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District to hire middle school principal

Behavior 'intervention support' elementary teacher among new hires for 2019-20 year

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members unanimously approved adding two key positions in the district during a special meeting May 9.

A middle school principal and an elementary "behavior intervention support" teacher will be among the new hires for the 2019-20 school year.

After a 25-minute discussion, the board decided the additional staff was well researched and deemed necessary.

"Yes, it is a big investment, but our kids are also an investment," said board member Colleen Deutsch. "You either pay for it and be proactive or you pay for it in the end. I think it is a win-win for students and families along with teachers and administration."

General funds would pay for the estimated salary and benefits from \$150,000 to \$200,000 depending on qualifications.

The elementary position would work with students in grades 2 through 5 identified as at-risk.

The middle school principal recommendation came from the personnel committee after members reviewed student and staffing needs, enrollment figures, finances and the current budget numbers.

The Luverne school district general fund is projected to end the 2018-19 school year with a deficit of \$44,040, according to information presented at Thursday's meeting.

General fund revenue is projected at \$13,126,000 with expenditures of \$13,170,000. The fiscal year ends June 30.

Elementary enrollment for the next school year is projected to decrease to 526 from the current 531.

However, the elementary will continue to operate 25 sections of K-5 instruction.

Elementary personnel applied for a two-year state grant that would reimburse the district for 55 percent of the teacher's salary.

However, as of the May 9 meet-

Middle school principal/see page 16



Mavis Fodness photo/0516 Senior Service Day 2019

Rock County groundskeeper Gary Kurtz (left) supervises Luverne High School seniors (from left) Jadyn Anderson, McCall Stegenga, Jenna Zewiski, Greta Ahrendt, Jessica Anderson and Lilli Donohue smooth the dirt around the bur oak planted at the Rock County Courthouse.

Senior students serve community

Oak tree planting, lake cleanup and other projects on to-do list

By Mavis Fodness

A bur oak tree planted by representatives of the Luverne High School Class of 2019 grows on the Rock County Courthouse lawn in honor of Luverne's businesses.

The 94 graduates of the LHS Class of 2019 spent Friday as "Senior Service Day," a decades-old tradition of students spending a half day helping out the community in various ways on the last day of high school.

Each senior selected one of a dozen assignments including picking garbage out of The Lake, sweeping and raking at the county fairgrounds, scrubbing the veterans memorial, and a

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Mavis Fodness photo/0516 Senior Service Day 2019

Senior Michael Kinsinger (far left) maneuvers his kayak pulling a canoe full of garbage removed from The Lake. Tom Brown (center) and Gaige Nath push a discarded tire to shore.

City-owned building in Hardwick finds new owner

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick's Main Street received a boost May 1 when the council accepted an agreement from a rural Jasper man to purchase the city-owned former grocery store, returning the structure to the private sector.

Bill Rolfs offered \$50,000 for the two-story brick building, which coun-

cil members unanimously accepted.

Paul Pierson with the Minnesota Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Marshall helped Rolfs with business plans and assisted city officials in utilizing its revolving loan fund.

"It is an interesting thing that I got to wear two hats," he said.

Pierson, a retired USDA Rural Development employee, didn't negotiate the purchase price but, as part of his role with SBDC, helped Rolfs with his plans to start a business.

Rolfs agreed to borrow \$40,000 from the city-controlled, revolving loan fund for the building purchase and for the proposed remodel. Terms

of the loan are over 10 years at 4.5 percent interest.

Rolfs was unable to attend the May 1 Hardwick council meeting.

Pierson spoke about Rolfs' building plans to council members instead. "The business venture he is look-

Hardwick building sale/see page 8

Conspiracy Tattoo opens in Luverne

Couple clears regulatory hurdles to offer original art downtown

By Lori Sorenson

Tony Perez was working at a successful tattoo business near the Naval Base in Puerto Rico 13 years ago, but after the base closed in 2004 he moved stateside where his clients — mostly Marines — still sought his services.

Along the way, he tattooed Terry Gray of Herb 'N Legend in Luverne.

"We kept in touch and I found out he was looking for somewhere to start a new shop," Gray said. "I saw the need for a tattoo artist in Luverne and I had the space."

On May 4, Perez and his wife, Christina, opened Conspiracy Tattoo in the south end of Gray's building in what's become a modern body art studio.

"We're working hard to break stereotypes of what people think a tattoo shop is about," Tony said. "We are a drug, alcohol and drama-free workplace, and we do our best to treat everyone like family."

Conspiracy Tattoo's bright workspace enjoys natural light through south-facing

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Lori Sorenson photo/0516 conspiracy tattoo

On May 4, digital artist Tony Perez and his wife, Christina, Luverne, opened Conspiracy Tattoo in the south end of Terry Gray's Herb 'N Legend building on East Main Street.

County Board clarifies campground definition

Commissioners host May 21 public hearing to define camping on ag land as conditional use

By Mavis Fodness

Anyone interested in developing a campground on agriculturally zoned land in Rock County will need a conditional use permit before proceeding, according to an ordinance update proposed by the county's planning and zoning board.

A public hearing to finalize the committee's definition of a campground and forming campgrounds a conditional use is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, in the commissioners' room of the Rock County Courthouse.

For several months the planning and zoning board reviewed existing ordinances from other counties before amending its current ordinance.

The board also examined the state's compliance measures for

campgrounds.

The board's proposal defines a campground as "any area of property, whether privately or publicly owned, used on a daily, nightly, weekly or longer basis for the accommodation of five or more tents, pickup campers, motorhomes, pop-up campers, trailers or recreational camping vehicles as defined by the Minnesota Department of Health."

Existing campgrounds of five or more spots may be subject to obtaining a conditional use permit in order to continue operating in the county, according to County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

"That's something that will be discussed at the public hearing," he said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Call 507-530-3307.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. Rain location is back room of Orv and Son's Plumbing in Ellsworth.

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.

Spring road restrictions lifted May 10

The ending date for spring weight road restrictions was Friday, May 10, on highways under the jurisdiction of the Rock County Highway Department.

If you have any questions, call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

May events offered at Blue Mounds Park

•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 University: 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.

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 available at The Lake), 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.

Free food giveaway May 16

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Generations building at 319 East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 507-283-3466.

Grand opening at ambulance garage

The new Sanford Luverne ambulance garage will celebrate their grand opening with an open house, tours and refreshments from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, May 18. The new garage is on Sioux Valley Drive, just east of the emergency entrance to the hospital.

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.

Free meal at UMC May 22

The Luverne United Methodist Church on West Main Street will offer a free meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, open to the community.

Community Education classes

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

Decorate your home or yard with a **Hanging Basket** that you will make at Harmony Gardens on **May 18**. Fee is \$40 which includes everything needed.

Clay Handbuilding for students grades 7 through adult will explore construction methods on **May 22 and 29**. Morning or afternoon. Fee is \$27 plus a \$10 material fee.

Decorate your home or yard with a **Succulent Planter** that you will make at Harmony Gardens on **May 23**. Fee is \$25 which includes everything needed.



Lori Sorenson photos/0516 graduation

Pomp and circumstance

Ninety-four students graduated from Luverne High School Sunday, May 12. Pictured here, Superintendent Craig Oftedahl addresses the Class of 2019 in the Luverne Elementary Cardinal Gym. The students' class motto is: "A ship is always safe at shore, but that is not what it is built for." Friday, May 10, was the final day of class for seniors, and the rest of the district continues until Friday, May 17, to make up for snow days. The school year ended early this year and will start late this fall on Sept. 16 in order to allow an adequate summer construction season for the school building project. Students attended an extra 30 minutes each school day this year, and will do the same for the 2019-20 school year to make up for the shorter school years.



Senior Jake Haugen high-fives elementary students on Friday, the last day of school for seniors. At left, the choir sings during commencement on Sunday in the Cardinal Gym.



Above, senior speakers Jacinda Hustoft (left) and Lindsey Roemeling address their classmates during graduation commencement Sunday afternoon. At right, the Class of 2019 reacts to speeches by AFS students Ali Elsabagh, Suwapat Konghchan and Cilleni Nepis.



Campground public hearing May 21/continued from page 1

Questions arose recently about the county's current campground ordinance, which Oldre described as confusing and vague.

The proposed ordinance "cleans it all up," he said.

The health department set standards for water supply,

sewage disposal, toilets, shower facilities, garbage, refuse, insect and rodent control.

In addition to obtaining a license from the health department, the zoning board also recommended applicants allow at least 2,000 square feet for each campsite and be

located no closer than a half mile from any feedlot.

Full text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Land Management Office at 311 W. Gabrielson Road in Luverne.

Comments on the proposed ordinance can be com-

pleted in writing or in person.

All written comments must be submitted to the county administrator by 5 p.m. Friday, May 18.

The opportunity for verbal comments or questions will be made available at the May 21 public hearing.



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Watching Marvel movies becomes mom and son tradition

My teenaged son and his friends introduced me to Marvel comics just before the cinematic franchise blossomed to include 22 movies and counting.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Until the Marvel movies came along, I rarely watched movies at a multiplex, preferring to purchase the DVD and watch the movies multiple times in the comfort of my living room.

Younger kids prefer to go to the cinema.

One year when Adam and his friends were not yet old enough for a driver's license, I was coerced into driving the seven enthusiastic Avenger fans to the opening weekend of the cinematic movie in Sioux Falls.

The eight of us crowded into the minivan with the youngsters promising this "favorite mom" that they would purchase her movie ticket for taking them to the much-anticipated movie.

I admit I, too, was excited to see the Avengers and we all had our favorite comic characters.

Personally I leaned toward the charismatic Iron Man as my favorite.

While we all liked Iron Man, the Hulk, Hawkeye, Thor, Captain America and Black Willow, just for fun we each chose to identify with a specific character.

The ride to the theater featured discussions of who was the best Avenger, and the ride now featured exciting retelling of their favorite characters' actions from the movie.

Not only did the youngsters purchase my movie ticket, they also set me up with popcorn and let me sit by them in the theater.

I had never had a better cinematic experience.

Fast forward six years and the final (maybe) Avenger movie hit theaters April 26.

"Avengers: End Game" tied up story lines I followed with Adam and his friends, and this time I watched it with him and his college friends. I paid for my own popcorn, and Adam splurged for my ticket.

I admit the much-anticipated wrap-up of the Marvel Comic story line was a bit disappointing.

While loose ends to various previous movie plots were tied up, a lot was packed into the three-hour movie. For Marvel fans, those three hours flew by fast.

Talking with the kids afterward, their enthusiasm and interpretation of the story lines mellowed my disappointment and I joined in the discussion.

The drive home was a much quieter journey than that first Avenger viewing.

I traveled to the theater myself (everyone is now old enough to drive) and on my solitary ride, I smile to myself at the images of me posing with those adolescents in the theater lobby with someone dressed in an Iron Man costume all those years ago.

I am thankful to that young bunch for introducing me to the super hero genre and explaining the characters and former events so I could understand the plots better.

The time in the theater is unique activity between my youngest son and me. I am happy that at his age of 21 he still wants to be seen in public with his mom.

Fortunately the Marvel comic series is not done.

We've already pegged our next mom and son outing. "Spider-Man: Far from Home" opens July 2.

We need more foster parents to care for children in crisis

GUEST EDITORIAL

As the number of children in Minnesota's foster care system has grown — from 11,500 in 2013 to 16,500 in 2018 — there is a greater need than ever for foster parents to provide temporary, critical care to children in crisis.

The good news is many people who might not think they qualify to be foster parents are actually eligible, and now is a good time to consider the commitment during Foster Care Month in May.

"During this time of great need for more foster parents, we want to dispel the myths about who can or can't play this role," said Human Services Commissioner Tony Lourey.

"You can be married or single, homeowners or renters, with or without children. You don't need to have a lot of experience, because we will provide training and offer support along the way. What's most important is a commitment to ensuring children will be safe, loved and well cared for in your home."

Potential foster parents need to be licensed and approved, and the licensing process includes a background check and a home study.

Training is available online in English and Spanish and in person

through the Minnesota Child Welfare Training System. Financial support is also available, as is access to a variety of resources for successful foster parenting.

Counties consider placing foster children safely with relatives first, understanding the importance of preserving family connections. When that is not possible, agencies seek to place children with foster parents who live in the same community.

They make efforts to recruit a pool of foster families that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of the children for whom foster homes are needed.

While more than 55 percent of children and youth in foster care in 2017 were non-white, only 30 percent of foster families were non-white.

"Minnesota needs a more diverse pool of foster parents to best meet children's needs," Lourey said. "Foster parents who are African American and American Indian are in especially

high demand."

Some children need foster care for a few days, some are in foster homes for years. The median length of time for children staying in a foster home was 297 days in 2017.

Last year 58 percent of foster children leaving care were reunited with their birth parents or legal guardians, while 18 percent were adopted and about 11 percent moved in permanently with a relative or other caregiver.

"Our goal is always to return foster children home safely," said Lourey. "In the meantime, we appreciate the many dedicated foster parents who step in to nurture, mentor and guide the children in their care."

