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Blue Mounds campers hit the showers; water tests clear

By Lori Sorenson

For the first time in five years, campers and visitors at the Blue Mounds State Park can drink and bathe in the park's tap water. "We're open for showers," said Blue Mounds State Park manager Chris Ingebretsen Friday. "Our samples came back clean yesterday, so we're ready to go." For loyal campers like Luverne's Becky Sehr and her family, the news

was welcome. "I'm excited to hear that water has been restored to the park, but we never let the lack of water stop us from camping there because we love the Blue Mounds so much," Sehr said. "It was a hardship for those traveling from a distance, especially travelers pulling off I-90 for the night." Ingebretsen said the park office has been connected through new rural water pipes since last summer,

but the campground spigots, faucets and showers couldn't be used until the water flushed through the full pipeline system in the park. "We were worried that some of them were vacant for five years, but they all function well," Ingebretsen said. The other concern was that bacteria could have been lurking in the dormant pipes. Water service was first disrupted

at Blue Mounds State Park in 2014 when E.coli bacteria was discovered in the park's well. A second well was dug that year, but it also contained E.coli. After considering other options for park water, the DNR ultimately negotiated a connection with Rock County Rural Water, but planning and construction took time. "This was a fairly complex project," Ingebretsen said.

"The Sioux quartzite rock that underlies the park makes Blue Mounds unique and special, but it's also the very thing that complicated the project since contractors needed to drill and blast through so much bedrock to bring in underground water lines." Meanwhile, park visitors and campers were offered potable drinking water at the park office, and camp-

Blue Mounds water/see page 5

Luverne district seeks state snow day 'relief'

Last day of class remains May 17 to accommodate construction schedule

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public Schools will count April 11 as a student contact day even though a blizzard kept students and staff at home. Board members decided at their April 25 meeting not to make up the missed day of classes, choosing to seek state relief instead. "I think it is in the school district's best interest to be done on May 17," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. Prior to the April 11 blizzard, Luverne accumulated five missed class days that extended the construction-shortened school year from May 10 to May 17. According to Oftedahl, many key construction items were already postponed a week to accommodate the snow days. They are scheduled to begin May 20. "It makes sense to move forward," Oftedahl recommended to board members. Luverne's resolution asks for one relief day, based on the "Snow Day Relief Act," sign by Gov. Tim Walz earlier this month.

The legislation allows districts that cancel one or more class days — due to health and safety concerns — to count one or more of those missed days toward the mandated 165 instruction days without losing state aid. At their March 28 meeting, board members decided against asking for relief, choosing to make up the days instead.

With the addition of a sixth snow day, the board decided in a 6-0 vote to take one relief day and offer staff a more flexible plan to make up missed work days. Chairman Jodi Bosch was not at the Thursday night meeting. Licensed staff will have the flexibility to make up two of three missed days sometime between May 20 and June 5 required in the current contract.

The third required contract day will be made up this fall, prior to the start of the 2019-20 school year on Sept. 16. A staff survey indicated 70 percent of the faculty supported the flexible plan, according to Oftedahl. Hourly staff members have a similar flexible plan to make up the April 11 snow day. They can work one day after the school year ends on May 17 or choose not to be paid for their one snow day. Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek and Ellsworth school districts are making up the snow days and won't be using relief act. The number of districts requesting relief days is currently unknown. "School districts are not required to report the number of instructional school days until the end of the year," said Wendy Hatch, spokeswoman for the Minnesota Department of Education.



Lori Sorenson photo/0502 prom luverne

Prom X 4: Local schools share same prom weekend

Carissa Cunningham and Jackson Golla wait on the Luverne High School gym stage for their names to be announced by Regain Feit and Brynn Thier Saturday night during the grand march ceremony. They were among 91 couples to parade through the gym Saturday night. They joined hundreds of local students countywide who also celebrated prom in Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth. See page 16 for a sampling of photographs from all four of the prom celebrations in the local school districts in the Star Herald coverage area.

Townships, Luverne sign fire protection contracts

By Lori Sorenson

Seven Rock County townships have signed contracts with the city of Luverne for emergency services through the Luverne Fire Department, and Luverne City Council members approved them at their April 23 meeting. The contracts cover the townships of Luverne, Magnolia, Kanaranzi, Clinton, Mound, Vienna, and Springwater and outline emergency

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— Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian

services provided by the Luverne Fire Department for the next five years. The new contract, effective March 1, 2019, sets the per section fee for 2019 to \$550 per section for a total of

\$61,308.50. Some townships have more sections contracted for services than others, depending on their access to dependable rural fire departments.

For example, Springwater Township, which also pays for fire protection from Hardwick Jasper, Beaver Creek and Garretson, has only four of its sections contracted with Luverne, so it pays \$2,200. Luverne Township pays for more than 26 sections for a total of \$14,421 while Vienna Township has 15 sections and pays \$8,250 per year.

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What's it like to be poor? Poverty simulation offers insight

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly 90 people received name cards Tuesday morning when they came through the doors of Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. The cards carried names of real life families living in poverty, and local participants spent an hour walking in their shoes during a poverty simulation hosted by #Luv1LuvAll. It was the second one in Luverne — the first one was a year ago in May. "Welcome to Realville," said Debi Brandt of United Community Action Partnership in Willmar. Brandt described Realville as a great place to live, but some residents live in poverty and struggle to meet basic needs. Her organization has staged poverty simulations around the state to increase awareness of poverty and to inspire action. The group was invited by #Luv1LuvAll, which has been meeting in Luverne for nearly two years with



Lori Sorenson photo/0502 poverty simulation

The "Olson" family members (from left) Justine Sandbulte, Nicole Slegers and Amy Johnson assess their budget and life circumstances at the start of Tuesday's poverty simulation in Grand Prairie Events. support from the Blandin Foundation. Tuesday's poverty simulation involved students from Luverne, Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek, Edgerton and Southwest Christian. The Realville families clustered

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United Community
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on chairs that represented their homes scattered around the room and they opened packets that represented their living conditions. Most had jobs with wages that didn't cover expenses, and most struggled to maintain stable homes amid challenging life circumstances. Several minutes in Realville

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Generations (formerly Luverne Senior Citizens) will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, at the Generations building on East Lincoln Street. Members and those wishing to become members or hear what is happening at Generations are welcome.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Rock County Community Library. Program will be quilted iron carrier by Denise Dirks.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the new townhall.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the Legion Hall. Call Dianna at 507-283-1934 with questions.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, May 10, to carpool from St. Catherine's east parking lot to Pipestone for lunch at the Stone House and shopping. Call Connie at 283-8470.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room for a program by registered dietitian Ann Marie Busker. Call 283-2297 with questions.

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

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

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

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

National Day of Prayer May 2

National Day of Prayer will be observed from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in Grand Prairie Events. Call Karla Osterday, 507-227-4732.

'Movie Music' pops concert May 2

The Luverne Middle and High School choirs will present their spring pops concert titled "Movie Music" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Cardinal gymnasium. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Activity passes are also accepted.

Bank Nite movie 'Missing Link' May 2

The free Bank Nite family movie, "Missing Link," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Community Ed bike rodeo May 4

The Community Education bike rodeo begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, in the south parking lot of Luverne Elementary School. Ken Petersen will be on hand to do minor bike repairs and check equipment, and participants may enter a drawing for \$500 in prizes.

Gun safety class begins May 6

A gun safety youth training class will be offered through the Rock County Sheriff's Office beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, May 6. Call the sheriff's office at 507-283-5000 for more information.

Luverne Loop event May 16

A community celebration of the Loop is set for 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at The Lake. Participants may bike (borrow bikes from Roll on Luverne at GrandStay), walk, or take a golf cart (this night only) to enjoy the Loop. Other promotions and special events are scheduled at The Lake.

A pork loin sandwich meal for \$5 per person will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. until gone. Funds will be matched by Ben Franklin Lodge #114 to support July 4 fireworks. Rain date is May 23.

Optimists sand box fill set for May 20

The Luverne Optimist Club will fill sand boxes beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, May 20. To order sand, call Audrey Aanenson at 507-283-2018. Trucks are donated by W&N Construction and Gabrielson Farms, and the sand is donated by W&N.



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Hospice Community Advisory Board members include (from left) Keith Elbers, Meg Nelson, Becky Ranschau, Jill Wolf, Diana Schwartz, Curt Bloemendaal, (back) Tammy Moeller, Helen Saum, Lois Leuthold, Phil Gorter, Karen Van Essen, Alice Hansen and Greg Spath. Not pictured are Judy Fenske, Deb Kroon, Laura Loosbrock and Tammy Loosbrock

Hospice closes books on 2019 Charity Banquet and Auction event

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly 400 people attended the 25th Annual Hospice Charity Banquet and Auction Saturday, April 13, in Grand Prairie Events.

According to volunteer coordinator Helen Saum, the event raised nearly \$92,000, all of which stays in the community to support the Hospice program and The Cottage in the coming year.

"We were thrilled to have a sold out event and to see such amazing generosity and support again this year. ... We are so deeply grateful," Saum said.

"It's evident that people want to ensure this type of compassionate, personalized and dignified care continues to be available right here in our community — for themselves and loved ones, now and in the future."

The program included



Hospice honorees are (from left) Friend of Hospice Curt Bloemendaal, Hospice Team Member of the Year Marie Clifford-Chapin and Hospice Volunteer of the Year Charleen Feekes.

video interviews of four hospice family members (Rich Morgan, Tim and Connie Connell, Deb Klaassen and

Sue Skattum) who shared their personal stories about the compassionate and personalized care their loved ones

received at The Cottage.

The event also honored three individuals who received 2019 Hospice Awards. The honorees received framed watercolor paintings by local artist Mary Petersen.

The Hospice Team Member of the Year is Marie Clifford-Chapin, LPN at The Cottage, and Hospice Volunteer of the Year is Charleen Feekes, Adrian.

Curt Bloemendaal was named the 2019 "Friend of Hospice" for his work on the Hospice Advisory Board.

Other highlights of the event included the Blue Mound Quilters Quilt Raffle, which went to Curt Bloemendaal, the New York City trip give-away which Sherri Thompson won, and the Disney World trip donated by Great Planes Travel and Delta Vacations won by Mark Moeller.

Senior Citizens are now 'Generations,' Lutheran Social Services Dining is now 'Bistro'

Rock County Senior Citizens are now known as "Generations" in order to reflect a broader interest of members and lifestyles.

Lutheran Social Services, which provides the senior meals in the Luverne dining site, is also updating its name and image to reflect the changing needs of residents it serves.

"LSS Meals" is replacing "LSS Senior Nutrition" as the overarching name for all of Lutheran Social Service of Min-

nesota's food-based services.

LSS community dining sites across the state will now be called "LSS Bistro,"

Meanwhile, the nonprofit's meals delivered at home with the help of volunteers will be known as "LSS Meals on Wheels," according to Kristin Schurrer, senior director of LSS Meals.

"The way individuals receive meals is changing," Schurrer said. "As our neighbors age, so do their preferences.

We are creating new partnerships and continuing to evolve our services to allow individuals to remain living at home longer if they prefer."

Currently LSS offers balanced, tasty and affordable home-style meals in 165 communities in 39 Minnesota counties.

The organization began in 1865 when a Lutheran pastor and his congregation opened an orphanage for children near Red Wing in

southeastern Minnesota.

Today, with 2,300 employees and 8,000 volunteers, Lutheran Social Services helps one in 65 Minnesotans foster safe and supportive homes and restore health and wellness to families.

It empowers people with disabilities to live the lives they imagine, and promote health, independence and quality of life for older adults.

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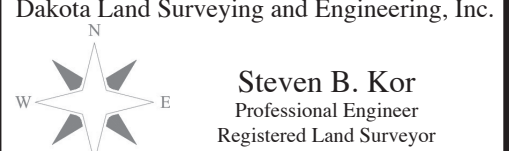

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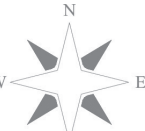


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USDA extends deadline to May 17 for producers to certify for Market Facilitation Program

USDA extended the deadline to May 17 from May 1 for agricultural producers to certify 2018 crop production for payments through the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), which helps producers who have been significantly affected by foreign tariffs, resulting in the loss of traditional exports.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) extended the deadline because heavy rain-fall and snowfall have delayed harvests in many parts of the country, preventing producers from certifying acres.

Payments will be issued only if eligible producers certify before the updated May 17 deadline.

The MFP provides payments to producers of corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, wheat, dairy, hogs, fresh sweet cherries and shelled almonds.

FSA will issue payments based on the producer's certified total production of the MFP commodity multiplied by the MFP rate for that specific commodity.

"Trade issues, coupled with low commodity prices and recovery from natural disasters, have definitely impacted the bottom line for many agricultural producers," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce.

"The MFP payments provide short-term relief from

retaliatory tariffs to supplement the traditional farm safety net, helping agricultural producers through these difficult times.

Weather conditions this fall, winter and early spring have blocked many producers from completing harvest of their crops, and we want to make sure producers who want to finalize their MFP application have an opportunity."

Producers can certify production by contacting their local FSA office or through farmers.gov.

About the Market Facilitation Program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue launched the trade mitigation program to assist farmers suffering from damage because of unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations.

FSA implemented MFP in September 2018 as a relief strategy to protect agricultural producers while the administration works on free, fair and reciprocal trade deals to open more markets to help American farmers compete globally. To date, more than \$8.3 billion has been paid to nearly 600,000 applicants.

The MFP is established under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act and is administered by FSA.

Fire contracts with townships/ continued from page 1

In the contracts, the townships agree to purchase and the city agrees to provide the services such as:

- structural firefighting.
- emergency medical services at fires and rescue scenes.
- grass and forest firefighting.
- general medicals (with first responder and emergency medical technician level of response).
- general firefighting (including vehicles and carbon monoxide calls).
- rescue, including vehicle and equipment extrication, search and rescue, confined space rescue, and water rescue.
- hazardous materials response.
- disaster response.

The city will maintain insurance for its services and will include the townships as additional insured for the term of the contract.

In addition to agreeing to pay for the fire and rescue services, the contract states the townships will present a budget and levy proposal to their electors at each annual meeting to seek levy funds as needed to pay for the services.

Some townships in the past have balked at raising their levies for fire protection, but access to reliable fire protection often translates to lower property insurance premiums for taxpayers.

Under the new contracts

townships have no responsibilities, beyond paying the agreed fee, for equipment or personnel, and that's an important distinction from previous rural fire contracts.

In addition to paying for fire services, townships used to pay their share of new equipment purchased unique to rural firefighting, and township officials haven't always agreed about what type of equipment should be purchased at which prices.

The new contracts simply spell out fees for services, and those payments reflect overall costs of providing emergency services, including equipment replacement.

The new contract was updated using the League of Minnesota City's sample contract language and sets the per section fees for the next 5 years with an inflation factor of two percent each year.

The 2019 per-section fee of \$550 amounts to \$61,308.50, which is lower than the 2018 total of \$62,164.19.

By March 1, 2023, the per-section fee will be \$595, to be paid quarterly for total payment of \$66,362.55 from the seven townships.

"There was some give and take on both sides, but we're relieved to have a five-year contract," Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said.

"We've never had that before."



Lori Sorenson photos/0502 poverty simulation

Nearly 90 people participated in the poverty simulation at Grand Prairie Events Wednesday morning where #Luv1LuvAll hosted United Community Action Partnership, Willmar, to set up a "Realville" community.

Poverty simulation offers glimpse of living with less/ from page 1

represented a day, during which time the families were required to meet obligations like work, school, doctor appointments and others.

A loud bell signified the beginning and end of each day.

Families had limited transportation options, which affected their ability to meet obligations like keeping their homes safe, feeding their families and keeping up with utility payments and loans — in addition to paying for miscellaneous expenses.

