renewed. The purchase/carry permit that I have must be renewed every five years. So for discussion’s sake, let’s say that over a five-year period of time somewhere around 1,000 purchase/carry permits will be applied for.

Now, finally to my point. With the number of permits being applied for, you would think we would have a local public shooting range for handguns, but we don’t. The Sportsman’s Club east of town is for shotguns only. There is a small pistol range out by the transfer station, but that is for law enforcement use only. Just planting a seed.

Hand positions on steering wheel only a suggestion

Question: The driver’s training manual says to have both hands on the steering wheel. First it was “two and ten” and now with airbags they say “nine and three.” The question, is it a law that you must have both hands on the wheel? I have never seen that as a law and if so there sure would be a lot of violations. I’m thinking if it is in the manual, it must be a law.

Answer: There is not a law requiring both hands to be on the steering wheel or what position they are to be in when operating a motor vehicle.

The Minnesota driver’s manual provides a suggestion for vehicles equipped with airbags. They suggest you keep your hands on the 8 and 4 o’clock or 9 and 3 o’clock positions — avoid the 10 and 2 o’clock position. Keep your thumbs turned out on the steering wheel. Try to maintain at least 10 inches between yourself and the steering wheel.

Front passenger seats should be moved as far back as possible. Read your operator’s manual before

driving or riding in a vehicle equipped with airbags.

For more information about the use of seat belts, airbags, and car safety seats, visit the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety Website at ots.dps.mn.gov.

Vehicles equipped with a manual transmission are going to require the driver to take one hand off of the steering wheel to shift gears. My suggestion is to keep both hands on the steering wheel as much as possible, your eyes to the road, constantly scanning the road, shoulders and ditches. I would also recommend checking your rearview and side mirrors often for approaching traffic.

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

Sgt. Troy Christianson can be reached at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us for any questions regarding current traffic laws.

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ON THE RECORD

May 24
•Complainant reported a hit and run westbound on Interstate 90 near Magnolia.
•Complainant reported cows in ditch on County Road 17 near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant requested gas voucher.
•Erratic driver reported at location westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11.
•Complainant reported smell of smoke on North Spring Street.
•A civil issue was reported on North Freeman Avenue.
•Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Main Street reported a driving complaint.
•Complainant reported a railroad crossing malfunction near Hills.
May 25
•Complainant reported an alarm near Hardwick.
•Complainant reported suspicious sounds at location on Warren Street.
•Vandalism was reported at location on East Crawford Street.
•Suspicious activity was reported at location on South Kniss Avenue.
•Report of farm equipment on roadway at location near Luverne.
•Report of an abandoned vehicle on 150th south of County Road 1.
•Report of a dirt bike driving in alley at location on West Main Street.
•Hazard spill was reported at location near Hardwick.
•Bike was found at location on South East Park Street.
•Accident was reported at location near Hills.
•Complainant reported loud music on West Luverne Street.
May 26
•Accident reported at location of County Road 13 and County Road 17 near Hills.
•Accident reported at location on East Main Street in Luverne.
•Property found at location near Jasper.
•Deputies requested at hospital for unruly patient in Luverne.
•Complainant requested to speak with deputy following incident near Jasper.
May 27
•Complainant near Jasper reported a dark car with South Dakota plates all over the road.
•Complainant on East Christensen Drive reported they found a suspicious item at location.
•Minnesota duty officer reported wastewater bypass near Steen.
•Complainant on East Adams Street requested curfew check.
May 28
•Complainant near Garretson reported a feedlot basin overflowed.
•Complainant reported they lost a radio on bike trail.

•Complainant on 120th Avenue near Luverne reported an overflow.
•Deputy conducted a roadside assist near Jasper.
•Complainant near Magnolia reported someone tried to steal an ATV at location.
May 29
•Accident reported at location on West Hatting Street.
•Complainant near Luverne reported feedlot runoff.
•Alarm was reported on Freeman Street.
•Report of a civil issue.
•Complainant on West Luverne Street in Magnolia reported theft.
•Complainant on Black Moon Circle requested a welfare check.
•Complainant on South Cottage Grove Avenue requested to speak to a deputy.
May 30
•Complainant near Ellsworth reported a suspicious person.
•Complainant on West Hatting Street reported a bad check.
•Complainant near Hills reported cars speeding by after school.
•Complainant near Magnolia reported they are replacing a culvert at 180th and 81st streets near Magnolia and road will be closed.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported they were almost run over.
•Complainant on North Oakley Street reported she gave out some personal information.
•Complainant in Steen reported vandalism.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a camper on fire.
•Sioux Falls Police Department reported holding subject on our warrant.
•Complainant near Luverne reported the railroad track heaved.
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported the theft of checks from her car.
•Assistance from another department was requested for verbal domestic abuse near Jasper.
•A follow-up was conducted near Luverne.
•A follow-up was conducted near Steen.
•A follow-up was conducted near Steen.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity at location on South Main Street in Hills.
•Complainant on West Hatting Street reported kids trespassing.
In addition, officers responded to 1 vehicle in ditch, 8 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 6 burn permits, 1 drug court test, 1 permit to purchase/carry, 1 stalled vehicle, 23 traffic stops, 4 abandoned 911 calls and 3 tests.



Mavis Fodness photo/0606 Toy Hauler Fire 5 30 2019

Fire forces toy hauler RV off Interstate

A malfunction within a trailer's brake system was the possible cause of a fire inside a toy hauler RV Thursday afternoon, May 30, on South Highway 75 in Luverne. The Luverne Fire Department was called to the scene near the intersection of Koehn Avenue and Highway 75. The call came shortly before 5 p.m. when motorists noticed smoke coming from the fifth-wheel trailer as it was westbound on I-90 and exited into Luverne. Traffic was stopped on northbound Hwy. 75 including both ramps on and off I-90. Fire chief Dave Van Batavia said the pickup was unhooked from the trailer and several portable propane tanks had been removed from the trailer when firefighters arrived. A person assisting with the tank removal was treated for smoke inhalation. The fire appeared to have started in the trailer's right-side brake area, traveling up into the trailer's sidewalls and into the roof cavity. A passenger car in the toy hauler did not catch fire, Van Batavia said.

'Farming in Faith'/from page 1 –

options," Peters said. "If you decide to keep planting, keep track of how many acres were planted on which dates. It's very important to keep your records in order this spring."

Corn has to be planted by May 31 in order to qualify for full crop insurance coverage.

Producers that missed that deadline have a host of options to consider — plant late, don't plant, switch to soybeans, plant something else ...

At stake are a host of outcomes with potential for major impact on farm revenue — insurance coverage, reduced yield, prevent plant payments, possible disaster compensation and more.

Not all options offer the same guarantees, and too many rely on variables yet to be determined. That's why Peters cautioned producers to reach out for guidance.

He said the Land Management Office or Natural Resources Conservation Service may have options for cover crops on prevent plant acres.

"Talk to your agent on your crop insurance coverage, talk to your adjuster about your claim, and talk to the Land Management Office or Natural Resources Conservation Service about options for cover crops on prevent plant acres," Peters said.

"And talk to each other. Go have a cup of coffee with other farmers ... It's good to get everyone in the same room like we are tonight, to realize we're not alone."

'Don't worry about anything; pray about everything'

Skaggs said this year's combination of factors beyond the farmer's control is perhaps what's most stressful.

"We like to be in control, and when we're not, it causes stress and anxiety," he said. "And it can affect our families, our marriage and our health."

In addition to caring for their health and wellbeing — like getting adequate rest, Skaggs urged farmers and community members to pray and trust God.

"You hear all the time, 'I've done what I can and now all I can do is pray.' But that's the first thing we should do is pray," Skaggs said.

He said remembering that God is in control is often the first step toward stress relief.

"You do the best you can — you put the crop in the ground — and then you have to trust the Lord with the rest," he said.

He closed by reading from the Bible, Philippians Chapter 4, verses 6 and 7.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done," the passage reads.

"Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

I-90 Westbound closed at the Valley Springs Rest Area

The South Dakota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, closed the westbound lanes of Interstate 90 from the Minnesota State line (rest area) east to Exit 1 (Highway 23) in Minnesota until mid-July.

Westbound I-90 traffic will be diverted to two-way traffic in the eastbound lanes.

I-90 westbound on and off ramps will also be closed at Exit 1 (Highway 23).

Northbound traffic on Min-

nesota County Road 17 traveling to Interstate 90 will be detoured to continue north on Minnesota Highway 23, west on County Road 5 and south on Minnehaha County 105 (468th Street) to Interstate 90.

This work is being done by South Dakota to install a Weigh-In-Motion system by Henry Carlson Construction of Sioux Falls.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.

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pling with big challenges — need for rural broadband, and a shortage of workers and quality, affordable child care are at the top of their lists. The folks I talked to would want me to add that we need to fix our broken immigration system, because new Americans are strengthening their communities, and we need them to fill the jobs — and they need to be good paying jobs — these entrepreneurial companies are creating.

This is a story of two days in Luverne and Marshall, Minnesota — just a snapshot of two resilient, inventive, hard-working communities.

I didn't meet a single person

who wanted to argue about politics. I talked to more than a few who are sick and tired of the hate and division inflaming Washington, D.C. And I can't help but think that if more of us in Washington kept places like Luverne and Marshall in mind, following their lead and lifting up their voices, we might be a lot more useful.

Sen. Tina Smith shared this information on her Facebook page following her visit to Marshall and Luverne May 30. Information about Marshall was edited for brevity in the interest of Rock County readers. See the related news stories on pages 1 and 2.

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CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Ingrid Ann, weighing 10 1/2 pounds and 21 inches long, was born Friday, May 3, 2019, at Brookings Hospital to **Nic and Kristen Uilk** of Jasper. She joins two siblings, Chloe, 5, and Luella, 2 1/2. Grandparents are John and Kathy Carlisle, Skandia, and Wayne and Becky Uilk, Jasper. Great-grandmothers are Arbutus Shalander and Hilda Uilk.

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Sydney Esselink**, bride-to-be of **Devin Heitkamp**, will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at Take 16 in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Lexi Rust**, bride-to-be of **Tony Lynn**, will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Card showers

Gert Hup will celebrate her 90th birthday on Tuesday, June 11. Greetings may be sent to her at P.O. Box 223, Hills, MN 56138.

BISTRO MENU

Monday, June 10: Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, coleslaw, bread, tropical fruit. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, June 11: Lemon pepper fish, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, bread, slice pie. Program: Senior Dining fundraiser 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12: Sweet and sour pork, rice, oriental vegetables, fruit, gelatin with whipped topping. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Site Council.

