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# LIFT: 'Your efforts are paying off'

First-ever fundraiser, 'Rising to Occasion,' draws twice the expected crowd size

### **By Lori Sorenson**

The Friday night LIFT Gala drew 200 people to Grand Prairie Events in Luverne where business leaders and organizations updated the community on the latest developments in town.

"There are so many exciting things happeninginLuverne," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"This meeting is a good opportunity to get good information about what's happening in Luverne."

### Tru Shrimp update

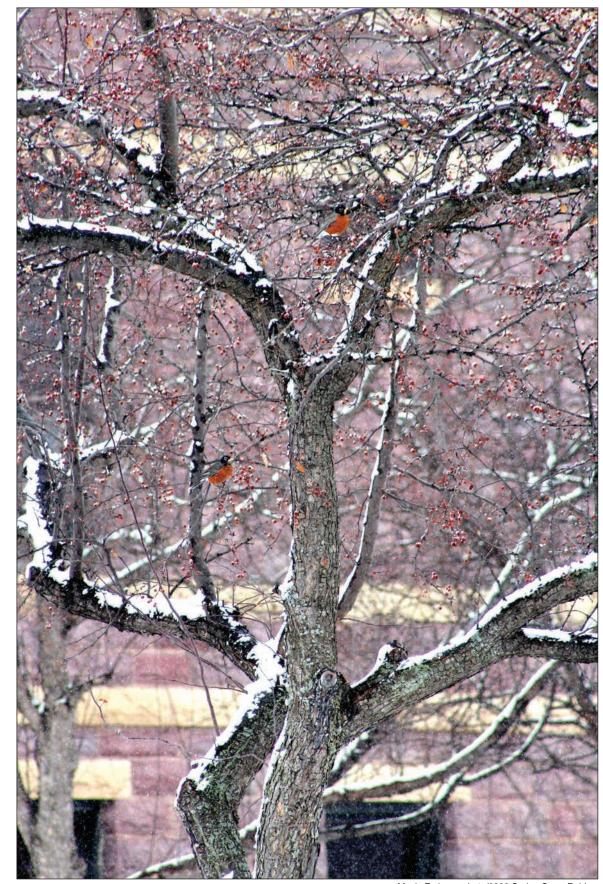
A highlight of the evening was an update from tru Shrimp's Jon Knochenmus, who spoke about the construction and development of Luverne's \$100 million harbor and hatchery.

"It's an exciting, exciting project that's going to be so impactful," Knochenmus said. "We're changing the aquaculture world."

He pointed to the fact that roughly 90 percent of U.S. shrimp is imported and grown mostly in ponds that are subject to contamination.

"I shouldn't even get into how they are processed," he said. "They're raising shrimp today like we used to chicken and pigs in the 1950s.... Let's just say we'll change the world with our shrimp production."

At a time when consumers are increasinglydemandinginformation on their food origins, Knochenmus



# Child care providers weigh in on local shortage

### **By Lori Sorenson**

There were 56 Rock County licensed child care providers in 2016, 48 in 2017 and 34 today, leading to a rapidly widening gap between working families who need child care and the available slots with licensed providers.

Reasons for this aren't surprising, according to discussion at the March 12 meeting with 22 Rock County providers.

They cited health insurance and a need for employer benefits as a primary reason for quitting, but also pointed to burnout, retirements and short-term providers (those who stay only during the time their own children are little).

Local providers were invited to the meeting at Sterling's where they were treated to a meal and education credits for their participation.

"It was an in-home-provider appreciation event," said Emily Crabtree of the Luverne Area Community Foundation, which has facilitated local meetings on child care.

"We wanted to say, 'thank you,' because no one ever says 'thank you' enough. And we wanted to ask them about their profession — about why so many in-home providers are closing up shop."

The group represented a cross section of current providers, ranging from newcomers to veteran providers of 30 years or more.

Brenda Johnson, a 14-year home child care provider in Luverne, said a universal problem is state regulations. "A lot of these lawmakers haven't

been in a home day care, and we're limited in somany ways," Johnson said. She didn't provide specific ex-

ples of restrictive rules, but said it

said tru Shrimp's patented tidal basin technology will be able to record every step in the process.

"There are no chemicals, no antibiotics, it's clean, and the saltwater tidal basins mimic the ocean," he said.

"I wish I could say I was smart enough to have invented this, but I can say I was smart enough to acquire the patent."

He praised Luverne's leadership in securing Lewis and Clark Water, and pointed out that tru Shrimp's process will recycle and conserve water. "The water is too valuable for us to waste."

He also praised community leadership in general.

"I say LIFT is working," he said. "I say this as an outsider ... as someone who's always been interested in

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# Mavis Fodness photo/0322 Spring Snow Robins

Robins signal spring, despite fresh snow

Dozens of colorful robins flocked to the trees at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne to pick berries Tuesday, the first day of spring. While the birds are typical signs of spring, Rock County was blanketed with a new layer of snow on what the calendar proclaimed to be a warmer season.

was the progression of laws that have accumulated to make it difficult to be in the home child care business.

'Things get more and more difficult and there are more and more

Child care discussion/see page 2A

# Hardwick cleaning up blighted property; other cities follow suit

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

Hardwick city officials are moving forward in the battle against blight in their community.

Cleanup can begin at 301 Ross Street South with its cost assessed to property owner James Petersen of Jasper after he failed to comply with cleanup orders delivered last month by law enforcement officials.

City Council members issued a

citation at their Feb. 14 meeting after Petersen failed to pay a \$1,000 fine or schedule a hearing on the nuisance violation.

At his Ross Street property, Petersen has "permitted the outside storage of abandoned, discarded or unlicensed vehicles," according to the citation.

He has also allowed the "accumulation of discarded, worn out,

inoperable items no longer used for purposes for which they were manufactured or made."

The city's action comes after Petersen and a half dozen other property owners were issued letters in September 2016 stating their properties were in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

Another violation letter was sent to Petersen in September 2017.

**Deragisch Insurance opens downtown** 

While other property owners made plans for compliance, Petersen failed to communicate with Hardwick officials or clean his property.

A \$1,000 fine was issued to Petersen in October 2017. The unpaid fine and lack of cleanup by Petersen led to the delivery of February's citation to his Jasper home.

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# Sehr becomes new face of Luverne as Chamber assistant

### **By Lori Sorenson**

Reva Sehr is the new face of Luverne as she assists Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere in promoting the community.

"Her familiarity with the community certainly made her a good hire," Lanphere said about Sehr.

"Her involvement in the community, her

volunteerism, her service on the Luverne School Board are all good things — and her computer skills are rivaled by none."

Sehr started at the Chamber in February to replace longtime Chamber assistant Lorna Bryan who retired in December.



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Shewashonoredat a March 13 reception in Sterling's to introduce her to the community.

Sehr said the job is so far shaping up to be everything she hoped for.

"I'm a good organizer, and I always thought I'd be a good office manager," she said last week. "But I didn't want to be at a desk all day — I've

been doing that for 20 years already."

Reva Averill came to Luverne from Minneapolis in 1996 as a trainer for what was then Berkley Information Services, part of W.R. Berkley Corporation.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0322 deragisch insurance

David Deragisch's Main Street Office idisplays a photograph of his family, which includes his wife, Lori, and their children Danielle (Nate) Wright, Hillary Deragisch, Brandon and Lyndsie (Johnson) Deragisch and Katie and Michael Strassburg. Grandchildren are Brandon and Lyndsie's daughter Gracie, Kaitlyn and Michael's son, Liam, and Danielle and Nate's children, Owen, Mattea and Connor.

#### **By Lori Sorenson**

After nearly 30 years in education, David Deragisch said he's enjoying his second career in the insurance business.

"I enjoy talking to people, and I enjoy helping people," he said, adding that people skills are useful in both lines of work.

Deragisch worked for one year with State Farm before he started his own business, Deragisch Insurance, on Feb. 1 in the former State Farm building that he and his wife, Lori, own at 122 East Main Street.

"It's a lot of work," he said about building his own clientele. "But it's going very well."

It doesn't hurt that Deragisch grew up in Rock County — born in Luverne and graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

His teaching career spans from social studies classroom teaching in

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

## **Meetings**

**Town and Country Garden Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the home of Lois Peterson. Louella Voigt will present a program on using garden produce and herbs in ethnic cooking. Call 507-597-6378 with questions.

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

**Pleasant View Cemetery Annual Meeting** will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the home of Brent and Jodi Taubert at 690 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek.

**Pink Ladies of Sanford Luverne Hospital** will meet at noon Monday, April 9, in the Sanford Blue Mound Room for a potluck salad luncheon and business meeting. Members should bring their own dishes and silverware.

# Courthouse elevator under repair

The elevator in the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne will be inoperable through March 28 because of equipment upgrades, affecting handicap-accessibility to several offices. Affected departments include auditortreasurer, land records, county administration, veteran services, district courts, emergency management and department of motor vehicles. Contact department personnel if accessibility to the courthouse is necessary during the repair period.

# **Rock County spring road restrictions**

Spring weight road restrictions are in place as of Tuesday, March 6, on all Rock County roadways.

Ending dates are variable and drivers must check for updates throughout the spring. Call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

# Green Earth performs 'KOLD Radio'

The Green Earth Players will perform "KOLD Radio — Whitefish Bay" March 23-25 at the historic Palace Theatre in Luverne. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 102 East Main Street, Luverne, or by calling 507-283-4339.

# **Kindergarten Round-up March 22**

Luverne Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, at the Luverne Elementary School.

Session 1 is geared toward new kindergarten parents and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Session 2 is an informal "meet & greet" time and will run from 6:30-7 p.m. Children must be five years old before Sept. 1, 2018, in order to register for kindergarten. Call 283-4497 with questions.

# **Atlas Banquet tickets until March 27**

The Atlas of Rock County Fundraising Banquet will begin with a social hour/silent auction at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Tickets are on sale now through Tuesday, March 27, at Redeemed Remnants in Luverne. Call 507-449-6101 with questions.

# Free meal at Methodist Church

A free community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.



Lori Sorenson photo/0322 tyana's boutique

# **Celebrating grand reopening**

Tyana's Boutique hosted a ribbon-cutting event Wednesday, March 14, to celebrate the reopening of the store in its new location on 211 East Main Street. On hand for the event were (from left) Tyler Bush, Reva Sehr, Tony Schomacker, Nancy Scheidt, Brian Sterling, Stephanie Van Dyke and son Blair, Brandt Van Dyke, store owners Amy and Mark Van Essen, Shanda Schaap, Karen and Bob Van Essen, Jordyn Smit, Stacy Riphagen, Manda Steensma, Betty Mann and Faye Bremer.

# Child care discussion with providers/continued from page 1A

hoops for providers to jump through."

### Low family wages keep provider rates low

An underlying problem for all child care providers is low or negative profit margins.

Wages earned by out-state working families aren't high enough to support rates that are profitable for providers.

And Rock County rates are well below the state average for child care tuition, possibly to accommodate area wages.

"I think they feel handcuffed by their circumstances," Crabtree said.

Some at the meeting were surprised by the actual numbers when they were shown profit-loss statements, based on their average local scenarios and current rates.

"When you're in business, you need to see what your business is worth," Crabtree said. After expenses are paid, "Ultimately I hope people understand how important we are to the community and the future of our children. These kids spend more waking hours with us than with their parents, and these are very formative years."

# — Brenda Johnson, Luverne in-home child care provider

providers."

Ultimately it's putting a squeeze on the local economy, and city leaders are scrambling to get on top of the problem that's affecting communities across greater Minnesota.

