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Child care 'crisis' work continues in Rock County

By Lori Sorenson

A small group gathered in Grand Prairie Events Monday night for the fourth in a series of meetings about the child care shortage in Rock County.

This one focused on how the crisis, as it's being called, affects local businesses and employers.

Some of the answers are obvious: When a working parent struggles with unreliable child care, the whole workplace is affected.

Co-workers have to pick up the slack, productivity suffers and over time, that business's bottom line may feel the pinch.

At Monday's meeting, local employers shared their stories.

Ryan Wynia of First Farmers and Merchants Bank in Luverne reported absenteeism similar to that experienced among many local businesses.

Working parents encounter child care lapses when a provider is sick or on vacation or closed for training or for other reasons.

Wynia also pointed out that the child care shortage also affects employees who are beyond their child-bearing years. "Their children have children, and if grandpa and grandma get called to help out with children, it affects our business," Wynia said.

As the parent of a 1-year-old, Wynia said lack of extended child care hours becomes an issue for him personally when his provider closes at 5 p.m. "I sometimes leave work to go get my son and bring him back to work," Wynia said.

Luverne schoolteacher TJ Newgaard said he and his wife have a 2-year-old and are expecting another in August. However, there isn't an opening at their current provider until fall of 2019.

"We're going to end up taking our baby to Sioux Falls where my wife works," Newgaard said. "We'll pay a center \$2,000 a month that we should be paying someone locally."

He also talked about what

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Mavis Fodness photo/0510 Plunger Art

Preschoolers mix color, plungers and sunshine to create art



On Friday afternoon, preschoolers exercised their large motor skills by painting with new bathroom plungers. Discovery Time preschool teacher Angie Janiszkeski brought the idea back from a conference she had attended with Minnesota Association of Family and Early Educators. "I like bringing lessons back we can do right away," she said.

Each preschooler, including Hadley Louwagie (**above**), dabbed the rubber plunger in paint and blotted colorful rings tagboard. The event took place outdoors on the sidewalk in the Nature Explore Classroom area near the elementary school. "It's nice to have a place to do this – the rain will clean it off," Janiszkeski said. Previously preschoolers painted with tricycles and had science skill lessons of mixing baking soda and citric acid with water.

From left are Hannah Hess, David Waddington and Elijah Medina.



Hardwick man proposes goat slaughter business in former school

By Mavis Fodness

Brian Gacke, who operates Gacke Goat Company on the western edge of the Hardwick city limits, would like to operate a goat slaughtering facility near his current operation.

When he approached the city council in March, he expressed interest in operating the business in a portable trailer or in the former

Hardwick grade school.

He said he currently transports his stock to a slaughtering plant in Illinois, but he's considering processing his own stock and selling the fresh meat to ethnic markets in the Twin Cities.

He would first start with a portable trailer on his farm. As the business grew, he would look at a permanent

location such as the school.

Since its closure in 1975, the school was an added packaging and distribution center for the Sather Cookie Company of Round Lake. In 1978 the building was sold to Dick and Mary Van Hofwegan. Portions of the building are still used as a residence.

When fully operational, Gacke estimated he will be slaughtering 1,000

goats a month and employ about a dozen people.

Since March Gacke has reached out to residents living near the former Hardwick school about his plans.

One of those residents attended the council meeting Wednesday, May 2, concerned about Gacke's business proposal.

Smell, truck traffic and effects

on the small town's infrastructure were questions the council couldn't answer without further investigation.

"All these concerns are my concerns," Gacke told the Star Herald in a May 3 phone interview.

Gacke has worked with financial experts, engineers, ag department

Goat slaughter plan/see page 2A

City buys China Inn

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian announced Tuesday that the city has finalized an agreement with Guo Ying Zheng and Mei Qin Lin to buy the China Inn property on South Highway 75.

"This is the last piece of the puzzle to clear out that entire section for easements related to the Towne Square development," Baustian said.

He said the city will likely demolish the China Inn building, which it paid \$115,000 for, and it has arranged a land swap with the adjacent Rock Motor Sports.

Billy and Michelle Aanenson

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True Value to close

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne True Value will close its doors later this year following a recent corporate stock investment sale.

Luverne Farm Store operates Luverne True Value, a 2,000 square-foot facility adjacent to its feed business location on South Highway 75.

Nate Golla, Luverne Farm Store vice president, said some of the new franchise distribution and inventory services aren't beneficial to small-scale True Value hardware stores like the one in Luverne as previous services.

"A lot of those services will do us a disservice," Golla said.

True Value closes/see 5A



Mavis Fodness photo
The sign on Highway 75 says True Value business will close.

Work wanted:

Rock the Edge youth group seeks local projects for 'at home' mission work

By Mavis Fodness

Youth in Rock County can help serve local residents and communities while strengthening their personal faith during a stay-at-home mission trip planned for next month.

"Rock the Edge" is a group of youth leaders and teens from Rock County who strive to bring Christian youth together for service and fellowship.

The planned at-home mission trip allows all youth to participate while reaching out to friends and neighbors through service projects.

Typically, church youth groups

plan individual mission trips outside of their home boundaries.

The locally titled mission trip, "Service Over Self," will take place June 25-29.

Youth will complete various tasks from Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28. On Friday, June 29, the youth spend the day together for fun and celebratory activities.

Interested youth in grades 8 through 12 should contact their local church youth leaders by Tuesday, May 15, to sign up for the event.

Various activities are currently

Rock the Edge youth/see page 2A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Catherine east parking lot to carpool to Hardwick for an 11:30 a.m. lunch at the Green Lantern with cards/games to follow. Call Donna at 283-8019 by May 8.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at noon Monday, May 14, for a potluck salad luncheon and meeting. Members should bring their own place setting and a salad to share. Call Alvina Christoffels at 283-2297.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Luverne Lions will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Visitors are welcome. Call Bill at 507-935-8017 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, in the township hall.

Luverne Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the Luverne High School Choir Room. All parents of choir and band students are welcome to attend.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be in the back room of Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth. Call Robert Essman at 507-290-0368 with questions.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Contact Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS and their family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 with questions.

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

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

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

Antiques appraisal at library May 12

The Rock County Library will host Mark Moran for an antiques appraisal event at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12. The public may call the library at 507-449-5040 to make an appointment to have an antique appraised for free. The event is also open to the public, so everyone is welcome to come in and watch.

Free food May 17

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food — fresh produce, bread and meat — **from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Thursday, May 17, at the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags or boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions.

Masquerade Murder Mystery May 17

Guests at the “Murder at the Masquerade Murder Mystery” will need to unravel clues and crack codes to find the killer and why he was killed at a special event at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Rock County Library in Luverne. Call the library at 507-449-5040 to RSVP — and to volunteer to be a suspect. Snacks will be provided. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Korean vets photo slated for May 18

Rock County veterans who served in the Korean War (June 1950-January 1955) are invited to be a part of a group picture. The picture will be taken at 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, at the Rock County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse grounds. In case of inclement weather, the picture will be taken in the Herreid Military Museum.

Master Gardeners plant sale May 19

The 14th Annual Master Gardeners Plant Sale is set for 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, in the Bomgaars parking lot in Luverne. Gardeners are invited to bring their extra pre-priced perennials and annuals to sell. (No professional growers.) Call Mary at 507-283-4019 with questions.

Sandbox fill May 21

Luverne Optimist Club will sponsor its annual sandbox fill (with sand donated by W&N Construction) starting at 6 p.m. Monday, May 21. Call Audrey, 283-2018, to reserve sand deliveries.

Hospice charity event grosses nearly \$92,000, honors individuals for contributions to the local program

By Lori Sorenson

The 20th Annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction drew nearly 400 people to Grand Prairie Events in Luverne Saturday, April 21.

According to Sanford Luverne Hospice volunteer coordinator Helen Saum, the event raised a gross total of nearly \$92,000.

She said 100 percent of the proceeds stay local to support the hospice program, which serves patients and families in a 30-mile radius of Luverne.

“Knowing that 100 percent of the proceeds stays local and directly supports hospice care for loved ones and their families in our area is something I am extremely grateful for,” Saum said.

She said a highlight from the evening was when auctioneer Keith Elbers threw out a challenge for the 25th anniversary of hospice in Luverne.

He challenged the audience to raise \$25,000 on the live auction. “It was met and exceeded by raising \$27,785,” Saum said.

Hospice recognized three individuals for their contributions to the program during the April 21 event.

The 2018 award recipients were as follows:

• **Hospice Team Member** is Dr. Richard Morgan, who served as Hospice co-medical director since 2011. “We are so thankful for the leadership of Dr. Morgan over the past 35



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Hospice Team Member is Dr. Richard Morgan, who served as Hospice co-medical director since 2011. Pictured at right Sandy Smith, Luverne, was named Hospice Volunteer of the Year for her “behind the scenes” work in the hospice office.

years, and feel that he is very deserving of the Hospice Award,” said Tammy Loosbrock, senior director



of Sanford Luverne Hospital. “Everyone at Sanford Luverne wishes him well in his retirement, and he will

be greatly missed.”

• **Hospice Volunteer** is Sandy Smith, Luverne, for her “behind the scenes” work in the hospice office. Among other duties, Smith mails cards to hospice family members at various times during the one year bereavement period following the death of their loved ones. “Without her, and the assistance of the many volunteers, we simply could not do what we do,” Saum said.

• **The Friend of Hospice Award** was given to Gary and Maureen Helgeson for their Beaver Creek Pool Tournament, which has raised \$31,000 through the years for Hospice.

“We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those from the area who participate in the pool tournament every Valentine’s Day weekend and to the Helgesons for their generosity to Hospice,” Saum said.

Award honorees received framed photography by Tim Getman, a Luverne native and retired art and photography teacher who taught for 31 years in Cannon Falls.

Lori Deragisch won the trip giveaway to Banff, Canada.

The event included a plated dinner catered by The Bluestem, raffles, and silent and live auctions.

Questions about hospice care or services available may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice office at 283-1805.

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and pollution control officials about what is necessary to open and operate a slaughter plant.

He said the project has reached a critical point in the planning process.

“I really can’t go any further without a location,” he said. “There are a lot of ‘ifs’ no matter where we go.”

Besides Hardwick, Gacke has approached officials in Ellsworth, Edgerton, Pipestone and Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Hardwick is his first choice for a slaughter plant location since the goats are finished at his farm.

“We will give back so much more to outweigh the negatives,” Gacke said.

In light of the possible zoning variance request, Hardwick council members at their May 2 meeting unanimously supported setting the fee at \$1,000 for any zoning variance requests.

The vote included the support from newly appointed councilman Willy Baker.

Baker replaced Scott Edwards, who moved into the mayoral position at the death of Jan Baustian in September. Edwards’ council seat had been open until Baker’s acceptance.

Baker had run against Baustian for the 2016 election. He has lived in Hardwick for six years and regularly attended the council meetings.

The \$1,000 filing fee for a variance request within the city of Hardwick covers costs associated with changing a property’s classification.

Costs include public notifications, meetings and resources for the three-member zoning committee who would research the proposal.

The committee’s role is to work with the filer and present their findings back to the council for action on whether the proposed variance should be or should not be granted.

The council wants Gacke to make a formal request before making any decisions.

“Then we know he is serious,” Edwards said.

Rock the Edge/from page 1A

beingscheduled fortheyouth to complete. Tasks involve physical labor, basic home repair, human care or interactive activities.

About 100 youth are expected to participate in the inaugural event.

Some youth have already signed up for the local event.

“They are really excited about it and we hope it snowballs into something every year,” said Jessica Blocker, director of Christian education at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Blocker is coordinating the gathering of mission activities.

Gardening, delivering meals, freshening up homes, and visiting the elderly are among the projects already planned during the four days of mission work. More activities are still being sought.

“We are pretty open to anything,” Blocker said.

Contact Blocker at dcejess@gmail.com to suggest projects for the youth to complete.

Contact church youth leaders by Tuesday, May 15, to sign up to help.

Luverne resident Gary Papik suggested the at-home mission to the local youth group leaders.

His idea builds on the Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow or LIFT and its efforts to improve the local community.

Papik said he has talked with many young people who have moved away from the area who say they are unaware of what was happening when they lived locally. They seem surprised that fulfilling activities could be found and completed at home.

“Mission trips are important to see different parts of the county, but it’s nice to give back to your own community,” he said. “When you do it (a mission trip) in your own community, you can develop some lasting relationships.”



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happens to teachers who have last-minute child care issues. “You pay a substitute teacher to do your job,” Newgaard said. “I’d rather do my own job.”

He added that the child care shortage has made it more difficult for the district to hire and retain young people, especially for coaching and extra-curricular assignments.

“If it’s someone with a family, and if their child care closes at 5, they can’t do it after hours,” Newgaard said.

Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl said it becomes costly for the district when staff members miss work. “We’re spending \$80,000 to \$100,000 in substitute teacher costs,” he said.

“Not all of that is due to day care shortages, but it’s important our teachers are in the classroom. We have great substitute teachers, but consistency is critically important for students, and if our teachers aren’t in the classroom, it’s a big deal.”

Elementary Principal Stacy Gillette added that some teachers choose to live in Brandon or other communities because their child care providers are there.

Elizabeth Schear, director of Rock County Opportunities, said her organization relies on legislative funding to pay employees who work with disabled adults.

And wages for her working parents are so low that it’s difficult for them to afford reliable child care. And that has created absenteeism in her workplace.

“We are a day care for adults,” Schear said. “If day care for our staff falls through, then it affects the quality of care we provide for our clients.”

What can local employers do to help?

At Monday’s meeting, businesses were asked what they could do to help solve the child care crisis in the community.

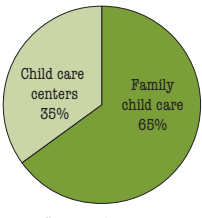
Many local workplaces have learned to accommodate their working parents with flexible hours or with opportunities to work at home.

The alternative would be hiring and training a replacement worker, who may ultimately have the same challenges.

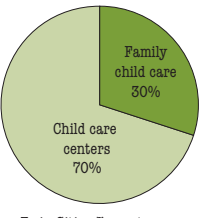
On a broader level, some businesses are looking to be part of the solution. For example, Schear said RCO might be well suited to provide child care for its working parents, due to the fact that the facility already meets many of the strict state regulations for child care environments.

Observations from the field

- The major theme continues: **Until more can be done** to increase **wages** and/or **profits** for both center and family providers, the child care shortage will continue.
- **Low pay for workforce** makes recruitment and retention a major hurdle.
- **Providers feel they can’t raise rates** because **parents can’t afford to pay more**. Under this scenario, providers can’t make a profit or be sustainable.
- **The high startup costs** make for very high barriers to entry for the average provider.
- **The vast array of regulations** needed to start a child care business are difficult to find, read through and understand, and there is little help, say providers and those who work with them.



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Greater Minnesota depends heavily on family providers versus child care centers, which tend to locate in cities.

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Karen Sandager said the Minnesota Veterans Home also fits this bill, but its population — not unlike RCOs — may not blend well with a child care center in terms of what its residents need.

School officials in the room admitted they’re feeling pressured to be part of the solution — and they are looking at before-school drop-off care for school-age children.

But Oftedahl said his concern is that a school can’t be all things to all people, and the district is already leaning on its taxpayers for the new \$30 million building project.

“We can’t just levy more taxes,” he said. “Obviously we’re in play somehow someplace, but our concern is subsidizing the cost.”

Various feasibility studies have shown that child care centers who pay professional wages to directors and staff can’t cash flow, given the low wages of average working families in the community.

In order for a child care center to be successful long term, the cash shortfall would need to be subsidized by a stable

long-term source.

Luverne Economic Development Director Holly Sammons said the theme throughout the local meetings about child care is that there likely won’t be one solution; it may be a number of different solutions with a variety of supporters.

“We may need to look at creative ways to fund child care,” Sammons said about a combination of public and private dollars to subsidize child care options in the community.

City Finance Director Barb Berghorst also serves on the local committee working on child care solutions.

She said it might help to look at child care as a necessary local service, like a library.

“We can levy taxes for things that don’t make money,” she said, pointing to other quality-of-life services like the pool and fitness center, bike path and other amenities that attract people to town.

“Ultimately it comes down to who’s committed enough to make some of the funding there year after year.”

Sammons said Monday’s meeting — or any of the others in the series of child care discussions — won’t directly result in a solution, but she said the conversation is necessary for progress.

