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Grand plans

Grand Prairie Events Center to open this fall in former Family Dollar building

By Lori Sorenson

Mike and Wanda Jarchow's soon-to-open Grand Prairie Events Center will accommodate up to 600 people with tables, chairs, linens, china and everything needed for special events.

"It's kind of a stationary version of the tent business," Mike Jarchow said, referring to their Big Top Tent Rental business that they sold to a local family last year.

"But we'll have air conditioning now, and we won't have to worry about wind."

The Jarchows are transforming the former Family Dollar building (just south of Main Street on Estey Street) into their event center that will open in time to accommodate an early September wedding.

Construction work is slowly shifting to finishing work, with flooring and walls completed in some areas.

On Friday, Jarchow offered a tour of the 11,500-square-foot building.

The facility is large enough for 600 people, but it can be sectioned into three separate rooms, depending on space needs.

The building offers six men's restrooms, six women's restrooms and three family restrooms, plus a bride's room and groom's room (in opposite corners of the facility), and several private areas for small gatherings.



Lori Sorenson photo/0616 jarchow grand prairie exterior

The 11,500-square-foot Grand Prairie Events Center can accommodate 600 people, but it can be sectioned into three separate rooms.

"I'm trying to make it as user-friendly as possible," Jarchow said.

The restrooms will have lights surrounding the vanity mirrors and accent walls will feature mosaic tile, "to fancy it up a bit," he said.

A commercial sound system will operate a video system with three 164-inch screens, one of them portable.

The kitchen has a three-compartment sink, hand sinks, dishwasher, 1,000-pound icemaker, water station and walk-in cooler.

A list of licensed caterers will be available to prepare the food off-site and have access to the kitchen area for food prep. The caterers will also provide the liquor and

Grand Prairie Events Center/See 3A



On Monday the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved a Historic Facade Improvement Program application by Mike and Wanda Jarchow for their Grand Prairie Events Center. The HPC has reviewed the preliminary design proposal, and the EDA approved a grant amount of \$21,000. The Jarchows have declined the \$21,000 loan portion of the project.

Piles of spoiled grain, ag lime removed from Hardwick elevator site

By Mavis Fodness

Piles of what looked like dirt and sand at Mouw Feed and Grain in Hardwick were removed last week along with an odor that had prompted resident complaints in recent months.

Those piles, however, were not all dirt and sand but spilled grain mixed with ag lime from last fall's harvest.

Twenty-seven semitrailer loads of rotting corn, soybeans and other debris were removed from the Hardwick elevator site. Crews finished with

the cleanup on Thursday, June 9.

On June 2 Environmental Health Manager Jason Kloss with Southwestern Health and Human Services, Marshall, visited Mouw's Hardwick facility after city officials reported a foul odor coming from the elevator site.

"Even though the odor wasn't terrible, there was still an odor," Kloss said.

While the odor complaint may have brought Kloss to the Hardwick

facility initially, he said the spilled grain was a public health hazard because it would attract rodents. The odor wasn't deemed a health hazard.

Kloss said he didn't issue a formal written order for the grain and ag lime cleanup because elevator officials had plans for the removal already in place. They were waiting for the materials to dry before disturbing the piles.

Kloss said a written order would have given Mouw's 10 days to clean

up the spillage. After that time Kloss would arrange to have the cleanup done and expense charged to the elevator.

"If they could do it themselves, that's a better option," Kloss said.

Mike Mouw with Mouw's Feed and Grain based in Leota said Kloss' June 2 visit was the first he and his Hardwick personnel were made aware of the odor problem.

He said it is common for elevators to pile grain on the ground during the

harvest season. Once the entire crop is in, they immediately remove the grain to prevent spoilage.

To prepare the ground where the grain would be temporarily stored, ag lime is first laid to give the grain a solid storage base.

However, the ag lime used last fall in Hardwick failed to harden for an adequate base for the grain and was scraped to the side. As grain is picked

Spoiled grain in Hardwick/See 3A

Farm talk at the table

Farm to Table event at Bluestem raises funds, sparks ag discussion

By Lori Sorenson

Ag education and philanthropic fundraising joined forces Sunday night for a "Farm to Table" event that met both education and fundraising goals.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation (LACF) and the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers hosted a meal at The Bluestem for nearly 100 people.

Chef Skyler Hoiland created unique menu items using corn and soybeans.

Between courses and drinks (beer from Take 16 brewery in Luverne, and wine from local wineries) topics in agriculture and food supply were discussed.

Adam Birr, executive director of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, said it's not just city people who need education on ag practices.

Despite the fact that many rural residents have farming backgrounds, many are now at least a generation removed from daily farm work.

"We need more dialogue like this," Birr said Sunday night. "I'm surprised by the

Farm to Table event/See page 8A



Lori Sorenson photo/0616 farm to table kitchen

Pat Dahmen, Jon Mitchell and Bluestem Chef and owner Skyler Hoiland serve up the first entree, shrimp corn arancini.

Writer, artist remembered for 'kind and gentle' demeanor

By Lori Sorenson

The community of Luverne and Rock County lost a kind and gentle soul early Sunday morning when Frederick Manfred Jr. passed away in Sioux Falls under hospice care.

He was 62 years old and had fought the effects of kidney disease most of his adult life.

Fred was born in and lived in Luverne most of his life, and his friends knew him as a big man with an even bigger heart.

"He was gentle — and very empathetic," said Ben Vander Kooi, who graduated with Manfred in the Luverne High School Class of 1972. "He cared a lot about people and what they were doing."

Another classmate, Joel Christensen, was with Manfred in final moments.

"Fred was a very special friend, a best friend. We knew each other since the first grade, so our friendship had a huge impact on who I am today," Christensen said.

"Fred was kind and humble and



had a silly sense of humor. He loved to banter."

Manfred grew up the son of regionally acclaimed author Fred Manfred Sr., but the junior Manfred left his own mark on the world of writing — poetry, children's stories and columns.

He wrote an award-winning newspaper column, "The Spirit of Sports," for the Rock County Star Herald, and then turned to plays.

In 1979 he penned a full-length play, "Tongues of Stone," about his Blue Mounds ancestors from 1912-1939. It was performed at the Blue Mounds State Park for audiences of more than 500 people.

In 1996 he taught a theater class in Luverne High School in which he encouraged students to interview older citizens to learn about their roots.

He became well known in the arts community — particularly in the Green Earth Players theater group.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Rock County Thrivent Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at The Bluestem.

MS Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Southwest Health and Human Services. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Free Food Ministry June 16

The monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Hinkly history and tours June 16

On Thursday, June 16, the Hinkly House will feature trolley tours around town to highlight businesses and other Hinkly ventures in Luverne. Tours are from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. leaving every 30 minutes. Refreshments will be served, and a freewill donation is requested.

Ellsworth Family Fun Days June 17-19

Ellsworth will celebrate Family Fun Days this weekend, June 17-19. Friday events include crowning of Little Miss Ellsworth at 6 p.m. and a pedal pull at 6:30 p.m., with karaoke under the tent at 9 p.m. Saturday events feature a craft fair at the park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a ribs supper at 5 p.m., a parade at 6:30 p.m., and a 9 p.m. dance with the band "Pirate Taxi." Sunday's events include a pancake feed beginning at 9 a.m., community worship at 10:30 a.m., and a bean bag tournament at 1 p.m.

County Transfer Station open June 18

To accommodate those who don't have enough time during the week, the Rock County Transfer Station will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18, Saturday, July 16, and Saturday, Aug. 20. Call Rock County Highway Engineer, Mark Sehr, at 507-283-5010 with questions.

Pool and fitness open house June 20

Luverne Area Aquatics & Fitness Center will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, June 20. The public is invited to tour the facility and fill out comment cards. The staff and board are interested in receiving suggestions for improvements and additions to the facility.

Kids Rock Sports Camp

The Living Rock Church invites area children who completed K-fifth grade to the "Kids Rock Sports Camp" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 20-24 at the Luverne City Park. The camp includes sports participation, Bible study, give-aways, T-shirts and lots of fun. Cost is \$10. Register at www.livingrockswmn.org/sportscamp or call 507-449-0057.

Blood Drive in Adrian June 20

Sanford Clinic Adrian and Community Blood Bank will host an "All American" blood drive on Monday, June 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Adrian Fire Station. All who donate will receive a free Subway lunch and a special T-shirt.

Free Community Meal June 22

The Fourth Wednesday Free Community Meal will be Wednesday, June 22. Service begins at 5:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Luverne.

Kids Connection at Farmers Market

American Reformed Church Youth Praise Band will provide Kids Connection at the Thursday night Farmers Market in Luverne from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. June 23.

'Minnesota Gold' author June 23

"Minnesota Gold" author Patrick Mader will visit the Rock County Library at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 23. His book celebrates the perseverance and triumphs of 57 Minnesota Olympic athletes from 1948-2014. The free program is funded by the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage and is open to the public.



Lori Sorenson photo/0616 loopys facade progress

The new roofline on the Loopy's building is starting to take shape on East Main Street. This photo was taken Friday.

Loopy's historic facade work progresses downtown

By **Lori Sorenson**

The Loopy's storefront on East Main Street Luverne is taking shape as the building receives a facelift under the Historic Façade Improvement Program.

According to the plans, the front awning will be removed (the awning next door will remain intact and will have

an end cap), and everything from that level up will be new.

Curt and Marilyn Bloemendaal own the Loopy's building, and their application for program funds was approved April 11 by the Luverne EDA board.

The Historic Façade Improvement program offers free technical assistance for

architectural design services as well as financial assistance in the form of loans and grants.

Thirty-five percent of the funding assistance is provided as a low interest loan, 35 percent as a grant and 30 percent as owner contribution.

Funding provided through the program can be used for facade materials,

facade construction, awnings, signage and lighting.

In the case of the Loopy's building, Sammons said the Bloemendaals have declined the loan part of the funding and are accepting only the grant to subsidize their project.

Loopy's will continue to operate in the building as usual.

Minnesota author visits county library

By **Mavis Fodness**

William Kent Krueger addressed about 50 people Wednesday afternoon, June 8, at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne.

Krueger and his wife, Diane, visited several libraries within the Plum Creek Library System including Adrian. Krueger, a New York Times best-selling author, lives in St. Paul and is known for his Cork O'Connor mystery books.

While in Luverne, Krueger talked about how stories encourage, enlighten and inspire readers.

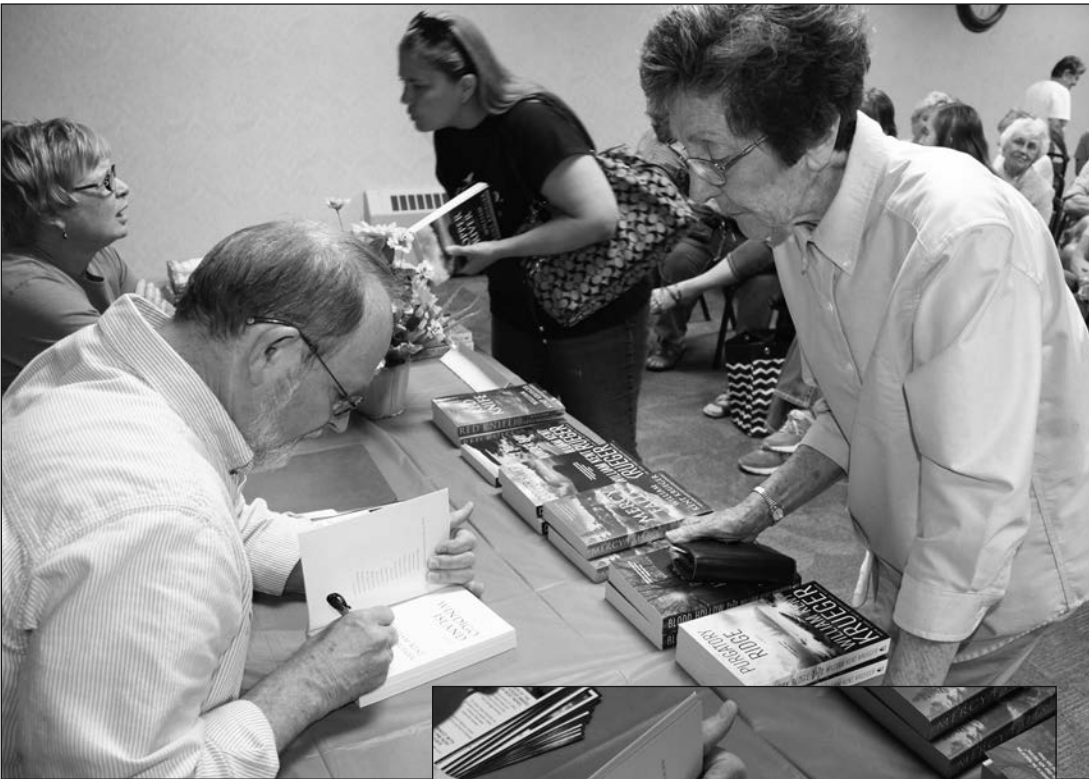
"I have come to believe stories are as vital to our life as breathing," he said.

Two more authors will visit the library later this month. Patrick "Packy" Mader will visit June 23.

He wrote the book "Minnesota Gold: Conversations with Northland Athletes Competing on the World Stage."

On June 25 Phil and Sandy Hamman will visit the library.

The couple collaborated on the book, "Gitchie Girl: The Survivor's Inside Story that Shocked the Heartland."



Mavis Fodness Photo/0609 Author Visit

Pictured above, Luverne's Dolly Talbert (right) purchases a book from Minnesota author William Kent Krueger Wednesday, June 8, in the library.

Krueger (pictured at right) inscribes his latest book as a birthday present to Taubert's son.

Couple faces felony charges for meth in presence of children

By **Lori Sorenson**

A Luverne couple appeared in Rock County District Court Tuesday on felony charges stemming from a June 12 domestic disturbance in their home on West Warren

Street.

According to the criminal complaint filed Tuesday in Rock County District Court, Rodney Dale Thomas and Chasity Dawn Hughes were arrested after officers found

methamphetamine and meth paraphernalia in their home.

They face two separate felony drug charges — one for storing meth paraphernalia in the presence of a child, and one for possessing meth.