The hope is that meetings like the one on March 12 will shedlight on the problems that could lead to solutions. realizations and are turning attention to how to fund such subsidies in order to support families and local economies.

In Rock County, local leaders aren't committed to a center — or any specific plans — until they're finished exploring options and gathering information.

#### Child care conversation continues; next meeting is with employers

"Ultimately I hope people understand how important we are to the community and the future of our children," Johnson said. "These kids spend more waking hours with us than with their parents, and these are very formative years."

Mulder said in-home providers are often overlooked and underappreciated as contributing businesses in a local economy,

"It's too bad it takes a crisis for people to realize what we

## Easter egg hunts March 31

•The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Tuff Memorial Home at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31, for children up to 10 years old.

•Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt and petting in the Magnolia city park starting at 10 a.m. sharp, rain or shine.

### Three Red Cross blood drives in area

The Red Cross has scheduled three blood drives in the area as follows:

•Wednesday, **March 28**, from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 101 Spicer Street, **Jasper**.

•Monday, **April 2**, from 1-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 500 N. Kniss, **Luverne**.

•Wednesday, **April 4**, from noon to 7 p.m. at Adrian High School, 415 Kentucky, **Adrian**.

To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-733-2767.

most local providers earn roughly \$8 per hour.

She said the March 12 meeting offered providers a new way to see themselves and what they contribute to the local economy. "They're an important piece of the economic puzzle."

With the 2018 figures (not counting more than 100 jobs coming to Luverne in 2019), there's an unmet demand for an estimated 200 child care slots, and it's putting local families and employers in a bind.

It means businesses struggle to hire and retain qualified people because workers struggle to find quality, reliable child care. Magnolia child care provider Sandra Mulder said she appreciated the March 12 meeting.

"It was a very open and frank discussion," she said. "Child care is an investment in the city to keep the city growing."

#### Center-based care would be win-win for both providers and families

Mulder is among a growing minority of providers who recognize the wisdom of a community child care center.

"A center can offer weekend care and nights and other things that we don't," Mulder said.

"It would be a win-win

especially out-of-towners who may be more comfortable with center-based care.

for the community and for

child care shortage and would

have a side benefit of raising

wages for all local providers.

home providers aren't the

best match for all families,

 $It would \, address \, the \, local$ 

Plus, Mulder said, in-

"When I think about families coming here for tru Shrimp, a lot of people who aren't from here might not have a huge amount of trust putting their kids in the home of a stranger," Mulder said.

Local leaders have been studying the feasibility of a community child care center and have found that it would need to be subsidized by public and private sources.

Feasibility studies show that center-based child care businesses can't cash flow based on local wages of working families.

Other greater Minnesota cities are coming to similar

do," she said. "We're all in this profession

because it's truly what we love to do."

The March 12 meeting with providers is the second in a series of four community meetings planned to address the local child care shortage.

The first one on Jan. 29 involved local leaders and elected officials.

The next one, the third, will involve major employers, and the final meeting will invite the entire community.

"These discussions have been very intentional and strategic in targeted small group settings," Crabtree said.

The dates for the final two meetings will be announced.



# Luverne showcased in Pheasant Opener

Landowners sought for 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener

### **By Lori Sorenson**

Rick Peterson updated community members Friday night about the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener that Luverne is hosting this fall.

"Luverne was selected as the host community for this year's event, and some might question what this is worth to the community," he said at the annual gala for Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow (LIFT).

"In Marshall, they estimated the event last year brought in \$835,000 worth of ad value equivalency."

Peterson was among several featured speakers at the annual event in Grand Prairie Events where LIFT updated community members on its recent accomplishments and current projects. (See the related stories).

He said this will be the eighth year of pheasant hunting openers around the state, every host community has submitted proposals to host again.

"Luverne will rise to the occasion and this will be the best Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener ever," he said. "I guarantee it."

#### Landowners sought for Oct. 13 hunting permission

The local planning committee is reaching out to landowners who may be willing to grant access to hunters involved in the event.

The land will be hunted only on Oct. 13 as part of the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.

Invited hunters will be led by local hunter hosts, which may include local landowners. Ideal lands for the opener

# Luverne loses power Saturday night

#### **By Lori Sorenson**

Luverne electrical utilities workers are still looking for the cause of a malfunction in the west substation that

rowed the source of its outage to a breaker malfunction in Luverne's west substation, according to Rick Hoftiezer, city

include grasslands or wetlands that support huntable

pheasant populations. Landowners who grant access to their land will each receive a pair of tickets for the Oct. 12 opener's community banquet and will be entered in a drawing to win one of three \$500 cash prizes.

Landowners interested in allowing hunting access for the event can email pheasantopener@gmail. com or they can call committee members Arlyn Gehrke, 507-227-9193; Tim Plimpton, 605-759-6366; Kyle Oldre, 507-920-890.

Gov. Mark Dayton will lead the event, which showcases hunting, recreation, tourism and other opportunities that the Luverne area has to offer visitors.

"I thank the people of Luverne for graciously offering to host the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener," said Gov. Dayton, who started the event in 2011.

"The Pheasant Opener has become a special Minnesota tradition, made possible by our tremendous host communities. I look forward to another fantastic opener in Luverne this year."

Explore Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are assisting the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau and other local partners in planning the event.

Information and updates are available at www. exploreminnesota.com/ MNGPHO. Follow along for social media updates using the hashtags #MNG-PHO2018 and #OnlyinMN.



Chandler Lake Wilson and H-BC to serving as middle school principal in Jackson and Luverne.

For the last 10 years of his career in education, he was high school principal

insurance professional. "It's been an easy adjustment," he said last week.

Deragisch Insurance, which is affiliated with Central Financial Group, offers home, farm, business, auto and life insurance and will soon include investment products. "The most challengingthingisthatinsurance rates are affected by natural

disasters and things outside my clients' control," Deragisch said. But, he said, the rewards outweigh the challenges. "The most rewarding thing is knowing that you can provide what they need at a fair price with an honest conversation," Deance@iw.net.

The Deragisch family includes Danielle (Nate) Wright, Hillary Deragisch, Brandon and Lyndsie (Johnson) Deragisch and Katie and Michael Strassburg. Grandchildren are Brandon and Lyndsie's daughter Gracie, Kaitlyn and Michael's son, Liam, and Danielle and Nate's children, Owen, Mattea and Connor.



Lori Sorenson photos/0322 concert band and choir clinic

Making music with the best Luverne High School band and choir students performed a concert Saturday night for the community after working with guest conductors from the College of St. Scholastica and Brandon Valley. The 43rd Annual Instrumental and Choral Clinic and Concert are part of the Music in our Schools Festival observed each March.

The conductors, sponsored by the Luverne Music Boosters, worked with students Friday and Saturday to challenge them with difficult music and musical concepts.

Bob Goheen, 28-year director of bands in Brandon Valley High School, directed band students, and Bret Amundon, director of choral activities at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, worked with concert choir students.





caused a widespread outage in the city and surrounding area Saturday night.

The city and a good share of neighboring communities lost power around 4:30 p.m. Saturday, just as Luverne's St. Patrick's Day Parade and other festivities were getting underway.

Since the city's power distributer was also offline, it first appeared the outage originated with L&O Power Cooperative, Rock Rapids, Iowa, which brings wholesale electricity to cooperatives in the area.

But L&O eventually nar-

"We were scrambling at that point to restore power through our east substation," he said.

electric department supervisor.

"Mike (Gangestad) went one direction and I went another, and we met in the middle."

He said he knew the high school was about to host band and choir concerts at 7 p.m., and the lights went on in the school shortly before 7.

As of Monday, Hoftiezer said the cause of the substation malfunction was still unknown and a testing company from Elk **Riverwasscheduledtoworkon** it sometime this week.

and district superintendent in H-BC.

A lifetime of local relationships is now filling out Deragisch's contact list as an

ragisch said.

He can be reached in the office, by phone at 507-449-8320 or by email, ddinsur-

# Sehr at Chamber office/continued from page 1A

Her work with the corporation changed through the years into software development where she was most recently employed with Continental Western Group in the information technology department.

"I loved it," she said. "But I needed change."

She said her dream job has always been to someday work for a non-profit.

"I want to make a difference," she said. "I want to do something that somehow benefits someone. ... I'm at a point where I'm looking for purpose in my life, work that makes me happy."

She said the position in the Chamber office looks to be a perfect fit.

"I love this community and I love the people, so I'm looking forward to it," Sehr said.

"When I moved here 22 years ago, I told my parents 'I'm never coming back.' I love it here. ... It's quaint, but progressive. People are nice, the town is clean, and people take pride in their community.

She and her husband, Mark Sehr, live in Luverne. Their children are Matt, 15, and Averill, 13, currently 10<sup>th</sup> and seventh-graders in Luverne Public Schools.

# State of Minnesota may apply 'Opportunity zones' to Rock County

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Portions of Rock County are eligible to become "Opportunity Zones," if selected by Governor Dayton for the new economic development program.

In Minnesota 509 areas are eligible for the program through the federal government's Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.

Opportunity Zones encourage long-term investments in low-income rural and urban communities nationwide.

Eligibility was based on census and income information.

In Rock County the selected areas include portions of Luverne and Luverne Township plus the townships

of Magnolia, Martin, Clinton and Kanaranzi. Cities of Magnolia, Hills and Steen are also included in the designation.

Governor Dayton can recommend 128 out of the 509 (25 percent) state eligible zones for the federal designation.

Officials from the state Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) asked administrators from the state's 87 counties to help in the zone selection process.

"We feel strongly that local communities have the on-the-ground expertise to recommend which eligible census tracts in the county ... should be designated as opportunity zones," the state's website stated.

Rock County Administra-



### RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE for Ravae Benson

Friday, March 23rd from 2-4pm at our Downtown Luverne location Refreshments will be served. RaVae's been in banking for over 46 years and the last 28 with Minnwest Bank!

tor Kyle Oldre submitted the application.

"We don't know if there is moneyinvolved," he said. "We don't want to miss out based on missing pieces from their (DEED's) side."

Letters of support were garnered from the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partner-

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on, before or al the monthly

meeting

**Readoy, April 1 •** 7 p.m.

at the township hall

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ship, Southwest Initiative Foundation, and the cities of Hills and Luverne.

"An Opportunity Zone designation will positively impact our community by closing the financing gap on major developments within the zone," wrote John Call, Luverne city administrator.

In Rock County's application, Oldre indicated the area's income and unemployment rates place the county in a less dire position when compared to the other identified zones.

"The poverty level is 17.90 percent, household income is \$46,528, and while unemployment is 1.8 percent we believe many residents are  $under employed \, and \, this \, zone$ will greatly increase the opportunities to generate more income," Oldre wrote.

Final acceptance into the program is currently scheduled in April.

# **REQUEST FOR GRAVEL BIDS**

Crushed gravel to be spread on Clinton Township roads. Submit bids to Lowell Bonnema 1161 21st St Steen, MN 56173 507-855-2380 bids will be opened Monday, April 2

at 8p.m. at the Township Hall Lowell Bonnema, Clerk



# GRAVEL BIDS: BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Crushed gravel to be apread on Township roads.

# **Star Herald PINION**

# **Plenty of time**

Auntie launches child from sound asleep to classroom in 15 minutes

I pick up my 7-yearold niece after school on Mondays. She comes to my house so that we can attend a



Bible study together. At bedtime we plan the kind of pancakes she wants for breakfast — "Fluffy ones" — and put her things out for the morning. "It's my turn for show and tell tomorrow."

Last Monday evening was nodifferent. Our problems began Tuesday morning.