“I hope this planted the seed,” she said. “I hope this gives you an idea of what we’ve been working on so far.”

Child care shortage a local crisis

According to a study by First Children’s Finance, there was a need in Rock County for more than 100 child care slots in 2016.

That’s before the number of local child care providers dropped from 56 to the current 34, showing a rapidly growing shortage of child care for working parents.

And this comes on the verge of industrial growth in Luverne where 100-plus workers are expected when tru Shrimp begins production in 2019-20.

Sammons opened the meeting with background on how the local child care discussion started.

“We’re on the brink of bringing tru Shrimp to the community with 100-plus jobs,” she said. “We knew we needed to do something sooner, not later.”

Discussion at previous meetings has involved local elected government officials and staff, community leaders, community foundations, state and federal officials and the child care providers themselves.

“We want to know what’s going on out there. How are people affected?” Sammons said.

Attendees at Monday’s meeting participated in a survey about how their businesses or workplaces are affected by the local child care shortage.

The survey will be circulated to other community employers for a broad view of local impact.

Luverne senator authors bills to help child care providers with business

By Lori Sorenson

The child care “crisis” has attracted attention of state lawmakers who on Monday passed legislation in the Senate to alleviate some pressures affecting providers.

Luverne’s Bill Weber authored one of three bills that passed with bipartisan support to encourage existing child care providers to remain in business and make it easier for new providers to start up.

“Child care providers face a nightmare scenario of over-regulation,” Sen. Weber said. “It’s really no wonder so many family child care providers have been dropping out of the business at an alarming rate, leaving families without options and desperate for care.”

The portion of legislation he authored would make staffing requirements more flexible, reduce paperwork for child care providers, make it easier to hire caretakers, provide transparency for providers and the public and require the Department of Human Services to identify regulatory burdens and take steps to reduce them.

“The situation is quickly becoming a crisis in Greater Minnesota. The reforms we’ve proposed are a preliminary first step toward increasing choices for parents who want to work,” Weber said.

Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake) authored a bill that exempts most minor children of in-home child care providers from providing fingerprints and photographs for background study purposes. Child care providers have said this new requirement is intrusive and degrading to their own children.

Sen. Andrew Lang (R-Olivia) authored the third bill that passed the Senate Monday. It exempts child care providers from a training mandate meant for caretakers of people with disabilities.

The legislation currently awaits action by the House of Representatives.

A new subcommittee on child care availability will also

“Make no mistake: Minnesota is facing a child care crisis.

If we do not act now, it is our rural communities that will feel the strain.”

— Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne



be established to study the regulatory and administrative barriers that exist for child care providers and develop recommendations to reduce the burden.

“The rules and regulations imposed on the child care industry by state government are confusing, punitive, and in the face of the thousands of hardworking providers providing care for children in our communities,” Weber said.

“Make no mistake: Minnesota is facing a child care crisis. If we do not act now, it is our rural communities that will feel the strain. While these bills are a good starting point, over the next several months we will continue to examine Minnesota’s regulations and look for ways to move forward in ensuring affordable, accessible, safe child care for Minnesota families.”

Rock County providers have shared that regulations are part of the reason for the child care shortage, but low wages among working parents they serve and the need for providers to find their own health insurance and benefits are other reasons that plague the business.

A committee of local leaders has been meeting over the past several months to address the child care shortage. See the related story that starts on page 1A.

Townships and Luverne Fire Department finalize fire contract

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County townships and the Luverne Fire Department have signed contracts outlining the fire protection services Luverne will provide to rural residents.

Townships will pay \$100 less per section under the terms of the new agreement.

The cost of responding to an emergency and value of the equipment hasn’t decreased, but the lower price reflects a new approach to funding future equipment purchases.

The townships had previously paid into an account that was held in escrow until the loan from the city of Luverne for acquisition of rural fire equipment was paid in full.

With the new agreement, signed April 24, townships are still paying for the fire protection they need from Luverne, but they’re paying less into the depreciation fund.

That means less money will be available to pay for future purchases of rural fire equipment, and the tradeoff will be higher borrowing expenses when equipment is needed.

Townships pay \$62,348.44, which is \$559.32 per section under the new contract, about \$100 less than the new agreement first called for.

Some townships have more sections covered by Luverne than others, but the

total township contribution helps with all budget items, including capital reserves for purchases related to township fire protection.

This has included an annual payment of \$21,723 for a \$182,600 rural tanker that was purchased in 2010. It was financed at 5 percent interest over 10 years, but was paid off early two years ago.

When that \$21,723 payment remained in the contract the next year, township officials objected.

“We got this one paid for, and now there’s another one in the budget,” said Steve Top of Mound Township at a meeting last fall. “Where does it stop?”

It comes down to a pay-now-or-pay-later philosophy, according to Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia.

He said a new heavy rescue/pumper truck will be needed in 2019 for an esti-

mated \$700,000. The \$620,000 truck will be equipped with \$80,000 worth of equipment, such as Jaws of Life, airbags for heavy lifting and eight radios at \$3,500 each.

The cost to the townships is 25 percent (\$175,000) of the total cost of the new truck and equipment. If they don’t have money saved to pay their share, they’ll need to borrow funds and pay interest.

By continuing the \$21,723 payments, cash would be built up in reserves to save money on finance costs when a new one is needed.

Under the terms of the new contract, townships will pay \$11,723.44 into reserves for new equipment — half what they used to pay for depreciation.

In the process of negotiating the new agreement, which was effective March 12, township officials questioned the

city’s use of rural equipment and if it was fair.

For example, the rural pumper truck has been used to water newly seeded sod on boulevards.

The question prompted dialog that revealed the sharing goes both ways.

For example, the city’s ladder truck — which is not covered by township payments — is often used for rural emergencies, and the rural tankers often haul Luverne city water to rural fires. Not spelled out in the contract is Luverne Fire Department “mutual aid” to help smaller departments fight rural fires.

Townships ultimately agreed that they would rather pay a lower contract price and worry about funding new equipment when it is needed.

“What I want is to pay for fire protection and get out of the fire truck business,”

said Vienna Township Board Chairman Kraig Rust at a meeting last fall.

The contract with Luverne affects the townships of Luverne, Magnolia, Kanaranzi, Clinton, Mound, Vienna and Springwater.

Some townships have more sections contracted for services than others, because they also rely on other nearby fire departments.

Rust said he’d rather not contract Vienna Township with Luverne at all, but Hardwick and Magnolia fire departments are eight miles away. Kenneth’s own fire department recently dissolved.

Not signing a contract for fire protection is not an option.

Property insurance premiums are based largely on proximity to fire protection and the quality rating of the nearest fire department (based on training certi-

fication and functionality of equipment).

The smaller the fire department and the older the equipment, the higher the insurance premiums are for property owners. It can amount to hundreds of dollars more per year in some cases.

It means some townships are better off raising taxes to cover rising fire protection costs, rather than put citizens at risk and in higher insurance brackets.

For now, Rust and other township officials are satisfied with more money in the bank up front. Under the new contract, Vienna’s payment is \$1,500 less than it would have been under the proposed new contract.

When the new heavy rescue/pumper truck is needed in the next year or two, township officials will face that \$175,000 bill when they get there.



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REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE

The first half real estate tax installment is due May 15, 2018. To avoid penalty, payment may be made at the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse or mailed to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer postmarked on or before May 15th. Please keep in mind the post office deadlines when mailing in payments and remit the appropriate stubs to assure proper credit. Payments postmarked after May 15th will be returned for the tax and penalty due at that time.

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Gary returns with family in tow

Sometimes believing the glass is half full allows an experience to take on a positive vibe.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Spring 2018 has certainly been a memorable one with its below average temperatures and the snow that kept falling into mid-April.

On the farm in rural Hardwick, I know spring is in the air through the sounds of honks and squawks from migrating fowl as they head north.

Those honks got a little closer to the yard this spring, and it made me wonder if Gary wasn't trying to let me know he was home again.

Gary, as readers may recall, is the ugly duckling we adopted in the summer of 2014.

For months we watched Gary grow into a stately goose, develop feathers and learn to fly (thanks to my husband's mimicked flying with his own outstretched arms). Eventually we watched Gary fly away from the farm four years ago.

In the spring of 2014 Gary made a single appearance home. A wildlife specialist confirmed that Canada geese could return to the area of their youth when it is their time to start their own families.

Although the 2015 sighting was a one-time occurrence, the following spring a pair of geese dropped into the waterway just yards away from where I was feeding the horses.

"Gary?" I yelled.

"Honk" was the response from the larger goose.

Taken aback and hoping the wildlife specialist was right about Gary's return, I started asking questions and got various honks in response.

We had quite a conversation (although odd) as twilight fell over the farm.

Because Gary had a mate, I asked about babies and if they had a nest. Gary answered with various honks. The other goose was silent, just standing quietly at Gary's side.

After 2016 the atmosphere was quiet around the farm. Geese would fly by and distantly I would hear honks. None came close to the yard.

Until this spring.

As I worked outside, I heard

the honks begin near the Rock River and then progress toward the farm. They were clear, single blasts emitted several seconds apart. They came closer and louder until two geese plopped into the waterway near where I was once again feeding the horses.

"Gary? Is that you?"

I was answered with silence.

"You and the missus have any babies?"

Silence.

"Do you have one?"

No honks.

"Two?" "Three?"

Seemingly offended, the pair flew quietly away without any honks.

A few weeks later and before the snow returned, the single honking blasts announced the arrival of what appeared to be the same pair of geese. To the same waterway, near twilight, as I was feeding the horses.

"Hi, Gary!"

Honk.

"How are you doing?"

Honk. Honk.

I ended the conversation this time since I was anxious to return to the warmth of the house, but not before I noticed movement near the pair of geese.

It was more geese — about a dozen — and they seemed to be paired and waiting for me to notice them.

"Honk, honk, honk, honk, honk, honk," said the goose I wistfully hope is Gary in such an excited manner that all of them took flight.

They all flew back to the river where I envision the nests to be located.

I think I understand what all the geese meant.

Gary and his mate have six offspring. I had never asked if they had that many eggs in the nest.

"The glass is half full" analogy came to mind as I envisioned Gary and his family returning to rural Hardwick to hatch the next generations of geese, dropping by occasionally to say "Hi."

Or in Gary's case, "Honk."

Safe drinking water is everyone's responsibility

This week, May 6-12, is Drinking Water Week, which recognizes the critical role drinking water plays in our daily lives.

The theme for the week is "Protect the Source," which encourages people to learn more about their drinking water sources and why protecting them is critical to our health.

Drinking water refers to the water that comes out of four taps. Americans use drinking water multiple times a day, every day, for many different activities. Beyond consumption, drinking water is used for bathing, cooking and washing clothes, just to name a few.

The United States has one of the safest drinking water supplies in the world, according to environmental protection agency officials.

But we must remain diligent in protecting our drinking water supplies, even locally.

Last year seven townships in Rock County were identified as vulnerable to groundwater contamination. These 674 potentially affected households were sent water-testing kits.

Of these kits, 171 samples were

voluntarily submitted and the results were not good: Half of them exceeded the 10 parts per million levels of nitrates.

This fall state agriculture officials visited these high nitrate sites to determine possible non-fertilizer sources of the nitrates. Results have not yet been made public.

As we continue to test our private wells, our public water suppliers have taken steps to protect their groundwater sources from contaminants in recent years.

Rock County and Lincoln Pipestone rural water systems have worked with landowners to limit soil inputs near crucial wellhead areas.

Pipestone Lincoln Rural Water has gone so far as to acquire 200 acres of highly vulnerable lands within its Verdi well field in efforts to keep nitrates within safe drinking water limits. LPRW serves our residents in

northeastern areas of Rock County.

For their efforts LPRW was awarded the "Source Water Protection Award."

Rock County Rural Water earned the same honor in 2017.

While our public water systems have made outstanding efforts to protect our drinking water, we still have work on the private level.

If our private wells continue to show increased nitrate levels, we should all be concerned. As these concentrations increase, nitrates could also affect those public system wells.

Simply put, we need to be cognizant of what we put on our lawns as well as on our crop fields.

During this week of focusing on drinking water and protecting its source, it is the duty of all of us to preserve and/or improve the quality of our water in decades to come.

Coulter: Don't forget to buy your poppies on May 25

To the Editor:

This month is Poppy Month, by proclamation of Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton.

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, the verbiage of the governor's proclamation is reprinted here to encourage community members to support the cause.

Minnesota Governor proclaims May as Poppy Month

Whereas: The United States of America was founded upon the premises that all citizens should enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty; and Whereas: The freedom and lib-

erty that Americans enjoy, longed for by people around the world, are the direct result of the many sacrifices made by America's veterans; and

Whereas: Many Minnesotans have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom; and It is fitting and proper that we recognize the courageous efforts of our veterans who have sacrificed to secure freedom and liberty for all Americans; and

Whereas: The American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have adopted the poppy as their commemorative

symbol; and

Whereas: Each year, disabled veterans assemble and distribute memorial poppies, creating a tangible tribute to honor our nation's fallen heroes, and benefit living veterans and their families.

Now, therefore, I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as Poppy Month.

Local volunteers will be selling poppies in the community on May 25. Please consider buying and wearing poppies to support veterans' causes.

Sandra Coulter, Luverne American Legion Post 123

Overgaard: Community support for youth is outstanding

To the Editor:

This past school year I had the honor of chairing the Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival and this year's Junior-Senior After-Prom.

Both of these activities play an important part within our school system; however, none of them would be possible without the amazing support of our school and our community.

I want to sincerely recognize our local businesses for all they do, for not only for our school, but all of our organizations. On a daily basis they are asked for donations and contributions, and without hesitation, these businesses graciously donate their services and products to help out.

We are equally blessed by the amazing staff within our schools — from administration to custodial and teachers to paras. There are hundreds of hours that are spent throughout the school year planning, organizing and overseeing activities from sports to music and student organizations to prom.

We also have incredible parents who volunteer their time to attend meetings, deliver treats, plan decorations, help with homework, taxi their students and operate as support crew. Parents are the key to their child's success.

On behalf of all of the parents involved in all of the activities throughout the school year, we express our

sincere appreciation for your investments of time and resources.

Your leadership, patience and guidance of all of our students are priceless gifts to our community and our school system. We have some pretty amazing kids in our community and the outreach that they receive helps continue to provide incredible opportunities for all of them.

To all of our businesses, parents and school staff ... we are eternally grateful.

**Carrie Overgaard
Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival Co-Chair
After-Prom Co-Chair**

Grandpa's attempt to trade for grandson's first homerun baseball goes awry

Mary and I, like most grandparents, try to get to as many of our grandkids' events as time allows.

Last Wednesday was one of the times that we weren't able to make one of those events. Time was a factor as was distance. Our eighth-grade grandson had a baseball game in Montevideo, so as you can imagine, we didn't make that game.

Our grandson Carter, like every other eighth-grader, has a cell phone — yet rarely, if ever, calls Grandpa on it. ... Maybe a text once in a while, but never a call.

So when my phone rang Wednesday evening and the screen displayed the name Carter Peterson, I will



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

admit I was a little concerned.

I answered the phone with "Hello, Carter. What's up?" He quickly replied with a heavy dose of excitement that he had hit a dinger (homerun) over

the left field fence.

I responded with as much, if not more, excitement about his news.

I told him that was awesome and how proud I was that he hit his first

home run.

I asked if his team had won the game, and he was quick to respond that the game wasn't over yet.

He called me from the dugout to tell me the news.

I guess that's the world we live in now — cell phones in the dugout. That aside, it made my day when the grandson who never calls called me from the dugout to share his news.

The following morning I was talking with our son Nate (Carter's dad) about Carter's dinger. He told me Carter had the ball already in a display case on a shelf in his bedroom.

I sent Carter a text asking him to

call me when he got up for school. It wasn't but a few minutes and Carter was on the phone. I asked him if he knew who Pete Rose was.

He said he did, but I could tell by his response he may have heard of Pete Rose but may not really know much about the greatest baseball hitter of all time.

I offered to trade Carter my Pete Rose autographed baseball bat for his home run ball. He paused for a moment and responded with, "No, I don't think so."

I guess I'll have to up my offer because in this grandpa's eyes that homerun ball is a piece of baseball memorabilia I have to have.

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Dreckman moves home for substation

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne city officials are wrapping up a series of legal transactions to prepare for the new \$4 million electrical substation in the industrial park.

At the April 24 meeting, City Council members sold a lot on North Spring Street to Rich Dreckman, who sold his property in the industrial park to the city last fall.

