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MDA releases nitrogen management draft; seeks more input on rules

By Lori Sorenson

Gov. Mark Dayton last week updated a draft plan that would continue efforts to reduce nitrates in groundwater.

"Clean, safe, reliable water in our communities is everyone's concern, and everyone's responsibility," Dayton said on March 6 when he and Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson announced a proposed plan.

Protections would apply to vulnerable areas and areas with high nitrate levels in public drinking waters.

Proposed rule includes additional protections for drinking water based on public input from 1,500 farmers and landowners and over 820 written comments; Additional opportunities for public comment on the proposed measure will begin in May, with more public hearings to be scheduled this summer

The measure also would create a system of voluntary and mandatory mitigation practices in areas with high nitrate concentrations in the public water supplies.

Several townships in Rock County are considered "vulnerable areas" with high nitrate contamination.

Rock County leads efforts to reduce nitrates in water

Doug Bos of the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District was on the original advisory team that wrote the MDA draft plan last year.

He said he felt that all interests are adequately represented with the

25-member team.

"They worked with all Minnesota producer groups, universities and soil and water folks like me," he said last summer when the draft plan was released. "It's a very good group of people who put this together over a two-year process."

Since then, 1,500 farmers, landowners and others participated in public comment on the proposal in 17 public meetings across the state and over 820 written comments.

"This proposal responds to what we heard," said Ag Commissioner Frederickson. "It balances the needs of farmers and modern agricultural production with the need of all Minnesotans to have safe drinking water."

For nearly 20 years Bos has worked locally to encourage farm-

Nitrogen management/see 5A

RCO director joins rally for disability service funds

RCO and others face 7-percent funding cut amid struggle to hire and retain workers

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Elizabeth Schear traveled this week to the Minnesota Capitol where she rallied with others to support people with disabilities.

Schear is the director of Rock County Opportunities in Luverne where adults with disabilities find employment and other opportunities for independent living.

RCO depends on state funds for its operations, but that funding has historically been unstable, making it difficult to retain staff and maintain services, Schear said.

"Over the last few years we have found ourselves in a state of continuous change and uncertainty when it comes to funding," Schear said.

"It would sure be nice to have a more certain future for our staff and clients."

Tuesday, March 13, was Disability Day in St. Paul, and Schear joined roughly 1,000 others to oppose anticipated budget cuts to non-profits that serve people with disabilities.

RCO and other non-profit providers have been struggling for years under a complex disability service system, according to the Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR).

"All we are looking for is for some sense of long-term stability," said MOHR president Mike Burke.

"... stability in a system that will allow us to pay our staff competitive wages, which ultimately helps thousands of people with disabilities across the state who rely on our services for their quality of life."

He said a direct threat to service providers is a recently announced 7-percent funding cut for services.

Complex formulas that determine rates paid to disability service providers are tied to an inflationary

Workforce disparity funding/2A



Mavis Fodness photos/0315 4H Adventures Horse

Meagan Stueven (far left) and Natalie Fick (center) talk to Cloverbuds in the "All about Horses" 4-H Cloverbud program Saturday morning at their family's farm east of Hills. In addition to petting "Jake" they learned about the equipment frequently used by horse owners.

Cloverbuds learn 'All About Horses'

By Mavis Fodness

Twenty-five children and adults received a Saturday morning lesson and up-close look at horses as part of the Rock County 4-H Animal Adventures program.

"All About Horses" is one of a series of Cloverbud programs (kindergarten through second grade) that focus on animals.

The first of the "All About" programs involved dogs, dairy, sheep and rabbits last fall.

"All About Beef" is scheduled for April 7.

Participants spent time in small groups completing worksheets before gathering for group presentations.

The hourlong event concluded with participants meeting the animals and learning more about the county's horse project.

On Saturday participants traveled to the Harlan and Sue Stueven farm east of Hills. Daughters and former 4-H'ers Natalie Fick and Meagan Stueven led the sessions.

"With horses they are a big animal," Fick cautioned. "But if you run around and make a lot of noise you could scare them. I don't want you to get hurt."

Participants met horses named Bill, Jake and Indy.

All the programs are free.

For more information contact the Rock County 4-H Program at 507-283-1302.

Lori Oechsle helps daughter Alayna fill in the worksheet identifying the parts of a horse.



Robert Cale feeds Jake a treat. Below, brushes, a halter, bridles and a saddle pad stack up on the table for use with horses on the Stueven farm.



County road and bridge plan approved for 2018

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved a plan to spend almost \$5 million on county road and bridge improvements this year, according to discussion at their March 6 meeting.

Details of the annual plan will be presented to city and township officials at an April 3 road and bridge meeting.

Highway Engineer Mark Sehr outlined his department's five-year

work plan that includes almost 70 miles of paved roads and six bridges.

Improvement costs are estimated at over \$4.7 million, budgeted from federal, state and local aid.

"This is the work we would like to do if we can," Sehr said. "Some will fall back because we won't get funding."

Three miles of county roads are

Road and bridge plan/see 8A

St. Patrick's Day Parade set for Saturday; celebration continues into evening

By Lori Sorenson

St. Patrick's Day festivities in Luverne will have more of a weekend flavor this year with the annual Irish holiday falling on Saturday, March 17.

The parade on Main Street starts at 4:30 p.m. and evening celebrations begin after that.

For those who want to join the parade, registration isn't necessary, according to Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"Decorations don't have to be complicated," she said. "Just wear green and have some fun."

Parade entrants — businesses, families and

individuals — will meet in the Living Rock Church parking lot on East Main Street between 4 and 4:30 p.m.

The parade route ends at the Palace Theatre on Freeman and Main.

Four \$25 cash prizes will be awarded in both youth (18 and younger) and adult categories.

St. Patrick's Day parties in Luverne start at 11:30 a.m. at the Eagles Club which will host the Fourth Annual "Harvest for Hunger" Reuben dinner feed.

A St. Patrick's Day block party will be from 4 to 10

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Call 507-283-4255.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 507-283-2069 or 507-283-2964.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, at the home of Randy and Kathy Remme.

Caregivers Support Group will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in the conference room of the MaryJane Brown Good Samaritan Society Home. Anyone dealing with caregiving or with questions concerning available resources is encouraged to attend.

Courthouse elevator under repair

The elevator in the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne will be inoperable through March 28 because of equipment upgrades, affecting handicap-accessibility to several offices. Affected departments include auditor-treasurer, land records, county administration, veteran services, district courts, emergency management and department of motor vehicles.

Contact department personnel if accessibility to the courthouse is necessary during the repair period.

Green Earth performs 'KOLD Radio' The Green Earth Players will perform "KOLD Radio — Whitefish Bay" March 16-18 and March 23-25 at the historic Palace Theatre in Luverne. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday both weekends.

Tickets are available at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 102 East Main Street, Luverne, or by calling 507-283-4339.

Band and choir concert March 17

The high school band and choirs (grades 9-12) will present a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 17, in the high school gym. The band will be under the direction of guest clinician, Amy Roisum-Foley from Minnesota State University of Dr. Bret Amundsen from St. Scholastica in Duluth. The concert will feature music that has been prepared for Large Group Contest. There is no admission for this concert and it is open to the public.

St. Patrick's Day parade March 17

Luverne's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, starting at the Living Rock Church parking lot on East Main Street and ending at the Palace Theatre. All businesses, families and individuals are invited to participate. Registration isn't necessary; just meet in the lot between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Four \$25 cash prizes will be awarded in youth (18 and younger) and adult categories.

Blood drive March 19 in Luverne

Sanford Luverne and Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 19, at Sanford Luverne to help those patients in need throughout the local area. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 507-283-2321 or see www.cbblifeblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Register for 8-hour defensive driving

Luverne Community Ed will offer the full 8-hour defensive driving class in two 4-hour evening sessions from 5:30-9:30 p.m. March 19 and March 26 for anyone 55 years of age or older who wants to qualify for a 10-percent car insurance premium discount. For more details or to register, call 507-283-4724.

Sign up by March 19 for summer ball

All students in grades K-12 who want to play baseball or softball in the summer community recreation program need to register by March 19 at the Community Education Office. Registration forms and details are available on the Luverne School website at www.isd2184.net under Community Education, or call 507-283-2413.

Library hosts Harry Potter Escape Room March 20-22

The Rock County Community Library will host a Harry Potter Escape Room for teens from 4-7 p.m. March 20-22. Teens of one to four people can sign up for a time slot by calling the library at 507-449-5040.



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Funding services for people with disabilities/continued from 1A

factor and funding agreements with the federal government, he said.

If left unaddressed, it could mean damaging cuts are permanent. "It is extremely difficult to create budgets and forecast future revenue when we rely completely on funding that is controlled by the State," Schear said.

"And those in charge frequently, and without much warning, cut that funding."

She said the administrative paperwork ends up harming the very people her organization intends to help.

"We are then forced to spend time and energy trying to prevent the cuts or look for ways to restructure to accommodate cuts when our prevention efforts are unsuccessful," Schear said.

"All of this time and energy should be spent providing services that the people we serve need."

Rep. Joe Schomacker, Luverne, told the Star Herald Tuesday that he is chief author of a bill that he hopes will address some funding issues.

He said recent federal cuts have been due to confusing language between state health officials and federal offices about inflationary adjustments and base rate adjustments.

His new bill, which passed the House Committee Tuesday morning, would refer to all rate adjustments as "workforce disparity adjustments" in



Elizabeth Schear of Rock County Opportunities (far right) joins Leslie Swartling, Stephanie Reed, Connie Tropicke, all from Winona Occupational Rehabilitation Center, at the Capitol.

the formal language.

"We're hoping this will have some affect on federal funding going forward," Schomacker said.

Tuesday's rally also included the Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota (ARRM) and the Best Life Alliance, a statewide coalition of people with disabilities, their families and providers of home and community-based services.

Legislators, disability staff members and others impacted by legislative decisions offered testimony at the rally, as did individuals who receive services.

Burke said the rally put faces and names before state leaders to help them understand that they are not simply talking about policies and money, but people's lives.

"It's important for senators and representatives to hear

from individuals with disabilities, their families and the people who work closely with them," said Burke.

He said the issues often come down to the "person-centered" concept of allowing people with disabilities and their families to make choices.

"If you give someone three more choices, awesome, but if you give three more choices and eliminate two things, that's not a choice," Burke said.



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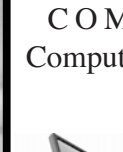
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Livestock feedlot operations continue to expand in Rock County

By Mavis Fodness

Only three months into the 2018 permit year, livestock production expansion in Rock County is nearly halfway to matching the number of permits issued during all of last year.

In his 2017 feedlot summary to the Rock County Board of Commissioners on March 6, feedlot officer Doug Bos said 18 feedlots were permitted in 2017.

Seven feedlot expansions are already permitted in 2018.

"This year looks like another banner year," he said.

The Rock County Land Management Office has had inquiries from a dozen producers interested in expanding livestock production within the county.

Applying for a permit is dependent on finding a location and pending financial arrangements, Bos said.