I am an early riser. Waking at 6:30 is "sleeping in." Waking at 5 or 5:30 is pretty common, so I stared long and hard at the clock Tuesday morning slowly contemplating the numbers "eight, zero, zero."

8:00. "Hmm."

Eight o'clock. "That's odd." Eight o'clock? "Why would the clock say 8:00?"

"It's eight o'clock!!! Oh my gosh, it's eight o'clock and we are still in bed!"

I raced across the hallway and gently grabbed the shoulders of a comatose 7-year-old. "Honey, listen very carefully. We slept way too long. School is starting now. I need you to move as fast as lighting, OK?"

Her little eyeballs rolled back into her head.

I texted her mother, "What is the tardy protocol? I just woke up." Her mother replied, "LOL.

Go to the office." Again, I prompted the child,

standing her up and trying to get her legs and arms moving. I ran to my room and got

dressed.

The child got dressed and made her way to the kitchen. It was 8:05.

"Will you eat an apple or a banana? Can I get you some almonds? How about a glass of

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### By Brenda Winter, Columnist

"OK, get your coat on. I'll get your backpack. You don't need to put your snow pants on. Put on your shoes. Your hair is fine. Let's go."

The child stared at me. It was 8:08

"You might get a tardy slip," I explained. "It's not your fault. I should have gotten up on time, but I didn't."

We were racing down Highway 75 at breakneck speed (30 miles per hour) toward the school. Which doors are fastest?

South or north?" I asked. Brown eyes stared blankly

back at me from the back seat. "OK. I'm going to park here in

the bus zone. I think all the buses have come and gone. Let's run." We ran.

It was 8:12

Isprinted up to the elementary school counter and explained to the kindly lady behind it, "I overslept. It's not her fault. What do we have to do?"

The kindly lady leaned over the counter and said to my niece, "Honey, if you go fast you will make it."

The 7-year-old took off like a deer through a cornfield and was gone.

Exiting the building, I encountered a school employee who knows me. "What's with the untied shoes, Brenda?" she asked. She was polite enough not to bring up the uncombed hair, the mismatched clothing or my shortness of breath.

As I was getting back in to my illegally parked car, a bell rang. It was 8:15.

My niece was in her seat

# **Good discussions occur** with school walkout event

Our March 14 Facebook post about the National School Walkout event in Luverne schools drew widespread reaction from community members and Facebook readers.

(See the related story in this week's paper.)

The national event was an outcry to policymakers to enact more stringent gun laws, but local students and administrators chose a different route to recognize the national event.

Their route was "showing respect with respect," as one person commented on our social media page.

We applaud our school officials for being proactive in the weeks leading up to March 14.

They involved students in the national discussion, respected students' individual feelings, and allowed them a positive platform to share feelings and ideas.

# **STAR HERALD EDITORIAL**

Attacks in public places have become too common and as a community we need to react not only with anger and outrage at these events but with behaviors that demonstrate we live in a caring and supportive nation where violence is not a solution.

Two more national protests and walkouts are scheduled in the upcoming weeks. "March For Our Lives" is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, at the State Capitol.

April 20 is "The National High School Walkout for Anti-Gun Violence." This date is the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings.

Our community will again have

an opportunity to use the national events as a chance to "walk up."

As one Facebook reader commented, we should:

•Walk up to the kid who sits alone and ask him to join our group.

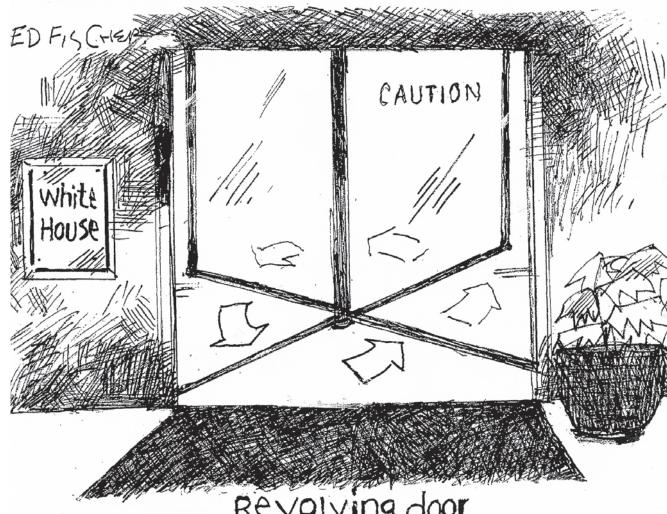
•Walk up to the kid who never has a voluntary partner and offer to be that person.

•Walk up to your teachers and thank them.

•Walk up to someone and just be nice.

Adults should model these positive behaviors.

Let's find ways to stop these school assaults by discussing the problem reasonably and respectfully.



# NORTHVIEW

milk?" The child stared at me. ready to start school, just like any other Tuesday.

# Revolving door

# Time waiting for blocked train tracks is limited; expired license still good for active military

**Question:** I was stuck at a train crossing the other day for half an hour. What is the law on how long a train can block the road crossing and who do I report this to? How do I get this fixed as it seems to happen far too often?

Answer: Minnesota law prohibits trains from blocking public roadways for more than 10 minutes. You should report any issues to local government (city, county or state), which will then contact the appropriate railroad company. The state law does not apply to cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants, as they regulate obstructions of streets by city ordinance.

Question: The law states that an active duty military member with residence in Minnesota can have an expired license. But what will happen if I were to be pulled over for a traffic violation and my license was expired?



**ASK A TROOPER** 

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Answer: If you are on active duty in the U.S. military, you do not have to renew your expired Minnesota license until you are discharged, regardless of the length of time served. The law requires you to renew your expired license or ID card within one year of being discharged from the military. If you are a spouse of an active duty military member, you are also exempt from license renewal if you do not live in Minnesota during the time of active duty.

To be sure that your driving record is maintained after your license expires, you must notify Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) of your military status. Send a copy of your military orders showing where you are stationed and your service date, or a letter from your commanding officer with the same information to the address below:

> DVS 445 Minnesota St Suite 163 St Paul, MN 55101

This will allow DVS to provide you with an In Service letter outlining Minnesota Statutes that exempts active duty military members from renewal, up to one year from discharge. To expedite this process you may call 651-297-3298.

If you are stopped by law enforcement outside of Minnesota, you must provide your military ID, expired Minnesota license and In Service letter as proof of valid status. Be advised that not all states honor the In Service letter. While on leave or prior to renewing your driver's license, always have your military ID and expired driver's license with you. If you are stopped by a Minnesota law enforcement officer, explain your current military status. If you have notified DVS of your military status, it will be noted on your record.

To renew your license, present your expired Minnesota license and DD214 discharge papers at a DVS location that accepts driver license applications.

Vehicle registration for vehicles owned or co-owned by active military men and women that are kept out of state are exempt from registration tax up to 90 days after discharge. Applicable sales tax, plate, contributions and filing fees must then be paid. For complete instructions on how to renew registration call 651-297-2126.

You can avoid a ticket - and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

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# **ON THE RECORD**

### **Dispatch report** March 9

•Private investigator working in Luverne on Luverne Street.

 Complainant reported debris in roadway on Highway 75.

•Complainant accidentally called 911.

•Complainant reported a hit and run.

•Complainant reported the Brandon Dollar General had someone try and use stolen credit cards. In the past they have tried it in Luverne also.

•Complainant reported an unknown spill on Main Street.

•Complainant reported a man sitting by used tires but seems to be having trouble.

 Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a car. March 10

•Complainant reported Minnehaha County Deputy out with a male who came from Jasper. He is high on meth.

 Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about her child's father who is threatening not to drop child off when he is supposed to.

•Complainant reported burglar alarm from the ATM on Main Street.

 Complainant reported a white van followed her granddaughter in town.

•Complainant reported somebody yelling on Barck Ave.

Accidental 911 call.

March 11

•Door checks in downtown Luverne.

•Deputy reported suspicious activity in Beaver Creek. •Fire alarm on North

Spring Street. •Complainant reported domestic on Barck Ave. No

weapons reported. •Incident report for domestic arrest.

•Deputy assisted trooper on traffic stop.

March 12

 Complainant reported road repairs.

 Complainant requested to speak to the sheriff about a report matter.

•Complainant reported panic alarm on Luverne background check for liquor license.

•Complainant reported five missing packages in the last two and a half to three weeks.

•Reserved for theft investigation.

•Deputy reported a car off the east side of the dam. Acting suspicious.

to trooper a women fell on Warren Street and someone took her to The Oaks.

gold Buick-type car is driving around East Park Street honking the horn at dogs trying to antagonize them.

vehicle sitting in field entry with lights on at 131st Street.

theft on Freeman Ave.

to speak with deputy about a subject.

•Deputies assisted pursuit from Nobles County.

information.

•Complainant requested to speak with deputy about suspicious behavior.

alarm on Koehn Ave.

 Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a former employee causing a scene.

•Probation requested a

inappropriate activity from two juveniles in Magnolia.

abandoned 911 call from Luverne High School.

dropped off her child at Beaver Creek Elementary and now she isn't answering her phone.

a housing voucher.

a disabled cattle trailer on County Road 6.

wrong side of the street.

a deputy be aware there may be an issue tomorrow.

Complainant requested

•Complainant reported

•Complainant reported a

•Complainant reported

•Complainant reported

Complainant requested

#### March 15

•Reserved for pursuit

•Commercial burglar

deputy meet at the hospital.

Complainant reported

•Complainant reported

•Complainant's daughter

•Complainant requested

•Complainant reported

•Complainant reported there are cars parked on the

•Complainant requested

to speak to deputy about child

issues. •Car on Davidson Street keeps flashing its lights. •Complainant reported someone ran into fence in Hills.

(See related story.) He, too, praised LIFT's efforts.

LIFT gala celebrates progress/contined from page 1A

"LIFT people, if you ever wonder if what you're doing is worth it," he said, "all of these people showed up tonight because the work you're doing is worth it."

**RockCountyHistorical** Society President took the microphone with the words, "Let me tell you a story."

She went on to describe a "crazy old lady" who filled her home with her nutcracker collection.

"That crazy old lady is me," Mann said, going on to tell the familiar story of how her personal collection of more than 2,000 nutcrackers has grown to more than 4,000 through donations.

"I offered my collection to be the hook that brings people into the museum," she said.

# **Pursuit ends near Beaver Creek**

#### **By Lori Sorenson**

economic development. I

came to this town and was

shocked. ... You folks are

nutcrackers and more ...

Luverne Superintendent

Craig Oftedahl who shared

the latest information about

the school's \$30 million

building project approved

road President Clark Meyer

spoke about plans to use

the Nobles-Rock shortline

railroad to grow the Sweet-

man Company's ready mix,

asphalt and aggregate busi-

committee chair, discussed

the 2018 Governor's Pheas-

ant Opener in Luverne.

Rick Peterson, local

Ellis and Eastern Rail-

Also on the agenda was

doing something right."

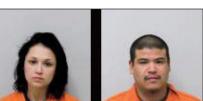
School, railroad,

pheasant opener,

by voters.

ness

An incident that began with a traffic stop in Worthington turned into a pursuit that ended in Rock County near Beaver Creek in the early morning hours of March 15. According to Rock County Sheriff Evan Mary Weddell, Sean Symouksavanh Verbrugge, his deputies were alerted around 12:30 a.m. Thursday of a pursuit on I-90 of a suspect vehicle that was traveling west.



Now, she said, community leaders and consultants are seeing the "world's largest nutcracker collection" as a tourism draw for Luverne.

"I'm sure we'll all get tired of nutcrackers, but it's a hook to get people to Luverne," she said.