They appeared for a bail hearing Tuesday, and their next court appearance is scheduled for June 27.

The children's grandparents cared for them during the arrest and weekend jail stay.



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District tackles facilities improvements

Roof repair, gym floor refinishing, softball scoreboards, all-weather track resurfacing and more on to-do list

By Mavis Fodness
Several building improvements will greet students when they return to classes at Luverne Public Schools this fall.
With almost \$500,000 to spend on facilities this year, district officials have made use of about 57 percent of the funds or about \$289,000 so far.
Included in that amount are recently completed upgrades to the heating and air conditioning systems in both the elementary and middle/high school facilities, and the high school girls' locker room has received necessary updates.
School board members received an updated revenue/expenditure report at their May 31 meeting.
As of April 30 the district has spent 71 percent of its more than \$15 million budget with a little over \$4 million still in the district's operating fund for salaries and other expenses budgeted for this fiscal year, ending June 30.
In its proposed uses of this year's capital expenditure account, roof work began last week on the high school wing where Roof Systems of Brandon, South Dakota, is replacing the current ballast surface for more state-of-the-art materials.
Cost of the two roofing projects is \$302,240.
Other areas (and pro-

posed cost) to be addressed this summer include:
•repainting and refinishing the middle/high school gymnasium floor (\$40,000);
•installing and rewiring softball scoreboards (\$10,000);
•installing industrial technology dust collector (\$21,000);
•resurfacing the 10-year-old all-weather track (\$41,950);
•tuck pointing and caulking buildings (\$45,000);
•carpeting and painting elementary special education areas (\$13,000);
•installing a new phone system (\$46,000);
•finishing the shower room floor in the middle/high school girls' locker room (\$56,097);
•updating the middle/high school fire alarm (\$98,750).
In other business, board members:
•accepted retirements of physical education teacher Mary Jo Graphenteen effective May 20 and elementary custodian Randy Walgrave effective July 31;
•approved the resignation of Kerri Baker as softball coach effective at the end of the 2015-16 season;
•approved Jessica Quisell's request to volunteer for the summer special education classroom with Lucinda Rofshus.

County decides against ag services building construction

By Mavis Fodness
Construction costs may impede efforts to keep Rock County ag service agencies under one roof.
Costs were projected at over \$1 million for the county to construct a facility that would keep the Rock County Land Management Office, Rock County Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service together in one facility.
County Administrator Kyle Oldre reported the building costs at the June 7 commissioners meeting. Oldre said he worked with three construction experts who reviewed the USDA's 154-page building request proposal.
"It would cost \$1.4 million to build a 5,500-square-foot, stand-alone building," Oldre said. "And that does not include the lot."
The county had until June 9 to submit a building proposal to USDA.
Earlier this year county officials met with representatives from the USDA and NRCS. Local officials explained that the three agencies' current co-location on Gabrielson Road is ideal for producers and landowners who do business with all three agencies.
Federal officials, however, ranked the current facility low on its ideal facility standards scale.
At that meeting, federal officials encouraged the county to submit its own building proposal that would meet the USDA high standard.
If the county were awarded the bid to build such a facility, USDA would consider a long-term lease of 2,900 square feet within the building.
After the March meeting,

"It would cost \$1.4 million to build a 5,500-square-foot, stand-alone building, and that does not include the lot."

— Kyle Oldre, Rock County administrator

commissioners instructed Oldre to look into building a county-owned facility that would meet USDA standards and house all three agencies.
However, to afford such a building, the county would have to borrow the money.
For taxpayers a \$1.4 million building would require a one-time 20 percent levy increase or a 2 percent increase per year for the next 10 years.
"It seems like a lot of money for convenience," said Commissioner Jody Reisch.
A third party has proposed constructing a new building that meets USDA's standards on Gabrielson Road, within a half block of the current ag services building.
"From a producer's standpoint, it's close," Oldre said.
In other business, commissioners:
•Set the Board of Equalization hearing for 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 21.
•Changed the time of the June 21 meeting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The commissioners will conduct their annual county tour prior to the June 21 meeting.
•Moved the Tuesday, Aug. 2, meeting to Thursday, Aug. 4.



Lori Sorenson photos/0616 grand prairie events center lobby

The west side of the building features a lobby area that doubles as a small-group meeting space for up to 40 people.

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license when parties request alcohol.
The building will keep the existing 6-by-8-foot overhead door for deliveries.
There are eight heating, ventilation and air conditioning units, so that individual areas of the facility can be heated or cooled as needed, depending on the size of the crowd.
The west side of the building features an ornate lobby area that doubles as a small-group meeting space for up to 40 people. "We can fit several 8-foot tables in here, or 6-foot tables," Jarchow said.
He said the event center will be appropriate for everything from weddings and funerals to musical entertainment and other community events.
As part of booking the facility, the Jarchows will offer a list of suggestions for local caterers, photographers and musicians.
The north end of the lobby near the main entrance opens to a focal area of rustic brick, natural stone, built-in woodwork (by Country Cupboards) and indoor prairie grasses.
The brick accent walls (built by Dave Niessink) are made with bricks from Jarchow's North Estey Street home, formerly known as the A.D. LaDue home, which he has renovated over the past 15 years.
He recovered roughly 6,000 bricks from that project (from the chimney, fireplace and in walls) that will prominently appear in several niche areas of the facility.
It's a touch of history that Jarchow's clearly proud of. "LaDue was involved with the Luverne Brick Company, so I assume there was some connection there," he said.
The exterior includes enough roof overhang to accommodate outdoor patio seating on the west side of the building.
The facility will feature some prairie landscaping elements near the front entrance and out by the signpost.
"Holly (Sammons, EDA director) and the city have been really helpful," Jarchow said about the Historic Façade Improvement Program and the city's Sign Design Program.
At the same time, Jarchow said he's used local contractors whenever and wherever possible.
Dan Hamann is the general con-



General Contractor Dan Hamann works on ceiling drywall in the main room of the Grand Prairie Events Center Friday. Owner Mike Jarchow, below, said the first event — a wedding — is booked for early September.



tractor, McClure Plumbing, Heating and Electrical is plumbing and wiring the building, flooring is from Manitou Carpets, building supplies are from Luverne Building Center and the architectural and interior design is by Mark and Katelyn VanAartsen.
"It always pays to do business where you live," Jarchow said.
Prior to the Jarchows' purchase, the building had been empty for five years after the Family Dollar Store closed in 2010.
Before that, it was home to Luverne

True Value, and it was originally built in 1976 as a grocery store — first Les' Foodland and then Jubilee Foods, where Jarchow once worked as a high school student in the early 1980s.
"They ask me if I am going to wear my gold tie and blue apron," he told the Star Herald last fall when he bought the building.
Grand Prairie Events' website is www.grandprairieevents.org and updates are on Facebook. Inquiries may be directed to info@grandprairieevents.org or 507.227.3017.

Spilled, spoiled grain in Hardwick/continued from page 1A

up in the fall, it is common for spills to occur and get cleaned up in the spring.
Hardwick city officials called Kloss when residents' previous inquiries as to when the spills would be cleaned didn't result in action from the elevator owners.
Hardwick City Clerk Tammy Johnson said residents complained about the periodic smell as far back as April.
Miles Brown, the Hardwick elevator site manager, said casual conversations did take place between elevator personnel and Hardwick residents earlier this year.
He explained the continued rain showers prevented the removal of the ag lime mixed with grain piles. The



Piles of ag lime with some rotten grain were all removed from Hardwick and the materials disposed of by June 9.

most recent showers broke the crust on the piles, releasing the fermenting grain odors.
A report was made to the Rock County Sheriff's Office May 29 about the spilled grain. The incident was printed in the "On the Record" dispatch

report from the sheriff's office in the June 9 Star Herald.
In the report the caller "reported the rotten corn at the elevator in Hardwick is toxic and needs to be removed because it is going to kill someone."
The dispatcher advised the caller to contact the Hardwick city officials.



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Mowing notice: All owners/renters of land in Clinton Township are required to mow one swath of their roadside ditch by July 4.

Also all trees must be removed from the roadside ditches.

- Clinton Township Board

Completion of two life events brings thoughts of another

There's a downside to planning two life events on the same day.

It's over way too soon.

Last month my family celebrated a high school graduation and a wedding all on May 22 for the two youngest children.

My last column was all about May 23 — how I longed for the day after the exhausting weekend.

And now it's all over.

There were no major hiccups.

The timing of events went smoothly.

My daughter is married.

My son is a high school graduate.

Now as summer days stretch before me free of milestone activities, my thoughts turn to future events.

With only boys left to go down the possible marriage path, I noticed my oldest child, Andrew, has been doing quite a bit of practicing for the big day.

On what seems like a weekly basis there are pictures of him appearing in a wedding or at a wedding reception.

His frequent appearances at weddings remind me of the main character in the movie "27 Dresses," where Katherine Heigl was always the bridesmaid and never the bride.

She would accompany the bride to dress fittings, organize the bridal shower and would take care of the smallest details for the bride.

I have seen Andrew assume



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

similar duties for a successful wedding and for an even more entertaining reception.

He's been an usher, a groomsman, an auctioneer of the bride's garter — and more recently a picture was shared with me of Andrew being the master of ceremonies at the wedding dance.

The pictures made me think of "27 Dresses" whose title stems from the number of bridesmaid dresses Heigl had stuffed in her closet when a New York Times reporter showed up at her apartment for an interview about her sister's upcoming wedding.

(Stop reading now if you don't want to know the movie's ending.)

During the reporter's interview Heigl began modeling the bridesmaid dresses for the man who would

later become her husband.

The movie ends at the couple's wedding, where we see each of those bridesmaid dresses being

worn by the brides Heigl had stood up for in their weddings.

I'm thinking Andrew will have 27 groomsmen at his wedding.

Each of those former grooms will wear the colored dress shirts Andrew wore at their weddings.

Now that would be another life event worth experiencing.



There is no reason to fear GMOs

Farm to Table event better equips participants to share right message with those outside agriculture

At Sunday night's Farm to Table event (see the page 1 story) the question was posed, "How many of you grew up on a farm?"

Nearly half the people in the room put a hand in the air. Considering it was an event hosted in part by corn and soybean growers, this was no surprise.

And we're a farming community after all ...

Then came the question, "How many of you today are actively engaged in farming?"

In the room of nearly 100 people, fewer than 20 raised their hands.

Even though we're a farming community affected greatly by the farm economy, there aren't that many of us actually on the farm.

Fewer and fewer farmers are producing more and more ag commodities.

Technology has played a big role in this — bigger equipment with smarter computers can accommodate increasing numbers of acres.

And the science of farming has also improved. The reason our farmers today can produce more corn and soybeans on fewer acres is that seeds are engineered to withstand the rigors of climate, pests and disease.

Deeper roots, stronger stalks and hardier pods and ears add up to more soybeans and corn in the bin at the end of the growing season.

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... there aren't that many of us actually on the farm.

It's the same technology that allows tomatoes to be larger and firmer and apples to stay crisper longer (resistant to browning).

And it's all thanks to genetic engineering, also known as genetically modified organisms — or GMOs.

Because GMOs are in the food chain, many question their safety, and some countries are requiring food companies to label products that have GMOs. (Most commercially produced foods are genetically modified.)

Amid all the fear and controversy, there is yet to be scientific evidence that GMOs are harmful for human consumption. To the contrary, the National Academy of Science released a report this spring that asserts there's no reason to fear GMOs.

And debates almost always include the point that harder crops need fewer chemicals to thrive. Now that's something we can all appreciate.

This discussion came to the table Sunday night at The Bluestem during the event that was intended to be educational.

And the crowd was agreeably friendly to agriculture. As one farmer put it, "Luverne isn't a hotbed of activism."

But we don't always hang out in Luverne, and there are many regions of the globe where the only farming information comes by way of social media — where the scare tactics get attention and are shared with no science to back up assertions.

So while it's true Sunday's presenters may have been preaching to the choir, we all left the room a little better equipped to share the right agriculture message with those outside of the choir loft.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Crookston tennis coach congratulates Luverne on successful season

To the Editor:

I would like to write a short note about the Luverne High School boys' tennis team.

We had the opportunity to play the Cardinals of Luverne in the Minnesota High School state boys consolation finals. Our tennis team had played an extremely tough schedule during the spring of 2016. We have played several state-ranked teams, and half of our schedule was against AA opponents. Even with this schedule, our team finished the season with a 22-1 record.

I, as the coach of Crookston, along with the team, would like to congratulate the Luverne Cardinals on an outstanding season. We knew nothing of the Cardinals before playing them, but they were as tough of an opponent as we have played all year.

The players on your tennis team played with a fierce competitiveness that we have not seen too often. Even though the Luverne players played an awesome match that was closely contested, they exhibited great attitudes and sportsmanship. Hats off to the Luverne Cardinals head coach Greg Antoine, the players on the tennis team and the Luverne school and community for doing things the right way.

Mike Geffre
Crookston High School

To the Editor:

"I am the Flag"

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia.

There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known.

My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all.

My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers — the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at James town and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation.

I am a living symbol of my nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every school-

room throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flagpole for my display.

Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law — Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" — which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are — no more, no less.

Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth.

Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America.

By Ruth Apperson Rous

Submitted by
Buck Underwood
VFW Post 5355
Purple Heart Recipient

Mulligan: Poppy Poster, Poppy Fund monies are for veterans

To the Editor:

The American Legion Auxiliary 123 appreciates all the support from area businesses that donated to the Poppy Poster Fund, from people who donated money to the Poppy Fund, and from volunteers who sought donations for these funds for our veterans.

The Poppy Poster and Poppy Fund money goes to fund several programs including the following:

We provide bingo twice a year at the Sioux Falls V.A. Hospital, music at the Minnesota Veterans Home, Christmas gifts for veterans and their spouses or significant others, the dollar bill shower for residents at the Minnesota Veterans Home, as well as birthday cards and other holiday cards for veterans.

These funds also furnish cookies for Memorial Day and Veterans Day along with the VFW Post 2757, trips for residents

at the Minnesota Veterans Home, dinner and entertainment money for veterans and their spouses, money for the department president and other projects for veterans.

As you can see, the veterans mean a lot to us for what they do and sacrifices for our country and for us. This is how we can pay them back by donating to the veterans program.