Meanwhile they were randomly handed "luck of the draw" cards that represented unplanned crises — like a medical need or loss of a job.

The participants were encouraged to play the roles of the people they were representing — to feel the frustration and imagine the desperation of encountering one crisis after another, all the while trying to do what's right for their families.

"The idea is to offer a glimpse at what it's like to struggle to meet basic needs," Brandt said, reminding the group that the exercise shouldn't be treated like a game; the scenarios are based on real people and real situations.

"It's not designed to demoralize, but rather to create awareness and hopefully motivate a call to action."

Local organizers Nicole Henrichs and Wanda Jarchow with #Luv1LuvAll said they also hoped

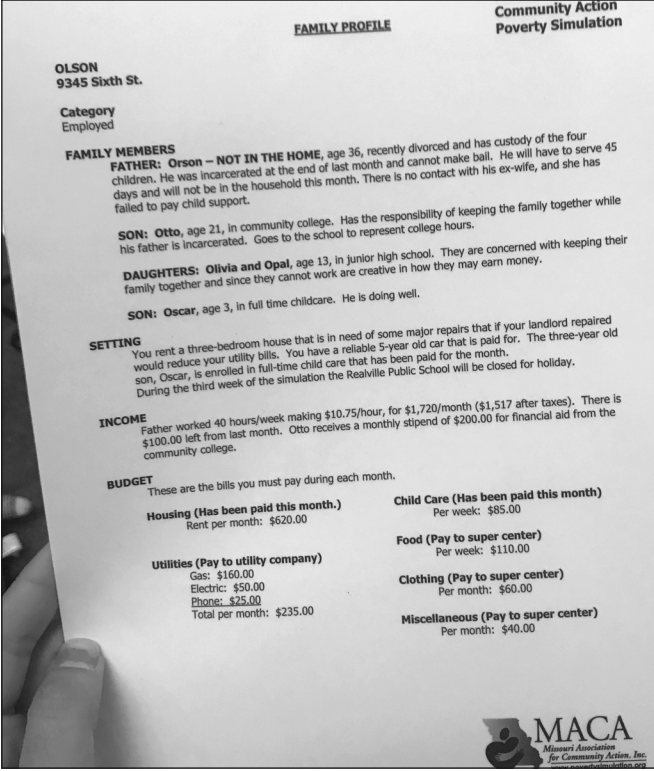


The Realville families (randomly assigned to each other) clustered on chairs that represented their homes scattered around the room and they opened packets that represented their living conditions. Pictured here are (clockwise from bottom left) Diana Schwartz, Melanie Rittenhouse, Mallory Thorson and Josie Scholten.

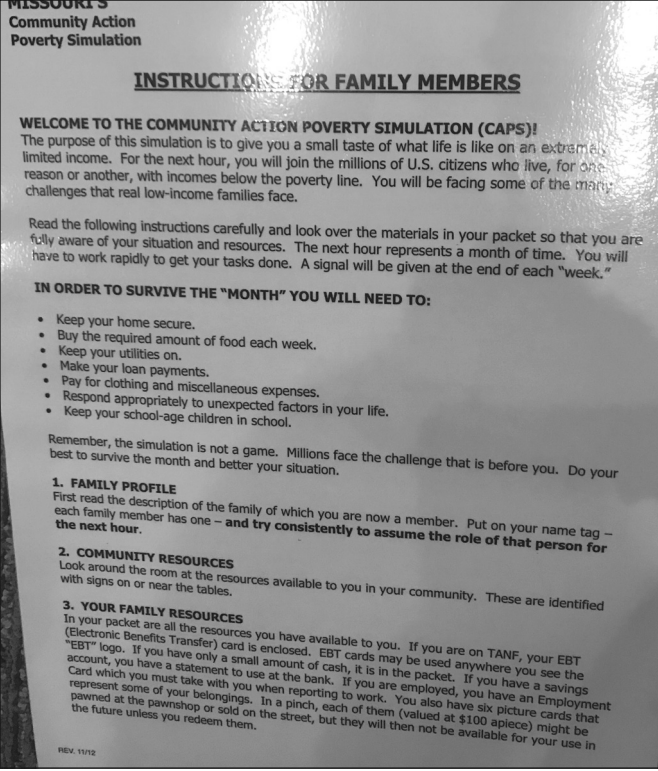
the awareness would lead to better community understanding, compassion and — at the very least — kindness.

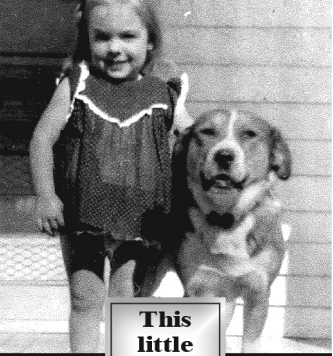
"Walking in someone else's shoes helps us realize there is more to poverty than just 'getting a job' or 'being lazy.' It can be very overwhelming, stressful and exhausting," Henrichs said.

"Helping folks see (or remember) what that's like and have conversations about it that they may not have had otherwise, goes along way to taking off blinders that we might be wearing and increasing our compassion as individuals but also as a community"



The Realville families were assigned packets of information that represented their living conditions. Most had jobs with wages that didn't cover expenses, and most struggled to maintain stable homes amid challenging life circumstances.





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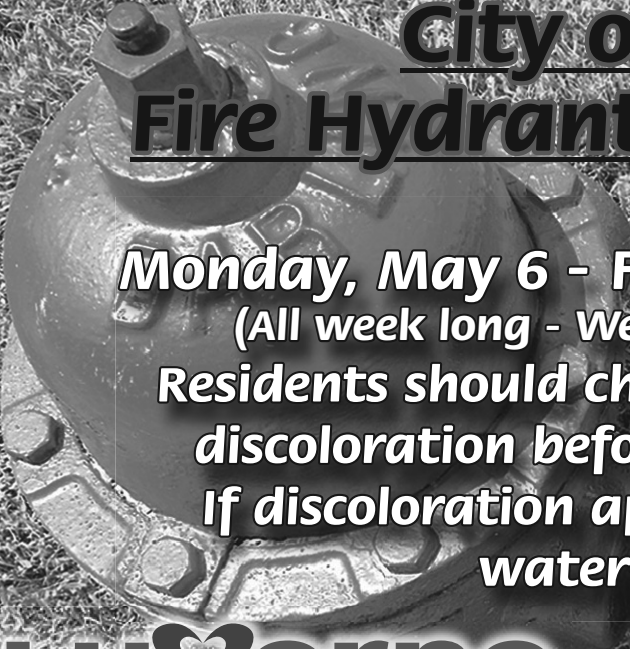
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Prom might be practice for weddings, and life's path could use a little practice

Another high school prom is in the books, and son No. 2 came through with flying colors, or at least with high shine, given his date's glittery dress and his matching gold vest and tie.

A lot of planning and effort goes into a high school prom, and we're grateful to the volunteers and local sponsors who help with the festivities.

And, while it's fun to see the students in all their prom finery, I can't be the only one who thinks prom feels like a wedding, given the similar details involved.

There are dresses, shoes, hairdos, makeup, manicures, pedicures, flowers, tuxedos, bowties, fittings, reservations, second fittings, spit-shined vehicles, decorations, lighting, a march down an aisle, smiles for cameras, a banquet, music, a dance, a party, an after-party, buffet, gifts and — for some who are still standing — 4:30 a.m. breakfast.

Whew.

Followed by dozens of Facebook posts of Ken-and-Barbie couples dolled up beyond recognition. (I hardly recognized my own son in his monkey suit.)

And it's all good.

But it's a lot.

Sometimes it's more than a kid wants to bother with, which is why some kids take a pass, or maybe just take in the after-prom party. (Which is what I would have done if after-prom had been a thing in my youth.)

Or maybe some would rather save that kind of celebrating for a really special occasion



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

— like a wedding.

Either way, anyone who survives prom can probably survive wedding planning. Or, at least they could consider it practice of sorts.

Kind of like mopeds are practice for driver's licenses, puppies are practice for parenting, renting is practice for owning, retirement is practice for rocking chairs, and so on through the circle of life.

I'm not sure what life stage I'm practicing for now, but I still feel like a rookie, whatever it is.

Of course, not everyone has the luxury of practice. Some find themselves hurled headlong into parenting, then puppies and then maybe weddings — or a ceremony that results in legal marriage.

And sometimes, despite all our practicing, we don't achieve the next step, or we get there and later fall two steps back ... through divorce, loss of a job or loss of a loved one.

But in the end, if we live long enough, we all find our way to the same place, presumably on a path God planned for us, orderly or not.

Let's just pray our prom kids keep their feet on the ground and their faith in a higher power, because life isn't getting easier for new generations finding their paths in the world.

The tobacco industry is using e-cigarettes to draw new customers, and youth tobacco use in Minnesota has increased for the first time in 17 years.

E-cigarettes are devices that heat a liquid into an aerosol that the user inhales. The liquid usually has nicotine and flavoring in it, and other additives.

Their rise in popularity among youth is partly attributed to the fact that they're easy to conceal (they look like an ink pen or a flash drive) and the inhalant has little or no odor.

If you don't think kids in Luverne schools are using them, ask any teacher or school staff member and they'll attest to the fact that the practice is alive and well in the hallways, restrooms and even in the classrooms of LHS.

The nicotine in e-cigarettes and regular cigarettes is addictive, and the products are considered tobacco products because most of them contain nicotine, which comes from tobacco.

According to the U.S. surgeon general, e-cigarettes are a rapidly emerging and diversified product class.

These devices typically deliver nicotine, flavorings, and other additives to users via an inhaled aerosol. These devices are referred to by a variety of names, including e-cigs, e-hookahs, mods, vape pens, vapes and tank systems.

A dramatic increase in e-cigarette use, now called an epidemic by the U.S. surgeon general, has disrupted a downward trend in youth tobacco use overall.

Nicotine harms the adolescent brain and may prime young brains for addiction. Youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.

And today's e-cigarettes can deliver very high levels of nicotine ... but youth often don't know they contain nicotine at all.

Besides nicotine, e-cigarettes can contain harmful and potentially harmful ingredients, including:

- ultrafine particles that can be

inhaled deep into the lungs.

- flavorants such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease.
- volatile organic compounds.
- heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead.

E-cigarette aerosol is not safe and threatens Minnesota's clean indoor air. An overwhelming majority of Minnesotans (81 percent) support expanding protected areas to prohibit e-cigarette use in indoor

E-cigarettes are threatening the health of our teens

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

E-CIGARETTES: THREATENING THE HEALTH OF MINNESOTA TEENS

Youth tobacco use in Minnesota has increased for the first time in 17 years. A dramatic increase in e-cigarette use, now called an epidemic by the U.S. Surgeon General, has disrupted a downward trend in youth tobacco use overall.^{1,2}



NICOTINE HARMS THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN AND MAY PRIME YOUTH FOR ADDICTION.³

- E-cigarette use among Minnesota youth is skyrocketing.¹
- 88 percent of Minnesota high-school students are exposed to ads promoting e-cigarettes.¹
- Almost 40 percent of Minnesota students have tried e-cigarettes.¹
- Youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.^{4,5,6}
- Today's e-cigarettes can deliver very high levels of nicotine ... but youth often don't know they contain nicotine at all.^{7,8}



E-CIGARETTES ARE NOT PROVEN TO BE BETTER FOR QUITTING THAN EXISTING PROGRAMS.⁹

- We need to better understand how e-cigarettes influence starting and quitting smoking.
- Research on e-cigarettes' potential as quitting aids should continue. Until more is known, smokers should use FDA-approved cessation tools.



E-CIGARETTE AEROSOL IS NOT SAFE AND THREATENS OUR CLEAN INDOOR AIR.

- Only 50 percent of Minnesotans are protected from e-cigarettes in indoor public places.¹⁰
- E-cigarettes emit aerosol that contains nicotine, heavy metals, formaldehyde and other carcinogens and harmful chemicals.¹¹
- An overwhelming majority of Minnesotans, 81 percent, support expanding protections to prohibit e-cigarette use in indoor public places.¹²



THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IS USING E-CIGARETTES TO DRAW NEW CUSTOMERS.

With smoking rates falling, e-cigarettes are a way for Big Tobacco to keep hooking the next generation on their products.

Trooper explains vehicle alteration parameters

Question: I want to install a lift kit and put bigger tires on my Jeep. I want to comply with all the state laws. What is a bumper height law and the law about tires that extend out past the fenders?

Answer: Anytime you make any modification or alteration to a vehicle's stock suspension and tires/rims, it can change how that vehicle handles, steers, brakes and could affect its overall performance.

Below is a list of equipment violations and safety issues that I have seen over the years with modified trucks:

•**Bumper height violations:** The law in Minnesota says bumper height must be within six inches of the factory bumper height. The maximum bumper height for 4x4s is 25 inches. Bumpers must be at least 4 1/2 inches tall and must extend 10 inches outside of each frame rail. The height of the bumper shall be determined by measuring from the bottom of the bumper, excluding any vertical bumper attachments, to the ground. A vehicle which has an original bumper that does not exceed a height of 30 inches may be modified by attaching a full width bumper to the regular bumper to meet the height requirement.

•**Tires exceeding past the**

fenders: Installing wheels that extend outside the fenders require a fender flare. They must be at least as wide as the tires and must have a clearance of not more than nine inches from the ground when the vehicle is empty.

•**Speeding due to larger tires/rims:** The speedometer reads how many revolutions the tires are making, not how fast they are spinning. With larger tires the circumference of the tires are larger, meaning the distance around the tire is longer, so with each revolution you travel farther than before. Now, the actual speed of the vehicle is higher than the speedometer reads. It will be lower if smaller tires/rims are installed. I recommend stopping at a local auto/tire shop so they can advise on how much your speedometer would be off.

•**Higher risk for a rollover crash:** Increasing the vehicle's height will increase the vehicle's center of gravity, making it less balanced. This could be a problem when taking sharp turns, as a higher center of gravity gives the vehicle a tendency to lean more, increasing the chances of rolling over or losing control. Additional modifications may be needed to correct this. Make sure to read the

lift kit manufacturer's instructions when installing it yourself or have it professionally installed.

•**Braking, steering issues, reduced blind spots and overall safety of your vehicle:** By adding larger tires and rims, the stock brake system may need to be upgraded. The front suspension may need bigger and stronger parts. Taller vehicles may increase your blind spots, as smaller vehicles may be less visible. Adding larger mirrors, relocating the current mirrors or adding a blind spot mirror to help see vehicles in blind spots might be necessary. It is highly recommended that you consult with a professional mechanic before modifying a vehicle to assure it is safe and complies with all state laws.

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.

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

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Suggest conducting cleanup at different time

To the Editor:

We have always taken pride in the many positive features of living in Luverne. We are grateful for the snow removal that is done so soon after a snowfall. In most instances the downtown businesses and homes are well maintained. Our parks are always neat and inviting for picnics, walking or just sitting for a while to relax. Residents are pleasant and friendly. "Minnesota nice" definitely lives here.

Recently something that disturbed us was that spring cleanup was held on Easter weekend, when there is more than the usual traffic in our town. We are grateful for the privilege of a city-wide cleanup, just wondered about the timing. Perhaps the city planners would consider a weekend other than Easter for next year's citywide cleanup.

**Don and Myrna Spease
Luverne**

Weber advocates for year-round E15 sales

To the Editor:

Last fall President Trump pledged to lift restrictions on the sale of E15, a low-cost fuel option made with homegrown ethanol. The decades-old regulation that restricts E15 from being sold during the summer months was unnecessary and outdated. E15 is cleaner, higher in octane, and costs up to 10 cents less per gallon. The deregulation of E15 also gives a major opportunity to Minnesota farmers to tap into a growing market and start to reverse the multi-year decline in farm income. Consumers and farmers across the Midwest could benefit

greatly if the EPA allows more competition at the pump.