According to the purchase agreement, the city paid \$385,000 to Rich Dreckman for 3 acres along Walnut Avenue, just west of the Eastern Farmers gas and diesel pumps.

Dreckman's personal residence was on the south end of the lot, and his businesses — Tree Tech, RSD Development Corporation and Midwest Sustainable Construction — occupied the north half.

Also on the property was the former Pizza Hut building that he moved there from the current GrandStay lot several years ago.

Dreckman bought back the four buildings from the city for \$27,000 and relocated them to nearby lots that he purchased in the Industrial Park.

The 48-by-64-foot Tree Tech pole building moved to a lot he bought from the Luverne Economic Development Authority to the southeast of his current location.

His other businesses will move to a 1-acre city lot he purchased to the south along Walnut Avenue just west of the new Schwartz Farm office building. A 30-by-30-foot office and conference area will be added to the building at that time, Dreckman said.

According to that agreement with the city, he must have his house moved by Aug. 1, 2018, and that part of the deal will soon be complete.

Dreckman paid \$10,000 for the open lot on the corner of Spring and Bishop streets where the city in 2016 demol-

ished an abandoned house it bought from Leon Pick for \$16,000.

The council approved the lotsale to Dreckman at its April 24 meeting. "The 604 N. Spring Street parcel is a perfect fit for his house," said City Administrator John Call. "It develops an in-fill lot and adds tax base to the city.

Bid letting set for substation construction

In related action on April 24, the council set May 17 as the bid letting date for construction of the city's south substation.

Previously at separate bid lettings the city has contracted for electrical components of the substation.

The low bids received are as follows: \$16,778 for 115kV switches, \$41,273 for structural steel, \$49,453 for laminated wood poles, \$15,500 for tangent wood poles, \$65,573.59 for the 115 kV transmission switches, and \$5,265.90 for the 69 kV potential transformer.

Those bids were awarded April 10.

The bid letting on May 17 will focus on finding a general contractor to put the substation project together.

This work includes concrete foundations, steel erection, fencing, conduit and ductwork, power and control cables, manholes, ground grid, poles, switches, etc.

The work will be performed on a "notice to proceed basis," and will be completed no later than Dec. 28.

In January the City Council accepted the base bid of \$579,000 from SPX Transformer Solutions for an electric power transformer that will be one of the main components in the new substation.

The delivery timeline for the new transformer to be shipped to Luverne is 38 to 42 weeks.



Work begins on Walnut Street extension and housing lots

By Lori Sorenson

Heavy earth moving equipment has been on site of the future "Reisch Addition" north of Rock County Opportunities.

The city purchased the former Reisch acreage last year for the purpose of future residential housing.

The Luverne Fire Department conducted a training burn on the house, and its remains were later cleared to develop the lot for future housing.

Now the property will be subdivided into three separate housing lots, according to action at the April 24 City

Council meeting.

The lots will be developed along the new North Walnut Avenue, which will be constructed this summer.

It will start as a stub street but will eventually connect to Dodge Street west of the school campus.

City buys China Inn to demolish for development/ from page 1A

own 40 feet that wraps around the east side of the China Inn, and they will give that to the city in exchange for more space for their Rock Motor Sports lot.

The China Inn restaurant has been closed since December, and Baustian said the previous owners have agreed to have equipment removed by June 1. That will allow the

city can to prepare for demolition later this summer.

"This will clear the way for Mr. Ludwig and makes for a better development package in that area," Baustian said.

He was referring to Des Moines developer William Ludwig who has an agreement with the city to build a mixed-use development of housing and retail on the block that

used to house Sharkee's along Highway 75 and Mert's Repair to the east along Hatting Street.

The overall plan is to redevelop the entire 6-acre area over the next five years into a commercial and housing neighborhood known as the Towne Square Addition.

Property will be sold off as it is developed into housing and commercial property in

the mixed-use development.

Because of the more immediate need for housing, Ludwig will first build a 27-unit, one- and two-bedroom apartment building.

Groundbreaking for that part of the project will be later this summer.

Retail tenants for the development will be announced at a later date.

Luverne True Value to close business/ continued from page 1A

Luverne True Value announced in late April that it will close. An exact closure date has not been set.

"There really isn't a timeline," he said.

"We want to sell as much of the merchandise and fixtures as possible by the end of summer."

Luverne True Value franchise was purchased by Luverne Farm Store in 2002 and added to the offerings at the Luverne Country Store,

which opened on Estey Street, where Grand Prairie Events is now located.

Luverne True Value moved to a smaller facility adjacent to the Luverne Farm Store on South Highway 75 in 2005.

Many of the current hardware store services offered in Luverne will be incorporated into the farm store once the business is closed.

Equipment rental and lawn, garden and pet supplies

will still be sold, Golla said.

A full list of what will be available is included on the Luverne Farm Store website.

"The only segment we won't keep is paint," Golla said.

Luverne Farm Store has offered a number of services and merchandize to the public over the years.

Some services and products have been sustained over the business' 70-year history while others have been discontinued.

With the closure of the hardware store, Golla is moving forward.

"We are currently looking at opportunities to do something new in Luverne," he said.

Some options include renting the facility to a third party or using the space themselves.

"This (hardware store) has been a good piece of our business but we just need to do something new," Golla said.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- April 27**
- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on Kniss.
 - Complainant reported someone is vandalizing her son's vehicle on Main Street.
 - Complainant reported kids throwing rocks at trains and cars on Cedar Street.
 - Complainant reported windows broken on Maple.
 - Deputy assisted with property exchange.
 - Report of domestic.
- April 28**
- Complainant reported parking complaint on Maple Street.
 - Complainant requested to speak with deputy on a civil issue.
 - Complainant reported maroon or blue vehicle rev-

- ving engine on Cedar Street.
- Complainant reported subject not listening to staff at home.
- April 29**
- Complainant reported fireworks on 115th Street.
 - Complainant reported a stalled motorist on County Road 3.
 - Complainant reported alarm on Main Street.
 - Complainant reported a parking complaint on Spring.
 - Complainant reported a deer stuck in a beaver trap in Beaver Creek.
 - Complainant reported harassing communications.
- April 30**
- Deputy requested for order of protection hearing.
 - Complainant reported gas smell on Elmwood.
 - Complainant requested

- deputy for court.
- Complainant requested deputy for hearing.
 - Complainant reported a vehicle that has been parked in front of library for too long to be towed.
 - Complainant reported abandoned vehicle in 24-hour lot on Maple Street.
 - Complainant reported minor vehicle damage on Gabrielson Road.
 - Complainant reported theft.
 - Complainant reported a trailer parked on Carol Street. has been there for more than 14 hours.
- May 1**
- Complainant reported the crossing lights are malfunctioning on Kniss.
 - Complainant reported parking issues with several trailers on Carol Street.

- Complainant requested background check for housing.
 - Complainant reported loud music on Warren Street.
 - Complainant reported harassing communications.
 - Complainant reported a noise on the front of her house on Warren Street.
- May 2**
- Complainant reported a driver all over the road on Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant requested deputy to assist with posting of shut-off notice.
 - Complainant reported a car with no exhaust on Warren Street.
 - Complainant reported driver pulling subject on a skateboard on Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant reported a vehicle parked in the handi-

- capped spot on Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant reported a vehicle parked in private parking on Lincoln Street.
 - Complainant reported stalled vehicle on I-90.
 - Complainant reported lost keys on Lincoln Street.
 - Complainant reported parking complaint on Spring.
 - Complainant reported water coming out of the gutter in Mead Court.
- May 3**
- Deputy assist with another agency on Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle at the 24-hour lot on Main Street.
 - Complainant reported moped is running stop signs in front of the garbage truck on Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant reported railroad crossing not working

- in Hills.
- Complainant reported an aggressive driver on Kniss.
 - Complainant thinks there are three girls running around ringing doorbells on Warren.
 - Deputy to assist state patrol in Beaver Creek.
 - Complainant reported landlord changed the locks in Magnolia.
 - Complainant reported a driving complaint in Jasper.

In addition officers also responded to 20 traffic stops, 6 abandon 911 calls, 3 transports, 13 permit to purchase/ carry, 45 burn permits, 4 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 3 drug court tests, 7 escorts, 3 tests, 1 deer accident, 15 ambulance runs and 2 fingerprints.

Papik picks of the week...

2018 Chevrolet Malibu LT
WIND DAMAGE - Stock #152434C
MSRP: \$26,895 Papik Price: \$17,990

2018 Jeep Cherokee Latitude
4WD, V6 - Stock #532351J
MSRP: \$28,950 Papik Price: \$21,950

2018 Chrysler Pacifica Touring Plus
DVD - Stock #103581Y
MSRP: \$34,685 Papik Price: \$27,685

2018 GMC Acadia SLE-2
DEMO WITH 3K - Stock #142153G
MSRP: \$41,385 Papik Price: \$29,990

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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house baby shower for **Alyssa (Ryan) Hoff** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 12, at the St. Catherine gathering space in Luverne.

Card showers

Janet Wagenaar will celebrate her 80th birthday Sunday, May 13. Greetings may be sent to her at 606 E. 10th Street Apt. 11, Dell Rapids, SD 57022.

Betty Olson will celebrate her 90th birthday Sunday, May 13. Greetings may be sent to her at 216 North McKenzie St., Apt. 412, Luverne, MN 56156.

Connie Lindblom will celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, May 19. Greetings may be sent to her at 400 West 67th Street, Richfield, MN 55423.

MENU

Monday, May 14: Cubed roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, dinner roll, peaches, cookie.
Program: Honor our Mothers.

Tuesday, May 15: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry garnish, bread, peach shortcake.
Program: Half Price Day sponsored by Continental Western.

Wednesday, May 16: Parmesan chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cocktail.
Program: Site Council.

Thursday, May 17: Country steak with country gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, pudding.
Program: Half Price Day.

Friday, May 18: Barbecued chicken breast on bun, creamy cucumbers salad, fresh fruit, bar.
Program: Birthday Party with Kitchen Band.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition. Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.



Mavis Fodness photos/0510 Kindergarten Program 2018

Director and music teacher Shirlee Gilmore led 88 Luverne Elementary kindergartners (pictured above) in Friday's production of "The Best That I Can Be" in the school's gymnasium. The group performed five songs about their school day. "It's a sneak peek of what our kindergartners have learned this year," Gilmore said. Counting, writing, working together and good behavior combine to develop the best students.

At right: Performing the opening number are (front, left) Keegan Hess, Alena Sandbulte, Amelia Ganun, (back) Jayden DeKam and Brenna Heath.

Below, middle: Justin Mulder (front) and Harper Phelps perform "Teamwork" along with classmates (**below, far right**) Charlotte Bierman (left) and Annie Jo Smeins.

Below: Alayna Oechsle sings and gestures with the program's opening song, "The Best That I Can Be."



Plant that garden while the sun shines

We had a PERFECT day on Saturday. I just couldn't go fast enough to do my whole list, but I gave it my best.



Yes, the gardens are tilled and I planted until I ran out of daylight.

The crops that need to be planted while the soil temperature is cool are onion and related alliums, broccoli, cabbage kale, cauliflower, lettuce, carrot, radish, pea, beet, Chinese cabbage, Brussels sprout, spinach, and potato. These crops establish and grow very quickly with the advantage of cooler daytime and night temperatures. Waiting to plant will affect the size and quantity of produce they provide.

For warm season crops

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

likesweet corn, bean, tomato, melon, cucumber, squash, okra, and pepper, the soil temperature is key to when to plant: that means 65 or above for the soil temperature and nighttime air temperature of 60 or higher ... we're not there yet.

You can get a head start for tomatoes or peppers by using wall o' water caps for getting a few plants started earlier. That should be done now and then you can plant inside of that apparatus in a week. We can only guess what the outcome will be because we don't know how the weather pattern will evolve ...

so if you will get a big advantage or not, only time will tell, but it is something to keep you interested and impress your anxious neighbors.

The long range forecast does not indicate any nights below 40 ... I like that but I am not sure I am ready to trust what they are saying. Let's wait a week or so before getting tender flowering plants going unless you are able to bring the pot indoors in case that temperature forecast changes.

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

FFA NEWS

Luverne-Adrian chapter attends state FFA convention

Twelve members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter attended the State FFA Convention April 22-23 at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul campus and the state fairgrounds.

Attending were Halle Hough, Eric Somnis, Austin Henning, Hunter Sandbulte, Dylan Mente, Trevor Mente, Trey Baustian, Hannah

Kruse, Paige Madison, Blake Madison, Austin Henning, Jaimie Ross and adviser Dennis Mortiz.

Two teams of students participated in the career development events.

The team of Jaimie Ross, Paige Madison, Blake Madison, and Austin Henning participated in the dairy evaluation. Ross had the high score

individually for the Luverne-Adrian Dairy team placing 146 out of 218 judges.

The general livestock team was made up of Trevor Mente, Tyler Fick, Trey Baustian, and Hannah Kruse.

They placed eighth out of 63 teams and Mente placed second overall individually. Fick placed 16th, Baustian, 107th and Hannah Kruse, 136th, out of 300 judges.

Sen. Bill Weber named honorary FFA'er

Sen. Bill Weber (R-Luverne) recently received an Honorary Minnesota FFA Degree at the 2018 Minnesota FFA Association State Convention in Minneapolis.

The honorary degree recognizes Weber's history of involvement with FFA, as well as his legislative and

public contributions toward agricultural education in Minnesota.

Each year the Minnesota FFA Association recognizes the contributions of individuals who have made a significant impact toward the success of the membership and the organization.

As a former FFA member who served as chapter president at Luverne High School, Weber won the FFA creed speaking contest in 1971 and public speaking contest in 1974.

During his legislative tenure, Weber has advocated for agricultural education and numerous ag-related legislation.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•Harold Tilstra, rural Luverne, was a featured expert in the March issue of Successful Farming magazine.

Tilstra is the leader of national co-products technical service for Land O' Lakes Purina Feed.

The article addressed feeding alternatives for pigs, considering the fact that \$4 per bushel corn makes corn producers happy, but doesn't sit so well for those in the pork business.

Tilstra said one alternative to feeding pigs expensive corn is an ethanol byproduct, distillers' dried grains (DDG).

For every bushel of corn processed, ethanol plants end up with 17 pounds of DDG.

25 years ago (1993)

•This weekend's flood water is soaking the city budget.

Mayor Bill Weber told the Luverne City Council Monday that flooding will cost the city a minimum of \$200,000.

He listed damages in the park such as lost trees, missing picnic tables, dumpsters and posts. Plumbing and electrical work in the park structures and dugouts and concession stands at the ball diamonds were damaged.

The ball diamond surface will need to be replaced. Fences around the tennis courts and the tennis courts themselves also suffered damages. Supports beneath the city-owned bridge on the river road were also damaged by the water. Early estimates

don't include the cost of repairing the river embankments, Weber said.

Public Utilities Coordinator Red Arndt said the quality of the city water supply was not affected by flooding. The berms around the wells in the flooded area were built to be higher than the 100-year flood stage, and river water did not spill over the tops of the wells.

50 years ago (1968)

•Super market burglars hit again last Thursday night or early Friday morning but this time they obtained very little for their work.

All that was obtained at Les' Foodland was \$65 in cash. Mr. Murphy has been using the bank night depository since the robbery at Foodland March 11 in which about \$2,000 was taken.

Entrance this time was made by cutting a hole in the roof no bigger than 12 by 14 inches. The burglar then dropped down to the meat case below. Exit was made the same way as well as all the doors in the supermarket were barred and padlocked. Nothing was taken or disturbed in the store office and a quantity of quarters in the safe was not disturbed.

75 years ago (1943)

•The American Legion's rehabilitation program will include services for discharged veterans of the present war as well as

those of World War I, Ray Engan, service officer of Dell-Hogan post 123, announced this week.

On Saturday of last week, Mr. Engan attended the American Legion conference for Legion service officers at Minneapolis, where state rehabilitation officers conducted the service school to acquaint Legion posts, particularly Legion service officers, with the work and problems that will arise when the present soldiers are discharged.

Matters pertaining to veterans insurance, compensation, hospitalization, disability benefits, burial allowance and other rehabilitation matters were discussed by Legion officers, state officials, veteran's administration representatives and Washington Legion officials.

100 years ago (1918)

•A new ordinance imposing important regulations on the parking of automobiles and motorcycles on that part of Main Street in the business sections, and an amendment to the fire limit ordinance materially increasing the area in which frame buildings cannot be erected, placed or repaired, were adopted at the first regular meeting of the new council held Tuesday evening.