In 2017 LMO issued permits for eight new hog facilities

(five on new sites), nine cattle feedlot expansions (three new cattle barns) and one dairy expansion.

Already in 2018, proposed construction plans call for three new hog facilities, three cattle expansions (one barn) and one dairy expansion.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency contracts annually with individual counties to assist with the state's feedlot program.

In 2017, LMO received \$103,639 from MPCA to administer the program locally.

In addition to permits, LMO also inspects local feedlots for MPCA, completing at least 7 percent of the 600 feedlots in Rock County.

In 2017 LMO officials inspected 43 sites and 21 land application sites. LMO also assists landowners with environmental improvements.

One environmental improvement was completed in Rock County last year.

Federal funds denied to repair fire-damaged bridge by Beaver Creek

By Mavis Fodness

Plans to replace the fire-damaged County Road 52 bridge southwest of Beaver Creek is on hold, according to Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr.

He told Rock County Board members at their March 6 meeting that the request for federal funds to replace the timber-pile bridge destroyed in a July 2017 fire was denied.

"We were No. 2 for our district," Sehr said.

"There is a bridge in Brown County over the Minnesota River that is currently closed and has much higher traffic counts and scored a lot better."

Roughly 50 vehicles per day use the bridge over the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad in Martin Township.

The denied federal request, however, placed the Rock County bridge on the list for possible state funds later this spring.

It will cost an estimated \$1 million to replace the destroyed bridge.

It was determined that an extinguished July 4 campfire had reignited and caused the fire that burned the bridge.

Elliot John Krueger, Sioux Falls, was charged in October with "negligent fires — with a property value of \$2,500 or more."



Submitted photo

Buddies tour gallery, war museum

Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere led Rock County Big Buddies on a tour of the Brandenburg Gallery and Herreid Military Museum on Saturday, March 10, in Luverne. Pictured are Little Buddies (from left) Will Soto, Jasmine Lomeli, Karli Mulvihill and Michael Halsne along with program coordinator Lisa J. Nath (from left) and mentors George A. Bonnema, Carla Van Santen and Deb Althoff.

St. Patrick's Day parade set for March 17/continued from 1A

p.m. at Take 16 Brewing Company, and Bluestem and Sterling's will offer food and drink specials.

"Everyone can be 'Irish' on St. Patrick's Day," Lanphere said.

For more information, the Chamber can be reached at 507-283-4061 or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

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Door prizes will be given at the meeting. Lunch will be served following the meeting.
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A “fashion goddess” second-grader inspired this recent Friday ensemble

Smile,
and no one will notice
what you’re wearing —
unless you’re really inspired

On a recent Friday I wore gray ankle boots and brown leggings under a cotton tunic with wide horizontal stripes.

Since nothing else matched anyway, I topped off the ensemble with a patterned fringed scarf that had some hints of brown and gray.

Heading out the door that morning, I caught a glimpse of my reflection in the dishwasher door and considered a wardrobe redo.

I should have consulted with my in-home fashion critic, because I can always expect an honest opinion from the 16-year-old.

“Mom, you’re not wearing that, are you?” he stopped me one time at the door.

My shoulders drooped. “What’s wrong with this?”

The comfort and style of my new “gypsy” pants seemed like a good idea. They were dressy without being a dress. And did I mention they were comfortable?

“They make you look 10 years older.”

I wasn’t sure if he was being helpful or hurtful, but I’d heard enough. The flowy pants quickly went back in the Amazon box for return.

So, on this recent Friday without my consultant, I forged onward in my daring outfit.

Because, that day I felt inspired.

The previous night I happened to see my former second-grade Bookin’ Buddy who is a fashion goddess.

On our first reading Wednesday, she wore bedazzled sneakers, multi-colored leggings, a blue-green fuzzy cardigan and an oversized, multi-colored eternity scarf.

Her tousled brown hair was gathered at the top of her head in



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

a loosely tied glittery Scunci that let the ponytail flop from one side of her head to other, and sometimes over her forehead.

I liked her style.

Mostly because she was everything I never was.

My closet is full of conservative, understated clothing, mostly in shades of gray, brown and black. And I own nothing that glitters.

Despite all the distractions on this 7-year-old dynamo, I remembered noticing only her smile.

“I like your shoes,” I said when we sat on the floor with our feet stretched out in front of us. “I like yours,” she said about my plain black boots with a lonely buckle.

“This will be fun,” I said. “I don’t have girls in my house, and all my Bookin’ Buddies have been boys.”

She smiled and inched a little closer, as if to console me.

I learned that her scarf actually belonged to her mother, and she learned that her daddy and my husband work together for the State Patrol.

I looked forward to her smile at our Wednesday meetings, to enjoy what she was wearing.

So, the recent chance meeting with my second-grade friend inspired the following day’s attire.

The office door reflection made me pause, but then I thought of sweet Autumn and smiled.

My mother often told my sisters and me, “Smile and no one will notice what you’re wearing.”

I smiled a lot that day.

‘Keeping the light on the people’s business’

Government transparency is primary focus of annual Sunshine Week

This week is Sunshine Week, and its timing is only coincidental with the extra hour of daylight that came with Sunday’s time change.

Sunshine Week started in 2002 as an annual effort to foster a discussion about the need for open government, especially the public’s access to government records and transparency by our government officials.

Open government is not a political platform.

It is a basic American right.

The political landscape is more polarized than ever and there seems to be little common ground for conservatives and progressives.

Transparency — keeping the light on the people’s business — ought to be something everyone can agree on.

Instead, conservatives want to reveal the secrets of liberals and liberals want to expose the actions of conservatives.

Openness in government is not a liberal, conservative, Republican, Democrat, independent, Libertarian or freedom caucus issue.

It often appears that whatever party is in the minority becomes the champion of transparency right up until the time it is in the majority.

Politicians stump on transparency and are all about open access until they have something they want to keep secret.

The need for transparency in local, state and federal government

transcends parties and political ideologies.

Checks and balances provide few checks and little balance when officials broker deals behind closed doors and conceal documents that contain important information that the public has the right, and often the need, to know.

Local government has the biggest impact in the lives of people on a day-to-day basis.

Whether it is in the form of property taxes, sales taxes, business taxes, state-shared dollars or federal grants, loans and funding, local government is 100 percent taxpayer-funded.

The public has the right to know how its money is being spent.

The decisions being made, the dollars being doled out and the records being kept by city hall, the county commission, the board of education or the utility district all belong to liberals, conservatives, Republicans, Democrats, independents, Libertarians and even politically disinterested individuals.

All stakeholders have a stake in

open meetings and public records and should care about transparency issues.

The lack of and need for true government transparency should be about the most bipartisan cause that exists.

Any elected official who truly cares about public service in a real and meaningful way and fully understands what a representative form of government is all about should not only champion openness in government but should be the most effective watchdog, looking out for the public trust.

Sadly, those kinds of elected officials are hard to find.

The press tries to keep an eye on government and expose clandestine actions and in response journalists are often ridiculed, belittled and even threatened for just doing their jobs as they work to keep government honest by making use of access laws.

But the public needs to understand that access to government documents and actions is not just a media right.

It is your right.



Weekend o’ activities surround St. Pat’s Day

Talk about a busy weekend and it starts tonight (Thursday). The Green Earth Players raise the curtain on “KOLD Radio-Whitefish Bay” for the first of two weekends of performances at the historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are still available at the Palace ticket office.

Friday night Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow (LIFT) is hosting their annual gala at Grand Prairie Events. The theme for this year’s event is “Rising to the Occasion ... and ‘lifting Luverne’ higher.” If you’re still trying to figure out what LIFT is all about, it’s time to wake up and notice many of the good things that are happening around town and realize that LIFT probably had a hand in them.

Saturday is, of course, St. Patrick’s Day, and to get the day started, what better way is there than free pancakes



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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at the Luverne Farm Store. Later that day the St. Patrick’s Day Parade gets underway at 4:30 at the east end of Main Street and meanders westward down to the Palace Theatre corner.

I like the St. Patrick’s Day Parade because it’s short and sweet, it’s a lot of fun to be in or watch, and there aren’t any politicians in the parade.

So if you want to be in the parade,

show up at the parking lot of the Living Rock Church between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Just wear some green and have fun.

If you need more info, give the chamber a call at 507-283-4061.

After the parade be sure to check out the Howling Dog, The Bluestem, The Eagles, Sterling’s, Take 16, and don’t forget the Green Lantern.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 2

- Complainant requested fingerprints.
- Complainant reported harassing communications.
- Background check for tobacco license.
- Complainant requested driver's license check.
- Complainant requested deputies for unruly children in Mead Court.

March 3

- Warrant for subject at Casey's to be satisfied with issuing county.
- Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding landlord issues.
- Complainant reported stop sign in ditch on County Road 4.
- Complainant requested check for suicidal party in Beaver Creek.

March 4

- Complainant reported people driving near the wellheads on Redbird Road.
- Complainant reported suspicious man in Beaver Creek.
- Received 911 hang-up.
- Complainant reported locking keys in the car. Child locked in car.
- Dispatch received 911 hang-up from number.
- Juvenile reported does not feel safe at home and is at a friend's house. Transferred to Nobles County.

March 5

- Complainant reported a large amount of water on the road on Oak Drive.
- Complainant reported water going across the gravel road on 110th.
- Complainant reported a man acting strange on Kniss Ave.
- Complainant reported threatening suicide in Jasper.
- Complainant reported water is running over the road. It is washed out and closed on Highway 75.
- Complainant reported the 150th Ave. is closed due to flooding.
- Complainant requested deputy to observe flooding for the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls.
- Complainant reported trespass notice to subject.
- Complainant reported she hit a light pole in Hills.
- Complainant reported mental health issues in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported a Facebook scam.
- Complainant reported water over the road by Manley.
- Complainant reported a vehicle stuck on Highway 23. Gave to Patrol.
- Background check for housing.

March 6

- Complainant reported vehicle on shoulder of I-90 with hazards on.
- Dispatch received abandoned 911 call; no contact.
- Complainant reported someone there and he won't leave in Jasper.
- Complainant requested deputy talk to kids about smoking.
- Complainant reported car full of stuff in ditch east on 161st

Street. Car is abandoned.

- Complainant reported fire alarm on Minnesota Ave.
- Complainant reported a loud boom on 115th Street.
- Complainant reported roof smoking at Ace Hardware.
- Complainant reported stalking at McDonald's.

March 7

- Subject arrested on probation violation.
- Reserve for order of protection arrest information.
- Complainant reported a gas drive-off at Casey's.
- Complainant reported fraudulent activity on credit card with local usage.
- Dispatch received an abandoned 911 call.
- Deputy out with subject that has fallen on Main Street.
- Probation officer reported probation violation.
- Deputy released vehicle from impound.
- Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding identity theft.
- Deputy released vehicle from impound.
- Received a 911 hang-up from number.
- Complainant reported an order of protection violation.