Delores Mulligan
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 3

- Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle off the roadway. Advised State Patrol.
- While patrolling downtown during the nighttime hours, a deputy found an issue with a couple of vehicles and requested that the day car notify owners about the issues.
- Complainant reported theft of tools this past weekend.
- Dispatcher received several 911 calls from a tower in Minnesota, but the site was pinpointed in South Dakota. Gave to Minnehaha County and also sent our deputy to check the area.
- Complainant requested extra patrol in a few neighborhoods around town. There have been some minors out at late hours, and they found beer cans.
- Reserved for predatory offender registration.
- Complainant requested help with an investigation.
- Complainant requested assistance with getting out of the house due to power being out. Deputy responded and said all is OK. The power is back on.
- Dispatch received 911 call from location. No answer on voice or callback. Deputy was sent and reported subject is OK.
- Complainant reported a runaway teen. When he was found, he was taken to Southwest Youth Services in Magnolia.
- Complainant requested to speak with a deputy concerning some personal issues.

June 4

- Deputies arrested subject for fifth degree controlled substance and took him to jail.
- Complainant reported a man swimming in the pond near a capsized boat. Looked like he was struggling to swim to shore but did have a life jacket on. Complainant did not stop to render aid in any capacity. Deputy went and reported all is OK.
- Deputies arrested subject for fifth degree possession of narcotics. Subject was taken to jail.
- Complainant reported he lost a black wallet, possibly at the old car wash. Called back and said he located it.
- Complainant requested extra patrol in the area to watch for kids who are out disturbing the peace.

June 5

- Complainant reported someone from the neighbor's yard just threw a can of pop over the fence and hit his daughter with it.
- Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.
- Deputy reported vehicle parked on the shoulder on County Road 6 south of I-90. It is not a hazard. On June 6 the vehicle was still at location, so deputy requested to have Erwin's tow it. Erwin's was notified.
- Complainant reported lots of screaming going on in the 600 block of North Spring Street.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding subjects trespassing on his property.
- Complainant reported patient in emergency room with a dog bite.
- Deputy removed three juveniles from the creamery pond. They were told the owner does not want people there at 11 p.m. and does not want juveniles unaccompanied at any time.
- Complainant reported two vans blocking his driveway. Subjects are standing outside smoking and wandering into complainant's yard.

June 6

- Deputy found an open door on a business. Contacted owner.
- Complainant reported theft of a vehicle. It was located in another city.
- Complainant reported her relative lost her checkbook somewhere in town during Buffalo Days.

•Complainant reported a vehicle that has been parked in their lot for at least three hours and suspects it may be stolen. Deputy checked it out and reported that there is nothing suspicious about the vehicle, and if the complainant wants it towed, that is up to them since it is on private property.

•Complainant requested a deputy present while she removes some items.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about some child custody issues. Complainant says her ex husband took their daughter to North Carolina. She was advised to speak to an attorney.

•Deputy cited subject for driving after revocation. Vehicle released to valid driver. Subject got a ride from location with another party.

•Complainant reported he is following a vehicle that has been tearing up his yard, and subject in the vehicle has been threatening his daughter. The vehicle is going approximately 95 mph down County Road 8. Vehicle was stopped, and driver was cited and warned to stay away from them.

•Complainant reported subject came to her home and broke her nose. Subject located and taken to jail.

June 7

- Complainant requested a gas voucher. Denied.
- Complainant reported a Henning Construction truck speeding east down Main Street heading out of town. Complainant thought it would be in Adrian soon. Dispatch contacted Nobles County.
- Complainant reported a vehicle eastbound on I-90 with two white males that displayed a gun to a caller. Dispatch passed info to deputies. Dispatch advised an address belonging to the registered owner of the vehicle to deputies, and the vehicle was found at that location. Deputies made contact with two males. The two subjects had Airsoft guns in the vehicle. All deputies cleared the scene and turned it over to Patrol at 1:29 p.m.
- Complainant reported a strange phone call made to her cell phone. Dispatch advised complainant to contact Verizon for a call log from her number.
- Complainant requested a residence check for a week.
- Deputy assisted another county upon their request.
- Complainant reported a forgery.
- Complainant reported a vehicle in the intersection overheating. Deputy arrived on scene to find that good Samaritans had pulled the subject's car to a friend's house.
- Complainant found identification belonging to subject. Subject contacted the law enforcement center inquiring. He will pick it up.
- Complainant reported a missing stop sign at intersection of Veterans Drive and the hospital. Dispatch notified city personnel.
- Complainant requested information on how to get an order for protection on someone.

June 8

- Deputy did door checks for all businesses around town.
- Deputy witnessed a female take a cell phone out of a vehicle. He went into business to confirm it was her mother's.
- Complainant reported theft of a wedding ring. Called the next day and said ring was found.
- Complainant reported an individual driving drunk with a child in the vehicle.
- Complainant reported large fence posts in the road on Highway 75 at Interstate Drive. Debris removed.
- Complainant reported someone scratched his vehicle and carved a word into it.
- Complainant reported that there has been a suspicious vehicle circling her block the last few days, and now today someone got out, and she is worried they are on her property.

June 9

- Dispatcher received a 911 call with a small child that sounded like he was playing on it.
- Complainant received a report of child neglect.
- Complainant received a report of child abuse from years ago.
- Dispatch received several 911 calls about an accident at location as well as road buckling. Notified State Patrol. Accident and buckle are in South Dakota. Notified South Dakota Highway Patrol.
- Deputy assisted another county upon their request.
- Complainant reported a man in a red Buick LeSabre, older style, did a U-turn in front of her at location and parked at Sterling's. Will sign a complaint.
- Complainant reported he feels that his family is being loud and disorderly at the motel regarding issues with a deceased relative's estate. Wanted law enforcement to ask them to please be quiet. Contacted motel desk, and they advised that there is no disruption or loud or rude behavior. No action taken.

•Complainant reported a red car, partial plate 531, with two males age 18-20 driving slow, and every time she passed them, they would speed up and fly past her. They slammed on their brakes and stopped at the Manley Corner intersection where she rolled down her window and told them to knock it off. The males then swerved toward her like they were going to hit her car. They took off, and then came back. Complainant pulled into a driveway afraid of what the men might do. They drove off, came back toward her, then turned south at Manley Corner. Complainant wanted it noted because she believes she has seen the vehicle before.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 3 deer accidents, 1 transport, 5 traffic stops, 12 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 4 false alarms, 7 log/alarm sheets, 10 drug court tests, 5 money escorts, and issued 5 purchase/carry permits and 5 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo

Paving the Luverne Loop

The Luverne Loop biking and hiking path received a fresh coat of asphalt last week on Phase I of the project. Above, workers complete the intersection at Highway 75 on the north edge of town.

At right, this City of Luverne photograph shows the portion of the path just west of the elementary school and north of the Dodge Street intersection.



City of Luverne photo

Hot weather causes pavement to 'blow up'

Transportation officials urge motorists to expect the unexpected

Motorists should be alert to the impact hot weather is having on some area highways. "Blowups" of concrete pavement can be very dangerous for motorists. Maintenance crews are keeping busy repairing the broken pavement, especially on portions of Interstate 90.

Other highways prone to buckling are Highway 15, Highway 60, and Highway 169 in south central Minnesota.

When a road is constructed, it is cut into segments creating a space for expansion and contraction.

Sometimes that space is not enough and the pavement buckles or blows up, particularly when the pavement is older and weaker.

The warmer the temperature, the more the pavement material expands.

Blacktop (bituminous) pavement is a more flexible material and does not usually



This Minnesota Department of Transportation photo shows the buckle in Rock County near the South Dakota border.

blow up but may create a bump similar to a frost heave, especially in areas where concrete and blacktop meet.

Officials from the Minnesota Department of Transportation are asking motorists to drive with caution and slow down as there is no way to tell where or when a blowup will

happen. The public can call the Mankato office at 1-800-657-3747 if they see severely broken concrete on state and federal highways. Motorists are also advised to slow down and drive with caution through work zones this construction season.

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Returning to her 4-H roots

Edmundson begins stint as Extension’s summer intern

By Mavis Fodness
Former Rock County 4-H’er Cheyenne Edmundson was right at home Friday coordinating the first of two summer day camps. As this year’s summer intern, Edmundson sees her position not just as a job but a way to repay an organization she credits for cultivating the focus and passion for agriculture during the 11 years she was a member. “4-H has been a benefit to me in other organizations at school. I learned a hard work ethic, organizational skills, being a positive role model,” she said. “I want to give back to the organization.”

A senior at South Dakota State University in Brookings, Edmundson is working toward an animal science degree with a business specialization. She also sees her minors in food safety and agronomy combining with the experiences of growing up on a farm near Garretson as leading her to choose a career that bridges consumers and producers. “I have a passion for agriculture,” she said. “Cultured by all those years in 4-H.” On Friday Edmundson provided the bridge to the day camp participants in the stations she organized.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0616 4-H Day Camp

Former Rock County 4-H’er Cheyenne Edmundson is this year’s summer intern. The former Springdell 4-H Club member wanted to give back to a program that has taught her invaluable life skills.

Centered around the theme “The Path to 4-H is Sweet,” participants learned how a plant grows, where different countries are located, how to communicate effectively, and what life is like on a farm. “This brings back memories of other day camps I’ve been to,” Edmundson said. She likened her experiences as a youth as “thinking outside the box,” becoming excited about

hands-on learning and perfecting skills like public speaking. Edmundson, the daughter of Kelvin and Melissa Edmundson, will also assist the Extension Office in the next day camp scheduled for July 8. Day camps are open to students in grades 1-4. Edmundson will also assist in 4-H’s premier event, the Rock County Fair, scheduled for July 27-30.

ENGAGEMENT

Matt Watnemo and Brooke Tilstra, along with their families, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Brooke is the daughter of Dave and Debbie Tilstra, Hills. Matt is the son of Larry and Treva Watnemo, Moorhead. Brooke graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 2011 and from the University of North-western-St. Paul in 2014 with a degree in intercultural studies. She is currently working at the Salvation Army in Southeast Minneapolis as the youth director.

Matt graduated from Moorhead High School in 2011 and from the University of Northwestern-St. Paul in 2015 with a degree in social studies education. He is currently teaching at Heritage Christian Academy in Maple Grove. Their wedding is set for July 2 in Steen.



Brooke Tilstra and Matt Watnemo

Participants sought for Monday’s work group

The Rock County Land Management Office in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service will convene a local work group meeting to provide guidance and discuss local resource conservation concerns and NRCS programs in the county. The next meeting will be 8 a.m. Monday, June 20, at the LMO lunchroom, 311 W. Gabrielson Road, Luverne. LWG meetings are open to the public to provide localized input into natural resource priorities for the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District. Anyone interested in becoming a LWG member and participating in the workshops should contact Kurt Halfmann, NRCS district conservationist at 283-9146.



Chantel Connell photo/0616 lemonade

Refreshments 25 cents; smiles free

As temperatures climbed toward 90 degrees Thursday afternoon, area kids on summer vacation took up traditional summertime activities, like swimming in backyard pools and selling lemonade on boulevards. Pictured here, Regan Mehlhaff (left) and Kendra Thorson offer lemonade and cookies for 25 cents, and their sign advertises that smiles are free.

REMEMBER WHEN

- 10 years ago (2006)**
•The Interpretive Center atop the Blue Mounds State Park is open again, after three years of being closed for lack of state funding. But it’s not state funding that reopened the doors. It was efforts and donations of local groups and individuals that now funds a part-time employee in the former Fred Manfred residence.
- 25 years ago (1991)**
•Don Wilcox, Luverne, donated his hand-carved, antique wooden car collection to Rock County. The collection is special because Wilcox carved the cars himself. ... He chose to donate his collection to the county because the courthouse was recently remodeled and he wanted people to see it. The display case is located in the basement of the courthouse.
- 50 years ago (1966)**
•Three Rock County girls will be among the 21 princess candidates at Region XI Dairy Days in Pipestone Friday and Saturday. ... The Rock County girls, along with 18 others, will be in the Friday evening parade beginning at 8:30 p.m. Saturday they will be in Pipestone stores promoting dairy products. Saturday evening the girls will be in attendance at a Princess banquet in St. Leo’s Hall. The banquet is open to the public. At 8 p.m. Saturday evening the coronation will take place on the courthouse lawn. The girl chosen will

- represent Region XI at the State contest during State Fair Time.
- 75 years ago (1941)**
•The Rock county mattress project will begin next week, according to an announcement made by county Agent J. Kenneth King. The mattress-making center in Luverne will be in Floral hall at the fair grounds, and it will be the only center in the county. Plans are being completed to make 87 mattresses. The length of time the project will be under will depend, of course, upon the number of mattresses it will be found possible to complete each day. The first meeting next week will be to train a supervisor, and then those who have had applications for mattresses accepted will begin the work.
- 100 years ago (1916)**
• As the culmination of an altercation in which five young men of Battle Plain and Vienna townships became more or less involved Sunday afternoon, Tom Tobiason was disemboweled and received numerous knife wounds on his left shoulder and arm at the hands of his neighbor, John Blankenfurt. The injured man is at the Luverne hospital and from present indications his chances of recovery are quite favorable. His assailant is confined in the county jail with the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against him, pending the outcome of Tobiason’s injuries. The trouble is said to have started while several young men were spending the afternoon at the Haeme & Tobiason home on the east half of 32, Battle Plain, when a quarrel developed between Tobiason and Alvah Wilcoxon.