We live in the heart of corn country and many farmers in Minnesota are struggling. Every day I go to work in St. Paul, I hear the opinions and concerns of my constituents. Year-round E15 is a major issue for farmers and motorists in my district, as they will all directly benefit from lifting these archaic regulations. The EPA in Washington, D.C., needs to permit year-round E15 soon. Minnesotans are counting on it.

**Sen. Bill Weber, R-Luverne
State Senate District 22**

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 19
•Complainantin Beaver Creek reported doing bird surveys.
•Complainant reported a burglary alarm on South Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant reported kids walking over old dam in the river at City Park.
•Pipestone County reported a suspicious vehicle in Luverne.
•Complainant reported a road closed sign was stolen at location of 80th Avenue and 171st Street near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant reported a drunk driver at location of I-90 eastbound, mile marker 8.
•Deputy advised of an underage party while investigating a theft case near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant on Hatting Street reported an alarm is going off.
April 20
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a bike was found at location.
•Complainant on North Kniss Avenue reported borrowed property was not returned.
•Complainant reported subject was doing burnouts in the alley and littering on Luverne Street.
April 21
•Complainant on North Kniss reported an underage girl is intoxicated.
•Complainant on South Cottage Grove requested to speak to a deputy about a vehicle.
•Complainant on East Main Street reported a lost child in Luverne.
•Complainant on 200th Avenue near Kenneth reported a fire.
•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about a possible missing person.
•Complainant on I-90 westbound reported debris in roadway east of Beaver Creek.
•Complainant in Hills reported harassing communications.
•Suspicious activity reported at location on 131st Street near Luverne.
•Report of a possibly intoxicated driver at location on I-90 westbound, mile marker 22 near Magnolia.
April 22
•Fire reported at location on West Hatting Street.
•Complainant on East Warren Street reported harassment.
•Complainant reported a spill on East Main Street.
•Complainant reported an accident on North Kniss Avenue and Dodge Street.
April 23
•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy.
•Complainantin Beaver Creek reported doing bird surveys.
•Deputy checked on warrant on West Bishop Street.
•Complainant reported a found debit card in Luverne.
•Complainant reported a found license plate in Luverne.
•Complainant reported an occupied car parked in front of location on South

Blue Mound Avenue.
April 24
•Complainant on East Warren Street reported furnace issues.
•Complainant on 234th Street reported a video alarm.
•Two-vehicle collision involving a car and a semi-trailer was reported on I-90 eastbound, mile marker 13 near Luverne.
•Complainant on 161st Street reported a theft.
•Complainant reported lost glasses in Evergreen Park.
•Complainant requested sheriff's department assistance contacting subject near Magnolia.
•Complainant reported damaged flag at Flag Park in Luverne.
•Complainant reported subject with Rock County warrant near Sioux Falls.
•Complainant requested deputy at location for a resident that has left the facility on North Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant near Valley Springs reported a scam.
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported a child got stuck in the trunk of a vehicle.
•Complainant on 148th Street near Hardwick reported a fire.
•Complainant reported pedestrians waiting for ride at location on South Kniss Avenue for a long time.
•Complainant reported a couple of open doors at location near Luverne.
•Complainant reported someone shining a laser light in their car on Edgehill Street.
•Complainant reported a wreckless driver in white sedan near Magnolia.
April 25
•Complainant requested assistance with an investigation in Cottonwood County.
•Complainant reported subject incarcerated at location in Faribault with Rock County warrant.
•Complainant reported theft on East Warren Street.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported individuals inside vehicle with open liquor containers.
•Complainant reported vandalism to vehicle near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant reported possible money theft on South Walnut Avenue.
•Complainant reported a scam near Beaver Creek.
April 26
•Dispatch received 911 call for a welfare check on South Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant reported a cow out on I-90 eastbound, exit 5 near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant on North Blue Mound Avenue reported lost wallet.

In addition, officers responded to 2 vehicles in the ditch, 5 transports, 7 escorts, 11 ambulance runs, 24 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 fingerprint requests, 39 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 2 drug court tests, 2 permits to purchase/carry, 1 stalled vehicle, 12 traffic stops, 3 abandoned 911 calls and 1 test.



Lori Sorenson photo/0502 crash on I-90

I-90 crash reported east of Luverne

Local emergency responders were called to the scene of this crash on I-90 in the eastbound lane just east of Luverne Wednesday morning, April 24. The report came in as a car-vs.-semitrailer collision due to the driver of the car suffering a seizure. The Minnesota State Patrol handled the incident, and the scene cleared around 9:30 a.m. There was no additional information made available on the state's current incident report site online.

Blue Mounds State Park has water for camp showers/

from page 1
ers who wanted a shower drove to the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness facility where the city agreed to offer the services to park guests.
“We can’t thank the city of Luverne enough for allowing our campers to shower in their facility for the past five years,” Ingebretsen said.
“That was really an incredible gesture.”
The 3.5-mile water connection enters the park from the south, cuts through the park pasture and turns toward the park office at an elbow located 300 feet east of the bison corral.
Henning Construction submitted the low bid for the work at \$450,481.
After a summer of working to connect water service to the park, the connection was finally completed in December, and system testing on the project's first segment concluded in mid-February.
Testing on water lines to the campground concluded late last week, giving the all-clear for water service for summer visitors and campers.
“We’re excited to have water service restored,” Ingebretsen said.
“We appreciate the patience shown by our visitors, and we look forward to welcoming them for the 2019 camping season.”
Park officials say the water issue has affected attendance at the Blue Mounds



Assistant park manager Tom Sawtelle fills up his drinking glass at Blue Mounds State Park's campground faucet. Water service to the park has been restored and has been deemed safe after testing last week. E.Coli bacteria had contaminated the park's well in 2014, leaving the park without a safe drinking water source since then.

and they're hoping numbers return to normal levels.
According to park data, 91,000 people visited the Blue Mounds in 2013.
That number dropped to 57,000 visitors in 2014, the year E.coli showed up in drinking water and flooding destroyed the dam and drained the lake.
In the past couple of years, visitor numbers have returned

somewhat, but never to the level before water contamination.
“It's a great time to promote what a great park we have right in our back yard and to get the occupancy rate back to where it was five years ago,” Sehr said about the park's new water connection.
Ingebretsen said Memorial Day camping reservations

at Blue Mounds are nearly full, but a few spots remain. See mndnr.gov for reservations.
A vehicle permit is required to enter all Minnesota state parks, which costs \$7 per day or \$35 per year. See mndnr.gov/bluemounds.

Final 1.5 miles of pipeline in campground left to go
Funding from the current bonding bill provides \$1 million to connect the park to Rock County Rural Water and also replace the park's 40-year-old underground pipes.

Rural Water has taken the lead on the engineering and construction to connect the park to its system.
The state will handle the 1.5 miles of infrastructure improvements within the park boundaries, but that work won't start until next summer.
Meanwhile, the old pipes will be used for clean water until they can be replaced — starting after Labor Day.
“We'll be closing the campground down right after Labor Day for construction, which should be completed by the end of October,” Ingebretsen said.
The cart-in campground, group campground and picnic area will also be affected by the closure, but those areas will be closed temporarily, and not all at one time.
The park office can be reached at 507-283-6051.

Blue Mounds State Park announces naturalist programs for May

The Blue Mounds State Park has announced the following naturalist programs for the month of May.
Call the park office, 507-283-6051 to register or for more information.
•Slither Critters: Meet at the picnic shelter (cart-in campsite) at 4 p.m. Friday, May

10, to learn why snakes are important to our ecosystem, what kinds of snakes are found in the park, and touch the Animal Ambassador snake.
This program is open to all ages and comfort levels.
•Bison Tales: Meet at the picnic shelter (cart-in campsite) at 1 p.m. Saturday, May

11, to learn more about the bison at the park.
Touch real pieces of a bison, practice bison communication skills, and make a bison storybook to take home.
•Scent Tracking: Meet at the picnic grounds parking lot at 4 p.m. Friday, May 17, to discover how animals use

scent to track their prey and find their way home.
•Campfire Unniversity: Meet at the picnic shelter (cart-in campsite) at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, to learn how to make a great campfire for your next outdoor adventure and make your own firestarter to take home.



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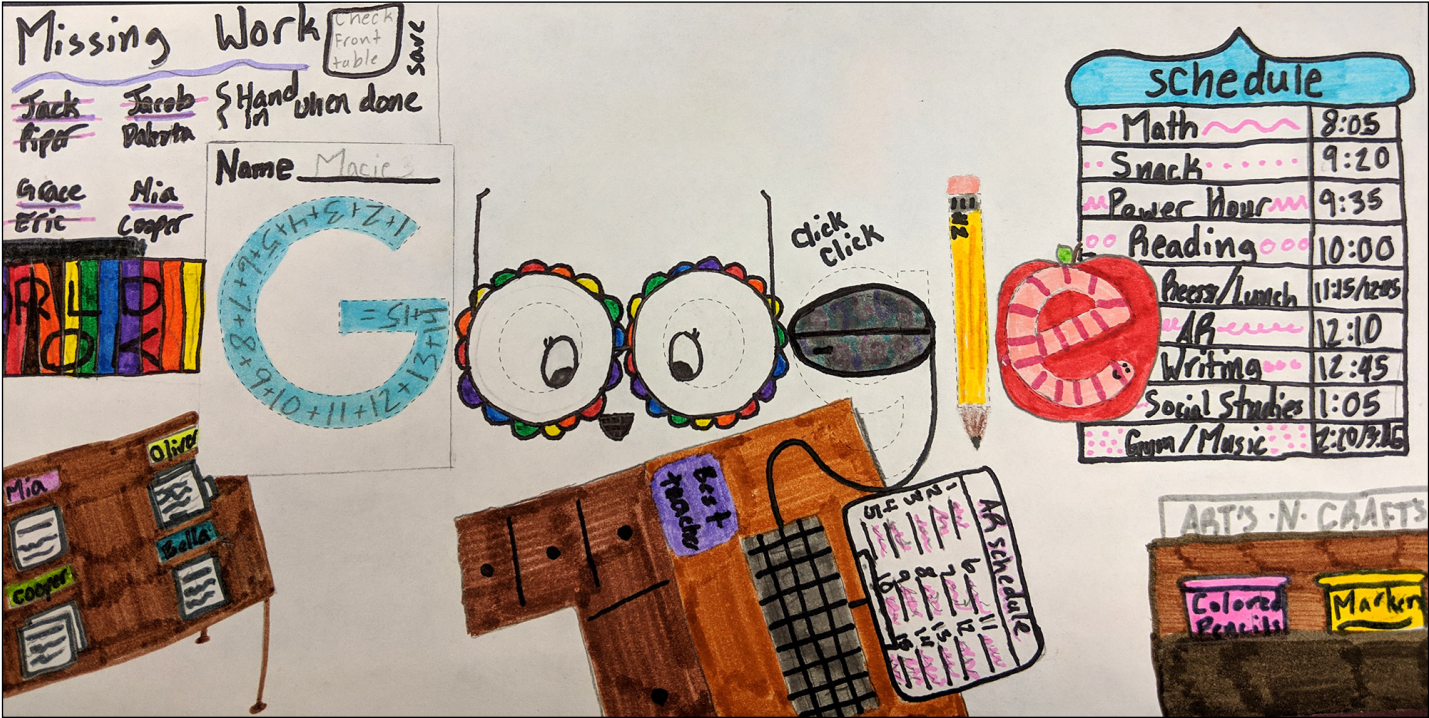
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Macie Edstrom's Doodle for Google shows her desire to be a teacher when she grows up.

Elementary students enter Doodle for Google contest

By Mavis Fodness

Every day a different doodle is featured on the home page of the internet search engine Google.com incorporating the letters G-O-O-G-L-E.

Thanks to the company's annual "Doodles for Google" contest, a Luverne student could have his or her doodle selected for display on the company's next home page.

Susan Beers, technology integration specialist for Luverne Public Schools, organized the local elementary school submissions by the March 19 deadline.

The nationwide contest was open to all K-12 students.

"We had about 100 entries," Beers said.

She randomly shared a couple of doodles with the Star Herald.

According to contest rules, the doodles are meant to "surprise and delight people" when they visit Google.com.

Past doodles celebrated historical figures or events. Some doodles depicted holidays or celebrities.

For this year's contest, students designed their doodles around the question, "When I grow up, I hope ..."

Fourth-grader Macie Edstrom titled her doodle "To Teach is to Inspire."

"When I grow up, I hope to be a teacher," she wrote on the entry form. "I want to be a teacher be-

'I've tried to explain the odds of somebody from Luverne winning were quite low due to the sheer number of entries.'

— Susan Beers, Luverne Public Schools technology integration specialist

cause I can help people learn a lot."

Edstrom doodled items she saw in her teacher Lori Oechsle's classroom.

White board messages of missing homework assignments and schedules for the day are included along with the tops of students' desks.

The teacher's desk features a computer whose mouse forms the second "g" in the word Google.

Edstrom used a mathematical problem inside the letter "G," turned the two "o"s into owl-like glasses, drew a pencil to represent the "l" and for the "e" she sketched an apple around the letter and turned the "e" into a worm.

Classmate Marlee Nelson in Jennifer Engesser's room titled her doodle, "Cooking in the Kitchen."

"I hope to be able to cook when I'm

older and use all the utensils, bake things and just be a pro at cooking because I love to make food," Nelson wrote on the entry form.

Her doodle featured a kitchen scene with a pepperoni pizza with a slice missing to form the "G" with a fry pan on a burner and a donut for the "o"s, a mixer with its beaters reaching into a bowl for the "g," a knife for the "l" and finished with an oven mitt forming the letter "e."

Beers said she's had to curb the students' excitement about a possible local winner.

"We won't know for a while and I think some of the younger kids have a hard time grasping how large this contest is," she said. "I've tried to explain the odds of somebody from Luverne winning were quite low due to the sheer number of entries."

According to the contest rules, all submissions are grouped into five grade levels.

The contest, organized in 2008, starts with the naming of 53 state and territory winners. One finalist is selected from each grade level with one of the five finalists selected as a national winner.

The winner's doodle is featured on Google.com and he or she receives a \$50,000 scholarship.

The winner is announced in June.

"Who knows? We may just have a winner from Luverne," Beers said. "Anything is possible."

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Loretta Haper will celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, May 4, with a birthday party from 1-3 p.m. at St. Catherine Church in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Jessica Willers**, bride-to-be of **Nick Otten**,

will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the gathering space at St. Catherine Church in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Bailey Scholten**, bride-to-be of **Chris Sopkoweit**, will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne.

BISTRO MENU

Monday, May 6: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, pineapple. Program: 9 a.m. Quilting; Bone Builders.

Tuesday, May 7: Barbecued pulled pork, potato salad, cauliflower, bun, fruit crisp. Program: Half-Price Day.

Wednesday, May 8: Baked Rigatoni and beef, corn, fruit salad, bread, pudding.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, May 9: Lemon pepper fish with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, peas

and carrots, pears, raspberry parfait dessert.

Friday, May 10: Chicken salad, three-bean salad, fresh fruit, bun, blondeie.

The Bistro (formerly 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Students to graduate from Minnesota West

Several area students will be recognized at commencement ceremonies at the Minnesota West Community and Technical College campuses as listed:

Luverne: Jason Anenson, Autumn Altman, Kia Balster, Morgan Edwards, Courtney Gonnerman, Laura Kasstner, Alyssa Kienholz, Carlos Lira Cardona, Ashley Monier, Whitney Oye, Lucinda Petersen, Stacey Renken, Alexandra Stanley, Hannah Swier and Eric Vink.

Adrian: Christopher Christians, Tiffini Grimord, Allison Richards and Katia Suarez.

Hardwick: Dayne Niemeyer.

Hills: Dana Huisman.

Kenneth: Mary Flanagan.

