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## This little piggy cried 'Wee, wee, wee' all the way to the bank

Nate Golla (left) holds the squealing pig for Exchange State Bank Branch Manager and Vice President Ryan DeBates to kiss during Friday night's Relay for Life of Rock County. After the exchange of affection, the pig quieted, prompting another peck from DeBates as Ryan Wynia with First Farmers and Merchants Bank (far right) reacts. The event raised \$2,571.07 with the one "winning" the honor of kissing the 15-pound pig. DeBates was on the "losing" end when \$451.45 was raised at Exchange State Bank and \$2,119.62 was raised at First Farmers and Merchants. See page 8A for more photos and information from Rock County's 2015 Relay for Life event in Luverne City Park.

Mavis Fodness photo/0618 Relay 2015 Kiss the pig

## Luverne to host July 4 water parade

By Jason Berghorst

The only county in Minnesota without a natural lake is going to host its first-ever Fourth of July Water Parade this year.

Mike Davis, who serves on the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau board, came up with the idea to host a Fourth of July event on what is known as the Creamery Pond on the west side of Luverne.

The new parade on the water is for non-motorized boats, canoes, pontoons, kayaks and floaties.

There will be cash prizes for the best decorated entries in each of three categories: 12 and younger, 13-18 years old, and adults.

According to Luverne Chamber of Commerce Director Jane Wildung Lamphere, the event will be "very low key."

She said, "We invite people to come at 1 p.m. for some ice cream, and the water parade will begin at 2 p.m."

In addition to watching the parade, people are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and spend much of the day around the pond, which now has a sandy beach for swimming. A lifeguard will be on duty.

"For years people have complained that we don't have fireworks or a parade or anything like that on the Fourth," Lamphere said.

"What people don't realize is that those things take a massive number of people to put on," she said.

Lamphere pointed out that Luverne, like many towns without a lake, has traditionally had many residents leave town for the Fourth of July holiday.

"It will be kind of fun for those of us who don't leave town to have something free to do in Luverne on the Fourth," she said.

"Who knows what this could turn into."



Mark Ommen photo/0618 Flood

Pictured are the eastern neighborhoods of Luverne as they appeared this week in this drone photograph taken by Mark Ommen, Luverne.

Eastern neighborhoods of Luverne, south of County Road 4 (East Main Street), were underwater on June 16, 2014, when heavy rains caused the Rock River to overflow its banks. Mike and Karen Mensen's two-story home is pictured surrounded by water.

(File photo)

## Community looks back on June 2014 record flood

By Mavis Fodness

Last year Father's Day weekend celebrations were put on hold in Rock County as residents dealt with the aftereffects of severe flooding.

The persistent weather front helped the area recover from a yearlong drought, but it turned into too much of a good thing June 14-16, 2014, when more than 13 inches of rain caused the Rock River to swell to new record high levels.

No lives were lost, but Rock County suffered more than \$4 million in public property damage, \$4.8 million in damage to agricultural land and an untold amount of damage to private homes.

A year later, with the majority of property

repaired, the *Star Herald* looks back to June 2014, the lessons learned and what may be coming in the future.

**Rain prompts record crests on Rock River**

During June 2014 volunteer weather recorder Troy Thone measured more than 13 inches of rain at Quentin Aanenson Airfield south of Luverne.

The 13.52 inches was 9.60 inches above normal and pushed the yearly rainfall total to 18.50 inches. That amount was 5.25 inches above normal yearly totals.

Thone noted that even more rain fell in the northern third of Rock County (possibly 20 inches or more) where a damaging June 16, 2014, hailstorm flattened crops, pocked

homes with holes and shattered windows.

The sudden deluge of rain over a short period of time in northern Rock County was devastating to downstream entities that included the city of Luverne.

The National Weather Service (NWS) reported the Rock River crested on June 17, 2014, east of Hardwick at 21.18 feet, more than seven feet above flood stage and more than three feet above the previous high of 18.70 recorded on April 23, 2001.

At Luverne the NWS reported the Rock River crested at 16.85 feet on June 17, 2014, more than six feet over its flood stage of 10 feet.

At more than 16 feet, the new record was

**Flood of 2014/continued on page 2B**

## New business offers Botox, Dermafill

By Lori Sorenson

Dave Knips isn't on a mission to make people look 20 years younger, but with his new Medi Spa business, he said he enjoys helping people feel better about themselves.

"It's not Joan Rivers and plastic surgery and big lips," said Knips, who offers Botox and Dermafill treatments at his office in the Salon 75 building on South Highway 75.

"You want to look refreshed — good for your age — not 20 years younger."

Botox is an injected muscle relaxant that softens lines in foreheads.

Dermafill is a biosynthetic cellulose that resembles human collagen. It is typically used in the lower part of the face to fill in creases alongside the mouth and across the lips.

The procedures cost \$150 to \$750 depending on how much product is used.

**Dave Knips Medi Spa/continued on page 2A**



Lori Sorenson photo/0618 dave knips medi spa

Dave Knips has been a nurse anesthetist with Sanford Luverne for more than 30 years, and he said his experience in the medical profession is well-suited for his new business venture, Medi Spa, which offers Botox and Dermafill treatments at his office in the back of the Salon 75 building in Luverne.

## Rock Vet buys Minn-I-Kota

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne's two veterinary clinics are now under the same ownership.

Rock Veterinary Clinic purchased Minn-I-Kota Veterinary Clinic from Dr. Marlen Van Otterloo, effective June 1.

Rock Veterinary Clinic is owned by a partnership of veterinarians Dr. Erin deKoning, Dr. Jason Johnson, and Dr. Paul Sylliasen.

According to deKoning, Van Otterloo was looking to get out of the business management side of veterinary practice in order to spend more time with his family.

The two clinics will continue to operate at their current locations under their current names.

Van Otterloo plans to work part time at the Minn-I-Kota Clinic about three days a week, but will no longer be responding to after-hour

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*— Dr. Erin deKoning*

emergencies.

"Dr. Van Otterloo has earned the opportunity to no longer have to be on call," deKoning said.

There are no plans for staff changes at either office at this time.

**Veterinary clinics/See page 2A**





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Rock County Thrivent Financial** board meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

**MS Support Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. For details call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

**TRIAD** will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, in the conference room at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

**Al-Anon** meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Rock County Community Library. Call 605-321-4324.

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

### 'Capture the Prairie' at the Carnegie

The Carnegie is currently featuring a display by photographer Deb Leilani Parks, including photos taken at Blue Mounds State Park by her "Capture the Prairie" photography class. The exhibit is on display now until the end of July at the Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne.

### Food Ministry

The monthly food ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Luverne Senior Center. Come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

### 'I Can Climb' at State Park

First-time climbers can scale the colorful Sioux quartzite cliffs at Blue Mounds State Park Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21. Trained professionals from Vertical Endeavors Guided Adventures will provide hands-on instruction. Call the park at 507-283-6060 for more information, but reservations must be made by calling 1-866-857-2757 or online, [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/ican/climb.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/ican/climb.html). There is a \$10 fee per climber. The next 'I Can Climb' dates are July 25-26 and Aug. 22-23.

### Adrian blood drive set for June 22

The Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Adrian Ambulance Garage. Those who donate will receive an All-American blood donor T-shirt and a free sub sandwich. For information call 507-483-2668 or go to [www.cblblifeblood.org](http://www.cblblifeblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

### Free community meal June 24 at UMC

The free Fourth Wednesday Community Meal will start at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

### Henna tattoo demonstration

The public, ages 12 and older, can learn the history of Henna tattoos, presented by Mehndi Moon Henna, and get a free tattoo from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Adrian Elementary School in Adrian. This project is funded, in part or in whole, with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

### Steen outdoor concert set for June 28

The 19th annual outdoor community concert will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the Steen City Park. Musical guests are Armon "Fuzz" Floyd, East of Westerville and Praise to Him Ministries. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Enjoy free bars, juice and ice cream during the concert.