Recent rains keep gardens watered, but keep close eye on plant energy needs

It is Monday ... again. I’m amazed at how fast these summer days disappear! I always seem to have three more things to do than I can possibly accomplish in a day, but I give it my best shot. So I understand your dilemma about finding time to keep up with all the gardening tasks required to keep the garden looking great and the produce harvested and utilized. Hot and dry weather this week caught many gardeners off guard. With all the spring rain, we have not had to do much watering for our hang-



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

ing baskets and planters, or for that matter, the ground beds. The result I am observing is a few pretty sad-looking plants ... some even expired! When we have to do this much watering, I stress the importance of feeding the plants a water-soluble plant food to keep their energy high. The label on every fertilizer container will give a three-digit analysis of what the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash percentages are. The first number is the nitrogen, which gives green leaves and robust growth. The second number is phosphorus, which develops the flower and fruiting power. The third is potash, which is the root encourager. For a good balance for any blooming and fruiting plant, I prefer to have the middle number be the highest in the formulation. If I were just growing leafy plants like lettuce or foliage plants, the

higher nitrogen would be appropriate, but for plants where we want the color or fruit, too much nitrogen can actually cause excessive growth at the expense of the flowers. The reason for the water-soluble part is that this application is available to the plant immediately. Time-release fertilizers work also, but you have no control on when those nutrients are available ... not my preference, but better than nothing. If you want to feed with every watering, use the fertilizer at half the recommended rate. If you just feed occasionally, follow the dilution rate on the container. I like this to having one meal a day verses three. Some of my early-blooming perennials have finished

their display, and I’m cutting off the seed heads to save myself a lot of weeding later. Columbine and peonies are two that tend to want to appear next year in places I don’t intend them to be. Also, keeping up with the dead-heading will encourage a repeat bloom display later in the season for some perennials and just keeps the whole garden looking neater. My tomatoes are loaded with blooms and fruit ... very happy with the heat we have had. They have been mulched with grass clipping to keep the soil moisture more uniform and to prevent soil-borne blight spores from infecting the leaves. I need to remind you not to be too generous with the water or you will end up with a huge plant and not much else ... a little stress reminds them that their purpose is to produce fruit. As the first round of flowers finishes on the roses, if the variety you have requires removal of the seed hips, be sure to cut the stem back to a five-leaflet leaf. Those leaves just under the flower will usually consist of three leaflets, and cutting there will often result in a new stem of just leaves. Cutting to the five leaflet will get into heavier wood and will result in a new stem of flower buds. Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iu.net.



Class of 1961 meets for reunion

The Luverne High School Class of 1961 celebrated a reunion during Buffalo Days on June 4 at The Bluestem in Luverne. Pictured are (front row, from left) Alice Schmidt, Jerilyn Britz, Alice Henningsen Phillips, Emily Davis Walgrave, Linda Remme Jones, (second row) Tom Serie, Bill Miller, Mary Oeding Scheffert, Nicky Wendt Stubbe, Howard Gangestad, Lorna Jauert Schoeneman, Lorna Forrest Hansen, Kathy Juhl Heeren, Albert DePauw, (third row) Roger Bell, LeRoy Thompson, Dick Herman, Harold Stroh, Dave Arends and Gordy Hamann.

SCHOOL NEWS

Hustoft receives SDSU scholarship

Monaya Hustoft, Luverne, will receive the Phillis C. Hanskutt scholarship in visual arts for the upcoming academic year at South Dakota State University in Brookings. Hustoft, a sophomore graphic design major, is the daughter of Shawn Hustoft and Brad Hustoft.

Christensen graduates from GAC

Cody Christensen, Luverne, graduated Sunday, May 29, 2016, from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, with a degree in management.

Stanley makes MSU dean’s list

Bryan Stanley, Luverne, has been named to the Minnesota State University, Moorhead, dean’s list for the Spring 2016 semester. Stanley is a music industry and jazz studies major.

To earn a spot on the MSU dean’s list students must

maintain a 3.25 grade point average while carrying at least 12 graded credits.

Behr graduates from Dakota Wesleyan

Jessica Behr, Luverne, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota, May 8, 2016.

Jessica is the daughter of Rick Behr, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Iowa State announces dean’s list

Brianna Maleki, Hills, and Natalie Morgan, Luverne, have been named to the Iowa State University, Ames, dean’s list for spring semester. Both are majoring in veterinary medicine.

To be named, students must earn a 3.5 GPA with at least 12 credits.

H-BC releases fourth quarter, semester honor rolls

Fourth Quarter A Honor Roll

Seniors: Tessa Klarenbeek, Trevor Paulsen, Thea Richards.

Juniors: Alyssa Allen, Riley Boese, Isaiah Vis.

Sophomores: Trenton Bass, Grace Holthaus, Angela Martinyuk, Olivia Richards, Kourtney Rozeboom, Paige Tilstra, Jacob Wingert.

Freshmen: Caitlyn Allen, Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Seth Glidewell, Nicholas Kiers, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

Eighth Grade: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Aleigha Glidewell, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Kailey Rozeboom.

Seventh Grade: Annie Bos, Jessup Dunn, Erika Dysthe, Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Ethan Gray, Abby Knobloch, Allison Larock, Taryn Rauk, Jacob Sheppard, Joshua Swenson, Lauren Tatge, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

Fourth Quarter B Honor Roll

Seniors: Andrew Forshey, Hannah Glidewell, Trenton Kracht, Derek Kruid, Stuart Plimpton, Cooper Vaughn.

Juniors: Emma Baker, Jed Burgers, Justice Dunn, Ashley Esselink, Courtney Kruger, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold, Jasmine Lingen, Zachary Scholten, Avery Van Roekel.

Sophomores: Caeley Brinson, Megan Gehrke, Selah Glidewell, Courtney Page, Dylon Taubert, Makayla Wilhelmi, Avery Wysong, John Zomer.

Freshmen: Alexia Boltjes, Hunter Bork, Amber Bos, Ana Hagen, Noah Hellerud, Luke Larock, Wyatt Westrum, Preston Wilhelmi.

Eighth Grade: Joslyn Birger, Eve Burgers, Tyler Fick, Sadie Furstenberg, Kyle Kueter, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Jax Wysong.

Seventh Grade: Chase Bosch, Thomas Dysthe, Tory Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Abbigail Olson, Shayla Rainford, Carter Roozenboom, Brandon Taubert,

Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

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Semester B Honor Roll

Seniors: Andrew Forshey, Trenton Kracht, Derek Kruid, Stuart Plimpton, Cooper Vaughn.

Juniors: Emma Baker, Jed Burgers, Justice Dunn, Ashley Esselink, Mekayla Kolbrek, Courtney Kruger, Haley Leuthold, Jasmine Lingen, Zachary Scholten, Avery Van Roekel.

Sophomores: Dean Fuerstenberg, Megan Gehrke, Selah Glidewell, Courtney Page, Dylon Taubert, Avery Wysong, John Zomer.

Freshmen: Alexia Boltjes, Hunter Bork, Amber Bos, Ana Hagen, Noah Hellerud, Luke Larock, Madison Spath, Preston Wilhelmi.

Eighth Grade: Joslyn Birger, Tyler Fick, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Easton Harnack, Kyle Kueter, Jax Wysong.

Seventh Grade: Chase Bosch, Tory Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Abbigail Olson, Carter Roozenboom, Jacob Sheppard, Brandon Taubert, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

OBITUARIES

Frederick Manfred Jr.

Frederick Manfred Jr., loyal longtime resident and writer from Southwest Minnesota and Southeast South Dakota, died on June 12th, 2016, at Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls. The son of author Frederick Manfred and Maryanna Shorba Manfred, he was born in Minneapolis on February 6, 1954, and lived in Luverne, MN, most of his life.

Raised in the family home which eventually became the Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center, he was a graduate of Luverne High School, where he was student body president and an All State Athlete (Or as his nephews have said, “We’re not sure if he ever missed a free throw in his life.”). Fred received his B.A. in Mass Communication from the University of South Dakota, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. He also played first base for the baseball team, and was the only player who made no errors over a four year stint.

From 1977 to 1979 he was a features writer and sports editor of the Rock County Star-Herald, where he won numerous national awards for his sports column, The Spirit Of Sports. He also managed a three month tour by the South Dakota College All-Star Basketball Team through thirteen European countries and the Soviet Union.

Later in his life he wrote a personal column for the Star-Herald, and also wrote a play, Tongues Of Stone, about the settling of Southwest Minnesota, which was performed at Blue Mounds State Park. He was also president and member of the Luverne Green Earth Players. He was a lifelong advocate and contributor to the Arts and Humanities, the environment, the Legal Advocacy for Older Americans, and the Luverne Backpack Program in Southwest Minnesota.

In late 1980 while attending the University of Ottawa

for a graduate degree in journalism, Fred’s battle with renal failure began. After the loss of his kidneys, he moved to Santa Barbara, CA, where he became the face of dialysis patients’ battles to receive the first-ever doses of Epogen, a life-saving drug. He received

a kidney transplant in 1981, which he lost a month later; so he lived on dialysis until he received another kidney transplant in 1992, which lasted for nine years. In 2001 he again began dialysis in Sioux Falls.

With more than two decades of dialysis experience, Fred became a treasure chest of information for other dialysis patients and health care providers. Highly educated, with a gift for words and a love of humor, Fred was sought after by patients, nurses, and doctors who had questions ranging from the significant side effects, both physical and emotional, to the simplest of issues. He presented patients’ perspectives at National Kidney Foundation functions and was a board member of a national patient advocate group. His handling of renal disease was the epitome of courage and compassion.

Fred is survived by his sisters, Marya Manfred of Worthington, MN, Freya Manfred and her husband, Thomas Pope, of Stillwater, MN, and their sons, Nicholas Bly Pope and Ethan Rowan Pope of St. Paul.

A celebration of Fred’s life will be held at the Palace Theater on Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. All are invited to remember his life and work. Pastor Dennis Olson of the Princeton Theological Seminary will read and speak, as well as Joel Christensen, other friends, and the Manfred family.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home, Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com.

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Stanley Wessels

Stanley John Wessels, 84, Luverne, died Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Wednesday, June 15, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Stanley Wessels was born Nov. 20, 1931, to Fred and Jennie (Bergman) Wessels at their home in Rock County. He grew up in Ash Creek and attended country school. Stan served as a radio specialist in the Army during the Korean War.

He married Gert Hissen on Aug. 4, 1957, at the Ebenezer Stateline Presbyterian Church in Rock County. Stan and Gert began their life together on a farm in Kanaranzi Township of Rock County. Stan was employed at A.R. Wood Manufacturing and then worked as a crop and livestock farmer until his retirement in 1992. During retirement he worked part time at a rest stop near Adrian.

Stan has been a member of the Stateline Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and sang in the choir, the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth, and most recently the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

During his farming career, Stan served on the Magnolia Elevator Board and the Ellsworth School Board. In his younger years, Stan played on the Ash Creek fast pitch

team with several of his brothers, often as a pitcher. He enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, winemaking, traveling, spending time with his family and friends, and his life as a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Gert; four children, Tammy Makram, Luverne,

Tim (Kris) Wessels, Victoria, Twyla (Craig) Schilling, Ellsworth, and Terry Wessels, Lewisville, Texas; eight grandchildren, Mason Makram, Danielle (Aaron) Spykerboer, McKayla Schilling, Karli Schilling, Jenna Wessels, Hannah Wessels, Erin Wessels, and Katrina Wessels; one great-grandchild, Axel Spykerboer; eight siblings, Norman (Joyce) Wessels, Luverne, Enore Boelman, Luverne, Phyllis (Donald) Schouwenburg, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Lowell Wessels, Steen, Iva (Edwin) Elbers, Luverne, Harold Wessels, Luverne, David (Beverly) Wessels, Steen, and Doug (Ginny) Wessels, Hardwick; a sister-in-law, Theresa Wessels, Luverne; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dale and Darrel Wessels; a sister, Vernice Wessels; two sisters-in-law, Jolene and Sharon Wessels; a brother-in-law, Edwin Boelman; and a niece, Tina Wessels Martinez.

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

(0616 F)

Richard Walvante

Richard “Dick” Walvante, 80, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Sanford USD Medical Center.

A celebration of life for both Dick and his wife, Annette, who recently died of ovarian cancer, will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at the Jasper Cemetery in Jasper with an open house to follow at 3 p.m. at the Brandon Lutheran Church in Brandon, South Dakota.

Richard Walvatne was born July 22, 1935, to J. Wilman and Fern (Lockwood) Walvatne in Sherman, South Dakota. When he was 5, his family moved to a farm in the Twin Brooks, South Dakota, area. His father died when he was 14, and the farm was sold. He moved to Jasper, where he lived near his brother Wilbur and wife, Lona.

In 1952 Dick enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in Hawaii during the last days of the Korean War and later on board ship to the Arctic. He was discharged from the Navy in 1956 and returned to Jasper.

On April 7, 1957, Dick married Annette Lunning in Richfield. They moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In the late 1960s they built a home east of Sioux Falls overlooking the Sioux River Valley, where they lived for

over 44 years.

Following the Navy, Dick worked as a car and heavy truck mechanic. In 1962 he began working for the natural gas utility Cengas, Minnegasco, and MidAmerican Energy in Sioux Falls. He retired after 35 years of working in several areas: meter reading, meter repair, distribution line installation and repair, utility location and warehouse management. After a year of retirement, both Dick and Annette worked in seasonal positions for the Sioux Falls Park and Recreation Department. During their nearly 59 years together, they were avid campers and travelers, enjoyed Dixieland and Ragtime Jazz, and journeyed to California and elsewhere for annual jazz festivals.

Dick is survived by two children, Gary (Julie) Walvante, West Linn, Oregon, and Susan (Ronald) Lane, Sioux Falls; six grandchildren; a sister Janice (Dale) Kockx; Annette’s sister and brother, ArDette (Jerry) Gustafson, Edina, and AlRoy (Sharon) Lunning, Westminster, Colorado; and seventeen nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.heritagesfsd.com.

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And he wrote an autobiographical account of life after his kidney transplants, which provided a glimpse of what it's like to live with a chronic health condition.

But his friends and family say his kidney disease is perhaps what allowed him to make the most profound impact on those around him.

Tammy Johnson is Executive Director of the Luverne Housing and Redevelopment Authority, which means she manages the Blue Mound Towers where Manfred lived more than 20 years.

"He was a beautiful mind in an ailing body," Johnson said. "He never played the 'poor me' card. He was creative, smart and kind."

She said she could tell he was getting worn down, but he told her, "I try to be a living example of what it's like to live with limitations."

Christensen recalled this same perseverance in his friend. "In addition to his love for people, I think the thing he will be most remembered for is how he embraced his kidney disease and lived life in a positive way," he said.

"Fred was very smart and took responsibility for his body which is why he was able to live with the issue for 35 years," he said.

"He was admired by patient and medical staff alike in his dialysis unit and was actually involved in the unit's technical training program. As his brother-in-law, Tom, coined, he was a professional patient."