Magnolia: Stephanie Riggs.

Commencement ceremonies, dates and locations for the various campuses are as follows:

- Jackson Campus at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center.
- Pipestone Campus & Luverne Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at the Pipestone Area High School Gymnasium.
- Granite Falls Campus at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at the Yellow Medicine East High School Auditorium.
- Canby Campus at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Canby High School Gymnasium.
- Worthington Campus at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Minnesota West Center for Health and Wellness.

1958: Special Good Friday, Easter services planned at area churches

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on April 3, 1958.

Special Good Friday and Easter Services Are Planned

Most Rock county churches will have special Good Friday Easter Festival services tomorrow and Sunday. There will be no Community Good Friday services this year.

This year individual churches have scheduled Good Friday services or will go together with other congregations to have a joint service. Most churches will hold Easter services at their regular hours of worship Sunday.

Business To Close 12-2 p.m.

The Luverne Civic and



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

Commerce Association announced that Luverne business places will be closed from 12 noon to 2 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, in observance of Good Friday. A three-hour service will be sponsored by the Kenneth, Blue Mound, Luverne Zion and Grace Lutheran churches from 12 to 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Grace Lutheran church. Four laymen

and three pastors will preach on the "Seven Last Words" of Christ from the Cross. Music will be provided by four church choirs and other groups.

Various Speakers

The first half hour of the joint service at Grace Lutheran will be quiet meditation with a background of hymns, with the service proper beginning

at 12:30 p.m., with a procession of the four choirs. Speakers at the service include: Ray Paulson, Howard Fitzer, Dr. D. M. Odland, Elmer Hovland, Pastor Martin Ford, Pastor Russell Quanbeck and Pastor Gilford Helegren.

Special Good Friday music will be provided by the Zion Lutheran choir, Kenneth Lutheran choir, junior and senior choirs of Grace Lutheran church, John Miller, Jean Helland and the Kenneth Lutheran Quartet.

Those who cannot stay for the entire joint service may leave approximately every 17 minutes. Those who enter between periods will be seated in the chapel until time to enter the sanctuary. The public may

attend all or part of the service.

A special Good Friday service will be held at 1 p.m. in the First Presbyterian church. The robed choir will assist in the worship service.

To Sing Carols

Young people of the Grace Lutheran church will sing Easter carols for the sick and shut-ins starting at 7:15 a.m. Sunday morning. Participating in this will be the Junior and Senior Leagues and college students. They will have a youth fellowship breakfast and devotional program at the church after the caroling. Easter services at Grace Lutheran will be held at 6:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday.

Presbyterian and Methodist young people will lead

a sunrise service at 6:15 a.m. Easter at the Presbyterian church. An Easter breakfast will follow. Regular Easter services will be held at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. at the Presbyterian church and at 10 a.m. in the Methodist church.

Joint Sunrise Service

The Palisade Lutheran and First Lutheran church, Valley Springs, will hold joint League Sunrise services at 6 a.m. Sunday in the Valley Springs church. A League breakfast will follow there at 9:30 a.m. Worship services Easter will be held at 8 a.m. in the First Lutheran and 9:30 a.m. in the Palisade Lutheran

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Luverne Lions Club supports diabetic scholarship, local Backpack program

Each year the Luverne Lions Club provides scholarship funds for summer Lions Diabetes Camp to local children. This year Emma Deutsch, daughter of Sara Deutsch, was selected to attend Camp Gilbert in Waubay, South Dakota. Camp Gilbert provides educational sessions on nutrition, exercise and lifestyle management for children with Type 1 diabetes. The staff provides medical assistance for campers around the clock. The medical staff consists of diabetic educators, dietitians, adult volunteers and experienced camp counselors. Camp



Submitted photo

Pictured are (from left) Luverne Lion Bill Martin, Luverne Lions Diabetic Camp Scholarship recipient Emma Deutsch and her mother, Sara Deutsch, and Lions Club President Gordon Mulder.

Gilbert is operated completely by volunteers and depends

on community support for funding.

The Luverne Lions Club has joined support of the Luverne Backpack Program and Luverne Farmers Market for 160 students in preschool through 12th grade to provide nutritional support through 14 weeks of off-school summer season. Program organizers estimate summer expenses of \$7,000, which they hope will be offset by fundraisers and donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. The Luverne Backpack Program distributes weekly packages to students who pre-register for the program. Children will receive three days of meals each week, along with \$4 in tokens for fresh fruits and vegetables sold



Submitted photo

Pictured are (from left) Luverne Lions Club President Gordon Mulder, Farmers Market coordinator Corrine Bonnema, Backpack Program director Lisa Dinger and Luverne Lions member Bill Martin.

by the market, which also shares gardening education,

taste tests and "kid-friendly" recipes.

OBITUARIES

Harold Asmus

Harold LeRoy “Punk” Asmus, 63, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Sunday, April 28, 2019, after a 10-year battle with cancer.

A funeral service was Thursday, May 1, at the Celebration United Methodist Church in Brandon, South Dakota.



Harold Leroy Asmus was born Jan. 24, 1956, to Harold Sr. and Ila (Tompkins) Asmus at the hospital in Volga, South Dakota. He grew up in Bruce, South Dakota. He attended grade school in Bruce, middle school in Volga, and graduated from high school in Brookings, South Dakota.

Harold was married Jan. 30, 1982, and divorced in 2009. He co-owned J&H Excavating established in 1996. Harold starting farming in August of 1986 on a farm near Elkton, South Dakota. He retired from farming in 2016.

Harold enjoyed riding quarter horses, rounding up cattle in the Black Hills, and riding his motorcycle with Sharon. Harold loved spending time with his grandchildren and sneaking them candy, especially Jr. Mints.

Harold was a member of Celebration United Methodist Church in Brandon. He was on the trustee board of the church. He loved spending his time moving snow for the church,

helping neighbors, friends, family and church members.

Harold is survived by his significant other, Sharon Deutsch; his children, Travis Asmus (Ashley), Nikki Asmus (Bryce Mack), Brian Deutsch (Jen); his grandchildren, Brooke Arneson, Tucker Asmus, Bradley Mack, and Tristan Deutsch; his siblings, Lowell Asmus, Gerry Asmus (Jane), Joleen Asmus, Renee Asmus, Janet Beacom (Joe); his nieces and nephews, Christopher Asmus (Marci), Ben Asmus (Shawna), Jessica Brech (Andrew), Danny Asmus (Abby), Jacob Beacom, Emily Beacom; and several cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; paternal grandparents William and Maureen Asmus; maternal grandparents Willis and Doris Haber-Tompkins; father-in-law Herbert Bennet, as well as Brad Deutsch, Rochelle “Shelly” Deutsch and numerous aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers donations are preferred to the Celebration United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were provided by Minnehaha Funeral Home, www.minnehahafuneralhome.com

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Darlene Boisen

Darlene Rose Boisen, 88, Luverne, died Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Wednesday, May 1, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.



Darlene Friday was born on March 27, 1931, to Edward and Augusta (Krenz) Friday in Ida Grove, Iowa. She was raised in Estelline, South Dakota, and later graduated from high school. She then moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and later to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she worked as a bank teller. While attending a dance at the Arkota Ballroom in the spring of 1952, Darlene met Jarvis Boisen.

On Sept. 7, 1952, Darlene married Jarvis Boisen at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. They made their home in Luverne, and Darlene worked as a teller at First National Bank. She also did the book-keeping for her husband's business, Jarv's Auto Service. In later years Darlene worked for Tri-State Insurance. During her retirement years, she volunteered throughout the community and cared for their parents. She and Jarv also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and abroad

a few times. In August 2015 the couple moved to The Oaks senior living apartments in Luverne. In December 2017 Darlene became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Darlene was a member of Grace Lutheran Church where she belonged to Circle, was active in quilting and served many years as a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the Luverne Fire Department Auxiliary and volunteered with the Luverne Meals on Wheels program. Darlene enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening and pottery. She also enjoyed playing cards and bingo. Darlene will be remembered for her good-hearted nature and great cooking talents.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Jarv; three children, Ronald (Suzanne) of Anchorage, Alaska, Gary (Soheyla) of Laguna Beach, California, and Alan (Amy) of Red Wing; five grandchildren, Sarah, Christa, Rachel, Carly and Daniel Boisen; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Matthew Boisen; her parents; and a brother, Arthur Friday.

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

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Kayleen Klingenberg

Kayleen Sue Klingenberg, 54, George, Iowa, died Sunday, April 28, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, at Zoar Presbyterian Church of rural George. Inurnment will follow at the church cemetery. The visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, with the family present from 6-8 p.m. at Jurrens Funeral Home in George.



Kayleen Stanley was born Oct. 31, 1964, to Harley and Margaret (McBride) Stanley in Faulkton, South Dakota. She grew up in Cresbard, South Dakota, and graduated from Cresbard High School in 1982. After high school Kayleen attended Stewart's School of Hairstyling and was a beautician until 2004.

Kayleen married Willys Klingenberg on Sept. 25, 2004, in Cresbard. They made their home on a farm near George. Kayleen had worked as an ROI technician for Sanford in Luverne since 2006.

She was a member of the

Zoar Presbyterian Church and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed riding motorcycle, cooking, canning, gardening, and crocheting. She also enjoyed the annual Nascar trip with her husband, Willys.

Kayleen is survived by her husband, Willys Klingenberg of George; her father, Harley Stanley of Cresbard; a brother, Mike (Dee) Stanley of Onida, South Dakota; her mother-in-law, Arlis Klingenberg of George; brothers-in-law Denny (Elaine) Klingenberg of Sioux Falls and Marlin (Eva) Klingenberg of George; sisters-in-law Karen (Troy) DeBoer of Adrian and Audrey (Tom) Stine of Adel, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Stanley, and her father-in-law, Willys Klingenberg.

Arrangements are provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of George, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com

(0502 F)

Annual essay asks sixth graders to engage in the Rotary's Four-Way Test

By Lori Sorenson

Local sixth-graders recently delved into matters of truth, fairness, goodwill and team benefits through the Luverne Rotary Club's Four-Way Test.

The Four-Way Test is the ethical code that Rotarians live by, challenging them to ask four simple questions:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

To engage students in the code, the Luverne Rotary Club sponsors an annual essay contest for Luverne sixth-grade English class students.

The essay must be 200 to 500 words in length, and it must address the question, “How can I apply the Four-Way test to my life?”

Marin Oakes was the first-place essay writer and essays by Tiana Frankenstein and Emma Nath were second and third place, respectively.

The three students and their parents attended a Rotary Club meeting last week in Luverne where they read their essays and were awarded prizes (\$75 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third).

Oakes' winning essay has been forwarded to the Rotary Club district president for a districtwide contest.

Four-Way Test ‘The Mask’ By Marin Oakes

I believe that the greatest problem in young teens is that they can't be themselves while near cer-



Submitted photo/0502 rotary four way test essays

The top three writers in the Rotary Club's Four Way Test Essay Contest are (from left) Tiana Frankenstein (second place - \$50 prize), Emma Nath (third place - \$25 prize) and Marin Oakes (first place - \$75 prize). The writers read their essays aloud at the Luverne Rotary Club April 16 meeting.

tain people. It is like they are wearing a Halloween mask that you never take off. They believe that if they act cooler or funnier that they will make more or better friends.

This behavior will attract fake friends. The kind of people that only want you for what they have, not by your personality. If they just act themselves they will have nice, kind, and good friends that like the real them. Friends like these will be more

likely to be nicer and truer friends.

Is it the truth?

The thing about it is it is not true, it is not really you, it is fake it is not real. The truth is you, the real you. Good, kind people like the real you. Never be afraid to show who are you and what you like. You are the only you and never let people change that. It is a lie it is not you; it is an imposter. You are wearing the mask.

Is it fair to all concerned?

It is not fair to show people the fake you. They show you themselves. Why won't you show them what's under that mask. If you do that, true friends will come and know you better. It is harder to fake you than to just be you, so why wear that mask? People want to get to know you and become your friend but they cannot do that if you just fake it and never take off that mask.

Will it build goodwill or better friendships?

Being the fake you will not build goodwill or better friendships, it just builds fake friendships. The “friends” you make when you are wearing the mask are not good or true friends. By being the real you it will show how you are worth the better friendships and good at building goodwill. By faking you it just proves that you won't and cannot do it.

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

It is not beneficial to others if you don't take off that mask but it is beneficial to others by showing people the real you, it shows people to be themselves and that it does not matter how popular you are or how good you look that it just matters by your personality and that will bring good friends your way.

Real friends care about you so why don't you show it to them and let the world get to know you, the real you so why not take off that mask.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Clear your calendars Saturday, May 9. Dancing with the Rock County Stars at the Palace Theater is a show that will not disappoint.

“The whole night is going to be fun,” said Sue Sandbulte, service excellence representative at Sanford Hospital Luverne. ...

This year's gala is based on ABC's television series, “Dancing with the Stars.” Hosts for the Luverne event are Dan and Monica Dingmann. The night features six dancing couples in a competition sure to wow judges and audience members alike.

Duos are Don and Lisa Dinger, Phil Paquette and Paige Pierce, Dr. Tim and Carol Ceynowa, Evan Verbrugge and Terri Ebert, Kyle Oldre and Susan Skattum and Jim and Diana Ouverson.

25 years ago (1994)

•A small tornado is being blamed for damage at the Cardinal Drive-In and Dunkle Trailer area on the east edge of Luverne City Park.

Luverne Police Chief Keith Aanenson said Officer Russ Monson spotted a tornado from the Luverne Airport at about 7:15 p.m. Monday.

Shortly afterward, high winds or a tornado ripped away the sign and portions of the awning at the Cardinal Drive-In and mangled seven travel trailers parked farther east. Winds also uprooted a large pine tree in the park and severed a nearby power pole. ...

Nearly seven tenths of rain fell after the storm passed, and a tornado watch remained in effect until 1 a.m. on Tuesday.

50 years ago (1969)

•The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael L. Doyle, who for the past 22 years has been pastor of St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Luverne, will leave Thursday for a four-month visit to Ireland, his native homeland.

Father Doyle plans to return to Luverne in September after visiting two sisters and several nieces and nephews in Dublin, Ireland. “With the help of God, I'll also visit with some of my old classmates,” Father Doyle said.

Born Aug. 3, 1889, at Bohola County Mayo, Ireland, he came to America in 1912. Father Doyle said, “That's 1912 A.D.” He made his classical studies at St. Nath's College in Mayo, Ireland, from 1903-1907. From 1907-1912 he attended Maynooth Seminary in Kildare, Ireland. In 1912 he entered the St. Paul Seminary and studied philosophy and theology before being ordained in 1914.

75 years ago (1944)

•Deposits in Rock County's seven banks exceeded six million dollars as of April 13, the date of the April “call report,”

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church.

The Steen Evangelical United Brethren church will hold an Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. Sunday, with the Rev. Henry Vander Schaaf, of the Steen Reformed church speaking. St. Catherine's Catholic church will have three Masses Easter morning. Mass will be said at 6, 8 and 10 a.m.

A complete listing of church services is on the Church Page of the Star-Herald.

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and showed an increase of \$409,055.90 for the period from Dec. 31, 1943 to April 13, 1944. Deposits amounted to \$6,006,461.08 as compared to \$5,697,405.18 on Dec. 31, whereas on June 30, last year, deposits were \$4,865,615.00.

100 years ago (1919)

•Having exhausted every apparent source of obtaining information, without results, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dell, of this city, have about given up hope of ever learning the exact fate of their son, Private Elmer J. Dell, who has been numbered among the missing in France since October 15th.

Private Dell was one of the Rock county boys who enlisted in old Co. A., and the first official report of his disappearance was received by the parents the first part of February, and this information stated that he had been missing since October 30th.