### East Eden Church annual service

The East Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church will host its annual worship at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 28. Pastor Norman Omodt will officiate. The church is located two miles east and one mile north of Jasper. A potluck dinner will follow the service. The tolling of the bell and a program will be at 1:30 p.m. The church will be cleaned at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 27. Volunteers are needed. Call Bev Hunstad, 507-348-4126, with questions.

# Backstage with the Rolling Stones

Luverne native gets close-up view of concert through role with VocalEssence

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne native was able to rub elbows recently with the legendary rock n' roll band, The Rolling Stones.

Katrina (Vander Kooi) Wallmeyer, a 2000 graduate of Luverne High School, is director of development and communications for the choral music programming organization VocalEssence.

Wallmeyer has worked for VocalEssence, Minneapolis, for almost seven years.

Last month VocalEssence founder Philip Brunelle was contacted by the Rolling Stones organization, who wanted its 24-member choir to perform with the band at its one-night performance at TCF Bank Stadium on June 3.

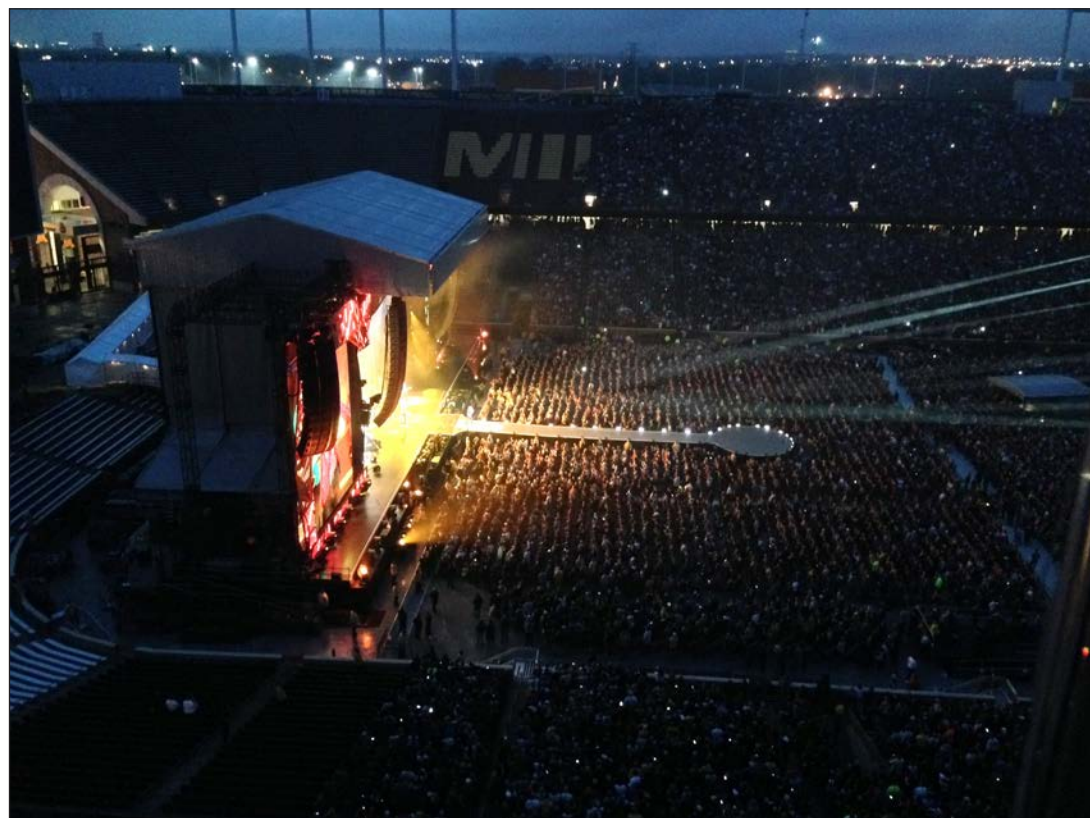
The group joined lead singer Mick Jagger and band members Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood in a performance of "You can't Always Get What You Want."

The eight-minute performance ended with a gospel flourish.

"They sounded heavenly, and every inch of me was beaming with pride," Wallmeyer said, reflecting on the performance last week. "The energy from the audience was palpable. They were cheering on the hometown choir."

Wallmeyer was able to watch from backstage, and she said she still describes the experience as "amazing."

She was waiting with VocalEssence performers and was able to meet Jagger as he performed a sound check. With her was founder and director Brunelle, who told Jagger the two have July



Contributed photo

Minneapolis-based VocalEssence performed with the Rolling Stones at their June 3 concert in the Twin Cities in front of an estimated 50,000 fans. Luverne native Katrina (Vander Kooi) Wallmeyer is VocalEssence's director of development and communications.

1943 birth dates.

"Really," is what Jagger replied, Wallmeyer said.

Jagger performed "Sympathy for the Devil," prior to the choir's performance.

"All that I could see from stage left was Mick Jagger surrounded by thick red fog. When the fog cleared, I saw a sea of thousands," Wallmeyer said. "It's a moment that I will never forget."

After performing in front of the crowd estimated at 50,000, Wallmeyer said Jagger told audience members "Thank you. You



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— Katrina (Vander Kooi) Wallmeyer

sing magnificently," as the choir exited from the stage.

"One of the things that I have enjoyed about this is spending more time listening to their music," Wallmeyer said.

"I didn't realize how much of it I knew and

enjoyed."

A recording of the VocalEssence performance with the Rolling Stones can be viewed on the website [www.vocalescence.org](http://www.vocalescence.org).

Wallmeyer is the daughter of Deb and Ben Vander Kooi, Luverne.

## Rock Vet buys Minn-I-Kota/ continued from page 1A

Although most things will remain the same, deKoning said that most surgeries will now be performed at the Rock Veterinary Clinic.

Minn-I-Kota will continue to offer other veterinary services, including its popular boarding service.

The Rock Vet Clinic also plans to replace the roof on the Minn-I-Kota building and make other small facility improvements.

The Rock Vet clinic will benefit from the sale by broadening its small animal care and being able to focus more on boarding, according to deKoning.

"We're really excited ... this is a good opportunity," deKoning said.

"And we'll continue to have two practices in Luverne."



Rock Veterinary Clinic doctors include (from left) Dr. Paul Sylliaasen, Dr. Emily Tschida, Dr. Jason Johnson, Dr. Erin deKoning and Dr. David Iverson.

Pictured at right is Dr. Marlen Van Otterloo of Minn-I-Kota Veterinary Clinic on East Main Street.

The two clinics will remain open under one ownership.





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# Rural man encounters intruder

By Jason Berghorst

A rural Rock County man encountered a surprise when he came home to find an intruder in his home on the afternoon of June 2.

Tracy Lee Snedeker, 47, of Le Mars, Iowa, made his first court appearance on June 12 to face charges of burglary and trespassing in the home of Warren Jansma of Kanaranzi Township.



Snedeker

According to court files, Jansma said he came onto his yard at about 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, and found a Ford pickup parked in his driveway.

As he got closer to his home, he noticed that his garage door and the door leading into his home from the garage were both open as well. "At that point I got a little excited," Jansma told the Star Herald.