Manfred's sister Freya shared that his doctor once remarked that "Fred's drive for independence supersedes everything, and I've never seen it in anyone so strongly."

In a 2002 Star Herald story about Manfred's search for a living kidney donor, he spoke about becoming familiar with the eight to 10 other dialysis patients in the unit with the same schedule.

"One of the emotional events of dialysis patients is to show up at your unit and see an empty chair," he said. "The majority of kidney patients die of heart failure, so they're encouraged to exercise for endurance. That's why I ride my bike everywhere."

Freya said he lived so long after stopping dialysis. "He'd cared so well for his body, many parts of his body were in amazingly good shape for one on dialysis so long," she said.

Manfred served as the resident representative on the HRA Board, and Johnson said he advocated for residents in the tower.

"The tenants there are going to miss him," Johnson said. "He had that way about him ... that he connected with people. He was a people magnet."

She said Manfred lived in a small apartment and had difficulty moving around, but she couldn't talk him into moving to a more spacious apartment.

"He chose to live humbly. He lived on the seventh floor and faced north. He could stare out that window forever and watch the snow fall on the Mounds," Johnson said. "He told me 'I'm looking out over home (Manfred grew up on the Blue Mounds). I can't lose this view.'"

In the past few weeks, she said she'd had a conversation with Manfred about his quality of life and if he would continue his dialysis.

"He told me, 'I really don't have much quality of life anymore, but maybe I'm still here for a reason,'" Johnson recalled. "And I told him, 'Fred you are a blessing. You are the blessing that came with the job when I started here.' And he told me, 'See? I'm still working my magic.'"

Christensen said Manfred was a "true inspiration" in adulthood.

"In the last couple of weeks, Fred talked about the number of blessings he had. I think that is remarkable when you put it into the context of what he was going through," Christensen said. "He was special. I'll miss him dearly."

His family and friends are planning a memorial service for the weekend of June 25.

See page 7A for the complete obituary.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0616 Relay 2016

Rock County Relay for Life Honorary Chairwoman Brenda Winter (far left) holds the hand of her niece, Kianna Woods, as she starts the survivors' walk with Relay for Life of Rock County Chairwoman Merecie Domagala (far right) Friday night in Luverne City Park.

Mother Nature turns up the heat on 2016 Rock County Relay for Life

By Mavis Fodness

Efforts to revitalize fundraising for cancer research may have wilted Friday as the Relay for Life of Rock County fell short of surpassing last year's amount.

As of Monday, the group of 11 teams comprising 126 individuals raised \$27,784 with some donations still expected.

"We are confident we will hit our \$30,000 goal," said this year's chairperson Merecie Domagala. "We still have this week at Glen's Food Center for donating at the registers."

Last year the event raised just over \$36,000.

Friday's event was Rock County's 16th year participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

According to the ACS's website, Relay for Life celebrates the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembers loved ones lost and raises monies to fight back against the disease.

Portions of the monies also go toward administration and advocacy at the state and federal levels.

Instead of completing an actual relay by walking around the course from sundown to sunrise, this year's teams did a ceremonial walk around the city park in Luverne after the team introductions.

Friday's local event began with a 5:30 p.m. meal and ended with the closing ceremonies at 10:30 p.m.

Between the supper and closing ceremonies were special events including the survivors' walk, balloon release and lighting



Mavis Fodness Photo/0616 Relay 2016

The Pantene Beautiful Lengths Pony Tail Auction brought in extra funds for Relay for Life of Rock County when volunteers agreed to auction off locks of hair. Winning bidders such as Ben Hartquist (left) were able to cut the hair of fellow hockey player Maddux Domagala. Hartquist is helped by Domagala's grandmother, Merecie Domagala.

of the 958 luminary bags in remembrance or in honor of loved ones with cancer.

Temperatures in the 90s with a heat advisory

might have kept the Relay's attendance lower than usual. An estimated 200 people were in the audience to take in the activities.



Jaeva Evans, 3, "makes cakes" in the sand volleyball court in the Luverne City Park. At right is one of 958 luminaries lighting the path around the park.

At left Jim Juhl counts the blessings he's learned as his wife, Brenda Winter (left), battles cancer. Juhl is the first caregiver honored at Relay for Life.



Farm to Table entrees made of corn, soybeans/continued from page 1A

number of people more than a generation removed from farming."

He said he hoped Sunday night's attendees listened attentively and critically.

"We don't expect you to come here tonight to be indoctrinated and just agree," Birr said. "We hope to be credible."

Among those credible sources is a recent report by the prestigious Academy of Natural Sciences that states there is no evidence to support that GMOs (genetically modified organisms) are harmful from a food safety standpoint.

GMOs have genomes that have been engineered to result in hardier varieties of crops and produce that are more resistant to climate, pests and disease. Farm organizations assert that it's allowed them to grow more food with fewer chemicals.

Despite scientific evidence supporting GMO safety, many European countries require food labels to iden-

tify genetically modified ingredients.

U.S. ag lobbyists have fought mandatory labeling.

"We support voluntary labeling, but we're against mandatory labels because of the impression that there's something wrong with it," said Joe Smentek, director of environmental affairs for the Minnesota Soybean Growers.

He said there is an unfounded fear that humans might be somehow affected by genetically modified food sources. "If you drink panther blood, you don't get panther powers," Smentek said. "Your body doesn't process food that way."

He also touched on buffer strip legislation, emphasizing that clean water and air are everyone's responsibility.

"I don't like the direction of more fighting. I'm a city kid pretty far removed from farming, but I know no farmer wants their nutrients washed down the river," Smentek said.

"There's a big disconnect with the

message ... We hear people say things like 'they oversaturate their soil with nitrogen.' There's no oversaturation of nitrogen. It's expensive."

He said the discussion has created animosity between farmers and city residents.

He gave the example of leaf pickup service in many cities where residents are encouraged to rake their leaves into the gutters for the city to come by and collect.

"So the leaves sit in the gutter and it rains ... that's horrible for water quality," Smentek said. "It's not that anyone wants to pollute the air or water, they just don't know better."

Beaver Creek farmer Lyle Rollag said discussion like Sunday night's event is helpful for everyone, whether they're farmers or not.

"We didn't feel Luverne was a hotbed of activism, but we may have equipped them with answers to questions posed by others," he said after the dinner.

Foundation director Emily Crabtree said the event was a success for farmers and fundraisers.

"We've been working on how the foundation can reach the ag community, and the Corn and Soybean Growers came to me and said, 'What if we did an educational event?'" Crabtree said.

The \$40 ticket included the meal and locally featured beer or wine, and proceeds benefitted the foundation, which supports a number of local causes.

Lucas Peters of the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers said the event was all about helping the foundation and reaching new community members.

"We saw this event as an opportunity to help the fundraising efforts of the LACF and have a conversation with people about what local farmers are doing to grow food safely for local residents and a growing population," Peters said.

Hot DAZE



Katie McGaffee photo/0616 face painting
Isabel Wysong gets her face painted at Jacobson Park during one of many Friendship Days activities.



Friendship Days a success despite hot weather

By Glenda McGaffee

By nearly all accounts Friendship Days was a success with many events for all ages and interests staged over the weekend. "Although it was a hot weekend, it was very successful," said Annette Elbers of the local organization Helping Build Communities Stronger. "Thank you to all who came to enjoy the weekend activities." The Kiddie Tractor Pull was canceled and is rescheduled for Saturday, July 9, prior to the fireworks display at the Hills Rez.

Beaver Creek Sportman's Club sponsors fishing derby at Hills Rez

By Glenda McGaffee

The Beaver Creek Sportman's Club sponsored a fishing derby Sunday, June 12, at the Hills Rez. The event was hosted by the group as part of the Friendship Days weekend activities. BCSC president Arlyn Gehrke

said, "There was a total of 60 participants and over 350 fish were caught."

Winners in the 12 and under youth division:
1st Garrett Blank
2nd Mya Erickson
3rd Brock Harnack
4th Donavon Leenderts

5th Mason Mulder
Over 12 Adult Division winners were:
1st Calvin Erickson
2nd Hunter Bork
3rd Joslyn Birger
4th Jax Wysong
5th Thomas Dysthe



Katie McGaffee photo/0616 Tuff Queen
Above: Tuff Memorial Home Queen Edy Briggs waves to paradegoers with Shateen Lichter.

Katie McGaffee photo/0616 Tuff King
Right: Tuff Memorial Home King Harold Etrheim makes his way through the parade with Jill and Jim Reindl.



0616 shriners photos by Katie McGaffee
Above: The El Riad Shriners invaded Hills Saturday and participated in the Friendship Days parade with at least 20 units, which included a steam-breathing dragon (below) and rickshaw. The Shriners select area town celebrations to host their annual All-Shriners Parade, and this year they selected Hills Friendship Days.



Katie McGaffee photo/0616
Left: Children enjoy riding the train in Jacobson Park Saturday.



1924: Defense Day observance means parade followed by speech, music and exhibition drill

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on September 12, 1924:

LUVERNE PLANS FOR DEFENSE TEST DAY

Local Committee Completes Arrangements for Fitting Observance of Day This Afternoon

CO. H TO BE RECRUITED TO FULL WAR STRENGTH

Parade at 3 o'clock will be followed by Speech, Music and Exhibition Drill at Fair Grounds

Today is Defense Day, and it will be observed in Luverne this af-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

ternoon with appropriate exercises, conforming to the proclamations issued by President Coolidge and Governor Preus.

Company H, of the 205th infantry, M. N. G., will, under the order of the war department be mobilized to full war strength for the day only, such mobilization to be through volunteer recruiting. The war strength of Company H is 141 men and 5 officers.

The program for the day, as arranged by the committee appointed

by Mayor C. S. Brewer, calls for the observance of the day to begin at 3 o'clock this afternoon. At that hour all citizens who wish to enlist in Company H for the exercises, are requested to assemble at the armory for enrollment.

At the meeting of the Luverne Kiwanis club last week, it was unanimously voted that all members of the club enlist in the company for the day. This number will not bring the company up to full war strength. Moreover, the company is not restricted to number above given, but can enroll as many as volunteer. Therefore, all citizens of military age are invited to enlist.

At 3 o'clock, or after the mobilization of the company, the company will form in line and march from the Armory to the corner of Main and Freeman; thence east to the corner of Main and McKenzie streets; thence

back to the corner of Main and Freeman, and thence to the fair grounds. The regular members of the company will appear in uniform, while the recruits will be given distinctive badges. In the formation for the parade, the regular members and the recruits will intermingle.

At 2:45 the company bugler will sound the assembly to call attention to the hour of enlistment.

When the company reaches the fair grounds they will form in front of the speakers' stand, where Major A. A. Anderson will read the Governor's proclamation. Following this a short address, explaining the purpose of defense test day, will be given by E. H. Canfield, Esq. These exercises will be interspersed with selections by the Luverne band. One of the selections will be "America," and all present will be asked to join in singing the anthem.

At the close of these exercises the recruits will be dismissed and the regular members of Company H will then give an exhibition drill. Following the drill the company will march to the Armory for dismissal.

At meetings held during the past week by the Luverne Commercial club and Dell-Hogan Post, American Legion, approval of defense day was voted by these organizations, with the understanding that hearty cooperation should be given.

The local committee in charge of the observance is Frank Ferguson, H. C. Engan, Henry Koehn and James Horne.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

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LHS boys' tennis team reaches program milestones

Group earns first victory at a state tournament

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne boys' tennis team reached a milestone at the 2016 Minnesota State Boys Tennis Tournament.

Playing in the team tournament for the seventh consecutive year, Luverne earned a victory at the state tournament as a team for the first time ever.

"The kids were really excited and proud to be the ones to win that first match at state," Luverne coach Greg Antoine said.

The Cardinals benefited from a favorable draw, according to Antoine.

"Our draw was about as nice as we could expect. Mostly outstate schools and no private schools," the coach pointed out.

After falling to Foley 6-1 in the opening round on Tuesday, June 7, the Cardinals defeated Columbia Heights 5-2 later that same day at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

Luverne capped the team portion of the season by falling to Crookston 4-3 in the consolation championship match on Wednesday, June 8.

Crookston 4, Luverne 3

The Cardinals came close to winning their second match in the state tournament when they dropped a 4-3 match to Crookston.

"We couldn't quite get enough points," Antoine said. "But it was sure close."

In singles play, Cardinal

Erik Wohnoutka was defeated by Bobby Tiedemann 7-5, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.

At No. 2 singles, Jacob Jarchow lost to Crookston's Andy Gregg 6-1, 6-4. Luverne's Chris Jelken defeated Matt Garmen 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

Mark Robinson of Luverne was victorious over Nick Garmen at No. 4 singles 6-3, 2-6, 10-8.

In No. 1 doubles play, Dalton Schoeneman and Layne Curtis of Luverne defeated Crookston's Jordan Bengtson and Elijah Phaiiah 6-1, 7-5.

At No. 2 doubles, Jacob Roesch and Ian Johnson of Crookston defeated the Cardinals' Cade Ver Steeg and Tanner Baustian 6-7 (3), 6-0, 10-5.

Luverne's Trey Baustian and Isaac Gillette were defeated by Jake Widseth and Michael Olson 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles.

Luverne 5, Columbia Heights 2

The Cardinals made history when the team won a match at the state tournament for the first time on Tuesday, June 7.

Luverne defeated Columbia Heights 5-2 in the consolation semifinals played in Minneapolis.

Antoine said his team played very well in the match.

"They had a couple of tough kids on top, but all the rest of our guys won," he said.

At No. 1 singles, Wohnoutka of Luverne was defeated by Blake Kuether of Columbia

Heights 6-1, 6-2.

Manij Ghishing defeated Luverne's Jarchow 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Jelken earned a victory for the Cardinals at No. 3 singles defeating Charlie Vivar 6-0, 6-0.

Luverne's Robinson defeated Peter Heryla 6-0, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

In doubles play, all three Luverne pairs came out on top during the match.

Schoeneman and Curtis defeated Columbia Heights' Elyazid Chiboub and Rachid Chiboub 3-6, 6-3, 10-7 at No. 1 doubles.

Ver Steeg and Tanner Baustian continued the winning in doubles play for the Cardinals when they defeated Michael O'Leary and Nicholas Hosch 4-6, 6-2, 10-4 at No. 2 doubles.