But Mr. and Mrs. Dell were aware of their son's disappearance before that time, for they received a letter from their other son, Private Buril Dell, who enlisted at the same time, and who was a member of the same company in France that Elmer belonged to, and the brother wrote that Elmer disappeared on October 15th.

It was during the fighting in the Argonne Forest that the soldier disappeared and according to the information received from the brother, the point at which Elmer was last seen remained no man's land for two weeks after the battle of October 15th.

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‘Pomp and Circumstances’ for Discovery Time students

Fifty-seven students in teacher Debbie Mitchell’s Discovery Time Preschool classes donned capes Friday for their graduation ceremony through the Luverne Community Education program. The 3- to 5-year-olds presented a musical program as part of the ceremonies during which they demonstrated the “Humungous Whale” in the “Slippery Fish” song. Teacher Angie Janiszkeski also conducted graduation ceremonies this week for her 59 students. The last day for the preschool is May 10. **Right, top:** students sing “Oh NO! It’s been eaten by a Great Big Shark.” Pictured from left are Kinzie Drost, Sophia Swenson, Miles Hanenburg, Gracie Koenig, Rome Radley, Madison Loder, Tyson Uithoven and Aida Nath. **Right, below:** Student Bronly Boyenga (far left) watch Stella Schomacker (center) and Jaren Hayden sing “Great Big Shark” and make finger teeth and putting on mean facial expressions to imitate a shark for the program at the school. Gracelynn Myhre stands right of Boyenga.



Submitted photos

Life jackets are safety necessity when boating on cold water

Men 20-60 years old least likely to wear life jacket, most likely to drown

With waterways across the state clearing of ice, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds anxious boaters that wearing a life jacket is a critical safety necessity during the spring “cold water” season. While boaters should always wear a life jacket no matter the water temperature or season, public safety officials stress wearing a life jacket — not just having it on the boat — is the one action that significantly increases the chances of surviving a fall into cold water. “The shock of falling into cold water triggers your gasp reflex, which more than likely means inhaling water,” said Lisa Dugan, DNR boating safety representative. “Wearing a life jacket gives you a fighting chance to get your head above water, stay calm instead of panicking, and call for help before hypothermia sets in.” Though air temperatures continue to rise, water temperatures statewide are still dangerously cold — cold enough to cause the gasp reflex and incapacitate even strong swimmers in less than one minute. In Minnesota more than 30 percent of boating fatalities occur on cold water, and accident records show the victims are disproportionately male. “Over the past decade we’ve seen a steady and troubling trend that indicates men between the ages of 20 and 60 are the most likely to drown while boating, and are the least likely to be wearing a life jacket,” Dugan said. “Cold-water drowning victims in Minnesota are also much more likely to be anglers than any other type of recreational boater. Add this up, and it’s clear that if male anglers were to put their safety first and put on their life jackets, a significant percentage of boating deaths could easily be prevented.”

‘Life with a dog is better than life without one’

A social media person I am not, but I do have a Facebook page and follow it every once in a while. I saw a post from Project Upland with a video of a guy with his very first dog. The post followed him and the dog for about the first two years and illustrated how having the dog had changed him and his lifestyle.

It made me think back to the first dog I had as a young adult. I have had many dogs growing up and most of them were from the pound — Heinz 57 varieties and all good pets.

My first attempt at a hunting dog was a Chesapeake Bay retriever that I ended up selling to a friend because a job change meant I couldn’t spend the time with the dog that she deserved.

Next was a Labrador golden retriever pound dog that ended up very sick and at age 2 had to be put to sleep — a heartbreak for sure.

Much time passed until I got my very first AKC Labrador from Round Lake Kennels. My daughter Brittany named the dog Scout after a girl in the book, “To Kill a Mockingbird,” which I haven’t read.

This dog was a game changer for me. I worked on training the dog with help from a professional trainer. I did things right and in the



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall,
Guest Columnist

end I had, you know, “the best dog in the whole world.” I try hard not to brag or boast about my dogs, because there’s an old saying, “Your dog’s actions speak louder than your words ever can.” I agree.

Scout was a learning experience for me. I made more than a few mistakes but if you never lose your cool, the dog can make up for the owner’s inexperience. The key to training a dog is as much in training the owner as the dog.

The difference between a professional and an amateur is knowing when to lean in and when to back off. If the dog knows what you want and does not want to do it, that is the time to lean in a little. If the dog wants to do it right but does not know how, that is the time to back off, take a breath and repeat the training session a few more times.

If there is one thing I learned early on in my dog life, it was that every dog is different. Folks will read a

book and if it says the dog is supposed to be doing this one thing at six weeks of age, they think every dog should master that skill at six weeks. The same goes for six months and so on. Some dogs take to training earlier than others. I have seen dogs at a year that were still in the puppy stage. Just because your dog has a big body does not mean he has the big brains to go with it.

Scout was a tender dog. She always wanted to please me and it took very little pressure to get her to perform as I wanted. She always sat on her tail. I have never seen any other dog do this. She hunted great but she also hunted slowly. We would not cover as much ground as the other hunters in our group but we always shot as many birds as they did.

Scout never barked even one time that I can remember. This was a nice trait. She also had a soft mouth. She was the only dog I have ever owned that if she caught a hen pheasant, she would bring it to me and I could let it fly away out

of my hand. All of my other dogs will give the bird enough of a squeeze that they will not survive to be released.

She was a yellow lab, but almost white in color. She was a sorry-looking sight if she ever got in the mud. She stood out from other dogs in that she could go to where a bird had fallen 30 minutes earlier and track the scent until she found it. My current dogs are not as good at tracking a cripple as she was. I compensate for that by hunting more than one dog at a time.

Scout was a one-in-a-million dog for me. She was my first trained hunting dog and she lived until she was about 13.

The guy in the video was changed when he got his first dog. I am the same. My life centers around my four dogs and I have the dog truck to prove it. My movements are dictated around the needs and requirements of my Labradors. This is not a life for everybody but it is the one I choose for myself. It’s a commitment I started back in 1996 and as long as I’m able, it’s one I will keep doing.

Life with a dog is better than a life without one.

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.

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Handle treated seed safely

By Lizabeth Stahl, University of Minnesota Extension Educator in Crops

A significant amount of seed planted this year will have been treated with one or more fungicide, insecticide, nematocide or biological seed treatments. The following are some key precautions and reminders to follow when working with treated seed to help prevent pesticide exposure to handlers, non-target organisms, and the environment.

- Read the seed tag label. This is a basic, but key first step in understanding what steps and precautions to take when working with seed that has been treated with a particular product(s).
- Wear the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) when handling treated seed. Most seed tag labels will state that at minimum, a long-sleeve shirt, long pants and chemical-resistant gloves be worn when handling treated seed.
- Take care of any spills immediately. Clean up or cover up spills with soil (refer to the seed tag label for specifics) as the seed treatment may be hazardous to birds and other wildlife, or to fish and aquatic invertebrates. Research conducted by the MN DNR, for example, detected residues of neonicotinoids (a commonly seed treatment) in the livers sharp-tailed grouse and greater-prairie chickens. Spills should also be cleaned up to minimize exposure to people, particularly children.
- Avoid generating insecticide-laden dust when handling treated seed and working with planting equipment. To reduce risk to pollinators, avoid filling or cleaning out planters near flowering vegetation, including woody shrubs and trees. Use appropriate dust-reducing lubricity compounds in the planter instead of talc/graphite, clean and properly maintain planting equipment, watch wind speed and direction, and use technologies to reduce dust drift.
- Be aware of any replant, rotational, grazing and feeding restrictions. Depending on the product used, there may be limitations on what crop can be planted in a replant situation, or if a cover crop planted in the area could be grazed or used for feed or forage.
- Only use a particular seed treatment where you can justify its use. Consider your risk from insect, nematode and disease pests.
- Properly dispose of leftover treated seed. The best and most preferred method is to plant out leftover seed although there may be restrictions on the planting rate and/or depth.
- DO NOT allow treated seed to enter the food or feed chain. Treated seed is not to be used for food, feed or oil processing, and care must be taken to not contaminate grain going into the food or feed market. There is ZERO tolerance for treated seed in the export market, meaning that a single seed could result in the rejection of an entire load.

For more information on the safe handling of treated seed, check out the U of MN fact sheet on this topic at: <http://z.umn.edu/shtseed>.

The American Seed Trade Association has also developed resources for farmers related to the safe handling of treated seed, available at: <https://seed-treatment-guide.com/resources/for-farmers/>.

Girls sweep set from state finalist

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal softball team swept a pair of doubleheaders last week. The Cardinals took both ends of a Big South Conference twin bill from Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls April 23. LHS topped Edgerton-Southwest Christian twice in Luverne Friday. Luverne, 7-2 overall, hosts Murray County Central Friday.

E-SWC twin bill

The Cardinals swept a quality Edgerton-Southwest Christian team when the teams squared off in Luverne Friday. E-SWC, which placed second at the Minnesota State Class A Softball Tournament last spring, couldn't knock off the Cardinals on their home field. Luverne pulled away late to secure a 13-5 victory in Game 1 and notched a 5-3 win in the finale. LHS faced 2-0 and 5-4 deficits early in the first game before taking control of the contest. A three-run rally in the bottom of the fourth inning gave the Cards a 7-5 advantage.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0502 softball 6

Members of the Luverne Cardinal softball team gather around home plate to celebrate a two-run homerun hit by senior Rylee Olson (22) during the first game of Friday's doubleheader against E-SWC in Luverne.

Golfers open RRC competition

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams completed the first of four legs of the 2019 Red Rock Conference Golf Tournament at different sites Thursday. The league's boys' teams played 18-hole rounds in Adrian, while the girls played in Mountain Lake. The AHS boys (394 strokes) and H-BC (413) are in fourth and seventh place respectively in an eight-squad field led by Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda (336) in team competition. Brock Henning led the Dragons with a 90, while Landon Runia, Logan Nogosek and Easton Braun added 99-, 102- and 103-stroke rounds to Adrian's team tally. Landyn Loosbrock and John Christians shot 105- and 122-stroke scores without impacting the team tally. Thomas Dysthe carded a 90 to lead H-BC, while Jacob Axxness, Dallas Page and Parker Gehrke contributed 106-, 107- and 110-stroke rounds to the

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Luverne senior shortstop Ben Serie makes a diving attempt to snare a ground ball during Monday's home game against Fairmont. Fairmont handed LHS its first loss of the season.

Luverne takes three of four tilts

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals baseball team went 3-1 during a stretch of playing four games in seven days. The Cardinals rolled to an 11-run win in Windom April 23 before besting Pipestone by 10 runs at Redbird Field Thursday. An eight-game winning streak came to an end when

Fairmont toppled the Cards by six runs at Redbird Field Monday, but LHS bounced back to best Springfield by 10 runs later that evening. The 9-1 Cards host Jackson County Central for a twin bill Friday.

LHS 11, Springfield 1
The Cardinals had their way

with the Tigers when the teams met at Redbird Field Monday evening. LHS sported a 2-1 edge before exploding for nine runs in the fourth and fifth innings to win the game by the 10-run rule. Luverne's Derek Lundgren

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Cards post first BSC victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' golf team picked up its first Big South Conference win of the season during a stretch of playing three league matches in seven days. After losing a 27-stroke home decision to Marshall April 23, the Cardinals bounced back to defeat the Pipestone Arrows by six strokes in Pipestone Thursday. The win was followed by a three-stroke loss in Jackson Monday, leaving LHS with a 6-7 record for the season. The Cardinals play in Redwood Falls Friday. JCC 220, Luverne 223 The Cardinals came up on the short end of a tight decision when they took on the Huskies in Jackson Monday. With Regan Farmer posting a 51 to secure medalist honors

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John Rittenhouse photo/0502 girls golf 2

Luverne's Josie Golla strikes a putt on the LCC seventh green during the home finale against Worthington April 23.

Coverage area track programs gather in Worthington Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The four track programs from the Star Herald coverage area were represented at the Worthington Invitational Thursday. The day was a good one for the Luverne girls, who scored 230.5 points to lead a nine-team field. Hills-Beaver Creek (61) placed fifth, Adrian (43) finished seventh and Ellsworth (1.5) ninth. Worthington won the boys' team championship with 173 points. LHS, EHS and H-BC finished third, fourth and fifth with 119.5, 76 and 49 points respectively, while AHS placed eighth with 30 points. The LHS girls claimed 11 meet titles and placed second in nine events to pave the way to a team championship. Gracie Zewiske (28.1 in the 200), Jady Anderson (1:03.46 in the 400), Brooklyn Ver Steeg (2:33.59 in the 800), Tenley Nelson (5:20.3 in the 1,600), Jenna DeBates (12:44.94 in the 3,200), Regan Feit (51.12 in the 300 hurdles), Tiana Lais (15-0 in the long jump) and Mallory Thorson (33-1

in the triple jump) claimed individual titles for LHS. LHS also won the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays with respective 1:52.4, 4:16.16 and 10:13.14 efforts. Autumn Nath, Zewiske, Sydney Biever and Mallory Oye ran the 800, Anderson, Nath, Ver Steeg and Lais teamed up in the 1,600 and Anderson, Lais, Elizabeth Wagner and Feit joined forces in the 3,200. Placing second individually for LHS were Zewiske (13.56 in the 100), Nath, (1:04.41 in the 400), Nelson (2:31.57 in the 800), Wagner (5:48.42 in the 1,600), Gabrielle Ferrell (52.94 in the 300 hurdles and 32-10 ½ in the triple jump), Tia Hadler (31-8 in the shot), Feit (7-6 in the pole vault) and Thorson (14-9 in the long jump). The LHS boys won four meet titles and placed second in two events. Jonah Friedrichsen (24.73 in the 200), Jordy Thone (54.1 in the 400) and Jed Dooyema (13-0 in the pole vault) claimed individual crowns. Thone, Friedrichsen, Dooyema and Austin Winter won the 1,600-meter relay in 3:37.11.