March 8

- Private Investigator doing a stakeout on Freeman Ave.
- Complainant reported a domestic in Magnolia.
- Complainant reported neighbor asked her to call 911, then left.
- Complainant reported vehicle on the side of the road on I-90.
- Deputy fingerprinted subject.
- Complainant reported suspicious vehicle on Cedar Street.

March 9

- Private Investigator working in Luverne on Luverne Street.
- Complainant reported debris in the roadway on Highway 75.
- Complainant accidentally called 911.
- Complainant reported a hit and run.
- Complainant reported the Brandon Dollar General Store had someone try and use a stolen credit card. In the past they have tried it in Luverne also.
- Deputy reported vehicle in the ditch on County Road 20.
- Complainant reported an unknown spill on Main Street.
- Complainant reported a man sitting by used tires but seems to be having trouble at Stroeh's.
- Motorist assist on Kniss Ave.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about car.

In addition, officers also responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 7 escorts, 20 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 8 burn permits, 1 POR registration, 3 drug court tests, 6 permits to purchase/carry, 37 traffic stops, 1 DWI, 4 paper services, 2 tests, 7 child maltreatment complaints and 2 follow-ups.

Groundwater Protection Effort Part 1	
Fertilizer Application During the Fall Season	<i>Where the Proposal Would Apply:</i> • Vulnerable Areas - The proposed groundwater protection measure would restrict the application of fertilizer in areas with more porous soils (coarse textured soil, karst, shallow bedrock), which have the capacity to leach greater volumes of water during the fall season. These new procedures for fertilizer application would reduce the movement of nitrates through the soil into groundwater supplies. • Public Water Supply Areas - The proposed groundwater protection measure also would restrict the application of fertilizer during the fall in Drinking Water Supply Management Areas where the nitrate concentration exceeds 5.4 mg/L. <i>Exceptions to the Fertilizer Application Requirements:</i> • Crops That Require Fall Nitrogen - An exemption would exist for crops such as winter grains, grass seed, and cover crops that require fall nitrogen. • Areas with Low Leaching Potential - An exemption would exist for areas with low leaching potential based on precipitation and evapotranspiration rates and a short spring planting season. • Areas with No Row Crops - An exemption would exist for counties where less than three percent of land is used for row crops (northeast Minnesota and Ramsey County).
Groundwater Protection Effort Part 2	
Mitigation Requirements for Elevated Nitrate Levels in Drinking Water	<i>Voluntary Action:</i> • Level 1 and 2 - In areas where the public water supply has nitrate concentrations in excess of 5.4 mg/L. Drinking Water Supply Management Areas would be encouraged to voluntarily implement best management practices to reduce nitrate levels. Under Level 2, the decision to implement best management practices would remain voluntary. <i>Mandatory Action:</i> • Level 3 - If after three years under Level 2 nitrate concentrations continue to increase, then the Drinking Water Supply Management Area would be given a Level 3 designation. The Commissioner of Agriculture - in consultation with a local advisory team - would then direct landowners to implement best management practices, testing, and educational programs. • Level 4 - If after three years under Level 3 nitrate concentrations continue to increase or remain high, the Commissioner of Agriculture - in consultation with local advisory teams - could direct landowners to implement additional practices beyond best management practices to address high nitrate levels. <i>Exceptions:</i> • Progress Under Way - In areas where progress is being made, the Commissioner of Agriculture could grant a one-time exemption before moving the area to the next level of regulation.
Groundwater Protection Effort Part 3	
Designation of High Priority Areas	• Criterion for High Priority Areas - The Commissioner of Agriculture could designate Level 2 areas to be "high priority" and focus resources in those communities. The Commissioner would make the determination based on risk to people and communities and the degree of contamination. The Department of Agriculture also would approve a detailed plan for addressing high nitrate levels in these areas.

Nitrogen management plan/continued from page 1A

ing practices that reduce nitrates in drinking water.

Cover crops, buffers near waterways, targeted nitrogen application and other practices are already in place.

He said farmers are receptive to changes because fertilizer is expensive and it's in their interest to keep it from leaching into groundwater.

But data released early in 2017 show elevated nitrate contamination in more than half the wells tested in some of Rock County's most vulnerable areas.

So, Bos said, attention now targets fertilizer application on the most vulnerable soils, especially for corn.

Research shows that only half of fertilizer applied to cornfields is absorbed and utilized; the rest is susceptible to water runoff and leaching into aquifers.

Further compounding nitrogen loss is the fact that climate change is delivering rain in "extreme weather events," according to Bos, who notes that in the past 20 years, 30 percent of local rain has come in hard downpours.

"We have to find a way to spoon-feed it (to crops) to prevent nitrogen from getting into our water," Bos said last year, speaking especially of areas with vulnerable soil.

"In these areas, because of their soil porosity, it's difficult to raise a nitrogen-needing crop and keep the nitrogen out of the water," Bos said.

He added that this sensitive land comprises a small minority of areas most affected by the nitrogen rule on fall application.

"Keeping that nitrogen in the soil is a matter of profitability for farmers," he said. "It's all part of a push for best management practices for nitrogen over a series of years."

Bos was in St. Paul earlier this week talking to legislators about soil and water conservation issues, including buffers and the nitrogen rule.

Despite solid support from farmers for the nitrogen rule, he said there is pushback from legislators who have been hearing from ag lobby groups opposed to the measure.

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— Doug Bos, Rock County SWCD

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— Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne

Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne, for example, is critical of the plan.

"There is a real danger of serious economic consequences for farmers, landowners, and all Minnesotans if the rule should be improperly applied," Weber said in his March 9 legislative update.

"I believe we need to study the proposed rule carefully before considering a significant change to the fertilizer situation. We also need to see the research upon which the rule is based."

Bos said when he spoke individually with legislators they supported the nitrogen rule once they learned it would be adapted slowly, starting with the most vulnerable areas.

"It was over half farmers on the committee that worked on this, and they really felt this was the best way to slowly address the nitrogen issue," he said. "It would be 10 years before we get to the enforcement stage."

Still, House Agriculture Committee Republicans Rod Hamilton, Mountain Lake, and Paul Anderson, Starbuck, publicly opposed the measure in a joint statement March 6.

"Today's press conference was nothing more than a reactionary rebranding of a vastly unpopular rule released in 2017, which received a great deal of pushback from the ag community," they said.

"Farmers are already using less nitrogen than they have in the past, and this type of rulemaking only results in more unnecessary regulations."

They said the measure should be farmer-driven, and they "strongly encourage the governor to abandon his efforts to enforce this unpopular proposition via administrative rule."

Rule may be adopted late in 2018 to affect some 2019 practices

As rulemaking proceeds, the MDA will continue engaging farmers, landowners, and other key stakeholders in the process to gather more input.

The timeline for the rulemaking process is proposed as follows:

Mid-to late-May 2018 - The MDA will publish the draft groundwater protection rule and Statement of Need and Reasonableness for a 30-day public comment period.

Summer 2018 - The MDA will host public hearings on the draft groundwater protection rule.

Fall 2018 - The Office of Administrative Hearings will review the comments and give the MDA 180 days to make revisions to the groundwater protection rule based on Administrative Law Judge and public hearings.

December 2018 - The MDA will submit the final groundwater protection rule to Office of Administrative Hearings, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, and to the governor.

"I am grateful to the many farmers, landowners, and others who worked with the Department of Agriculture to develop this proposal, which would greatly improve the quality of drinking water for Minnesotans," said Gov. Dayton.

"I urge all Minnesotans who wish to further improve or refine this proposal to engage in the public comment period beginning this spring, and attend the additional public hearings that will be scheduled this summer."



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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Meranda Fick**, bride-to-be of **John Kramer**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 17, at the Luverne Presbyterian Church. Guests are requested to bring a recipe to share.

Delores Leenderts will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Luverne Presbyterian Church. Greetings may be sent to her at 517 20th Avenue, Hills, MN 56138.

MENU

Monday, March 19: Chili, lettuce with dressing, cheese sandwich, crackers, sherbet.

Tuesday, March 20: Sausage egg bake, oven-baked potatoes, fruit cocktail, coffee cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Luverne Body Shop.

Wednesday, March 21: Chicken chow mein with rice, chow mein noodles and oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Site Council meeting.

Thursday, March 22: Meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, lemon sponge cake.

Program: Two-buck day. Game day.

Friday, March 23: Cream of vegetable soup, tuna salad sandwich, apricots, crackers, dessert.

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

Members participate in annual 4-H communication arts contest

Ten Rock County 4-H members from kindergarten through high school shared their communication talents with family, friends and other 4-H'ers on March 1 at the annual Rock County 4-H Communication Contest.

Members participated in the categories of public speaking, interpretive reading, creative writing and photo-journalism.

Results according to category indicate 4-H'er, ribbon-placing and club:

•Photojournalism: Colton Buchholz, cloverbud, Springdell.

•Creative writing: Aisha Porter, blue ribbon, County K9s; Mazzi Moore, purple, Blue Ribbon; Colton Buchholz, cloverbud, Springdell.

•Interpretive reading: Alex Reker, red, Springdell, Andrea Luitjens, purple, Magnolia Juniors; Mazzi Moore, purple, Blue Ribbon; Ava Steinhoff, blue, Blue Ribbon; Brenna Reker, blue, Springdell.

Public speaking: Gretchen Jacobsma, blue, Magnolia Juniors; Rebecca Austin, purple, County K9s; Leif Ingebretsen, purple, County K9s; Mazzi Moore, purple, Blue Ribbon.

Contest goals include developing effective skills in both written and oral communications and developing poise and self-confidence in communicating personal ideas as well as in public presentations.

"I am very impressed with the skills that were shown by each of the participants," said Kelsey Maeschen, the county's interim 4-H program coordinator. "It isn't easy getting up and speaking in front of a group, but these kids ready did a good job."

Julie Buntjer, Worthington, judged the event.

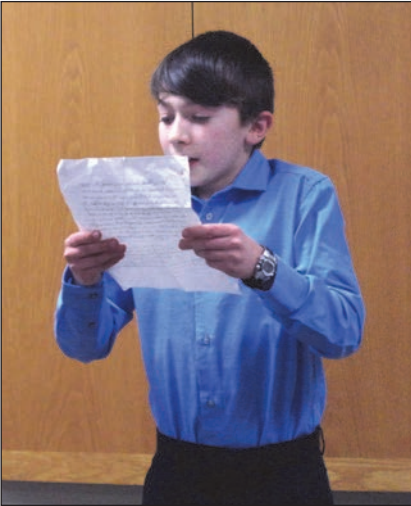


Submitted photos
Participants at the 2018 Rock County 4-H Communication Arts Contest March 1 included (from left) Gretchen Jacobsma, Rebecca Austin, Mazzi Moore, Ava Steinhoff, Andrea Luitjens, Alex Reker and Brenna Reker. Not pictured are Leif Ingebretsen, Aisha Porter and Colton Buchholz.

Right: Rebecca Austin took audience members through an intense situation while talking about atrial fibrillation.

Middle: Andrea Luitjens added funny voices to her characters in the book, "Hogwash!"