Thursday, June 13: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, angel food cake with fruit. Program: Mavis' Craft Day.

Friday, June 14: Baked chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, bread, fresh melon cubes. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day. Flag Day.

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.

The Trinity Lutheran Church congregation erected a church building in Jasper in 1894 (below) and dedicated it on Oct. 28. At right: The church today.



Trinity Lutheran Church celebration this weekend

Parish is 125 years strong

By Lori Sorenson

Trinity Lutheran Church is 125 years old and its parish members are celebrating the anniversary this weekend, with food, fellowship and a look back on the church's history in the community of Jasper.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church was organized in the early 1890s around the same time the Methodists, Presbyterians and Norwegian Lutherans were starting churches in the booming little railroad town.

The Trinity Lutheran congregation put up a church building in 1894 and dedicated it on Oct. 28. The first pastor of the church was Rev. H.B. Kohlmeier.

The church members and community will celebrate Trinity's 125th anniversary on June 8 and 9, according to Keith Eitrem, chairman of the celebration committee.

"We are excited and want to have a great commemora-

tion weekend," he writes on the church's website. "Please be a part of it and make plans to attend."

A highlight of the weekend will be five of the church's previous pastors on hand for the celebration.

They include the Revs. Mark Krueger, Richard Mayer, Peter Sestak, William Sabol and Jon Olson. Rev. Michael Lutz, has sent a video but he is unable to attend.

Current pastor Robert Moeller, who also ministers to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Pipestone and St. John's Lutheran Church in Trosky, will take the lead in the weekend's activities.

Saturday's events in Jasper include coffee and refreshments with these former pastors from 1 to 4 p.m.

A 5 p.m. dinner and program featuring the former pastors will follow.

Dinner will cost a freewill

donation and guests are asked to register ahead of time by calling Eitrem at 605-261-5320.

On Sunday Pastor Moeller will lead the 10 a.m. worship service, which will also include former pastors.

A picnic lunch at 11:30 a.m. will follow at the Jasper City

Park, also for a freewill donation and requested RSVPs.

History booklets will be available for sale as well as reprints of the old yellow Trinity cookbooks, each of them priced at \$15.

More information is available at threestrandsparish.com.



1958: \$162,437 in county road improvement contracts awarded

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on April 10, 1958.

County Road Improvement Contracts Total \$162,437

Rock county's Board of Commissions Tuesday awarded a total of \$162,437.27 in three contracts for road improvement this year.

Major projects will be the installation of a gravel base and bituminous surface costing \$102,898.67 for 10.7 miles on C.S.A. No. 5. That is the county road going west from Luverne on Dodge St.

Winning contractor on the gravel base and blacktopping job was McLaughlin and Schulz, of Marshall. Next lowest bid was submitted by Judd Brown, for the amount of \$106,905.48. Work will begin as soon as the weather permits.

Regravelling Contract

Regravelling of several



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

miles of county roads accounts for a contract of \$40,940, awarded to Hogan and Faber, of Rock Rapids. Second low bidder on that job was F.S. McLaughlin, with a bid of \$43,000.

Seal Coat

The other contract let Tuesday was on a bid of \$18,598.70 for a seal coat to be applied to various blacktop surfaced roads in the county. The seal coat will provide a smoother surface on the roads that have previously been blacktopped. Winner of that contract was the Hi-Way Surfacing Co., of Minnesota. Next low bidder was the Minnesota Valley Improvement Co., with a bid of \$19,763.20.

The county doesn't have to go into debt on the road improvement program, for money from regular funds has been embarked for the projects.

Other Contracts Awarded

The Rock County Board of Commissioners awarded three contracts at its regular meeting last week.

A bid of \$8,329.20 for seal coating on the blacktop road

from Highway 75 to Jasper along the county line submitted by McLaughlin and Schulz, Marshall. This was a joint agreement with the Pipestone county board.

The county awarded a contract to the Connell Chevrolet, of Luverne, for a new carry-all panel type truck on a bid of \$1,776.52. Other bidders on the truck were Schoon Motor Sales, \$2,200, and Mark Jacobson, \$1,900.

In other bidding action, the commissioners awarded a contract for Isopropyl Ester Weed Killer to Lyon Chemical, Inc., of St. Paul, on a bid of \$2.74 per gallon.

Welfare Term Expires

Commissioners were advised by the Public Welfare Department of the State of Minnesota that the term of Mrs. Florence Wellendorf as a member of the county welfare board expires July 19 and

asked them to submit a panel of three names to fill the post. Names submitted will be Mrs. Leonard Lein, Mrs. R. C. Juhl and Mrs. Curtis R. Paulsen.

The commissioners agreed to hold a hearing at 8 p.m. May 7 on the granting of two petitions for the reconstruction of sections of county roads. One petition seeks the alteration of C. S. A. No. 1 through Clinton and Kanarazzi townships, connecting U. S. No. 75 on the west, then east for 6 miles. The other petition seeks the alteration of C. S. A. No. 17 connecting Highway 23 on the west, then east along or near section lines terminating at U. S. No. 16 at Beaver Creek.

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

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BUSINESS NEWS

Luverne hotel honored at franchise conference

The GrandStay Hotel & Suites in Luverne received the 2018 Every Guest, Every Time customer service award during a May 8 annual conference.

The award recognizes consistent high scores in guest surveys and through the brand quality assurance evaluations.

"We are extremely proud of all that has been accomplished at the Luverne location," said GrandStay Hospitality, LLC President Jon Kennedy.

"They strive every day to make the hotel feel like home to each and every guest that stays there."

GrandStay Hospitality, LLC, honored the Luverne hotel during its 2019 General Managers Education Forum at the GrandStay Hotel & Suites in Spicer on May 8.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•As students left for summer Wednesday, Cloyce Smith left her art classroom for the last time.

After 39 years in education, Smith is now beginning a new project, retirement. "You know when you are ready to be done," she said. "The time is right."

According to the back of her "survivor" shirt she wore on the last day, Smith has taught in five different schools with 11 principals and 10 superintendents.

During her career, Smith's goal has been the same, pushing students to be creative and to be pleased with their own work.

With that mindset Smith says she's never ceased to be surprised with students' work each year.

As young artists came in and out of her room, they were reminded of one thing, "It's a place to be creative, to please themselves and do their best," Smith said.

In this way Smith taught not only art techniques but also life concepts.

25 years ago (1994)

•A Minneapolis rock climber will be released from the hospital today after falling more than 50 feet at Blue Mounds State Park.

Rock County ambulance and rescue crews were called to the scene at about 2 p.m. Saturday when climber Dave Fox fell from the top of a cliff to a grassy area below.

He was taken by helicopter to McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, S.D.

During a telephone interview with Fox in his hospital room Monday, he said he suffered two broken ankles, one of which will require three months in a cast. Fox said he must have fallen forward and landed on his hands because one wrist is broken.

The impact of the fall also caused two compressed vertebrae in his lower back.

"I didn't fall while I was climbing," Fox said. "I was already at the top and was standing on the ledge."

50 years ago (1969)

•Mrs. Alfrida Tuff left Tuesday for a six-week visit with relatives in Norway.

Friends from Sioux Falls took her to the airport in Minneapolis Tuesday where that night she took a flight to Oslo, Norway, where she has a sister. Frida has four sisters and two brothers in Norway and she is the only one of her family who ventured out to the New World. Her sister will accompany her via plane on June 17th to Bardufoss; then it will be a three-hour bus ride to Narvik. The brothers and sisters will all join her there for a family reunion. After July 1st, then she will go back to Oslo. She will also visit her husband Bernard's family at Gran.

July 21 will find Frida boarding the plane again for her return trip to the U.S.

75 years ago (1944)

•Rock county has long been known as the farmer's paradise. Never has it been truer than this spring. March and April weather that was discouraging in the extreme way gave way to almost perfect growing conditions in May. Although small grain seeding was all of two weeks late, recent sunshine and moisture has brought them along so fast that they have very largely made up for the late snowing. ...

Corn planting too, was delayed by the wet weather, but warm soil and abundant moisture started germination almost as soon as the seed was in the ground. As a result many farmers had to start cultivating first plantings just as soon as they were done with the last ones.

100 years ago (1919)

•Another step in Luverne's progress toward street paving was taken Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the common council, when that body voted to instruct the city attorney to prepare a resolution requiring property owners on Main street to make the changes in their water and sewer connections necessary for paving.

The area of street on which these changes are to be required extends from the Rock Island railroad crossing to East Park Street, a distance of eight blocks and it is expected that the proposed resolution will be adopted at the next meeting of the council.

Be on the lookout for tent caterpillar nests



Driving back from Detroit last weekend, I saw several trees infected with tent caterpillar nests, and believe it or not, we have them in Rock County, too. So if you see that white webby mass in the crotch of a tree branch, they've found a place to call home.

Usually they prefer apple, crabapple or plum trees as a food source. You don't have to get real radical like cutting the branch out. Just wait until evening or early morning when the worms are in the "tent" and pull the mass out of the tree.

The caterpillars go into the tent for protection at night and come out during the day to feed on the leaves. As their feeding range increases, they increase the size of the tent because they are getting larger too.

One moth lays this egg mass, producing the crop

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

of hungry, fast-growing caterpillars that will defoliate a tree branch in a few days. Several tents in a small tree can strip all of the leaves, resulting in the death of the tree. And considering that each of those worms becomes another moth to lay another egg mass is reason enough to eliminate them.

If the tent is too high to reach, you can spray them with an insecticide, but do that during the warm part of the day when they are feeding. If they are in the tent, they are protected from the spray.

This is also a good time to spray garden phlox to prevent mildew (white powdery spots on the leaf), and black-eyed susans (goldstrum rudbeckia) to prevent septoria leaf spot

(black leaf spots).

Notice that I said "prevent" ... much easier than spraying to cure! The fungicide I recommend is Daconil, which also is an excellent product to prevent the common blights on tomatoes.

The more recent introductions in garden phlox like the flame series are much more resistant to mildew than some of the older varieties. And while I am talking leaf spots, if your peonies have been plagued by diseases causing deformed flowers or spotted leaves, this same fungicide will help prevent that problem, too, if you apply prior to symptoms appearing.