Friedrichsen (43.75 in the 300 hurdles) and Kameron Keene (122-2 ½ in the discus) finished second. The EHS boys won four meet championships and placed second in one event during a fourth-place showing. Sean Boltjes won the 110- and 300-meter hurdle titles with times of 16.08 and 40.88, while Kade Boltjes claimed the long jump crown with a distance of 20-4. Sean, Kade and Cole Boltjes teamed up with Noah Kruse to win the 400-meter relay in 44.82. Robby Armstrong placed second in the 400-meter dash in 54.77 for EHS. H-BC's girls won two events in Worthington. Layla Deelstra claimed the 100-meter dash crown in 13.35 and ran a leg with the 400-meter relay, which finished first in 53.46. Madison Spath, Ashlee Kelderman and Taryn Rauk rounded out the winning relay. The Patriot boys produced three second-place performances at the meet. Tyson Bork finished second in the long jump with

a distance of 19-3 ½ and ran legs with the 400- and 800-meter relays, which finished second in 46.25 and 1:36.72. Dewell Rauk, Hunter Bork and Gavin Wysong rounded out the 400-meter squad, while Hunter Bork, Luke LaRock and Wysong cap the 800-meter team. The Adrian boys claimed one meet title and placed second in one event at the invitational. Scot Edwards won the shot put crown with a toss of 45-4, while Christian Weidert finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.95. Here is a look at the rest of the point-earning efforts turned in by area athletes at the meet. LHS girls Third place: Biever, 200, 28.58; Jocelyn Hart, shot, 31-0. Fourth place: Hart, discus, 89-4 ¾. Fifth place: Ivy Hudson, 100, 13.88; Oye, 200, 28.63; Nath, high jump, 4-6; Makenna Nelson, long jump, 14-2. Sixth place: Biever, 100, 13.89; Grace Ingebreton, 3,200, 13:33.16; Elise Jarchow, pole vault, 7-0. Seventh place: Meghan Mollberg, 100, 13.97; Hudson, 200, 29.01; Kayla Bloemendaal, 1,600, 6:30.69; Wagner, high jump, 5-4. Eighth place: M. Nelson, 800, 2:48.42; Kamryn Van Batavia, 3,200, 14:05.59; Jarchow, 100 hurdles, 19.42; 400 re-

lay (Mia Wenzel, Hope Thorson, Faith Mounce and Hailey Kruger), 58.74. Luverne boys Third place: Brayden Tofteland, 3,200, 10:54.96, Friedrichsen, high jump, 5-4; 800 relay (Nicholas Rogers, Dooyema, Thone and Winter), 1:38.37. Fourth place: Nicholas Kiers, 200, 26.77; Zach Ahrendt, shot, 42-7 ½; Matt Ziegler, discus, 118-10 ½; Eli Radtke, pole vault, 10-0. Fifth place: Kiers, 400, 58.19; Dalton DeSollar, 1,600, 4:51.73. Sixth place: Tofteland, 1,600, 4:56; Tyler de Cesare, long jump, 18-0 ½. Seventh place: Ethan Curtiss, 300 hurdles, 49.3; Kiers, high jump, 5-0. Eighth place: Winter, 1,600, 5:13.48; Brady Bork, 3,200, 12:23.68; 400 relay (Eduardo Godines, Radtke, Joel Ortiz and Rogers), 51.03. Ellsworth boys Third place: Kruse, long jump, 18-7. Fourth place: 800 relay (Eli Kruse, C. Boltjes, Sam Kramer and Armstrong), 1:42.5. Fifth place: K. Boltjes, 100, 11.88. Sixth place: N. Kruse, 400, 59.35; Brandon Kramer, shot, 40-10; 1,600 relay (Peyton Lewis, S. Kramer, Simon Boyenga and E. Kruse), 4:08.64. Seventh place: C. Boltjes, 400, 59.47. Eighth place: Armstrong, 800, 2:17.28. Ellsworth girls Eighth place: Ashlyn Meester, 100 hurdles, 19.42; Meester, 300 hurdles, 58.23. H-BC girls Third place: 800 relay (Spath, Kelderman, Deelstra and Rauk), 1:54.6. Fourth place: Rauk, 100, 13.84; Abby Knobloch, shot, 30-5; Rauk, long jump, 14-5 ½. Fifth place: Lauren Tatge, 1,600, 6:17.56; Kenadie Fick, 800, 2:39.02. Sixth place: Spath, 400, 1:07.83; Knobloch, discus, 85-1.

Seventh place: Fick, 400, 1:07.84; Ana Hagen, 3,200, 13:36.9. Eighth place: 800 relay (Taylor Durst, Fick, Knobloch and Birger), 2:03.28. H-BC boys Third place: T. Bork, 100, 11.85; Liam Raymon, 200, 12.17; 400 relay (Cole Baker, LaRock, Easton Harnack and Raymon), 48.84. Fifth place: Baker, triple jump, 38-0 ½. Sixth place: H. Bork, 100, 12.17. Seventh place: Wysong, 100, 12.31; Garrett Raymon, discus, 117-3 ½; 800 relay (Rauk, Baker, Harnack and L. Raymon), 1:44.91. Eighth place: Wysong, long jump, 17-7; H. Bork, triple jump, 35-0. Adrian boys Fifth place: Tucker Wieneke, discus, 118-2. Seventh place: Tahj Schroeder, 200, 27.05; 400 relay (Dakota John, Schroeder, Braxton Vortherms and Weidert), 50.72. Eighth place: 800 relay (John, Schroeder, Vortherms and Weidert), 1:45.7. Adrian girls Third place: Kendra Frodermann, high jump, 4-8; 400 relay (Hannah Henning, Brianna Reckamp, Hali Bullerman and Frodermann), 55.67; 1,600 relay (Moriah Reckamp, Bailey Lonneman, Reckamp and H. Bullerman), 4:38.96. Fourth place: M. Bullerman, 800, 2:38.93; 800 relay (H. Bullerman, M. Bullerman, Lonneman and Frodermann), 1:57.39; 3,200 relay (Hunter Penning, Katelyn Frodermann, Destiny Scroggs and Grace Farinelle), 12:29. Fifth place: Sammy Wieneke, discus, 89-4 ½. Sixth place: Kd. Frodermann, 200, 28.64; H. Bullerman, triple jump, 30-10.

LHS softball moves out of shadows

A spring sports team that currently is flying under the radar of many area fans can no longer be overlooked.



While Luverne High School has produced many competitive baseball, tennis and track squads on a regular basis in recent years, the LHS softball program has largely gone unnoticed.

In my opinion, that is about to change.

The Cardinal softball squad is in the process of emerging as an area power in 2019, and I believe it is a trend that will continue throughout the month of May.

Actually the trend started a couple of years ago when Brooks Mauer became the varsity coach for the 2017 season.

Mauer led the Cardinals to a 12-9 record during his first year as the program's head coach that spring, and that mark improved to 11-7 during a 2018 campaign that included a second-place finish in the Big South Conference's Small School Division with an 8-2 record.

Considering LHS only lost one senior starter (Gracie Bosch) from the 2018 team, the Cardinals began practice in early March with high expectations in place for the 2019 campaign.

LHS has met, and in some cases, has already surpassed some of those expectations through the first half of the regular season schedule.

The Cards took a 7-2 record into a scheduled home game against Adrian Area Tuesday (April 30).

The nine-game stretch includes one win over a Fairmont team that beat LHS twice last year, and is highlighted by a doubleheader sweep of

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Edgerton-Southwest Christian Friday at LHS.

The Cards split a twin bill with the Flying Dutchmen last spring, when E-SWC went on to place second at the Minnesota State Class A Softball Tournament in Mankato.

LHS stands at 4-2 in BSC play after taking a pair of setbacks from a Pipestone team that placed third at the Class AA state tournament last spring.

Both games against the Arrows were competitive contests, and LHS sported leads in both games before taking setbacks.

Looking at the rest of the regular season schedule, I think LHS has a chance to win most, if not all, of the remaining games.

Conference games remaining include a twin bill in Jackson Tuesday and a home doubleheader against St. James May 11.

Non-conference games that could test the Cards are against Murray County Central Friday in Luverne (the Rebels are 2-1 in the Red Rock Conference) and a home game against Worthington (a team that defeated LHS last season) May 16.

If the Cards can find a way to win the remaining league games and take down MCC and WHS, they should lock up the No. 2 seed behind Pipestone for Section 3AA play.

LHS did play as the second seed in last year's section tournament and was upset in the opening round, but I don't see that happening with the Cards being a much more experienced team in 2019.

I'll go out on a limb and predict the Cards win their first section tournament game since 2010 and possibly get another chance to lock horns with Pipestone.



John Rittenhouse photo/0502 girls golf 8

Freshman Morgan Gonnerman contributed a 50-stroke effort to Luverne's team tally during the home finale against Worthington at the Luverne Country Club April 23. The Cardinals posted their first conference win of the year Thursday in Pipestone.

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for JCC, the Huskies pulled out a three-stroke win.

McCallStegengaledthecharge for the Cards with a 53.

Anna Huisman added a 56 to the team tally, while Paige Sandbulte and Morgan Gonnerman capped the team scoring with 57s.

Josie Golla and Cheyenne Schutz recorded 59- and 62-stroke tallies without impacting the scoring for the Cards, who now sport a 1-4 league record.

LHS 210, Pipestone 216

The Cardinals picked up their first conference win of the season when they topped the Arrows by six strokes Thursday in Pipestone.

Huisman carded a 49 to secure medalist honors for the Cards, while Schutz, Stegenga and Golla contributed respective 52-, 54- and 55-stroke scores to the winning team tally.

Elise Ferrell and Gonnerman posted 58- and 62-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

Emma Budden led the Arrows with a 51.

Marshall 167, LHS 194

The Cardinals dropped their third consecutive conference clash when they took on the Tigers at the Luverne Country Club April 23.

Ashlyn Eben earned medal-

ist honors by carding a three-over-par 39 to lead the Tigers to a 27-stroke win.

Luverne, which was playing its final home meet of the year, received consistent scores from Huisman (47), Stegenga (48) and Schutz (49).

Gonnerman contributed a 50 to Luverne's team tally, while Golla and Ferrell posted 55-stroke rounds without contributing to the scoring.

Cardinal boys drop three consecutive BSC golf setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' golf team lost three Big South Conference matches in a span of seven days.

The Cardinals lost a 19-stroke home match to Marshall April 23 before falling on the road to Pipestone Thursday and to Jackson County Central Monday.

Luverne, 2-4 overall, plays in Redwood Falls Friday.

JCC 170, Luverne 193

The home-standing Huskies produced a convincing victory when they entertained the Cardinals for a league match Monday.

Jack Brinkman fired a 39 to earn medalist honors for a JCC squad that rolled to a 23-stroke conquest.

Henry Hartquist led the Cardinals with a 46.

Jack Golla and Carter Stemper added 48- and 49-stroke efforts to Luverne's team tally, while Cooper Arends and Colton Schutz posted 50s.

Carter Loosbrock carded a 68 without contributing to the team tally.

Pipestone 176, LHS 180

The Cardinals dropped their second consecutive conference match when they took on the Arrows in Pipestone Thursday.

Pipestone's McCaden Biever and Cody Thompson posted 39 to share medalist honors and lead the Arrows to a four-shot win.

Stemper fired a 42 to lead the Cardinals, while Cooper Arends, Schutz, Hartquist and Golla all shot 46s.

Brody DeBates registered a 52 without impacting the scoring for LHS.



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Luverne junior Colton Schutz shot a team-low score of 44 strokes during a home loss to Worthington April 23.

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LHS iced the eight-run win by exploding for six runs in the sixth inning.

Billi Connell, who belted a two-run homerun during the sixth inning, led the Cards at the plate with four hits and five RBIs. She also doubled twice and recorded one triple.

Rylee Olson clouted a two-run homerun in the fourth inning to highlight a two-hit, three-RBI game at the dish.

Courtney Nath (three RBIs) and Rozilyn Oye added two hits each to the winning cause.

Olson tossed seven innings of eight-hit, 12-strikeout ball to earn the win.

Game 2 was tied at two after one inning of play before the Cards plated one run in the third inning and two in the fourth to open a 5-2 cushion.

E-SWC scored the game's final run in the bottom of the seventh before LHS closed out a two-run win.

Sydne Johnson led the Cards with two hits and drove in one run.

Nath belted a two-run homerun in the first inning and Halle Hough connected for a solo shot in the third.

Hough tossed seven innings of three-run (one run was earned),



John Rittenhouse photo/0502 softball 5

Luverne's Ainslie Robinson scoops up a ground ball during Friday's home doubleheader against E-SWC.

six-hit ball to collect the pitching win.

RWV twin bill

The Cardinals raised their Big South Conference record to 4-2 by sweeping a doubleheader from RWV in Redwood Falls April 23.

Luverne dominated both games by outscoring RWV

28-2 during the set.

The Cards coasted to a 16-0, four-inning win in the opener. LHS prevailed 12-2 in six innings during Game 2.

LHS scored 15 runs in the top half of the first inning and added another counter to dispose of RWV in Game 1.

Connell (two RBIs), Olson (one RBI) and Kendall Buss

led the Cardinals at the plate with three hits each during the game.

Ainslie Robinson slapped two hits and drove in three runs.

Olson tossed four scoreless innings of two-hit, four-strikeout ball to collect the pitching win.

LHS scored five early runs and added six more later in the game during a 10-run victory in the finale.

LHS scored five runs in the first two innings of play before RWV scored twice in the top of the fourth inning to make it a 5-2 contest.

Luverne added one run to its tally in the fifth inning before scoring five times in the sixth to end the game by the 10-run rule.

Olson, who ripped a homerun in the fifth inning, led the Cards with three hits and drove in three runs.

Connell recorded two hits and one RBI, while Johnson (three RBIs) and Buss (two RBIs) charted one hit each.

Hough nailed down the pitching win by tossing six innings of seven-hit, three-strikeout, two-run (both runs were earned) ball.

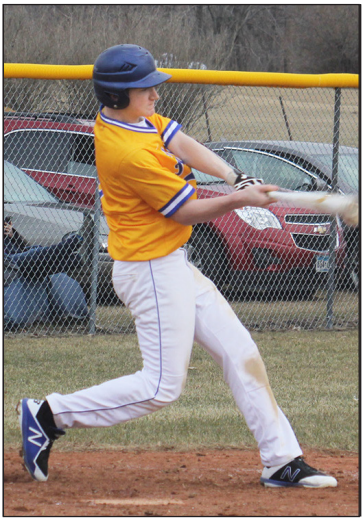
Dragons split games with Arrows, Dutchmen

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian baseball team split a pair of games against Pipestone County teams.

The Dragons rolled to a 12-run win over Edgerton-Southwest Christian Thursday in Edgerton before falling by three runs to Pipestone Monday in Adrian.

Adrian, 4-5 overall, plays in Mountain Lake Thursday.



File photo

Brent Hokeness slapped three hits during a 12-0 win over E-SWC Thursday.

(one inning) also pitched for AHS.

Adrian 12, E-SWC 0

The Dragons avenged an early-season loss to the Flying Dutchmen when the teams squared off in Edgerton Thursday.

E-SWC saddled AHS with a 12-2 loss when the teams met in Adrian April 9, but the rematch belonged to the Dragons.

Grant Jansma and Marshall Wagner tossed a combined no-hitter and Adrian scored at least one run in every inning to highlight a 12-run, six-inning victory.

Jansma worked the first five innings on the mound to get the win. He fanned five batters.

Wagner fanned all three batters he faced in the sixth inning. Brent Hokeness led AHS offensively by slapping three hits and driving in two runs.

Brady Vortherms and Trace Kremin chipped in two hits each.

Pipestone 5, AHS 2
The Dragons slipped below the .500 mark for the season after taking a three-run setback from the Arrows Monday in Adrian.

Pipestone scored the first five runs of the game and nearly registered a shutout before the Dragons plated a pair of runs in the home half of the seventh inning.

The Arrows assumed control of the contest by scoring two runs in the second and sixth innings and producing one run in the fourth.

Adrian received run-scoring hits from Nathan Rahe and Brent Hokeness in the seventh game.

Ian Stamer led the Dragons with two safeties, while Brandon Schnoor recorded one hit.

Noah Reyne took the pitching loss after surrendering two runs in one-plus innings work on the mound.

Lance Luettel (one and two-thirds innings of scoreless ball), Marshall Wagner (one run in one inning), Dawson Krahling (two runs in one and one-third innings), Rahe (two-thirds of one inning) and Stamer

APRIL 23 SPORTS REPLAY

Adrian Area registers first softball victory

The Adrian Area softball team broke into the win column for the first time this spring when the Dragons posted a 15-5 victory in Okabena.

The score was tied at three after five innings of play before AA exploded for 12 runs in the final two frames to win handily.

Jadyen Zebe, Kristina Cauwels, Jennifer Preuss and Kendra DeBeer (five RBIs) led the Dragons with two hits each, while Shawna Rogers tossed three-plus innings for seven-strikeout relief to earn the win.

Dragons nip HL-O-F on diamond

The Adrian baseball team scored one run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to nip the Coyotes 4-3 in Adrian.

The score was knotted at two entering the home half of the seventh frame, when Brandon Schnoor doubled and eventually scored the decisive run when Marshall Wagner recorded a sacrifice fly.

Noah Reyne led the Dragons with two hits at the plate, while Ian Stamer pitched a complete game (one earned run, five hits and four strikeouts) to gain the victory.

Chargers best Patriots on links

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams lost matches to Westbrook-Walnut Grove at Meadow Acres County Club near Larchwood, Iowa.

Nathan Kuehl shot a medal-earning round of 42 strokes to lead the W-WG boys to a 204-213 win, while the Charger girls topped the Patriots by a 223-266 tally.