Adults considering foster parenting can get more information about the application process on the Minnesota Department of Human Services website at mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/services/foster-care.



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- Issued to the disabled person,



not the vehicle. A person may qualify for two certificates if they do not have disability license plates.

- May be displayed on the rear view mirror or on



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By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

the dashboard in any vehicle when parked. The placard should be taken down from the rear view mirror while driving.

- Can be used to park in designated disability parking spaces when the person named on the certificate is driving or a passenger in the vehicle.

Disability License Plates:

- Issued to a vehicle that is



primarily owned by a person with a disability, the parent of a child with a disability or the owner of a commercial rental motor vehicle that has been modified for and is used exclusively by permanently physically disabled people.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 3

- Complainant reported an accident on Highway 75.
- Complainant reported a breach of data.
- A wellness check was requested in Steen.
- Complainant requested a shut off notice to be posted in Mead Court.
- A deputy was requested for patient assistance.
- Complainant in Magnolia reported someone hit her daughter's car.
- Sioux Falls police department requested a welfare check on West Hatting Street.
- Complainant reported a three-car accident on Main Street and Freeman Street.
- Complainant reported suspicious object found in vehicle.
- A vehicle was retrieved from impound.
- Complainant on Warren Street and Estey reported a group of teenagers in the middle of the road having a verbal argument.
- Multiple calls were made for request for deputy on Warren Street for disturbing the peace.

May 4

- Complainant reported an accident on County Road 17 and County Road 4.
- Complainant near Ellsworth reported someone clipped his mirror.
- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
- Complainant requested a welfare check near Jasper.
- Complainant reported a pickup pulling a trailer without securing his load.
- Complainant reported a driver driving over fog and center lines northbound on Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant reported unsafe towing near Luverne.
- Report of a commercial burglary alarm near Jasper.
- Complainant reported a landlord tenant civil matter on Warren Street.
- Complainant reported a two-person vehicle accident with no injuries.
- Complainant reported fireworks at location on Maple Street.

May 5

- Door checks were requested on Main Street.
- Deputy was out with vehicle near Luverne.
- Complainant on Dodge reported a fender bender.
- Complainant on Donaldson reported his daughter's bike is missing; black with zebra stripes.
- Complainant reported 10-11-year-old kids riding four-wheelers by school in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported three horses out at location on State Highway 23, mile marker 6 near Beaver Creek.

May 6

- Complainant requested a welfare check near Magnolia.
- Property damage was reported at location on Mead Court.
- Deputy conducted a follow-up on Warren Street.
- Theft was reported at location on Elizabeth Avenue.

cation on Elizabeth Avenue.

- Complainant on Kniss Avenue reported finding counterfeit money.
- Complainant requested vehicle from impound.
- A welfare check was requested at location on South Donaldson Street.
- Complainant reported a runaway.

May 7

- Complainant on Christensen Drive reported smelling smoke.
- Complainant reported theft from his business.
- Complainant on West Hatting Street reported a child was pushed off a bike.
- Drill activation for training near Beaver Creek.
- Drill activation for training in Hills.
- Complainant reported a camper was in lane of traffic westbound on I-90, mile marker 10 near Luverne.
- Complainant reported trespassing on North Cedar Street.
- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported an alarm.

May 8

- Complainant reported road debris at location near Hills.
- Report of cattle out on 150th Avenue near Luverne.
- Complainant requested a background check for a liquor license.
- Complainant on North Spring Street reported a theft from her apartment.
- Complainant in Hills reported maltreatment of a vulnerable adult.
- Complainant near Beaver Creek requested a welfare check on student for not showing up at school.
- Complainant reported a school student runaway.
- Complainant near Beaver Creek requested a deputy check at her residence.
- Complainant near Jasper reported an accident.
- Complainant on North Kniss Avenue reported a child with no restraint.

May 9

- Complainant near Hardwick reported an activated lifeline.
- Complainant reported horses are out near location by Garretson.
- Complainant on North Spring Street reported smell of gas.
- Complainant on Barck Avenue reported smell of gas.

May 10

- Complainant eastbound on I-90, mile marker 5 near Beaver Creek reported road rage.

In addition, officers responded to 2 transports, 7 escorts, 14 ambulance runs, 7 parking violations, 23 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 23 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 4 drug court tests, 1 permit to purchase/carry, 1 stalled vehicle, 17 traffic stops, 1 abandoned 911 call and 1 test.



Conspiracy Tattoo owners Tony and Christina Perez, Luverne, operate their tattoo business in the south end of the Herb 'N Legend building on East Main Street. They cleared regulatory hurdles and opened May 4. "Minnesota is by far the strictest state in the nation for regulations," said Christina, who was a journeyman plumber in Chicago before becoming Tony's apprentice and shop manager. "It took a lot of persistence, and it was costly, but it's good to know the process weeds the others out. ... You know if you have what it takes to do that, you're someone dedicated to what you're doing."

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windows, and pale slate tiles on the floor and walls create an almost clinical atmosphere.

"We needed it to be a clean environment," Gray said, pointing out the hand sink near Perez's work area.

The room offers plenty of inviting qualities, not the least of which include Perez's award-winning digital art etched into select 8-by-10-inch tiles on the wall.

But regulations on the tattoo business clearly assert function over decoration, with CPR, first aid and blood-borne pathogens among the list of mandatory areas to study.

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"It took a lot of persistence, and it was costly, but it's good to know the process weeds the others out. ... You know if you have what it takes to do that, you're someone dedicated to what you're doing"

Tony said the licensure is worth the effort.

"I'm picky," he said. "My space has to be clean; my product has to be the best on the market (organic). ... I only want the best; that's why I do it."

He uses only organic ink only from reputable companies, some of



Customer Susan Ridders, Rock Rapids, gets an original tattoo on her lower leg Friday, May 10, from artist Tony Perez of Conspiracy Tattoo.

whom have sponsored his business.

He also insists on original work, even when clients bring in their own artwork.

"Unless someone is dead-set on a certain look, he'll draw up his own art," Christina said, adding that her husband has a following in the art community for his painting, sculpting and digital creations as well as tattoo art.

Customer Susan Ridders, Rock Rapids, said she was impressed with Tony's art and drove to Luverne for a consultation.

"It's just been an awesome experience," she said Friday.

"He took what I wanted and he made it better."

Tony tattooed an original image above Ridders' ankle, but he said clients often come to him to cover up an existing tattoo

that they no longer like.

"It's liberating getting a bad tattoo covered," Christina said. "You don't have to walk around with a horrible tattoo anymore."

Tony said it's also rewarding to help people cover scars — especially breast cancer survivors who want surgical scars covered or real-looking nipples tattooed on reconstructed breasts.

Since opening earlier this month, Gray and his tattoo colleagues say business has been good.

"I'd say we complement each other well," Gray said.

The two businesses operate independently but benefit from referrals both ways.

Christina and Tony live in Luverne and said they look forward to getting to know the community.

"We love it here," she said. "We have a huge appreciation for this place — for the peacefulness and quietness here."

Conspiracy Tattoo can be reached at 507-920-3149. They're also on Facebook and Instagram, @conspiracy-theorymn.



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FFA News

FFA'ers qualify for state competition at regionals April 5

Members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter competed at the Region 6 general livestock, dairy evaluation and dairy handling contests April 5 at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Hannah Kruse and Tanner Henrichs placed third and fourth respectively in the dairy handlers contest. Both qualified for the state FFA contest in St. Paul.

Paige Henrichs, Paige Madison, Jaimie Ross and Blake Madison participated in the dairy cattle evaluation contest.

Paige Madison placed sixth overall individually, gaining eligibility to compete at the state contest.

Trevor Mente, Michael Kinsinger, Halle Hough, Justin Mente and Eric Somnis formed the general livestock team. They placed seventh out of 21 teams, and also qualified for the state FFA contest.

Individually Trevor Mente placed fifth, Kinsinger 18th, Hough 40th, Justin Mente 49th, and Somnis, 69th.

FFA'ers compete at state convention

Twelve members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter traveled to St. Paul for the state FFA convention April 28-29.

Hannah Kruse placed sixth in the state dairy handlers contest.

Paige Madison finished 115th out of the 221 participants in the Dairy Cattle contest.

Kruse and Madison also earned \$1,000 scholarships from the FFA program.

The general livestock team placed 22nd out of 61 teams.

Individually, Trevor Mente finished tenth, Justin Mente 83rd, Halle Hough 110th, and Michael Kinsinger 124th out of 236 participants.

Local FFA members also attending the convention included Blake Madison, Eric Somnis, Kaylie Ossefort, Jaimie Ross, Tacey Baustian and Meghan Mollberg.

H-BC chapter attends stat convention April 28-29 in St. Paul

Twenty students from the Hills-Beaver Creek FFA Chapter attended the Minnesota State FFA Convention on April 28-29 in St. Paul.

The students joined almost 4,000 FFA members across the state for the 90th annual event.

"Aspire To Be: Reach for the Horizon" was the convention theme.

The local students attended workshops, special events and participated in various competitions.

The H-BC forestry team placed 25th out of 46 teams. Luke LaRock placed 45th out of 115 participants and was the team's top individual.

Floriculture finished 24th out of 44 teams. Bailey Swan finished 40th out of 161 students and was the team's top individual.

The general livestock team placed 27th out of 61 teams. Tory Knobloch was the team's top individual finishing 33rd out of 221 participants.

Lauren Tatge participated in the state FFA band. Allison LaRock participated in the state choir.

Allison LaRock also placed in the top ten for the state talent show.

Also attending the convention were Chase Bosch, Zander Wyson, Donavon Leenderts, Thomas Dysthe, Erika Dysthe, Hannah Fick, Hunter Bork, Whitney Elbers, Joslyn Birger, Jax Wyson, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Easton Harnack, Madison Spath, Parker Gehrke and Sam Moser.

Luverne-Adrian FFA

Chapter member Halle Hough (left) receives her State FFA Degree April 29 from National FFA Southern Region Vice President Jordan Stone. Halle is the first Luverne-Adrian FFA member since 2013 to achieve the organization's highest chapter honor. The requirements for the state award have become more stringent since 2013. Submitted photo



Hough achieves FFA's highest member honor

'You don't have to be in agriculture to enjoy the experience.'

— Halle Hough, Luverne-Adrian FFA

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School senior Halle Hough didn't set out to earn a State FFA Degree, but her path to learn about livestock production four years ago led her to receive the top member award at the Minnesota State FFA Convention April 28-29 in St. Paul.

"I always had an interest in agriculture and animals," she said. "I wanted more information ... and I made a lot of friends."

The oldest of Jeremy and Erica Hough's three children didn't let the lack of an agricultural background stop her from joining the chapter as a freshman.

She embraced the FFA experience through all four of her years of membership.

"I don't think I missed any FFA event," Hough, 18, said.

After her first FFA year, Hough earned the Green Hand award.

Following years had Hough adding ag classes to her school schedule, participating on the FFA livestock judging team and exploring various topics through FFA's supervised agricultural experiences (SAE).

Her favorite SAE involved hog production, an experience she pursued two years ago.

"They are a challenge," she said.

She credited her grandfather for her initial interest in swine.

"I decided to show pigs because my grandpa wanted some to butcher," Hough said.

In her first year, Hough's pigs earned a 4-H trip to the Minnesota State Fair, where she placed eighth overall in market hogs.

Her grandfather never received his home-raised pork. "I get too attached," she admitted.

This year she added sheep production as another SAE.

"I wanted another challenge," she said.

Other SAEs Hough excelled in earning chapter recognition include cattle production, community development, fruit and vegetable production, ag sales and service, poultry and veterinary science.

"The biggest thing I took away from FFA is a lot more confidence," she said.

Hough led the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter as its 2018-19 president and was named the chapter's Star Farmer at her final FFA banquet in March.

Hough is the first FFA'er since 2013 to earn a State FFA Degree, when senior Trevor Teal and junior Andrea Severtson received their degrees.

Chapter adviser Dennis Moritz said in the past six years

the FFA organization changed the requirements necessary to receive the state degree.

"It is a lot harder to get it," he said.

As she rounded out her last year in FFA, Hough reviewed her involvement and realized with just a little more work she could put her name on the list as a state degree recipient.

"She is very diligent in doing the best that she can," Moritz said.

Hough will pursue agriculture as a career choice, with a focus on animal science, as she attends South Dakota State University in Brookings this fall.

She envisions herself working on the business side of livestock production.

Personally she would like to breed and raise show pigs and have a small cow-calf operation.

She's never regretted the decision she made as a 14-year-old freshman to join FFA and finding focus for the rest of her life.

"It feels pretty good," she said. "I've put a lot of work into FFA over the past four years."

Her advice to underclassmen: "You don't have to be in agriculture to enjoy the experience."

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Luverne Pizza Ranch invites you to celebrate **Rose Ruddy's** retirement with her on Monday, June 3, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Cake will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MENU

Monday, May 20: Creamed chicken over biscuit, broccoli, mandarin oranges, dessert. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Volunteer appreciation.

Tuesday, May 21: Hamburger patty, potato salad, peas, bun, apricots.