"I can tell you we have many, many people come to the museum just to see the nutcrackers, so we have proof that it does work."

#### LIFT support growing

LIFT was established in 2010 as a collaboration of public and private sectors brainstorming about how to improve the Luverne community.

The annual meetings, which have been free at the Palace Theatre, celebrate accomplishments and review goals yet to be reached

New for the 2018 meeting was a catered Bluestem meal for \$40 per person as a fundraiser for LIFT, and organizers weren't sure what the response would be.

"Our planning committee of Stacy Gangestad and Judy Fenske were hoping for 100," Lanphere said.

"We were shocked by the great turnout."

She said organizers later agreed that people in the community now understand what LIFT is about.

'To me, the most wonderful thing about the evening is that we had over 40 people attend who had never been to a LIFT event before," Lanphere said.

"That ripple effect of drawing and building interest is what is going to keep moving Luverne forward ... and lifting Luverne up."

# Blight/from 1A

A storage shed is the only structure on the Hardwick property. The assessed property tax for 2017 was \$104.

Hardwick adopted its nuisance ordinance in March 2016. The rules were patterned after the one already in effect in Luverne. Based on Hardwick's ordinance, Magnolia recently adopted nuisance ordinances to ridblightfromitsneighborhoods. Magnolia recently sent 22 letters to property owners indicating their properties' conditions were inviolation of the city's blight ordinance.



updated the community on the latest developments in town. It was the first time the annual event was a fundraiser for LIFT.

Lori Sorenson photo/0322 lift gala

The Friday night LIFT Gala drew 200 people to Grand Prairie Events in Luverne where business leaders and organizations

Street.

• Complainant came to LawEnforcementCenter and requested to speak with sheriff regarding a parking ticket.

•Deputy out with a stalled vehicle at Luverne High School.

•Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding a driving complaint.

 Complainant requested a welfare check on Kniss Ave. •Complainant reported a large fire behind buildings on Cedar Street. Advised complainant it was the fire department training.

#### March 13

 Complainant requested welfare check on Cedar Street.

•Received 911 misdial from a number in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported fraud.

•Complainant reported overdose of medication on Fairview Drive.

 Complainant requested welfare check on subjects on Veterans Drive.

•Reserved for death information

•Complainant reported intoxicated individual at Centennial Apartments.

March 14

Complainant requested

•Complainant reported 14-year-old not home. Doesn't want to report missing at this time.

In addition, officers also responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 2 vehicles in the ditch, 2 transports, 6 escorts, 12 ambulance runs, 9 animal complaints, 19 burn permits, 5 drug court tests, 8 permits to purchase/ carry, 22 traffic stops, 2 POR registrations, 7 paper services, 1 roadside assist, 1 test and 1 child maltreatment.

Local deputies monitored the chase, which entered Rock County via County Road 4.

Stop sticks were deployed east of Magnolia but Verbrugge said the vehicle, a green four-door car, continued eastbound, despite deflated tires.

It traveled through Magnolia and Luverne, where a Minnesota State Patrol trooper took the lead as the pursuit continued west toward Beaver Creek.

The state squad used a PIT maneuver (Pursuit Intervention Technique) to force

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miles east of Beaver Creek where two suspects were taken into custody.

The driver, 25-year-old Mary

the suspect vehicle to

spin and lose control.

shortly after 1 a.m.

in the south ditch of

County Road 4 two

It came to a stop

Weddell, Sioux Falls, was arrested without further incident.

Her passenger, 27-year-old Sean Symouksavanh, Minneapolis, fled into a nearby field where officers caught up to him.

Weddell was arrested for weapons violations, fleeing a peace officer, driving impaired and reckless driving.

Symouksavanh was arrested for drug possession and fleeing a peace officer.

Involved in the pursuit were the Worthington Police Department, Nobles County Sheriff's Department, Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota State Patrol.

The city of Beaver Creek is considering adopting similar ordinances.

"These small communities have been way too nice for too long," said Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

"(Through the new ordinances) they have given law enforcement the tools to help them with blighted property."

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# **CELEBRATIONS**

# Open houses

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

# **Card showers**

**Arvin Reu** will celebrate his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 31. Greetings may be sent to him at 1112 W. Warren Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

# Menu

**Monday, March 26:** Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, corn, fresh orange.

Program: Pinochle. **Tuesday, March 27:** Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, fruit cobbler.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Senior Board Meeting.

Wednesday, March 28: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, squash, bread, apple brown betty.

**Thursday, March 29:** Italian meat sauce over spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, cauliflower, garlic bread, apricots.

**Friday, March 30:** Salmoon loaf, baked potato with sour cream, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, slice pie.

Senior Dining offers wellbalanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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



Mavis Fodness photos/0322 Pottery

The first-time community education class "Throwing on a Pottery Wheel" at the Deuschle Studio north of Luverne was filled with the maximum of six participants. Pictured at Saturday's class are Tina Petronek (left), Annabell Petronek, instructor Jerry Deuschle, Joan Ellefson, Jill Buss and Katlin Petronek. Not pictured at the March 17 class was Skyla Stafford.

# Introductory event at art studio exposed participants to pottery wheel

### By Mavis Fodness

A first-time event at the Deuschle Studio left students feeling fulfilled through the learning of a new craft.

"Throwing on a Pottery Wheel" was a six-session event offered through Luverne Community Education.

Saturday's session was the fifth in the series at the Jerry and Kathy Deuschle art studio north of Luverne.

Joan Ellefson of Luverne was a first-time pottery student.

"I didn't know what I was getting into," she said. Through Jerry, an instructor with Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Ellefson







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And ... remember to include a phone number so we can contact you with any questions/clarifications. learned to prepare, form and complete a bowl from a rotating wheel.

"Centering is a lot harder than it looks," said student Jill Buss.

A New Year's resolution to be more creative prompted Buss to register for the class open to participants in grades nine through adult.

Buss had some pottery wheel lessons as a high school student.

"It is a lot of fun," she said. "There were a lot of failures ... but it's just clay, you can start all over again."

Practice is the secret to finishing projects from the wheel, according to Jerry



Deuschle. Through repeated

Each student was able

attempts students learned

to feel the correct wheel

to work at one of six pot-

tery wheels, which allowed

Tina, Annabell and Katlin

technique.

Left: Joan Ellefson carefully removes clay from the bottom of her newly made bowl.
Right: Jill Buss evens the thickness of the clay bowl on the spinning pottery wheel.
Far left top: Tina Petronek feels for the thickness of the clay as the wheel spins.
Far left middle: Katlin Petronek trims clay for her next bowl project using a thin wire.
Far left bottom: Annabell Petronek writes her name on her newly created pottery bowl.

Petronek to enjoy the activity at the same time.

"I am here for the experience," said their mother Tina. As her daughters completed bowls that will be glazed and readied for firing in the last class, Tina was still mastering the feel of a uniform thickness in the clay.

Deuschle plans to offer more introductions to various types of pottery in future classes at the local studio. Several completed bowls were drying on racks from the first introductory event, proof that the students were learning. "I like it when students walk away with knowledge they didn't have before," Deuschle said.



Submitted photos

In exchange for giving up their cell phones for the school day March 9 for National Day of Unplugging, Luverne students were allowed to wear hats and a button for the day.

# National Day of Unplugging yields positive results by students

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

Dozens of Luverne Middle-High School students willingly gave up cell phone usage March 9 in recognition of National Day of Unplugging.

The school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter promoted the event that encouraged students to be without their phones for the entire school day.

At Luverne schools, students are allowed to have cell phones but are instructed to put them away or silence them during class time.

As for unplugging, students had positive reactions.

"It was close to an average day with overall speed and worry," said one student. "The only struggle was the lack of Internet.

"I did not realize my use of Google. My mind did seem to have it easier due to the lack of knowledge to what was going on nationally."

Another student said, "My day went really good. The only struggle I had was to text a family member about something."

Phones were returned to students after school, but during school students found being unplugged had its benefits.

"In the hallways no one ran into anyone, so it was better

when we don't have our phones."

The National Day of Unplugging was intended for youth to notice the moments in their lives that pass them by due to the hours they have their noses buried in the devices.

Locally, some missed moments were realized.

"I talked to more people for a prolonged period of time."

"It was just one less thing to worry about. It brought the drama level lower too."

Upon receiving their devices back, a student had this reaction to the day without a cell phone.

"I would do it again."

# **O**BITUARIES

## Wilma Jeffer

Wilma Jeffer, 74, Luverne, diedSunday, March 18,2018, at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home in Luverne.

A time of fellowshipwillbefrom 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A memorial service

will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Dingmann Funeral Home. A private family committal of cremains will be at a later date.

Wilma Smidstra was born June 21, 1943, to Charles and Reika (Kracht) Smidstra in Rock Rapids, Iowa. She moved to Luverne as a teenager and graduated from Luverne High School in 1961.

Wilma married Joe Jeffer at the American Reformed Church in Luverne on Aug. 29, 1963.

Wilma was a woman of many talents. She was an ace shot with either a gun or bow and arrow. Wilma was also good at fishing. She taughtherselfto crochet. She also became interested in rubber stamping and made hundreds of greeting cards for family and friends. She volunteered for ten years at the Mary Jane Brown Home

inLuverneandwashonored as Volunteer of the Year.

Wilma loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She especially looked forward to the summers when her son and his family would come home from

Virginia.

Wilma is survived by her husband, Joseph Jeffer, Luverne; a son, Richard (Pam) Jeffer, Midlothian, Virginia; a daughter, Rachelle (Mark) VanderWaal, Edgerton; four grandchildren, Joey Jeffer and Kristin Jeffer; Tanner VanderWaal (special friend Courtney Anderson) and Brady VanderWaal (special friend Shelbi Westover); Joey Jeffer and Kristin Jeffer; and a brother, Ben (Lylas) Smidstra, Luverne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings, Albert Smidstra, Jennie Vande Weerd, Jessie Wiersma, Susie Kelderman and Bert Smidstra.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www. dingmannandsons.com. (0322 F)

Sat. Night

# Annie Boll -

Annie Mabel Boll, 91,

Luverne, died Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the Touchstone Living Center in Sioux City, Iowa. A memorial

service was Friday, March 16, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Annie Andersen was born on Aug. 20, 1926, to Marten and Anne (Rhode) Andersen in Lake Benton. She attended country school through the eighth grade.

On July 31, 1946, Annie married Elmer Boll at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tyler, where she also was baptized and received her confirmation in May 1947. The couple made their home in Lake Benton, Verdi, Kanaranzi and later Luverne. They were blessed with five children. In addition to raising their family, Annie worked in production at Campbell's Soup in Worthington for over 25 years. Elmer preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1988.

In 2011 Annie moved to Northern Hills assisted living facility in Sioux City, Iowa. A few years later she moved

1952: Harley's roller rink opens

#### into the Touchstone Living Center in Sioux City. Annie was a

member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She enjoyed quilting, knitting, crocheting and woodworking projects. She was an animal lover and was especially fond of her cats. Throughout her life, family was very important

to her. Annie is survived by four children, Larry (Carlene) Boll of Luverne, Elmer "Fred" (Natalie) Boll of Luverne, Cindy (Robert) Collins of Sioux City, and Rose Baustian of Glendale, Arizona; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a sonin-law, Duane (Judy) Scherff of Albert Lea; a sister, Martha Yonker of St. Paul; and other

relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; a daughter, Linda Scherff; a grandchild; two great-grandchildren; and six siblings, Marie Otkins, Hannah Utley, Evelyn Carrillo, Arthur Andersen, Walter Andersen and Harry Andersen.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www. hartquistfuneral.com. (0322 F)



Submitted photo

Six Luverne High School students earned recognition at the Big South Conference Speech Tournament March 15 in New Ulm. Students included (front, from left) Destiny Matthiesen, Melanie Rittenhouse, (second) Shane Berning, Chance Tunnissen, (back) Julia Ferguson and Courtney Wendland.