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



Mavis Fodness photos/0606 Lofthus Retirement

Wrapping up 30 years in education

Russell Lofthus (above, far right), Adrian Elementary principal for the past 21 years, said goodbye to students, colleagues and friends Wednesday afternoon, May 29, in a public open house at the school. "It was time," he said to well-wishers. The McVile, North Dakota, native began his career in education as an elementary teacher in Balaton followed by principal positions in Lynd, Fulda and Adrian. Lofthus will continue to make his home in Luverne with his wife, Nancy. The couple has three children and two grandsons. Retiring Adrian Elementary principal Russ Lofthus (center, holding grandson Callum, 18 months,) talks with Josie LeBrun (left), Paula Goetken and Sharan Honermann.



OBITUARIES

Dennis Cauwels

Dennis Ray "Denny" Cauwels, 67, died Saturday, June 1, 2019, in Cresco, Iowa.



A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 7, at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Cresco. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at the Lindstrom Funeral Home in Cresco.

Dennis Cauwels was born on April 27, 1952, to Leo and Vivian (Lange) Cauwels in Luverne. He was number six of 14 children. He graduated from Magnolia High School in 1970. On Dec. 11, 1971, he married Coleen Kl-eemeier in Luverne.

After high school Denny worked construction, then at Hanson Silo installing equipment. In 1981 Denny and Coleen moved to Cresco, Iowa. Denny worked for Larry Mehmert and in 1984 started working for the city of Cresco in the water department. He later became the Public Works director. He retired from the city of Cresco in 2009.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, riding his motorcycle and spending time with family and friends.

Denny is survived by his

wife, Coleen; two daughters, Teresa (Doug) Reisdorfer, Cannon Falls, and Beth (Thomas Norton) Cauwels, Minneapolis; a grandson, Derick Reisdorfer; 12 siblings, Ken Cauwels, Luverne, Shirley Holing, Brentwood, California, Patty Cauwels, Englewood, Colorado, and Donna (Greg) Heidecker, La-kota, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Butch Cauwels; and brothers-in-law Allen Holling and Bob Mott.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Denny's name to Howard County Community Hospice and Regional Health Services of Howard County.

Arrangements are provided by Lindstrom Funeral Home of Cresco, www.lindstromfuneralhomes.com. (0606 F)

Dorothy Hocking

Dorothy Marie Hocking, 89, Ellsworth, died Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at the Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.



A memorial service was Monday, June 3, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the Hurley Cemetery in Hurley, South Dakota.

Dorothy Marie Guemmer was born Dec. 29, 1929, the only child of Levi Guemmer and Frances Engel, at Moe Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed in Wellington Lutheran Church of rural Parker, South Dakota. She was raised on Guemmer's Corners south of Humboldt, South Dakota, and attended District 71 country school through grade eight. She graduated from Humboldt High School in 1948.

Dorothy married Conrad Perkins at Parker, South Dakota, on June 17, 1951. They lived in Parker until they moved to the family farm in rural Turner County, South Dakota. Conrad died in 1966.

Dorothy married Kenneth Hocking in 1969 and the couple lived in Ellsworth. Dorothy was an active member of the First English Lutheran Church in Parker and St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Art and music were her interests from early childhood. She loved both classical and popular music and was an accomplished pianist who played in her father's dance band for a short time. Another love was painting with oils and watercolors. One of her paintings was chosen for the cover

of the January/February 1999 issue of South Dakota Magazine, and in 2010 she was a featured artist at the Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne. Dorothy also taught art courses for children and seniors through community education.

Dorothy had many friends and cherished her relationships with Marlin and JoAnn, Mary, and the round table gang at the Ellsworth Café. She adored her cats and enjoyed gardening and watching old movies.

She is survived by four sons, James (Sylvia Tiala) Perkins of Menomonie, Wisconsin, Mark (Kathy) Perkins of Ellsworth, John (Nicolette Yevich) Perkins of Columbia, Missouri, and David (Geneva) Perkins of Gilbert, Arizona; four grandchildren, Jill Perkins (Fred Kreider) of Minneapolis, Max Perkins (Angie Hellmann Perkins) of Seattle, Washington, and Madison Perkins and Megan Perkins of Gilbert; a brother-in-law, Delbert Perkins of Battle Ground, Washington; and a step-son, Kent Hocking of Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Conrad Perkins and Kenneth Hocking; cousin June "Mickey" Clausen Wentzel with whom she was very close throughout her life; and three step-sons, Gary Hocking, Keith Hocking, and Kevin Hocking.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0606 F)

Clare Vande Velde

Clare Ann Vande Velde, 81, Kenneth, died Thursday, May 30, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.



A funeral Mass was Tuesday, June 4, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, with burial at the Kenneth Cemetery.

Clare Melcher was born at home in a blizzard on March 31, 1938, to Fred and Laura (Feyereisen) Melcher in Woodstock. Clare attended grade school in Woodstock and graduated from Pipestone High School in 1956. She then attended Mankato State University.

After working five years at Prudential Insurance in Minneapolis, Clare returned to Kenneth and married Charles Vande Velde at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Woodstock on May 20, 1961. She worked at the State Bank of Kenneth for more than 30 years where she was vice president. After retirement she worked part time for the Kenneth Post Office, as a card rep for Hallmark Card Co., and at the I-90 Visitor Center.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Lismore for 50 years and was a past officer of CCW. Currently she was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Luverne. Because of her interest in music, she was a member of Jasper Blowhards Community Band and the New Horizon Band of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was a charter member of the Rock County Friends

of the Library and served as the first secretary. She was also a board member of the Rock County Library. The Rock County Historical Society was another of her main interests. Her hobbies were reading, traveling, and making her homemade Clare's Cheepo Card Co. greeting cards for friends and family.

Clare is survived by four children, Susan (Brad) Skattum, Luverne, Monica (Jerry Crevier) Cross, Lennox, South Dakota, Greg (Connie) Vande Velde, Luverne, and Paul (Amy) Vande Velde, Lead, South Dakota; nine grandchildren, Tanner (Halley) Skattum, Dylan Skattum, Chelsie Aanenson, Isaac (Stephany) Aanenson, Elliot (friend, Seanna Farrow) Aanenson, Allyson (Nick) Van Belle, Taylor Vande Velde, Wyatt Vande Velde and Walker Vande Velde; three great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Brecken Van Belle and Charles Aanenson; one brother, Al Melcher, Minneapolis; a sister-in-law, Mary Ann Melcher, Minneapolis; nieces and nephew and many good friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles, on Sept. 3, 2006; two sisters, Frances Reed and Rosemary Pedersen; and a brother, Norman Melcher.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0606 F)

DEATH NOTICE

James Collins

James S. Collins, 76, Luverne, died Tuesday, May 29, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A graveside service with military honors was Friday, May 31, at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0606 DN)

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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
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Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, June 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, June 6: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, June 9: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, June 11: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting. Thursday, June 13: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor
Thursday, June 6: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, May 7: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, June 9: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, June 10: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 11: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, June 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, June 13: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Sunday, June 9: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, June 13: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Friday, June 7: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, June 8: 7 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service—Esther Circle. Sunday, June 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior High Youth Group. Tuesday, June 11: 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday, June 12: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team. Thursday, June 13: 7 p.m. Blessing for Youth Mission Trip.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, June 6: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Friday, June 7: Last day of Service Over Self Mission Week. Saturday, June 8: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, June 9: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School starts.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, June 6: 9 a.m. Presbyterian Women. 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Music Staff. 6:30 p.m. Beacons. Tuesday, June 11: Home Communion. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, June 12: 7 p.m. Session.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, June 6: 2 p.m. Women's Society. 6:30 p.m. VBS training. Friday, June 7: 6:30 p.m. VBS Training. Saturday, June 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, June 9: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Monday, June 10: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Hills. 3 p.m. Communion at Brandon. Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School June 10-13—Dinner 5:30-6 p.m. VBS 6:15-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 11: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, June 12: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, June 13: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at MN Vets Home. 8:15 p.m. VBS Closing Program.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Thursday, June 6: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, June 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 9: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 10: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, June 13: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, June 9: 10 a.m. Combined worship at Palisade Lutheran Church with Holy Communion.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Saturday, June 8: 10 a.m. Adopt-A-Highway. Pizza will follow at Palisade Lutheran Church. Sunday, June 9: 10 a.m. combined worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church with Holy Communion.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Pastor Nancy Manning
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Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemiuth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, June 9: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, June 11: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Chapel. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village. Wednesday, June 12: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Mission: Bring Jesus' love into the world

Brenda Winter is working with the Rock the Edge "Service Over Self" mission week project this week and prepared this devotion to present to the participants. The devotion is based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.

Those of us on Team 12 spent the past two days doing housework and yard work for an older widow. Her husband died suddenly last fall. The day that he died, she went out to the garage to tell him supper would be ready in a few minutes. She waited a while, then called him on his cell phone to tell him supper was ready. He didn't answer. She waited a while, then went back to the garage. He had fallen off a ladder and hit his head on the cement. He was dead.

The lady cried when she told us about her husband. The plans they had to retire this year and travel together. She said they always did things together — like housework and yard work. The kitchen that Team 12 was painting was the kitchen her husband had been promising to paint for five years. The trees in the yard that Team 12 was trimming were the trees he would have trimmed if he'd been alive.

She cried when she told us how the neighbors came to help. How people are telling her she has to sell her acreage and move to town. She cried when she couldn't decide on what color to paint the kitchen. She said she used to pick the color with her husband.

She also said thank you about a hundred times. "I can't believe God sent somebody to help me. I just can't believe it." Later she said, "You have no idea how much this means to me. I just didn't know how I was going to get this done. I feel better already. I haven't felt this happy since before he died. You are angels. You have no idea what this means to me. You have no idea."

2 Cor 1:3-4 says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

We might think of comfort as giving somebody a little hug or a squeeze. The words "a little comfort" in this passage translate as the Greek word paraklesis. The idea behind this word for comfort in the New Testament is always more than soothing or sympathy. It has the idea of strengthening, of helping, of making strong.

The Latin word for comfort is

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Brenda Winter

"fortis," which also means "brave."

Some of the jobs you are doing this week are helping to make people braver and stronger. I saw the picture of the little boys at the trailer park helping make the sandbox. What do you think it feels like to be a five-year-old boy and some people come out of nowhere and make a cool toy for you and your friends? Do you think it makes you feel worthy? Important? Maybe a little braver?

Or, what if you lived at the Blue Mound Tower and some people who don't even know you come to hang out and make root beer floats for you. Why are they here?

2 Cor 1:3 says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

Maybe no one will ask you this week why you are here. Why are you trading a perfectly good week of sleeping until noon to get up and do somebody else's chores?

2 Cor 1: says, "... so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

You might show up at your job site today with a paintbrush or a hammer or a cleaning rag or root beer or some lumber. But you are also showing up with the comfort of God. The people you are helping had a problem they couldn't solve — so God sent you and your team.