Wednesday, May 22: Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce, cucumber slices) with dressing, muffin, bar. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, May 23: Cubed roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding dessert.

Friday, May 24: Meatballs with gravy, potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, ice cream. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

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.

LIBRARY

Contact the Rock County Library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 for more information or to register for events.

Murder at the 80s Prom: A Library Murder Mystery 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Call to register.

DIY art night, 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. DIY paper flowers.

Game Day, Tuesday, May 21, grades 1-5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, grades 6-12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Twister (kick off to the summer reading program) 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 4. Ice cream social to follow.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Submitted photo

Cindy Arends (left) accepts a check on behalf of the Backpack Program from Lucas Peters (center) and Eric Benson from the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers board.

Farm to Pint event raises cash for BackPack Program

The Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers Association presented a check of \$4,400 to the Backpack program to support their summer program efforts.

The money was raised during the Farm to Pint event at Take 16 Brewing in Luverne on April 12.

A freewill offering for a meal of hamburgers donated

and cooked by the Rock Nobles Cattlemen's Association and rib ticklers, donated and cooked by the Rock County Pork Producers, raised \$1,700.

The dueling piano performers later that night donated half of their tips for the night, adding another \$500, and the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers matched all proceeds for the event.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Luverne High School senior Skyler Hoiland plans to one day open his own five-star restaurant.

Hoiland took top honors in a culinary event Saturday in the Twin Cities, and professional chefs agree his plans will likely materialize.

"I wouldn't doubt it for a second," said Kevin Sanderson when asked about Hoiland's professional odds.

Sanderson is president of Le Cordon Bleu culinary school in Mendota Heights where Hoiland will begin studying this fall.

Hoiland took first place in Saturday's Future Chef of America competition, an honor that comes with \$10,000 in scholarship winnings to put toward tuition.

25 years ago (1994)

•Opportunity presented itself to Luverne High School teacher Jim Trett this week, and he promptly accepted it.

Trett, who has coached the Luverne boys' basketball team for the past two years, officially tendered his resignation as coach and teacher to District 670 officials Monday. ...

Trett has accepted a job at Sioux Falls Washington High School as head boys' basketball coach and history teacher. Considering his wife, Jennifer, works at Dial Bank in Sioux Falls, it was an opportunity he couldn't refuse. Trett, his wife and three children will move to Sioux Falls after the school year.

50 years ago (1969)

•A mother of four children, three sons and one daughter, has been selected by a panel of judges as "Rock County Mother of the Year" for 1969.

She is Mrs. Eldor Olson, rural route 1, Magnolia. Her nomination was submitted by her daughter, Gayle Olson, a senior at Luverne High School.

Second place honors went to Mrs. Angie Veldkamp, 403 NE Park. She was nominated twice, once by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arnold Veldkamp, and once by her two daughters, Mrs. Albert

VanHill, Sioux Falls, and Mrs. Norman Haak, Luverne.

The three runners-up spots went to Mrs. Wava Braun, Beaver Creek, Mrs. Marcel Reisch, Luverne, and Mrs. Russell Jauert, Luverne. Mrs. Braun was nominated by her daughter, Debbie Braun; Mrs. Reisch by Sister Brian, her daughter Peggy Reisch and another daughter, Barbara Reisch; and Mrs. Jauert by her son, Rick Jauert.

75 years ago (1944)

•Fourteen pre-Pearl Harbor fathers will be inducted into the navy when Rock county's selective service call for May reports for duty Sunday.

They include: Richard Buring, Sioux Falls; Robert Gardner, Bushnell, Ill.; Norbert Manion, Luverne; Haaken Lloyd Herreid, Luverne; John Stanford Remme, Luverne; Paul A. Herreid, Luverne; Charles Odenbrett, Worthington; Melvin Tofteland, Worthington; Victor Bowman, Luverne; Robert Roling, Sioux Falls; Harold Van Roekel, Luverne; William E. Wendt, Luverne; Boyd H. Sodemann, Luverne; and Harrison Hund, Davenport; Iowa. Two of these men, Robert Gardner and Harrison Hund, are expected to leave from boards in cities in which they live.

100 years ago (1919)

•State roads Nos. 1, 2, and 3, extending from the west line of Nobles county through Magnolia, Luverne, Beaver Creek and thence to the South Dakota state line, were designated as a State Trunk highway at a meeting of the board of county commissioners held Monday afternoon.

In connection with this decision a concrete paving program involving the expenditure of \$175,000 was outlined for this highway. This program provides for the paving of the road running past Maplewood cemetery for a distance of two and a half miles, starting at the east line of the Fitzer and Boden farms; and the paving of the highway southeast of Luverne on the Magnolia road, starting at the northwest corner of the Jaycox farm and extending east three and one-fourth miles.

Luverne students' works of art selected for Perpich Center display

By Mavis Fodness

Artworks by two Luverne High School students were singled out for display at Saturday's Perpich Center's Spotlight on the Arts show in Golden Valley.

Senior Joel Ortiz and junior Talitha Andersen earned the Judges' Choice award April 26 at the Region 3A Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts Competition in Olivia.

Art instructor Chris Nowatzki worked with the students to explore various art media and select their final projects for the art show.

"Both pieces show great skill and attention to detail and they each have a message which exemplifies each artist's personal voice," he said.

Ortiz created a black ink drawing of a whale using a doodle art or zentangle style.

"I was surprised," Ortiz said of receiving the award. "I didn't think my style of artwork would be good enough."

Called "Once a Free Roamer," the large whale is depicted swimming in the ocean with its tail being swallowed and his body covered with pollutants.

"I depicted what pollutants in the ocean are nearly overwhelming the whale," he wrote in his artist's statement. "The similarities between the designs covering the whale and the patterns on the machine show how they are both products of man."

Ortiz said he challenged himself by detailing his doodling style in context with his message.

"My intention of this



Mavis Fodness photo/0516 Perpich Art Students

Art students Joel Ortiz (left) and Talitha Andersen hold the artwork that earned them the Judges' Choice Spotlight on the Arts award at the Region 3A Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts Competition April 26. They were invited to display their creations Saturday at the Perpich Center for the Arts in Golden Valley with other regional Spotlight winners.

project was to remind people of the pollution in our oceans and the negative effects on aquatic life," his statement read.

Talitha Andersen's acrylic painting on gessoed or primed watercolor paper is a tribute to her late grandfather, Luverne Selwyn, of Yankton, South Dakota.

She titled the painting of two horses and an eagle, "My Tribute/Mitakuye Oyosin." Mitakuye Oyosin is Lakota for "We are all

related."

"I used painted horses because he (grandfather) used them a lot in his work," she said.

The eagle represents her grandfather and the horses are depictions of her looking up at her grandfather.

"Native Americans often believe that a strong spirit often takes form in a sacred animal once they enter the spirit world," she included in her artist's statement.

"Throughout my time on this piece, I discovered that everything upon this earth has meaning, even the tools we use for creation."

Both Ortiz and Andersen received superior ratings from the judges at the regional art contest.

Senior Lilli Donahue also received a superior rating on her work.

Freshman Trissa Finkral and sophomores Katlin Petronek and Rylee Gee earned excellent ratings.

Annual photo contest begins

By Lori Sorenson

Area photographers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the 2019 Prairie Photo Contest sponsored by the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We're trying to encourage people to get out and enjoy the prairie," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, who also staffs the CVB. "You need not be a resident of the area to participate."

Winners will be selected among three categories: birds and wildlife, landscape, and native prairie plants. The contest is now in its sixth year.

The CVB will accept photo entries for three contest periods: May and June (entry deadline is June 30), July and August (deadline Aug. 31) and September and October (enter by Oct. 31).

Photographers may enter up to five photos per entry period, and two \$50 prizes will be awarded per category per entry period. Photos from all seasons will be accepted.

Submissions should be emailed on or by the first day of each month to luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

The photographer's name, address, phone number and email should be submitted with each entry, along with the title of the entry.

DEATH NOTICES

Vivian Hanssen

Vivian Hanssen, 91, Luverne, formerly of Bridgewater, South Dakota, died Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Saturday, May 11, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will be at a later date in the Bridgewater Cemetery in Bridgewater.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0516 DN)

Glenn and Joyce Hawes

A joint memorial service for Glenn and Joyce Hawes will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial of cremains will be at Jasper City Cemetery.

Joyce Hawes, 88, died Nov. 5, 2018, and Glenn Hawes, 89, died Jan. 14, 2019, both in Lebanon, Oregon.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0516 DN)

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

Past Week's Precipitation Totals 1.14 In.

After an unusually dry period the first three months of 1958, Rock County came in for some brisk rainfall in the past week.

Starting last Thursday and continuing intermittently through Sunday a total of 1.14 inches of moisture was recorded at the Luverne precipitation



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, President, Rock County Historical Society

gauge. The moisture received in the past week falls just slightly over a half inch less than was recorded here for the

entire period of January, February and March this year.

The first thunder and lightning of the year accompanied the

OBITUARIES

Lavonne Shardin

Lavonne Joyce Schardin, 70, Grafton, North Dakota, died Saturday, May 11, 2019, at St. Benedict's Health Center in Dickinson, North Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Grafton Lutheran Church in Grafton. Interment will be at the Memorial Hill Cemetery in Lake Benton. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 17, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at the Tollefson Funeral Home of Grafton, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Lavonne Untiedt was born March 21, 1949, to Paul and Bernice Untiedt in Luverne. She was raised in Kanaranzi and began her education in a one-room school house. Lavonne graduated from Pipestone High School in 1967. Following graduation, she attended Pipestone Vocational School for book-keeping.

Lavonne married Robert "Bob" Schardin on Sept. 8, 1968, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pipestone. The couple made their home in Lake Benton. She worked as bookkeeper for the Pawnee Corporation in Pipestone. In 1970 Lavonne and Bob moved to Hillsboro, North Dakota, where he began his career with Schwan's Ice Cream. In February of 1978 the couple moved to Duncan, South Carolina, for Bob's work with Schwan's. In 1981 the couple moved to Holstein,

Iowa, for a few years, then to Bemidji, and finally to Grafton, North Dakota, in 1989. In Grafton Lavonne went to work as a sales clerk for Pamida (Shopko). She enjoyed her work and especially visiting with all of the customers. She retired after 27 years.

Lavonne enjoyed many hobbies: 4-H when younger, bowling, crafts, and cross stitch. She and Bob enjoyed traveling to see their family. Lavonne loved attending the activities of her grandchildren.

Lavonne is survived by three sons, Jason (DeAnn) Schardin, Brooklyn Center, Wayne (Katie) Schardin, Wichita, Kansas, and Jon Schardin, Dickinson, North Dakota; grandchildren Jenna and Cason; siblings Donald (Jim McKee) Untiedt, Plymouth; Barbara (Alan) Spalinger, Kodiak, Alaska, and Patsy Kaski, Roanoke, Texas; several nieces, nephews, greatnieces and greatnephews; a sister-in-law, Jane Schardin, Slayton; a special aunt, Betty Mann, Luverne; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, on Nov. 17, 2017; her parents; brothers Tom and Howard Untiedt; grandparents John and Freda Mann and Paul and Emma Untiedt; parents-in-law Bernard and Elizabeth Schardin; sister-in-law Ann Untiedt; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arrangements are provided by Tollefson Funeral Home of Grafton, tollefsonfuneralhome.com. (0516 F)

Verna Van Driel

Verna Marilyn Van Driel, 89, Luverne, died Friday, May 10, 2019, under hospice care at the Sanford Luverne Hospital.

A memorial service was Tuesday, May 14, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills.

Verna Lawrence was born on April 19, 1930, to David and Alice (Ellingson) Lawrence in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was baptized in 1930 in Sioux Falls. When Verna was eight years old, her family moved to Volin, South Dakota, where she began her education. She was confirmed in the Christian faith in 1944. When she was 16, the family moved back to Sioux Falls. She graduated from Washington High School in 1949. Verna worked at Morrell's for a year before taking a position with the South Dakota Children's Home in July 1950 as a house mother for just over a year.

On April 25, 1952, Verna married Claude Van Driel at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The couple spent their first year of marriage in Rapid City, South Dakota, where Claude was stationed with the Air Force. They returned to the southwest Minnesota area one year later and began farming near Hills.

Verna and Claude raised their four children on the farm where she was a housewife for the next 36 years. In 1989 they retired and moved to Luverne. This move allowed Verna to

enjoy one of her passions, swimming, as often as possible.

Verna was active in the Lutheran Church as a Sunday school teacher and a member of ladies circle and adult education classes. The family enjoyed many special days at Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp.

She was involved in her community with the Extension Club, 4-H and a 4-H alumni group, YMW. She enjoyed sewing, scrapbooking and extensive traveling with Claude.