"I didn't know if there was one guy or five guys in

my house or what they were doing."

According to the criminal complaint, Jansma yelled into his house to see if anyone was there. Aman's voice, later identified as Snedeker, answered from the bedroom area of the home.

When Jansma asked what the man was doing in his house, the man said he was driving to Le Mars from Marshall and had noticed a car he wanted to buy on Jansma's property.

Snedeker claimed he had knocked, and when no one answered, he opened the door to yell into the home. He said he thought he had heard someone answer, so he entered the home to look for the person.

Jansma said he demanded that the man give him his ID before he left so that Jansma would have his identifying information in case anything

was missing from the home.

Jansma did not find anything missing from his home at the time but did contact law enforcement.

A search of Snedeker's criminal history shows numerous prior home invasions or burglaries, according to the criminal complaint, which was filed June 4.

According to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, this was the first time that Rock County law enforcement has dealt with Snedeker.

Snedeker was arrested in Plymouth County, Iowa, and waived extradition. He was brought to the Nobles County Jail on June 11 with a \$10,000 bail.

The defendant faces one felony count of second-degree burglary, which carries a maximum sentence of ten years in prison, a \$20,000 fine or both. A second count of trespassing is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both.

# Plans approved for Luverne LOOP

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members approved plans and specifications for Phase I of the Luverne Loop hiking and biking path during their Tuesday, June 9, meeting.

Phase 1 of the Luverne Loop will start in the Veterans Pond area, cross Highway 75 and continue west to the dry dam area behind West Fairview Drive. It will then continue south along the west edge of school district property to Dodge Street.

The original estimate of Phase 1 (about 2.5 miles) of the project was \$450,000,

and at Tuesday's meeting, City Administrator John Call pointed out that a state grant of \$150,000 will help offset the local expenses.

He praised EDA Director Holly Sammons for her work in applying for grants, and he thanked Public Works Supervisor John Stoffel and local volunteers for their efforts.

"There is a dedicated group of local residents who have worked with City Staff to help make this Luverne Loop project a reality," Call said.

The goal is to link the Luverne Loop to the existing Blue Mound Trail, which

connects Luverne to the Blue Mounds State Park.

The proposed route would be 6.4 miles and would loop around the perimeter of the city, requiring some new trail construction and utilizing some existing sidewalks.

The trail will cost an estimated \$1.6 million to \$2 million — or about \$250,000 per mile, not including land acquisition and drainage issues.

With Tuesday's action, the council authorized staff to advertise for bids and set a bid opening for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.



Mavis Fodness photo/0618 Sioux Valley Project

Workers from Legacy Power Lines Inc. of Wadena erect wooden electrical poles along a four-mile stretch between Hardwick and Kenneth on County Road 7. Once finished, the Sioux Valley Energy project upgrade will bring three-phase power to local customers.

# Distribution line near Hardwick upgraded for better service

By Mavis Fodness

An electricity distribution upgrade between Hardwick and Kenneth will provide more power to customers along the four-mile area in northeastern Rock County.

Since June 2, workers from subcontractor Legacy Power Line Inc. of Wadena have been erecting wooden power poles along County Road 7 between 160<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup> avenues in Battle Plain Township.

Once the poles are fully upright, workers from Sioux Valley Electric will then string the new power lines, bringing the amount of current from single-phase power to a three-phase level.

Tim Fey, operations manager with Sioux Valley Energy of Colman, South Dakota, said the upgraded feeder line will better serve a nearby irrigation pivot and allow service to future customers with medium voltage needs.

The decision not to bore the lines underground was both economical and a necessity.

"The overhead line is a lot less expensive to put in," Fey said.

From an engineering standpoint, the increased voltage is best carried above ground, he added.

The project is expected to be finished in a matter of weeks.

# Spanish students to paint curb addresses

By Lori Sorenson

Jim Kneip attended the Luverne City Council meeting Tuesday, June 9, on behalf of the Luverne High School Spanish Club.

Kneip, Luverne, requested that the council approve plans for Spanish Club students to paint house numbers on corresponding curbs.

Students are offering the service for \$15 per address in order to raise funds for an upcoming Spanish Club trip.

At Tuesday's meeting, Councilman Kevin Aaker said

he appreciates the service, which makes house numbers easier to read for the public and for emergency personnel.

"Some of those house numbers are really hard to read," Aaker said.

The last time the club painted curb addresses was 2012, and since then, some of those curb numbers are fading.

The council approved the Spanish Club's request and put a Dec. 31 expiration date on it.

Councilwoman Caroline Thorson abstained from vot-

ing on the measure, due to her conflict of interest as the school's Spanish teacher.

She said 35 students plus chaperones will travel to Puerto Rico in June 2016 through the program.

Donations to defray travel costs can be directed to the school office, with Spanish Club designated in the memo.

To arrange for curb painting, contact Kneip at 507-348-3111 [kneipauto@iw.net](mailto:kneipauto@iw.net).

Students will begin painting next week.

# Dave Knips Medi Spa/continued from page 1A

"The goal is to not over-medicate," Knips said. "... to get the best result with the least amount of medication."

And while many of his patients tend to be in their 50s, he said treating wrinkles early can actually slow the process of aging.

"Think about a piece of paper folded in half," he said. "If you fold it enough times, it will eventually form a crease. Wrinkles are the same ... If you can fill in a crease before it gets too deep, you can slow down the process."

A Botox treatment lasts about six months, and Dermafill can last up to a year.

The treatments take a half hour to an hour to com-

plete. "With Dermafill, you see the results right away," Knips said. "With Botox, it takes a week to 10 days."

Both Botox and Dermafill are safe and non-invasive, but they are medical procedures, and Knips said he completed a rigorous certification process in order to be licensed.

During training in Texas, he said he practiced the procedures on paid models and on other participants.

"I said, if I'm going to do this to others, I'm going to have it done myself," he said, pointing to his forehead.

"I want to make sure everything goes right 100 percent of the time. ... You don't get a second chance."

Knips is a 30-year nurse anesthetist at Sanford Luverne, so he said the certification came naturally for him. "I have a good relationship with patients — they trust that I'm giving them good care," Knips said.

And while he has no immediate plans to retire from Sanford, he said his Medi Spa business will someday provide a good transition toward retirement.

Knips has been in business several months and said he's seen more than a dozen patients at his office, which he leases from Salon 75.

"A lot of people don't want others — even their spouses — to know," he said, adding that's why it's conve-

nient that his office is located near a back door of the Salon 75 building.

But he said it's becoming more common and more acceptable as Baby Boomers age and as they are more open and candid about their cosmetic choices.

Conversely, he said his treatments are considered by 30-somethings, too. "There's an interest among the younger generation also; it's not just for 50-year-olds," he said. "It's really just about feeling better about yourself."

Medi Spa is open by appointment. Knips can be reached for a free consultation at 283-9820, 507-227-4851 or [dknips@iw.net](mailto:dknips@iw.net). A Medi Spa website will be live soon.

# Luverne Community Ed offers classes

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

**Register by June 18 for the Rock County Master Gardeners Garden Tour.** This year the Worthington Garden Club will be sharing some of their gardens on **Monday, June 29.** Fee is \$12.

**"Frozen"** braiding class on June 18 and 25 will teach your child to braid hair into regular, French, fish tail and twist braids. Bring a doll with long hair, brush, comb and pony tail holders and recreate what you saw in the movie "Frozen." Fee is \$13. For students who attended grade 4 this past year and older.