Your purpose, my purpose, the purpose of all people who call themselves followers of Jesus Christ is to bring His love into the world — and our world right now is Luverne and the area around Luverne.

If you think about it tonight before you fall asleep, thank God for the people He's put into your life who gave you comfort when you needed it and then thank Him that this week, He's using you "... to comfort those in any trouble with the comfort you yourself have received from God."

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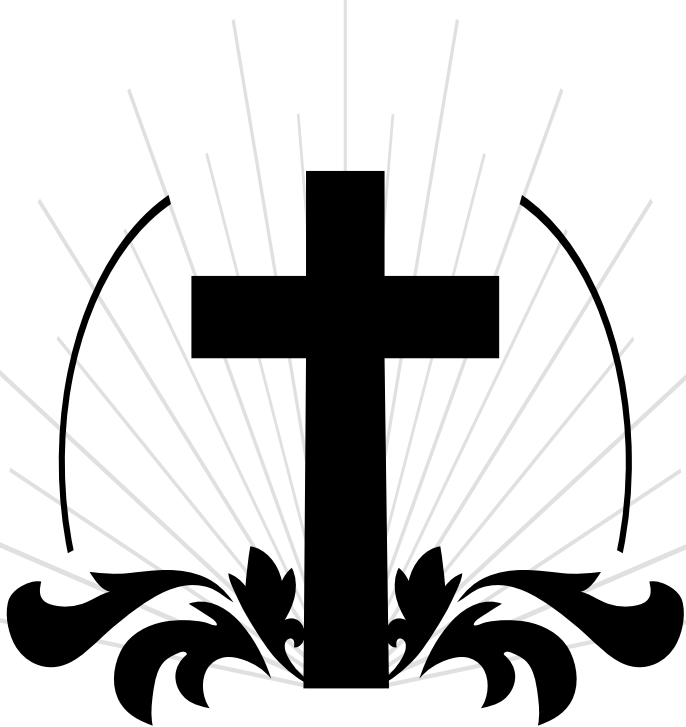
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The Service Over Self event kicked off its second year with more than 90 participants scheduled to complete more than 75 identified projects including one at Mead Court, where a sandbox, bench and paving stones were installed for the neighborhood to enjoy. Even before the project was finished, service participants were showing the fun that can be had playing with sand.

Mavis Fodness photo/
0606 Rock Edge 2019

Campground/from page 1

Preliminary plans and progress on the 13-acre former Boy Scouts camp was presented to the commissioners.

"We would like to start with 20 sites and expand to 50 eventually on this particular site," Davis said. "It's coming. We've got a lot of land cleared."

Rural water was brought to the site last year with electric installation coming this year.

"We would really like it in the ground this year and open for next season," Davis said.

"This ordinance has been a long time coming," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. "I applaud their

(Davis and Cowell's) efforts. It's nice to see it's coming to fruition so their project can move forward as well as others in the county."

The amended ordinance defines a campground as "any property, whether privately or publically used, used on a daily, nightly, weekly, or for the accommodation of five or more tents, pickup campers, motorhomes, pop-up campers, trailer or recreational vehicle as defined by Minnesota Department of Health."

In addition to a DHS license, campsites must be at least 2,000 square feet in area and be located no closer than one-half mile from any feedlots.

Nutcracker art/ from page 1

Chris Nowatzki, Mary Petersen, Kristen Peterson, Kim Schmidt and Lois Young.

"There are some very talented people in our community," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. "We did this project to see if not-your-typical nutcracker could be seen as art."

In particular, planners are gauging local feedback to the pieces that may be displayed on a few street corners to promote Luverne's tourism draw.

"Experts say this is our unique brand," Lanphere said. "We'll see how people respond to them. Would you stop and take your picture with an 8-foot nutcracker?"

The project is supported by a grant of the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council and coordinated by LIFT in partnership with the Rock County Historical Society.

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Luverne celebrates 35th Annual Buffalo Days

Photos and text
by Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 35th annual Buffalo Days weekend unfolded under near-perfect weather conditions, which made the celebration especially enjoyable, according to Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"We have to give credit to the weather gods," she said. The sunshine was especially welcome after an unusually cold, wet spring that prevented annual Arts in the Park activities from taking place in the park.

In a flurry of last-minute plans, booths, food vendors, entertainers and activities were relocated to the Courthouse Square where the event carried on almost seamlessly.

"I'd just like to thank everyone for being flexible," Lanphere said. "We had great support from the city and county and many volunteers, and we should give accolades to the vendors for being flexible to make it work."

Lanphere said public response to the courthouse location was overwhelmingly positive, given the easy access via multiple sidewalks on all sides.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," she said. "It was wonderful to see people who haven't been here before have the opportunity to come up here and see how beautiful it is."

She said the Chamber



The numerous sidewalks circling around through the Courthouse Square made the Arts in the Park event more accessible to wheelchairs, walkers, strollers and others who appreciate solid footing. **Below right**, Dennis and Tessa Gyberg won first place in the 2019 Buffalo Chip Throwing Contest on the courthouse lawn.

has been encouraged to consider the Courthouse Square as the location for future Arts in the Park events.

"It's something we could do a better job with if we had more time to plan," Lanphere said. "But we haven't had a chance to discuss this with the county."



Sapina Babaca serves up Greek gyros to Mark Lunn and Chelsea Vander Plaats. Waiting behind them are Katelyn VanAartsen and Alexa Chesley.



Steve Van Der Brink's 1955 Chevy pickup was restored in Luverne High School shop class when he was a student. His classmate, Loren Vos, also restored his high school car in LHS shop class and had it displayed at the Cruise-In. It is a rare 1968 Coronet RT that still has the original paint from shop class.



Josh Andress and his sons, Bea, 5, and Ian, 3, check out a 1934 Plymouth rat rod shown by Jim Hanson, Adrian.



At right, Rod Tweet and Deb Counsman check out the 1970 GTO Judge shown by Norm Overgaard, Luverne



Warren Herreid II was back in town Friday night with his 1970 Pontiac Firebird that he bought new from the late Arnold Tofteland at Schoon Motors in Luverne. Herreid said he drove it for eight years and later restored it. "I tore it apart, and it took me 32 years to get it done," Herreid said, admitting that life commitments got in the way of his hobby. "My wife said, 'You'll never get it put back together,' but here it is."

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Yvette Van Der Brink, Hardwick, attracted a lot of attention with her 1957 Chrysler Windsor airport limo. She later discovered a missing hubcap in the trunk and pounded it into place.



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Luverne girls secure fourth consecutive Section title

Track and field team at state event Friday, Saturday

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls put an exclamation point on what has been a dominant track season during the Section 3A meet in Luverne Thursday.
LHS squared off against the best athletes the southwest corner of the state has to offer and emerged as the cream of the crop by winning the team championship for the fifth consecutive season.
The Cardinals compiled 120 points to lead a 23-team field and easily outscored second-place Canby-Minneota, which racked up 77 points.
Along with capturing the team title, Luverne gained large representation for the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships set for Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul.
Ten Cardinal girls qualified for the meet in a total of nine different events.
LHS athletes claimed six section championships during the meet.
Sophomores Gracie Zewiske and Regan Feit and freshman Brooklynn Ver Steeg claimed individual titles on the track.
Zewiske and Ver Steeg



Luverne's 800-meter relay team won the Section 3A track meet championship May 30 in Luverne. Senior Sydney Biever (left) takes the baton from sophomore Gracie Zewiske to begin the final leg of the winning relay.

Boys' team advances six

By John Rittenhouse
Six members of the Luverne boys' track program earned the right to compete again during Thursday's Section 3A Track and Field Championships in Luverne.
LHS athletes produced two section championships and placed second in one event at the meet.
Those performances send the LHS entries to the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships set for Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul.
Luverne junior Jonah Friedrichsen played a role in both of the team's title-earning efforts during the section meet.
Friedrichsen cleared a career-best 6-3 to win the high jump championship.
He also ran a leg with Luverne's 1,600-meter relay, which overcame adversity to win the section title with a time of 3:30.75.
Senior Austin Winter, another member of the squad along with classmates Jordy Thone and Jed Dooyema, sustained a pulled hamstring late in his 400-meter leg of the race.
Winter managed to finish his commitment to his team, which enabled LHS to win the event title.
Luverne also qualified for the state meet by placing sec-

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Boys track/continued on 2B

Luverne baseball team drops game to Paynesville, faces Fairmont

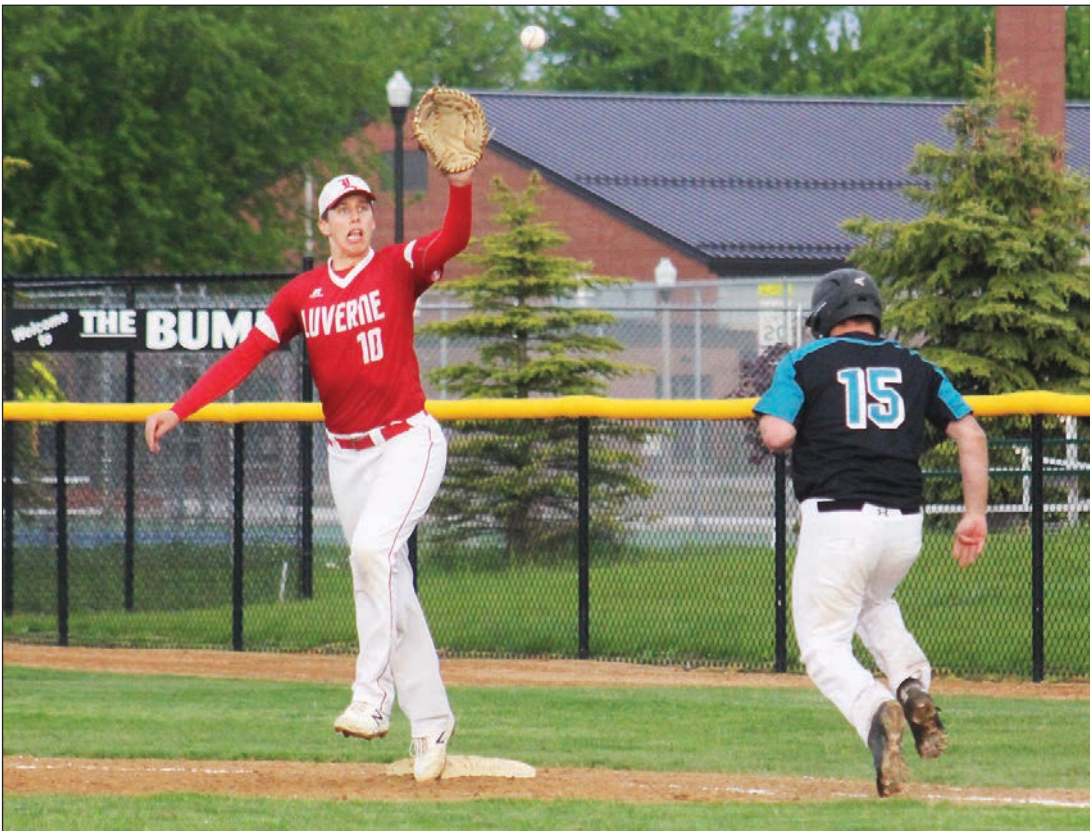
By John Rittenhouse and Jason Berghorst
The Luverne High School baseball team won one game and lost one game in the Section 3A tournament this week.
The Cardinals defeated Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City 9-0 May 28 before falling to Paynesville 5-0 June 1.
The loss moved LHS to the elimination bracket of the tournament. The Cards faced Fairmont Tuesday night (June 4) in Jackson for a chance to play in the section championship game.
Paynesville 5, Luverne 0
Luverne fell from the Section 3A baseball winners' bracket with a loss to Paynesville.
The contest between the two top seeds in the tournament (Luverne in the South subsection, Paynesville in the North) was played in Marshall Saturday.
LHS moved to 20-3 on the season with the loss.
Paynesville scored one run