Verna is survived by her husband, Claude, of Luverne; children Jayne (Ronald) Peterson of St. Cloud, and Bette (Arthur) Krause of Colorado Springs, Colorado; son-in-law Dale Reiman of Iowa City, Iowa; six grandchildren, Brian Peterson, Tracy Voegelé, Jack Peterson, Danielle Reiman, Alexander Krause and Marcus Krause; three great-granddaughters, Parker and Ava Peterson and Elle Voegelé; and a sister, Arlene Warner of Bentonville, Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bruce Van Driel; a daughter, Mary Alice Reiman; a granddaughter, Moriah Reiman; brothers Clifford, Leland, Ellsworth and David Lawrence; and a sister, Leona Hanson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0516 F)



SCHOOL NEWS

Popkes earns degree

Nancy Popkes, Ellsworth, has earned her Master of Science degree in nursing/education online from Western Governors University.

SDSU announces Fall 2018 graduates

Several area students met the requirements for a degree and/or certificate program following the Fall 2018 semester at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Luverne: Jordan Stegenga, with honor, Associate of Science, agriculture, food and environmental sciences; Sydnie Weiss-Anderson, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, education and human sciences.

Adrian: Elizabeth Thier, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science in education and human sciences.

Rushmore: Mackenzie Wagner, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, agriculture, food and environmental sciences.

Students graduate from MSU Mankato

Several area students will receive degrees at graduation ceremonies at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Saturday, May 11.

Jake Aukes, Luverne, will graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in special education.

Mitchell Muller, Luverne, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in finance.

McKenzi Wenninger, Luverne, has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communication studies.

Jacob Kreun, Edgerton, will graduate magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

Robinson graduates from UN Lincoln

Emily Robinson, Luverne, was awarded a Master of Science degree from the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln commencement ceremonies on May 3.

U of M Morris releases 2018 dean's list

Anthony Cavazos, Luverne, and Jordan Wolford, Adrian, were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at the University of Minnesota Morris.

To be eligible, students must earn a 3.666 grade point average or higher with at least 12 graded credits.

Severtson honored by peers

The University of Minnesota Duluth Office of Student Life and Kirby Student Center honored Lexie Severtson, a biology major from Luverne, with the Arrowhead Award at the Leadership Awards Reception April 29. The award is presented to an outstanding member of a registered student organization to honor service to their group, and the recipient is chosen by the members of the group.

Taubert graduates from Morningside

Carey Taubert, Beaver Creek, received a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, at spring commencement Saturday, May 11.

Make the dean's list? Let us share the news

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Lori Sorenson photo/0516 wet field

Water stands in the rows of last year’s cornstalks in a field west of Luverne. Farmers are getting nervous about their window of opportunity for planting when wet conditions prevent any fieldwork, which would include tillage and fertilizing.

Spring fieldwork behind normal

By Kent Thiesse
Farm Management Analyst

For the third year in a row, spring fieldwork has been slow to begin in most areas of the Upper Midwest in 2019. Frequent rainfall events during the last ten days of April and the first week of May across large areas of the region have resulted in field conditions that are too wet for corn planting.

In addition, very cool temperatures have also existed across the region during late April and early May, resulting in soil conditions that have not been conducive to corn planting in Minnesota and northern Iowa.

The combination of the rainfall in late April and early May, together with totally saturated soils, has resulted in significant planting delays. Because of these conditions, a rainfall event of a few tenths can have a similar impact that a rainfall event of an inch or more would usually have.

Fields are very slow to dry out, especially in poorly drained areas. In many instances, when planting does occur, farm operators are forced to leave portions of



Lori Sorenson photo/0516 wet pasture

Cow-calf pairs at Blac-X Farms wait for greener pastures Tuesday morning north of Beaver Creek. Livestock producers are also suffering from wet conditions this spring as pastures aren’t yet fit for grazing and farmers are running out of feed and bedding options.

the fields unplanted due to the excessive soil moisture.

Most university and private agronomists are encouraging producers to be patient with resuming fieldwork, and to wait until soil conditions are conducive for good corn planting and seed germination.

Given the high cost per acre of seed corn and the limited availability of some of the best-yielding corn hybrids in 2019, most growers do not want to take the risk of planting corn into poor soil conditions.

It is expected that full-scale corn planting will resume as soon as the field conditions dry out and are fit for planting in a given area.

“Ideal time window” to plant corn in southern Minnesota in order to achieve optimum yields is typically from April 20 to about May 10, but research shows the reduction in corn yield is minimal with planting dates from May 10-15 in southern Minnesota and depends on growing season weather.

Even corn planted from

May 15-25 has a good chance of producing 90-95 percent of optimum yield potential, assuming that we get some favorable growing conditions during the balance of 2019.

Currently the fall crop prices and crop economics for 2019 favor planting corn over soybeans, so there is a desire to optimize corn acres this year.

Producers may switch to earlier corn hybrids as we get later into May, even though the earlier hybrids may have slightly lower yield potential.

Highway 75 emergency repairs this summer/continued from page 1

getting ready for 2025 in town,” Ous said. “I want to make an investment now that will get us to that point.”

Late in April, MNDOT staff traveled Highway 75 in a van outfitted with equipment that evaluates road conditions based on seismic graphs, laser readings and other measurements.

The data from that reading won’t be available for several months, but Ous said the appearance of the road — and his own maintenance crews — tell him there are potential hazards for motorcycles and even car tires.

“There’s something going on in the sub-concrete; some of the joints are going up, some are going down, one wheel path is going up, one down ... It’s not safe for us, and it’s not safe for you,” he said.

“Instead of following the natural path, traffic is moving over because the original path is so rough. And if that keeps happening, the whole works is going to go.”

The longer Highway 75 in Luverne is neglected, the faster it deteriorates, which is why Ous said he’s bracing for the possibility of a reconstruction in 2025, rather than the planned mill-off and overlay.

A “mill and overlay” is a street maintenance technique that grinds off the top layer (2

Is a gas tax increase the answer?

Tuesday’s discussion drifted briefly to the merits of increasing Minnesota’s gas tax.

The Rock County Board opted not to support a resolution urging a gas tax increase, because the proposed increase wouldn’t be enough to make a difference.

“Transportation needs to be a priority at the state level within the regular funding streams,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

“And now they’re talking about pulling the automobile tax into the general fund. That’s idiotic.”

With the current proposal, 7 cents out of the proposed 20-cent gas tax increase would cover the portion of auto parts sales tax that was shifted to transportation back to the general fund.

In the end, District 7’s portion of increased gas tax revenue is estimated at roughly \$24 million per year, which isn’t much, considering the 2025 Highway 75 rebuild in town could be \$6 million per mile.

Mayor Pat Baustian noted that if the gas tax had kept pace with inflation, it would be a better source of transportation funding today.

Gov. Tim Walz initially proposed a 20-cent gas tax increase, which isn’t far off proposals from other states, and at current gas prices, it would cost consumers roughly \$3 more for every tank filled.

Baustian said if states hadn’t waited so long, inflation wouldn’t have eaten away the benefits of the tax. Meanwhile, construction costs continue to rise and fuel-efficient cars are buying less fuel.

The result is that aging roads and bridges now have less money to fix them.

“I don’t see how the state can not support the gas tax,” Baustian said. “They need to get their hands around that and fund our roads.”

to 3 inches) in a large milling machine and a new layer of bituminous pavement is put in its place.

The 2025 project is estimated to cost \$3.3 million for the 2-mile section in Luverne and \$3.8 million for

the 15-mile rural portion.

A reconstruction would mean rebuilding the road with new base materials and an 8-inch cement overlay on top of the base at an estimated \$6 million per mile in town.

At a meeting with MNDOT last fall in Luverne, city engineer Gary Kurth said Highway 75 hasn’t been rebuilt since its initial construction.

“The 1930s concrete is disintegrating,” he said. “There isn’t much base there anymore.”

Ous said on Tuesday that core samples of the existing pavement will be taken in order to gauge the condition of the road’s base.

“That will be very telling,” he said. “If it comes back that it’s badly deteriorated — and I think it is — that might change our plans.”

A rebuild might become an only option, despite lack of funds — which would have to come from money designated for other projects in other communities.

“It’s our dilemma,” Ous said. “We have these conversations all over the district.”

Baustian said the city has been preparing for a Highway 75 project by using televised scopes to check on underground infrastructure.

“We’ll do whatever we can to lean forward and be ready sooner than later,” he said.

Hardwick building has new owner/continued from page 1

ing at is basically an apartment on the upper level and the income potential based on what you get from rent,” he said.

“The lower level he plans on occupying and starting a business in there.”

No specifics were available on the type of business, which Rolfs plans on implementing in about two years.

Pierson indicated that Rolfs would spend the next 18 months on improving the building and keeping the three-bedroom apartment occupied.

The second year would focus on the lower level, which Pierson referred to as a potential “office complex.”

The city of Hardwick purchased the former Hardwick grocery store for

\$40,000 in 2013.

Council members turned the upstairs living quarters into an apartment and opened the ground floor for business opportunities.

In 2013 the 1,500-square-foot ground floor became home to the Country Discount Grocery Store.

At the store’s closing in early 2015, the city received a USDA rural development grant for new or expanding businesses.

The city matched the USDA’s \$25,000 to start the loan program. The \$50,000 is available to any for-profit business in Hardwick to cover a variety of needs.

The loan was used once since the program began six years ago.

Alliance Communi-

cations out of Garretson, South Dakota, utilized the money during the construction of the fiber optic equipment hut located in Hardwick.

Alliance paid the loan back to the city months after the loan was issued.

Pierson, who worked for USDA for 34 years, said if the loan program is not utilized for a period of time, USDA officials might remove the program from use in Hardwick.

Even with Rolfs’ loan, the fund still has \$10,000 available.

“Looking at it historically, we really hadn’t had anyone else who wanted to take advantage of the loan,” said city clerk Tammy Johnson.

About the SBDC

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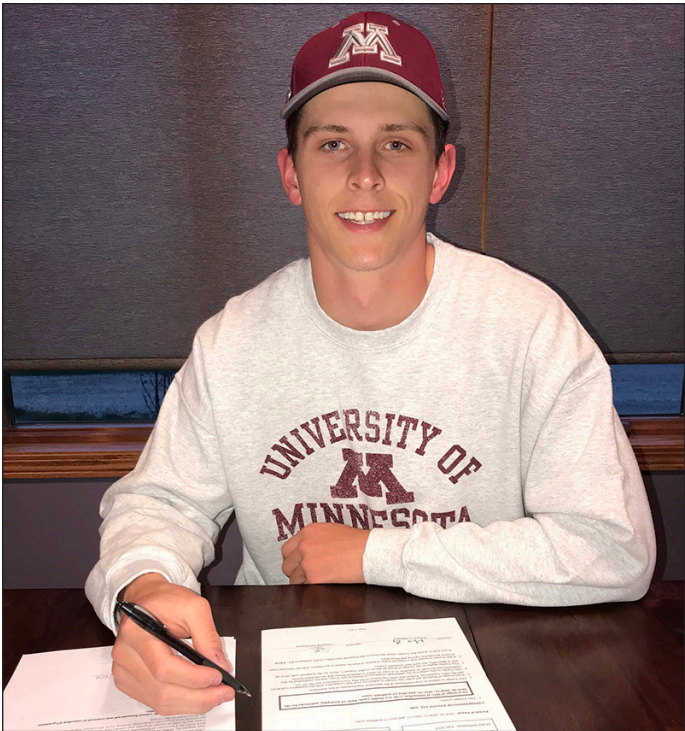
Services are provided at no cost to clients.

Training seminars are also offered free or for a nominal fee.

SBDC is funded through the U.S. Small Business Administration, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and region support partners.

The southwest regional center is located in Marshall at the campus of the Southwest Minnesota State University.

The phone number is 507-537-7386 and email sbdc@smsu.edu.



Submitted photo
Jaxon Nelson signed a Letter of Intent to play college hockey at the University of Minnesota last week.

Nelson inks with Golden Gophers

By John Rittenhouse

Jaxon Nelson’s longtime dream is about to become a reality. Nelson, a 2018 Luverne High School graduate, has always wanted to play hockey at the University of Minnesota.

He took his first step to living his dream on May 6, when he signed a Letter of Intent to play as a Minnesota Gopher next fall.

Nelson, who was a member of Luverne’s first state-qualifying team in 2014, spent the last three winters honing his skills in the United States Hockey League.

He played two seasons for Sioux Falls before joining the Omaha Lancers last season, where he produced his best season in junior hockey by registering 40 points (19 goals and 21 assists).

Nelson’s next step is to report to the U of M for six weeks of summer school and summer hockey training.

The 2019-20 school year begins at the U of M on Sept. 3, and practice for the upcoming hockey begins in October.

Nelson said he has remained in contact with Bob Motzko throughout the winter.

Motzko just completed his first season as the Gophers’ head coach, and Nelson appears to be excited to play for him.

“I’m definitely excited about this,” he said.

“This should be a good opportunity for me because they lost seven forwards last season. Coach just wants me to come in and play. He said I shouldn’t worry about producing, he just wants me to come up there and start playing.”

Cards sweep AA

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne and Adrian Area softball teams locked horns in a non-conference doubleheader in Ellsworth Monday.

The day turned into a good one for the visiting Cardinals, who swept the set to improve to 14-3 for the season.