**Power Camp** for students in grades 7-11 (as attended during 2014-15 school year) begins June 22, meeting three times a week. Fee is \$75.

Parents and grandparents can make memories on **June 29** for a trip to the **Omaha Zoo & Aquarium.** The zoo features the largest cat complex in North America, the world's largest nocturnal exhibit and indoor swamp, the rainforests and the largest indoor desert. Fee per person is \$50, which covers the bus and zoo admission.

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**Clinton Township**  
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**Kathy King, Beaver Creek Township Clerk**





## Is it possible Gary returned? Maybe, says wildlife specialist

Last summer my family unknowingly fostered a Canada goose.

I last wrote about how Gary came to us as a duckling, but as he (or she) grew, it was obvious he was not a duck.

The yellow and gray fuzzy ball developed beautiful gray, white and black feathers, and my husband, Bryan, taught Gary how to fly.

I still smile to think how the flapping of human arms and running around the yard ever taught the goose to fly.

The summer of flying lessons worked, because by October Gary followed the pickup truck down the road, flying eye level with Bryan. He landed a mile away and was never to be seen again.

Or so I thought.

This spring it appears Gary may have returned home. Brief as it may have been.

It was March when hundreds of geese were flying north for the season. I often glanced up at these magnificent birds, wondering if Gary was one of them.

One Saturday morning a pair of geese came flying around the farmyard. They circled around the silos twice. The behavior was a little unusual from what we've observed during the dozen years we have lived northeast of Hardwick.

"Gary?" I thought.

The following day, Bryan returned from chores, signaling me to grab the camera. He thought one of the geese walking on the gravel road was Gary.

At no time ever has a Canada goose ventured so near the farmyard. Yet, here were two adult geese on the gravel road, strutting past the machine shed and house.

Gary.

I am almost sure he was one of the two birds.

One bird gave a quizzical look in response to the calling of his name. The pair didn't fly away and quietly walked into the ditch and adjoining farm field as I approached, camera in hand. One goose was definitely less afraid than the other. Nei-



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

At no time ever has a Canada goose ventured so near the farmyard. Yet, here were two adult geese on the gravel road, strutting past the machine shed and house.

ther one appeared alarmed as I raised the camera.

I snapped the above picture.

The pair calmly continued across the field and I left them alone.

No geese sightings have been experienced since then.

This week I could sense a smile on the other end of the phone as I explained to DNR wildlife specialist Wendy Kruger what I had witnessed. She said she has heard similar tales and was not in the least surprised that Gary would return home.

"They are keyed into where they are born," she said. "If they are successful at breeding, they will stay."

At age 1, Gary is too young for breeding and as a "moulty," he will meet up with other young geese and fly north. On the larger lakes, the geese will spend a month as flightless birds who shed their old feathers and grow new ones. Then they will return to where they were raised. It appears Gary has selected Hardwick as his home.

At this time next year, Gary may be a parent, choosing to raise his (or her) family near us. I certainly hope so.

## Star Herald doles out thumbs for green spaces, construction driving and shooting the messenger

The *Star Herald* isn't lacking this week for topics that warrant thumbs up and thumbs down.



**Thumbs up** — to local town celebrations. Luverne enjoyed great weather for its annual Buffalo Days celebration, and last weekend Hills enjoyed a proud weekend in the spotlight for its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Friendship Days events. Keep your eyes on the calendar for upcoming town parties, like Hardwick's Jubilee Days on June 27.



**Thumbs down** — to shooting the messenger. News outlets are obligated to cover both good and bad news, and sometimes bad news is hard to see in a community paper. But please, readers, if you don't like the coverage, consider how it came to be news in the first place.



**Thumbs up** — to the construction work finally underway. Plans for this Highway 75 project have been in



the works for over two years, and many wonderful improvements — including green boulevards, sidewalks and safer traffic patterns — will result.

**Thumbs up** — to local public works crews and others responsible for a really great-looking Luverne City Park and Redbird Field. Of course, we can thank Mother Nature for timely rains (rather than floods) for the lush green spaces, but these facilities — like other local landmarks — make our community look really good and reflect positively on the town for visitors and passing motorists.



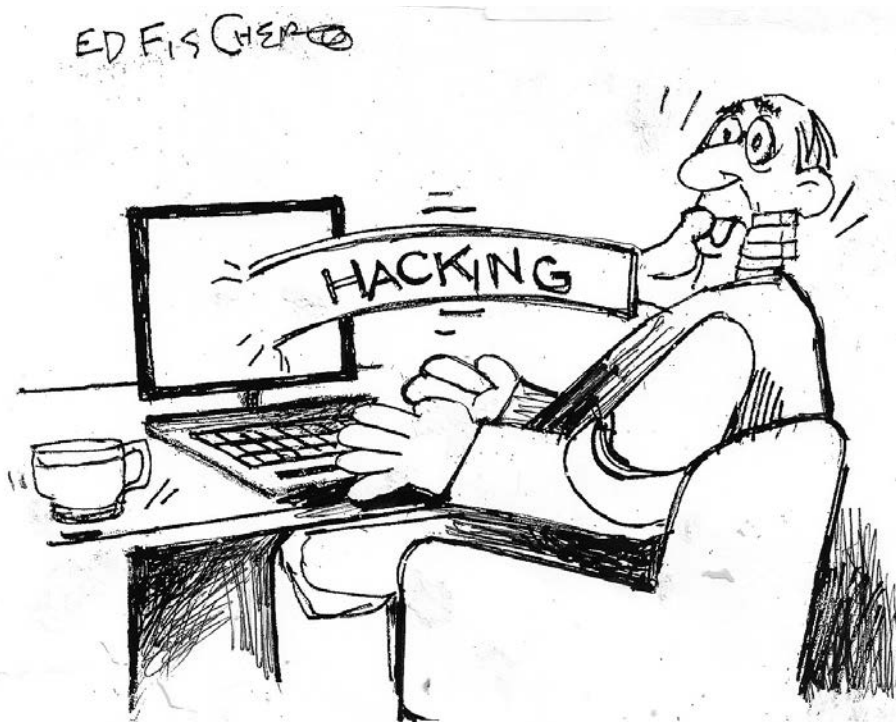
**Thumbs down** — to impatient motorists in construction zones. We will all benefit from the result of the work



**Thumbs up** — to the perseverance of our state park staff to continually monitor its water quality issues while offering visitors an inviting area to visit and attend special events such as the recent Concert on the Prairie.



**Thumbs up** — to the Blue Mound Area Theatre organization for a yearlong calendar of special live entertainment events at the Palace Theatre to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Palace. And thumbs up to all the members of BMAT who volunteer countless hours of time to work at the events.



## Mopeds must meet same requirements as vehicles; rider must have permit or driver's license

Question: I read an article about gas-powered bicycles/mopeds and I have some questions of my own. What is needed in addition when one has a permit or driver's license?

Answer: These rules apply to required equipment and gear for moped riders:

- A moped must meet the same lighting requirements as a motorcycle, with a headlight, taillight and stop lamp. The headlight must be on during operation. Mopeds manufactured before 1987 are not normally equipped with a headlight or taillight and may be operated during daylight hours only.

- A horn and mirror are required safety equipment for a moped.

- Moped riders must wear protective eyewear.

- Moped riders under 18 years old must wear a DOT-approved motorcycle helmet.

- The Department of Public Safety recommends that moped operators observe the same rules of safety and wear the same protective equipment suggested for motorcycle riders.