in the second inning, and the game remained close until the top of the final (seventh) inning.
Eight Paynesville batters came to the plate and scored four more runs off only two hits to secure the victory.
Luverne's Jake Haugen pitched five complete innings, giving up four hits and one run while striking out five Bulldog batters.
Isaiah Bartels pitched the final two innings for the Cardinals. He gave up two hits and four runs and struck out one batter.
Gauge Nath led the offense for LHS with two hits in the game. Haugen and Colby Crabtree had a single and a double respectively.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Crabtree	2	0	1	0
Nath	3	0	2	0
Serie	3	0	0	0
Haugen	3	0	1	0
Von Tersch	0	0	0	0
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Lundgren	2	0	0	0
Reisch	3	0	0	0
Sterrett	3	0	0	0
Buss	2	0	0	0

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Luverne 9, A-C-GC 0
The Cardinals nailed down their third consecutive tournament win when they bested the Falcons during a winner's bracket game in Marshall May 28.
Jake Haugen pitched a complete game and was one of three Cardinal players to drive in a pair of runs to highlight the victory.
After surrendering a pair of hits in the top half of the first inning, Haugen bounced back to toss six hitless frames during a seven-inning, two-strikeout performance.
Haugen helped his cause by chasing home the first run of the game with an RBI double in the bottom half of a first inning that included an RBI ground out by Isaiah Bartels.
LHS went on to score one run in the third inning, two in the fifth and four in the sixth to win



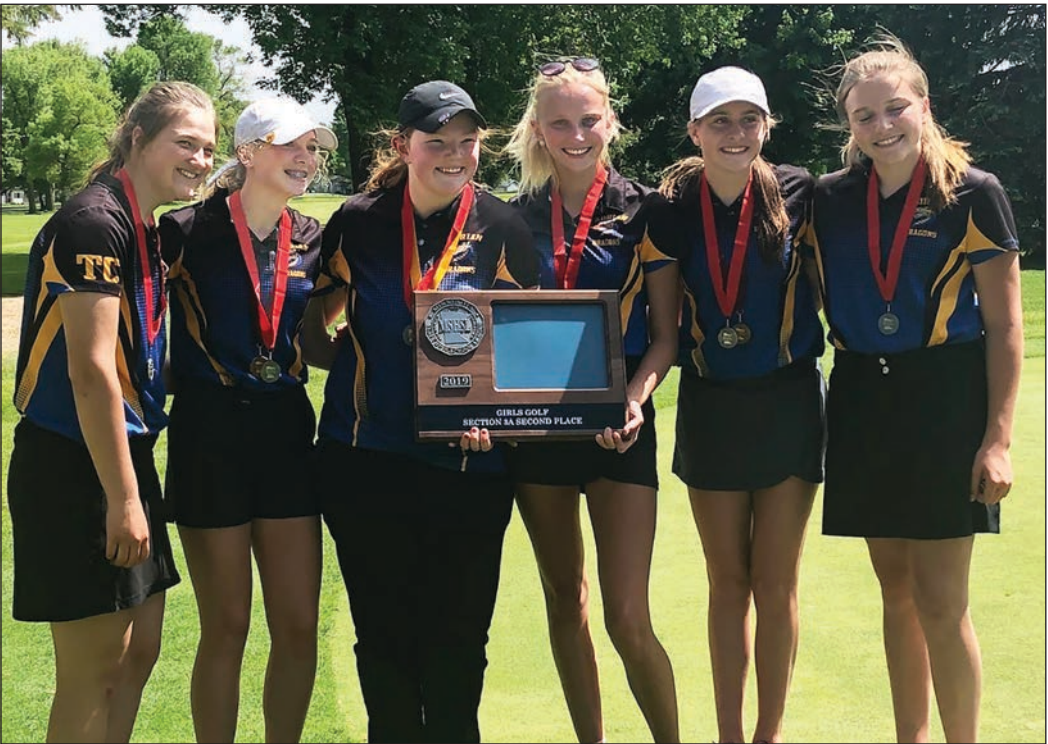
Luverne junior first baseman Isaiah Bartels keeps his foot on the bag to register an out during a May 28 tournament game against Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City in Marshall.

Baseball/continued on 2B

Five golfers qualify for state meet

Adrian girls place second at Sections

By Jason Berghorst
Five local golfers qualified for the state meet and the Adrian girls' team placed second at the Section 3A Golf Tournament to highlight local results at the section event.
The two-day tournament included golfers from Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian.
The event was staged at the Great Life Golf Club in Worthington.
The first day of competition was played May 22. Because of wet course conditions, the second day was delayed twice before being played Monday.
Four golfers from Adrian and one golfer from Hills-Beaver Creek will represent their teams at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Meet June 11-12 at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker.
Adrian's Josi Altman, Gracia Elias, Madelyn Odell and Brock Henning and H-BC's Tess Van Maanen all advanced to the state classic.



The Adrian Dragon girls' golf team placed second at the Section 3A golf meet Monday in Worthington. Team members are Maddie Wagner (left), Josi Altman, Madelyn Odell, Annika Elias, Gracia Elias and Taya Elias. Altman, Odell and Gracia Elias qualified for the state golf meet as individuals and will compete June 11-12 in Becker.

The Adrian girls' team entered the second day of the tournament in second place.
The Dragons competed with teams from Heron

Lake-Okabena, Murray County Central and Westbrook-Walnut Grove Monday.
In the end, Adrian placed second to Murray County

Central's 809-stroke effort with a team total of 861.
Westbrook-Walnut Grove

Golf/continued on 4B

Sehr, Stoltenberg advance to state tennis tournament

By John Rittenhouse
A Luverne High School doubles team qualified for state competition when the Section 3A Individual Tennis Tournament came to a close May 28 in Redwood Falls.
LHS juniors Matt Sehr and Cole Stoltenberg clinched a berth into state competition by placing second in the section field.
The Minnesota State Class A Doubles Tournament at Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center begins Thursday (June 6).
After winning their first two section matches when the event opened in Redwood Falls May 23, Sehr and Stoltenberg went 1-1 to place second May 28.
The LHS squad nipped Montevideo's Owen Strunc and John Van Ravensqaay 7-6, 7-5 in the semifinals.
The three-match run for Sehr and Stoltenberg came to an end when Worthington's Kipton Jensen and Cade Linder handed them a pair of 6-2 setbacks in the championship match.

LHS senior Matt Jelken wrapped up his high school career in Redwood Falls May 28.
After winning his first two matches in section singles competition, Jelken went 0-2 in the final two rounds.
Worthington's Blaine Dooden handed Jelken 6-1 and 6-3 losses in the semifinals, while Worthington's Sullivan Merrigan topped Jelken 6-4, 6-4 in the third-place match.



Sehr



Stoltenberg

All fans should take pride in grand softball season

I know members of the Luverne High School softball program are experiencing some pain right now, but it shouldn't last too long.

Considering what they accomplished during the weather-influenced 2019 campaign, there's no reason for any bowed heads.

Sure, bowing out of the Section 3AA Tournament in Marshall Thursday may have been a disappointing experience for the team members and the coaching staff.

All I want to say is, don't let the disappointment linger.

After all, the Cardinal softball team just completed the best season in program history.

It was a season that should be celebrated, and it definitely will not be defined by LHS not being able to slip past Pipestone in the Section 3AA championship round.

In fact, just making it to the championship round for the first time in program history is a pretty big thing.

There's no shame in coming up short against a battle-tested Pipestone team that will be making its 11th appearance at the state tournament in Mankato this weekend.

The fact that the Cardinals set a school record for 19 wins overall and four postseason wins is a grand accomplishment worthy of the entire community's recognition.

I have a feeling it will be a springboard for better things to come for LHS softball, which doesn't mean I'm not amazed by what this group of girls achieved this spring.

The four senior members of the 2019 team should take extreme pride in what transpired over the past two months.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

I've never seen a better pitcher wearing an LHS uniform than Rylee Olson, and she is an equally accomplished hitter.

Courtney Nath and Halle Hough, who started in right field and at first base respectively most of the season, as well as reserve Nicole Aanenson, deserve as much credit for the on-field success as Olson does.

There's no doubt in my mind that the four seniors were the leaders of the best softball team we've ever had here, and I hope they realize that.

What they did is set a path for success in the future, which includes some talented 2019 teammates that will be asked to carry the torch next spring.

Freshman catcher Billi Connell emerged as one of the best players in our area this year, and junior Sydne Johnson and sophomore Rozilyn Oye are poised to have big 2020 seasons as well.

Sophomores Ainslie Robinson and Shelby Kracht, as well as freshman Kendall Buss should benefit from the starting experience they gained this spring, and Chandra Javner should help the 2020 squad as a senior.

Freshman Reghan Bork and eighth-graders Carly Olson and Averill Sehr could be asked to be key contributors to the team next spring as well.

How things pan out in 2020 remains to be seen, but I do know this.

All successful programs are jump-started at some point, and I can safely say the foundation for future softball success was laid out in Luverne in 2019.

Luverne softball completes record-setting season

By John Rittenhouse

A record-setting softball season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinals Thursday in Marshall.