LHS prevailed 21-8 in a shootout in Game 1 before securing a 5-1 win in the finale.

AA sported a 5-3 lead after three innings of play in the opener, but the Cardinals took over the game after that.

LHS outscored the Dragons 18-3 the rest of the way to prevail by 13 runs.

The Cards did most of their damage in a nine-run fourth inning and a seven-run seventh inning.

Rylee Olson, who belted a solo homerun in the first inning, drove in four runs with four hits for LHS.

Kendall Buss (four hits and



John Rittenhouse photo/0516 softball 13
Luverne senior Halle Hough registered five hits during Monday’s doubleheader sweep in Ellsworth.

two RBIs), Billi Connell (three hits and three RBIs), Halle Hough (three hits and one RBI), Sydne Johnson (three hits), Courtney Nath (two hits and two RBIs) and Rozilyn Oye (two hits and three RBIs) also had big games at the plate for the Cards.

Hough pitched seven innings of 11-hit, eight-run ball to get the win.

Shawna Rogers (three hits and five RBIs), Kristina Cauwels (three hits and one RBI) and Jayden Zebe (three hits) led AA at the plate.

Avery Balster tossed three-plus innings and took the pitching loss, while Rogers

Girls collect BSC title Saturday

Boys fall two points short

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal track teams received the honor of hosting the Big South Conference Small School Division meet Saturday.

The day turned into a dominating one for the Cardinal girls, who compiled 231 points to beat second-place Redwood Valley (120 points) and the rest of the squads in the seven-team field.

It was the third consecutive year LHS captured the BSC team title.

The Cardinal boys made a bid to win the team title as well before falling two points short of making it happen.

Luverne scored 132 points, finishing third out of seven teams behind co-champions RWV and Pipestone, squads that turned in 134-point efforts.

The Cardinal girls captured 11 event titles and placed second in four events during their championship-earning performance.

Tenley Nelson and Brooklynn Ver Steeg led the way by winning two individual events each.

Nelson took top honors in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs with respective 2:23.89 and 5:31.14 times, while Ver Steeg captured championships in the 200- and 400-meter dashes in 27.02 and 1:00.69.

Jenna DeBates (12:19.04 in the 3,200), Regan Feit (8-0 in the pole vault) and Mallory Thorson (34-6 in the triple jump) claimed individual titles as well.

The Cardinals also won all four relay events during the meet.

Ivy Hudson, Mallory Oye, Gracie Zewiske and Sydney Bieber took the 400-meter title with a time of 51.85, while Autumn Nath, Oye, Zewiske and Bieber



John Rittenhouse photo/0516 track 2
Luverne’s Mallory Oye (left) reaches to hand off the baton to Gracie Zewiske during the 400-meter relay at the Big South Conference Small School Division meet Saturday at LHS.

landed the 800-meter crown with a 1:50.99 effort.

Feit, Nath, Jadyn Anderson and Ver Steeg teamed up to win the 1,600-meter relay in 4:14.82, while Feit, Tiana Lais, Elizabeth Wagner and Anderson won the 3,200-meter event in 10:00.3.

Placing second for LHS individually were Zewiske (13.24

in the 100), Lais (1:02.42 in the 400), Feit (50.3 in the 300 hurdles) and Jocelyn Hart (89-11 in the discus).

The Cardinal boys claimed one meet title and placed second in six events during their third-place showing as a squad.

Luverne’s Jordy Thone, Austin Winter, Jonah Friedrichsen

and Jed Dooyema took top honors in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 3:36.12.

Placing second individually for LHS were Thone (53.74 in the 400), Dalton DeSollar (4:53.73 in the 1,600), Zach Ahrendt (43-6 in the shot put), Matt Ziegler (124-6 in the dis-

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Crabtree, Reisch no-hit Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals completed a sweep of their annual season baseball series with the Adrian Dragons Monday at Redbird Field.

Luverne, which topped AHS 10-4 when the teams met in Adrian March 28, made it consecutive six-run wins over the Dragons by handing them an 8-2 setback in the rematch.

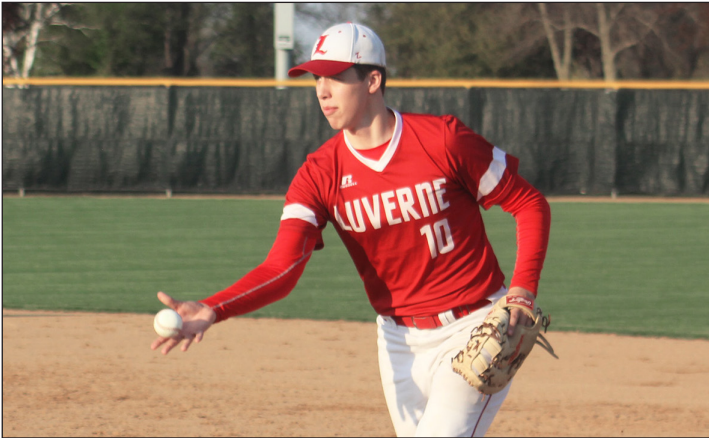
The Cards set the stage for victory by plating seven runs in the first two innings of play.

Jake Haugom delivered a two-run single and another run scored on an error when the Cards opened a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

Isaiah Bartels recorded a sacrifice fly before Derek Lundgren made it a 7-0 game with a three-run double in the second.

Adrian received an RBI single from Brent Hokeness and Ian Stamer slapped a single to make it a 7-2 game in the top of the third.

Luverne, however, plated the final run of the game when Jaden Knips recorded a sac-



John Rittenhouse photo/0516 lbb 2
Luverne’s Isaiah Bartels flips the ball to the pitcher to register an out during Monday’s game against E-SWC.

rifice fly in the fourth inning.

Ben Serie nailed down the pitching win for LHS by tossing five innings of two-run, two-hit ball.

Jade Smith twirled two hitless innings in relief of Serie.

Noah Reyne was tagged with the loss for Adrian after pitching two innings of seven-run, five-hit ball.

Marshall Wagner (one run and three hits in two innings), Lance Luettel (one hit in one

inning) and Nathan Rahe (one hit in one inning) also worked on the mound for Adrian.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Serie	4	0	3	0
Buss	0	2	0	0
Nath	4	2	3	0
Crabtree	4	0	0	0
Bartels	2	1	0	1
Haugen	3	2	3	2
Lundgren	2	0	1	0
Reisch	2	0	1	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Knips	2	0	0	1
Smith	1	0	0	0
Sterrett	2	1	0	0

Cardinals capture first Section 2AA True Team crown in Marshall

By John Rittenhouse

After a one-year absence, the Luverne girls will be returning to the Minnesota State True Team Track and Field Championships in Stillwater Saturday.

That accomplishment became a reality May 7 in Marshall, where the Cardinals captured their first Section 2AA True Team title in program history.

Luverne, which had won 11 consecutive Section 3A titles during a streak that ended in 2017, placed a disappointing sixth during their first showing at the Section 2AA meet last spring.

The Cardinals made up for it in Marshall by besting a 12-team field with 580 points.

LHS needed every point to win what ended up being a competitive meet that featured 13 points separating the top four teams.

Waseca placed second with 578 points, while Mankato East and Belle Plaine finished third and fourth with 573.5 and 567 points respectively.

By winning the section title, LHS advances to the Minnesota State Class AA True Team Championships for the first time.

The Cardinals produced four meet titles and placed second in three events to highlight their championship showing in Marshall.

Tenley Nelson won the 1,600- and 3,200-meter

runs with times of 5:12.14 and 11:26.33.

Nelson’s effort in the 1,600 is a new LHS record.

Luverne also won the 400- and 1,600-meter relays with 52.57 and 4:08.99 efforts.

Ivy Hudson, Mallory Oye, Gracie Zewiske and Sydney Bieber formed the 400-meter squad, while Regan Feit, Jadyn Anderson, Tiana Lais and Brooklynn Ver Steeg ran the 1,600.

Feit (49.3 in the 300 hurdles) and Mallory Thorson (36-5 ¾ in the triple jump) placed second individually for LHS.

Autumn Nath, Oye, Hudson and Bieber placed second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:50.87.

The Cardinal boys displayed improvement during their second appearance at the Section

2AA event.

After placing 10th out of 12 teams in 2018, LHS scored 356.5 points to finish ninth May 7.

Jordan claimed the team title with 630 points.

Senior Jed Dooyema turned in the top effort for the Cards by finishing second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.47.

Dooyema also placed third in the pole vault (12-6) and 17th in the 100- and 200-meter dashes with respective 12.31 and 24.67 times.

Here is a look at the rest of Luverne’s point-earning efforts at the section meet.

LHS girls

Third place: Ver Steeg, 800, 2:23.85; Jocelyn Hart, shot, 32-8 ¾; 3,200 relay (Feit, Nath, Lais and Anderson), 10:04.34.

Fourth place: Zewiske, 200, 27.52; Ver Steeg, 400, 1:00.75.

Fifth place: Thorson, long jump, 16-3 ½).

Sixth place: Bieber, 200, 27.57.

Seventh place: Zewiske, 100, 13.64; Lais, 400, 1:02.44.

Eighth place: Anderson, 800, 2:28; Jenna DeBates, 3,200, 12:08.92.

Ninth place: Tia Hadler, shot, 31-9 ½.

10th place: Nath, high jump, 4-8; Gabrielle Ferrell, triple jump, 33-3 ¼; Hart, discus, 85-2.

11th place: Feit, pole vault, 8-0.

12th place: Hudson, 100, 13.86.

13th place: Ferrell, 300 hurdles, 52.2.

14th place: Elise Jarchow and Thorson tied for 13th with times of 18.93 in the 100 hurdles.

15th place: Elizabeth Wagner, 1,600, 5:47.77.

16th place: Jarchow, pole vault, 7-0; Ferrell, long jump, 14-10.

20th place: Wagner, high jump, 4-4.

23rd place: Jadyn Hart, discus, 65-0.

LHS boys

Third place: Jonah Friedrichsen, high jump, 5-8.

Fourth place: Jordy Thone, 400, 52.07.

Sixth place: 1,600 relay (Thone, Austin Winter, Nicholas Kiers and Friedrichsen), 3:34.34.

Seventh place: Matt Ziegler, discus, 115-9 ½.

Eighth place: 3,200 relay (Winter, Dalton DeSollar, D.J. Swenson and Shane Berning), 9:11.57.

Ninth place: Zach Ahrendt, shot, 42-2 ½; Kameron Keene, discus, 114-8; 800 relay (Ashton Sandbulte, Nicholas Rogers, Joel Ortiz and Kiers), 1:41.2.

10th place: Friedrichsen, 300 hurdles, 44.55.

12th place: Brayden Tofteland, 1,600, 4:38.34; Eli Radtke, pole vault, 9-6; 400 relay (Eduardo Godines, Radtke, Tyler de Cesare and Rogers), 51.8.

13th place: Sandbulte, 100, 12.06; Friedrichsen, triple jump, 38.3.

15th place: Sandbulte, 200, 24.47; Winter, 800, 2:11.19; Kiers, 110 hurdles, 18.46.

16th place: Tofteland, 3,200, 10:50.32.

17th place: Berning, 3,200, 10:50.56.

18th place: Ethan Curtiss, triple jump, 34-10.

19th place: Sandbulte, long jump, 18-3; Thone, 800, 2:14.7.

20th place: Rogers, high jump, 4-10.

21st place: Swenson, 1,600, 5:14.99; Curtiss, 300 hurdles, 48.63; Ziegler, shot, 35-4 ½.

22nd place: de Cesare, long jump, 17-6.

23rd place: Ortiz, 110 hurdles, 24.09.

Luverne Cardinal softball team wins five of six contests

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne softball team went 5-1 during a stretch of playing three doubleheaders in five days.
The Cardinals swept a set in Jackson May 7 before splitting games in Marshall Thursday.
LHS returned home to take two games from St. James Saturday.
Luverne ended the stretch with a 12-3 record.

St. James twin bill
The Cardinals completed an 8-2 Big South Conference season by sweeping a doubleheader from the Saints Saturday in Luverne.
Luverne nipped St. James 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth inning in Game 1 before posting a 4-0 victory in the finale.
LHS scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning only to yield unearned runs to the Saints in the third and fifth innings that left the game tied at two.

The Cardinals scored an unearned run in the ninth when Rozilyn Oye drew a walk and scored on a two-error play by the Saints when she attempted to steal second base.

Rylee Olson pitched nine innings of six-hit, 15-strikeout ball to earn the win.
Billi Connell, Kendall Buss and Sydne Johnson recorded one hit each for the Cards.

Olson twirled another gem during Game 2 against St. James.

She recorded eight strikeouts and surrendered four hits during a seven-inning shutout.

Olson helped her own cause by driving in three runs with two hits for an LHS team that



Luverne catcher Billi Connell finds a path between a pair of St. James defenders to steal second base during Saturday's Big South Conference doubleheader in Luverne. The Cards swept the Saints.

scored one run in the third inning and three in the fourth.
Connell chipped in one hit and one RBI, while Oye, Carly Olson and Johnson added one hit each.