Hannah Fick earned medalist honors for the Patriot girls by posting a 45, while Thomas Dysthe shot a 47 to lead the boys.

H-BC track teams compete at T-M-B invite

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' track team placed fourth and the Patriot girls fifth in 10-team fields at the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Invitational.

Tyson Bork won the 200-meter dash (24.31) and joined forces with Dewell Rauk, Hunter Bork and Gavin Wysong to win the 400-meter relay (45.69) at the meet.

Madison Spath, Sidney Fick, Layla Deelstra and Taryn Rauk won the 400- and 800-meter relays with respective times of 53.37 and 1:53.37 for the H-BC girls.

Deelstra also won the 100-meter dash in 13.4.



John Rittenhouse photo/0502 tennis 12

Luverne junior Matt Sehr prepares to end a volley at the net during a home match against Sioux Falls O'Gorman's junior varsity squad April 24. The Knights topped LHS by a 5-2 margin, the first of three losses taken by the Cards last week.

Cardinal netters receive three setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

A rough week for the Luverne Cardinal tennis team resulted in three consecutive losses.

The Cardinals dropped three-point home matches to junior varsity squads from Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Sioux Falls Lincoln before taking another three-point setback in Worthington Friday.

Luverne, 3-5 overall, plays Friday in Brandon, South Dakota.

WHS 5, Luverne 2

The Cardinals opened Big South Conference competition by dropping a three-point match in Worthington Friday.

LHS took two of the three doubles matches against a much-improved Trojan squad, but Worthington went 4-0 in singles to settle the issue.

"We gave them everything we had," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"One thing we have to work on in singles is not hitting the ball right back at our opponents in the middle of the court. We need to get better at making them move a little to make their next shots harder."

LHS received doubles conquests from Matt Sehr and Cole Stoltenberg (6-0, 6-3 over Ryan Newman and Ben Lopez at No. 1) and Carson Ehde and Jordan Winter (6-1, 6-2 over Bobby Souwankham and Colby Hastings at No. 2).

Worthington's Michael Schneider and Alec Langerud pulled out a 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 win over Griffen Jarchow and Blake Frahm at third doubles.



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Luverne junior Cole Stoltenberg returns the ball with a backhand during an April 24 home match against Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

Trojans posting singles wins include Blaine Doeden (3-6, 6-3, 7-5 over Matt Jelken at No. 1), Sullivan Merrigan (6-1, 6-1 over Graham Cunningham at No. 2), Kipton Jensen (6-3, 6-1 over Colin Schoeneman at No. 3) and Cade Linder (6-3, 6-4 over Pierce Cunningham at No. 4).

Lincoln 5, LHS 2

The Cardinals lost their second consecutive three-point match when they took on Sioux Falls Lincoln's junior varsity squad Thursday in Luverne.

Luverne took two of the three doubles matches from the Patriots, but Lincoln swept the singles matches in straight sets to lock up the victory.

"We had our hands full with their singles players. They were fundamentally sound, they hit

the ball really hard and keep the ball in play with their topspin," said LHS coach Antoine.

"Our doubles teams are starting to play well together. It takes some time to know how your partner plays and what shots they can't get to, but I think our kids are getting better with every match."

Luverne's Ehde and Winter pulled out a 5-7, 6-4, 10-4 win over Josh Brower and Isaac Stewart at second doubles, while Sehr and Stoltenberg notched 6-1 and 6-4 victories over Henry Hoft and Jonathan Nash at No. 1.

Lincoln's Ben Danielson and Phillip saddled Jarchow and Frahm with 6-0 and 6-1 setbacks at third doubles.

Prevailing in singles for Lincoln were James Yousef (6-1, 6-1 over Jelken at No. 1), Drew Gohl (6-0, 7-5 over

Graham Cunningham at No. 2), Preston Koski (6-2, 6-3 over Schoeneman at No. 3) and David Mickelson (6-0, 6-3 over Pierce Cunningham at No. 4).

O'Gorman 5, LHS 2

The Cardinals took their third loss of the season when they entertained Sioux Falls O'Gorman's junior varsity team for a home match April 24.

The match proved to be a competitive one, but the Knights went 2-1 in doubles and 3-1 in singles to secure a three-point victory.

"This was a really fun match. There were a lot of evenly matched players playing against each other," said Antoine.

Pierce Cunningham produced Luverne's singles win by nipping Ben Sweetman 7-6, 7-5 in the fourth slot.

Winter and Ehde nailed down a pair of 7-5 wins against Levi Scott and Charles Bill to gain a victory at second doubles for LHS.

O'Gorman's singles wins came from Joe Gellerman (6-4, 4-6, 10-7 over Jelken at No. 1), Liam Sarmen (6-0, 6-3 over Graham Cunningham at No. 2) and Alex Mohama (6-3, 6-0 over Schoeneman at No. 3).

Knights' Nate Sanchez and Grant Smith secured 6-3 and 6-4 victories against Sehr and Stoltenberg at first doubles, while August Schneekloth and Sam Hayden topped Jarchow and Frahm 6-3, 5-7, 12-10 at No. 3.

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team tally.

Ty Bundesen and Austin Allenshot 112- and 118-stroke scores without influencing the team score.

The Adrian girls (439) are in fourth place and H-BC (556) rounds out a seven-team field led by Murray County Central (410) after 18 holes of play.

Gracia Elias and Annika Elias led the Dragons with 104- and 106-stroke efforts, while Taya Elias shot a 114.

Madeline Wagner and Josi

Altman posted 115s for AHS, while Madelyn Odell notched a 116.

Tess Van Maanen led H-BC with a 102, while Hannah Fick, Bryn Mongeau and Eve Burgers added 111-, 167- and 176-stroke rounds to the team tally.

Kailey Rozeboom shot a 184 for the Patriots.

The second leg of the tournament is set for different sites Thursday.

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Luverne's Henry Hartquist lifts the ball onto the LCC second green during a home loss to Worthington April 23.

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Marshall 167, LHS 186

The Cardinals were unable to register a win when they entertained the Tigers for their regular season finale at the Luverne Country Club April 23. With Spencer Ehlers firing a three-over-par 39 to lead the charge, Marshall upended LHS by 19 strokes.

Schutz, Stemper and Arends paced the Cardinals by posting respective 44-, 45- and 46-stroke tallies. Hartquist capped the team scoring with a 51, while Golla and Gunnar Oldre recorded 58- and 59-stroke tallies without influencing the scoring.

HL-O-F downs Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' golf team slipped to 1-3 for the season after losing a match at the Westbrook-Walnut Grove Triangular in Westbrook Monday. The host team was incomplete for the event, so AHS squared off against Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda in team competition. With Cory Renneke leading the way by securing medalist honors with a 40, the Coyotes notched a 178-189 victory over the Dragons. Brock Henning paced Adrian with a 45. Landon Runia, Logan Nogosek and Easton Braun added 47-, 48- and 49-stroke efforts to Adrian's team tally, while Landyn Loosbrock and

Caleb Hornstein shot 51- and 71-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring. Brady Ross led incomplete W-WG with a 45. Adrian fielded a complete varsity team that produced a 215-stroke tally in Westbrook, but W-WG and HL-O-F were incomplete. Annika Elias led AHS with a 49, while Gracia Elias, Josi Altman and Madelyn Odell added 54-, 55- and 57-stroke rounds to the team tally. Taya Elias and Madeline Wagner notched 59- and 60-stroke efforts without contributing to the team tally. W-WG's Brittany Erickson led all players with a 47, while Sam Freking led HL-O-F with a 55.

Eagles top H-BC boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team slipped to 0-5 for the season after dropping a contest at the Adrian Area Country Club Monday. Southwest Christian-Edgerton hosted the Patriots for a meet at the AACC. With Devin Van't Hof firing a seven-over-par 43 to lead the way, the Eagles came out on the winning end of a 176-218 decision. Jacob Axness set the pace for H-BC by carding a 51. Dallas Page, Austin Allen

and Ty Bundesen contributed 51-, 54- and 56-stroke rounds to H-BC's team tally. Damion Meinerts and Ethan Kruger shot 62- and 64-stroke scores without influencing the team tally. Both the H-BC girls and the SWC-E girls fielded incomplete teams for play Monday. H-BC's Tess Van Maanen shot a 49 to lead all players. Bryn Mongeau and Kailey Rozeboom posted 79- and 89-stroke scores for H-BC, while Brielle Vis led H-BC with a 52.

Dragons test defending section champs

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team put up a good fight against a quality opponent during its 2019 home debut in Ellsworth Thursday. AA entertained defending Section 3A champion Edgerton-Southwest Christian to open the home slate. The Dragons remained in contention throughout the contest, but E-SWC met the challenge to secure a 7-4 victory. After surrendering a pair of runs in the top half of the first inning, AA bounced back to knot the score at two in the bottom of the frame. AA's Avery Balster singled and Kristina Cauwels reached base on a fielder's choice before Shawna Rogers clubbed a two-run double to tie the game at two. E-SWC proceeded to plate single runs in the next three innings to open a 5-2 lead before AA put together a two-run rally in the bottom of the fifth to make it 5-4. AA's Kendra DeBeer singled and Jayden Zebe doubled to ignite the rally. DeBeer scored when Cauwels reached base on



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Adrian Area senior Avery Balster slides safely to third base during Thursday's 7-4 softball loss to E-SWC in Ellsworth. Balster pitched seven strong innings for the Dragons.

an error and Autumn Grussing chased Zebe home with a single to make it a one-run difference. E-SWC responded to the challenge by plating two runs in the top of the sixth to cap the scoring. Rogers led AA with two hits. Balster pitched seven innings of seven-run, 12-hit ball and took the loss.

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doubled and scored on a ground out by Isaiah Bartels in the first inning and the score was 2-0 when Charlie Reisch delivered a run-scoring double in the second. Springfield plated one run in the top of the third inning, but LHS iced the win by scoring three runs in the fourth frame and six more in the fifth. Colby Crabtree singled home one run to highlight a three-run fourth inning that included two runs scoring on an error. Ethan Beyer singled home two runs, Lundgren slapped an RBI double and Crabtree produced a game-ending sacrifice fly during the fifth-inning rally, which included on-run scoring on a wild pitch and another scoring on an error. Jade Smith pitched one hitless inning of relief to earn the win. Jake Haugen (three innings, one run and three hits) and Crabtree (one hitless inning) also pitched in the game.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	5	2	3	2
Crabtree	3	0	1	2
Serie	2	0	0	0
Bartels	3	2	1	1
Haugen	3	2	1	0
Nath	2	1	2	0
Reisch	1	2	1	1
Cowell	2	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0
Beyer	1	0	1	2
Von Tersch	0	1	0	0
Sterrett	3	1	1	0

Fairmont 8, LHS 2

The Cardinals took their first setback of the season when they took on Fairmont during Monday's first game. Visiting FHS scored eight runs in the final five innings of the game to set the stage for the win. Fairmont scored three runs in the top half of the third inning before LHS made it a 3-1 game when Gage Nath walked and scored on a sacrifice fly



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Isaiah Bartels delivers a pitch against Fairmont Monday.

by Lundgren in the bottom of the third. The score was 4-2 after Nath reached base on a fielder's choice before scoring on a single by Crabtree in the bottom of the fifth, but Fairmont plated two runs in the sixth and seventh innings to win the game handily. Bartels was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing five innings of four-run, six-hit ball. Quinn Buss surrendered four runs and six hits in the final two frames.

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

LHS 10, Pipestone 0

The Cardinals upped their Big South Conference record to 6-0 with a 10-run win over the Arrows Thursday at Red-bird Field. The game was moved from Pipestone to Luverne due to wet field conditions, which forced the Cards to play the game as the visiting team. That situation didn't seem to bother LHS as the Cards

won the game by 10 runs in five innings. Ben Serie, who drove in four runs at the plate, delivered an RBI double before Haugen singled home a pair of runs to make it a 3-0 game in the first inning. Serie received an RBI for a ground out that made it a 4-0 game in the third inning and singled home a pair of runs during a six-run rally in the top of the fifth. Haugen capped a three-RBI effort with a run-scoring double, Reisch and Lundgren slapped RBI singles and Nath picked up an RBI for a ground out in the fifth frame. Lundgren tossed a five-inning shutout. He yielded five hits and fanned four batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	3	2	1	0
Crabtree	3	2	2	0
Lundgren	3	1	2	1
Serie	3	2	2	4
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Haugen	2	1	2	3
Reisch	2	1	1	1
Cowell	2	1	0	0
Nath	2	0	0	1

LHS 14, Windom 3

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of the Eagles when the teams squared off in Windom April 23. Led by three-RBI efforts from Crabtree and Nath, LHS scored at least one run in six of the

game's seven innings to set the stage for an 11-run rout. Luverne scored five runs in the first two and one-half innings of play to assume control of the contest. Nath singled home two runs, Crabtree chipped in an RBI single and Haugen slapped a run-scoring single during a four-run first inning. Haugen clubbed an RBI double to make it a 5-0 game in the third. Windom scored its first run in the bottom of the third inning, but the Cards scored six times in the fourth and fifth frames to up the lead to 11-1. Crabtree walked and scored on a wild pitch before Serie delivered an RBI single during a two-run fourth inning. Crabtree doubled home a pair of runs and Lundgren and Bartels contributed RBI singles during a four-run rally in the fifth. Windom extended the game by scoring twice in the bottom of the fifth to make it 11-3, but the Cards added one run in the sixth and two in the seventh to win handily. Nath registered a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning, while Bartels and Jacob Von Tersch drove in runs with sacrifice flies in the seventh. Haugen tossed six innings of three-run, seven-hit, four-strikeout ball to earn the win. Smith fanned two batters without yielding a run in the seventh.

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

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Thursday, May 2: Head Start. Friday, May 3: 10 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, May 4: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Leo. Sunday, May 5: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 9:30 a.m. Senior Breakfast. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. Wednesday, May 8: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Thursday, May 9: Head Start.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982

www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, May 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service celebrating our 75th Anniversary.

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, May 2: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, May 5: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Pastor Loren Franchuk. 2 p.m. LHS Baccalaureate. 4:30 p.m. Camp Shetek Annual Meeting. No evening service. Tuesday, May 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Ladies Bible Study. 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study. Thursday, May 9: 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, May 2: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, May 3: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, May 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Sunday, May 5: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Senior Brunch. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study; Sunday School. Monday, May 6: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, May 7: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 8: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, May 9: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 2 p.m. GLCW program at Mary Jane Brown Home.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834

pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, May 8: 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes. Thursday, May 9: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Mike Altna, Pastor

Friday, May 3: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, May 4: 10 a.m. Rehearsal. 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Luverne Street Music. Sunday, May 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home and Poplar Creek Services. Monday, May 6: 5 p.m. Sanford Volunteer Banquet. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, May 7: Noon staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team. Wednesday, May 8: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group. 7 p.m. Praise Team; VBS Teacher Meeting. Thursday, May 9: 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room reserved.

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.

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, May 5: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Fellowship dinner following worship. Monday, May 6: Prayer Buddy Day at preschool. Tuesday, May 7: Prayer Buddy Day at preschool.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

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Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, May 5: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School. Thursday, May 9: 8 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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Thursday, May 2: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, May 4: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, May 5: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group party. Monday, May 6: 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music Meeting. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, May 8: 5:30 p.m. FUEL Party at Luverne Lanes. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, May 9: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

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Thursday, May 2: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, May 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, May 7: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Thursday, May 9: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

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Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, May 2: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, May 4: Teacher Appreciation Weekend. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 5: 9 a.m. Worship with Graduate Recognition. 10:15 a.m. Graduates reception; Christian Education Hour. 2 p.m. LHS Baccalaureate. Monday, May 6: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon; 3 p.m. Communion at Hills. 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. Tuesday, May 7: 11:30 a.m. Pastor of the Month at Generations Dining. Noon Rock the Edge Adult Leaders Meeting at The Bean. 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, May 8: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. NYG Bible Study. Thursday, May 9: 11:30 a.m. DCE Meeting in Burnsville. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Little Lambs Graduation.