The ordinance pertaining to the parking of automobiles and motorcycles refers to that portion of Main street between Estey street on the west and Oakley street on the east and provides that it shall be unlawful to park such vehicles in this section of the street.

OBITUARIES

Jason Kroon

Jason John Kroon, 47, Steen, died Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, due to complications of a sudden illness.

A funeral service was Monday, May 7, at Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial followed at Eastside Cemetery in Steen.

Jason Kroon was born June 7, 1970, to John and Emilene (Van Hill) Kroon in Luverne. He received his education in Hills-Beaver Creek and graduated in 1989. He continued his education at Canby Vo Tech College in Canby, studying diesel mechanics. Jason worked on Bob Cate equipment for Pfeifers Implement and also at UPS airtso as a tug driver.

On Sept. 27, 2014, he married Heather Bush at Jason's parents' farm. The couple made their home on Jason's child-

hood acreage near Steen.

Jason enjoyed looking for things to do with his family and friends that would bring them all together and build lasting memories. He loved camping, kayaking and tinkering with his tractors. He saw off-roading with his wife, Heather, in their side by side as special time together. He enjoyed photographing his family and friends to preserve special memories. Jason's outgoing demeanor and quick wit allowed him to make many friends over the years.

He is survived by his wife, Heather, of Steen; children Dallas Kroon of Mankato, Chelsea Kroon and her friend Steven Tacke of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Dillan Kroon and special friend Cheyanne



June Erlandson

June Irene Erlandson, 92, Worthington, formerly of Adrian, died Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at the Meadows Assisted Living in Worthington.

A funeral Mass was Saturday, May 5, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Burial was in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

June Walgrave was born July 31, 1925, to Charles and Adalida (DeSchepper) Walgrave in Rock County. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1943. Following graduation, she worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for Northern States Poultry, then later as a Judy Lee Jewelry consultant.

June married Eugene Erlandson on Sept. 16, 1950, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. The couple lived in Worthington for a few years before moving to the family farm

north of Rushmore. They retired and moved back to Worthington in 2009.

June was a member of St. Adrian Catholic Church, a 50-year member of the Catholic Daughters, a 35-year member of the Grey Ladies (Happy Helpers) the American Red Cross and was a 4-H leader. June enjoyed square dancing, baking and sewing. She volunteered at the Adrian School. She and Eugene loved to travel south during the cold months. They spent over 30 years in Florida during the winter.

June is survived by five children, Gary (Kathy) Erlandson, Greenfield, Iowa; Diane (Angel) Otero, Worthington; Dale Erlandson, Sargent Bluff, Iowa; Robert (Shirley) Erlandson,



Edward Lens

Edward Lens, 84, Brandon, South Dakota, formerly of Valley Springs, South Dakota, and Hills, died Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, at Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon, followed by full military honors. Inurnment will be at Holy Name Catholic Cemetery in Rock Rapids. Visitation with family will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon, with Scripture Services and a Rosary Prayer at 6:30 p.m.



Ed is survived by his wife of 60 years, Pat, Brandon; three children, Michael (Jeanne) Lens, Brandon, Kimberly (Bruce) Pedersen, Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, and Kathleen (Jose) Nunez, Eagan; seven grandchildren, Brock (Jessica), Tim, Amanda, Tony, Kaitlin, Leslie, and Nicole; three great-grandchildren, Hollis, Parker, and Baylor; and five siblings, Jim (Colleen) Lens, Burlington, Iowa, John Lens, Carmel, Iowa, Wayne Lens, Creston, Iowa,

Dennis Brady

Dennis John Brady, 69, Jan. 1, 1972. Sioux Falls, South Dakota, formerly of Luverne, died Monday, May 7, 2018, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial of cremains with full military honors will be at a later date. A time of fellowship will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne with parish prayers at 7 p.m. Fellowship also one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Dennis Brady was born June 1, 1948, to Emery and Luella (Lehnhoff) Brady in Slayton. He graduated from Fulda High School in 1967. He later graduated from Jackson Vocational School as an appliance technician through the GI Bill. He served his country in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne Division-1st Battalion-327th Infantry Company B during the Vietnam War. He served from Jan. 11, 1968, to Nov. 4, 1969, receiving two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged on



Denny married Linda Sue Ausen on Feb. 5, 1972, at St. Mary Catholic Chapel in Marshall. The couple lived in various towns including Cherokee, Iowa, the Minneapolis area and Canby before moving to Luverne in 1974. Denny owned Brady's Refrigeration Repair in Luverne. He was a Luverne City Carrier for the United States Postal Service for 34 years. During that career he walked 96,768 miles. He retired on Jan. 1, 2010. Denny was an avid outdoorsman and hunter. He and Linda loved to share camping, hiking and hunting experiences with their daughters and grandchildren. Denny especially enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sports activities and dance performances. He loved following the Minnesota Twins, Vikings and Seahawks. Dennis taught his family to love God, family and country as he was a very proud American.

He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, the National Wild

Cherry of Sioux Falls, Zachery (Emily) Cowell of Luverne, Kellsie (Alex) Rivas of Harrisburg, South Dakota, and Riley Cowell of Luverne; grandchildren Hattie Emilene, Aniyah Rivas, Ajayda Rivas, Jayce Cowell and Kodac Rivas; sisters Kristy (Randy) Goemmel of Luverne, Vicki (Bruce) Bennett of Weare, New Hampshire, Heidi (James) Mehlhaff of Luverne, and Emmy (Drue) Glaze of Little Falls; parents John and Emilene Kroon of Steen; mother-in-law Deb Bush of Luverne; and nieces and nephews Matthew, Seth, Sara, Elias, Kylie, Noah, Regan and Dawson.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Albert and Alice Van Hill, and his paternal grandparents, Herman and June Kroon.

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Worthington; and Donald (Robin) Erlandson, Adrian; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ardean (Audrey) Walgrave, Luverne, and Don Walgrave, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two sisters, Dolores Strassburg, Luverne, and Joyce (Roger) Walser, Downers Grove, Illinois; four sisters-in-law, Eileen Kahovec, St. Louis, Missouri; Katheryn (Al) Ell, Mesa, Arizona; Joanne Smith, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Pat Erlandson, St. Paul; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eugene, on April 14, 2017; five brothers, Harold, Robert, Eli, Paul and Arnold Walgrave; and two sisters, Alice Kammerud and Ruth Cook.

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Dave Lens, Grand Junction, Colorado, and Alice (Gerry) Moeller, Rock Rapids, Iowa; and two sister-in-laws, Karen Lens, Harrisburg, South Dakota, and Jane Albers, Rock Rapids.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings, Raymond, Leonard, Robert, Lavonne and two infants, Margaret and Charles.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association of South Dakota.

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Turkey Federation, the Rock Mountain Elk Federation, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 5355 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the DAV, the American Legion Posts 123 and 15, the VFW Posts 2157 and 628, the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 959, and he served on the Color Guard.

Denny is survived by his wife, Linda Brady, Sioux Falls; three daughters, Sonja (Jeff) Fink, Lindstrom, Sara (Tim) Vortherms, Adrian, and Stacy Kopp, Luverne; six grandchildren, Megan, Brady and Gabrielle Vortherms and Janae, Camron and Aydon Kopp; a brother, Michael (Joan) Brady, Forest, Virginia; four sisters, Janet (Dennis) Gillespie, Clarkston Michigan, Mary (Mike) Becker, LaPorte, Diane (Ron) Kirchner, Fulda, and Eileen (Doug) Hanson, Marshall; his father-in-law, Charles Ausen, Marshall; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two infant brothers; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Ann "Mugsy" Ausen.

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Jerome 'Jere' Ohme

Jerome "Jere" Luverne. Jere owned Dean Ohme, 71, Luverne, died Thursday, May 3, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Tuesday, May 8, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with honors was in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Jerome Ohme was born on Aug. 13, 1946, to Willard and Velve (Cook) Ohme in Slayton. He attended Slayton schools and graduated from Slayton High School in 1964. He then attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. He accepted a position in the Luverne Public Schools as an elementary physical education teacher. In June of 1969 Jere was drafted into the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge in March 1971. He then returned to Luverne.

On Dec. 21, 1971, Jere married Julie Dexter at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They made their home in Luverne. They had two children, Jackie and Derek. In 1975 Jere was elected Rock County Recorder and held that position for 29 years. That same year he also acquired Rock County Abstract and Title. During that time he served as secretary of the Minnesota County Recorders in 1977 and served as its president in 1979. In 1994 he was the honored recipient of the Recorder of the Year in the state of Minnesota.

In July of 1981 Julie was diagnosed with a brain tumor and died on Aug. 18, 1983. On July 26, 1985, Jere married Suanne (Hoiland) Gabrielson at Grace Lutheran Church in

Jere owned and operated the abstract and title business until his retirement in 2012.

Jere was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne where he served on the church council including a term as president.

Jere was an avid sports fan and followed all Minnesota sports teams. He officiated football and basketball in the area for 43 years. Jere enjoyed hunting, golfing, baseball, attending grandchildren's activities and wintering in Sarasota, Florida.

Jere is survived by his wife, Suanne; five children, Jackie (Tory) Payne, Derek (Leah) Ohme, both of Sioux Falls, Kirsten (Damon) Eisma of Luverne, Amanda Gabrielson of Minneapolis, and John (Mollie) Gabrielson of Rapid City, South Dakota; 15 grandchildren, Dexter, Mason, Jaden and Rylan Payne; Julia and Hadley Ohme; Katrina, Sophia, Timothy, Philip and Sylvia Eisma; Alex Vollmer and Anders Aandahl; Ainsley Gabrielson and Aspen Silver; and three siblings, Dan (Sheryle) Ohme of Minneapolis; Kevin (Jodi White) Ohme of Tracy, and Stacy (Lisa) Ohme of Mankato; many nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julie, and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, the Luverne Baseball Association, or Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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

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Obituary policy

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

An edited piece is \$49 OR submitted for \$149. Death notices will continue to run at no charge.

1952: ‘Agder Lag’ coming to Luverne

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on June 26, 1952.

Many Expected Here This Weekend For “Agder Lag”

Two officials well known in Minnesota Scandinavian circles will be in Luverne for the 27th annual convention of the Agder Laget of the U.S.A. here Saturday and Sunday.

Val Bjornson, state treasurer, and Th. Siqveland, the consul general for Norway in the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, will participate in the functions on Saturday. Mr. Bjornson will be the main speaker at the evening banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the armory. Mr. Siqveland will extend greetings at the banquet and will make the official presentation of a banner which has been sent to the Agder Lag by the people of Agder, Norway. This will take place at the afternoon session, which begins at the armory at 1 p.m.

Business Meeting at 10 A.M.

Registration of guests will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the armory, and later in the forenoon, a business meeting will be held to elect officers for the coming year. Col. Tom Gabrielson, Chicago, now heads the group, having been elected to the office when the Lag held its silver anniversary convention here two years ago.

Mayor Harold P. Van Roekel will welcome the visitors at the beginning of the afternoon session at 1 o'clock. This will be followed by a colorful flag presentation ceremony, with Lag officials, visiting dignitaries, girls in native costume, and the Luverne high school band taking part.

A seven-year-old Norwegian girl, Aslaug Rudjord, who is here on a visit, will unveil the banner, and Mr. Siqveland will make the official presentation to Col. Gabrielson, as president of the Lag. Special music will be furnished by Mrs. Selmer Hoiland, Luverne, and Mrs. Lot Hare, Chicago.

Special Music at Banquet

Music for the banquet program will be furnished by Prof. Clifford Olson, professor of voice at Augustana college, Sioux Falls; Roy C. Paulson, Luverne, violinist; Mrs. Olaf Sorenson, Inwood, Iowa, vocalist; and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Helgeson, Canton, who will play an accordion duet. Col and Mrs. Gabrielson will also sing.

Worship services will be held in the armory at 10:45 Sunday morning. Rev. S. T. Nelson and Rev. P. K. Lawrence Bueide, both of Luverne, will conduct the services with President Gabrielson also taking part. Special music will be provided by Pastor Bueide and Mrs. Tom Dahlen. The service will be conducted in the English Language.

Concluding the convention will be a program and reunion at 2 p.m. Sunday at the armory.

The committee in charge of arrangement reminds residents of Rock county that the public is invited to attend any of the sessions. There may be many who wish to hear State Treasurer Bjornson, and they may obtain banquet tickets which are on sale at Herreid's Jewelry.

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

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Commissioners look at numbers of livestock buildings, consider limits

By Mavis Fodness

A recent conditional use request approved April 16 by the Rock County Commissioners prompted discussion about local land use.

“The zoning ordinance regulates how far you can put a new confinement building as it relates to residences,” said County Attorney Don Klosterbuer.

No limits exist locally, he added, as to how close different property owners can locate confinement buildings from one another.

Commissioners may add distance measures to their planning and zoning ordinances in the future.

“At some point it may become an issue,” Klosterbuer said.

Commissioners approved a request by Nathan Haroldson of Jasper to double his swine production facilities northwest of Hardwick in Section 6 of Denver Township.

Because the number of animal units exceeded 1,000

to 1,440, oversight of its operation comes directly from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Feedlots with fewer than 1,000 animal units fall under the oversight of the Rock County Land Management Office.

Haroldson’s request to expand was not unusual.

Its location (within 100 feet from a similar facility owned by a family trust) is recognized as a separate feedlot by the state.

As a separate lot, there is no limit as to the number or distance separate feedlots can be built from one another.

“Here we don’t have a residence issue, but at some point in time [there may be] a concern about the concentration of hog units,” Klosterbuer said.

The Rock County Land Management Office estimates there are nearly 20 confinements owned by two separate entities that are built within several hundred feet of each other.

LPRW receives Source Water Protection Award

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water was recently recognized for its commitment to protecting drinking water with a Source Water Protection Award from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Rural Water Association.

Over the years, LPRW has undertaken many significant projects to protect their drinking water supply.

LPRW was one of three public waters suppliers honored during this week’s Drinking Water Week.

Other recipients include

cities of Mankato and Altura.

Projects include amending its wellhead protection plan, educating landowners on land-use practices and impacts to the water supply, and promotion of best management practices and incentives with the goal to reduce nitrate levels in the water supply.

LPRW has five drinking water management supply areas spread out over multiple counties.

LPRW serves areas in northeastern Rock County including the cities of Jasper, Hardwick and Kenneth.



Mavis Fodness photo/0510 Spring Fieldwork 2018

Making up for lost time

Monday was a busy day in area fields as local producers like Loren Overgaard (above) try to make up time lost to unseasonably cool temperatures and wet fields earlier this month. According to Monday’s state crop progress and condition report, corn planting has not only been delayed in Rock County but throughout the state. In the past week, 9 percent of the state’s corn crop had been planted, which is nine days behind last year and 16 days behind the five-year average. “We have been spoiled the last few years. We were able to get things in by now,” Overgaard said.

Pictured at right, Dick Kramer plants corn in a field in Springwater Township over the weekend in western Rock County where fields haven’t been as wet as those farther east in Rock County.

Only 1 percent of the state’s soybeans have been planted, 10 days behind the five-year average. Rain showers overnight and throughout the day on Tuesday put the brakes on groundwork and planting locally.

Scattered showers predicted throughout the next week are expected to further delay spring fieldwork locally.



Lori Sorenson photo/0510 Spring planting 2018



Tyler Bush, Tim Plimpton, Caleb Ellingson, Don Bryan, Ryan DeBates, Mark Iveland

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New online tool helps plan timely manure applications

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has teamed up with the National Weather Service to design a tool that helps farmers and

commercial applicators determine the best time to apply manure.

The Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast tool uses past and

predicted National Weather Service weather data like precipitation, temperature and snow melt.

It predicts the likelihood that applied manure will run off fields in daily, next day, and 72-hour increments.

Farmers and commercial applicators use an interactive map to locate their field and find the forecasted risk.

According to Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office, the tool has used in Wisconsin for several years with positive response from farmers.

“I think once farmers realize how it works there will be more using it here,” Bos said.

Users can also sign up for email or text messages for their county that alert them to a severe runoff risk for that day.

By providing farmers and commercial manure applicators the proper tools, they’re able to make well-informed decisions, according to Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson.

“By being able to better predict times of high runoff risk, we can decrease the potential loss of manure to our waterways and increase farm productivity by saving nutrients on the land,” he said.