Far right: Leif Ingebretsen won over the audience with the funny poem he wrote titled "Human Cannonball."



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•Hohn Implement will have a new owner starting April 8. Denny Hohn has worked in the business for 33 years and has owned the Luverne John Deere dealership since 1994, when it was previously known as Olhausen Farm Power. Hohn said, "I don't think there'll be any significant changes, and probably no employee changes." C&B Investments, Gettysburg, S.D., owns several other dealerships and agreed to purchase the Luverne and Edgerton businesses from Hohn.

25 years ago (1993)

•After long discussions and lengthy interviews, the Rock County Board Tuesday hired Kyle Oldre, Luverne, as the county's new personnel director. Oldre attended South Dakota State University, Brookings, for two years and received his undergraduate degree in law enforcement from Mankato State University. He served in the military in Colorado from 1988 to 1991, developing training programs. Since leaving the military, Oldre has been attending Mankato. He received a master's degree in personnel and public administration.

50 years ago (1968)

•Burglars escaped with a 1,000 pound safe containing an estimated \$2,000 in cash and checks Monday night or early

Tuesday from Les' Foodland here. Entry was made through a 10 in. x 18 in. hole in the clay tile wall on the south side of the store. Exit was made through a rear door on the north side of the building which was slammed shut and locked by meticulous thieves who left nothing in disarray either inside or outside the store. The theft was discovered by Les Murphy, owner, when he opened the store Tuesday morning about 7:30 a.m. The safe about 20 in. deep 21 in. wide, and 32 in. high, was in a small paneled office enclosure just inside the front door at the store. A portable desk top above the safe had been removed, and neatly set beside a shelf of groceries. The safe was too large to get it through the doorway into the enclosure, so the burglars evidentially used tools found in the rear of the store, normally used for opening wood fruit crates, to take out several screws which held the base of the paneled wall to the floor. With the screws removed, they were able to move the wall far enough to move the safe into the aisle.

75 years ago (1943)

•Soldiers of another war met here Monday night to observe the 25th anniversary of the founding of their veteran's organization, the American Legion. The members of the local post had a "birthday party" in conjunction with their regular monthly meeting, and enjoyed a baked bean feed prepared by Harm Smook, and a birthday cake, decorated with an American flag in colors, furnished with

the Legion by the local auxiliary to commemorate the occasion. Although the local organization was not completed until October 1919, the members of the post here decided to celebrate at this meeting as March has been designated as American Legion month.

100 years ago (1918)

•Thirty-three head of cattle and one horse, owned by Jens Thorson, were killed by a single bolt of lightning Wednesday afternoon on section 15, Magnolia township. The cattle were all mature cows, with the exception of three 3-year-old steers, and, aside from six Durhams, were all Herefords. Twenty-one of the cows have commenced milking within the next month. The horse was a two-year-old valued at \$175. The cattle and horse were in a large shed where they had gone to escape the rain. In this shed at the time were one hundred twenty cattle and sixteen horses. All of these cattle were practically mature ones, as the calves and younger critters were quartered in another building. Mr. Thorson was away from his home at the time, but two hired men were near at hand, and they hurried to the shed. Not one of the thirty-four head then showed any sign of life, aside from a slight twitching in a few instances. The live stock was insured in the Rose Dell Mutual Fire Insurance company, but Mr. Thorson carried only \$800 on cattle, although \$1,500 on horses. He estimated his loss on the cattle at \$2,500.



Five generations of May women

Five generations of Madge May's family gathered for a photograph Friday, Feb. 9, in the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Center, Luverne. May (front, left) is pictured with her great-great granddaughter, Lennon Zwaan, held by great-granddaughter MacKenzi Zwaan, granddaughter Staci Zwaan (back) and daughter Jan Israelson. Madge, Staci and Jan live in Luverne, and MacKenzi lives and teaches in Sioux Falls.

1952: Public invited to free talent show

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on May 15, 1952.

Good Neighbor Party Here Wednesday Night

Talent Show, Dancing, Free To The Public

Big night of the year for residents of the Luverne trade area will be next Wednesday night at the Luverne armory when the Luverne Civic and Commerce association stages its annual "Good Neighbor Party."

A talent show featuring entertainers from the local trade area will begin at 8 p.m. Entered thus far are the following: Karen Groth, Merlyn Schmidt, and Evelyn Cousyn, an accordion trio from Steen; Janet Ann Koobs, Ellsworth vocalist; Dick Abel, Rock Rapids cornetist, Beatrice Ann McClure, Lunetist; Beatrice Ann McClure, LuWelch, Luverne a vocal duet; John Verborg,



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Valley Springs and Shirley Jansen, Magnolia, both of whom play accordions. **Still Room For Entries** There's still room for more entries particularly in the large group and duet classes, Curt Laudon, chairman of the Good Neighbor

Party committee announced. Anyone wishing to compete should notify him on or before Saturday, May 17, which is the deadline for entering. An evening of dancing will follow the talent show. Music by Lynn Kerns and his Rhythm Club, a well known dance band which can play new and old time music, will be featured. "This Good Neighbor Party is free to the public," Mr. Laudon emphasized, as he extended an invitation to the people of the trade area to attend. "It's the annual party that our business men of Luverne give as a small token of their appreciation to the many fine friends it is their privilege to be associated with year in and year out. *Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156. Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iuw.net.*

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Cox Realty hires daughter-in-law

Alan and Cindy Cox of Cox Realty and Land Services, LLC, recently hired their daughter-in-law Kayla Cox. She has a marketing degree from Southwestern Minnesota State University, Marshall, and is a licensed Realtor. Cox is a 2007 graduate of Adrian High School, is the daughter of Dick Kruger and Marlys Nelson, Adrian. She and her husband, Mitchell, live in rural Adrian and have three sons, Marshall, 4, Mason, 3, and Merritt, 7 months.



Luverne earns third-place team trophy in Montevideo

The Cardinal speech team traveled to Montevideo on Saturday, March 10. Thirty-five Cardinal speakers competed representing 12 of the 13 categories.

The Cardinals brought home the third-place team trophy.

“Our two original oratory speakers could not attend this week, but generally, the team has competitors in all 13 categories,” said coach Caroline Thorson. “One thing we are very proud of is that we have students that are competing in each of the thirteen categories. That doesn’t happen for all schools.”

There were 16 schools and 208 competitors at the Montevideo invitational.

The top six individuals in each category received medals with ribbons given to students one or two positions out of the finals.

Individual results include:

- Creative expression: Hope Thorson, sixth.
- Discussion: Alexa Chesley, fourth; Melanie Rittenhouse, fifth.
- Duo interpretation: Solveig Tofteland and Seno Chanthalangsy, third.
- Extemp reading: Courtney Wendland, ribbon.
- Extemp speaking: Shane Berning, second; Chance Tunnissen, fourth; Parker Carbonneau, fifth.
- Great speeches: Rylee Anderson, fifth.
- Humorous: Luke Thorson, first; Gunnar Oldre, second; John Miller, fifth.
- Poetry: Grace Sweeney, ribbon.
- Prose: Sage Ver Steeg, fourth; Josie Golla, ribbon.



The Luverne High School speech team earned the third-place trophy at the Montevideo tournament Saturday, March 10. Individuals earning recognition at the meet included (front row from left) Seno Chanthalangsy, Sage Ver Steeg, Julia Ferguson, Shane Berning, Parker Carbonneau, (second) Solveig Tofteland, Courtney Wendland, Grace Sweeney, Josie Golla, Alexa Chesley, (third) Hannah Baker, Chance Tunnissen, Jonah Louwagie, Xavier Carbonneau, Melanie Rittenhouse, (back) Rylee Anderson, Luke Thorson, Gunnar Oldre, John Miller and Hope Thorson.

•Storytelling: Julia Ferguson, second; Jonah Louwagie, Xavier Carbonneau, and Hannah Baker, ribbons.

The team competes at the Big South Conference tournament in New Ulm today, March 15.

Each team is allowed to bring 40 speakers. Luverne will field a team of 38 competitors.

DEATH NOTICES

Albert Mulder

Albert W. Mulder, 96, Ellsworth, died Saturday, March 10, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral Mass was Tuesday, March 13, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ellsworth. Burial was in the St. Mary Cemetery in Ellsworth.

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

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Lance Meyeraan

Lance Bryan Meyeraan (Buffington), age 6 months, Sheldon, Iowa, died Sunday, March 11, 2018, at the Children’s Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

Due to medical reasons, the family requests no real flowers or plants be given. Please wear red to raise awareness and support for congenital heart defect.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at Adrian United Methodist Church in Adrian. Burial will be in St. John Immanuel Cemetery in rural Verdi.

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

Luverne students graduate from SMSU

Three Luverne students received degrees from Southwest Minnesota State University Marshall at the end of the Fall 2017 semester.

Alex Weis graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education/teaching.

Evan Burmeister earned a Master of Business Administration: Management degree.

Matthew Overgaard received a Bachelor of Science: Agribusiness Management degree.

South Dakota State announces graduates

Area students graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings at the end of the Fall 2017 semester.

Ellen Dahl, Luverne, received a degree in the College of Engineering.

Jada Hoven and Jessica Richters, both of Luverne, earned degrees in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences.

Nicole Hoff, Steen, graduated with a degree in the College of Nursing.

Figure skaters finish 2018 season; annual ice show next weekend

Blue Mound Figure Skaters came home with a first-place team trophy from the Sioux Falls Ice Classic conducted March 10-11.

Seven teams were represented in the competition.

The Sioux Falls event was the last competition of the figure skating season.

The annual ice show, “Skate Carnival,” is March 23 and 24 in the Blue Mound Ice Arena, Luverne. Both performances begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for

adults and \$3.50 for students.

The team’s first-place trophy followed a second-place finish at the 2018 Skate Parade Competition in Minneapolis on March 2-4.

There were 21 rinks represented at the Twin Cities event.

Coaches for the 2018 season were Katie Kopp, Sarah Nuffer, Courtney DeBoer, Sabrina Sowles and Cathy Shearer.

Emma Baker and Katie Shearer assisted with the competitions.



Blue Mound Figure Skaters came home with a first-place team trophy from the March 10-11 Sioux Falls Ice Classic. Pictured are (front row) Sophia Eisma, Lexy Hamner, Ashley Hohn, Giana Sowles, Riley Severtson, (second) Zayda Holmgren, Katharine Kelm, Elisabeth Kelm, Audrina Tiesler, Mara Thier, Addison Wieneke, Maranda Thier, Lilian Hamner, Marisa Thier, Reese Henning, Afton Nuffer, (back) Augusta Papik, Lauren VerSteeg, Liz Spiegelhoff, Alysha Wieneke and Kendall Buss. Not pictured included McKenzie Engwicht, Hannah Henning, Breanna Richters, Madison Ruesch and Bailey Weg.

Submitted photo

POLICY

The Rock County Star Herald strives to publish obituaries that pay tribute to the lives of the deceased.

Our policy is to summarize the education, professional history, places of residence, immediate family, achievements, hobbies and community involvement of your loved one.