# Six students earn speech medals at conference meet

Team competes at last regular meet in Marshall Saturday

Luverne High School was one of 11 conference schools represented at the Big South Conference speech tournament in New Ulm Thursday, March 15.

Participants competed in two rounds with the top speakers eligible for the medal final.

Six members of the Luverne speech team broke into finals and earned medals

They include Shane Berning, fourth, and Chance Tunnissen, fifth, in extemp speaking; Courtney Wendland, fifth, and Destiny Matthiesen, sixth, in ext reading; Melanie Rittenhouse, sixth, in discussion; and Julia Ferguson, sixth, in storytelling.

"Competition was extremely tough," said co-coach Caroline Thorson. "We had students who took second place in both preliminary rounds and still not qualify for finals."

Thorson, who coaches the 51-member team with Gavin Folkestad, added that the conference competition exposed the students to a high level of competition.

"Although they were disappointed when they didn't break into the medals round, they feel good about how they performed in their preliminary rounds," she said.

The speech team travels to Southwest Minnesota State University for the Marshall Invitational on Saturday and then will have a break before subsection competition on April 3.

# DEATH NOTICE

### Rosella Dammer –

Worthington, died Thursday, March 15, 2018, at South Shore Care Center in Worthington.

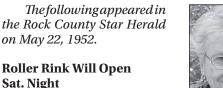
A funeral service was Rock Cemetery in Little Rock,

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral

Rosella J. Dammer, 84,

Monday, March 19, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Worthington. Burial followed at the Little Iowa.

Home of Worthington, www.



The grand opening of Harley's roller rink will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Harley Jensen, owner has completed installation of the portable rink which will accommodate approximately 150 persons. He had erected a new tent which covers the 50 by 120 masonite skating surface.

The rink is located opposite the Luverne swimming pool at the recreation grounds. Music will be provided with the use of a public ad-



By Betty Mann, president **Rock County Historical Society** 

dress system. The rink will be open to the public 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

evening. Skating will be every afternoon2to4p.m.except Monday and Tuesday and every night 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Jensen extends a cordial invitation to both

young and old to attend a grand opening Saturday

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to man-

dingmannanasons (0322 DN)

nmade@iw.net.

# **REMEMBER WHEN**

# 10 years ago (2008)

•For the past three weeks, public works and utilities employees have been working in the former Luverne hospital building to make room for a 4,000-square-foot expansion in the Minnesota West Community and Technical College Learning Center.

On March 3 Minnesota West Administration announced that it would add two new programs to its list of class offerings in time for fall registration.

In addition to the current surgical tech and radiology tech degrees that attract about 50 students per day to the site, the school will now add programs for degrees in medical assistant and medical lab technician.

# 25 years ago (1993)

•Rock County ASCS, SCS, Soil Conservation District and Extension Service agencies will be making a move to a new building, possibly by fall.

ASCS Director Roger Carlson said the offices have agreed to move into a 54-by-88-foot wood building to be constructed by F&L Management and Development Inc., Luverne. It will be located between Taco John's on Highway 75 and Truckers' Territory on Gabrielson Road.

F&L Management owner Tom Serie said the cost of the building will be between \$160,000 to \$180,000. Serie will offer

the building to the agencies on five-year leases.

## 50 years ago (1968)

•A jury of 11 women and one man brought in a verdict in favor of Plaintiff Henry Spykerboer of Ellsworth in district court yesterday in his suit against the Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Co. The verdict enables him to recover \$7,500.10 for the theft of 41 head of feeder cattle. Spykerboer's cattle were reported missing from a feedlot south of Luverne last September.

Originally, the amount of damages sought was \$7,780. However, three head were recovered which has a value of \$517.50, Spykerboer alleged, but he had to pay out \$146.60 in order to obtain possession of the animals.

Spykerboer claimed that an insurance policy he carried with Beaver Creek provided for coverage in the event of loss by theft.

# 75 years ago (1943)

•Aruling received this week by the county ACA office restricts the sale of corn from steel bins to a seven day supply for any one individual, Leonard A. Arp, chairman, reports.

Previously, a person could buy a 30-day supply of shelled corn from a commodity credit corporation if he intended to use it for feeding purposes. Reason for the restriction, according to word received by Mr. Arp, is to be able to meet emergency situations that may arise. Price of the corn remains at 81 cents per bushel.

# 100 years ago (1918)

•Yellow paint brush artists made their initial appearance in Luverne and rural sections tributary thereto yesterday morning shortly after midnight, and before they had ceased their labors four business places, two residences and one church building in Luverne, and two country homes had been more or less daubed with yellow paint.

The places painted were the store buildings of Fred C. Gimm, Robt. C. Mannigel and Wm. Carstens; the residences of John Meints and Rev. H. W. Baumann, and the German Lutheran Church of which Mr. Baumann is pastor, and the home of Joe Willers, northeast of Luverne, and that of Carl Wiese, in Mound township, F.J. Snook's restaurant windows were also covered but the composition was eggs instead of paint.

That Messrs. Gimm and Snook were more or less tardy in closing their restaurants on the afternoon of the Red Cross sale is said to be the main cause for their businesses being decorated.

While the Red Cross sale was in progress someone painted and placed a large placard on a shoe-drill brought in for the sale by Mr. Wiese, bearing the statement, "Donated by Carl Wiese, Value \$0.00," painted in yellow, but when the drill was placed on sale it brought \$35.00





Tonya Wickhurst (left) dons a costume for Subway's entry in the parade. Serena Sterling (center) sees the world through green-colored glasses. At right, Melissa Fick distributes candy.

# Luverne turns green for St. Patrick's Day

Luverne celebrated St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 17, with a parade and other festivities. Below, (from left) Macy Chapin, Kara Zak, Vanessa Chapin and Brooklyn Gillette wait for the next round of candy from parade entries. At right, a small crowd lines the streets for St. Patrick's Day Parade entries.

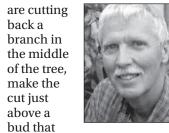
Star Herald photos by Lori Sorenson





# Early spring is the time to prune fruit trees; here's how to do it

I am finally getting



the top of the tree.

larger apples are a good

on mature wood. If the

it will not have one next

fruit naturally and con-

sequently bear annually

Apple trees produce

fruit from "spurs" that form

spur has an apple this year,

year. Some trees thin their

trade-off.

started pruning my orchard. This winter has not been conducive to working outside, and when I look back in my journal to last year, I was nearly finished by now. So let's get at it!

When pruning fruit trees, it is always important to make pruning cuts that result in the tree growing toward the outside. Also, don't allow the tree to get taller than your ability to harvest the fruit. So if you

is facing toward the outside because that bud will become the next branch.

Any branches that cross each other ... always remove the branch that is growing toward the inside. In the

# KNOW IT AND GROW IT

### By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

event they are both growing the right direction, remove the branch that will give the neighboring branches the most space.

No branches should be allowed to rub against each other. The statement about being able to throw a hat through the tree is accurate.

Opening up the tree allows air movement, which helps prevent fungal diseases and allows sunlight to filter in, improving the quality of the fruit ... there is a reason why the best apples are always at



Don't be afraid to be aggressive in pruning. Too many apples results in lots of small fruit and often overloaded branches that end up breaking from excessive weight. Fewer but

You can break that every biennial cycle by clipping the small apples from every other spur early in the season. I said clip the apples ... do not remove the spur. Yeah, I know that is time-consuming, but once you do it, you should have an ongoing annual crop. The results are worth the effort.

Tall ornamental grass should be cut to the ground as soon as you can get at it (yesterday).

I cut a bunch of them last week and the new growth is ready to take off. Waiting until the temperature gets warm will mean you either cut off some of the new growth (bad or not so bad, depending on how long you wait) or you end up cutting them higher, leaving an unsightly collar of old dead growth at the base.

If the clump of grass has been growing for several years, it tends to die out in the center as it expands to the outside. To correct that, lift the clump, use the spade to chop the root mass into sections and replant just one section back in the hole.

You will have renewed that plant, and it will be happy until the same thing in several years.

Two weeks ago I cut some branches of lilac and rose of China, put them in a vase of water, and set them in a sunny window. The flowers are just beginning to color, and I am happy to get a jump on spring, getting to appreciate a fragrance that is one of my favorites now and then again in its natural bloom time.

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# **Star Herald** RIETY

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Students and staff sit in quiet reflection March 14 as the names of the 17 victims of the Parkland High School shooting were read. They were represented by 17 Luverne students and staff dressed in black for the daylong event. The Florida victims' pictures were projected on a screen during the event.

# Luverne students show solidarity for shooting victims during National School Walkout Day

#### Story and photo by Mavis Fodness

March 14 marked the one-month anniversary of the school shootings in Parkland, Florida.

The Women's March Youth Empower-organized event encouraged students to walk out of class at 10 a.m. for 17 minutes Wednesday, one minute for each victim killed in the school shooting.

In Luverne 25 students walked out in support of the national movement. They returned to class after 17 minutes.

They joined 675 other Luverne students in grades 6 through 12 who participated in a daylong event in remembrance of the slain students and staff at Parkland and what it would mean if the incident occurred locally.

In Luverne 17 students and staff dressed in black and stayed silent during the seven-period school day.

A student-organized assembly took place before stu-





dents were released from school on Wednesday.

At the assembly the individuals in black took turns speaking, each one reciting the name of a Parkland victim and a short biography while the victim's picture was projected on a screen.

A single rose was placed in a vase for each victim. The assembly included 17 seconds of silence when all students and staff sat quietly, some with heads bowed.

Senior Ashlee Boltjes was the final black-dressed individual who spoke.

"I reiterate that this was not a political movement," Boltjes said. "We were simply trying to honor the victims of the Parkland shooting."

Organizers of the national movement had encouraged students to walk out of school as a demand for Congress to pass legislation to keep the nation safe from gun violence.

In Luverne the walkout became a learning experience.

Two of the student organizers, Jacinda Hustoft and Shane Berning, said they wanted to honor those impacted by gun violence and not make a political statement.

'Kids don't think they can do anything," Berning said.

Middle-high school principal Ryan Johnson challenged staff to build respect in students and students build respect for one another.

"We all have responsibilities to manage ourselves ... to get along with each other and show respect," he said. "We have to make this a safe place."

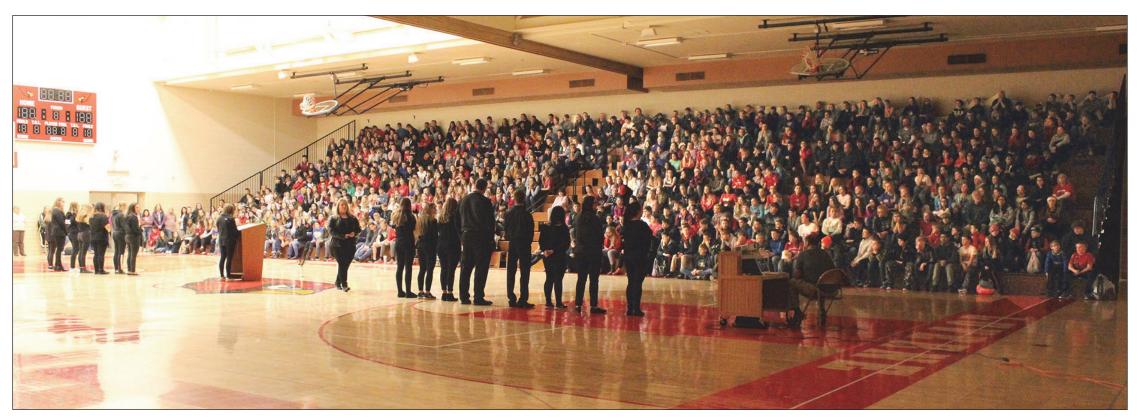
As a reminder, students and staff were encouraged to wear black in support of the families, community and others impacted by the Parkland incident and other mass shootings.