When someone goes to the interactive map, the runoff risk is displayed in one of four categories: no runoff expected, low, moderate and severe.

When the risk is moderate or severe, it is recommended that the applicator evaluate the situation to determine if there are other locations or later dates when the manure application could take place.

The forecasting tool can also be used for climate information.

For example, 2-inch soil depth temperatures are useful at planting time, and 6-inch soil depth temperatures are helpful when determining fall fertilizer application in appropriate areas.

The Minnesota Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast is part of a larger federal project.

State funding for the project was provided by the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0503 manley tire award

Manley Tire and Oil received the Mr. Tire and Big 3 Tire Top Shop Award, which recognizes excellence among K&M Tire dealers across the United States. Manley Tire owner Trudy Deutsch is pictured with her son, Joel Vanderburg, who manages the business.

'To God be the glory'

It takes more than good tires to be No. 1 'Tire Top Shop' in nation

By Lori Sorenson

The tiny border town of Manley, Minnesota, received national attention earlier this year when Manley Tire and Oil was honored in Chicago, Illinois.

The local business received the Mr. Tire and Big 3 Tire Top Shop Award, which recognizes excellence among K&M Tire dealers across the United States.

Manley Tire owner Trudy Deutsch said this spring she's still not sure why her business was singled out for recognition.

"I'd read about this award, and I didn't think we matched up with the people who won," she said.

To others in the industry, the winner stood out from the rest.

"She's at the top of that list every single year, in my eyes," said K&M sales manager Chris Kindt who nominated Trudy for the award.

"When you go to Manley Tire you're not just a number. I've seen with my own eyes the way they treat every customer that comes through the door.

"They personally greet each one of them — most of them by name. And when they leave, they feel part of the Manley Tire family. ... It's unlike anything you see in other tire stores or big box stores."

Trudy said she was contacted last fall about being a finalist and

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— K&M Tire sales manager Chris Kindt

was asked to share information about Manley Tire and her business philosophy, which she said centers on glorifying God.

"I remember thinking after I sent in the information, 'If they don't believe in Jesus, there's no way we're winning this award,'" Trudy said.

"It was all about what God has done for our business and in our lives."

This is no secret to her customers.

"There's a big cross on the back wall, so when you walk into this place you know we're a faith-based organization," she said.

"We're here to support people who

work for us and to support our customers."

Kindt said it's precisely this philosophy that makes Manley Tire a "Tire Top Shop" in the industry.

"It's neat to see that testimony in the business place," he said. "They believe in it and they're not afraid to share it. ... We need more of that in our line of work."

Manley Tire was one of 140 tire shops throughout the U.S. to be nominated. From there, it made the top 50 cut, then the top three.

Despite being named a finalist, Trudy said she still hadn't embraced the possibility of getting the award. "I still never thought we would ever win," she said.

Her son, Joel Vanderburg, who manages the business, said he felt the same way.

"I guess I felt we were doing our best for our customers and our employees, but I assumed everyone does that in their business," he said.

"It's quite an honor, it really is, to have this award. It makes you feel good to know that when you're trying your best that other people notice and appreciate it."

Joel grew up with the tire business and said he looked forward to leaving home for bigger and better things when he graduated from



Cheryl Gossard, president of K&M Tire (left), and K&M Tire CEO Ken Langhals present the Mr. Tire/Big 3 Tire Top Shop award to Trudy Deutsch of Manley Tire.

"I believe we won the award not necessarily because we're better than anyone else, but I think it happened because it's an opportunity to further the cause for Christ. ... Everything is for God's glory."

— Trudy Deutsch, owner

high school.

"But I found that I missed what I had here and I missed the service industry," he said. "If I can provide a great service for someone, it makes me feel good and it's really fulfilling."

'To God be the glory'

Then, in December, they learned Manley Tire would be honored as the "top shop" at the national convention in January.

True to her business motto, Trudy saw it as God's plan.

"I believe we won the award not necessarily because we're better than anyone else, but I think it happened because it's an opportunity to further the cause for Christ. ... Everything is for God's glory."

She traveled with her husband, John Deutsch, to Chicago on Jan. 18 to accept the award at a Jan. 20 ceremony where she received a trophy and a check for \$2,000.

But that wasn't all.

She also took home an unexpected prize — a 2018 Harley Davidson Fat Boy Softail.

Dealerships were entered in a drawing each time they sold a certain number of tires, and at the conference in Chicago, a Sioux Falls dealership was named the winner.

However, that business wasn't present at the drawing, so the next

winner named was Manley Tire and Oil. "I almost fell over," Trudy said.

She said the bike is currently in storage, but the business will give it away in a drawing later this year.

"We'll run a promotion through the summer, and people will need to come in and sign up," Trudy said.

The drawing is set for Aug. 25, just after their Aug. 23 customer appreciation event.

About Manley Tire and Oil

Manley Tire dates back to the 1940s when Sam Bly started a service station called Sam's, which operated for 39 years.

In 1979 Trudy and her first husband, Jim Vanderburg, bought the station and developed it as Manley Tire and Oil, which eventually grew to employ 35 people.

Trudy later married John, who is retired, and she now operates the business with her sons, Joel Vanderburg, the business manager, and Paul Vanderburg, information technology manager.

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Manley Tire can be reached at 800-615-3704, or sales@manleytire.com.

"It's quite an honor, it really is, to have this award. It makes you feel good to know that when you're trying your best that other people notice and appreciate it. ...

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— Joel Vanderburg, manager

Area athletes produce at Dakota Relays

By John Rittenhouse

The four track programs from the Star Herald coverage made appearances at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls Friday and Saturday.

In what always is one of the biggest meets of the season, some of the local athletes turned in positive results.

Area entries turned in eight top 10 showings at the meet.

Luverne, which competes against Class A competition, received four top 10 efforts from the Cardinal girls over the weekend.

The top effort came from the 3,200-meter relay consisting of Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Regan Feit, Gabrielle Ferrell and Jadyn Anderson, who finished third in the event with a time of 9:58.19.

Luverne's 800- and 400-meter relays placed fourth and ninth with respective 1:47.89 and 52.78 times.

Sierra Schmuck, Gracie Zeviske, Sydney Biever and Ivy Hudson formed both squads.

Mallory Thorson registered the top individual finish by placing 10th in the triple jump with a distance of 34-9 ¼.

Class B entry Ellsworth turned in a pair of top-notch efforts in boys' relay events.

Sean Boltjes, Noah Kruse, Cole Boltjes and Kade Boltjes placed second in the 400-meter relay and third in the 800-meter relay with respective 45.96 and 1:35.28 efforts.

A pair of girls' relay teams placed eighth for Hills-Beaver Creek at the meet.

Madison Spath, Ashlee Kel-

derman, Sidney Fick and Taryn Rauk finished eighth with a time of 1:52.72, while the sprint-medley squad of Spath, Kelderman, Taylor Durst and Kenadie Fick placed eighth in 4:33.71.

Here is a look at the rest of the results turned in by area athletes over the weekend.

LHS girls
15th place: Ver Steeg, 400, 1:00.76.
36th place: Tenley Nelson, 3,200, 11:57.46.
54th place: Regan Feit, 300 hurdles, 52.4.

LHS boys
13th place: 3,200 relay (Jed Dooyema, Jordy Thone, Dalton DeSollar and Austin Winter), 9:02.05.
18th place: Dooyema, pole vault, 12-3.
21st place: 800 relay (Ashton Sandbulte, Thone, Dooyema and Eli Haugom), 1:37.52.
58th place: DeSollar, 3,200, 10:40.3.

EHS boys
17th place: S.Boltjes, 300 hurdles, 42.29.
21st place: S.Boltjes, 110 hurdles, 16:04.4.
23rd place: K.Boltjes, long jump, 20-0 ¼.

Adrian boys
16th place: 400 relay (Dakota John, Ryan Wieneke, Chance Turner and Brendyn White, 49.09.
18th place: 800 relay (John, Christian Weidert, Turner and White), 1:41.59.
31st place: Wieneke, 400, 54.99.

AHS girls
15th place: 800 relay (Hannah Henning, Hali Bullerman, Bailey Lonneman and Kendra Frodermann), 1:54.81.
20th place: 400 relay (Henning, Bullerman, Lonneman and Frodermann), 55.57.

H-BC girls
12th place: Kortney Rozeboom, shot, 38-1 ¾.
16th place: 400 relay (Spath, Kelderman, Durst and Sidney Fick), 55.33.
17th place: Rozeboom discus, 110-9.
55th place: Rauk, 100, 13.34.

H-BC boys
14th place: 400 relay (Hunter Bork, Luke LaRock, Easton Harnack and Tyson Bork), 47.64.
56th place: T.Bork, 100, 11.6.

Baseball team sweeps Huskies

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team took both ends of a scheduled doubleheader with Jackson County Central.

LHS topped the Huskies by 11 runs in Game 1 Thursday in Jackson, but the potential second game of the evening was rained out and moved to Redbird Field Friday.

The Cards crushed JCC by 14 runs in Game 2, upping their Big South Conference record to 6-0.

Luverne 16, JCC 2

The Cardinals made short work of the Huskies when the teams squared off at Redbird Field Friday.

LHS scored 10 runs with the help of eight hits in the first inning and added six more runs with five hits in the second to open a 16-0 lead that wouldn't be challenged the rest of the contest.

Tyler Reisdorfer doubled home two runs and Isaiah Bartels slapped a two-run single to highlight the first inning.

Declan Beers and Derek Lundgren doubled home one run each, Jaxon Nelson and Mark Sterrett chipped in RBI singles and Jake Haugen received an RBI for a fielder's choice during the 10-run first frame.

Three of the six runs LHS plated during the second inning were unearned, but Haugen did drill a two-run double and Reisdorfer notched an RBI with a fielder's choice.

Colby Crabtree pitched four innings of one-earned run, two-hit, four-strikeout ball to earn the win.



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Luverne sophomore first baseman Nathan Nekali stretches to snag an errant pickoff throw during Friday's game against Jackson County Central at Redbird Field. LHS rolled to a 16-2 win.

Jade Smith yielded one unearned run, one hit and fanned two batters in one inning of relief.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	3	3	1	3
Serie	2	2	1	0
Krips	1	0	0	0
Beers	2	0	1	1
Roberts	1	2	0	0
Nelson	3	1	1	1
Mente	1	0	0	0
Haugen	2	2	1	3
Lundgren	4	1	3	3
Smith	1	0	0	0
Sterrett	3	2	2	1
Buss	0	0	0	0
Bartels	3	2	2	2
Nekali	0	0	0	0
Crabtree	2	0	2	0
Von Tersch	0	1	0	0
Nielsen	0	0	0	0

Luverne 13, JCC 2

The Cardinals scored early and often during Thursday's game against the Huskies in Jackson.

LHS scored seven runs in

the first two innings and outscored JCC 6-1 the rest of the way to prevail by 11 runs in six innings.

The Cards moved in front 2-0 when Beers delivered an RBI triple and scored on a sacrifice fly in the top of the first inning, but JCC cut the lead in half (2-1) in the bottom of the first.

LHS went on to score the next 11 runs before surrendering a single counter in the bottom of the fifth.

The Cards led 7-1 after putting together a five-run second inning featuring a two-run single by Haugen, an RBI double by Crabtree and a run-scoring single from Reisdorfer.

Lundgren singled and scored on a balk in the third inning, and Bartels doubled

home a run and Crabtree recorded a sacrifice fly to up the lead to 10-1 in the fifth inning.

Lundgren capped the scoring when he drilled a three-run homerun in the sixth frame.

Reisdorfer tossed five innings of one-run, eight-strikeout ball to collect the pitching win.

Beers walked two batters without registering an out in the sixth inning before being lifted for Smith, who recorded the final three outs of the game.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	3	1	1	1
Serie	4	1	1	0
Beers	3	3	1	1
Smith	0	0	0	0
Nelson	4	1	1	1
Haugen	4	0	2	2
Lundgren	4	3	3	3
Sterrett	2	2	0	0
Bartels	4	1	2	1
Mente	0	0	0	0
Crabtree	2	1	1	2

Girls post 13 victories on links

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' golf team posted 13 wins during a span of playing at four events in six days.

Along with placing second at the Marshall Triangular May 2, the Cardinals won by forfeit over Redwood Valley Thursday and edged Worthington by two strokes in Worthington Monday. LHS also placed third at the Fairmont Invitational Saturday.

Luverne, 14-4 overall, plays at the Pre-Section Tournament near Buffalo Lake Thursday.

Luverne 220, WHS 222

The Cardinals upped their Big South Conference record to 3-2 with Monday's victory in Worthington.

With Hannah Ver Steeg leading the charge by carding a 48 to earn medalist honors, the Cards nipped the Trojans by two strokes.

Samantha Pierce added a 52 to the team tally, while Anna Huisman and Brynn Thier capped the scoring with 60s.

Paige Sandbulte and McCall Stegenga shot 62- and 65-stroke rounds without impacting team effort.

Anneke Weg led the Trojans with a 49.

Fairmont invite

The Cardinals turned in a strong performance as a team during Saturday's Fairmont Invitational at the Rose Lake Golf Club.

Competing in a 13-squad field, LHS turned in a 388-stroke tally to place third overall.

Marshall won the team title with 332 strokes.

Ver Steeg led a balanced



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Luverne sophomore Anna Huisman registered a team-low score of 44 strokes during a home match against RWV.

LHS squad by recording a 95, while Pierce and Huisman posted 96s.

Sandbulte added a 101 to the team tally, while Thier and Josie Golla shot 121s without impacting the scoring.

Fairmont's Bergen Senf fired a 78 to secure medalist honors.

LHS 197, RWV incomplete

The Cardinals racked up their second conference win of the season when they drew a forfeit from Redwood Valley at the Luverne Country Club Thursday.

LHS fielded a complete team that posted a 197-stroke tally, but visiting RWV didn't have four girls play at the varsity level.

Huisman and Ver Steeg led the Cards by firing 44- and 45-stroke rounds respectively.

Pierce, McCall Stegenga and Brynn Thier all shot 54s

for LHS, while Sandbulte recorded a 55.

MHS triangular

The Cardinals placed second as a team during a triangular meet in Marshall May 2.

Luverne topped Pipestone 205-226 in the team standings, but Marshall walked away with the title by registering a 172-stroke effort.

Ver Steeg and Pierce led the Cards by posting respective 46- and 48-stroke tallies.

Huisman and Thier added 55- and 56-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Sandbulte and Stegenga finished with 58- and 60-stroke efforts without influencing the scoring.

Ana Schwarz emerged as the meet's medalist by firing a 42 for Marshall.

Lauren Laphorn paced Pipestone with a 54.

Annika Elias, Gracia Elias and Josi Altman contributed respective 97-, 110- and 116-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Taya Elias and Mia Hieronimus shot 129- and 162-stroke rounds without influencing the scoring.

H-BC, which participated as an incomplete team, received a third-place effort

Luverne netters win five of six tests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis team upped its record to 10-4 after going 5-1 during four outings last week.

After losing a five-point road match in St. James May 1, the Cards returned home to rout Redwood Valley Thursday.

LHS proceeded to post a one-point win in Fairmont Friday and went 2-0 at the Lac qui Parle Valley Triangular Saturday.

LQPV triangular

The Cardinals dominated the scene during Saturday's triangular in Madison.

LHS disposed of the host team and New Ulm by 7-0 scores during an outing in which the Cardinals lost just one set.

Mark Robinson (No. 1), Cade Ver Steeg (No. 2), Jim Erickson (No. 3) and Trey Baustian (No. 4) went 2-0 in singles without losing a set.

Luke Jarchow and Matt Jelken prevailed in straight sets twice at first doubles, as did Carson Ehde and Matt Sehr at No. 3.

Cole Stoltenberg and Ethan Thorson did lose one set in Madison, but they claimed victories in both of their matches at second doubles.

LHS 4, Fairmont 3

The Cardinals came out on the winning end of a one-point decision during a hard-fought match in Fairmont Friday.

Luverne took three of the four singles matches, but FHS claimed two of the three doubles contests in a battle between evenly matched teams.

Five tiebreakers were needed to settle sets during the showdown.

Prevailing in singles for the Cards were Ver Steeg (0-6, 7-5, 15-13 over Ben Hernes), Erickson (4-6, 6-4 10-1 over Tyrell



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Luverne's Matt Jelken returns a shot during first doubles competition during a 7-0 home match with RWV Thursday.