Please indicate, when sending an obituary, if you would like it to be placed in the paper as an edited piece according to our newspaper format for \$49 OR if you would like it to run as submitted for \$149.

Either choice of obituary includes a photo and will be published in the Rock County Star Herald print edition as well as online at www.star-herald.com.

Death notices will continue to run at no charge.

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Notice:

Students of Luverne High School Take Notice

The Scholarship Committee of the A.R. Wood Educational Trust is currently accepting applications for initial or renewal scholarships from seniors and previous graduates of Luverne High School.

To be eligible for consideration candidates must:

1. Be graduates of Luverne High School

2. Rank in the upper fifteenth percent (15%) of his/her graduating class; and

3. Have maintained a 3.0 GPA or better grade point average.

Requests for applications should be directed to:

First Bank & Trust

Wealth Management Services

Attn: A.R. Wood Educational Trust

P.O. Box 1347

Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1347

All requests for applications must be received by First Bank & Trust no later than May 1, 2018. All completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to First Bank & Trust by June 1, 2018.

In accordance with the A.R. Wood Educational Trust, decisions regarding recipients, amounts and number of awards will be made at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Luverne Baseball

Traveling Team

sign up

MONDAY

MARCH 19

► Sterling's

► Burger Bar

(free for families who sign up)

5-7 p.m.

Traveling baseball team sign up and parent meeting for anyone grades 3-6 interested in playing traveling baseball

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County five-year road and bridge plan/from 1A

slated for full-depth reclama- tion, with another almost two miles scheduled for bitumi- nous paving.

Included in the paving work is the newly designated County Road 38 in Luverne's Industrial Park.

An intersection warning system at the corner of county roads 4 and 17 (commonly known as Manley Corner) is slated for possible installation later this year.

As vehicles approach the intersection, lights will begin flashing when another vehicle is also present at the intersec- tion.

"There have been a lot of near-misses," Sehr said. "There have not been a lot of injury accidents."

Cost estimate for the warn- ingsystem is \$100,000. State aid funds are earmarked to cover the expense.

Sixty-five miles of county

City, township officials' meeting at 1:30 p.m. April 3 in the library outlines five years of projects to city, township officials

roads are scheduled for seal- coating this year.

Six bridges are also on the docket for replacement, bringing the county's struc- turally deficient bridges count down to under 25.

About 150 bridges were on the county's deficient list when Sehr became engineer 32 years ago.

He said the number of deficient bridges varies from

county to county.

"Some counties are doing the same (number) as us and do five to 10 every year if they can," Sehr said. "We don't have a lot left."

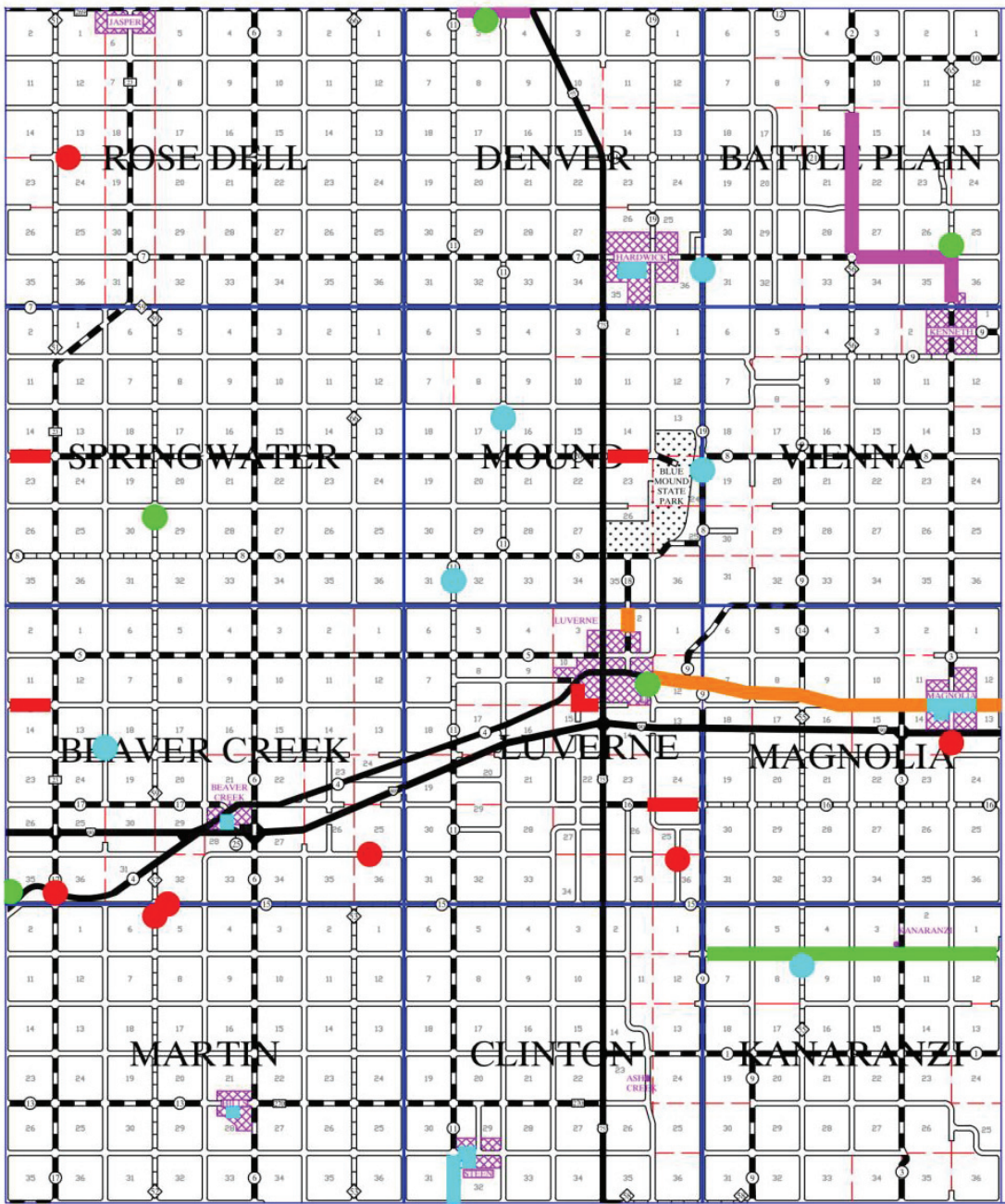
Five bridge replacements are scheduled for 2019 and six for 2020.

Year 2020 is still on sched- ule for improvements in five of Rock County's small cities.

"I haven't done much work in the small cities since I have come (on as engineer in 1986)," Sehr said.

Mill and overlay work is scheduled for county roads in Hardwick, Hills, Beaver Creek, Magnolia and Steen. In addition, sidewalk repairs are scheduled in Hardwick and curb/gutter for portions of roadway in Magnolia.

The April 3 road and bridge meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Rock County Library.



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CSAH 38	TH 75 to CSAH 4	Grading / Base / Paving
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*“It’s been a dream of mine and every 6-year-old who wants to be a prima ballerina.”
 — Annaliese Braucht*



Annaliese Braucht, a Luverne High School freshman, is invited to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet’s summer camp with a possible invitation to attend school there full time. Above, Braucht holds develop al la seconde pose.

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Prima ballerina career would be ‘a dream come true’ for Luverne student

Luverne High School freshman Annaliese Braucht is experiencing a “just right” fit in pursuit of her career as ballerina.

She describes herself as “not too short, not too tall, idealistic proportions with a longer neck and longer arms, long-lengthy muscles and natural balance.”

This summer the 14-year-old will study the form of classical dance with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in Manitoba, Canada.

Depending on how well Braucht performs at the four-week summer camp, she could be invited to attend the ballet’s year-round school.

“This is the most prestigious school in Canada where only a small number of students are accepted,” said Braucht, daughter of Jason and Sonja Braucht of rural Beaver Creek.

She is cautious, however, about the possibility of studying ballet full time.

“It is very common for dancers to make it this far but the door closes for a number of reasons,” she said.

Timing, injury, or a poor performance at an audition can send a dancer back home.



Dance Gallery of South Dakota instructor Jackie Peterson-Kriens (left) adjusts Annaliese Braucht’s attitude quasai (crossed) pose.

“Annaliese has got a lot of things on her side,” said her dance instructor Jackie Peterson-Kriens, Sioux Falls. “Just to get into a company is a huge honor.”

Grace, flexibility, a good memory for dance steps, strength and beautiful lines are among Kriens’ description of Braucht, whom she has seen on a weekly basis for the past several years.

Braucht spends four days a week in one or more classes offered at Kriens’ Dance Gallery of South Dakota in Sioux Falls.

To be successful in ballet Kriens likens a dancer’s dedication to that of an Olympic athlete’s.

“You can’t just stop working out or skip classes,” she said. “You have to maintain ... a consistent schedule to gain more muscle.”

Work with a physical therapist once a week helps with Braucht’s muscle strains and soreness and development of exercises to prevent further injuries.

Blisters and bruised toenails are also common for dancers who can wear out a pair of ballet shoes in a matter of days.

For Braucht, this summer’s chance to wear out a few pointe shoes began at a very young age.

“I knew she wanted to be a dancer before she was born,” said her mother, Sonja.

She said she had to leave a Rock Moninoff concert while pregnant because the constant movements of the not-yet-born Annaliese made her sick.

When she was 2 years old, her parents enrolled her in a nearby dance program while living in Madison, Wisconsin.

As a toddler, Annaliese was exposed to tap, jazz, hip hop, ballet and, three years ago, the Cecchetti Method of ballet instruction.

“It opened my eyes to a different style focused around ballet,” Annaliese said.

Named after Enrico Cecchetti, the method focuses on a dancer’s anatomy through a series of exercises meant to enhance technical development.

“The Cecchetti style of teaching gives dancers perfect technique and saves the dancer’s body from injuries,” she said.

Braucht began the Cecchetti method by age 10 and quickly mastered the methodology and dance movement spoken in French.

She has completed four national exams on the method, passing all four, two with highly recommended marks.

Those high marks were evident in January when Braucht traveled to four auditions in Minneapolis and Indianapolis. Judges were selecting a handful of participants for the Boston and/or Royal Winnipeg ballet companies.

The auditions were the first times Braucht tried for a spot with out-of-state ballet companies.

“I can be so nervous waiting for the auditions to begin but as soon as I touch the bar, I am calm,” she said.

A lack of confidence can be a detriment to a dancer’s performance as viewed by the judges.



Annaliese Braucht holds a pose called relieve in fifth position.

“If you hold back, they will notice,” Braucht said.

From the four auditions, Braucht received two offers. She chose Royal Winnipeg.

Attending a summer camp is not new for Braucht, who spent four-weeks in Holland, Michigan, last year.

“Without that experience I wouldn’t have known how serious I am,” she said.

While she is at the July camp, ballet company officials will contact her parents if she is chosen to further her ballet skills at the year-round school in Canada.

“It’s been a dream of mine and every 6-year-old who wants to be a prima ballerina,” Braucht said.