Trey Baustian and Gillette completed the doubles sweep when they earned the victory over Mahir Ibrahim and Sam Stockwell 6-4, 6-1.

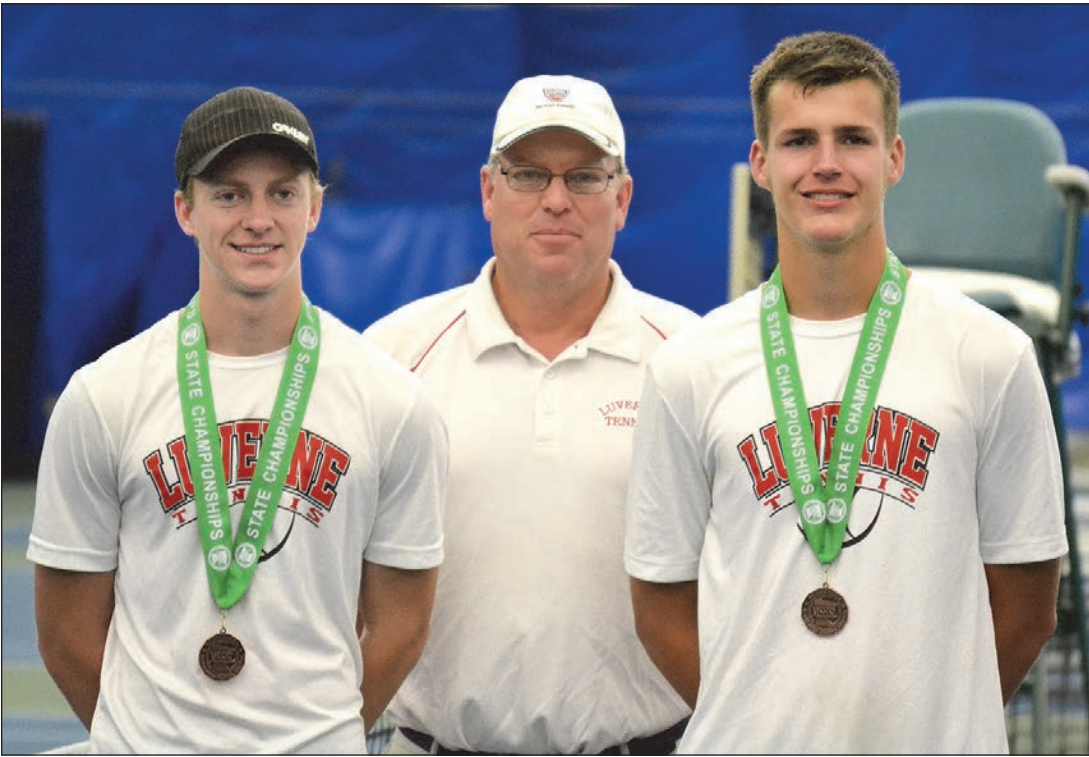
"We knew when we went into the match that if we played to our potential, we had a good chance to get our first win and we did," Antoine stated.

Foley 6, Luverne 1

Luverne opened the 2016 state tournament with a 6-1 loss to Foley in the quarterfinal round.

"Foley was just a little better and a little deeper than us," Antoine pointed out.

Tennis, Continued Page 3B



Submitted Photo

The Luverne doubles players senior Erik Wohnoutka (left) and junior Chris Jelken (right) won the consolation championship at Friday's Minnesota Class A State Boys' Tennis Tournament. They are pictured with coach Greg Antoine (center).

Wohnoutka, Jelken win doubles consolation championship

By Jason Berghorst

A pair of Luverne High School tennis players ended their season with a victory when they won the consolation championship at the 2016 Minnesota State Boys Tennis Tournament in Minneapolis on Friday.

Senior Erik Wohnoutka and junior Chris Jelken qualified for the state tournament when they won the Section

3A doubles championship on May 31.

The Cardinal duo opened doubles play at the state tournament against Jordan Ziwicki and Logan Scott of Foley on June 9.

The Luverne duo lost 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2 to the Foley doubles team to enter the consolation bracket of the tournament.

"That was a close, very

fun match to watch," Luverne coach Greg Antoine said.

In the first round of the consolation tournament, the Luverne team faced something Antoine had never seen at the state tournament before.

When the match against a doubles team from St. Paul Academy and Summit School was scheduled to start, only

Doubles, Continue Page 3B

VFW baseball team remains undefeated

Record now 7-0

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne VFW baseball team ran its record to 7-0 with two home wins in the past week.

The Cardinals defeated Pipestone 20-10 Thursday and Slayton 10-5 Monday.

Luverne plays at Worthington on Thursday.

Luverne 10, Slayton 5

The Cardinals played a solid game when they hosted the Slayton VFW team Monday.

Jade Smith was the starting pitcher for Luverne. He pitched three innings and gave up five runs.

Tyler Reisdorfer replaced Smith, pitching four innings and giving up no runs.

Offensively for Luverne, Derek Lundgren was two for four at the plate and scored three runs.

Declan Beers was also two for four in the game. Beers and Will Mumme each scored two runs for Luverne.

Box score	AB	R	H
Nath	1	0	0
Serie	5	0	2
Reisdorfer	4	1	1
Mumme	2	2	1
Haugen	4	1	0
Beers	4	2	2
Lundgren	4	3	2
Ziegler	4	1	1
Reisch	4	0	1

Luverne 20, Pipestone 10

Luverne came out on top of an offense-oriented game played in Luverne Thursday, June 9.

"It was a crazy one. Lots of errors and walks by both teams," Luverne coach Mike Wenninger said.

Matt Ziegler and Ben Serie each pitched one inning for the Cardinals.

Lundgren finished the game on the mound, pitching the remaining four innings.

Mumme, Trey Roberts and Jade Smith each had two hits for Luverne.

Runs came in bunches for Luverne during the game.

VFW, Continued on 4B

Schandelmeier sets school record in individual 3,200; LHS girls' 3,200-meter relay team finishes in fourth place

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne girls' track and field team had seven athletes competing in five different events at the 2016 Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Championships at Hamline University in St. Paul Friday and Saturday.

This year's state meet will be long remembered for the heat and humidity that made conditions difficult.

"Overall it was just a very challenging meet," said longtime Luverne coach Craig Nelson.

Temperatures on both Friday and Saturday were well over 90 degrees.

"Our kids did a great job staying hydrated and on their feet," Nelson said.

"But, considering the spring we had, to go from meets with temps in the 50s and then a couple in the 70s to over 90 degrees at the state meet was a tough transition for the kids."

The Cardinal 3,200-meter relay team overcame the heat to place fourth at the state meet.

The relay team, made up of junior Madison Schandelmeier, freshmen Gabrielle Ferrell and Jady Anderson, and seventh-grader Autumn

Girls, Continued on 3B



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Luverne junior Madison Schandelmeier (pictured competing in the 3,200-meter relay) set a new school record in the individual 3,200-meter run at Saturday's Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Championships at Hamline University in St. Paul.

Heat, humidity add competition to LHS boys' track team appearance at state meet

By Jason Berghorst

Three members of the Luverne boys' track team represented Section 3A at the Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Championships Friday and Saturday.

The Cardinal athletes competed against the state's best in three different events: the 300-meter hurdles, pole vault and shot put.

The athletes at Hamline University in St. Paul experienced hot and humid conditions that made the already stiff competition even more of a challenge this year.

"The conditions were not the best," said Luverne coach Craig Nelson. "It was a tough couple of days to compete."

Cardinal junior Logan Stratton led the Luverne trio by placing seventh and earning three team points in the shot put with a throw of 49-06.

Luverne's Matthew Hup competed in the pole vault at the state meet.

By clearing 13-0, the LHS junior set a new personal best and placed ninth overall while adding one team point to the Luverne

total.

Senior Mitchell Muller participated in the 300-meter hurdles in St. Paul.

Running in the first heat of the prelims, Muller finished in sixth place with a time of 42.37 and did not qualify for the finals.

Nelson, who coached his final high school track meet after 32 seasons, said he was pleased with his athletes' efforts.

"Considering the extreme heat and competing against the best of the best, I think our kids did real well," he said.

At left: Luverne junior Matthew Hup cleared 13 feet and set a new personal best while competing at the state track tournament in the Twin Cities over the weekend.



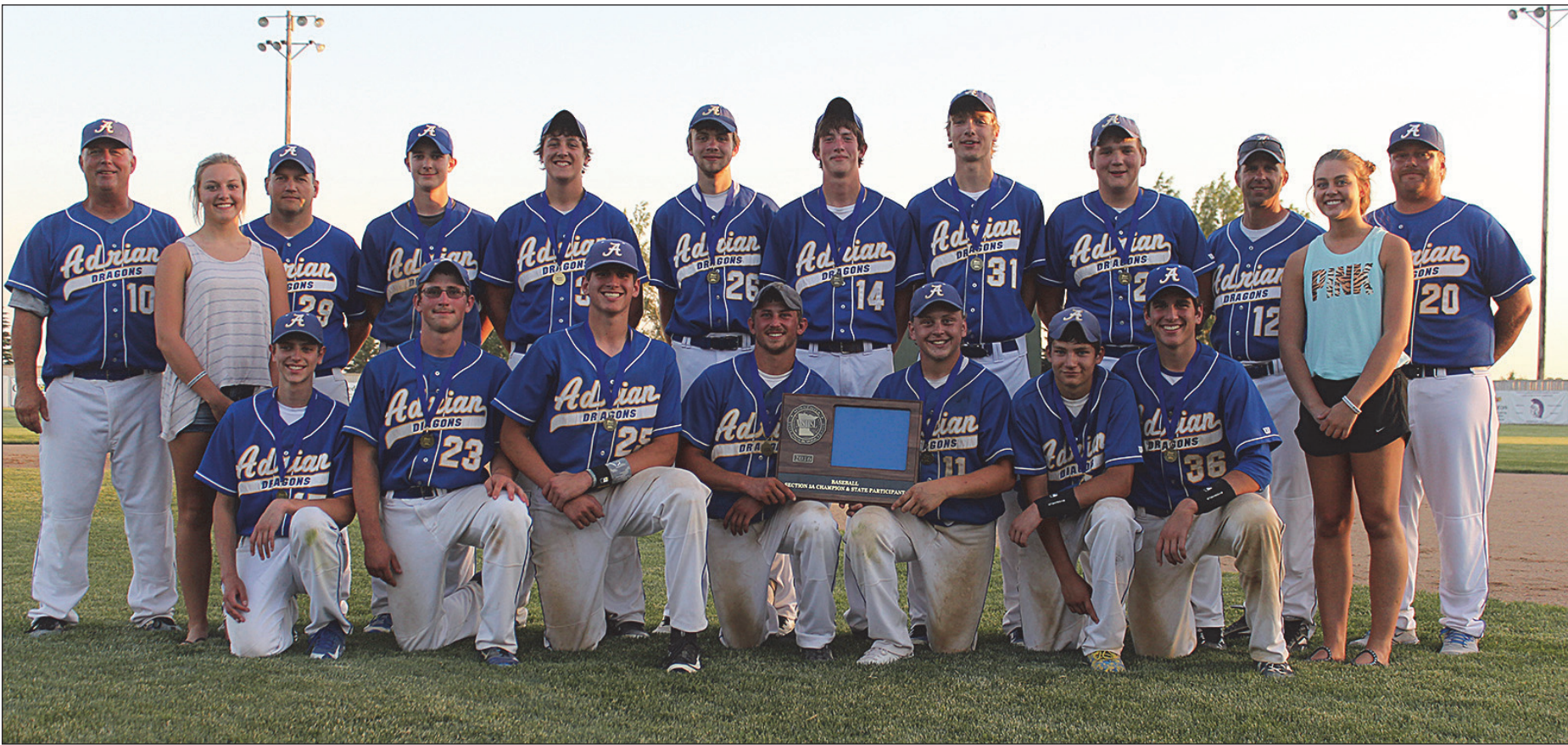
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Adrian baseball makes way into state tournament

Dragons play first game tonight against Ely

By Jason Berghorst
The Adrian Dragon baseball team punched its ticket to the state tournament on Thursday, June 9, in Milroy. The Dragons won the Section 3A baseball title when the team defeated Canby twice on the same night. Adrian reached the championship game by defeating Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg (KMS) in elimination bracket play on June 7. The Dragons, with a record of 19-7, will open the state tournament today (Thursday) at 5:30 in Chaska when they face Ely. Ely, with a record of 20-5, is seeded third in the tournament. Adrian enters the state tournament unseeded.

Adrian 6, Canby 1
After Adrian defeated the Canby Lancers in the 5 p.m. game Thursday, each team had one loss in the Section 3A tournament, forcing a 7 p.m. game to determine which team would go on to the state tournament. Adrian bats came alive early in the second game of the night. Michael Preuss opened the first inning with a single. He scored the Dragons' first run of the contest when Zach Loosbrock singled with two out. The Dragons then loaded the bases when Alex Loosbrock reached base on a Canby error and Mitchell Wagner earned a walk. Ryan Wieneke then hit a line drive down the left field line that went all the way to the wall for a three RBI triple that gave Adrian a 4-1 lead. In the fifth inning, Jake Stamer scored off a Zach Loosbrock sacrifice fly. Adrian capped its scoring in the game when Mitchell



The Adrian Dragons earned a trip to the state baseball tournament by winning the Section 3A baseball championship June 9 in two games against Canby. Pictured are (back, from left) head coach Kevin Nowotny, manager Lexi Slater, coach Randy Schettler, Jeffrey Cauwels, Mitchell Wagner, Nate Lonneman, Zach Hendel, Ryan Wieneke, Skylar Polzine, coach Gregg Nelson, manager Taylor Loosbrock, coach Joe Kruger, (front, left) Colin Varley, Landon Rogers, Alex Loosbrock, Logan Rogers, Michael Preuss, Jake Stamer and Zach Loosbrock.

Wagner scored after a sacrifice bunt by Wieneke and a single by Zach Hendel to make the score 6-1. Sophomore pitcher Landon Rogers started the second game on the mound, just as he did the first game of the night. Landon Rogers pitched four and one-third innings, allowing one run on four hits while walking none and striking out one Canby hitter. Senior ace pitcher Logan Rogers replaced his brother on the mound in the fifth inning. He allowed no runs on one hit to earn the save and send his team to the state tournament.