As principal Ryan Johnson (far right) called for showing and teaching respect at the middle-high school, the 17 students and staff who represented those killed in Parkland, Florida, joined hands in solidarity.

Above left: Principal Ryan Johnson (far left) addresses the student body as local students and staff represent the 17 students and three staff members killed in a Feb. 14 mass shooting at a Parkland, Florida, high school.

Above right: Freshman Rebecca Austin slips a red rose into a vase after reading a short biography about Luke Hoyer. "I was 15 years old and was well known for always being happy. I always seemed to be smiling and many would even say that my smile was contagious. But I was a victim of the Parkland, Florida, shooting."



Luverne's 675 middle and high school students gathered in the gymnasium for National School Walkout Day Wednesday, March 14. Instead of leaving class in protest, student leaders conducted a daylong event featuring 17 black-clad students and staff to represent the 17 individuals killed at a Parkland, Florida, high school shooting a month earlier.

# National Ag Week: A time to focus on state's valued industry

National Ag Week is being celebrated March 18-24 in Minnesota, as well as across the United States, with Tuesday, March 20, being designated as "National Ag Day."

It's a good time to reflect on the traditions and advancements that help drive the United States and Minnesota agriculture industry.

Following are some brief highlights of Minnesota's Agriculture Industry.

•Minnesota had a total of 73,200 farms in 2017, compared to 80,992 farms as recently as 2007. Minnesota ranks ninth in total farm numbers, with the top five states being Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, and California.

•47,800 of the Minnesota farms in 2017, or 65 percent, had gross sales of less than \$100,000 for the year, while 5,300 farms, representing only 7 percent of the total farms, had gross sales exceeding \$1 million in 2017.

•Approximately 88 percent of Minnesota's farms are family or individually owned, while another 10 percent of farms are partnerships and corporations, mostly held by families.

•There were nearly 26 million acres of land in production in Minnesota during 2017, which is about at the same level as for the four previous years (2013-2016).

•The average farm size in Minnesota in 2017 was 354 acres, which is up one acre from 2016 and compares to 348 acres in 2013.

•Minnesota crop production accounted for over \$9.5 billion in total production value in 2017, which was led by corn at \$4.5 billion and soybeans at \$3.5 billion.

•Minnesota typically ranks first nationally in sugar beet, sweet corn and green pea production, and usually ranks third or fourth in corn, soybean, and spring wheat production.

•Minnesota ranks first in the nation in turkey production, usually ranks second or third in hog production, third or fourth in overall red meat production, sixth in cheese production, and eighth in milk production.

•Minnesotarankedfourth nationally in total ag exports, trailing only California, Iowa and Illinois. The state's exports were valued at over \$7.1 billion in 2016, with the top export products being soybeans, corn, feed, and pork, with exports of wheat, dairy products, and beef growing rapidly. The state's main ag export markets are Canada, Mexico and China. •Minnesota ranks fourth in the U.S. in ethanol production, with 20 ethanol plants producing over 1.2 billion gallons of ethanol per year, which includes several ethanol plants in southern Minnesota. \$6.7 billion in economic output, as well as being responsible for more than 17,900 jobs. Iowa leads the nation with 43 ethanol plants, which produce nearly 4.2 billion gallons of ethanol annually.

•According to a recent survey, 4 in 5 Minnesotans say that farming is very important to the Minnesota economy, and 75 percent of Minnesotans have a positive view of farmers, even though only 38 percent indicated that they actually know a farmer.

•Based on the annual Farm Business Management Summary of over 1,100 operations in southern and western Minnesota, the average farm spenta total of nearly \$845,000 in 2016 on crop and livestock input costs, hired labor, interest expense, real estate taxes, capital purchases, and family living expense. Most of those dollars were spent in the regional community.

•In a recent survey, over 95 percent of Minnesota residents, and a similar percentage of the state's farmers, believe that protecting Minnesota's water resources is important.

•In addition to the direct employment for farm production, Minnesota's agriculture industry provides an estimated 63,800 jobs in the food processing and manufacturing sector.

•The U.S. farmer today produces enough food and fiber for about 165 people. This number compares to 19 people in 1940, 46 people in 1960, and 115 people in 1980.

•Farmers receive just over 17 cents of every consumer dollar that is spent on food. The other 83 cents of the food dollar is spent on processing, packaging, marketing, transportation, distribution, and other costs in the retail food supply.

•Following is the farmer's share of common food products (and the est. retail value) as of February 2018, based on USDA average prices: bacon - \$.66/lb. (\$5.63/lb.); sirloin steak - \$1.90/lb. (\$8.99/ lb.); boneless ham - \$.66/lb. (\$5.99/lb.); milk - \$1.48/gal (\$4.49/gal.); eggs - \$1.34/doz. (\$2.19/doz.); breakfast cereal - \$.05/box (\$5.09/box); potatoes \$.57/five lbs. (\$4.49/ five lbs.); tomatoes - \$.80/lb. (\$4.51/lb.). As we celebrate National Ag Week, everyone should take time to appreciate the abundant supply of safe and affordable food and energy that is provided by farmers and the U.S. agriculture industry. Written by Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Vice President, MinnStar Bank. Facts listed in this article are from USDA, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, National Farmers Union, American Farm Bureau, National Corn Growers Association, and other sources.





Freshman Leah Wynia received the Star Greenhand Award.

Left: Installed as 2018-19 officers for the Luverne-Adrian FFAChapter are (from left) Cassie Flanagan, Gretchen Jacobsma, Trevor Mente, Kaylee Ossefoort, Michael Kinsinger and Hallie Hough.

Lori Sorenson photos

# Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter hosts annual banquet Monday

Members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter were honored Monday during the group's 2017-18 awards banquet.

#### Seniors recognized

Fifteen seniors and their parents were recognized. They include: •Eli Bakken, son of Peter and Carrie

Bakken.

•Hans Bakken, son of Paul and Jennifer Bakken.

•Trey Baustian, son of Tom and Theresa Baustian.

•Jeffrey Cauwels, son of Chad Cauwels.

•Amber DeGroot, daughter of Steve and Jean DeGroot.

•Payton Fick, son of Jeff and Missy Fick.

•Tyler Fick, son of Kevin and Julie Fick.

•Alena Hilfers, son of Marty and Lucy Hilfers.

•Aric Meinerts, son of Todd and Barbie Meinerts.

•Gena Natte, daughter of Chris and Kris Natte.

•Tyler Reisdorfer, son of Bruce and Linda Reisdorfer.

•Kalvin Ross, son of Dale and Vicky Ross.

•Cody Sasker, son of Randy and Lisa Sasker.

•Ethan Thorson, son of Jason and Karla Thorson.

•Mckenna Westphal, daughter of Lee

Hough, Trevor Mente, Aleck Schoeneman, Hannah Kruse, Eli Bakken, Tyler Fick, Aric Meinerts, Gretchen Jacobsma, Eric Somnis, Leah Wynia, Blake Madison, Michael Kinsinger, Kaylie Ossefoort, Paige Hinrichs, Paige Madison, Trey Baustian, Alena Hilfers, Dylan Mente, Hans Bakken, Amber DeGroot, Payton Fick, Gena Natte, Ethan Thorson, Mckenna Westphal, Jeffrey Cauwels, Tyler Reisdorfer, Cody Sasker and Kalvin Ross.

Greenhand degree pins were given to first-year membership. Pins were earned by Justin Dohlman, Austin Henning, Shelby Kracht, Destiny Mattiesen, Eric Somnis, Leah Wynia, Keegan Weston, Trinity Grimord, Cassie Flanagan, Gretchen Jacobsma, Tanner Hinrichs, Jayson Rops, Katlin Petronek, Hunter Sandbulte and Melissa Teal.

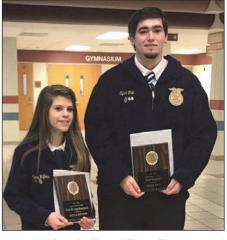
Star Greenhand Award was given to Leah Wynia.

Chapter degree pins are given to second-year members. Earning pins were Tacey Baustian, Carson Ehde, Alex Hartman, Carter Loosbrock, Brayden Tofteland, Blake Madison, Justice Brandt, Kynzie Hamann, Anita Cole-Kraty, Riley Siebenahler and Mason Wenzel.

#### Proficiency awards

Chapter members earn proficiency awards through a supervised agricultural experience project where they keep records.

Earning freshman proficiency



Alena Hilfers (left) and Tyler Fick earned the Star Agribusiness and Star Farmer designations respectively.

and services; Hannah Kruse, beef production and vet science; Paige Madison, sheep production entrepreneurship; Kaylie Ossefoort, beef production and agmechanics; and Riley Severtson, grain production.

Senior proficiency awards were given to Alena Hilfers, landscape placement, home and/or community development, and ag mechanics repair and maintenance; Eli Bakken, agmechanics repair and maintenance; Jeffrey Cauwels, beef production; Amber DeGroot, forage production entrepreneurship and fruit and vegetable production; Tyler Fick, beef production and ag mechanics repair and maintenance; Cody Sasker, ag sales and service, beef production, and ag mechanics repair and maintenance; Ethan Thorson, ag sales and service placement and agmechanics repair and maintenance.

•Minnesota's ethanol industry generates an estimated and Casey Westphal.

#### Individual pin awards

Scholarship pins were given to members who have achieved a 3.2 cumulative grade point average.

Pins were earned by Shelby Kracht, Jason Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Austin Henning, Carson Ehde, Halle Hough, Melissa Teal, Tyler Reisdorfer, Destiny Matthiesen, Katlin Petronek, Leah Wynia, Carter Loosbrock, Riley Severtson, Will Stegenga, Cody Sasker and Mckenna Westphal.

Leadership pins were awarded to members who earned 100 or more points during the school year.

Pins were earned by Justin Dohlmann, Destiny Matthiesen, Hunter Sandbulte, Anita Cole-Kraty, Halle awards and their area(s) of expertise were Leah Wynia, swine production placement and small animal care and production; Destiny Matthiesen, ag sales and service; Austin Henning, dairy production.

Earning sophomore proficiency awards were Blake Madison, swine production entrepreneurship; Alex Hartman, sheep production and fruit and vegetable production; Kynzie Hamann, swine production placement; Justice Brandt, ag sales and service and small animal care and management; Brayden Tofteland, swine production placement.

Earning junior proficiency awards were Brooke Brust, ag sales and service; Paige Hinrichs, ag sales and service; Halle Hough, beef production entrepreneurship, swine production, home and/or community development and ag sales Star in Agribusiness was earned by Alena Hilfers.

Tyler Fick was named Star Farmer and also received the Dekalb Ag Accomplishment Award.

### Officers for 2018-19

Installed as officers for next school year were President Hallie Hough, Vice President Trevor Mente, Secretary Kaylie Ossefoort, Treasurer Michael Kinsinger, Reporter Gretchen Jacobsma, and Sentinel Cassie Flanagan.