Two Cards make hockey team

By John Rittenhouse

Two members of the Luverne High School girls' hockey squad cracked the roster of the 2017-18 All-Big South Conference Girls' Hockey Team.

A total of 13 all-conference selections and seven honorable mention awards were doled out by the league's coaches last week.

Luverne, which placed third in the league with an 8-5-1 record, drew a pair of all-conference selections.

Senior goalie Emilie Bartels and eighth-grade forward Reghan Bork represent the Cardinals on the all-league roster.

Marshall, which placed second to New Ulm in the conference standings with a 10-4 mark, led all teams by having three players listed on the all-league roster.

Seniors Rachel VanKeulen and Courtney Mauch and junior Sydney Mauch made the team for Marshall, which captured the Section 3A title in late February.

New Ulm, which captured the conference championship with a 14-0 record and advanced to the state tournament as well, placed two athletes on the all-conference roster.

Seniors Ali Beltz and Dani Weiss represent the Eagles on the roster.

Waseca and Windom matched LHS and Marshall by drawing two all-conference selections.

Senior Riley Brown and sophomore Jayde Pederson made the team for Waseca.

Seniors Molly Boyum and Emily Steen represent Windom.

Minnesota River senior Emma Doherty-Bohn and Worthington senior Bailey Kruse round out the all-conference squad.

Drawing honorable mention from the league's coaches are Minnesota River senior Kendall Wenner and junior Ashley Pudwell, New Ulm juniors Madeline Gag and Ashlyn Wittscheck, Windom junior Anna Volk, Worthington freshman Ashton Fogelman and Marshall freshman Emma Klenken.



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Luverne's Emilie Bartels (left) and Reghan Bork (right) made the 2017-18 All-Big South Conference Girls' Hockey Team.

BOWLING CLIPBOARD

Thursday Bowling National League March 8

Games won: Troublemakers 4; Real Guys 3; Stooges 3; Rock Stars 1; Those Guys 1; Those Girls 0.

High Scratch Game Men: Dave Nelson 220; Zach Runia 209.

High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 153; Marie Opheim 119.

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High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 424; Marie Opheim 342.

Team High Scratch Game: Troublemakers 509; Real Guys 500.

Team High Scratch Series: Troublemakers 1492; Real Guys 1472.

Team High Handicap Game: Rock Stars 631; Those Guys 630.

Team High Handicap Series: Stooges 1855; Troublemakers 1849.



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Luverne faculty member Corey Nelson puts up a one-handed shot around Mark Robinson Monday night at LHS.

Baskets for Boltjes rakes in more than \$2,000 Monday

By John Rittenhouse

Some Luverne High School students and faculty members played basketball for a noble cause Monday night.

March Madness basketball events have become an annual event at LHS in recent years, but the 2018 version of the event took on more meaning for the participants.

According to Mark Lundgren, who supervises the LHS student councils, said there will be a new beneficiary from Monday's activity.

The Rock County Food Shelf was beneficiary from the first two March Madness events, but this year's effort will be donated to a member of the school staff.

All proceeds from Buckets for Boltjes will be going to Sharon Boltjes, a library aide

who also directed the fall and spring plays at LHS.

Boltjes currently is battling cancer, and when Lundgren received administrative approval to list Boltjes as the benefactor, the members of the student councils embraced the change.

The focal point of Monday's event surrounded two basketball games.

Game 1 featured LHS juniors squaring off against the seniors, and Game 2 consisted of members of the boys' and girls' basketball programs taking on a team consisting of faculty members.

The opening game went to the juniors, who rolled to a 36-15 victory over the seniors.

The finale went to the faculty, which fell behind early before rallying to defeat the varsity



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Brayden Jacobsma and his junior classmates topped the senior players during Monday's game at LHS.

players by a 35-27 tally.

Ultimately, it was Sharon Boltjes who was the big winner

for the night as the event raised more than \$2,000 for her battle.



Sidney Fick



Preston Wilhelmi

H-BC's scoring lists could change dramatically during 2018-19 season

The winter sports season is complete for the four schools from the Star Herald coverage area, but Hills-Beaver Creek basketball fans definitely have something to look forward to during the 2018-19 campaign.



Not only should H-BC field competitive girls' and boys' teams next winter, I'm expecting the landscape to change in terms of the history of each H-BC program.

I may do a little too much spouting off when putting together weekly columns, but I'm happy to say I was onto something in my column that ran in the March 12, 2015, edition of the Star Herald.

Days after watching an eighth-grader named Sid-

ney Fick score a team-high 14 points during a loss to Wabasso in the semifinal round of the South Section 3A that year, I listed her as being an athlete that area sports fans should keep an eye on in the coming years.

The current H-BC junior has not disappointed me in that respect.

Fick, who led a Patriot squad that won 21 games this season, became the fifth H-BC girl to surpass the 1,000-point mark of her career early in the season.

She went on to lead the Patriots in scoring with 516 points, which vaulted Fick into second place on the

school's all-time scoring list for female players.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Fick not only should become the school's leading scorer in the history of the girls' basketball program next winter, I like her chances of becoming H-BC's all-time leading scorer overall.

Her 156-point winter season leaves Fick with 1,383 career points.

She is 173 points shy of matching Erin (Boeve) Metzger's total of 1,556 points, which is the current scoring standard for H-BC girls.

Fick could surpass

Metzger on the list in December or early January next season, and that could just be the beginning of her assault on H-BC's record book.

Halden Van Wyhe is H-BC's all-time leading scorer with 1,758 points.

Fick needs to net 375 more points to match Van Wyhe on the list, and that could well happen if she comes close to matching her 516-point 2017-18 season.

After a tremendous junior season, Preston Wilhelmi finds himself in a position to climb the ladder on H-BC's all-time

scoring list as well next winter.

Wilhelmi, a high-scoring guard who drained 45 consecutive three throws during one stretch of the recently completed season, outscored Fick by a 583-516 margin this year.

Wilhelmi sank one free throw in the final minute of a loss to W-WG in the Section 3A quarterfinals on March 3, leaving him with 1,000 career points.

Wilhelmi is one of 13 H-BC boys to reach the 1,000-point mark for his career, and is one productive season away from going down in history as H-BC's

fourth-leading scorer in boys' program history.

It might be a lot to ask of Wilhelmi to surpass Van Wyhe, Steve Esselink (1,650 points) and Kale Wiertzema (1,638), some of the top point-producers in the history of the H-BC's boys' basketball program.

Then again, based on his 583-point output this past season, I wouldn't rule anything out.

Just matching his scoring total of last season would slip Wilhelmi past Chad Koel (1,414 points) as the fourth-leading scorer in the history of the boys' program.

With a productive regular season and an extended playoff run next winter, Wilhelmi might have a chance to move as high as second place on the boys' all-time scoring list.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Star Herald CHURCH

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St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne

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Thursday, March 15: 9 a.m. Head Start. 4 p.m. Soulful Art. Friday, March 16: 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 6 p.m. St. Catherine Stations. Saturday, March 17: 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home Bingo. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, March 18: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. Noon First Communion banner-making. 7 p.m. RCIA. Olive wood art. Tuesday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Bible Study. Wednesday, March 21: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 8 p.m. St. Mary KC. Thursday, March 22: 9 a.m. Head Start. 1-4 p.m. Fun Day. 4 p.m. Soulful Art; Veterans Home Mass. 7 p.m. St. Catherine SL Meeting.

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Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, March 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, March 21: 7 p.m. GEMS and Cadets.

First Baptist Church

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Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, March 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, March 18: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, March 20: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, March 21: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Voices of Zambia. Thursday, March 22: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

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Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, March 15: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9 a.m. Shetek Conference Leaders meeting at GLC. Friday, March 16: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 17: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, March 18: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; Fifth-graders' First Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study; Fellowship and coffee/treats. 6:30 p.m. National Youth Gathering meeting. Monday, March 19: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, March 20: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:30 p.m. Meet for Ride and Dine. Wednesday, March 21: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lenten Meal. 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service. 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, March 22: Circle Meetings. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Grace.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, March 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, March 21: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers.

American Reformed Church

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Mike Altena, Pastor

Thursday, March 15: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, March 16: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, March 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; Message by Cory Grimm. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Junior and Senior RCYF. Monday, March 19: 5-8 p.m. Junior RCYF Pizza Ranch Tip Night. Tuesday, March 20: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday March 21: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, March 22: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

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

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Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, March 15: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Schwartz Scholarship Meeting. Friday, March 16: ALIVE Youth Group Bricelyn Retreat. Saturday, March 17: ALIVE Bricelyn Retreat. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, March 18: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. ALIVE Bricelyn Retreat. Monday, March 19: Messenger deadline. 9 a.m. Big Buddies. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, March 20: 2 p.m. Pastoral Gathering at Poplar Creek. 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, March 21: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at United Methodist; lunch following service. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, March 22: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Sunday, March 18: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, March 20: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, March 21: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Joint Circles meet at Village Garden. 6 p.m. Lent meal — Executive Board. 7 p.m. Lent service. 8:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

First Presbyterian Church

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Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, March 15: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Session meeting. Saturday, March 17: 10 a.m. Meranda Fick Bridal Shower. Sunday, March 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship; Music Staff. Monday, March 19: Noon Over 60s at History Center. Tuesday, March 20: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Wednesday, March 21: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle. 1:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6:30 p.m. High School Fellowship. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Methodist Church. 8 p.m. Choir. Thursday, March 22: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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Thursday, March 15: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge meeting at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Friday, March 16: 8 p.m. Youth Lock-in. Saturday, March 17: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, March 18: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Monday, March 19: Newsletter Deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, March 20: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. Wednesday, March 21: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Lent worship service. 6:30 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. KFC; Confirmation photos; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Parents' rehearsal. Thursday, March 22: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at Baptist Church.

Living Rock Church

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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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New Life Celebration Church

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Thursday, March 15: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, March 16: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 17: 2 p.m. Zion hosts Poplar Creek/Oaks birthday party. Sunday, March 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School Easter Event; Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, March 19: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, March 21: 7 p.m. Lenten Worship Service — Rev. Pete Sestak. Bars and coffee in the Parish Hall following the service, 7 p.m. Confirmation at St. John's. Thursday, March 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

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Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, March 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, March 20: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, March 21: 7 p.m. Lenten Service at First Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, March 18: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, March 21: 7 p.m. Lenten Service at First Lutheran. Thursday, March 22: 1:30 p.m. WELCA regular meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

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Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Repent and believe

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe



in the good news." (Mark 1:9) This is Jesus' message, short and to the point: "... repent, and believe in the good news."

I think one could argue that this short sentence is probably one of most important verses in the whole Bible. This is the Gospel: "repent" and "believe."

A question I've always had is, "How did Jesus say these words?"

One of the problems we encounter when reading the Bible is that we are often unable to tell exactly how things are said. When we speak with someone face to face, we have a much better idea about how that person wants us to understand what is being said. When we speak face-to-face, we notice things like tone of voice, body gestures, volume, facial expressions and more. And there is less chance of being misunderstood. But just reading the Bible, we have a harder time.