Adrian 5, Canby 3
Adrian needed to defeat Canby in the first game of the night Thursday in order to force a second game between the two teams to determine a trip to the state tournament. The Dragons did just that by coming out on top of the Lancers 5-3 in a game played in 95-degree heat in Milroy. Landon Rogers was the

starting pitcher for Adrian. He went one and two-thirds innings allowing two runs on no hits and walking one batter. Alex Loosbrock and Preuss followed Landon Rogers on the mound, pitching a combined one and a third inning and allowing one additional Canby run. Senior Logan Rogers then pitched the rest of the game to pick up the win. He gave up no runs, issued no walks and struck out three batters. Offensively for the Dragons, Jake Stamer was two for four with a double that scored two runs in the fourth inning. Preuss scored twice for Adrian, once in the third inning and once in the fourth inning, while going two for three at the plate.

Adrian 8, KMS 1
The Dragons reached the Section 3A championship game by defeating the Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Fighting Saints 8-1 in Milroy June 7.

Adrian senior Logan Rogers produced another strong pitching performance. Rogers pitched the first six innings for the Dragons. He allowed just one run on two hits and struck out eleven KMS batters. Stamer entered the game in the seventh inning in relief of Rogers, but the bases were quickly loaded after two walks were issued to the Saints and one KMS batter was hit by a pitch. With the bases loaded and one out, Adrian Coach Kevin Nowotny chose to return Rogers to the pitcher's mound. The senior stuck out the last two hitters to end the game and continue his team's season. The Dragons scored first in the game when a sacrifice fly by Logan Rogers scored Preuss who had hit a double before being bunted to third by Stamer. Adrian added two more runs in the second inning with Landon Rogers and Hendel



Adrian sophomore Jeffrey Cauwels crosses home plate to score against Canby Thursday night.

scoring unearned runs when a slow roller to third base by Preuss was thrown into the dirt at first base by a KMS player. In the top of the seventh inning, Preuss and Stamer both walked and Logan Rogers reached on an infield single to load the bases. A fielder's choice by Zach Loosbrock, singles by Alex Loosbrock, Wagner, and Wieneke, and a double by Hendel led to a total of five more runs scored by Adrian in the inning. Wagner and Hendel were both two for three at the plate in the contest.



Girls track team/continued from 2B

Ten members of the Luverne High School track and field teams competed at the Minnesota State Meet in St. Paul. Pictured are (from left) Logan Stratton, Madison Schandelmeier, Mitchell Muller, Jadyn Anderson, Courtney Siebenahler, Regan Feit, Morgan Edwards, Autumn Nath, Gabrielle Ferrell and Matthew Hup.

Submitted Photo

Nath, ran a season best 9:41.31 race to place fourth and earn the team six points. Schandelmeier produced another highlight for the Cardinals when she set a new school record in the 3200-meter run. Her fifth place finish at the state meet set a new LHS record at 11:20.18 and earned her team five points. Senior Morgan Edwards also medaled for the Cardinals, placing eighth in the shot put with a throw of 38-07.50 while gaining two team points. Anderson also competed in the 800-meter run. Her 2:20.64 in the prelim race equaled her personal best in the race and just missed qualifying for the finals by 0.92 seconds. Luverne seventh-grad-

er Regan Feit ran in the 1,600-meter race in St. Paul. She placed fourteenth in the event with a time of 5:42.25. Courtney Siebenahler, an LHS junior, competed in the triple jump at the state meet. Her jump of 34-03.75 earned fifteenth place. Overall, the Luverne girls' team tied for 24th place out of the 76 teams that scored points at the state meet. "The coaches are just super proud of the efforts of the kids at the state meet," Nelson said. "You can't help but feel pressure at the state meet; it's the biggest stage with the best athletes," Nelson continued. "Our kids handled the pressure and the heat exceptionally."

Doubles tennis at state continued from 2B

one of the two players was present. "The rules say that after ten minutes if the player isn't there, the other team wins by default," Antoine said. "So, we won by default because of a no show." Next the LHS team faced Devin Hutton and Isaac Olson of Thief River Falls in the consolation semifinals on Friday. The Cardinal duo won 6-2, 6-3 to move to the championship game of the consolation bracket. "The boys kind of dominated in that match. They looked really good," the coach stated. Wohnoutka and Jelken faced Litchfield's Josh Praul and Ben Haugo in their final match. "The Litchfield kids were just big and strong," Antoine said. "They were fast and ag-

gressive to the net." After losing the first set 3-6, Antoine said the Luverne players "got tough and dug down" to win the second set 7-5. The third and final set, which is played to ten points and must be won by two points, was very close throughout. The teams were tied at 6-6 and then 8-8 before the Litchfield team went up 9-8 and could have won the match on the next serve. Wohnoutka and Jelken fought back and went back and forth before finally coming out on top 12-10 to secure the consolation championship. "The kids really played well that last day," Antoine said. "Overall, it was a great experience and we played all four days of the tournament for the first time"

H-BC's Scholten finishes on podium at state track meet

By Jason Berghorst
Hills-Beaver Creek junior Zach Scholten represented the Patriots and Section 3A at the Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Championships Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul. Scholten earned the opportunity to compete on the state's biggest track and field stage when he cleared 6-5 in the high jump at the Section 3A meet June 2.

At the state meet, Scholten's jump of 6-2 earned an eighth place finish against the state's best track and field talent. Redwood Valley senior Cade Johnson, also representing Section 3A, won the state high jump title when he cleared 6-6 at the state meet. Rushford-Peterson/Houston won the Class A boys' track and field team title with 57 total team points.

Springwater Township Mowing Notice

Landowners are now responsible for mowing three times per summer, depending on rain and growth. It is recommended that shoulders be mowed around the 15th of each month in June, July, August and September. The first mowing should be done by June 20, 2016. Failure to do so will result in a township official performing the task at \$100 per half mile, per time.

Springwater Township Board

Tennis/continued from 2B

Wohnoutka lost to Foley's Zach Kantor 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 singles. At No. 2 singles, Logan Scott defeated Luverne's Jarchow 6-3, 6-2. Jelken lost to Jordan Ziwicki 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 singles. Robinson scored the only points in the match for the Cardinals when he defeated Marvin Seegraber 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4 singles. In doubles play, Schoen-

eman and Curtis lost to Adam Ritsche and Mitchell Wruck 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles. Connor Scott and Jamison Gothman then defeated Luverne's Ver Steeg and Tanner Baustian 6-4, 6-3. Foley's Matthew Bollin and Jacob Hageman completed the doubles sweep for Foley when they beat Trey Baustian and Gillette 6-4, 5-7, 1-7.

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Special recognition given to retiring Coach Nelson
Retiring LHS track coach Craig Nelson (far left) was honored at the annual track and field banquet Monday night in the Blue Mound Banquet Center. He received a quilt made from LHS state track T-shirts. Pictured with him are Ruth Stoakes and Connie Lais.



Jason Berghorst Photo/0619 VFW

First baseman Matt Ziegler of the Luverne VFW baseball team records an out against Slayton Monday.

VFW team continues winning season/Continued from 2B

Gaige Nath, Beers, Mumme and Mark Sterrett all crossed home plate three times while Jake Haugen, Lundgren and Smith scored twice in the contest.

Box score	AB	R	H
Nath	1	3	0

Beers	4	3	1
Haugen	3	2	1
Mumme	4	3	2
Lundgren	3	2	1
Sterrett	3	3	1
Ziegler	1	1	1
Reisch	2	0	0
Serie	1	0	0
Roberts	4	1	2
Smith	3	2	2

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- Transport of equipment must be completed from start to finish in seven (7) business days from notification that individual was awarded.
- Quote may be for all of equipment or a parcel of the equipment.

Quote must be specific to equipment desired.

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- o Little Tykes Red Slide/Monkey Bars Equipment
- o Metal Climbing Cage

- Perspective buyers may inspect the equipment by appointment. Please call Jason Phelps, Elementary School Principal—ph 507-673-2541 x11

Equipment is sold “as is.” The Hills-Beaver Creek School District #671 provides no warranty or service/upkeep of equipment. It is the buyer's responsibility to ensure safety of equipment and its intended use.

Procedure: Individuals desiring to provide a Quote for one or more of the above listed items may request a Quote form from Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at: g.kuehl@isd671.net, or interested individuals may stop by the District Office at 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 between 8 am and 3:30 pm. Quote submittal deadline 3:00 pm cst on Thursday, June 23. Quotes must either be mailed to Glenda Kuehl, HBC Schools PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56138 or may be hand delivered to 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138, Door #1. Quotes will be opened at a public Board Meeting on Monday, June 27, 2016. Quotes submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations in whole or part & reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to anyone submitting a quote.

Redbirds split at Belle Plaine tournament

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds traveled to Belle Plaine to compete in the Tigertown Classic Saturday and Sunday. Luverne went 1-1 in the tournament and stands at 7-3 on the season.

The Redbirds host Fairmont Sunday at 2 p.m. at Redbird Field.

Luverne 5, Hayfield-Kasson 4

Codie Zeutenhorst pitched all eight innings for Luverne in the opening game of the Belle Plaine tournament Saturday.

Andrew Verhey was two

for two at the plate and scored three runs for the Redbirds.

Logan Norman and Connor Hoffman also had two hits in the contest.

The game went into extra innings when the score was tied 4-4 at the end of seven innings.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Connor Crabtree's single scored Mike Wenninger for the game-winning run.

Box score	AB	R	H
Pick	3	0	0
Norman	3	0	2
Nibbelink	2	0	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	0
Wenninger	3	1	1
Fisher	4	0	0

Verhey	2	3	2
Crabtree	4	0	1
Hoffman	3	1	2

Blue Earth 7, Luverne 1

The Blue Earth Pirates scored six runs in the first inning against the Luverne Redbirds Sunday in the second game of the Belle Plaine tournament.

Luverne allowed only one more run the remainder of the game, but the early lead was too much for the Redbirds to overcome.

Crabtree started the game on the pitcher's mound for Luverne and was replaced by Hoffman in the first inning.

Box score	AB	R	H
Hoffman	4	0	0
Norman	3	1	2
Nibbelink	3	0	0
Paquette	3	0	2
Wenninger	3	0	1
Fisher	3	0	0
Verhey	4	0	3
Skattum	3	0	1
Crabtree	3	0	0

Luverne American Legion team opens season

Fulda June 7.

The Cardinals had no trouble getting on base when Fulda pitchers walked or hit more than twenty batters.

Kaden Ericson picked up the win for Luverne on the mound. He pitched the last two and one-third innings with no hits and no runs and struck out six Fulda batters.

Offensively for Luverne, Jake Olson was two for two at the plate with three RBIs.

Connor Sandbulte, Declan Ericson and Connor Crabtree each scored three runs in the contest.

Box score	AB	R	H
Sandbulte	4	3	1
Beers	2	3	0
Crabtree	0	3	0
Olson	2	0	2
Sterrett	1	0	0
Bosch	2	1	0
Harder	2	1	0
Overgaard	2	2	0
Ericson	3	2	0
Reed	3	2	0

Beers led the offense for Luverne with two hits from three plate appearances and one RBI. Nick Overgaard scored Luverne's only run in the game.

Box score	AB	R	H
Beers	3	0	2
Ericson	3	0	1
Crabtree	1	0	0
Olson	2	0	0
Harder	2	0	0
Bosch	2	0	0
Overgaard	2	1	1
Reisch	2	0	0
Serie	1	0	0

Renner 11, Luverne 1

Nick Overgaard pitched the first four and two-thirds innings of Luverne's second game of the day on Friday.

He issued five hits, four runs, six walks and struck out one batter.

Olson then came to the mound for one and two-thirds innings and gave up five hits, seven runs and four walks. Crabtree came in for the last two-thirds of an inning and struck out two Renner batters.

According to coach Barry Shelton, the game conditions were extremely hot and the heat impacted the game. The final score was Renner 11, Luverne 1.

Ericson scored Luverne's only run of the game.

Box score	AB	R	H
R H			
Beers	3	0	1
Ericson	3	1	1
Crabtree	3	0	1
Olson	3	0	0
Bosch	3	0	1
Overgaard	1	0	0
Reisch	2	0	1
Harder	3	0	0
Smith	2	0	0
Serie	2	0	0

three innings of the game. He gave up six hits, seven runs and five walks while striking out two Yankton batters.

Beers and Ben Serie each pitched one inning and gave up no runs.

Chase Johnson was two for three at the plate for Luverne with one RBI.

Will Mumme, Charlie Reisch, Serie, Johnson, and Jade Smith each scored one run for the Cardinals.

Box score	AB	R	H
Beers	3	0	0
Ericson	3	0	1
Bosch	3	0	1
Harder	3	0	0
Mumme	2	1	0
Reisch	3	1	1
Serie	3	1	1
Johnson	3	1	2
Smith	2	1	1

Norfolk 9, Luverne 0

Luverne lost its final game of the Yankton tournament 9-0 when they took on Norfolk, Nebraska, Saturday.

"The game was a lot closer than the score appears," Shelton said. "It was just one inning that did us in."

Ericson was two for three at the plate. Bosch also had one hit for Luverne.

Nick Harder pitched three and one-third innings for the Cardinals.

According to Shelton, Harder pitched three very good innings before running into trouble in the fourth inning.

Beers replaced Harder on the mound.

Box score	AB	R	H
Beers	3	0	0
Ericson	3	0	2
Bosch	1	0	1
Harder	1	0	0
Mumme	2	0	0
Reisch	2	0	0
Serie	2	0	0
Johnson	2	0	0
Smith	2	0	0



Submitted Photo

Runners begin the Buffalo Days Fun Run at the Sanford Luverne parking lot June 4. The event drew 65 runners of all ages.