Marshall twin bill
A seven-game winning streak came to an end for the Cardinals during a doubleheader in Marshall Thursday.
Luverne posted a 13-6 victory in Game 1, but the Cards took their third loss of the

season when they fell 10-5 in the finale.
LHS overcame eight errors in the field to best the Tigers by seven runs in the opener.
The Cards never trailed in the contest and outscored Marshall 12-3 during the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings to win the contest handily.
Rylee Olson pitched all seven innings without yielding an earned run. She fanned eight batters and yielded seven hits.
Johnson led the Cards at the

plate by driving in four runs with four hits.
Ainslie Robinson (one RBI) and Buss (two RBIs) registered three hits for LHS, while Connell (two RBIs) and Olson (one RBI) chipped in two hits each.
Marshall scored the first three runs and never faced a deficit in Game 2.
LHS did trim the difference to one run (3-2) after scoring twice in the top of the fourth inning, but the Tigers outscored the Cards 7-3 the rest

of the way to win the game by five runs.
Connell and Buss ripped two hits and drove in two runs at the plate.
Johnson plated one run with one hit.
Halle Hough took the pitching loss after yielding six runs (five were earned) and seven hits in four innings.
Oye tossed the final two frames, giving up four runs (three were earned) and four hits.



Adrian third baseman Brady Vortherms grabs the ball with his bare hand before delivering a throw to first base to register an out during Thursday's 4-3 home win over MCC.

Dragons nip MCC Rebels

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian baseball team upped its Red Rock Conference record to 4-3 with a come-from-behind home win over Murray County Central Thursday.
After falling behind 3-0 during the first 4 1/2 innings of play, the Dragons scored the final four runs of the contest to secure a one-run victory.
AHS scored twice in the bottom of the fifth inning to make it a 3-2 difference before scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh to settle the issue.
Adrian's Brandon Schnoor singled with one out, stole third base and scored the tying run when MCC had a throwing error on a ball put in play by Adrian's Carter Braun.
Dragon Trace Kremin singled and Ian Stamer drew an intentional walk to load the sacks for Noah Reyne, who drilled a single to center field that plated the game-winning run.
Stamer pitched seven innings of seven-hit, three-run (two were earned), eight-strikeout ball to secure the win.

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls joined eight other teams to compete at the Pre-Section Golf Tournament Thursday at the Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake.
Playing on the same course that will be the site of the Sec-

tion 3AA Tournament later this month, LHS turned in a 405-stroke effort to place fifth in the nine-team field.
Minnewaska Area (315), New Ulm (362), Fairmont (364) and Worthington (398) topped the Cardinals in the

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cus) and Dooyema (12-6 in the pole vault).
Ashton Sandbulte, Dooyema, Thone and Friedrichsen finished second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:35.15.
Here is a look at the rest of Luverne's top eight finishes during the BSC meet.

LHS girls
Third place: Nath, 200, 27.74; Anderson, 800, 2:27.63; Julia Ferguson, discus, 79-11; Elise Jarchow, pole vault, 8-0; Thorson, long jump, 15-3 1/2.
Fourth place: Gabrielle Ferrell, triple jump, 32-8; Nath, high jump, 4-6; Biever, 100, 13.54; Oye, 200, 27.98; Wagner, 3,200, 12:38.56; Hart, shot, 32-11.
Fifth place: Hudson, 100, 13.7; Kamryn Van Batavia, 1,600, 6:09.61; Tia Hadler, shot, 32-9.
Sixth place: Thorson, 100 hurdles, 18.56; Van Batavia, high jump, 4-4; Lais, long jump, 14-8.
Eighth place: Ferrell, long jump, 14-2 1/2; Oye, pole vault, 7-0; Wagner, high jump, 4-4; Ferrell, 300 hurdles, 53.73; Jarchow, 100 hurdles, 18.77; Grace Ingebretson, 3,200, 4:17.35; Kayla Bloemendaal, 1,600, 6:33.93.

LHS boys
Third place: Sandbulte, 100, 11.87; Winter, 800, 2:12.29; Brayden Toffe-



Senior Jed Dooyema clears the bar in the pole vault competition at the Big South Conference Small School Division meet Saturday in Luverne. Dooyema placed second in the event.

land, 3,200, 10:38.29; Friedrichsen, 300 hurdles, 44.84; Cameron Keene, discus, 123-0; 3,200 relay (Winter, Toffeland, DeSollar and Shane Berning), 8:55.98.
Fourth place: D.J. Swenson, 1,600, 5:08.19; Nicholas Kiers, 110 hurdles,

18.14; Eric Thorson, shot, 38-6.
Fifth place: Kiers, 400, 55.46.
Sixth place: Eli Radtke, pole vault, 10-0; Friedrichsen, triple jump, 38-9 1/2.
Seventh place: Berning, 1,600, 5:12.88; Keene, shot, 36-7; Ethan Teunissen, discus, 104-7; Sandbulte, long jump,

17-2 1/2; 400 relay (Eduardo Godines, Radtke, Joel Ortiz and Nicholas Rogers), 49.82.
Eighth place: Dooyema, 200, 24.68; Rogers, high jump, 5-2; Tyler de Cesare, long jump, 17-0.

Birds rout Ruthton

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Redbirds ran their record to 2-0 with a 19-0 victory Sunday in Ruthton.
Luverne scored 19 runs in the first six innings of the game and received scoreless innings on the mound from three different pitchers to highlight the win.
Andrew DeBoer twirled the first five innings to get the win, while Connor Hoffman and Jared Pick tossed one shutout inning each.
Phil Paquette, who belted a grand slam homerun in the second inning, led Luverne with three hits.
Zach Loosbrock and Skyler Wenninger drove in four runs with two hits each, while DeBoer and Brooks Mauer added two RBIs to the winning cause.
Luverne plays in Hadley Sunday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	2	5	1	0
Norman	4	2	1	0
Paquette	5	4	3	4
Wenninger	2	4	2	4
DeBoer	3	2	0	1
Z.Loosbrock	3	0	2	4
A.Loosbrock	4	0	1	2
Mauer	5	0	1	2
Pick	4	2	0	0

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Dragons win high-scoring game in Lambertton

The Adrian Area softball team picked up its fourth conference win of the season by nipping Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Lambertton.

The teams scored a combined 33 runs during what ended as a 17-16 AHS win.

Brent Hokeness (four hits and five RBIs), Ian Stamer (three hits and two RBIs) and Marshall Wagner (two hits and three RBIs) led AHS at the plate, while Nathan Rahe pitched one inning of relief to earn the win.

Falcons sweep softball set from Adrian Area

The Adrian Area softball team took 8-7 and 13-2 setbacks from Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut Grove during an RRC twin bill in Lambertton.

AA's Avery Balster, who recorded two hits at the plate along with Kristina Cauwels and Kendra DeBeer in Game 1, was saddled with the pitching loss.

Cauwels slapped two hits and drove in one run and Balster delivered one hit in the nightcap, which ended with Shawna Rogers taking the pitching loss.

H-BC, AHS golfers complete third leg of RRC play

The Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams wrapped up the third leg of the Red Rock Conference Tournament at different venues.

Murray County Central turned in the top score (383 strokes) of the third round of girls' play in Sanborn, while AHS (405) and H-BC (464) posted the second and fifth best tallies of the third event.

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda (324) posted the lowest score during the boys' competition in Westbrook, while Adrian (359) and H-BC (394) posted the third- and sixth-best scores during the day.

Brock Henning (83), Logan Nogosek (91), Landon Runia (92) and Landyn Loosbrock (93) made contributions to Adrian's team tally for the boys, while Parker Gehrke (94), Ty Bundesen (96), Jacob Axness (101) and Thomas Dysthe (103) did the same for H-BC.

Gracia Elias (99), Annika Elias (101), Madelyn Odell (101) and Josi Altman (104) padded the team tally for the AHS girls, while Tess Van Maanen (91), Hannah Fick (105), Bryn Mongeau (126) and Kailey Rozeboom (142) did the same for H-BC.

AA posts season's second win in Heron Lake

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team picked up its second win of the season during a span of playing three games in as many days late last week.

The Dragons lost a 10-run home decision to Murray County Central Thursday before splitting games at the Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Tournament Saturday.

AA ended the stretch with a 2-10 record.

HL-O-F tourney

The Dragons went 1-1 and placed third at the HL-O-F Tournament Saturday in Okabena.

Adrian Area lost a 25-3 decision to Marshall School (Duluth) in the opening round before topping the host team 5-3 in the finale.

Marshall School dominated play in the first game by scoring 22 runs in the first three innings and winning by 22 at game's end.

AA scored two runs in the first inning and one in the fourth during a four-inning contest.

Kristina Cauwels doubled home one run and Jennifer Preuss slapped an RBI single

for the Dragons, while Sam Moulton and Avery Balster registered one hit each.

Shawna Rogers pitched one inning and took the loss, while Balster worked the final three frames.

AA snapped a tie at three by scoring two runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to win the third-place game.

Cauwels drove in three runs with two hits, Autumn Grussing recorded two hits and one RBI and Jayden Zebe registered one hit in the win over the Coyotes.

Rogers pitched all seven innings to earn the win.

MCC 10, AA 0

The Dragons slipped to 1-8 in conference play when they took a 10-run loss from the Rebels in Ellsworth Thursday.

MCC put together three-run rallies in the third and fifth innings and scored two runs in the second and fourth frames to win the game by the 10-run rule after five innings of play.

Balster, who had one hit at the plate, took the pitching loss after tossing five innings of nine-hit ball.

Moulton led AA with two hits, while Cauwels added one safety to the cause.



Grussing



John Rittenhouse photo/0516 tennis 5

Luverne senior Matt Jelken strikes a forehand during a No. 1 singles match against St. James' Lucas Doll Friday in Luverne. The visiting Saints snapped a run of six wins for LHS.

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team raised its record to 10-6 after winning three of four matches in a span of seven days.

The Cardinals posted a road win in Pipestone May 7 and secured a seven-point home victory over Yellow Medicine East before St. James snapped what was a six-match winning streak Friday in Luverne.

LHS bounced back to post a five-point home win over Montevideo Monday.

The Cards play at a triangular meet in St. James Saturday before opening the Section 3A Team Tournament Monday in Luverne.

LHS 6, Montevideo 1

The Cardinals registered their 10th conquest of the season when they disposed of the Thunder Hawks by five points Monday in Luverne.

LHS swept Montevideo in doubles competition and went 3-1 in singles to secure the victory.

All three doubles wins came in straight sets.

Cole Stoltenberg and Matt Sehr topped Tyler Johnson and Cayden Olson by 6-1 and 6-2 tallies at No. 1, while Jordan Winter and Carson Ehde bested Tyler DeJong and Bergen Pederson by 6-1 and 6-3 scores at No. 2.

Blake Frahm and Griffen Jarchow posted 6-0 and 6-1 wins against Tyler McKee and Colton Unzen at third doubles.

Matt Jelken (6-0, 6-1 over Owen Strunc at No. 1) and Pierce Cunningham (6-3, 6-2 over David Moreno at No. 4) prevailed in straight sets in singles, while Graham Cunningham (6-4, 4-6, 11-9) won a three-set battle with Lucas Hoiu at No. 3.

Montevideo's point came from John VanRavenswaay, who topped Colin Schoeneman 3-6, 6-3, 10-5 at third singles.

By John Rittenhouse

Track teams from Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth high schools mixed it up at the Dick Davidson Invitational Thursday in Slayton.

The area schools produced a combined four titles and six second-place finishes at the meet, which featured Southwest Christian-Edgerton capturing both the boys' (138.5 points) and girls' (170.33) team titles.

H-BC's girls placed third out of 10 teams with 62.2 points, while Adrian and Ellsworth finished seventh and 10th with 29 and four points respectively.

The Patriots won a pair of relay titles and had two individuals place second at the meet.

H-BC's Taylor Durst, Ashlee Kelderman, Layla Deelstra and Taryn Rauk took top honors in the 400-meter relay with a time of 54.33, while Kenadie Fick, Kelderman, Deelstra and

Rauk won the 800-meter relay in 1:54.76.

Rauk placed second in the 100-meter dash in 13.73, while Fick tied for second place in the high jump by clearing 4-4.

The Adrian girls claimed one meet championship and placed second in one event.

Moriah Bullerman won the 800-meter relay in 2:36.61 for the Dragons, while Sammy Wieneke finished second in the discus with a toss of 93-2.

The EHS boys placed fourth out of 10 teams with 49 points, while Adrian and H-BC finished ninth and 10th with 16 and 14 points.

The Panthers won a relay title and one individual placed second at the meet.

Sean Boltjes, Noah Kruse, Robby Armstrong and Kade Boltjes won the 800-meter relay in 1:33.59.

Kruse covered 19-0 to finish second in the long jump.

Hoppe (6-2, 6-2 over Pierce Cunningham at No. 4).

Luverne 7, YME 0

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of the Sting by seven points Thursday in Luverne.

Luverne lost one set in the process of winning every match of the contest.