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol

These rules and restrictions apply to operating mopeds:

- Because of the relatively low speeds of mopeds, you should ride in the traffic lane as far right on the roadway as possible unless you are making a left turn. Riding on sidewalks is not permitted except where it would be necessary for a short distance to get from a driveway, alley or building to an adjacent roadway.

- Mopeds are not allowed on lanes or trails that have been set aside for bicycles and the exclusive use of non-motorized traffic.

- Moped riders on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast and shall not impede the normal and

reasonable movement of traffic.

- Mopeds are not allowed on interstate freeways.

- A moped equipped with a headlight and taillight that meet motorcycle lighting requirements may be operated during nighttime hours. "Night" or "nighttime" means the time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise.

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 48<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us) or on Twitter: MSPPIO\_SOUTH.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

June 5

•Complainant reported that he is in Glen's parking lot and it's in the handicap spot and the vehicle isn't marked as handicapped. Sent deputy who said they did have a place card.

•Complainant reported that her son was not allowed to sell things at the Farmers Market and she thought that was against her civil rights.

•Complainant reported that they have been receiving prank calls from someone in Chicago, Illinois. Caller will only speak to women and hangs up if a man answers. Caller states his name is Steven. Complainant contacted the phone company to have the number blocked.

•Complainant reported that his neighbor hit his vehicle with his lawn mower. He would like a deputy to come to his place.

•Complainant reported that her father was at her house and calling them names, yelling and screaming. Complainant was advised to get a restraining order.

•Deputy stopped subject who was revoked. Called G&S for a tow.

•Deputy arrested subject and took him to jail on a disorderly charge.

•Lyon County requested a welfare check on a suicidal person on I-90. Vehicle and person were found just into South Dakota on I-90 eastbound.

•Complainant reported a suspected neglected child approximately six months of age. Notified Family Services.

•Deputy warned male for urinating in public when there was a porta-potty five feet away.

June 6

•Deputy conducted a traffic stop and the driver had an expired license. He was told he couldn't drive and to get it updated as soon as possible. Wife drove home.

•Deputy warned subject for disturbing the peace.

•Deputy warned subject for curfew and he was told to go home.

•Luverne Fire Department reported they would be out for the parade.

•Complainant reported that subject in Hardwick rides his 3-wheeler all hours of the day and night. It sounds like it doesn't have an exhaust. Subject looks to be in his mid 20s.

•Complainant reported there was a vehicle parked on N. Estey Street for about a week and it has a broken headlight and the side was all smashed.

•Complainant reported that her son mows ditches and there is a big bunch of tires dumped there by someone. They are in the south ditch on 41<sup>st</sup> Street between 100<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> avenues.

•Complainant requested a deputy to stop by his home because when he left, his doors were locked and he believes someone has been in his house in Hills.

•Complainant reported that they were driving through the lot at the new Herman Motors and another vehicle backed into him. There was a tiny crack in the front bumper of the Honda.

•Complainant reported she is getting messaged from subject on Facebook and she doesn't know him and is afraid he is stalking her. Sent deputy.

•Complainant reported they got a cat off Craigslist and the lady didn't tell them it was sick and they had to get rid of it. Now they are being harassed by the lady.

•Complainant reported loud music playing. Deputy advised subject to turn it down.

June 7

•Complainant reported a lard party on N. Blue Mound Avenue. Deputy spoke to one of the renters about it.

•Complainant reported her carbon monoxide detector is going off. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

•Complainant reported a couple walking southbound on Estey Street and they are

having an argument and carrying a child.

•Deputy stopped subject and cited him for speed and no insurance. He also had a warrant out of Jackson County so he was taken to jail.

•Deputy arrested a female for punching her husband.

•Complainant requested a residence check for a week.

June 8

•Complainant reported a branch in the middle of the road on Hwy. 75 at the bridge. Deputy removed the branch from the roadway.

•Complainant reported missing 10 heads of Holsteins.

•Complainant reported a young child at Sassy Seconds who can't find parents.

•Complainant reported smoke alarms going off in apartment building at 415 E. Lincoln Street. Fire chief reported it was burned food.

June 9

•Complainant reported one of their trucks tore the trailer liner when turning the corner at the stoplights at Cedar St. and Main St. Had the city check the stoplights as they were tilted.

•Complainant requested a deputy for a verbal fight. Two people were removed from the home.

•Complainant reported subject and his girlfriend are arguing in the yard.

June 10

•Complainant requested a business check for the next couple of weeks.

•Complainant reported a white male with tattoos acting like he was going to fight a black male at McDonalds. White male left in a black Trailblazer. Unknown direction of travel.

•Complainant reported a car just ran into their house. Paged ambulance and Luverne Fire Department. Subject was taken to jail.

•Complainant reported her son is not at her house and not at his father's either. He is driving her vehicle. He was located.

•Complainant reported traffic cones across the road on County Rd. 5 and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Deputy removed the cones.

June 11

•Complainant reported a domestic. Requested ambulance for male subject who was hit in the head. Deputy transported female to hospital also. Both were later taken to jail.

•Reserved for POR registration.

•Complainant reported possible criminal sexual conduct.

•Family Services requested a deputy's assistance as they are taking a child out of the home.

•Dispatch receive a call from an unknown number. Subject stated he is with Topanga Service Center in India. He then began to ask dispatch if we wanted to catch him because his purpose is to scam U.S. citizens out of their money in the range between \$99 to \$400. Subject stated his name was Alex Williams. He then disconnected the call.

•Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported ATVs speed up and down 131<sup>st</sup> Street at least once a week. State Patrol was also notified so conservation officer knows we're having ATV problems.

•Complainant reported suspicious activity in a house in Luverne. When asked what type of activity, he said people were going in and out a lot and it could have something to do with drugs.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 transport, 9 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 5 paper services, 11 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 1 fingerprint request, 1 gas drive-off, 7 log/alarm sheets, 4 drug court tests, and issued 2 purchase/carry permits and 11 burn permits.



Contributed photo

Local emergency response officials are dispatched to the scene of this crash at 504 W. Luverne St. Wednesday night, June 10, in Luverne. Maren Overgaard was arrested for DWI.

## Luverne woman drives into house, arrested for driving impaired

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne woman was taken to jail after the vehicle she was driving struck a house.

Maren Jane Overgaard, 45, was driving a 2006 GMC Envoy, owned by Tollefson Publishing of Luverne, when she left the roadway and struck a porch at 504 W. Luverne St.

The crash was reported at 9:54 p.m., Wednesday, June 10.

Homeowners Bill and Pauline Martin were not injured.

Overgaard was transported by Rock County Ambulance Services to Sanford



Luverne Medical Center, where she was evaluated.

After treatment for non-life threatening injuries, Overgaard was arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI) and transported to the Nobles County Jail in Worthington, according to Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

Overgaard was booked for first-degree damage to property, driving while impaired and fourth-degree driving while impaired.

The Luverne Fire Department assisted at the accident scene.

## LPRW outlines priorities with Rock County commissioners

By Mavis Fodness

Water availability in northeast Rock County will become less susceptible to drought thanks to an estimated \$3.6 million project proposed by Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW).

Mark Johnson, LPRW chief executive officer, and LPRW commissioner Jerry Lonneman met with Rock County commissioners June 2 and outlined seven priority projects within LPRW's 10-county area including Rock County.

The project in Rock County is LPRW's priority project, Johnson said, and application has been submitted to USDA Rural Development for funding.

The application includes the construction of a second connection point to

the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System near Magnolia. Another priority will be to construct a pipeline from Magnolia north to Edgerton.

"This is going to be helpful to us to get water to the main heart of our system," Johnson said.