Men's 5K
15 years and under: Joseph Mensen, first; Henry Hartquist, second
16-20: Dalton Desollar, first
30-39: Lucas Peters, first; Ryan Behr, second
40-49: Scott Mensen, first; Eric Kiers, second
50-59: Dan Burns, first
60 and over: Doug Bakkene, first; Dave Iverson, second

Women's 5K
15 years and under: Claire Baus-tian, first; Tori Serie, second
16-20: Naomie Daniel, first; Charlotte Mensen, second
21-29: Brit Sandager, first; Katelyn Eeten, second
30-39: Kristy Fick, first; Sara Hartquist, second
40-49: Crista Serie, first; Sonya Stark,

Men's 10K
16-20: Ian Iverson, first
30-39: Justin Moss, first; Tom Egg-brecht, second
40-49: Barry Fischer, first
60 and over: Tim Kunzman, first

Women's 10K

16-20: Carli Hulstein, first; Ellen Dahl, second
40-49: Amy Tripp, first

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8-9 years: Sage Viessman, first; Carter Sehr, second
10-12 years: Natalie Chanthavong, first

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Two triathlons coming to Luverne

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne is set to host two triathlons in July.

The Davis Lake Triathlon will be a part of the activities planned for July 4 at The Lake at the end of West Edgehill Street.

A mini race will begin at 9 a.m. That event will include 0.3 miles of kayaking, two miles of bike riding and a one-mile run.

The main triathlon will begin at 10 a.m. July 4. Plans include kayaking for 0.5 miles, a nine-mile bike ride, and a 2.5-mile run.

Helmets must be worn for the bike portion of each race.

The triathlon can be raced individually or as a two- or three-person team.

If completed as a team, each person will complete a leg individually, except for the running portion, which can be broken down into two parts if desired.

Registration for the Davis Lake Triathlon is now open at www.allsportcentral.com.

Local athletes can also stop by the Chamber of Commerce

to register for either event.

A special rate of \$15 for the mini race and \$20 for the triathlon is available at the Chamber until June 30.

Registration includes entry to the race, T-shirt, food and beverage after the race, awards, and a chance to win door prizes.

The annual Wiernerman World Championships will again be July 14 in conjunction with Luverne's Hot Dog Night.

Registration for that event is also open at www.allsportcentral.com

New to the Wiernerman race this year is a one-person solo division that will include the same race with food portions cut in half.

A half-portion team division has also been added this year. This option will also include the same race with the food portions for all eating challenges cut in half.

Questions for either race can be directed to Dave Duffy at 507-920-3345 or dduffy@rconnect.com.



Submitted Photo

Participants in the Women's Memorial Tournament at the Luverne Country Club Saturday include (front, from left) Susan Skattum, Monica Cross, Tracy Van Voorst, Maren Tollefson, (second row) Jennifer Stratton, Tammi Miller, Tara Zewiske, Marilyn Bergman, Vicky Weissenberger, VJ Thiese, Chantel Scarset, (third row) Lori Ohlemann, Melissa Sandbulte, Brandee Scott, Cheryl Jauert, Nancy Frakes, Darlene Walhoff, Susan Schneekloth, Lynette Springman, Nikki McLendon, (back) Marcia Essman, Marcia Klimes, Jane Aning, Taylor Stratton, Shelly Bolt, Stella Board, Jessica Engman, Paula Bergman, Wendy Evink, Sandy Hensley, Missy Verbrugge and Cindy Reverts.

Tri-State Buffalos lose to Rebels; last game in Hills Saturday

By Jason Berghorst

The Tri-State Buffalos amateur football team suffered its sixth loss of the season Saturday.

Playing on the road in Watertown, South Dakota, against the Watertown Rebels, Tri-State lost 30-0.

The Buffalos' season record now stands at 1-6 while the Rebels

improved to 2-5.

Tri-State will host the Southwest Minnesota Crusaders Saturday for their final home game of the season.

The contest begins at 6 p.m. at the Hills-Beaver Creek High School football field.

The Crusaders enter the game with a 3-4 record.

LCC hosts Women's Memorial

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Country Club hosted its annual Women's Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday.

The two-person best

ball tournament attracted 32 golfers to the local course.

Lori Ohlemann and Jane Aning won the first flight with a score of 80.

Susan Schneekloth and Lynette Springman finished second in the first flight with an 83.

In the second flight, Stella Board and Cheryl

Jauert won with a score of 97.

Maren Tollefson and Cindy Reverts placed second in the flight with a score of 98.

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JUNE 17-19

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5pm - Midway Opens

6pm - Little Miss Ellsworth

6:30pm - Pedal Pull Ages 4-11

8pm - Scavenger Hunt

9 to 1am - Karaoke Under the tent

SUNDAY EVENTS

9am-2:30 pm - Fireman's Pancake Feed at the Fire Hall

10:30am - Community Worship Service at the School, Speaker "Bob Lenz"

1pm - Bean Bag Tournament by the tent

SATURDAY EVENTS

9am - Kick Ball Tournament at the Park

9am to 1pm - Craft Fair at the Park

12:00 - Tractor Games at the Elevator

2pm - Amazing Race at the Park

2pm - Midway Opens

5 to 6:30 - "Great Smoke Out" Serving Ribs and Pork Tenderloin under the tent

6:30 pm - Parade

9pm-1am - "Pirate Taxi" Band under the tent

Star Herald CHURCH

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, June 16: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Friday, June 17: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, June 18: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, June 19: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary in Ellsworth. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine in Luverne. Tuesday, June 21: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Wednesday, June 22: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, June 23: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — luvernecrc@gmail.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, June 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Pastor Jerry Buwalda). Noon Faber fellowship hall. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, June 20: 9 a.m. PERK UP at Mary Jane Brown Home. Tuesday, June 21: 5 p.m. Church Directory pictures. Wednesday, June 22: 5 p.m. Church Directory pictures.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, June 16: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, June 17: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. 5 p.m. Ladies Camp at Shetek. Saturday, June 18: 5 p.m. Ladies Camp at Shetek. Sunday, June 19: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, June 21: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Thursday, June 23: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, June 16: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, June 17: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion; Pastor Knutson Missionary Visit. Sunday, June 19: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, June 20: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 21: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, June 22: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, June 23: 9:30 a.m. Naomi and Rachel Circles at Grace Lutheran. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Thursday, June 16: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 19: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 20, through Thursday, June 23: ELS Synod Convention at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Thursday, June 16: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salad Luncheon. Friday, June 17: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, June 18: Petersen/Elbers wedding. Sunday, June 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 20: 8 p.m. Ridder Team. Tuesday, June 21: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Renaissance Group. 7 p.m. Consistory and Staff meeting. Wednesday, June 22: 6 p.m. Rachel Circle salad supper. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Thursday, June 16: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, June 18: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Sunday, June 19: 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:35 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 4 p.m. Angels Bible Study. Monday, June 20: 8 p.m. Women's AA in the Upper Room. Tuesday, June 21: 3-5 p.m. Sewing Day. Wednesday, June 22: 5:30 p.m. Fourth Wednesday Free Community Meal. 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Thursday, June 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Sunday, June 19: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, June 20: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, June 21: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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
Saturday, June 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 19: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Tuesday, June 21: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, June 22: 6 p.m. 125th Anniversary Committee meets.

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
211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net — www.newlifecel.org
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, June 16: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, June 17: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 3 p.m. Pastor leads worship at Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton. Monday, June 20: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, June 22: Newsletter deadline. Thursday, June 23: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Ch. 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@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, June 19: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Tuesday, June 21: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Sunday, June 19: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Palisade Lutheran. 5-7 p.m. Palisade Ice Cream Social.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Thursday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; Adrian Sunday School.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sunday, June 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

The true vine

In John 15, Jesus said, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower."

During the 1960s Sherwood Schwartz wrote and produced a TV show called "Gilligan's Island." I bet many of you are familiar with it, a comedy about seven stranded castaways who had been cruising on a ship called the S.S. Minnow. Gilligan was the first mate. The first season was 1964. The show was an immediate hit.

Schwartz once shared that only six episodes had been on the air when a commander in the United States Coast Guard came to see him with a stack of telegrams he had received. Each of them asked essentially the same questions: "For several weeks now, we have seen American citizens stranded on some Island in the Pacific Ocean. Why doesn't the Coast Guard do something about this? Can't you send a ship to rescue those people before they starve to death?" They were not jokes. A number of different people had viewed the show and thought it was real. They were unable to distinguish truth from fiction.

Jesus said, "I am the TRUE vine and my Father is the vine grower."

This is one of the "I Am" statements Jesus spoke. His words are about being connected to Jesus; having a life communion with God. The word "true" could also be translated: genuine, real, or trustworthy.

Jesus' disciples would have recognized the metaphor. They were in vineyard country, so would have been familiar with the central vines of a grape plant. They would have known that the many branches were dependent upon the vine. They would have known that some branches produced fruit and that others were

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**By Pastor Jason
Cunningham, First
Presbyterian Church,
Luverne**

just woody and essentially useless.

"I am the true vine," Jesus says, and then again, "I am the vine and you are the branches." The saying is about connection to Jesus. Jesus goes on to use the word "Abide" which means to remain with or to dwell with; to live with.

"Abide in me as I abide in you." He says, "Let my word abide in you." "Abide in my love." When Jesus talks about "living in" or "dwelling with," he's talking about sharing an ongoing connection and communication. Abiding in Christ is something we want to do that is eternally worthwhile. Why does Jesus talk so extensively about abiding in him? Probably because he knows that we need our perspective to be shaped by faith each day and even each hour. If we are to stay focused on Christ, there are certain questions we can ask ourselves. Consider using these three questions in the week ahead:

At what moment this past week did I feel closest to Christ?

At what moment this week did I feel I was responding to God's call to be a disciple?

When was my faith tested this week?

May you experience a connection with Jesus that is strong and growing!

"I am the True Vine," Jesus said, "Real, genuine, reliable, true."

112 N. Main St., Hills

Hills United Reformed Church

Sunday, June 19: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran. Tuesday, June 21: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, June 22: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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Thorson Gabrielson probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. _____

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of Olga E. Thorson Gabrielson
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 11, 2016, at 3:30 P.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated September 30, 2009 and codicil(s) to the Will dated _____, and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Pamela Hommen, whose address is 3619 10th Street S, Fargo, ND 58104 as Personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all the necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.
Dated:

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioners
Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr.
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(06-09, 06-16)

VerSteeg probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. _____

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of EVAN EARL VERSTEEG
Decedent

It is ordered and Notice is given that on July 11, 2016, at 3:30 P.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated February 28, 2004 and codicil(s) to the Will dated _____, and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Twila Jean VerSteeg, whose address is 706 Fireleaf Road, Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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Court Administrator

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(06-09, 06-16)

or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 30, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on December 30, 2016, or the next business day if December 30, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 6, 2016
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Assignee of Mortgagee
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

(05-12, 05-19, 05-26, 06-02, 06-09, 06-16)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 14

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 07, 2006
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$64,260.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Michael Zinnel, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: November 09, 2006 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 165362

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP

Dated: March 23, 2012
Recorded: April 02, 2012 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 178916

And assigned to: Selene Finance LP
Dated: October 09, 2014
Recorded: April 14, 2015 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 185779

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100029500014247724

Lender or Broker: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Selene Finance LP

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 119 E Barck Ave, Luverne, MN 56156-1107
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0375-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W1/2 of Lot 4 in Block 15 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$71,440.30
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

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

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on January 16, 2017, or the next business day if January 16, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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

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

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

DATED: May 09, 2016

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Selene Finance LP
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200

Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 032673F03

(05-26, 06-02, 06-09, 06-16, 06-23, 06-30)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 15

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 24, 2003
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$ 78,625.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Randolph L. Scoggins and Deborah Scoggins
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded with the County Recorder in

and for the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, on the 29th day of October, 2003, as Document No. 157417

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association in assignment recorded August 4, 2011, as Document No. 177180, subsequently assigned to Residential Funding Company, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183263, subsequently assigned to Kajaine Estates, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183264, subsequently assigned to Gemini Capital Managers, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183265, and subsequently assigned to Platinum Notes, LLC in assignment recorded January 10, 2014, as Document No. 183266

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 7, Block 3, Davis Addition to the City of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1025 Elmwood Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$106,461.03

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

THAT pursuant to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Dated: May 12, 2016

Platinum Notes, LLC

Assignee of Mortgagee

HOELSCHER LAW FIRM, PLLC

By: /s/ Brian G. Hoelscher #0238752
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

13100 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 100
Minnetonka, MN 55305
(952) 224-9551

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FORM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

FORECLOSURE DATA
Minn. Stat. Sec. 580.025

- (1) the physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises is 1025 Elmwood Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156;
- (2) the name of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the person holding the mortgage is a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30 are as follows: - not applicable; or the name of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the person holding the mortgage is not a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30 are as follows: residential mortgage servicer - FCI Lender Services, Inc., lender or broker - Platinum Notes, LLC;
- (3) the tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises is: 20-0576-000;
- (4) if stated on the mortgage, the transaction agent's mortgage identification number is: -1001958-0000009895-0;
- (5) if stated on the mortgage, the name of the residential mortgage originator as defined in section 58.02 is: BWM Mortgage, LLC.

(05-26, 06-02, 06-09, 06-16, 06-23, 06-30)

Ask probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-16-162

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Dorothy Selma Ask,

Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of July, 2016 at 3:30 O'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated December 7, 1994, and for the appointment of Cherylee Ann Ask, whose address is 21985 Oak Heights Circle, Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: June 6, 2016

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner

Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main, Box 625

Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828

I.D. # 158343

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

Carol Bertrand
Deputy Court Administrator

(06-16, 06-23)



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Anita and Rev. Gail Johnson
(6.16-6.19)

I would like to thank Dr. Bec-tol and the nurses for their care after my surgery. Also for the care I received at the Luverne Hospital. Thank you for all of the get well wishes, cards, gifts, and flowers from friends and relatives. Thank you also to Pastor Klatt for his visits and prayers.

Barb Hinz
(6.16-6.19)

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Garage Sale: Lots of Grandma's stuff! Friday, June, 17 and Saturday, June, 18. 8am - 5pm. 819 N. Cedar Street. (6.16)

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EMPLOYMENT

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Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, MN is hiring for a part-time cook position. Paid holidays, days mat vary, shifts may vary. Standard shift runs from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Must be 21 years old and have a high school diploma. Send application or resume to PO Box 40 Magnolia, MN 56158 or stop by for an application. For further information, contact Don or Jeremy at 507-283-4425. (6.5-6.23)

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