Luverne won for the fourth time in the Section 3AA Tournament when the Cardinals topped St. James by two runs during an elimination game in Marshall May 28.

The Cardinals, however, wrapped up the season when they lost a two-run game to Pipestone in the championship round Thursday.

Luverne, which ends the season with a 19-6 record, set program records in total wins and postseason wins (four) in 2019.

Pipestone 3, LHS 1

Luverne's first appearance in the section championship round ended in defeat when the Cardinals lost a two-run decision to the Arrows Thursday.

LHS led 1-0 when Billi Connell belted a homerun on the first pitch of the game, but Pipestone outscored the Cards 3-0 the rest of the way to capture the section title.

Pipestone knotted the score at one in the bottom half of the third inning before plating the final two runs of the contest in the fourth.

Rylee Olson tossed all six innings and took the pitching loss.

She surrendered three earned runs, four hits and recorded seven strikeouts.

Along with Connell's round-tripper, LHS received singles from Olson, Courtney Nath and Rozilyn Oye.

LHS 2, St. James 0

The Cardinals registered their 19th win of the season when they edged the Saints by two runs during an elimination game May 28 in Marshall.

Luverne backed up a strong pitching performance from Olson by plating single runs in the second and fourth innings to advance to the tournament's championship round.

Olson took a perfect game into the seventh inning before yielding a bunt single and issuing a walk. She worked out the game to complete a one-hit, 13-strikeout effort.



Star Herald file photo

Luverne second baseman Ainslie Robinson chases down a bouncing ball during a tournament game against T-M-B May 23. LHS capped a 19-6 season by placing second in the tourney.

Olson helped her own cause in the top half of the second inning when she chased home Sydne Johnson, who reached base with a single, when she registered a sacrifice fly that yielded the first run of the game.

Connell walked and scored

the second run after a throwing error by the Saints' third baseman after she fielded a ball put in play by Halle Hough.

Olson recorded two hits for the Cards, Oye doubled and Johnson singled to account for Luverne's four hits in the contest.

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won the 200- and 400-meter dashes with respective 27.01 and 59.37 efforts, while Feit cleared the 300-meter hurdles in 48.2 to place first.

Junior Mallory Thorson claimed an individual title as well by winning the triple jump with a distance of 36-4.

Luverne also won the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter relay crowns.

Zewiske, sophomore Autumn Nath and juniors Ivy Hudson, Zewiske and Sydney Biever took top honors in the 800-meter event with a time of 1:47.97, while Feit, Nath, senior Jadyn Anderson and Ver Steeg claimed the 1,600-meter title in 4:05.01.

Anderson, Feit, Ver Steeg and freshman Tenley Nelson took top honors in the 3,200-meter race and established a new school record with a time of 9:27.41.

Two more Cardinals earned trips to state by placing second individually, as did another relay team.

Nelson finished second in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:52.36, while senior Gabrielle Ferrell placed second in the 300-meter hurdles in 48.95.

The 400-meter relay consisting of Hudson, Nath, Zewiske and Biever moves on after placing second with a time of 51.5.

Nelson competes in the 3,200-meter finals in St. Paul on Friday, while the 3,200-meter relay team and Thorson in the triple jump compete in final events on Saturday.

The rest of Luverne's state entries participate in preliminary events on Friday.

LHS also benefited from eight other place-earning efforts in its quest to capture the section team title Thursday.

Thorson placed fourth in the long jump (15-11 1/2), Ferrell fifth in the triple jump (34-3) and Biever fifth in the 200-meter dash (27.73).

Tiana Lais (fourth in the 400 in 1:01.36), Elise Jarchow (fifth in the pole vault after clearing 8-0), Elizabeth Wagner (seventh in the 1,600 in 5:59.72), Jenna DeBates (seventh in the 3,200 in 13:09.55) and Jocelyn Hart (eighth in the discus with a toss of 94-7) also made contributions to the team tally.



Jason Berghorst photo/0606 lhs state track participants

Sixteen Luverne Cardinal track athletes qualified to compete at the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships. Pictured are (front, from left) Gracie Zewiske, Brooklyn Ver Steeg, Tenley Nelson, Ivy Hudson, Brayden Tofteland, (middle, left) Autumn Nath, Jadyn Anderson, Regan Feit, Gabrielle Ferrell, Mallory Thorson, Sydney Biever, Jordn Thone, (back, left) Jed Dooyema, Austin Winter, Jonah Freidrichsen and Dalton DeSollar.

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ond in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 8:23.9.

Winter and Thone, along with senior Dalton DeSollar and junior Brayden Tofteland, formed the 3,200-meter squad.

Dooyema also advances to state individually after placing second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.98 Thursday.

Dooyema and the 1,600-meter relay compete in preliminary races in St. Paul on Friday, while the 3,200-meter squad runs in the finals Saturday.

The high jump competition is set for Saturday as well.

With the advancing athletes leading the charge, Luverne scored 62.5 points as a team to place fifth in a 22-

team field at the section meet.

Lac qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd claimed the team championship with 81 points.

Three Cardinals made bids to qualify for state in individual events before placing third at the section level.

Dooyema (11-9 in the pole vault), Matt Ziegler (131-4 in the discus) and Ashton Sandbulte (11.51 in the 100) turned in third-place efforts.

Luverne's Shane Berning placed fifth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:46.61, while Zach Ahrendt placed fifth in the shot put with a toss of 45-5 1/4.

Nicholas Kiers capped the scoring for the Cardinals by placing eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 44.44.



John Rittenhouse photo/0606 lhs bt 7

Luverne senior Jed Dooyema makes the final turn in the 400-meter dash during Thursday's Section 3A meet.



John Rittenhouse photo/0606 lbb 12

Luverne senior Derek Lundgren begins an ill-fated slide as the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City catcher waits with the ball in his mitt at home plate during a May 28 game in Marshall.

Baseball/ from 1B

the contest handily.

Gaige Nath, who led the Cards with three hits, singled and scored Luverne's third-inning run on a throwing error by A-C-GC.

Haugen doubled home his second run of the game and Bartels recorded a sacrifice fly when the Cards upped the lead to 5-0 in the fifth.

Nath singled home a pair of runs and two more counters scored on an error by the

Falcons when LHS capped the scoring in the sixth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Crabtree	3	1	0	0
Wenninger	0	1	0	0
Nath	3	3	3	2
Serie	4	1	0	0
Haugen	3	0	2	2
Von Tersch	0	0	0	0
Knips	0	1	0	0
Bartels	3	0	0	2
Lundgren	3	0	0	0
Reisch	3	1	2	0
Stewart	2	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Buss	2	0	0	0
Cowell	1	1	1	0

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Ellsworth senior Kade Boltjes, pictured during his second-place performance in the long jump at the Section 3A meet in Luverne Thursday, is one of five Panthers moving on to the state meet.

Panthers send five to state track meet

By John Rittenhouse

Outstanding performances turned in during the Section 3A meet in Luverne Thursday has extended the track season for five Ellsworth High School athletes.

Five EHS boys earned the right to compete at the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships in five different events based on their efforts in Luverne.

The Panthers claimed one section championship and placed second in four events to move on to the state meet set for Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul.

Senior Sean Boltjes moves on as a section champion after winning the 300-meter hurdle title with a time of 40.54 Thursday.

Sean Boltjes also ran legs with Ellsworth's 400- and 800-meter relays, which qualified for state by placing second with respective 44.0 and 1:30.88 times at the section level.

Seniors Kade Boltjes and Noah Kruse and freshman Cole Boltjes round out the 400-meter squad.

Kruse, Kade Boltjes and junior Robby Armstrong are the other members of the 800-meter squad.

Along with advancing to

state as a member of the relays, Kade Boltjes placed second in a pair of individual events to advance as well.

Kade ran 200 meters in 22.75 and covered 20-10 ¾ in the long jump for his second-place efforts.

The EHS relays compete in preliminary races for both relays at Hamline University Friday, as does Sean Boltjes in the 300-meter hurdles and Kade Boltjes in the 200-meter dash.

Kade Boltjes competes in the long jump finals on Saturday, as will any Panther athletes who qualify during Friday's preliminary races.

With the state qualifiers leading the charge, EHS scored 53 points to place sixth as a team in a 22-squad field.

Lac qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd walked away with the team title by scoring 81 points.

EHS athletes registered four other point-producing efforts at the section meet.

Armstrong ran 800 meters in 2:06.74 to place fourth, while Kruse covered 19-6 ¾ to finish sixth in the long jump.

EHS senior Brandon Kramer placed seventh in the discus and eighth in the shot put with respective 118-11 and 41-10 ¾ tosses.

Five Patriots move on to state

Spath, Fick, Rauk, Deelstra set school record in 800-meter relay

By John Rittenhouse

Hills-Beaver Creek High School will send five athletes to compete at the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships at Hamline University in St. Paul this weekend.

That became a reality Thursday in Luverne, where four H-BC girls and one boy earned the right to move on during Section 3A competition.

The Patriot girls turned in a pair of second-place performances to move on to state, and one H-BC boy captured a section title to punch his ticket to St. Paul.

Seventh-grader Layla Deelstra, who has surprised many during her first year as a member of the girls' varsity program, will pull double duty at the state meet.

Deelstra placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.04 and ran a leg with H-BC's 800-meter relay, which placed second with a school record time of 1:49.19.

Seniors Madison Spath and Sidney Fick and sophomore Taryn Rauk joined Deelstra in the 800-meter relay.

Also qualifying for state competition for the Patriot boys is sophomore Tyson Bork, who won the section title in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.36.

Both Deelstra and Bork compete in preliminary races at the state meet Friday, as does the girls' 800-meter relay.

The finals for all three events are set for Saturday.

With the state qualifiers leading the way, the H-BC girls produced 25 points to place 11th in a 23-team section field.

Luverne claimed the team title with 120 points.

The girls' 400-meter relay missed advancing to state by one place, but the squad did establish a school record for the second consecutive meet by placing third with a time of 51.62.

Ashlee Kelderman, Fick, Deelstra and Rauk formed the 400-meter squad, which produced a time of 52.33 at the sub-section meet in Pipestone May 23.

Rauk and Kenadie Fick turned in point-producing efforts individually at the section meet as well.

Rauk placed seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.09, while Fick covered 800 meters in 2:32.68 to place eighth.

Bork's title-earning run in the 100-meter dash led the Patriot boys to an 11th-place finish in a 22-team field with 21 points.

Lac qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd claimed the team title with 81 points.

Bork also played a role in producing the team's remaining 11 points during the section meet.