LPRW serves the Magnolia, Kenneth, Hardwick and Jasper areas.

"It's very critical and important to us to have drought protection," Johnson said.

Also presented at the meeting was the 2014 LPRW annual report.

Johnson said the audit by Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co was a clean opinion and noted operating expenditures increased by \$77,568 over 2013 and operating revenues increased by \$321,637.

In 2014, LPRW had \$4.5

million in operating revenue and \$6.5 million in expenses. The expense increase was primarily due to paying \$4.2 million in debt, refinancing \$2.9 million.

**In other business, the commissioners:**

•Approved the city of Hardwick's request to purchase the tax-forfeited property at 105 N. Ross St. for \$1 plus fees. A portion of the lot will be given over to Alliance Communications of Garretson, S.D., to construct a fiber-optic hub.

•A .87 percent interest rate was received for the \$2.4 million Rock County Rural Water project construction bond sale. The loan is for two years. The sale was handled through Northland Securities of Minneapolis.

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# Music atop Blue Mounds



Kristin Suhr photo

Saturday's Concert on the Prairie (above) featured Paul Imholte (right), playing a series of unusual and original string instruments (below and far right).



Kristin Suhr photo



Esther Frakes photo

## Weekend events feature Sioux quartzite discussion, original string instruments

By Lori Sorenson

Music lovers enjoyed a serene evening atop the Blue Mounds State Park Saturday night when musician Paul Imholte played a variety of stringed instruments at the Interpretive Center.

As part of the 2015 Life on the Prairie series of summer events, Saturday's Concert on the Prairie featured the haunting sounds of unusual and original string instruments.

Imholte wrote the music in honor of the Northern Tallgrass Prairie and performed to a small crowd gathered in the warm glow of a setting summer sun.

Earlier on Saturday, Sioux quartzite specialist Jim Kersten presented "Our Amazing Quartzite Country," a tutorial on the glacial ridge that runs from Mankato to the middle of South Dakota.

Next in the series of free public events for Life on the Prairie is Freya Manfred at Home — Words on the Prairie.

The poet and author will return to her family home in the Interpretive Center to share thoughts on raising twins and on family relationships. She'll read excerpts from her two books on these topics during the 3:30 p.m. event on Sunday, June 21.

Coming in August will be American Bison on the Prairie with Blue Mounds State Park Manager Chris Ingebretsen on Aug. 14 and A Walk on the Prairie at 9 a.m. Aug. 15 with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Naturalist Howard Paul.

Details are available at [www.luverne-chamber.com](http://www.luverne-chamber.com).



Kristin Suhr photo

## CELEBRATIONS

### Open houses

**Shirley Honken** will celebrate her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20, in the Garden Room at the Tuff Village in Hills. Greetings may also be sent to her at 301 County Rd. 6, Apt. 117 L, Hills, MN 56138.

An open house bridal shower for **Mara Vander Maten** (bride-to-be of **Eric Grootenboer**) will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota.

**David and Becky Ranschau** will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellsworth.

### Card showers

**Irene Niessink** will celebrate her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, June 27. Greetings may be sent to her at 201 Oak Dr., Apt. 404, Luverne, MN 56156.



## MENU

### Senior Citizens

**Monday, June 22:** Baked rigatoni and beef, corn, fruit salad, bread, pudding.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle.

**Tuesday, June 23:** Barbecue pork, potato salad, cauliflower, bun, fruit crisp.

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

**Wednesday, June 24:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, pineapple.

Program: 12:15 p.m. "The Old Way" by Betty Mann.

**Thursday, June 25:** Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, creamy cucumbers, pears, raspberry parfait.

Program: 11:45 a.m. Music by Bruce Dys-the; Celebrate wedding anniversaries.

**Friday, June 26:** Marinated teriyaki chicken salad (chicken, lettuce, dressing), fresh fruit, breadstick, bar.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

## 1922: Convention in Luverne is first such gathering conducted here

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on June 10, 1922:

### W.C.T.U. Convention

The fourteenth annual convention of the W.C.T.U. District No. 5 will be held in this city commencing Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> to continue three days.

Elaborate preparations have been made to make this the most notable event of its kind ever held in Luverne. A corps of able speakers will be in attendance the entire session; good music will be furnished and nothing will be found lacking to render the occasion one well worthy the presence and patronage of the public.

On Saturday evening at the M.E. Church the matrons' medal contest will take place and for this entertainment the small admission of 10 cents will be charged. A notable feature of the program will be the address at the opera house on Sunday evening by Mrs. Bessie Laythe Scovell a lady of rare talent



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

who needs no introduction to our people having addressed large audiences in this city before.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [mannmade@iu.net](mailto:mannmade@iu.net).

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2005)

A small crowd gathered in Kenneth Tuesday night as the elevator property was sold on a public auction. On the auction block were the elevator, two big storage bins, a small 40-by-120-foot shed and a large 80-by-140-foot storage shed. Dean Tofteland paid \$35,000 for the elevator and storage bins, and Dennis Pick bought the small shed to the west for \$7,500.

### 25 years ago (1990)

The Luverne School Board Thursday approved a \$6,350,403 budget. Superintendent Norman Miller said the 1990-1 budget grew \$279,281 from last year, an increase of 4.07 percent.

### 50 years ago (1965)

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilson will observe their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as owners and operators of the A and W Drive In, south on 75, this weekend.

### 75 years ago (1940)

Southwestern Minnesota's first air hostess is Miss Maxine Greenhagen, of Luverne, who has just been selected by Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., to fly in the airline's 21-passenger transports from Kansas City to Albuquerque.

### 100 years ago (1915)

As one layer after another of Luverne pressed brick is being mortarized into the fast growing walls of Luverne's new play house — the New Palace theatre — even the most casual observer is able to appreciate the vast improvement which the erection of this block will make to the business section of the city. ...

It is estimated that the bricklayers will require about two weeks more time to complete their task, for the walls will be approximately thirty-eight feet high, except those of the stage, which will be fifty feet high — this additional height being necessary in order to permit the raising of the scenery and curtains without rolling.

## Wet weather good for our gardens, but produces ideal conditions for other problems

If you have rudbeckia goldstrum, the perennial black-eyed Susan, and you are noticing angular black spots on the leaves, your plants are being attacked by a fungus called septoria leaf spot. To prevent that disease from totally destroying the beauty of the plant, you need to spray both upper and under sides of the leaves with a fungicide. I use Daconil and it protects the



## KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

uninfected foliage. The fungus carries over from season to season in infected debris from the previous year, so the first step in prevention is to be careful to clean up all of the dead foliage in the spring. This wonderful wet weather is good for our gar-

dens, but it also produces ideal conditions for other problems ... such as slugs. These slimy critters eat holes in our hosta leaves and absolutely love the biggest, reddest strawberries. A pelleted slug bait will control them and most baits are safe to use around food crops ... read

the label to be sure.

This is also the time to be vigilant about fighting off tomato blights. Lower leaves that are turning yellow and developing black spots indicate that the plant is being attacked. Pick off those infected leaves and dispose of them ... not near the plants and not in the compost pile. Spraying the plants with maneb or Daconil will prevent the blight or stop it from spreading. Left unchecked, it will totally kill the foliage of your plant.

I also diagnosed a problem of tomatoes that I have never seen before. Tomato mosaic virus causes the entire

plant to turn yellow and the growth just stops. Top leaves show some deformities and if there is fruit on the plant, they will have brown marks on them.