So when you read Jesus' message, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news," how do you imagine Jesus is saying this? Is there excitement in his voice, or is he calm? What do you think?

I think we could take these words of Jesus one of three ways: either they are harsh, demanding and emotional; or informational, kind of like "take it or leave it"; or like an appeal to our better judgment, an urgent appeal to our consciences.

Do you suppose Jesus speaks harshly, direct, and with authority, like a strict parent scolding a disobedient child? Hellfire and brimstone, as we used to call it.

Well, I don't imagine

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By Ron Nichols, pastor,
Grace Lutheran Church,
Luverne

him red-faced, pointing a finger, and yelling at people. What do you think?

Perhaps Jesus said these words more like sharing helpful information. Perhaps Jesus is recommending to those who would like to be more religious something important without offending anyone else. Does Jesus say these things in an effort just to be helpful? Do you suppose Jesus was aiming his comments at people who just wanted to feel better about themselves but didn't necessarily want to change their lives?

No, I can't imagine Jesus as one who tiptoes lightly around people. What he says is vitally important, not to just some, but to all. I can't imagine Jesus as one who just provides people with viable options for a better life.

Neither of the first two suggestions is very satisfying, is it? The pointing, shouting, condemning Jesus just doesn't fit well. And the mousy, don't hurt anyone's feelings Jesus just doesn't fit either. No, I think Jesus speaks his words to people like an urgent appeal. I think Jesus speaks these words the same as someone might say, "The house is on fire, get out!" I imagine honest emotion in his voice as he came to Galilee.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

May this Lenten Season be a true blessing to you and yours.

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Quiet Title Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CYNTHIA L. REU, VERYL J. KNIGGE, EARL A.
VANDEN BUSSCHE, JERALD L. VANDEN BUSSCHE,
AND LLOYD T. VANDEN BUSSCHE
Plaintiffs,
AND

SUMMONS

EMMA VANDEN BUSSCHE; WALT VANDEN
BUSSCHE; LORETTA VANDEN BUSSCHE; AND
ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN AND THEIR
UNKNOWN HEIRS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE,
ESTATE, INTEREST, OR LIEN IN THE REAL
ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,
Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO EMMA VANDEN BUSSCHE; WALT VANDEN BUSSCHE;
LORETTA VANDEN BUSSCHE; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN AND THEIR
UNKNOWN HEIRS:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. The
Plaintiffs' Complaint against you is attached to this summons. Do not throw these papers
away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even
though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this
summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must
give or mail to the person who signed this summons **a written response** called an Answer
within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of
your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:
Vander Kooi Law Offices, P. A., 127 E Main, PO Box 746, Luverne, MN 56156.

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

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

5. This Plaintiffs' Complaint is an ACTION TO QUIET TITLE in Plaintiffs' names for the
real estate which is described as follows:

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 of NE1/4) of Section Fifteen (15),
Township One Hundred Three (103) North, Range Forty-six (46), West of the
5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota.
And
The West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2 of SE1/4) of Section Ten
(10), Township One Hundred Three (103) North of Range Forty-six (46)
West of the 5th P.M, Rock County Minnesota.

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

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

Dated: 2/22/2018

s/s BENJAMIN VANDER KOOI, JR.
VANDER KOOI LAW OFFICES, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
127 East Main, P.O. Box 746
Luverne, Minnesota 56156
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Attorney I. D. No. 112124
(3-1, 3-8, 3-15)

Mortgage foreclosure sale
set for April 26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2002
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,890.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Rebecca L. Runnoe, an unmarried person
MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: November 22, 2002 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 154394
Transaction Agent: Not Applicable
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable
Lender or Broker: Heritage Bank N.A.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Heritage Bank, N.A.
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 503 E Dodge St, Luverne, MN 56156-1330
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0066-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The E.58 feet of the W.98 feet of the S.133
feet of Outlot 23 in County Auditor's Plat of Luverne Outlots in Section 2, Township 102 North,
of Range 45 West, of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$47,561.17
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or pro-
ceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage,
or any part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described
property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne,
Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs
and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6)
months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed
under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on
October 26, 2018, or the next business day if October 26, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday
or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
**THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-
LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL
CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATED: March 01, 2018
MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 039379F01

(3-8, 3-15, 3-22, 3-29, 4-5, 4-12)

Notice of Delinquent Taxes

State of Minnesota
County of Rock

District Court
Fifth Judicial District

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST
A list of real property in Rock County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Rock County. This
list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus interest and costs, or file a written objection with the district court
administrator. The objection must be filed by April 18, 2018, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgement will
be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 14, 2018. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid
losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located
in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five weeks for certain abandoned or
vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the
delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-
industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income
and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East
Brown St., PO Box 509, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0509. You may also contact the Auditor-Treasurer at (507) 283-5060 or ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us

/s/ Jason Schear
Jason Schear
Deputy District Court Administrator
Fifth Judicial District
Date: February 9, 2018
(District Court Seal)

(3-15)

DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
The following table contains a list of real property located in Rock County on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, 2018. Interest calculated from January 1, 2018, and county costs must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of real property to be removed from the delinquent tax list.				
NAME OF OWNERS, TAXPAYERS & INTERESTED PARTIES	PARCEL NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	TOTAL TAX AND PENALTY	
TOWN OF BATTLE PLAIN				
KARI M LEWIS-MATHEWS & CHRISTOPHER W MATHEWS	01-0093-000 SECT-22 TWP-104 RNG-44 5.76 A TR IN N 760' OF W 330' OF NW 1/4 EXC 0.29 A TR #75 & EXC 0.11 A CSAH #2 5.76 ACRES	2017	199.38	
CARYN VOIGT	01-0111-000 SECT-36 TWP-104 RNG-44 W 495' OF N 528' OF S 689' OF NW 1/4 LESS 0.21 A CSAH #3 6.00 ACRES	2017	216.60	
TOWN OF DENVER				
JAMES WM BROOMFIELD & PATTY A BROOMFIELD	04-0143-000 SEC-29 TWP-104 RNG-45 7.80 A TR IN NE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT NE COR OF SD NE 1/4 AS POB; S ALG E SEC LN 546'; W 390'; N 43'; W 250'; N 503'; E 640' ALG N SEC LN TO POB 7.80 ACRES	2017	411.40	
DONALD BEAUBIEN	04-0169-000 SEC-36 TWP-104 RNG-45 S 551' OF E 336' OF SE 1/4 LESS .21 A CSAH #19 4.25 ACRES	2017	186.96	
TOWN OF MARTIN				
HENRY C & GLORIA J KELDERMAN	08-0235-000 SEC-13 TWP-101 RNG-47 5.10 A TR IN NW1/4 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NW1/4; SLY ALG W LN OF SD QTR 1015' TO POB; ELY = S LN OF SD QTR 600'; SLY = W LN OF SD QTR 470'; WLY = S LN OF SD QTR 370'; NLY = W LN OF SD QTR 230'; WLY = S LN OF SD QTR 230'; NLY ALG W LN OF SD QTR 240' TO POB LESS .10 A CSAH #17 5.10 ACRES	2017	675.40	
ENCHANTED LAKES PROPERITES LLC	08-0254-000 SECT-24 TWP-101 RNG-47 N 650' OF W 450' OF NE 1/4 6.72 ACRES	2017	639.54	
SHERI ROZEBOOM	08-0269-000 SEC-26 TWP-101 RNG-47 W 462.80' OF FOLLOWING DESC TR: TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF SEC 26; ELY ALG S LN OF SD 1/4 353' TO POB; NLY 33'; CONTN NLY 459.09'; ELY 622.36'; SLY 459.73'; CONTN SLY 33' TO SD S LN; WLY ALG S LN 636.98' TO POB 5.22 ACRES	2017	1,526.80	
TOWN OF ROSE DELL				
WAYNE C KISLOWSKI	10-0036-000 SEC-07 TWP-104 RNG-46 4.47 A TR IN NW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT C OF MN HWY 23 AT N SIDE OF SEC 7; WLY 7.5' ON N SIDE OF SD SEC TO POB; WLY ON N SIDE OF SD SEC 572.5'; SLY 340' = W SIDE OF SD SEC; ELY 572.5' = N SIDE OF SD SEC; NLY 340' TO POB LESS .30 A HWY #23 4.47 ACRES	2017	132.24	
MICHAEL LORENZEN	10-0083-000 SECT-17 TWP-104 RNG-46 S 955' OF W 535' OF SW 1/4 11.73 ACRES	2017	182.60	
TOWN OF SPRINGWATER				
LEO SWENSON	11-0183-000 SECT-35 TWP-103 RNG-46 THAT PART OF NE 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NE COR OF SEC 35; SLY ALG E LN OF NE 1/4 2636.57' TO E QTR COR; WLY ALG S LN OF NE 1/4 804.6'; NLY 930.35'; SELY 515'; NWLY 1680'; CONTN NWLY 50' TO N LN OF NE 1/4; ELY ALG SD N LN 320.83' TO POB 29.09 ACRES	2017	508.44	
TOWN OF VIENNA				
GENE A & CHRISTINE MC CLAIN	12-0019-000 SECT-11 TWP-103 RNG-44 6.00 A TR IN SE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SE COR OF SD SE 1/4; NLY ON E SIDE OF SD SE 1/4 933' TO POB; WLY 541' = S SIDE OF SD SE 1/4 NLY 483' = E SIDE OF SD SE 1/4; ELY 541' = S SIDE OF SD SE 1/4; SLY 483' TO POB LESS .19 A CSAH #3 6.00 ACRES	2017	214.50	
CITY OF BEAVER CREEK				
BERTHA ALICIA CAMPOS	13-0032-000 ORIGINAL PLAT W 135.5' OF BLOCK 5	2017	387.60	
CITY OF HARDWICK				
FERLIN & KIM VANDER POEL O - PETER G AREND III & BONNIE ANN AREND	14-0017-000 AUDITOR'S OUTLOTS 26-104-45 OUTLOT 8	2017	31.92	
SUSAN ROGERS	14-0020-000 AUDITOR'S OUTLOTS 26-104-45 OUTLOT 13	2017	18.24	
SUSAN ROGERS	14-0021-000 AUDITOR'S OUTLOTS 26-104-45 OUTLOT 14	2017	77.52	
DARRIN PRINS & DARCY ROGERS	14-0028-000 AUDITOR'S OUTLOTS 26-104-45 OUTLOTS 22 & 23	2017	101.20	
JAMES A HOLLOWAY & NICOLE HALVERSON	14-0125-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 1	2017	597.36	
CITY OF HILLS				
JURRENS INC	15-0022-400 COUNTY AUDITOR'S HILLS OUTLOTS E 150' OF W 451' OF N 176' OF OUTLOT 2	2017	1,798.92	
WENDELL W & WILMA L BENGSTON	15-0118-000 F.C. FINKE'S ADDITION S 32' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 8	2017	1,239.18	
TERRANCE MICHAEL METZLER	15-0136-000 F.C. FINKE'S ADDITION S 36' OF LOT 4 & ALL OF LOT 5 & N 1/2 OF LOT 6 BLOCK 17	2017	1,647.80	
ROGER C RUSSELL & CHARLOTTE R RUSSELL	15-0201-000 HELGESON'S & QUALLEY'S ADDITION S 32' OF LOT 4 & S 56' OF LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 25	2017	357.50	
JUD DUNN	15-0234-000 QUALLEY ADDITION N 34' OF LOT 11 & S 38' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 2	2017	2,350.68	
CITY OF JASPER				
MICHELLE MERCADO VILLANUEVA	16-0045-200 ROSE DELL ADDITION N 1/2 OF LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 17	2017	178.20	
MAURICIO MARTINEZ	16-0053-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION W 75' OF E 225' OF LOWER PARK	2017	865.26	
CITY OF MAGNOLIA				
NORMAN N NELSON & DANIEL D NELSON	18-0024-000 OUTLOTS S 100' OF N 200' OF E 140' OF OUTLOT 2	2017	151.80	
AMY COWELL	18-0032-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1 & 2 & N 100' OF LOTS 15 THRU 18 & VACATED ALLEY IN BLOCK 1	2017	494.76	
CITY OF STEEN				
BRANDYN KLOSTERBUER	19-0011-000 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 TR DESC AS: BEG AT PT 8 RDS W OF C OF S LN OF SEC 29; N 40 RDS; W 8 RDS; S 40 RDS TO SEC LN; E 8 RDS ON SEC LN TO POB & TR DESC AS: BEG AT PT 8 RDS W OF C OF S LN OF SEC 29; N 130'; E 19'; S 130' TO SEC LN; W 19' ON SD SEC LN TO POB EXC TR DESC AS: BEG AT PT 8 RDS W OF C OF S LN OF SEC 29; E ON SD SEC LN 19'; N 130'; W 19'; N 25'; W 45'; S 155' TO SD SEC LN; E 45' ON SD SEC LN TO POB 1.87 ACRES	2017	471.50	
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0031-000 THAT PORTION OF UNPLATTED PORTION OF CITY OF STEEN IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 32-101-45 DESC AS: COMM AT NE COR OF LOT 6 BLK 1 OF ORIG PLAT; N ALG W LN OF MAIN ST 77.50' TO POB; CONTN N ALG SD W LN 97.22'; CONTN N 33' TO N SEC LN OF NW 1/4; WLY 80.34'; S 33'; CONTN S 97.77'; ELY 80.34' TO POB	2017	774.40	
JANICE K HARRIS O - BRIAN & SHIRLEY RITTER	19-0035-100 ORIGINAL LOTS 1, 2 & 3 BLOCK 3	2017	1,485.00	
DURANT KRUGER	19-0036-000 ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 4	2017	1,675.80	
ALISHA MAY ROOZENBOOM	19-0074-000 ORIGINAL LOT BLOCK 11	2017	893.76	
ANGELA SUNDALL	19-0086-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE 1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT QTR SEC STONE ON SEC LN BETW SEC 29 & 32, CLINTON TWP; SLY 356.5' ALG QTR SEC LN OF SD SEC; ELY 132' = N SEC LN TO POB; E 264' = N SEC LN; N 28.33'; W 264' = N SEC LN; S 28.33' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOTS 4 & 7, BLOCK 3 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION	2017	595.08	
TOBY NELSON & KAIJA KAUPINS	19-0090-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE 1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF QTR SEC LN OF W 1/2 NE 1/4 OF SD SEC 32; S ON QTR SEC LN 666.5'; E 192' ALG N EDGE OF MINNESOTA AVENUE TO POB; N 119' ALG W LN OF WINTERDYKE STREET; W 76', S 119', E 76' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 10 & E 28' OF LOT 11, BLOCK 4 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION	2017	962.16	
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0103-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE 1/4; S 1036.5', E 96' TO POB; S 134.25'; E 48'; N 134.25'; W 48' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 3, BLOCK 10 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION	2017	740.02	