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

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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Thursday, May 2: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, May 3: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion; choir sings. 11:30 a.m. Graduation/Confirmation potluck dinner. Monday, May 6: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, May 7: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting. Thursday, May 9: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

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Bill Bates, Pastor

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

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

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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

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Sunday, May 5: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Last day of Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, May 7: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, May 8: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Council Meeting.

Celebrate the joyous word 'empty'

Boxes, boxes, and more boxes. I swear they are multiplying! Some are stuffed full and unopened, some are in the process of being cleaned out and disassembled, and thankfully some are empty, flattened and ready for recycling.

My family recently moved to a different home and after the initial unpacking of all the essentials, the flurry of cardboard removal has slowed to a trickle. I have been slowly sifting through the rest of our boxed-up belongings, trying to decide what to keep, what to donate, and what to dump. The task seems to be taking forever, but there is a great sense of joy and accomplishment at the sight of an empty box.

So in the midst of this season of our lives, it didn't surprise me that the word which captured my attention during our Easter worship service last week was "empty." "The empty cross, the empty grave, life eternal, You have won the day. Shout it out, Jesus is alive!" filled the Worship Center with praise, and I was filled with an overwhelming sense of joy. Jesus himself was emptied and poured out as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

The Jewish people were familiar with emptying and pouring out. They knew the story of their patriarch Jacob who set up a pillar and poured out a drink offering on it to commemorate the place where he had encountered God. They celebrated the Passover which observed the night when the blood of a lamb was poured out and painted on the doorposts of their homes to avoid the angel of death. And following their exodus from Egypt, the Israelites were given instructions regarding

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Erin Jacobsma,
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sacrifices and drink offerings that were to be poured out to God. So when Jesus spoke to his disciples the night before his death and instituted a new covenant marked by his blood being poured out for them, the symbolism was significant. Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice and fulfilled the need of a drink offering for the forgiveness of sins.

This is good news for us! Our sin debt has been paid and we are free to come before our holy God. A drink offering is no longer a requirement for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus paid it all. In Him we have been redeemed. Grace abounds. But we are required to take up our cross and follow Him. Jesus doesn't simply ask us to believe that he existed and that he paid the price for our sins, he calls us to commit our lives to Him, to pour out everything that we have before Him. Like John the Baptist stated in John 3:30, "He [Jesus] must increase; I must decrease."

When we reach the end of our earthly life, may we say with the apostle Paul, "My life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." (2 Timothy 4:6-7)

Lord, empty me of all that is me and fill me with all that is You.

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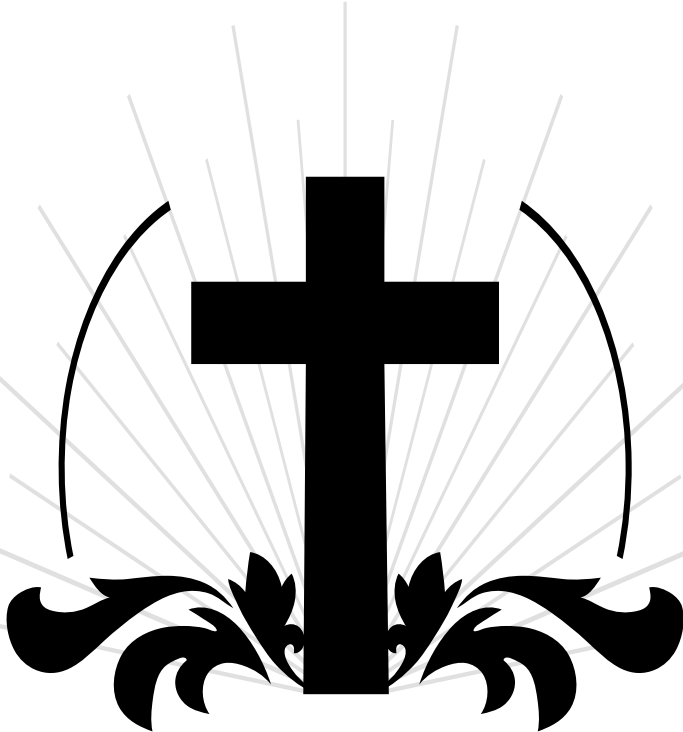
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 23

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2003
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$102,600.00
MORTGAGOR(S): David E. Hewitt and Peggy D. Hewitt as Joint Tenants, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And Assigned By Court Order to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-4
Dated: January 08, 2018

Recorded: January 22, 2018 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 192033

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

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

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

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

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0005-003

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

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

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

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

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

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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

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DATED: March 28, 2019

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-4
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ISD #2184 School Board meets March 28

**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 March 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Katie Baustian. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Bill Thompson, Caroline Thorson, Becky Rahm, Jadyn Anderson, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an adjustment to the agenda – item 8.7.9 under Personnel needs to be removed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with the removal of item 8.7.9. Motion unanimously carried.

The School Board went to Bill Thompson's Industrial Technology classroom. He presented several different stations and information on new technology he is utilizing in his classroom.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the February 28, 2019, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl placed a telephone call to Joel Bornhoft with ICS for a building project update with the School Board.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,305,909.38. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of February 28, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the 2018-2019 Revised Budget with the School Board members. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the 2018-19 Revised Budget as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the SW/WC Service Cooperative Contracts for 2019-2020.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the 2019-2020 SW/WC Service Cooperative Contracts as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl informed the School Board that the District received 4 health insurance bids that were opened yesterday. The School Board will need to take action on this at the April meeting.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Jarchow, to accept the retirement of Darlene Dreessen, Elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Deb Barnett as Middle/High School English teacher effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Avery VanRoekel as Middle School softball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve JJ Olson as volunteer softball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to approve Stephanie Roozeboom

as volunteer track coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Deutsch, to approve Connor Hoffman as volunteer baseball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Tom Rops as MS Boys basketball coach effective February 27, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to accept the resignation of David Rysdam as MS volleyball coach effective February 27, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that Superintendent Oftedahl has received the Notice of Intent to Negotiate from the Luverne Education Association.

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

Dated: March 28, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(05-02)

Rock County seeks bridge bids by May 20

**BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-598-020 ETC.
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. MAY 20, 2019
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA**

Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday MAY 20, 2019.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

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

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridge 67574, a 52'-106'-29' Pre-stressed Concrete Beam Span. The project is located on County Road 52, 1.1 Miles South of CSAH 4 in Martin Township, over the BNSF Railroad.

The major items of work are: 2 - 12" C-I-P Test Piles 100 Ft. Long; 2 - 16" C.I.P Test Piles 100 Ft. Long; 720 Lin. Ft. 12" - C-I-P Piling; 900 Lin. Ft. 16" – C-I-P Piling; 91 Cu. Yds. Structural Concrete; 748 Lin. Ft. Pre-stressed Concrete Beams (MN45); 54,660 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 5,821 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 378 Lin. Ft. Type Modified P-1 Barrier Concrete; 348 Lin. Ft. Ornamental Metal Railing (Type Special); 26,230 Cu. Yds. Common Borrow.

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

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$50.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-598-020, Etc."

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

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.

Rock County Highway Engineer

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

Luverne EDA sets public hearing for May 13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been called and will be held for the Luverne Economic Development Authority, on Monday, the 13th of May, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Office Building at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider public input regarding the sale of the Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Walnut Second Industrial Subdivision in the City of Luverne, Minnesota to Four Way Properties, LLC.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing, ask questions, and/or give comments. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the hearing by addressing them to the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN (507-449-5033). BY ORDER OF THE LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Patrick Baustian, President
Luverne Economic Development Authority

305 E. Luverne St.

Luverne, MN 56156

Phone: 507-283-2388

(05-02)

Versteeg applies for livestock feedlot permit

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Chad Versteeg, has made application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency or the County of Rock for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 19, Battle Plain Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility will consist of one new total confinement building with an underfloor liquid manure storage area capable of holding 2,400 grow to finish swine totalling 720 animal units. The total animal unit capacity at the facility will be 720 animal units.

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

(05-02)



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Klosterbuer probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Dorothy G. Klosterbuer,
a/k/a Dorothy Klosterbuer,
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-19-134

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated April 25, 2001, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed James A. Klosterbuer, whose address is 203 Cashin Drive, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representatives must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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: 4/23/2019

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt

Registrar

Denise Brandel

Court Administrator

By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

Dated: 4/23/2019

Attorney for Personal Representative

Donald R. Klosterbuer

Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP

120 N. McKenzie, PO Box 538

Luverne, MN, 56156

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Filed in District Court

State of Minnesota

Dated: 4-23-19

(05-02, 05-09)

Matus probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Darlene Joann Matus, a/k/a Darlene J. Matus,
a/k/a Darlene Matus, Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-19-113

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of May, 2019, at 3:30 O'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated February 23, 2001, and for the appointment of Todd Matus whose address is 1076 30th Avenue, Beaver Creek, Minnesota 56116, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: April 23, 2019

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt

District Court Judge

/s/ Denise M. Brandel

Court Administrator

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma

Attorney for Petitioner

Eisma and Eisma

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(COURT SEAL)

(05-02, 05-09)

City of Luverne assessment meeting set for May 20

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT MEETING

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Luverne City will meet at 4:00 P.M., on Monday, the 20th day of May, 2019, at the Luverne City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of May, 2019.

Jessica Mead

City Clerk

(05-02)

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Full-Time Help Wanted in our growing Meat Department. No experience necessary, paid overtime, insurance is available and also other benefits. Contact Chad or Julie at V&M Locker, Leota, MN 507-443-5372 or 507-227-3862. (5.2-5.19)

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Applications are available online at www.midwestfire.com. You may email a resume or completed application to darcie@midwestfire.com or apply in person at our facility located at 901 Commerce Rd, Luverne MN, office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday.

ROCK COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications until May 24, 2019 to create an eligibility list for future Deputy Sheriff positions in the Rock County Sheriff's Office; the eligibility list will be valid until June 01, 2020. The position assists the Rock County Sheriff's Department in enforcing the law and the protection of life and property throughout the county. Work is performed on a rotating shift basis.

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and a two-year degree in law enforcement or related field, plus an eight-week skills course. Upon being hired, the officer must either be eligible to be licensed, or be a fully licensed Peace Officer in order to comply with the post standards in Minnesota. In addition, the applicant must have completed the following training: qualified in the use of firearms, First Responder course, possess a current CPR card and a valid Minnesota class "D" driver's license. The starting salary range is \$22.19 – \$24.00, with a maximum \$31.58; additional compensation includes overtime, shift differential, standby and call back pay. Full time positions are union and eligible for an excellent benefit package.

To obtain a full job description and an application for this position, please visit county's web site at <http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html> or contact the Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Downloadable Employment Application and Job Description are available at www.aceswmn.org. **Send completed Employment Application, cover letter and resume by 05/15/19 to A.C.E. of SW Minnesota, Attn: Executive Director, 2989 Maple Rd., Slayton MN 56172.**

ROCK COUNTY SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Rock County is accepting applications for summer help positions at the Highway Department until May 13, 2019. The positions are full-time temporary/seasonal and will work with a variety of projects in providing assistance with the following activities: general maintenance duties at the Highway Department and Transfer Station; may also provide assistance with the engineering department of the Highway Department. Applicants must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and have the ability to stand for long periods of time, along with bending, stooping and the operation light equipment; minimum pay is \$11.50 per hour.

Job applications are available at www.co.rock.mn.us/employment or by contacting the Rock County Administrator's office at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota at 507-283-5065 or by email to susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: Lots of clothes – FILL A BAG for \$5: Girls 7-12, Boys 10-16, Women's small/petite, Men's XL/XXL. Shoes, toys, household, miscellaneous. Breville juicer. Toy kitchen with LOTS of accessories. Bikes and ride-on toys. Thursday, May 2 noon-7pm, Friday, May 3 8-6, Saturday, May 4 8-11. 306 E Christensen Dr. (Johnson house) (4.28-5.2)



**Thursday, May 9 thru
Saturday, May 11**

A list of addresses, items and individual sale times will be available online Monday, May 6 at:

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EMPLOYMENT

RENTALS

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- Self-starter and problem solver
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EXPERIENCE: 3 year of accounts payable experience, Prior customer service experience and a livestock background will be helpful, but not required.

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Prom X 4: Four local schools enjoy celebrations



At far left, Michael Kinsinger and Michelle Kramer greet the crowds before they leave the gym for **Luverne High School's** prom.

At left, Melissa Teal and Tristan Stauffacher smile for crowds and cameras.

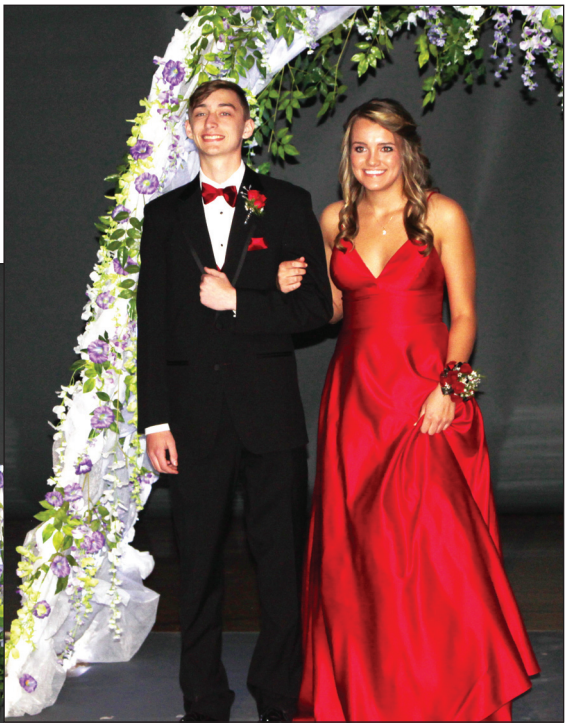


Luverne High School

Ninety-one couples paraded through Grand March at Luverne High School Saturday night under the theme "Glitter and Gold." **Below**, Luverne guidance counselor Amy Cook collects gum and gives last-minute instructions.

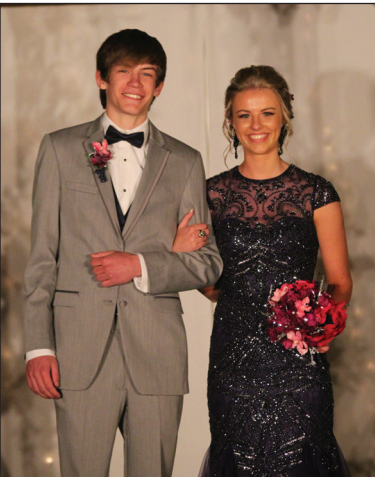


Hills-Beaver Creek High School



Hills-Beaver Creek High School students and families celebrated prom under the theme, "A Night of Bright Lights" Friday night, April 26, in the Hugo Goehle Gymnasium in Hills.

Above are Parker Gehrke and Taylor Durst and **at left** are Bailey Swan and Levi Vanden Bosch.



Adrian High School

The Adrian High School students celebrated prom under the theme "Rustic Elegance." Above Bailey Lonneman, Annika Elias and Sara Knips preserve the moment with a selfie.



Ellsworth High School

Above, striking poses at the Ellsworth High School prom are junior Kallie Chapa, senior Lizzie Chapa, junior Morgan Dreesen and junior Ashlyn Meester. Theme for the night was "Mysterioso Masquerade."

At left, posing at the decorative masquerade arch in the Ellsworth High School gymnasium are seniors Sierra Smith (left) and Brandon Kramer.

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Above left, McKinley Nelson and Ian Stamer pause for the cameras during the Grand March.

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