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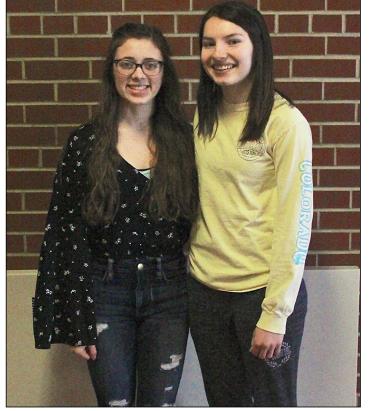
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# Oye, Petersen make list for LHS

### By John Rittenhouse

Two members of the Luverne High School girls' basketball program received postseason honors from Big South Conference officials last week.

- One Cardinal player made the 2017-18 All-BSC Western Division Team, while another drew honorable mention.
- Senior guard Joci Oye, who led the Cardinals in scoring this winter, is one of 10 players forming the All-BSC squad.
- Junior guard Mackenzie Petersen is one of five players to draw honorable mention from the league's coaches.
- League champion Marshall is one of three teams to have a pair of players listed on the all-conference roster.
- Senior Hannah Meier and freshman Jordyn Hilgemann represent the Tigers on the team.
- Pipestone and Worthington matched Marshall by securing two all-conference selections each.
- Pipestone senior Shelby Bloemendaal and sophomore Zoe Velde made the squad for the Arrows.
- Senior Emma Thuringer and sophomore Naymer Diew are the Trojans on the list.
- Redwood Valley, Jackson County Central and Windom have one player each selected to the squad.
- JCC sophomore Alaina Wolff, RWV senior Rose Frank and Windom junior Maurissa Isaacs round out the all-conference team.
- Other players drawing honorable mention include JCC juniors Melissa Brandt, Marshall junior Kaia Sueker, RWV freshman Sydney Sommers and Worthington senior Anneke Weg.



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Luverne's Joci Oye (left) made the 2017-18 All-Big South Conference Western Division Girls' Basketball Team. Mackenzie Petersen (right) drew honorable mention.



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Tot skaters (from left) Ophelia Visker, Aliyah Tiesler, Allydia Lynch, Ellianna Kopp, Nevaeh and Ellanor Seavor are performing the number "Duck Pond" during the annual ice show at the BMIA Friday and Saturday.

# Skaters to present ice shows at BMIA Friday, Saturday

**By John Rittenhouse** 

The Blue Mound Figure Skating Club is set to stage its 27<sup>th</sup> annual ice show at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday and Saturday nights.

Skate Carnivale, the name of the 2018 spectacle, makes its debut on the indoor rink at 7 p.m. Friday.

An encore performance is set for the same time Saturday. Each performance includes

28 numbers. Fourteen numbers are set

for the first half of the show, and 14 more follow after the intermission.

According to Cathy Shearer, one of the BMFSC's coaches, some of the more than 60 startershave been preparing for the shows since early February.

The participants represent 15 to 16 different communities and the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.



# **BOWLING CLIPBOARD**

#### Thursday Bowling National League March 15

Games won: Rock Stars 4; Troublemakers 3; Stooges 3; Those Guys 1; Real Guys 1; Those Girls 0. High Scratch Game Men: Dave Nelson 234; Billy Debates 231. High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 166; Marie Opheim 150. High Scratch Series Men: Zach

Runia 599; Dave Nelson 575.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 473; Marie Opheim 382. Team High Scratch Game: Troublemakers 554; Rock Stars 538. Team High Scratch Series: Troublemakers 1509; Rock Stars 1501. Team High Handicap Game: Rock Stars 684; Troublemakers 671. Team High Handicap Series: Rock

Stars 1939; Troublemakers 1860.

The skaters performing solo numbers have been honing their routines since the arena opened for the season late last fall.

Among the soloists are Ashley Hohn, Anna Boyd and Hannah Hofer, the three senior members of the BMFSC.

The 2018 version of the event also includes some annual group numbers that have been fan-favorites over the years.

The always-popular Father/

Submitted photo

Three seniors are skating in their last ice show as members of the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club this weekend. They are (from left) Ashley Hohn, Hannah Hofer and Anna Boyd.

Daughter and Figure Skaters/ Hockey Players numbers are in the lineup again this year. The opening performance

for each show is a production number consisting of 28 different skaters. Tickets (\$7 for adults and \$3.50 for students) can be purchased on the night of the events.



H-BC's Grace Bundesen (left), Kourtney Rozeboom (middle) and Sidney Fick (right) made the 2017-18 All-Red Rock Conference Girls' Basketball Team. Paige Tilstra (pictured below) drew honorable mention from the league's coaches.



Adrian High School basketball players Hannah Bullerman

(left) and Lexi Slater (right) made the 2017-18 All-Red Rock Conference Girls' Basketball Team. Paige Bullerman (right) received honorable mention.



John Rittenhouse photo/0322 ehs gb all plavers Devin Dreesen (right)

Ellsworth High School basketball players. Devin Dreesen (right) made the 2017-18 All-Red Rock Conference Girls' Basketball Team. Ashlyn Meester (left) received honorable mention.

# Red Rock Conference honors nine area basketball players

#### By John Rittenhouse

Nine players from the Star Herald coverage area landed postseason honors from the Red Rock Conference girls' basketball coaches last week.

Three players from Hills-Beaver Creek, two from Adrian and one from Ellsworth made the 2017-18 All-RRC Basketball Team.

One player each from H-BC,



H-BC senior **Tilstra** Kourtney Rozeboom and juniors Sidney Fick and Grace Bundesen made the all-league squad, as did Ellsworth senior Devin Dreesen and Adrian seniors Lexi Slater and Hannah Bullerman.

H-BC senior Paige Tilstra, Adrian senior Paige Bullerman and Ellsworth sophomore Ashlyn Meester received honorable mention.

Southwest Christian led all teams by securing four all-league selections.

Seniors Brooklyn DeKam

and Emily Nerem, junior Hannah Nerem and sophomore Jazlynn Prins made the team for the E-Gals.

Red Rock Central and MurrayCountyCentrallandedtwo all-league roster spots.

RRC senior Hannah DeCock and junior Haley Simonson cracked the list, as did MCC senior Riley Schmitz and junior Montana Beckmann. Rounding out the all-conference squad are Edgerton senior Chynna Berning, Westbrook-Walnut Grove junior Grace Woelber, Fulda junior McKenzie Evers, Heron Lake-Okabena senior Kiana Leighty and Mountain Lake Areasophomore Margo Stoesz.

Other honorable mention selections include Red Rock Central juniors Vanessa Kedl and Kaitlyn Rindfleisch, Fulda senior Emily Schroer and junior Evany Luna, Southwest Christian senior Sydney Van Hulzen, Murray County CEntral senior Rachel Van Imperen, Edgerton sophomore Gabrielle Buckridge, MLA senior Jermeel Rodney and W-WG sophomore Camryn Bunting.

# **Bass earns recognition** long before fateful night

To be honest, putting together an all-conference story for the Star Herald is a pretty mundane task.



I contact my sources at the area schools, and we set up a time for me to show up at the school to get my photographs.

It's a simple process that I really didn't think too much about until last week, when I found out H-BC senior Trenton Bass was selected to the All-Red Rock Conference basketball squad.

Bass, I'm sure most of our readers know, didn't step on the court for the Patriot boys this winter.

He sustained a serious neck injury during the second game of the football season last September in Mountain Lake.

After a lengthy stay at a hospital in Sioux Falls followed by a rehabilitation stint in Colorado, Bass returned to Hills on Dec. 21 and resumed his studies after the Christmas break.

Seeing Bass in a wheelchair at some H-BC basketball games wasn't a pleasant vision, but that's the reality of the situation right now.

I prefer recalling some of the memories I have of Bass being a standout three-sport athlete for the Patriot football, basketball and track programs.

Based on what I found out last week, I'm not alone in that line of thinking.

While some may believe Bass being named to the all-district football and all-conference basketball teams may be based on some form of pity recognition, I'm not one of them.

I believe the decisions of the coaches who selected Bass to those honorary squads were based on what he accomplished for H-BC in both sports in Before sustaining his injury in Mountain Lake, Bass ran for 52 yards and a two-point conversion during what ended as a

# FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor



Trenton Bass puts up a shot during a home game against Red Rock Central during the 2016-17 regular season.

### 28-20 win.

The week before that, Bass ran for two touchdowns, a pair of two-point conversions and set up two more touchdowns with impressive punt returns during a 46-0 home win over Heron Lake-Okabena.

I think opposing coaches came to realize that H-BC wasn't the same team that started the season with two wins when Bass left the picture.

They would be right in their thinking because the Patriots lost four of their next six regular season games before bowing out of the playoffs in the opening round.

I think it's safe to say the H-BC boys' basketball team missed Bass as well He was a starting guard for an H-BC team that won 11 games in 2016-17 and would have been one of two returning starters for a

team that rallies late in the season to win 11 games this year.

It was clear to me early in the season that the H-BC Patriots missed the experience Bass would have given them when they lost nine of their first 12 games.

I'm not an expert in what takes place when the coaches gather to form allconference teams, but I do know this.

H-BC football coach Rex Metzger and basketball coach Steve Wiertzema didn't nominate Bass to receive postseason honors.

Opposing coaches did, and I'm positive they based their decisions on what Bass meant to prior H-BC basketball and football teams.

Trenton Bass may have been in a wheelchair when I snapped his photo last week, but he definitely deserved to be in the shot.



Hills-Beaver Creek's Jax Wysong (left), Trenton Bass (middle) and Preston Wilhelmi (right) made the 2017-18 All-Red Rock Conference Boys' Basketball Team.

# Area boys collect postseason awards for basketball accomplishments

# **By John Rittenhouse**

Six athletes from the Star Herald coverage area raked in postseason honors from Red Rock Conference boys' basketball officials last week. Three players from Hills-

Beaver Creek, one from Adrian and one from Ellsworth made the 2017-18 All-RRC Basketball Team.

One AHS player drew honorable mention from the league.

H-BC senior Trenton Bass, junior Preston Wilhelmi and sophomore Jax Wysong made the all-league team, as did Adrian senior Ryan Wieneke and Ellsworth junior Brandon Kramer.

Adrian junior Christian Weidert drew honorable mention.

A total of 19 players made the all-conference squad, including three each from Westbrook-Walnut Grove and Southwest Christian.

W-WG seniors Matt DePrez and Anthony Ross and junior Andrew Quade grace the list, as do SWC seniors A.J. Vanderby and Logan Walhof and sophomore Jacob Van Dam.

Mountain Lake Area, Fulda and Murray County Central landed two all-league selections each.

MLA senior Weston Osland and junior Drake Harder made



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Adrian's Ryan Wieneke (left) made the 2017-18 All-Red Rock Conference Boys' Basketball Team. Christian Weidert received honorable mention.

team are Red Rock Central senior Brady Rasmussen and Edgerton senior Trey Gilbertson.

Other players drawing honorablemention include W-WG seniors Tyson Elzenga and Kyle Kuehl, Heron Lake-Okabena senior Ben Sheldahl and freshman Eli Fast, RRC senior Sam Hanson and junior Spencer Halland, SWC sophomore Avery Pater, MLA sophomore Abraham Stoesz, MCC junior Spencer Wajer and Fulda senior Leighton Gehl.



the team, as did Fulda seniors Mathias Kunerth and Dalton Slinger.

Senior Tyler Groves and junior Nate Everson represent MCC.