Graham Cunningham (6-2, 6-4 over Tyler Syring at No. 2), Schoeneman (6-1, 6-2 over Jackson Togerson at No. 3) and Pierce Cunningham (6-1, 6-2 over Brandon Beyer at No. 4) posted singles wins in straight sets for the Cardinals.

Luverne's Jelken came out on the winning end of a 6-2, 3-6, 10-6 decision against Ean Clarke at first singles.

Cardinals Sehr and Stoltenberg upended Austin Canatsey and Derrick Lein by 6-0 and 6-1 tallies at first doubles.

Ehde and Winter saddled YNE's Isaac Olevson and Clayton Wintz with a pair of 6-0 setbacks at second doubles,

while Frahm and Jarchow prevailed by the same scores against Gage Corner and Mason Rhode at No. 3.

LHS 4, Pipestone 0

The Cardinals came out on the winning end of a four-point decision during a rain-shortened match in Pipestone May 7.

Luverne won two singles matches and two doubles matches before the skies opened, which resulted in the other three matches to be suspended.

Jelken nailed down a pair of 6-1 wins over Winter, while Schoeneman posted a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Dalton Potratz at No. 3.

Sehr and Stoltenberg came out on the winning end of 6-0 and 6-2 scores against Noah Everett and Taylor Mollema at first doubles.

Winter and Ehde handed Cole Paulson and Isaac Stiles 6-3 and 6-2 losses at second doubles.

Area track teams run in Slayton Thursday

Ellsworth girls
Fourth place: Ashlyn Meester, 300 hurdles, 55.61.
Seventh place: Meester, 100 hurdles, 18.94.

Ellsworth boys
Third place: Brandon Kramer, discus, 135-7; S. Boltjes, long jump, 17-4 ½.
Fourth place: Robby Armstrong, 400, 54.67; Christian Holland, discus, 125-0.
Sixth place: Kramer, shot, 39-9 ½; 3,200 relay (Linkin Bossert, Peyton Lewis, Sam Kramer and Micah Onken), 10:14.93.
Seventh place: Cole Boltjes, 200, 25.6; Holland, shot, 39-6.

Adrian boys
Third place: Christian Weidert, long jump, 17-4 ½.
Fourth place: Weidert, 200, 25.28.
Seventh place: Tucker Wieneke, discus, 114-9.
Eighth place: Dakota John, 100, 12.96.

H-BC boys
Fifth place: Cole Baker, long jump, 17-3 ½; Baker, triple jump, 37-7; 800 relay (Dewell Rauk, Tryce Bennett, Liam Raymon and Wysong), 1:44.06.
Sixth place: Rauk, 100, 12.89.
Seventh place: Raymon, 100, 12.92; 400 relay (Garrett Raymon, Chase Bosch, Calvin Erickson and Zander Wysong), 53.01.
Eighth place: G. Raymon, discus, 110-5.

AHS and H-BC registered one second-place performance each.

Scot Edwards tossed the shot 46-11 to place second for the Dragons, while Gavin Wysong ran 100 meters in 12.96 to finish second for the Patriots.

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

H-BC girls
Third place: Deelstra, 100, 13.84; Fick, 800, 2:38.37; Abby Knobloch, shot, 30-4.
Fourth place: Taylor Durst, 400, 1:07.17.
Fifth place: Fick, 400, 1:02.5; Rauk, long jump, 14-5 ½; Lauren Tatge, 1,600, 6:13.87.
Sixth place: Kelderman, 100, 14.41; Knobloch, discus, 83-8.
Seventh place: Knobloch, 200, 31.6.
Eighth place: Ana Hagen, 1,600, 6:18.67.

Adrian girls
Third place: Hannah Henning, 200, 30.67.
Fourth place: 800 relay (Henning, Bullerman, Brianna Reckamp and Bailey Lonneman), 2:01.15.
Fifth place: 400 relay (Henning, Morgan Neuenberg, Reckamp and Lonneman), 57.63.



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Some dogs require more work

The discussion about the differences between my dog personalities continues this week.



Outdoors

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

The dog of the week is Sarge, the middle-aged dog. Tracer is 7. Sarge is 4. My young dog, Raider, is the baby at 2. I recently retired Axle, who is 9 and now lives with my folks.

Sarge has the same parents as Tracer, and the last thing I needed was another dog when I got Sarge. But it was going to be the last litter from our breeding female Maddie, and I wanted one more dog from this breeding before the opportunity rode off into the sunset.

Sarge and Tracer are brothers from different litters, but you sure could not tell it by looking at them. Sarge is really tall and lanky. Tracer is more middle-sized, and Raider is pretty small. Sarge has one of those big blocky heads that Labradors were once known for.

Tracer was so smart he almost trained himself, and Sarge took almost forever. I could not understand how two dogs with the same parents could be so different.

If you remember from a while back, I said that no two dogs were the same. This is true, but I was hoping for more similarities. They were not at all evident in the first year.

Sarge has lots of brawn but looked a little short in the brain department. I used to say that if you got in a bar fight, you wanted to be sure Sarge was along, but you needed to tell him in advance who he needed to hit.

Sarge is so lovable, but he is just kind of a lug nut.

It took Sarge well into his second hunting season to show me he had the brains to go along with his brawn. I don't pursue the characteristic of pointing in my Labradors. Sarge turned out to have lots of pointing instinct in him. He will lock up on a point almost all the time. It's kind of cool to see a big lanky black lab staring where his nose is pointing.

There are breeds called flushers and other breeds called pointers. Labradors are in the flusher category. Pointing dogs make shooting the bird easier, as you can walk in close so the birds get up at shorter ranges. Sarge, like my other

dogs, does not have a mean bone in his body. The difference between Sarge and my other dogs is that if another dog starts an encounter, he is more than willing to teach that dog a lesson. I never let these encounters get out of hand. My other two will run from a fight. Dogs that are lovers live at my house. Dogs that are fighters go live in someone else's house far, far away. I won't tolerate an aggressive dog anywhere near me or my boys.

Sarge has not learned yet that he is a very big dog. When it comes to cuddling on the couch, he thinks he is a rat terrier. He will start with his head in your lap. This works up to two paws and a head in your lap and finishes with the entire 75-pound black lap dog sitting on your lap.

If he rides in the cab of the truck, he will lie across the center console and put his head on your right arm and stay there till you reach your destination. If you bump Sarge very lightly with the electronic collar to refresh his memory of a command, you will only need to do it once.

I truly love this dog. He is very different and unique when it comes to personalities but after several years in the field Sarge's hunting prowess is top-notch. I would not have guessed this would be the case when he was 2 years old.

It is my intent to always have multiple dogs, all of different ages as long as my health allows me to hunt many days per year. This keeps my dog horsepower at its peak. There is likely a puppy in my future to replace the recently retired Axle.

I have only one steadfast rule when it comes to Labradors — all black, all male, all the time.

I wonder what personality my next dog will have.

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Cardinals slay five baseball opponents

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team slayed five foes to up their record to 16-1 this week.

The Cardinals posted road wins in Worthington and Jackson on Thursday and Friday before sweeping a double-header in St. James Saturday.

Luverne ended the stretch by routing Edgerton-Southwest Christian at Redbird Field Monday.

LHS plays in Marshall Thursday.

Luverne 14, E-SWC 0

Colby Crabtree and Charlie Reisch tossed a combined no-hitter to highlight Luverne's 14-run home win over the Flying Dutchmen Monday.

Crabtree fanned five batters in the first 4 2/3 innings to get the win, while Reisch retired the two hitters he faced in order.

LHS was limited to three hits in the first two innings of play, but the Cards made the most of them by scoring 10 runs in the opening frames.

Ben Serie doubled home three runs, Crabtree recorded a sacrifice fly and Mark Sterrett drew a bases-loaded walk to highlight a seven-run first inning.

Jake Haugen singled home a run and Reisch recorded a sacrifice fly in a three-run third inning.

Derek Lundgren delivered a run-scoring single in the third inning before Nathan Nekali capped the scoring with a three-run double in the fourth.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Serie	2	1	1	3
Nath	3	2	2	0
Crabtree	1	0	1	1
Cowell	0	1	0	0
Bartels	1	2	0	0
Nekali	1	0	1	3
Haugen	4	1	2	1
Lundgren	2	1	1	1
Reisch	1	1	0	1
Wenninger	0	1	0	0
Buss	2	1	0	0
Beyer	0	0	0	0
Sterrett	1	1	0	1
Smith	0	0	0	0
Knips	0	1	0	0
Baker	1	1	0	0

LHS 2, St. James 0

A strong pitching performance by Haugen carried the Cardinals to victory during Game 1 Saturday in St. James.

Haugen fanned eight batters and limited the Saints to four hits during his seven-inning shutout on the mound.

LHS plated a pair of runs



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Luverne senior Jake Haugen avoids a sliding E-SWC runner at second base before making a throw to complete a double play during Monday's 14-0 win over the Flying Dutchmen.

in the top half of the seventh inning to win the game.

Quinn Buss and Crabtree singled home runs for the Cards.

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

LHS 7, St. James 0

The Cardinals completed a 10-0 Big South Conference season by besting the Saints by seven runs during Saturday's second game.

Isaiah Bartels and Cade Wenninger tossed a combined shutout and seven different players recorded RBIs to highlight the win.

Bartels secured the win after working 6 1/3 innings of 12-strikeout, one-hit ball. Wenninger fanned two of the three batters he faced in relief of Bartels.

LHS took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, which featured an RBI double by Serie and RBI singles from Haugen and Bartels.

Gaige Nath singled home one run in the fourth inning and Buss delivered an RBI single in the fifth to up the lead to 5-0.

Wenninger singled home one run and Bailey Cowell

received an RBI for a ground out when LHS completed the scoring in the sixth inning.

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

Luverne 12, JCC 0

The Cardinals won their eighth consecutive conference game of the season when they bested the Huskies by 12 runs Friday in Jackson.

Lundgren tossed a five-innings shutout and was one of three LHS players to drive in two or more runs at the plate in the game.

Lundgren, who limited JCC to one hit and walked two batters during his stint on the mound, delivered an RBI single in the top half of the second inning to open the scoring.

Haugen doubled home one run and three more unearned runs scored during a four-run rally that gave the Cards a 5-0 cushion in the third.

LHS scored seven runs in the fifth inning to ice the win.

Bartels doubled home three runs, Buss chased home two runs with a single and Lundgren and Nath added RBI

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BSC baseball	
Luverne	10-0
Windom	6-2
Pipestone	4-3
RWV	2-6
St. James	2-6
JCC	1-8

singles during the fifth-inning rally.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	1	2	1
Crabtree	4	2	3	0
Serie	4	0	0	0
Bartels	2	2	1	3
Haugom	3	3	2	1
Lundgren	3	2	2	2
Reisch	2	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Buss	2	1	1	2
Sterrett	3	1	1	0

Luverne 7, WHS 3

The Cardinals overcame an early deficit to win by four runs during a nine-inning challenge in Worthington Thursday.

The Trojans scored three runs in the home half of the first inning, but LHS tied the score by plating a pair of runs in the second inning and scoring once in the sixth.

The Cardinals settled the issue in the top of the ninth, when Serie doubled home two runs and Wenninger and Bartels contributed RBI singles during a four-run surge that lifted the Cards to victory.

Sterrett and Nath singled home runs in the second inning for LHS, while Reisch knotted the score at three with a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Haugen pitched three innings of scoreless relief to secure the pitching win.

Buss (three runs), Bartels, Serie, Crabtree and Jade Smith also pitched for LHS.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	5	1	2	1
Lundgren	4	0	0	0
Wenninger	1	1	1	1
Crabtree	3	1	1	0
Serie	5	1	2	2
Bartels	3	1	1	1
Haugen	3	1	2	0
Reisch	3	1	1	1
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	0
Von Tersch	3	0	1	0
Sterrett	3	0	1	0

Luverne, Adrian split golf matches Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne and Adrian golf teams split matches when they squared off at the Adrian Area Country Club Monday.

The Cardinal girls posted a 193-199 win over the Dragons, while the Adrian boys topped Luverne 176-182.

Anna Huisman shot a medal-earning round of 41 strokes to lead the LHS girls to a six-shot win.

Morgan Gonnerman, McCall Stegenga and Paige Sandbulte contributed respective 48-, 51- and 53-stroke

scores to Luverne's team tally, while Cheyenne Schutz and Josie Golla carded 55- and 57-stroke scores without impacting the team tally.

Annika Elias and Gracia Elias led the Dragons with 48s, while Josi Altman and Madelyn Odell added 51- and 52-stroke efforts to the team score.

Taya Elias and Madeline Wagner registered 57- and 58-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

Brock Henning shot a 41 to secure medalist honors and

lead the Dragon boys to a six-shot win.

Easton Braun, Landon Runia and Logan Nogosek added 43-, 44- and 48-stroke scores to the team tally, while Landyn Loosbrock and Caleb Hornstein shot 50- and 91-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Carter Stemper paced Luverne with a 43.

Cooper Arends and Colton Schutz registered 46s and Jack Golla added a 47 to Luverne's team score.