Zieske) and Baustian (1-6, 6-1, 10-1 over Ameya Komaragiri). Stoltenberg and Thorson secured a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Blake Haugen and Jeb Green at second doubles for LHS.

Fairmont's Carter Klanderud topped Robinson 6-7, 7-3 15-13 at first singles.

Hosts Connor Madsen and Tom Slanderer bested Jarchow and Jelken 7-5, 3-6, 10-8 at first doubles, while Evan Carlson and Vince Ficara topped Tyler Fick and Graham Cunningham 7-6, 7-2 at No. 3.

Luverne 7, RWV 0

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Adrian, H-BC golf teams take swings at different invitationals Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian golfers played in invitational events at different venues Thursday.

The AHS girls hosted the six-team Adrian Invitational, while the boys' teams from both schools played at the Mountain Lake Invitational.

Adrian's girls posted a

409-stroke total to beat four of the five participating teams.

With Abby Hamann registering an 84 to collect medalist honors, Murray County Central captured the team title with 394 strokes.

Alexia Kemper shot a 46 to lead the Dragons and place second in the individual standings.

from Tess Van Maanen (87). Hannah Fick shot a 95 for the Patriots.

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda won the eight-team boys' competition with 357 strokes.

AHS and H-BC placed fourth and sixth with 387- and 400-stroke tallies.

Brady Henning paced the Dragons with a 90, while Brock

Henning and Landon Runia added 98s to the team tally.

Mitchell Veld capped the team scoring with a 100, while Easton Braun and John Christians posted 110- and 120-stroke rounds without impacting the tally.

Dylon Taubert set the pace for the H-BC boys with a 93, while Preston Maassen,

Thomas Dysthe and Noah Hellerud added 100-, 101- and 106-stroke rounds to the team effort.

Parker Gehrke and Dallas Page posted 107- and 114-stroke efforts without padding the team tally.

MCC's Tyler Groves secured medalist honors by shooting a 77.

Track teams gather at Arrow Relays May 1

By John Rittenhouse

Four track programs from the Star Herald coverage were represented at the Bob Nangle Arrow Relays in Pipestone May 1.

The meet was a good one for athletes representing Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth, who produced a combined 27 meet championships at the event.

The Luverne girls won the Class A team championship by scoring 185 points, while the Cardinal boys (93 points) finished fourth in a six-team field led by Worthington (198.5).

The Ellsworth boys placed second to Southwest Christian-Edgerton (173 points) with 123 points in a seven-team Class B field, while Adrian and H-BC placed sixth and seventh with 68.5 points and 54.5 points respectively.

H-BC's girls placed second to SWC-E (202 points) with 138 points in Class B competition. Adrian placed fourth and Ellsworth seventh with 70.5 and 11 points respectively.

The LHS girls claimed nine meet titles and placed second in three events in Pipestone.

Brooklyn VerSteeg (1:01.23 in the 100-meter dash), Tenley Nelson (2:39.91 in the 800-meter run and 5:35.23 in the 1,600-meter run), Cassie Flanagan (13:09.83 in the 3,200-meter run) and Mallory Thorson (33-3 3/4 in the triple jump) nailed down individual titles for the Cards.

Luverne also won the 400-, 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays with times of 52.57, 1:50.2, 4:18.48 and 10:25.68.

Sierra Schmuck, Gracie Zewiske, Sydney Biever and Ivy Hudson formed the 400- and 800-meter squads.

Regan Feit, Autumn Nath, Tiana Lais and Ver Steeg teamed up in the 1,600, while Jady Anderson, Gabrielle Ferrell, Lais and Nath ran the 3,200.

Schmuck (27.71 in the 200), Feit (5:47.91 in the 1,600) and Savannah Siebenahler (54.53 in the 300 hurdles) placed second for LHS.

The Patriot girls won seven event titles and placed third in three events during their second-place showing in Class B.

Taryn Rauk won the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dash titles with respective 13.76, 27.98 and 1:05.68 times and took top honors with a distance of 14-8 1/4 in the long jump for H-BC.

Kourtney Rozeboom won the shot put and discus events with respective 37-11 and 108-0 tosses.

H-BC's Avery Wysong, Taylor Durst, Ashlee Kelderman and Madison Spath teamed up to win the 400-meter relay in 56.3.

The Patriots placed second in the 800- and 1,600-meter relays with respective 2:00.05 and 4:41.98 efforts.

Joslyn Birger, Durst, Kelderman and Spath ran the 800, while Kenadie Fick, Durst,

Spath and Kelderman competed in the 1,600.

Fick placed second in the 800-meter run in 2:38.87.

The AHS girls won one event and placed second in two others at the meet.

Kendra Frodermann cleared 4-4 to win the high jump, while Moriah Bullerman ran 3,200 meters in 13:19.19 to place second.

Frodermann, Hannah Henning, Erika Alvarado and Bailey Lonneman finished second in the 400-meter relay with a time of 56.78.

The EHS boys won five events and placed second once during their second-place showing in Class B.

Sean Boltjes won the 110- and 300-meter hurdle titles with 16.42 and 43.16 times, while Kade Boltjes took top honors in the 100-meter dash (11.86) and the long jump (19-7 1/4).

Sean, Kade and Cole Boltjes teamed up with Noah Kruse to win the 400-meter relay in 1:37.03.

Kruse placed second in the 200-meter dash in 24.84.

The LHS boys finished second in four events to highlight their fourth-place effort in Class A.

Jed Dooyema (24.37 in the 200-meter dash) and Matt Ziegler (121-10 in the discus) placed second individually.

LHS placed second in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays in 3:58.13 and 8:45.19.

Austin Winter, Jordy Thone, Abraham Hernandez and Michael Rahm ran the 1,600, while Dooyema, Thone, Dalton DeSollar and Winter teamed up in the 3,200.

The Adrian boys won three event titles and placed second in two events during Class B competition.

Ryan Wieneke won the 400-meter dash in 54.96 and Scot Edwards took top honors in the shot put with a toss of 42-9 for AHS.

Dakota John, Wieneke, Chance Turner and Brendyn White won the 400-meter relay in 48.96.

Wieneke placed second in the long jump (18-11 3/4) and ran a leg with the 1,600-meter relay, which finished second in 3:52.79.

White, John and Turner round out the 1,600 squad.

The Patriot boys won two events and placed second once in Pipestone.

Tyson Bork, who finished second in the 100-meter dash in 11.99, won the 200 in 23.95.

Garrett Raymon claimed the discus crown with a toss of 120-9.

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

LHS girls
Third place: Hudson, 100.13.63; Ferrell, 800, 2:44.61; Elizabeth Wagner, 3,200, 13:33.06; Mackenzie Petersen, 100 hurdles, 18.56; Petersen, 300 hurdles, 55.63; Tia Hadler, shot, 29-2; Siebenahler, triple jump, 29-10.

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Boys place ninth at Fairmont Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' golf team compiled a 6-10 record during a stretch of playing at four events in six days.

The Cardinals placed second at a triangular in Marshall May 2, lost a home match to Redwood Valley Thursday, placed ninth at the Fairmont Invitational Saturday and lost another match in Worthington Monday.

Luverne, 7-12 overall, hosts Adrian Tuesday.

WHS 176, Luverne 192

The Cardinals dipped to 1-4 in Big South Conference play after falling in Worthington Monday.

With Nick Weg setting the pace by posting a 39 to earn medalist honors, the Trojans topped LHS by 16 strokes.

Coy Gonnerman led the Cards with a 44.

Carter Stemper, Jack Golla and Carter Loosbrock added 45-, 48- and 55-stroke rounds with 16.42 and 43.16 times, while Kade Boltjes took top honors in the 100-meter dash (11.86) and the long jump (19-7 1/4).

Fairmont invite

The Cardinals placed ninth



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Luverne's Jack Golla strikes an approach shot from the eighth fairway during Thursday's home match against Redwood Valley. RWV saddled the Cardinals with a six-stroke setback.

in a 14-team field during Saturday's Fairmont Invitational at Interlaken Golf Club.

Luverne turned in a 371-stroke effort as a team during the event.

Blue Earth Area and Worthington posted 321-stroke tallies, with BEA claiming the team crown due

to a tiebreaker.

Gonnerman fared well individually for LHS by posting a 79.

Stemper, Arends and Loosbrock added 95-, 96- and 101-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Golla (106) and Oldre (117) didn't influence the scoring.

BEA's Hunter Spencer fired a 75 to secure medalist honors.

RWV 180, Luverne 186

The Cardinals took their third league setback of the season when they entertained Redwood Valley at

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Golf invites attract squads from Adrian, H-BC

By John Rittenhouse

Golfers from Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek participated at golf tournaments involving Red Rock Conference teams at different courses May 1.

Area boys' squads gathered in Fulda for the Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Invitational, while the girls competed at the Westbrook-Walnut Grove Invitational in Westbrook.

Competing in eight-team fields, the AHS boys placed fourth and the H-BC sixth with 377- and 400-stroke tal-

lies in Fulda.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove claimed the team title with 350 strokes, while Murray County Central's Tyler Groves captured the individual championship by carding a 72.

Nick Harder led AHS to a fourth-place showing by registering an 84.

Brady Henning, Mitchell Veld and Landon Runia contributed 94-, 97- and 102-stroke rounds to the team tally, while Easton Braun (103) and John Christians (117) also played for AHS.

Cardinals clinch BSC baseball title Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne baseball team locked up the Big South Conference Small School Division championship by sweeping a doubleheader in Redwood Falls Monday.

The Cardinals rolled to an 18-4 victory over Redwood Valley in Game 1 before posting a 15-1 win in the finale.

With an 8-0 league record with two games remaining, the conference title belongs to LHS as the remaining five teams have at least three league setbacks.

The 12-0 Cards host St. James for a set Saturday.

Luverne 18, RWV 4

A strong finish to the game lifted the Cardinals to a 14-run

victory in the opener.

After scoring three runs in the top of the first inning, LHS was involved in a deadlock at three when RWV scored two runs in the bottom of the first and one in the third.

Luverne, however, outscored the hosts 15-1 over the next three frames to win the contest in six innings.

Ben Serie belted a two-run homerun to break the tie in the top of the fourth.

Jaxon Nelson and Mark Sterrett led the Cards with four and three hits respectively, while Serie Tyler Reisdorfer, Declan Beers and Colby Crabtree chipped in two hits each.

Jake Haugen tossed five innings of four-run ball to get the pitching win before giving way to Jade Smith, who twirled a

scoreless fifth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H
Reisdorfer	5	3	2
Serie	4	2	2
Beers	4	2	2
Nelson	5	3	4
Haugen	4	1	0
Lundgren	2	3	0
Sterrett	4	3	3
Bartels	4	0	1
Crabtree	3	2	2

Luverne 15, RWV 1

The Cardinals controlled play from beginning to end in Game 2.

LHS plated three runs in the first inning, six in the second, two in the third and four in the fourth to open a commanding 15-0 lead.

RWV did score once in the top of the fifth, but the Cards won the game after four and one-half innings of play to lock

up the conference title.

Tyler Reisdorfer, one of three LHS players to register two hits in the game, and Isaiah Bartels belted two-run homeruns for the Cards.

Beers and Nelson added two hits each to the cause.

Serie pitched four innings of shutout ball to get the win before giving way to Smith, who yielded one run in the fifth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H
Reisdorfer	5	3	2
Serie	1	2	1
Beers	3	2	2
Nelson	3	2	2
Haugen	1	0	0
Lundgren	2	1	1
Sterrett	2	0	0
Mente	0	1	0
Bartels	3	1	1
Crabtree	2	2	1
Reisch	1	0	0
Smith	1	0	0

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Athletes capture three True Team titles Monday

By John Rittenhouse
Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth high schools traveled to Slayton Monday for the Section 3A True Team Track and Field Championships.
The local teams didn't qualify for state competition, but some of the athletes combined efforts to win three meet titles and place second in five events.
In a 13-team field led by Canby-Minneota (687.5 points), the H-BC girls placed seventh with 447 points. Adrian and Ellsworth placed 12th and 13th with 295 and 50 points respectively.
Redwood Valley won the boys' title with 679.5 points. Adrian, H-BC and Ellsworth finished ninth, 10th and 11th with 346, 324 and 295 points respectively.
H-BC athletes won one meet title and placed second in three events.

Taryn Rauk, who finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.73, won the 400-meter dash in 1:03.51.
Kourtney Rozeboom placed second in the shot put with a toss of 37-5 for the girls, while Garrett Raymon placed second in the discus for the boys with a distance of 118-2.
The AHS boys placed second in two events.
Ryan Wieneke ran 400 meters in 53.32 to place second, while Scot Edwards tossed the shot 43-2 to finish second.

The Ellsworth boys won a pair of meet titles.
Sean Boltjes won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 40.93 and ran a leg with the 400-meter relay, which placed first in 46.12. Noah Kruse, Kade and Cole Boltjes round out the relay.
Here is a look at the rest of the results turned in by area athletes.

Adrian boys
Third place: 1,600 relay (Brendyn White, Dakota John, Chance Turner and Wieneke), 3:51.67.
Sixth place: 800 relay (Christian Weidert, John, Turner and Tahj Schroeder), 1:42.81.
Seventh place: John, triple jump, 38-1; Tucker Wieneke, discus, 110-9.
10th place: White, 400, 56.73.
11th place: Edwards, discus, 104-8; R. Wieneke, long jump, 18-3; 3,200 relay (Alberto Ramos, Cole Weidert, Humberto Ramos, Abraham Lopez), 11:01.89; 400 relay (H. Ramos, A. Ramos, Lopez and Cl. Weidert), 54.83.
14th place: Cr. Weidert, 800, 2:28.64; Cr. Weidert, 3,200, 12:12.2; Cr. Weidert, high jump, 5-0.
15th place: R. Wieneke, 200, 27.47.
18th place: T. Wieneke, shot, 34-3 ½; Turner, triple jump, 33-7.
19th place: Turner, 100, 13.15; Schroeder, 110 hurdles, 22.12; John, 300 hurdles, 53.12; Schroeder, 800, 2:39.33; White, long jump, 16-6 ¾; White, 200, 25.47.
22nd place: Lopez, 300 hurdles, 56.77.

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Fourth place: Thorson, long jump, 14-9 ¼.
Fifth place: Meghan Mollberg, 100, 14.26; Mallory Oye, 200, 28.55; Anderson, 400, 1:07.52; Petersen, high jump, 4-6.
Sixth place: Brooke Feit, shot, 26-8.
Seventh place: Lauren Ver Steeg, 100 hurdles, 19.6; McKenna Westphal, discus, 69-0.
Eighth place: B. Ver Steeg, high jump, 4-4.
H-BC girls
Third place: Abby Knobloch, 300

23rd place: Cl. Weidert, 1,600, 6:13.3; Schroeder, high jump, 4-6.
25th place: Edwards, 100, 13.63.
Adrian girls
Fourth place: Moriah Bullerman, 800, 2:37.89.
Fifth place: Kendra Frodermann, 100, 14.03; Frodermann, 200, 28.2.
Sixth place: 800 relay (Erika Alvarado, Hannah Henning, Bailey Lonneman and Frodermann), 1:59.47.
Seventh place: Bullerman, 3,200, 12:56.6; Frodermann, high jump, 4-10.
11th place: 3,200 relay (Alvarado, Cheyenne John, Elizabeth Erwin and Alesha Henning), 12:43.39; 1,600 relay (Alvarado, John Erwin and Alicya McEliese), 5:05.1.
12th place: 400 relay (Erwin, McEliese, John and Sammy Wieneke), 1:02.93.
14th place: Erwin, triple jump, 28-3 ¼.
15th place: Bullerman, 400, 1:08.97.
16th place: H. Henning, 100, 14.45.
18th place: Lonneman, 400, 1:10.4.
19th place: Lonneman, triple jump, 27-4; Wieneke, shot, 25-9 ½.
20th place: Bullerman, long jump, 12-4 ¾; Grace Farinella, 1,600, 7:38.79; Lonneman, 200, 30.98; Farinella, 800, 3:12.04.
21st place: Emily LeBrun, shot, 25-3.
22nd place: A. Henning, 100 hurdles, 22.79; McEliese, 1,600, 8:58.01; H. Henning, 300 hurdles, 1:00.39; Alvarado, long jump, 11-10.
23rd place: H. Henning, high jump, 3-10.
26th place: A. Henning, 300 hurdles, 1:08.66.