He placed fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time



John Rittenhouse photo/0606 hbc track 12

Hills-Beaver Creek junior Tyson Bork, pictured during the 800-meter relay, won a Section 3A championship in the 100-meter dash during Thursday's meet in Luverne. Bork is one of five H-BC athletes advancing to the state meet Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul.

of 23.4 and ran a leg with the 400-meter relay, which placed third in 44.98.

Dewell Rauk, Luke LaRock and Gavin Wysong joined Bork in the 400 relay.

Dragons bow out of 3A field

By John Rittenhouse

The 2019 baseball season came to an end for the Adrian Dragons during Section 3A play last week.

After opening the tournament with a pair of wins May 25, the Dragons dropped consecutive games during the next two rounds in Milroy.

Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg saddled AHS with a seven-run setback during a winner's bracket game May 28. Renville County West nipped the Dragons by one run during an elimination game Thursday.

The Dragons finish the season with a 10-12 record.

RCW 2, Adrian 1

The Dragons bowed out of the tournament after taking a one-run setback from the Jaguars in a 10-inning marathon Thursday in Milroy.

RWC plated the game's first run in the home half of the second inning only to

have AHS knot the score at one in the top of the fourth.

The game remained deadlocked until the Jaguars broke through in the bottom of the 10th inning.

RCW drew a pair of walks to start the bottom of the 10th before laying down a bunt in an attempt to advance the runners.

AHS fielded the ball and made an attempt to register a force out at third base, but a throwing error allowed the decisive run to score.

Adrian received two-hit efforts at the plate from Ian Stamer and Nathan Rahe.

Noah Reyne, Trace Kremen and Marshall Wagner chipped in one hit each.

Grant Jansma worked 8 1/3 innings on the mound without earning a decision. He yielded six hits and one run.

Lance Kuettel took the loss after registering two outs in the ninth inning before surrendering one unearned run

in the 10th.

K-M-S 7, Adrian 0

The Dragons took their first loss of the double-elimination tournament when they squared off against Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg during a winner's bracket game in Milroy May 28.

K-M-S limited Adrian to one hit in the game and plated two or more runs in three innings to set the stage for a seven-run conquest.

The Fighting Saints opened the scoring with a three-run first inning and added two runs in the fifth and sixth games to win handily.

Stamer took the pitching loss for Adrian after working five innings of nine-hit, five-run ball.

Rahe (two runs in two-thirds of one inning) and Dawson Krahling (one-third of one inning) also pitched for the Dragons.

Reyne recorded the lone hit of the game for AHS.

Cardinals complete golf season

By John Rittenhouse

The 2019 golf season came to an end for three Luverne girls during the final day of play at the Section 3AA Tournament at Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake May 28.

Luverne junior Anna Huisman, sophomore Paige Sandbulte and freshman Elise Ferrell qualified for the second day of section competition when the tournament opened at the same site May 22.

Unfortunately for the LHS trio, they couldn't earn trips to the state tournament during the second round.

Huisman turned in the top effort for LHS by carding a 102 during the second round, finishing the tournament with a 98-102-200.

A player needed to shoot a 166 to advance to state individually.

Sandbulte posted a 104 during the second round to complete the tournament with a 206 (102-104).

Ferrell registered a 108 during the final round to complete play with a 210 (102-108).

Fairmont's Bergen Senf won the section individual title with a 159.

Minnewaska Area won the girls' team championship, while Jackson County Central won the boys' team crown.

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If you enjoy traveling with your dogs, what issues do you need to pay special attention to?

If you have a kennel in the back of the truck or in the rear compartment of your mini-SUV, the dog can travel there without the threat of severe weather conditions about 5-6 months per year. We all hear of the stories where some idiot leaves their children in the back of a car to run on this or that errand.

I wonder, with so many impaired humans doing this to their own kids, just how many dogs actually perish in the back of a car or truck. Far too many would be my guess, and most we never hear about. It takes far less heat severity to cause problems than you might think.

There are two main factors to consider when traveling with animals. The first issue is overall safety, and the second is overheating. A dog in a plastic kennel in the back of the truck will get launched out of that vehicle if there is any kind of an accident. The lame stretch cord holding it in place serves no real safety purpose, either.

I have seen lots of dogs in travel kennels left in the back of trucks out in the motel parking lot overnight. Most of these enclosures have no locking mechanisms of any kind. If I tried this even once, my dogs would be gone the next day for sure. I value my dogs so much more than to do that.

Many owners will leave the dogs in the kennels under the toppers of their truck and think they are secure.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall

Dog owners really need to consider making a bigger investment and purchase travel kennels that have more structure and a solid door-locking mechanism. They need to be solidly attached to the truck or car so any thief has to work hard to remove it.

Once you have a solid kennel and it is securely attached to the motor vehicle, the second equally important issue is controlling the temperature. What do you do with a dog in the back of the truck when you are on vacation and want to go fishing for six hours? Taking the dog in the boat is not always a good option. You can leave the tailgate down and park in the shade, but security can still be a concern.

If the dog is in the car/truck passenger compartment, you can lower the windows but then anyone can reach in and unlock the door and steal whatever is valuable, including the dog.

Solving this kind of situation gets a lot harder. Leaving the dog home and having it boarded might just be the best answer. I think this is what lots of dog owners usually do.

There is a common fix for both the security and overheating issue, but — you guessed it — this gets even

more expensive.

Companies like Ainley Fabrication in Dubuque, Iowa, manufacture kennels made of aluminum which have cooling fans built right in. These kennels can keep a dog secure and comfortable in what would normally be the most difficult temperatures.

So, if you really want to travel with your dogs in all kinds of weather conditions, both severe heat or cold, you will need to make a more substantial investment in order to do so safely. On the intermediate cost solutions consider Rough Land or Gunnar Kennels. If you would consider a more thorough and permanent solution, go to ainleyfabrication.com.

We owe it to our animals to keep them protected and safe from the elements. How you do it is up to you, but you need to take the responsibility seriously. Hot temperatures will show up, I just don't know when.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com.

Edwards returns to state track meet

By John Rittenhouse

The 2019 track season continues for one member of the Adrian High School track program.

Scot Edwards, an AHS junior, qualified for state competition during the Section 3A Track and Field Championships Thursday in Luverne.

Edwards, one of the area's top throwers all season, punched his ticket to state by placing second in the shot put competition with a toss covering 47-6.

With his second-place finish, Edwards advances to the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships at Hamline University in St. Paul.

The Class A competition takes place at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Edwards' effort in the shot put accounts for all eight points produced by the Dragons by finishing sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:31.33.

AHS placed 19th in a 22-team field led by Lac qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd, which compiled 81 points.

The Adrian girls placed in two events to score five points and place 20th in a 23-squad field.

Luverne won the girls' team title with 120 points.

Moriah Bullerman turned in the top effort for the Dragons by finishing sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:31.33.

Bullerman also ran a leg with Adrian's 1,600-meter relay, which placed seventh with a time of 4:28.



John Rittenhouse photo/0606 ahs track 2

Adrian junior Scot Edwards qualified for state competition in the shot put at the Section 3A meet in Luverne Thursday.

Bailey Lonneman, Brianna Reckamp and Kendra Frodermann round out the 1,600-meter squad.

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placed third with 903 strokes and Heron Lake-Okabena finished with a team score of 905.

The Dragons were led by senior Madelyn Odell's two-day 206-stroke (101, 105) effort.

Teammates Josi Altman (113, 103), Gracia Elias (103, 115) and Annika Elias (117, 106) contributed total scores of 216, 218 and 223 strokes respectively to the second-place effort.

Adrian's Maddie Wagner (239) and Taya Elias (241) played without impacting the scoring for AHS.

Individual results

Hills-Beaver Creek had three golfers advancing to the second day of the Section 3A meet.

Patriots Hannah Fick and Tess Van Maanen competed in the girls' meet Monday in Worthington.

Van Maanen placed second overall in Section 3A girls' competition. Her two-day (96, 100) total of 196-strokes also qualified her to compete at the state meet.

Fick scored 112 on the first day of competition and 115 on the second day for a 227-stroke score.

H-BC's Thomas Dysthe also earned the opportunity to golf in the second day of the meet. He registered a combined (99, 97) score of 196 strokes.

Two Adrian boys also competed as individuals at the second day of the Section 3A meet.

Brock Henning qualified for the state golf meet with a two-day (94, 96) 190-stroke effort.

Adrian's Easton Braun finished the section meet with 203 strokes (99-104).



Van Maanen



Henning

Junior Legion opens season with win over Adrian

Team to host tournament this weekend at Redbird Field

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne's Junior Legion baseball team opened its 2019 season with a 13-1 five-inning victory over Adrian Monday at Redbird Field.

Formerly known as the VFW baseball team, the squad comprised of 15-, 16-, and 17-year-old players will play as a Junior Legion team in 2019.

Luverne opened the new season in style by scoring eight runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back.

Offensively the home team was led by Hunter Baker with three hits.

Baker also scored a run and batted in two more runners in the game.

Luverne's Bailey Cowell, Ethan Beyer, Jaime Palmquist and Shaïd Shearer each had two hits in the contest.

Casey Sehr, Cowell,



Jason Berghorst photo

The Luverne Junior Legion baseball team, formerly known as the VFW team, opened the 2019 season with a victory over Adrian Monday. Pitcher Ethan Beyer started the game.

Palmquist and Shearer scored two runs each for Luverne.

Beyer pitched the first two innings for Luverne, striking out two Adrian batters while giving up two hits and no walks.

Cowell replaced Beyer on the mound, pitching two innings with six strikeouts and giving up one hit with two walks.

Baker pitched the final inning for the victors.

The Luverne Junior Legion team hosted Sioux Falls in a double-header Tuesday (June 4) and plays at Russell-Tyler-Ruthon tonight (Thursday).

The annual home tournament will be played at Redbird Field this Friday-Sunday.

Luverne hosts Slayton Monday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	3	2	2	1
Ripka	1	0	1	0
Beyer	4	1	2	0
Wenninger	2	1	0	0
Overgaard	1	0	0	0
Baker	3	1	3	2
Sehr	2	2	1	0
Von Tersch	1	1	0	0
Palmquist	3	2	2	1
Shearer	3	2	2	2
R.Anderson	3	1	1	0
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ISD #2184 School Board meets April 25

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA. A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on April 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Jason Berghorst, Jordan Winter, and Joel Bornhoft.