Henry Hartquist and Brody DeBates turned in 48- and 56-stroke scores without influencing the team effort.



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Friday, May 17: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, May 18: Commons reserved. Sunday, May 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. Last day of Sunday School. 7 p.m. Girls Night/Guys Night. Tuesday, May 21: Noon staff meeting. 7 p.m. Ridder Team. Wednesday, May 22: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, May 16: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, May 18: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, May 19: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship service with communion; confirmation/seniors/college recognition Sunday. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown. 2:15 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. No ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, May 20: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, May 21: 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, May 22: 5:30 p.m. Community meal. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, May 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, May 19: 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, May 16: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 19: 9 a.m. Last day of Sunday School; 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Parking lot cookout. Monday, May 20: 9 a.m. Quilting group. Tuesday, May 21: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Noon Over 60's Picnic. Wednesday, May 22: 7 p.m. Deacons.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, May 16: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge meeting at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, May 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 19: 9 a.m. Worship service. Monday, May 20: Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, May 21: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meeting. Wednesday, May 22: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. NYG Bible Study. Thursday, May 23: 9:30 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Thursday, May 16: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Food Mission at Generations Building. Friday, May 17: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 19: 9 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, May 20: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, May 22: Newsletter deadline. Thursday, May 23: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Thursday, May 16: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at First Lutheran. Sunday, May 19: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Last day of Sunday School. Monday, May 20: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Last day of preschool. Tuesday, May 21: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Last day of preschool. 7 p.m. First Council Meeting.

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

Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Pastor Nancy Manning
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

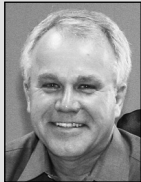
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehempluth@alliancecom.net
Saturday, May 18: Basement reserved for LaRock graduation. Sunday, May 19: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem; graduates honored; quilt blessing. 2 p.m. H-BC Baccalaureate. Basement reserved for Hellerud graduation. Tuesday, May 21: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, May 22: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Witness for Jesus

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)



I will never completely understand why God uses you and me as the primary examples of His good grace and mercy. Well, Jesus is the primary example but you and I are next in line. After all, we are merely human. We are not at our best every moment of every day. There must be a better way to introduce people to the Gospel other than through the words and deeds of those that call themselves Christian.

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Or, would it not be more convincing for God to write His name in the stars or create an undeniable miracle to impress even the most ardent of doubters? Wouldn't this be a better plan to promote God's will on earth through some kind of personal experience that could never be denied or refuted? Perhaps we might think this would be a better way, but again, this is not the manner in which God brings faith to

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ron Nichols, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

the hearts of His people. No, God has indeed chosen you and me as the means by which others come to know Jesus Christ. And, thanks be to God it is not by our perfect behavior or precise choice of words that brings others to Jesus. It is, in fact, by our sincerity and earnest desire to share the Good News of Jesus that helps others to seek the truth for themselves. By our words and deeds others see in us Jesus.

It is by God's design that you and I are the very means by which the kingdom of God grows. If the words of Jesus are not on our lips then the Gospel will never be heard. We certainly don't give others faith, but we do point them to Jesus. The Spirit then gives them faith.

Yes, this is a big responsibility. God could have done it differently, but does not. We might think of this truth in a manner that makes us fearful or overwhelmed with a burdensome responsibility or we might think in terms that this is a joyous opportunity to partner with God. Yes, we are partners with God in order that the kingdom might grow among us. Empowered by the Spirit we help to build God's kingdom on earth.

Living Rock Church

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

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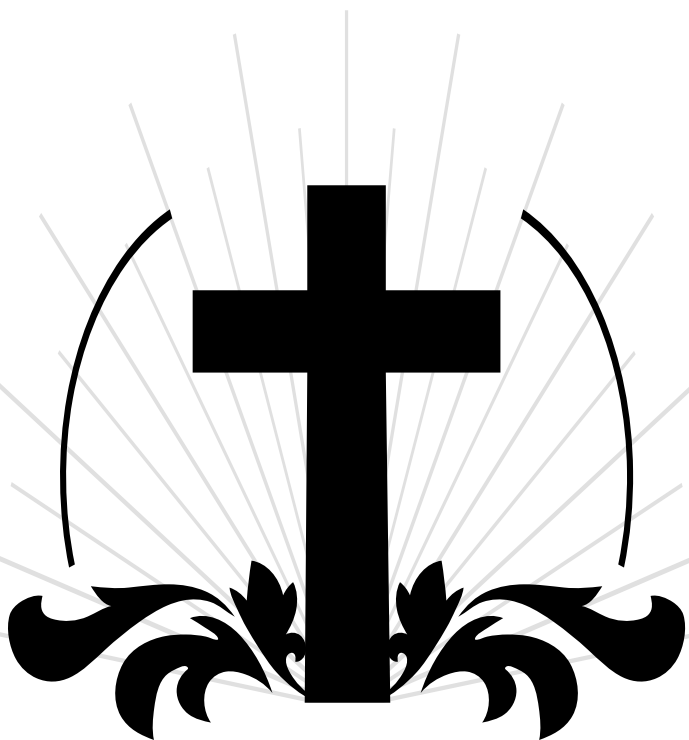
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TITLE: **Luverne Public School Addition and Remodel – Foodservice and Security/Camera Systems Package**
LOCATION OF WORK: **Luverne School District # 2184**
709 N Kniss Avenue
Luverne, MN 56156

OWNER: **Luverne School District – ISD 2184**
709 N Kniss Avenue
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4491

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: **ICS Consulting, Inc.**
3890 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 180
Blaine, MN 55449
(763) 354-2670

ENGINEER: **Obermiller Nelson Engineering**
2201 12th Street N, Suite E
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 280-0500

ARCHITECT: **JLG Architects**
232 South Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 271-2531

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Work scope 01 is for Food Service Equipment package. Provide and install a complete kitchen equipment package, training and warranty. See specification sections 11400 for complete list of equipment provided in this bid package. Electrical and mechanical rough in work is provided under base project "Luverne Public School Addition and Remodel" project. Kitchen work is currently scheduled for Fall of 2020.

Work Scope 02 is for Camera and Security Systems, with video intercom stations included in the package. Provide and install complete camera system, security system and associated video door intercom station equipment. The camera system consists of new cameras, wiring, NVR's, PoE's, programming, verification, user setup and system training. The security system consists of all field hardware required for complete installation including but not limited to: new card readers, door controllers, supervisory equipment, operator interface, video intercom stations, programming, user setup, verification and training. The work is throughout the existing building and will be conducted during the remodel of those areas and during construction progress of the new additions. Work on this project is scheduled to be continuous over the next 20 months. Project requires coordination with ICS and general contractor working on the "Luverne Public School Addition and Remodel" project.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed bids will be received at Luverne School District Business Office, 709 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156 then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 1:00 PM local time on June 6th, 2019. Please check in at District Office.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

For Electronic access to the bidding documents and Luverne Public School Addition and Remodel project, please contact the Owner's Representative at (763) 354-2670. The Owner's Representative can also provide locations of Builders Exchange's holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment recognition of their bids:

Bids must be accompanied by bid security in form of certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in amount of 5% of base bid submitted, made payable to owner, as guarantee that bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted bid.

Submit bid in duplicate on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base bid and all alternate bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of bid. Complete form without alteration.

Submit alternate prices (bid) for either increasing or decreasing the cost as called for on bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a bid for all unit prices.

Owner may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability and responsibility of the bidder to perform the work, and any bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to: (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the bidder.

Owner reserves the right to (1) accept bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on his investigation of bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which Owner deems to be in his best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each bidder (including subcontract bidder where appropriate) is required to visit the site and to fully inform himself and record his own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect his bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a bid, each bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts), become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect his bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed to the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of his failure to study and record his own findings. Submission of a bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that bidder has recorded his own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect to his bid.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at Luverne Public School, 709 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156. Please report to the Luverne School District office for the pre-bid walkthrough meeting. No extras will be allowed because of the bidder's misinterpretation to the amount of work involved, bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site. Attendance is not required but strongly recommended. Bidding contractor is responsible for the information presented at Pre-bid meeting.

START DATE:

Work may begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. Pre-construction

and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The remodel of the auditorium and electrical distributions upgrade is in progress. New construction work is scheduled to start May 20, 2019.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Owner requires work to be substantially complete on or before milestone dates as listed in Summary of Work, Section 01 01 00. Bids shall reflect all costs necessary to meet this schedule requirement. Work throughout the building is continuous and scheduled over 2019, 2020 and completing early 2021.

All scheduled summer work shall be substantially complete by August 16, 2019 with final completion on August 30, 2019. All scheduled summer work shall be substantially complete by August 21, 2020 with final completion on September 4, 2020. Substantial completion of the project is February 26, 2021 with a final Completion date of March 12, 2021. The Sequence Schedule is included in the project plans and specifications. Bids shall reflect all cost necessary to meet the schedule requirements.

(05-09, 05-16)

Notice to creditors of Scholl probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-19-146

Estate of
Traci A. Scholl,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representatives has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Sally DeNeui, whose address is 2178 20th Ave., Jasper, Minnesota, 56144, and Darren DeNeui, whose address is 27580 365th Ave., Platte, South Dakota, 57369, as personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir 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 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: 5/8/19

Dated: 5/8/19

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Denise Brandel
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Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated 5-8-19

(5-16, 5-23)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 18, 2011

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,200.00

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

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

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0981-000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

Dated: May 1, 2019

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

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(19-0183-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

(05-16, 05-23, 05-30, 06-06, 06-13, 06-20)

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:00 pm. The purpose is to act on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant:	Reker Construction & Aggregate, Inc.
Property Owner:	Christoffer and Kathryn Rust
Location:	A portion of the E 1/2 of Section 12 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Gravel extraction, stockpiling, and processing
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture

Dated: May 16, 2019

By Order of the Rock County Planning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862

(5-16, 5-23)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Board of Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 9:15 o'clock a.m. at the Herreid Room, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota for the purpose of considering amendments and additions to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance and which amendments shall pertain to amending a definition of campground and making campgrounds a conditional use in the A-2 District.

The full text of the proposed amendments are on file at the office of the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, Minnesota and the Rock County Administrator, 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota. Written comments should be submitted to the Rock County Administrator by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2019. All persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to present testimony.

Notice is further given that the Rock County Board of Commissioners intends to adopt an amendment to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance amending the definition of campground and for making campgrounds a conditional use in the A-2 District at its meeting on May 21, 2019.

Dated May 7, 2019.

Kyle Oldre, County Administrator
(05-09, 05-16)

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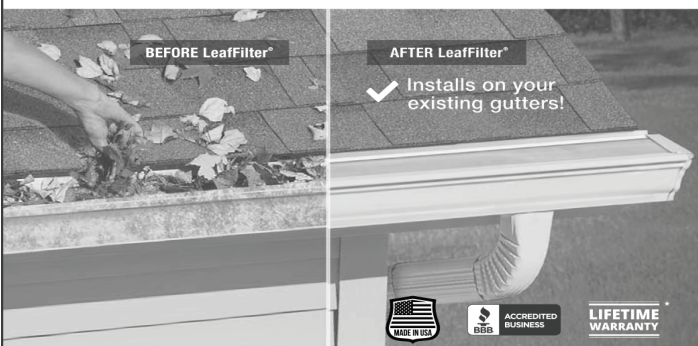
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Middle school principal among new hires for 2019-2020 school year/continued from page 1

ing, state officials had not announced the grant recipients. Superintendent Craig Oftedahl cautioned board members not to rely on grant funding to sustain programming. “When you take the position on, in reality you’re taking it all on whether you’d get the grant or not,” he said. “Two years from now there’s no guarantee if there

is some offset.” Enrollment in the middle-high school has increased 60+ students over the past nine years, prompting discussions about reinstating the middle school principal position. However, previous boards were cautious about adding staff, despite the additional revenue generated by more students in grades 6-12. “You hope we get an in-

crease in enrollment or you’ll have to decrease elsewhere,” Oftedahl said. “That’s the reality of the board. ... If you are comfortable with that, that’s what we need.” Board members unanimously supported adding both positions for the 2019-20 school year. “We either see it as a need or we don’t,” said chairman Jodi Bosch.

Retirements, resignations
In addition to a new elementary position and another school administrator, the elementary and middle-high schools will fill other open positions. Kindergarten teacher Darlene Dreessen announced earlier she would retire at the end of the current school year, as did middle school math teacher Loel Olson.

At Thursday’s special meeting, the board also accepted the resignation of Laura Endres, elementary speech and language pathologist. Previously approved middle-high school resignations include the instrumental instructor Richard Owen, middle school English teacher Deb (Schandelmeier) Barnett and high school math teacher Hillary Neisteadt.

Ann Husfeldt was recently hired for the English teacher position. Her salary of \$45,067 was approved at the April 25 board meeting. Cory Meester was also hired for the high school math position. Meester will also be the middle school boys’ basketball coach. His salary was approved at \$41,261. Their contracts are effective for the 2019-20 school year.

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