Ellsworth boys
Third place: S. Boltjes, 110 hurdles, 16.84; K. Boltjes, 200, 23.2.
Fifth place: K. Boltjes, long jump, 18-11.
Seventh place: Robby Armstrong, 800, 2:15.71.
Ninth place: Brandon Kramer, discus, 105-8.
11th place: Kramer, shot, 37-0; Armstrong, 400, 56.93.
12th place: Carter Boyenga, discus, 103-3; Christian Hoiland, shot, 36-8; 1,600 relay (Simon Boyenga, Austen Klein, Eli Kruse and Armstrong), 2:28.44.
13th place: 800 relay (S. Boyenga, Klein, E. Kruse and Rondae Nave), 1:56.68.
18th place: Sam Kramer, 1,600, 5:40.8; S. Kramer, 800, 2:34.94; S. Boltjes, long jump, 16-8 ½.
20th place: C. Boltjes, 200, 25.75.
24th place: Micah Onken, 1,600, 6:15.6.

Ellsworth girls
Ninth place: Ashlyn Meester, 300 hurdles, 55.71.
12th place: Meester, 100 hurdles, 19.17.
21st place: Madysen Domeyer, 300 hurdles, 1:00.14.
24th place: Domeyer, 100, 15.71; Sarah Essman, shot, 20-7 ½.

H-BC girls
Third place: Kenadie Fick, 800, 2:35.89; Rozeboom, discus, 103-10; 400 relay (Avery Wysong, Sidney Fick, Ashlee Kelderman and Madison Spath), 54.81; 800 relay (Joslyn Birger, S. Fick, Kelderman and Spath), 1:57.2.
Fourth place: Rauk, 200, 31.54.
Sixth place: Abby Knobloch, 300 hurdles, 54.64; Rauk, long jump, 14-9 ¼.
Eighth place: 3,200 relay (K. Fick, Taylor Durst, Ana Hagen and Shayla Rainford), 11:41.28.
10th place: Lauren Tatge, 1,600, 6:02.45.
11th place: S. Fick, triple jump, 29-5.
12th place: Wysong, discus, 79-1; Birger, 300 hurdles, 56.24; Spath, 100, 14.32.
13th place: Durst, 800, 2:51.83.
15th place: Knobloch, 100 hurdles, 20.1; Wysong, long jump, 13-7 ½.
16th place: Knobloch, shot, 26-10 ½.
18th place: Birger, 100 hurdles, 20.66; Hagen, 3,200, 14:53.8; Birger, triple jump, 27-7 ¾; Knobloch, high jump, 4-0.
20th place: K. Fick, high jump, 3-10.
22nd place: Rainford, 200, 31.54.

H-BC boys
Fourth place: Tyson Bork, 200, 24.0.
Sixth place: 400 relay (Liam Raymon, Luke LaRock, Easton Harnack and Hunter Bork), 48.94.
Seventh place: T. Bork, 100, 12.19.
Eighth place: 800 relay (Tryce Bennett, 200, 31.54).

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Adrian's Noah Reyne lunges back to first base as he foils a pickoff attempt by Heron Lake-Okabena Fulda during the first game of a twin bill in Adrian May 1. The Dragons and Coyotes split the doubleheader.

Dragons set school record with 28 hits

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian baseball team picked up two victories in three chances at home.
The Dragons split a twin bill with Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield May 1 before posting a one-run win over Minneota Monday.
Adrian, 4-4 overall, plays a twin bill against Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut

Grove in Lamberton Friday.

AHS 20, Minneota 19
The Dragons came out on the winning end of a one-run decision against the Vikings during a slugfest in Adrian Monday.
Adrian established a new school record by registering 28 hits during a game in which the Dragons scored at least one run in every inning.

Brent Hokeness led AHS with five hits (three RBIs), while Lance Luettel (three RBIs) and Grant Jansma (one RBI) slapped four hits each.
Jeffery Cauwels drove in five runs with three hits for Adrian, while Landon Rogers picked up four RBIs with three hits.
Rogers retired Minneota in order in the top of the seventh inning to earn a one-inning

save.
Jansma tossed two innings and picked up the win.

HL-O-F twin bill
The Dragons broke even when they entertained HL-O-F for a conference doubleheader consisting of six-inning games in Adrian May 1.

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winning end of a 6-0, 6-1 singles match against Xander Seaman.
Luverne's three doubles teams posted a pair of 6-0 wins as well.
Jarchow and Jelken topped Brian Buchholz and Cameran Sommers at No. 1, Stoltenberg and Thorson bested Payton Nelson and Josiah Hultquist at No. 2, and Matt Sehr and Ehde downed Jack Frank and Mason Bawden at No. 3.

St. James 6, LHS 1
A six-match winning streak came to an end for the Cardinals when they fell by five points to the Saints in St. James May 1.
St. James swept the Cardinals in doubles competition and took three of the four singles contests to win the match by five points.
Luverne's lone win came from Baustian, who saddled Nick Brey with 6-1 and 6-0 setbacks at fourth singles.
Prevailing in singles for the



John Rittenhouse photo/0510 tennis 10

Luverne's Luke Jarchow squares up a ball on his racquet during Thursday's home win over RWV.

Saints were Lucas Doll (7-6, 6-1 over Robinson), Ben Foss (3-6, 6-4, 6-0 over Ver Steeg) and Zole Becker (4-6, 7-5, 6-3 over Erickson).
Brandon Johnson and Dal-

ton Wolle topped Jarchow and Jelken by 7-5 and 6-4 tallies at first doubles, while Landon Hoppe and Trey Witchcraft notched 5-3 and 6-2 victories over Stoltenberg and Thorson

at No. 2.
Josue Solorzano and Sawyer Evans came up on the winning end of a 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 decision against Jordan Winter and Cunningham at third doubles.

Third place: Frodermann, 400, 1:09.13; Elizabeth Erwin, triple jump, 28-4 ½; 1,600 relay (M. Bullerman, Henning, Lonneman and Frodermann), 4:56.8.
Fourth place: M. Bullerman, 1,600, 6:00.28; Sammy Wieneke, discus, 79-9.
Fifth place: 800 relay (Alesha Henning, Alicya McEliese, Lauren Roelfs, Cheyenne John), 2:08.21.
Sixth place: Hali Bullerman, 100, 14.61; Alvarado, 200, 30.78.
Seventh place: Lonneman, 100, 14.8; Grace Farinella, 800, 3:16.22; Emily LeBrun, shot, 25-0.
Eighth place: M. Bullerman, long jump,

12-3 ½.
Ellsworth girls
Fourth place: Ashlyn Meester, 300 hurdles, 57.4.
Fifth place: Meester, 100 hurdles, 19.72.
Seventh place: Sarah Essman, discus, 60-9.
Ellsworth boys
Third place: Robby Armstrong, 800, 2:26.57; K. Boltjes, triple jump, 37-1 ½.
Fourth place: C. Boltjes, 100, 12.63; C. Boltjes, 200, 25.62; Kruse, 400, 58.0; Brandon Kramer, shot, 35-10.

Fifth place: S. Boltjes, long jump, 17-5 ½; Armstrong, 400, 58.09; Kramer, discus, 107-8; Kruse, high jump, 4-10.
Sixth place: Sam Kramer, 800, 2:32.53; S. Kramer, 1,600, 5:37.88; Carter Boyenga, discus, 106-5; 1,600 relay (Simon Boyenga, Eli Kruse, Austen Klein and Armstrong), 4:30.92.
Seventh place: Micah Onken, 3,200, 13:54.16; 400 relay (S. Boyenga, E. Kruse, Klein and Rondae Nave), 55.8.
Eighth place: Onken, 1,600, 6:00.7; Christian Hoiland, shot, 35-10.
LHS boys

Third place: Winter, 400, 56.58; Rahm, 800, 2:22.61; DeSollar, 1,600, 4:53.11.
Fourth place: Shane Berning, 1,600, 5:15.26; Eric Thorson, shot, 37-4; 800 relay (Ashton Sandbulte, Thone, Dooyema and Eli Haugom), 1:45.7.
Fifth place: Brayden Tofteland, 3,200, 11:16.92; Berning, 800, 2:25.71; Sandbulte, 100, 12.26; Brogan Hart, discus, 99-0; Haugom, high jump, 5-4; Haugom, triple jump, 35-0.
Eighth place: Jarod Berndt, 400, 1:02.07; Jamie McCarthy, 300 hurdles, 49.33; Zach Ahrendt, shot, 36-4; Sandbulte, long jump, 16-3 ¼.

Adrian boys
Fourth place: John, triple jump, 36-6; 800 relay (John, Christian Weidert, Tahj Schroeder and White), 1:43.
Fifth place: Weidert, 800, 2:23.27; White, long jump, 17-5 ½.
Seventh place: Tucker Wieneke, discus, 104-11; Weidert, long jump, 17-1 ½.
Eighth place: Weidert, discus, 101-3.

H-BC boys
Fourth place: Bork, long jump, 18-1; 400 relay (Bork, Dewell Rauk, Easton Harnack and Zander Wysong), 50.72.
Fifth place: George Merson, shot, 38-6; Brandon Taubert, high jump, 4-10.
Sixth place: Taubert, 110 hurdles, 19.88; Taubert, 300 hurdles, 50.02; Raymon, shot 38-0.

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AA breaks through

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Area softball team collected its first wins of the 2018 season during a stretch of playing seven games in five days. The Dragons swept a doubleheader in Okabena May 1 before losing both ends of a twin bill in Edgerton Thursday. AA went 1-2 at the Windom Tournament Saturday. AA, 3-7 overall, hosts Red Rock Central-Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday.

Windom tourney

The Dragons compiled a 1-2 record during Saturday's tournament in Windom. AA knocked off Fairmont 4-2 in the opening round but dropped games to New Ulm Cathedral (6-1) and Martin County West (4-0) to end the day. Avery Balster tossed seven innings of six-hit, two-run ball during the win over Fairmont. Autumn Grussing drove in two runs with two hits at the plate, while Madison Neuenberg and Devin Dreesen registered two hits and drove in one run. Morgan Dreesen and Balster added two hits for AA, which scored the first four runs of the game. Devin Dreesen twirled six innings of 12-hit ball during the loss to NUC. AA, which trailed 6-0 after six innings of play, received one hit each from Paige Bullerman and Shawna Rogers. Rogers drove in a run in the seventh inning with a fielder's choice. Neuenberg recorded two hits during the four-run loss to MCW in the finale. Balster, Grussing, Devin Dreesen, Bullerman and Maritza Beltran recorded one hit each. Balster was saddled with the pitching loss after working five innings of four-run, seven-hit ball. Beltran pitched a scoreless sixth inning.

E-SWC twin bill

The Dragons couldn't knock off one of the top teams in the conference when they squared off against the Flying Dutchmen in a doubleheader Thursday in Edgerton. E-SWC posted an 11-1 win in six innings during the opener before taking the nightcap 14-0 in five innings. AA trailed 2-1 after three and one-half innings of play in the opener, but the Flying Dutchmen scored nine unanswered runs in the next three innings to win by 10. Devin Dreesen pitched all six innings and took the loss after yielding 15 hits and 11 runs. Jennifer Preuss and Kristina Cauwels singled to account for AA's two hits in the game, and Grussing received an RBI for a fielder's choice. E-SWC plated 14 runs in four of the first five innings of the finale to win handily. Balster was saddled with the pitching loss after yielding 14 runs in four and one-third innings. Beltran recorded the final two outs. Bullerman singled in the fourth inning for AA's lone hit.

HL-O-F twin bill

The Dragons posted their first wins of the season when they swept a conference doubleheader consisting of five-inning games from the Coyotes in Okabena May 1. AA secured a 7-4 victory in the opener before edging HL-O-F 4-3 in the finale. The Dragons scored seven unanswered runs in the first three and one-half innings of play to set the state for a three-run win in the opener. Balster, who blanked the Coyotes through the first three innings, tossed five frames of five-hit, six-strikeout ball to earn the victory. Cauwels and Neuenberg led AHS with three and two hits respectively at the plate, while Devin Dreesen and Grussing registered one RBI each. After falling behind 2-0 in the top half of the first inning, AA rallied to score four runs in the first and second frames to pave the way to a one-run win in the finale. Devin Dreesen, who tossed five innings of seven-hit, seven-strikeout ball to earn the win, was tested in the bottom of fifth. AA was clinging to a 4-3 edge when HL-O-L's first two batters reached base in the fifth. Dreesen pitched her way out of the jam without yielding a run. Cauwels (three RBIs) and Neuenberg registered two hits at the plate, while Grussing drove in one run.

Dragons compete at WHS meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian track teams capped five-team fields at the Worthington Invitational Thursday. The Dragon boys scored 50 points and the girls 48. Worthington won the boys' and girls' team titles with 250 ¼ and 197 ½ points respectively. Ryan Wieneke and Scot Edwards placed second in events for the AHS boys. Wieneke produced a time of 54.44 in the 400-meter dash, while Edwards unleashed a toss of 43-8 in the shot put. Kendra Frodermann registered three second-place finishes in Worthington. Frodermann posted times of 13.8 and 28.67 in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and cleared 4-6 in the high jump. Here is a look at the rest of Adrian's point-earning efforts during the meet.

Adrian boys
Third place: Dakota John, triple jump, 35-9.
Fourth place: Brendyn White, 400, 56.7.
Fifth place: White, 200, 25.84.
Sixth place: John, 200, 26.11; Christian Weidert, 400, 58.58; Weidert, 800, 2:25.83; 400 relay (Humberto Ramos, Abraham Lopez, Evan Peters and Cole Weidert), 57.91; 800 relay (Ramos, Lopez, Peters and Cl. Weidert), 57.91.
Eighth place: R. Wieneke, 100, 12.55; Tucker Wieneke, discus, 102-2.

Adrian girls
Third place: Moriah Bullerman, 800, 2:39.76.
Fourth place: 800 relay (Erika Alvarado, Cheyenna John, Alicya McEliese and Elizabeth Erwin), 2:06.18.
Sixth place: Erwin, triple jump, 27-1 ½.
Seventh place: Hannah Henning, 100, 14.24; 400 relay (Alvarado, John, McEliese and Erwin), 59.41.
Eighth grade: Bailey Lonneman, 200, 30.67; Emily LeBrun, shot, 25-2.



John Rittenhouse photo/0510 softball 7

Luverne second baseman Ainsley Robinson attempts to slide across home plate before being tagged out by a diving catcher from Fairmont during Monday's softball set in Luverne. The Cardinals dropped both ends of the set.

Skid reaches five games for LHS softball squad

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne softball team is riding a five-game losing skid after dropping two doubleheaders in five days. Luverne was outscored 21-9 during a set played in Pipestone Thursday before being outscored by Fairmont 19-3 during a twin bill in Luverne Monday. The 7-5 Cardinals play at the Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Tournament in Okabena Saturday.

Fairmont twin bill

The Cardinals couldn't end what stands as a five-game slide when they lost both ends of a doubleheader to Fairmont Monday in Luverne. Fairmont pulled away late in Game 1 to secure an 8-2 win before rolling to an 11-1 victory in five innings during

the finale.

A two-run rally consisting of an RBI single from Halle Hough and a sacrifice fly by Lexi Henrichs in the bottom of the fourth inning put the Cards in a position to pull out a win as LHS trailed 3-2 in the opener. Fairmont, however, scored one run in the sixth inning and four in the seventh to seal a six-run victory. Rylee Olson tossed seven innings of seven-strikeout, 13-hit ball during the opening game for LHS. Billi Connell led the Cardinals at the plate with two hits. Fairmont put together a six-run rally in the first inning and scored five runs in the fourth during a 10-run conquest in Game 2. Luverne played its lone run in the top of the third, when Rozilyn Oye singled and scored

on an RBI single by Connell.

Hough was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing four innings of 11-run (five were earned), six-hit, eight-walk ball.

Pipestone twin bill

The Cardinals received their first Big South Conference setbacks of the season when they took on the Arrows in Pipestone Thursday. The hosts registered a 12-6 victory over LHS in the opener before coming out on the winning end of a 9-3 tally in the finale. Luverne sported a 2-1 lead after scoring twice in the top half of the third inning in Game 1, but the Arrows rallied to outscore the Cards 11-4 the rest of the way to win handily. Olson tossed a complete

game and drove in two runs at the plate with three hits. Olson yielded 14 hits and seven earned runs during her seven innings of pitching work. Connell drove in two runs with a pair of hits for the Cards, while Gracie Bosch and Oye charted two hits and one RBI each. Game 2 was tied at one after the first inning and the Cards trailed by three (6-3) after five innings of play. The Arrows, however, plated three runs in the final two frames to collect their second six-run victory of the set. Olson pitched seven innings of 12-hit, six-earned-run ball to take the loss. Connell led the Cards at the plate with two hits, while Bosch and Hough notched one hit and one RBI each.