Vice-Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve the agenda with the addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Consensus was given by the School Board that a special meeting would be held on May 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the work session) to review and make decisions on two additional staffing requests: Behavior Interventionist and Middle School Principal.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the School Board minutes from March 28, 2019, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Joel Bornhoft with ICS Consulting reviewed the Food Service and Security/Systems Package bid form with the School Board. He requested that advertising for bids begin on May 9, a pre-bid meeting scheduled on May 21, and bids to be received on June 6. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to set a bid date of June 6 for Food Service and Security/Systems Package. Motion unanimously carried. He also gave a construction update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the School District bills. Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Deutsch, to approve payment of the bills as presented for \$1,194,191.21. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Sehr, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of March 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the Resolution Adopting Post-Issuance Debt Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-advantaged Governmental Bonds. Adopted by Independent School District No. 2184 (Luverne), Minnesota this 25th day of April 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve revised Policy 533 – Wellness as presented. It was noted the Policy Committee had met and reviewed the template for the policy from MSBA. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reported the School District received bids for health insurance from the SW/WC Service Cooperative through Blue Cross/Blue Shield; PEIP; Sanford; and, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The SW/WC Service Cooperative through Blue Cross/Blue Shield had the bid that met the district's request for proposal. It was noted that our premiums will be increasing due to high usage by our employees. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the bid received from the SW/WC Service Cooperative through Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Motion unanimously carried.

Information for the extended school year was presented. Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve the programs for Summer Agriculture, Band lessons, Marching Band, Summer School Psychologist, Counseling Social Worker, Technology Integrationist, and ALC Summer school; in addition to the Special Education classroom summer school and Speech-Language services. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl presented information regarding the school calendar adjustment: With the April 11 snow event and day lost of school, this puts the district in a situation that added another day. The teachers have three days which need addressing. Superintendent Oftedahl recommended dismissing the students on May 17. The District will take advantage of the resolution provided by Minnesota Statute to pay hourly people for one day. With many items of construction scheduled to begin May 20, it makes sense to move forward. The administration is recommending the following to address the three staff days: flexibility to complete these days between May 20 and June 5; teachers must notify building administrator of their plan; and, with agreement from Education Minnesota Luverne, one day will be moved to September 5. September 5 will be a staff development day with the possibility of speaker Larry Thompson presenting Responsibility Centered Discipline. Four items that will be addressed by teachers: half-day book study, half-day website/technology, half-day community/school service project, and half-day room cleanup/checkout. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve this plan for the nine missed snow days which also includes the addition of five student contact days on May 13-May 17. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve a request from Carrie Bakken, Elementary teacher, for a medical leave of absence for 3 months beginning April 1, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Jodi Nelson as long-term substitute Elementary teacher beginning April 1 for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to accept the resignation of Hillary Neisteadt, Mathematics teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Richard Owen, Instrumental teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Ann Husfeldt as English teacher for a salary of \$45,067 beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Cole Meester as Mathematics teacher and MS Boys Basketball coach for a salary of \$41,261 beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: April 25, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(06-06)

ISD #2184 School Board meets May 9

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA. A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on May 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Stacy Gillette, Ryan Johnson, Jason Berghorst, Diane Kindt, Kerri Baker, Caroline Thorson, Ann Robinson, Tom Rops, Tom Lanoue, Becky Rahm, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Stacy Gillette reviewed information about the Behavior Interventionist position. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the Behavior Intervention Support teaching position. Motion unanimously carried.

Ryan Johnson reviewed his request for the addition of a Middle School Principal. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve hiring a Middle School Principal. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Laura Endres, Speech and Language Pathologist, effective May 21, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: May 9, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(06-06)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 18

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:

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 31, 2005

MORTGAGOR: Pamela G. Den Herder, a married person

MORTGAGEE: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: September 12, 2005

Rock County Recorder

Document #: 162275

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Said mortgage was assigned to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP on December 2, 2015 and said assignment was recorded on December 3, 2015 and given document number 187419 and subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust on December 21, 2015 and said assignment was recorded on January 19, 2016 and given document number 187696 and subsequently assigned to Mortgage Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC on September 6, 2018 and said assignment was recorded on November 1, 2018 and given document number 193737 and subsequently assigned to FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC on February 14, 2019 and said assignment was recorded on March 18, 2019 and given document number 194407.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The West 1/2 of Lots 2 and 3, Block 2 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

PARCEL ID #: 20-1323-0000

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 601 S. Donaldson St., Luverne, Minnesota 56156

TRANSACTION AGENT: N/A

TRANSACTION AGENT ID NO.: N/A

CURRENT MORTGAGE SERVICER: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage

Servicing

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$62,722.59

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgages have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclosure of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 18, 2019 at 10:00 am

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriffs Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is January 18, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

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

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

Dated: May 20, 2019

FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley
Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC
Mortgagee

Kenneth J. Johnson

Minnesota State Bar No. 0246074

Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC

Attorney for Mortgagee

230 W. Monroe St., Ste. 1125

Chicago, IL 60606

Phone 312-541-9710

Fax 312-541-9711

(05-30, 06-06, 06-13, 06-20, 06-27, 07-04)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 18, 2011

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,200.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Mark W. Verba and Nikki Verba, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association ND, n/k/a U.S. Bank National Association successor by merger to U.S. Bank National Association ND

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 16, 2011 as Document Number 178158 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Seventy-two (N.72) feet of Lot Four (4), in Block Four (4), in P.J. Kniss' Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota. Subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, reservations, leases and restrictions of record, all legal highways, all right of way, all zoning, building and other laws, ordinances and regulations, all rights of tenants in possession, and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable.

Being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Document No. 167033, of the Rock County, Minnesota Records.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 323 LINCOLN ST W, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1429

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$59,337.00

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: U.S. Bank National Association ND, n/k/a U.S. Bank National Association successor by merger to U.S. Bank National Association ND

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0981-000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described

property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 13, 2020.

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.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

Dated: May 1, 2019

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By:

N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.

Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.

Corbin C. Smith, Esq.

Attorneys for Mortgagee

25 Dale Street North

St. Paul, MN 55102

(651) 209-9760

(19-0183-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
(05-16, 05-23, 05-30, 06-06, 06-13, 06-20)

Village Apartments assumes name

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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ASSUMED NAME: **Village Apartments**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

1012 9th St., PO Box 375, Howard Lake, Minnesota (MN) 55349 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Montgomery Properties, LLC**

Address: **1012 9th St., PO Box 375 Howard Lake, Minnesota (MN) 55349**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the persons(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: /s/ **Joshua Montgomery**

MAILING ADDRESS: **1012 9th St., PO Box 375, Howard Lake, MINNESOTA (MN) 55349**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **mont0188@umn.edu**

(05-30, 06-06)

Beaver Creek Apartments assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: **Beaver Creek Apartments**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

1012 9th St., PO Box 375, Howard Lake, Minnesota (MN) 55349 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Josh Montgomery**

Address: **1012 9th St., PO Box 375 Howard Lake, Minnesota (MN) 55349**

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SIGNED BY: **Josh Montgomery**

MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **mont0188@umn.edu**

(05-30, 06-06)

City of Luverne seeks bids by June 19

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Luverne, Minnesota, at the City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., P.O. Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659, until 2:00 PM, on June 19, 2019, for the furnishing of the following equipment for the City of Luverne, Minnesota. At said time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. There are two (2) separate bids consisting of the following:

Description

Bid No. 1 – 25 kV Primary Power Cable

Bid No. 2 – 25 kV Padmount Switchgear (VFI)

The above equipment shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the City Offices of said City of Luverne, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Suppliers desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from the office of DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, Iowa, telephone (712) 472-2531, fax (712) 472-2710, web site www.dgr.com, e-mail dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid, which security becomes the property of the City of Luverne in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Payment to the Supplier will be made on the basis of one hundred percent (100%) of the base bid within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of the materials, final drawings, test reports and in acceptable condition and associated invoice. Refer to the specifications for delivery date of the materials.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The City also reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2019.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

By Jessica Mead

City Clerk

(06-06)

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Country View
Apartments
assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: **Country View Apartments**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

1012 9th St., PO Box 375, Howard Lake, Minnesota (MN) 55349 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Montgomery Properties, LLC**

Address: **1012 9th St., PO Box 375 Howard Lake, Minnesota (MN) 55349**

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SIGNED BY: **/s/ Joshua Montgomery**

MAILING ADDRESS: **10129th St., PO Box 375, Howard Lake, MINNESOTA (MN) 55349**

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(05-30, 06-06)

Walgrave probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of

**Audrey Walgrave,
Decedent**

Court File No. 67-PR-19-171

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 24, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Daniel Walgrave, whose address is 6048 Covington Terrace, Minnetonka, MN, 55345 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 6/3/2019

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

Dated: 6/3/2019

Attorney for Petitioner

Donald R. Klosterbuer

Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP

120 N. McKenzie, PO Box 538

Luverne, MN, 56156

Attorney License No: 0056674

Telephone: (507) 283-9111

FAX: (507) 283-9113

Email: drklosterbuer@khlawmn.com

Filed in District Court

State of Minnesota

Dated: 6-3-19

(06-06, 06-13)

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EMPLOYMENT

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Southwestern Youth Services (SYS), a nonprofit residential behavior treatment center for boys ages 10-18, is seeking a

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EMPLOYMENT

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EMPLOYMENT

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to Main Street Financial Services for packing bags for the Luverne Back-Pack Program for the first two weeks in May. Your staff has volunteered each year, and we are grateful! Also, a HUGE thank you Laurin Carroll, Denney Strassburg, Keith Erickson, and Dick Smook for their service. You have been a gift! (6.2-6.6)

The family of Verna Van Driel would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all your kind words, prayers and thoughtful memorials shared with Verna's passing. We also appreciate the support of our faith community, during this difficult time and always. **Claude VanDriel and Family** (6.2-6.6)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers, called, brought food, gave hugs and condolences at the time of Donald's death. Thank you to WELCA who served the meal, Hardwick Legion, Jasper Legion, and Pipestone Legion and VFW. The Hartquist Funeral Home and Pastor Sue for their kindness and care shown to us. Also, a special thank you for the wonderful care at Luverne MN Veterans Nursing Home. **Donald K. Etrheim Family** (6.6-6.9)

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The position performs a high level of customer service and conducts clerical work all while providing general office functions. Duties include: vital record functions, updating assessment records in the county tax system, assessment applications and recording of property transfers. Applicant qualifications are a high school diploma or equivalent with a two year related degree and two years of work related experience or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience; must also possess good oral and writing communication skills and experience with Microsoft office software applications. This is a full time benefit eligible position with minimum hourly range of \$16.86 – \$18.24 DOQ and maximum hourly range of \$24.00.

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