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CITY OF LUVERNE				
DAVID LEROY KELDERMAN	20-0126-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 W 60' OF E 134' OF N 167' OF OUTLOT 2	2017	316.80	
PAMELA J ABELL O - GARY A VANDEN BERG & EVELYNNE R VANDEN BERG	20-0146-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 W 59.5' OF OUTLOT 12	2017	1,983.60	
PAMELA J ABELL O - GARY A VANDEN BERG & EVELYNNE R VANDEN BERG	20-0146-100 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 E 59.5' OF W 119' OF OUTLOT 12	2017	136.80	
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0148-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 N 95' OF W 137.5' OF OUTLOT 13	2017	155.04	
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0149-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 OUTLOT 13 EXC 137.5' & EXC E 161' OF N 95' OF W 492.5'	2017	44.00	
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0150-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 14 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF OUTLOT 13; SELY ALG S LN OF SD O L 13 80' TO POB; CONTN SELY ALG SD S LN 422.50'; SWLY 240.90'; NWLY 422.50'; NELY 240.90' TO POB	2017	30.80	
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0151-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 13 DESC AS: COM AT PT ON W LN OF SD O L 13 95' S FROM NW COR; E = N LN OF SD O L 137.5'; S = CEDAR ST 145.89' TO S LN OF SD O L; W ON S LN OF SD O L 137.5'; N ON W LN OF SD O L 145.89' TO POB	2017	61.60	
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0152-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 13 DESC AS: COM AT PT ON N LN OF SD O L 13 331.5' E OF NW COR; S = CEDAR ST 95'; E = N LN OF SD O L 161'; N = CEDAR ST 95'; W ON N LN OF SD O L 161' TO POB	2017	103.40	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RURAL HOUSING SERVICE C W GASS	20-0177-000 AUDITOR'S PLAT #1 W 100' OF N 70' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 1	2017	1,000.92	
	20-0231-000 AUDITOR'S PLAT #3 LOTS 12 & 13 AND S 95.50' OF LOT 14	2017	4.81	
ERIC J FOUNTAIN & GAYLE C FOUNTAIN DEVONA C WISKUR	20-0540-000 CRAWFORD'S ADDITION LOT 8	2017	640.20	
	20-0560-000 DAVIS ADDITION LOT 5 BLOCK 1	2017	2.20	
DOUGLAS DEAN LAFRENZ	20-0722-000 CHARLES O HAWES' ADDITION LOT 5 BLOCK 3	2017	558.60	
CHRISTOPHER E NOWATSKI & MARTHA FEIGHT NOWATSKI	20-0820-000 KNISS & BROWN'S ADDITION N 60' OF LOT 1 EXC W 12.5' OF BLOCK 3	2017	1,102.20	
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC	20-0961-000 P J KNISS ADDITION N 122' OF E 81 1/2' & S 20' OF W 70 3/4' OF E 1/2 OF N 1/2 OF LOT 4 BLOCK 3	2017	1,504.80	
SARA MISTEREK	20-1000-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 93' OF W 1/2 OF 9 & W 74' OF LOT 14 BLOCK 5	2017	1,326.60	
BRETT WEST	20-1047-000 KREPS & CLARK ADDITION LOT 8 BLOCK 2	2017	589.60	
JOSHUA GANUN	20-1069-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1 THRU 5 AND W 18' OF LOT 6 BLOCK 2	2017	1,306.44	
ELVIRA HUMANZOR MEJIA & EULISES HUMANZOR MEJIA O - HARLAN R SIPMA	20-1261-000 RANDALL & HOLBERT'S ADDITION LOT 10 BLOCK 1	2017	155.10	
NOEL & ALISON BENJAMIN	20-1332-000 H SNOOK ADDITION W 1/2 OF LOT 5 BLOCK 1	2017	624.80	
SUE KERNS	20-1332-000 H SNOOK ADDITION E 130' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 3	2017	349.80	
MICHAEL J ARNSTON & PATRICIA A ARNSTON	20-1452-000 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION W 71.5' OF LOT 7 BLOCK 23	2017	338.80	
MATTHEW JOE KRUEGER	20-1459-000 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION LOT 4 EXC N 72' BLOCK 25	2017	832.20	
LEO SWENSON	20-1582-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION W 22' OF LOT 17, ALL LOT 18 & E 18' OF LOT 19 BLOCK 7	2017	663.48	
SARP LLC	20-1852-000 TR IN NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 14; S ALG W LN OF SD SEC 322.63'; SELY 357.47' TO ELY R/W LN OF CSTPM&O R/W; NWLY ALG SD WLY R/W LN 317.39' TO N LN OF SD SEC; NWLY ON SD N LN 322.43' TO POB 1.91 ACRES	2017	8,900.44	
SARP LLC	20-1941-000 SATER'S CREEK ADDITION BLOCK 6	2017	816.65	
BURMEISTER ENTERPRISES INC	20-2130-000 SEC-14 TWP-102 RNG-45 8.41 A LYING IN N 542.67' OF S 910' OF W 875' OF SW 1/4 LESS 0.46 A HWY #75 8.41 ACRES	2017	3,363.00	

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Ashley Kurtz, being duly sworn, deposes, and says that she is the Auditor-Treasurer of the county of Rock; that she has examined the foregoing list, and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true and correct.

/s/ Ashley Kurtz
Ashley Kurtz, Auditor-Treasurer
(Official Seal)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 2018.
/s/ Vanessa J. Luettel
Notary Public, Nobles County, Minnesota
(Notary Seal)

Duininck and Reker apply for conditional use permits

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits	
Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2018. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments on the following applications for conditional use permits:	
Reker Construction	A portion of the E 1/2 of Section 12 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Gravel extraction, stockpiling, and associated processing
Duininck, Inc.	Portions of the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 11 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Aggregate rock mining, stockpiling, washing and associated processing
Duininck, Inc.	Portions of the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 11 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Duininck, Inc.	A portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Gravel extraction, stockpiling and associated processing
Duininck, Inc.	A portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-15, 3-22)

RiverBend assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: **RiverBend**
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NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: **Elizabeth Ferguson**
Address: **508 W. Hatting Street, Luverne, MN 56156**
Name: **Joseph Stearns**
Address: **508 W. Hatting Street, Luverne, MN 56156**
By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the persons of the persons(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.
Signature : /s/ **Elizabeth Ferguson** DATE: 2-28-2018
Print Name: Elizabeth Ferguson
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **riverbendberries@gmail.com**
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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the Luverne and Magnolia Fire Departments for responding to our silo fire on February 24th and to Luverne for their return visit. Our community can be very proud of the skilled and knowledgeable crews we have. Also, thanks to Bill and Trevor Fluit, Mike Davis and Scott Kramer for their help with demolition and cleanup. Thanks also to our families for their help and time especially Kevin, Tim and Jeff.

Brad and Marsha Fick.

(3.11-3.15)

Thank you so much for helping me through surgery and recuperation. Thank you to the doctor and nurses in Sioux Falls and Luverne, Pastor Joe and church, community, friends, relatives and neighbors. Thank you especially to my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for all the prayers, visits, food, flowers and cards.
God Bless you all,
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