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Zander Wyson, LaRock and H.Bork), 1:45.02.
Ninth place: T.Bork, 400, 55.99; G.Raymon, shot, 38-0.
10th place: 3,200 relay (Cole Baker, Ty Bundesen, Oliver Deelstra and D.J.Swenson), 10:26.32; 1,600 relay

(L.Raymon, Bennett, Troy Durst and Swenson), 4:13.53.
12th place: L.Raymon, triple jump, 35-10 ½.
13th place: Brandon Taubert, 110 hurdles, 20.52; T.Bork, long jump, 18-0 ½.
15th place: Swenson, 1,600, 5:36.6.

16th place: Harnack, 110 hurdles, 21-1; Taubert, 300 hurdles, 51.2; H.Bork, triple jump, 34-6 ½.
17th place: Taubert, high jump, 4-10; H.Bork, 200, 25.34; Harnack, 300 hurdles, 51.39.
19th place: Bennett, high jump, 4-10.

21st place: L.Raymon, 100, 13.26.
22nd place: Connor Vandervoort, 1,600, 5:59.9; Harnack, long jump, 16-1.
23rd place: Vandervoort, 800, 2:45.28; Chase Bosch, shot, 31-9 ½.
24th place: Bosch, discus, 78-10.
25th place: Andrew Harris, 400, 1:05.46.

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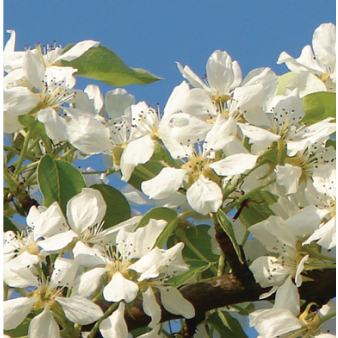
Adrian exploded for eight runs in the first inning to set the stage for a 10-5 win in Game 1. The Coyotes came back to prevail 2-1 in the finale. Ian Stamer tossed six in-

nings of four-hit ball to earn the win for AHS in the opener. Four of the five runs Stamer surrendered were unearned. Rogers, Noah Reyne and Skylar Polzine recorded two hits each at the plate in the win.

HL-O-F plated two runs in the bottom half of the third inning and limited AHS to one run in the fifth to win the nightcap. Reynedrove in Adrian's lone run and recorded two hits

along with Polzine. Polzine was saddled with the pitching loss after working four and one-third innings of four-hit, five-strikeout, one-earned-run ball.

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Thursday, May 10: 2 p.m. GLCW at Mary Jane Brown Home. Friday, May 11: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, May 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 13: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship; all children sing. 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study; Fellowship coffee. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 6:30 p.m. National Youth Gathering meeting. Monday, May 14: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, May 15: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Meet for Ride & Dine. Wednesday, May 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. 8 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, May 17: 8:30 a.m. MIA.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Thursday, May 10: Ascension of our Lord. 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, May 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School (last day). 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, May 16: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Thursday, May 10: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, May 11: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, May 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Monday, May 14: Fellowship Hall reserved. Tuesday, May 15: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Ridder Team meeting. Wednesday, May 16: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team practice. Thursday, May 17: 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.

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com
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.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, May 10: LPEP Poverty Lunch. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, May 12: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, May 13: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service; Senior Recognition Sunday. Prayer Warriors meeting after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, May 14: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, May 15: 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Mission Week registration due. Wednesday, May 16: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, May 17: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor
Thursday, May 10: 10 a.m. Worship on cable access channels. Sunday, May 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service; Senior recognition. Tuesday, May 15: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on cable access channels. Wednesday, May 16: 7 p.m. Choir. Thursday, May 17: 10 a.m. Worship on cable access channels.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, May 10: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 11:30 a.m. DCE meeting at Burnsville. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, May 12: 10:30 a.m. Spring Fling. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, May 13: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; Teacher Appreciation. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour (final). 10:30 Special Voters Meeting. Monday, May 14: 9 a.m. Winkel. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, May 15: 1 and 6 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. Wednesday, May 16: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, May 17: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. 7 p.m. Little Lambs graduation.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Thursday, May 3: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, May 4: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, May 6: 9 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck dinner. Monday, May 7: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors meeting. 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, May 8: 6:30 p.m. Elders meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Thursday, May 10: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Sunday, May 13: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, May 15: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Thursday, May 10: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, May 13: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Last day of Sunday School. Saturday, May 19: 9:45 a.m. Adopt-a-Highway Project.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, May 13: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem; Paulsen baptism. Basement reserved. Tuesday, May 15: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, May 16: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Joint circles at Village Garden. 7 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. 7:30 p.m. Circle of Hope at Marilyn Nelson's home.

Celebrate Mother's Day by enjoying nature

My mom died a while back during Mother's Day Week. God's creation gave her a wonderful honor on the morning she died: a robin landed on her windowsill and sang a song of welcome to a new world. Later that day, the sky gifted her with a big rainbow.

Mom always did her best mothering for three sons when she was immersed in creation: when gardening — tending the vegetables and flowers — showing how to care for the cattle and crops in the fields, and enjoying family rides in the car pointing out the beauty of creation all over the place.

I always think of creation and nature and mothering in spring-time, especially around Mother's Day. It is so good for body and soul to be outside now.

Science tells us that being outdoors in nature gives us a sense of comfort that eases our stress and worry, helps us to relax and to think more clearly. Being in nature outdoors restores our mood, gives us back our energy and vitality and refreshes and rejuvenates us.

Being outdoors now

BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Father Tom Jennings,
St. Catherine Church,
Luverne**

gives us a profound sense of the beauty and majesty of the universe. It makes us more human, healthier and happier.

Spring buds unfurling opens our senses to wonderment. The shades of green, the songs of birds, all that impacts sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch put us in harmony with God's original design.

I might be outdoors for 20 minutes or for two hours; it's exhilarating and magical in spring.

If I can't be outdoors, I can open a window and take in the charm or I can close my eyes and imagine being in a beautiful setting that lifts my spirit.

Here's an idea for Mother's Day Week: invite someone (your mother?) to go on a walk with you for the pure pleasure of spring. Enjoy!

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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Notice of public sale of tax-forefeited lands

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statute § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Rock County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forefeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, May 23, 2018, by the Rock County Auditor at the Rock County Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list contained here-in and approved by the Rock County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forefeited land in Rock County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown St, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156. Telephone: (507) 283-5060.

Given under my hand and official seal at Luverne, Minnesota, this 17th day of April, 2018.

(COUNTY SEAL)
Ashley Kurtz
Rock County Auditor-Treasurer

LIST OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND FOR PUBLIC SALE

NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES			
MUNICIPALITY/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/ADDRESS	PARCEL NUMBER	VALUE	ASSESSMENTS BEFORE FORFEITURE
CITY OF LUVERNE			
That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, of Range Forty-Five (45) West, of the 5th P. M., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the extended North line of Mead Court in the County Auditor's Plat of Luverne Outlots, Luverne, Minnesota, that is Nine (9) feet Southeasterly of, as measured radially from a curved segment of the centerline of the Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Company Spur Track i. C. C. Number 17 as now located and established; thence Northeasterly parallel to said Spur Track I. C. C. Number 17, an arc distance of One Hundred Forty (140) feet; thence Southeasterly along a straight line, a distance of Seventy-Seven (77) feet, more or less, to an intersection with a curved line that is One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet Southeasterly of, as measured radially and parallel to the center line of the main track, now removed, of the former Doon Branch of said Railway Company, as said main track (now removed was located and established, in a Westerly and Southerly direction, over and across said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section Eleven (11), said point of intersection being Forty (40) feet Southwesterly, as measured along the last said parallel line, from the North line of Lot Three (3) of County Auditor's Plat of Luverne Outlots; thence Southwesterly along the last said curved and parallel line, to a point in the North line of Mead Court extended; thence Westerly along said North line of Mead Court extended; a distance of Eight-Seven (87) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.	20-0044-000	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 305.92
Special after forfeiture: Basic sale price:		0.00 \$ 6,200.00	

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES			
RADON WARNING STATEMENT			
The Minnesota Department of Health strongly recommends that ALL homebuyers have an indoor radon test performed prior to purchase or taking occupancy and recommends having the radon levels mitigated if elevated radon concentrations are found. Elevated radon concentrations can easily be reduced by a qualified, certified, or licensed, if applicable, radon mitigator.			
Every buyer of an interest in residential real property is notified that the property may present exposure to dangerous levels of indoor radon gas that may place the occupants at risk of developing radon-induced lung cancer. Radon, a Class A human carcinogen, is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second leading cause overall. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on radon test results of the dwelling.			
MUNICIPALITY/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/ADDRESS	PARCEL NUMBER	VALUE	ASSESSMENTS BEFORE FORFEITURE
CITY OF HARDWICK			
108 S Buckingham St Hardwick MN 56134	14-0082-000	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,704.71
Special after forfeiture: Basic sale price:		0.00 \$ 1.00	
103 S-Buckingham-St Hardwick-MN-56134	*PARCEL REMOVED FROM SALE* 14-0096-000	\$ 1.00	\$ 10,752.01
Special after forfeiture: Basic sale price:		0.00 \$ 1.00	
CITY OF STEEN			
232 S Steen St Steen MN 56173	19-0039-000	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,987.49
Special after forfeiture: Basic sale price:		0.00 \$ 1.00	
220 E Railroad Ave Steen MN 56173	19-0105-000	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,715.84
Special after forfeiture: Basic sale price:		0.00 \$ 1.00	

TERMS FOR THE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND IN ROCK COUNTY

PUBLIC SALES: BASIC SALE PRICE

All Parcels are offered at public auction and sold to the highest bidder. The minimum bid acceptable is the basic sale price that is shown on the list of tax-forefeited land. The basic sale price is equal to the appraised value or the appraised value plus any extra charges for special assessments levied after forfeiture or for hazardous waste control.

EXTRA FEES AND COSTS: IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC SALE PRICE

A 3% surcharge for the state assurance account will be collected at the time of the sale. The following extra fees will be collected when the basic sale price is paid in full: a state deed fee of \$25.00, a deed filing fee of \$46.00, and a state deed tax equal to the greater of \$1.65 or 0.33% of the basic sale price.

PAYMENT TERMS: CASH

Full payment due at time of sale.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS: LEVIED BEFORE AND AFTER FORFEITURE

The balance of any special assessments that were levied before forfeiture and canceled at forfeiture are not included in the basic sale price and may be reassessed by the municipality. These special assessments are shown on the list of tax-forefeited land under the column entitled "Assessments Before Forfeiture."

Any special assessments that were levied after forfeiture and certified to the County Auditor have been added to the appraised value and must be paid by the purchasers as part of the basic sale price. These special assessments are shown on the list of tax-forefeited land with a special line entitled "Specials After Forfeiture."

CONDITIONS: RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF PROPERTIES

Sales are subject to the following restrictions on the use of properties:

- (1) existing leases,
- (2) easements obtained by a governmental subdivision or state agency for a public purpose,
- (3) building codes and zoning laws,
- (4) all sales are final with no refunds or exchanges allowed, and
- (5) the appraised value does not represent a basis for future taxes.

PRIVATE SALES: PARCELS NOT SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Any parcel not sold at a public sale may be purchased after the public sale by paying the basic sale price. The basic sale price cannot be changed until the parcel is reappraised, republished, and again offered at a later public sale.

TITLE: PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

The buyer will receive a receipt at the time of the sale. The Department of Revenue will issue a state quitclaim deed after full payment is made. A state deed has the characteristics of a patent form the State of Minnesota. However, services of an attorney may be necessary to make the title marketable.

Information about the sale of tax-forefeited in Rock County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156. Telephone (507) 283-5060.

(5-03, 5-10)

Wynia applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

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

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 28 in Mound Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2,400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

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

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Notice of Filing for the 2018 General Election

Notice is hereby given as provided in Minnesota Statutes 204B.33, that a general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for the purpose of electing candidates for the offices listed below. The filing period for these offices begins at 8:00 AM Tuesday, May 22, 2018 and ends at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, June 5, 2018. Candidates may file in person or by mail if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.09, subdivision 1a may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidates' absence from the state.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day.

FEDERAL OFFICES
The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St Paul, MN 55155-1299.
One United States Representative for District 1
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One State Representative for District 22A
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The place of filing for judicial offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.
Supreme Court Chief Justice (One Seat)
<i>Incumbent:</i> Gildea
Supreme Court Associate Justice (Three Seats)
<i>Incumbent:</i> G. Barry Anderson (Seat 1) Chutich (Seat 2) McKeig (Seat 5)
Court of Appeals (Six Seats)
Appellate offices are elected statewide. Where designated, candidates must reside in the congressional district listed for at least one year.

<i>Incumbent:</i> Jesson (Seat 2) Tracy M. Smith (Seat 4) Worke (Seat 6 – 1 st Congressional District) Halbrooks (Seat 7 – 5 th Congressional District) Bratvold (Seat 12) Florey (Seat 14 – 8 th Congressional District)
Fifth District Court Judges (Three Seats)
<i>Incumbent:</i> Betters (Seat 7) Jass (Seat 14) Trushenski (Seat 17)
COUNTY OFFICES
The place of filing for county offices is with the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 E Brown Street, PO Box 509, Luverne, MN 56156-0509.
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EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, MN is hiring Day and Evening Supervisors to work with male juveniles in a residential setting. Part time, and/or Full-time, day/evening/overnight shifts. Must be 21 years old and have high school diploma. Send application or resume to PO Box 40 Magnolia, MN 56158 or stop by for an application. Contact Don or Jeremy for further information. 507-283-4425. (5.6-5.31)

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EMPLOYMENT

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SERVICES

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For Sale by Owner: two-bedroom condo, near downtown, second floor, north side. Call 507-935-8018. (5.6-5.10)

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House for sale by owner: 4 miles north of Edgerton. 5 acres, two-bedroom 2-bath. \$150,000 Call 507-215-0030. (4.22-5.10)

For Sale: Honda Elite scooter, 110cc., one-owner, 50-plus mph, 110 mpg, 4,500 miles, windshield, \$1,500. 605-280-9074. (Valley Springs) (5.10-5.27)

EMPLOYMENT

Crossroads Care Center, a skilled nursing facility in Worthington is seeking a full time **Social Service Coordinator.**

Duties include maintaining and/or improving resident's ability to control everyday physical, mental and psychosocial needs.

The ideal candidate will have experience in a long-term care/sub-acute setting and must have previous healthcare experience and possess a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, Psychology or Social Work.

For more information call 507-360-1456 or apply online at worthingtonnursinghomes.com.

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EMPLOYMENT

CARDS OF THANKS

From the family of Jacob Gonnerman: Due to the overwhelming amount of sympathy, love and support shown in his passing, we found this to be the easiest way to say thank you. We would like to thank our family, friends and those close to Jake for the food, cards, flowers and monetary donations to Courtney, Amelia and Wesson. Thank you to the Beaver Creek Rescue Team, Sanford Luverne ambulance crew, Sanford Luverne staff and Dr. Diane Kennedy for the care given that night. Pastor Ron at Grace Lutheran Church for his words of prayer and wonderful service. Dingmann Funeral Home for all of the arrangements. And last, to Jake's friends and family for sharing his stories and memories for us all to hold on to, to get through this difficult time.

Courtney, Amelia and Wesson Gonnerman, Ron and Mary Lou Gonnerman Trisha and Brad Goemmel and family, Kevin, Glenda and Glen Dreesen (4.29-5.10)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the entire Sanford Luverne Hospital staff for the wonderful care I received following my surgery. Thank you also to the therapy staff.

Eunice Bartels (5.6-5.10)

We would like to thank the community for the generous donations given for the rummage sale to help the Luverne Aquatic and Fitness Update and Expansion Project. We would also like to thank Elaine Harms and the peer helpers, Chantel Connell and the Rock County Star Herald for designing our ad and for all those who volunteered their time. Through all this support we were able to raise \$1670 in sales and \$1332 in donations for the project.

Christy and Tanya (5.10-5.13)

EMPLOYMENT

CARDS OF THANKS

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