Rounding out the all-league

Kramer



# **Church**

### St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net Thursday, March 22: 9 a.m. Head Start. 1-4 p.m. Fun Day. 4 p.m. Soulful Art; Veterans Home Mass. 7 p.m. St. Catherine SL Meeting. Friday, March 23: 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup. 6 p.m. St. Catherine Stations. Saturday, March 24: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, March 25: 8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. 7 p.m. RCIA. Monday, March 26: 7 p.m. Diocesan Chrism Mass at Cathedral. Tuesday, March 27: No 9 a.m. Mass. 4 p.m. Poplar Creek Mass. 7:30 p.m. St. Catherine Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, March 28: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7:10 p.m. Shadow Stations. Thursday, March 29: 5:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass at St. Catherine. 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass at St. Mary.

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

Sunday, March 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, March 26: 9 a.m. PERK-UP at Edgerton. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, March 27: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday. March 28: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Thursday, March 22: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, March 25: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Morning Service with Voices of Zambia. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, March 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, March 28: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, March 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

#### Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor Thursday, March 22: Circle Meetings. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Grace. Friday, March 23: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 24: Noon-5 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, March 25: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study; Fellowship and coffee/treats. Monday, March 26: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, March 27: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. Circle meetings. Wednesday, March 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir. Thursday, March 29: 8:30 a.m. MIA. Fifth-grade Seder meal. 6:45 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

#### Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834 pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, March 25: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, March 28: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. Thursday, March 29: 7 p.m. Worship with Communion.

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

Thursday, March 22: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, March 23: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, March 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, March 26: 6:30 p.m. Jazz Band Concert. Tuesday, March 27: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday March 28: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/ YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, March 29: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

#### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, March 22: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Saturday, March 24: 2-5 p.m. Delores Leenderts 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House. Sunday, March 25: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Children's Easter Party and Lunch; Coffee and Fellowship. Monday, March 26: 9 a.m. Quilting group. Tuesday, March 27: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, March 28: 6:30 p.m. High School Fellowship. 7 p.m. Choir. 8 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, March 29: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship at First Presbyterian.

#### St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, March 22: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at Baptist Church. Saturday, March 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, March 25: 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship with Confirmation. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Wednesday, March 28: 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter. No Little Lambs. No other activities. Thursday, March 29: No Little Lambs. 11:30 a.m. DCE devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion.

#### Living Rock Church 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

**Billy Skaggs, Pastor** Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

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

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

#### Ben Clare United Methodist Church 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net Bill Bates, Pastor

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

#### First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. (605) 757-6662 Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, March 25:9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, March 29:7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Palisade Lutheran. Friday, March 30:7 p.m. Community Good Friday Service.

#### Palisade Lutheran Church 211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, March 25: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Thursday, March 20: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service. Friday, March 30: 7 p.m. Community Good Friday Service at First Lutheran.

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail. com

www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc Kristi Franken, Pastor

# **Remember God's Promises**

In his classic devotional book, "My Utmost for His Highest," Oswald Chambers pointed out the connection between what God has said and what we therefore may say. This comes to light in Hebrews 13:5-6. "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'"

Do you see the connection between God's "say so" and what we may say? To all who follow Jesus, God has said, "I will never leave you." So we who follow Jesus may therefore say, "The Lord is our helper; we need not be afraid."

This doesn't mean we're never afraid. But it does mean that we are able to deal with and rise above our fears by remembering God's promise: for the sake of Jesus, He will never leave us nor forsake us!

Sadly, there are many who ignore God's promises as they turn away from God's Word. Since they don't want to listen to God's good commandments, they end up not knowing His promises. Not wanting to have a relationship with God, they don't know His comfort or peace in times of trouble.

What about you? Is there something you're afraid of? Is there something that fills you with dread? Don't try to face it without God. Rather, turn to God and His wonderful "say so" promises as

# BUILT ON A ROCK

By Roger Sparks, pastor, Christian Reformed Church, Luverne

in John 3. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but will have eternal life."

During the season of Lent we approach Good Friday and Easter. It's a good time to remember what Jesus did to earn for us the right to claim God's promises. When the time was right, the Son of God took on human form and lived among us a sinless human life. On Good Friday, Jesus took on Himself guilt and shame of our sins and the punishment our sins deserve. Nailed to a cross, Jesus went all the way to death, taking on himself the eternal death our sins deserve. But on the third day He rose up from being dead, winning for us the gift of eternal life!

Jesus fulfilled the "say so" of God's promise to be our Helper. Therefore, let all who trust and follow Jesus gratefully say, "We will not be afraid."

This column originally appeared in the March 13, 2014, edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net Sunday, March 25: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem; Grades Preschool-6 sing. Monday, March 26: 5-8 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Youth Tip Night at Luverne Pizza Ranch. Tuesday, March 27: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, March 28: 9 a.m. Quilting. Thursday, March 29: 1 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship at Tuff Chapel. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship at Bethlehem with Communion.

### First Assembly of God Church

**1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4** Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

#### United Methodist Church 109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, March 22: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf. Saturday, March 24: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, March 25: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service with Communion. 11:30 a.m. ALIVE Potluck. 12:30 p.m. Sunday School Auction. Monday, March 26: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, March 27: 9 a.m. Messenger Folding Team. Wednesday, March 28: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, March 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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

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

#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Thursday, March 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, March 23: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, March 25: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service; Confirmation; Adult choir and Sunday School sing. Monday, March 26: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, March 29: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Rev. Richard Luttmann

**These Weekly Church Page Messages are** contributed to God's Work through the Church and by these concerned and responsible citizens & businesses: Call Rick or Chantel to place your ad! 283-2333 **Tuff Memorial Home, Retirement Apartments** & Tuff Village A Home Where Residents SMILE" Hills, Minnesota



Phone 507-962-3275



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# Public Notices

# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 26

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2002 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,890.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Rebecca L. Runnoe, an unmarried person

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: November 22, 2002 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 154394

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

Lender or Broker: Heritage Bank N.A.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Heritage Bank, N.A.

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock Property Address: 503 E Dodge St, Luverne, MN 56156-1330

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0066-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The E.58 feet of the W.98 feet of the S.133 feet of Outlot 23 in County Auditor's Plat of Luverne Outlots in Section 2, Township 102 North, of Range 45 West, of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$47,561.17 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or 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: April 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM

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

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

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 26, 2018, or the next business day if October 26, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO 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 RE-DUCED 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 DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

# Weber applies for livestock feedlot permit NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

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

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 6 in Clinton Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal capacity will be 720.

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

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# **County seeks bridge** replacement bids by April 16

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-599-170 ETC. BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. APRIL 16TH, 2018 LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed \*Bid Packets\* will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday April 16TH, 2018

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

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

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, April 17TH, 2018 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

Construction of Bridges 67K25; 67K37 & 67K41 all are PCST. Box Culverts.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 38 Ft. of 10'x4' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 76 Ft. of 10'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 40 Ft. of 16'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 1,260 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill & Bedding; 220 Tons Rock Bedding; & 202 Tons Random Riprap, Class 3.

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

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-599-170, Etc.". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all

bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer (3-22, 3-29, 4-5)

# **City of Luverne seeks** bids by April 3

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Luverne, Minnesota, at the City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., P.O. Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659, until 2:00 PM, on April 3, 2018, for the furnishing of the following equipment for the City of Luverne,

# **Fitzer applies for** livestock feedlot permit NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

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

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 30 in Luverne Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

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

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

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# **EMPLOYMENT**

Manley Tire and Oil Service INC. is now hiring Ag Tire Specialist, Service Advisor, Tire Technician, and Oil Tech. We are offering a 500.00 Sign on Bonus, Plus Benefits For more information call 800-615-3704 ask for Joel

(3.11-3.29)

Southwestern Youth Services (SYS), a nonprofit residential behavior treatment center for boys ages 10-18, is seeking applications for a full- or parttime teacher for the 2018-2019 school year, mid-August to early June. Weekends off and summer teaching is optional. Full-time hours are 7:30a-3:30p w/ paid holidays. Parttime days/hours are negotiable. MN teaching license required but will consider SD teaching license with the understanding that application for a MN license would occur within one year. All certifications considered. Salary based on experience. SYS is located one mile north of Interstate 90 in Magnolia, MN, 26 miles east of Brandon and 27 miles west of Worthington. For more information, please email Carole Naasz at cnaasz@southwestyFor Rent: multiple units available, two or three-bedroom. City Centre Apartments. Call Renita at Cragoe Realty 507-283-2647. (3.11 - 3.29)

**RENTALS** 

The Luverne Townhomes have a 2 bedroom available with attached garage, new flooring, new appliances, and new counter tops. \$750 a month, utilities and washer and dryer not (3.4-3.22) included.

For Rent: one-bedroom apartment near downtown Luverne. \$290 per month. No Pets. Call 605-201-6427. (tc)

### FOR SALE

For Sale: brand new lift chair. Never been used. Brown in color, less than new price. Call 507-920-6831. (3.8 - 3.25)

Acreage for sale by owner in Trosky, MN. 15.5 acres available with the out buildings. 1650ft ranch house with threebedrooms, two-bathroom, sunroom and fully finished basement with Kozy heat fireplace. Call 507-360-1899 or 612. 801-7712. (3.8 - 3.25)

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

(3-15, 3-22)

# **Duininck and Reker apply** for conditional use permits

# Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2018. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments on the following applications for conditional use permits:

Reker Construction	A portion of the E 1/2 of Section 12 of Vienna Township,
	T103N, R44W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Gravel extraction, stockpiling, and associated processing
Duininck, Inc.	Portions of the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14 and SE
	1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 11 of Denver Township, T104N,
	R45W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Aggregate rock mining, stockpiling, washing and
	associated processing
Duininck, Inc.	Portions of the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14 and SE
, -	1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 11 of Denver Township,
	T104N, R45W, Rock County, MN
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt
	plant
Duininck, Inc.	A portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain
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Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission	
c A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator	

Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator 311 W. Gabrielson Road Luverne, MN 56156 507-283-8862, Extension 4

By

**RiverBend** assumes name MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME **MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333** 

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers

to be able to identify the true ownership of a business. ASSUMED NAME: RiverBend PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS 508 W. Hatting Street, Luverne, MN 56156 NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: Elizabeth Ferguson Address: 508 W. Hatting Street, Luverne, MN 56156 Name: Joseph Stearns

#### Address: 508 W. Hatting Street, Luverne, MN 56156

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the persons of the persons(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/ her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

Signature : /s/ Elizabeth Ferguson DATE: 2-28-2018 Print Name: Elizabeth Ferguson EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: riverbendberries@gmail.com (3-15, 3-22) Minnesota. At said time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. There are six (6) separate bids consisting of the following:

- Description
- Bid No. 1 115 kV Group Operated Air Break (GOAB) Switch
- Bid No. 2 Structural Steel
- Bid No. 3 Laminated Wood Poles
- Bid No. 4 Tangent Wood Poles
- Bid No. 5 115 kV Transmission Switches
- Bid No. 6 69 kV Potential Transformer (PT)

The above equipment shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the City Offices of said City of Luverne, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Suppliers desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from the office of DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, Iowa, telephone (712) 472-2531, fax (712) 472-2710, web site www.dgr.com, e-mail dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid, which security becomes the property of the City of Luverne in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Payment to the Supplier will be made on the basis of one hundred percent (100%) of the base bid within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of the materials, final drawings, test reports and in acceptable condition and associated invoice.

Delivery of the equipment is desired to be no earlier than June 1, 2018 and no later than August 29, 2018.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The City also reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the City

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

By /s/ Jessica Mead

City Clerk

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Dated this 14th day of March, 2018.

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# Haraldson applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

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

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 6 in Denver Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

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

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law. (3-22)

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