This is a serious tomato problem and cannot be controlled once it has infected the plant, and it transmits from plant to plant easily. Few disease problems are carried in seed, but this is one of them. If you encounter this problem, dispose of the plant in its entirety. The disease will carry over in plant debris and can remain viable in the soil for 50 years ... not an issue you want to

deal with. I am hoping this is an isolated case because I have never seen it before and I am writing about it so you know what to watch for. It can appear at any stage of growth for tomatoes and also can infect potatoes.

I went to Haiti for a week and the weeds sure took advantage of my absence. Cleaning them up gives me much pleasure ... I can look back and see what I've accomplished!

Bonnema is gardening enthusiast and retired greenhouse owner. He can be reached at [flowergb@iu.net](mailto:flowergb@iu.net).



Pam Haakenson

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Pam Haakenson of Buffalo Ridge Insurance in Luverne was recently installed as the Region V Vice President of the International Association of Insurance Professionals (IAIP).

Pam is employed at Buffalo Ridge Insurance as agency manager. She has been a member of The IAIP Insurance Professionals of Greater Sioux Falls for more than 20 years.

The International Association of Insurance Professionals was officially organized in 1940 and is an association of insurance professionals dedicated to the development of leaders in the insurance industry.

The national organization has 225 local associations throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The association is best known for providing insurance education, skills enhancement and leadership development to its members.



## OBITUARY

### Mary Kinde

Mary Alice Kinde, 66, Faribault, died Monday, June 15, 2015, at St. Lucas Care Center in Faribault following an extended illness.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 19, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Faribault. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Faribault. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Mary Alice Bendt was born March 14, 1949, to Ferdinand and Ruth (Langdale) Bendt in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1967.

On May 1, 1993, she married Jerry Kinde at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Mary worked for 37 years at the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind as an assistant teacher. During this time Mary founded a Girl Scouts Troop at MSAB. She was also part of the

Christ Through Hands Ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. She retired from MSAB in 2008.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jerry Kinde, Faribault; her foster son, Joel Carlson, West Concord; a brother, James (Diane) Bendt, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a sister, Twila (Tom) Simon, New Hope; nieces Stacy Zank and Kacie Mikell; special friends Gerald and Genney Lynch, Owatonna, and their children, Katie Lynch, Andrew Lynch and Jamie Kuhlman; four adopted grandchildren, Dominic, James, Gabriel and Daniel Kuhlman; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements are by Parker Kohl and McRaith Funeral Home of Faribault, www.ParkerKohlFuneralHome.com.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Charlotte Steffen

Charlotte Steffen, 81, Hills, formerly of Marshall, died Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A private family service will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Luverne.

(0618 DN)

### Robert Knebel

Robert G. Knebel, 75, Luverne, died Saturday, June 13, 2015, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending through Fiksdahl Funeral Service in Webster, South Dakota, www.fiksdalfuneral.com.

Local services were through Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

(0618 DN)

## The importance of not disturbing roadside ditches

**Question:** Why is it important not to disturb roadside ditches during the spring and summer?

**Answer:** Roadside ditches are highly productive nesting sites, and they provide some of the most valuable wildlife habitat available in the state. More than 40 kinds of birds and animals nest on the ground or in low vegetative cover. Wildlife that nest in these areas include pheasants, gray partridge, rabbits, waterfowl and songbirds. Because each species has its own nesting habits - when and how many times per year they rear young - this habitat type receives continuous use from spring until late summer. Unfortunately, thousands of nesting sites are destroyed annually due to haying, off-highway vehicle traffic, crop encroachment, blanket spraying and herbicide drift from adjacent fields. These disturbances can occur at any time, but they have the most impact during June when hens are on the nest raising young. Planting native prairie vegetation would help alleviate most nest disturbances because a ditch would not need to be hayed until crops are harvested at the end of the nesting season. Native prairie plants, once established, also reduce the presence of weeds and are better suited for producing wildlife.

Schaefer is a DNR wildlife technician.

## DNR QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By Pete Schaefer, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**Q:** It seems like we've had a lot of rain the past several weeks. Are any parts of Minnesota still in a drought?

**A:** Abundant rain in May and early June greatly improved Minnesota's drought situation. May rainfall totals exceeded the historical average in nearly all locations around the state. The U.S. Drought Monitor released on June 11 no longer places any Minnesota counties in the moderate drought category, a substantial improvement over early spring.

Any lingering dry conditions are reflected primarily in lake levels and are the result of a dry 2014 autumn, below average snowfall during the 2014-2015 winter, and a dry early spring.

The driest areas are in far northern and northeastern Minnesota where conditions are abnormally dry, but not categorized as drought.

The next U.S. Drought Monitor map will be released Thursday, June 18. It is available at <http://drought-monitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?MN>.



Stephanie Christensen photo/0618 homes for heroes cox ribbon cutting

Pictured at Monday's ribbon-cutting at the Rock County Veterans Memorial are (front, from left) Nancy VanDeBerg, Derek Boeve, Ryan DeBates, Billy Cowell, Alan Cox, Cindy Cox, Steve Ennis, Dave Hup, (back) Holly Sammons, Faye Bremer, Patti Olson and Dave Haugom.

## Home for Heroes program launches in Nobles and Rock counties

By Lori Sorenson

Community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting Monday afternoon at the Rock County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse lawn.

The event recognized new Luverne Chamber members Cox Realty and Land Services, LLC, which includes Alan Cox, broker; and Realtors Cindy Cox, Dave Hup and Billy Cowell.

Monday's event also launched a new program, Homes for Heroes, which provides financial assistance to military personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, and medical professionals who are purchasing or selling a home.

*"We have found ourselves in the need of a 'hero' through events in our lifetime."*

--Cindy Cox

Cox Realty will provide services for the program, along with Steve Ennis of Home Federal Bank as the mortgage originator.

"We have found ourselves in the need of a 'hero' through events in our lifetime," said Cindy Cox.

"We have needed the assistance of a doctor or nurse. We have called upon the fire department for our fires. We sometimes take for granted the safety that our police department provides. Our teachers have guided our children in the learning

process. How do we begin to thank the veterans for our freedom?"

She said the Homes for Heroes program is an opportunity to thank local heroes for their contributions to their communities.

"This program seeks to thank them in a meaningful and tangible way, through financial support by offering substantial rebates and discounts during the home buying or selling process," Cox said.

The Homes for Heroes program is comprised of

Realtors and lenders, who offer substantial rebates and discounts to heroes in these service professions when they purchase or sell a home.

It was started in 2002 in response to the 9/11 terror attacks when local lenders saw a need to help local emergency response professionals gain home ownership.

More information is available at [www.coxrealtyandlandservices.com](http://www.coxrealtyandlandservices.com) through the Homes for Heroes link.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Lake Area Tech

Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota, named the following students to the president's list.

They are \*Tyler Jacobs, Kenneth; and Courtney Hemme and Trevor Teal, both of Luverne.

To be named to the president's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 GPA.

### Augustana College spring graduation

Cathryn Hartz, Luverne, recently graduated cum laude from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Hartz earned a double major in professional accountancy and business administration. She works at First National Bank in Sioux Falls.

She is the daughter of Allan and Nancy Hartz, Luverne.

### SMSU, Marshall

Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, recently announced their Spring 2015 dean's list.

High honors list includes Brenda Parsley, Adrian; Katlyn Sandbulte and Taylor Vaughn, Hills.

Those on the honors list are Matthew Arends, Hardwick; and Hanna Hemme, Cole Johnson and Alex Weis, all of Luverne.

Students with a 3.5 GPA or higher are listed with honors and those who earn a 4.0 GPA are on the high honors list.

### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Zane Aubert, Luverne, recently graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

### Ridgewater College

Matthew Raak, Jasper, was named to the Ridgewater College, Willmar, dean's list for 2015 spring semester.

In order to be included in the dean's list, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher and be enrolled in 12 credit hours.

### Augustana College spring dean's list

The following students were named to Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester. They are Mallory Edwards, Hardwick; and Ryder Reed, Tyler Johnson and Melanie VanMeeteren, all of Luverne.

The dean's list recognizes students enrolled in a minimum

of 12 credit hours who earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

### SDSU, Brookings

The following students were recently named to South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, Spring 2015 dean's list. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 GPA.

College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences: David Cook, Adrian; Jada Hoven, Jordan Stegenga and Austin Van Santen, all of Luverne; Erin Doherty, Magnolia.

Colleges of Arts and Science: \*Aaron Marsh, Adrian; Alyssa Frakes and Kristen Scheidt, both of Luverne; \*Ashley Hanson, Steen.

College of Education and Human Science: Amanda Crawford, Beaver Creek; Paige Meester, Ellsworth; Emily Van Der Brink, Hardwick; Dylan Gehrke and \*Haley Van Wyhe, both of Hills; Laura Lorang, Lismore; Trevor Den Herder and \*Jessica Fick, both of Luverne; and Carrie Goebel, Magnolia.

College of Nursing: \*Natalie Leuthold, Hills.

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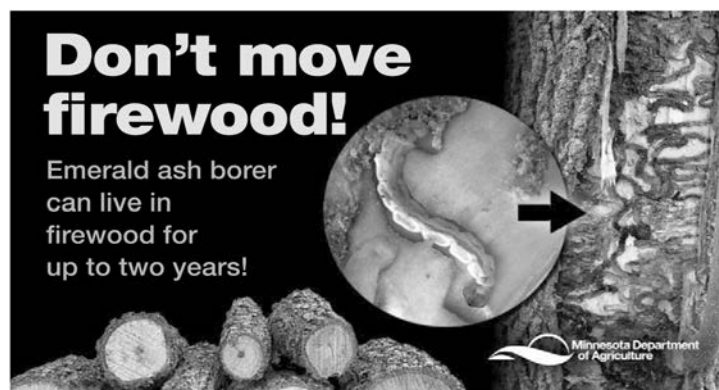
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Honorary Chairwoman Mercie Domagala (right) leads the survivors lap during Saturday night's Relay for Life event at the Luverne City Park. In the golf cart is Domagala's father-in-law, Del, also a cancer survivor, with his daughter Faye Bremer driving.

Mavis Fodness photo/0618 Relay 2015

# Relay for Life surpasses 2015 fundraising goal

By Mavis Fodness

Relay for Life of Rock County surpassed this year's goal of \$35,000.

The 2015 event culminated Friday, June 12, with the local Relay for Life event and marked the 15<sup>th</sup> year the event has been conducted in Rock County.

With donations still coming in, the committee raised just over \$36,000 in monetary and in-kind donations from corporate donations and the 13 fundraising teams.

"It went as well as other years," said local chairperson Lisa Ehlers, who has served on the organizing committee since 2007.

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

Portions of the monies go toward administration, cancer research, education and advocacy at the state and federal levels.

New members are currently being accepted to plan the local 2016 event.

"Crowds were down, but like everything else it's run its course," Ehlers said.

When Relay for Life first began, teams would conduct an actual relay with teams



Mark Sterrett leads Mercie's Moon Beams, one of 13 relay teams at the 2015 Relay for Life of Rock County event Saturday night, June 12, at the Luverne City Park. Sterrett's team raised funds for his aunt Mercie Domagala, honorary chairwoman of the event.

Mavis Fodness photo/0618 Relay 2015

walking from sundown to sunrise.

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

"It went really well," Ehlers added.

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

release and lighting of the luminary bags in remembrance or in honor of loved ones with cancer.

Final fundraising events were also conducted.

After about a 10-year hiatus, the "Kiss the Pig" contest was conducted this time between Ryan DeBates with Exchange State Bank and Ryan Wynia with First

Farmers and Merchants Bank.

The event raised \$2,571.07 with the one earning the least kissing the 15-pound pig.

DeBates was on the "losing" end when \$451.45 was raised at Exchange State Bank and \$2,119.62 was raised at First Farmers and Merchants.



Sadie Kessler pours lemonade for customer Avery Tebben of Luverne at one of several booths raising funds for the 2015 Relay for Life of Rock County event Saturday night.

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Sage Ver Steeg (right) reacts to her aunt Manda Steensma holding one of her former ponytails during the Pantene Beautiful Lengths Pony Tail Auction at Saturday's Rock County Relay for Life event in Luverne City Park.

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Relay for Life Committee Member Nancy Ver Steeg (left) applies purple paint to cancer survivor Bev Clausen's hand. Clausen then placed her handprint on a survivors sheet in honor of the 2015 event.

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Shane Hubbling (far right) along with his sister Amanda McClure, members of the Relay for Life team called Hubbling's Herd, light the candles inside the luminary bags Saturday night. Both walked the event in memory of their mother, Minnie.

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Main Street in Hills was packed with spectators Saturday, June 13, watching the Friendship Days parade. Hills celebrated its 125th anniversary during its annual Friendship Days Celebration.

# Friendly affair

*Community of Hills marks 125th anniversary with history-making Friendship Days celebration*

**By Lori Sorenson**

The population of Hills swelled over the weekend to welcome hundreds of visitors for the town's celebration of its 125th anniversary.

The quasiquintennial party was timed with the town's annual Friendship Days weekend, so there were the usual parades, games, food vendors and festivities.

In addition, volunteers hosted a meet and greet at the school, where some classes chose to organize class reunions.

Among those volunteers was Marilyn Nelson, who also helped with the parade and other weekend events.

"It was so much fun seeing everyone again," Nelson later posted on Facebook. "Thank you to those who made the effort to come home."

She thanked everyone who helped make the weekend a success. "It took tons of people to pull this off," she said.

Leading the charge were volunteers with "Helping Build Communities Stronger," which has formed in place of the former Community Club.

"I don't know about everyone else, but I had a super great time this weekend," Nelson said, thanking those who helped and those who participated in the parade.

"It was so much fun seeing everyone again. .... Thank you to those who made the effort to come home. ... We are truly blessed to have the people in Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen."



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 Farm Tractor/Machinery Show



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 old jail

**Above:** Pete Hoff poses in the old jail used in Hills when Pete Bush was the local constable

**Left:** Jane Baker Bosch and great-grandson Blake Leenderts (son of Greg and Laura Leenderts) enjoy the Farm Tractor/Machinery Show Saturday. Leenderts is on the 400 McCormick Farmall, the first tractor Jane and her late husband, Albert Baker, purchased in 1955.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 fire safety trailer

Hills fireman Justin Van Maanen mans the kitchen fire safety trailer Saturday to demonstrate safety in the kitchen when cooking. Cooking fires are the No. 1 cause of home fires and home injuries.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 McGaffee bean bag tourney

Samantha McGaffee participates in the Bean Bag Tournament Saturday, June 13.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 Community church service

Lonny Ackerman (left), Dan LaRock, Allie LaRock and Clint Roozenboom (back) perform at the Community Church Service Sunday, June 14.



The Blue Ribbon Hatchery float (above) made an appearance in the 1950 Hills parade. Ruud family members made a smaller replica of the chicken for their float in this year's parade (at left).

Kinley Leuthold, (right) daughter of Collin and Sherri Leuthold, is a winner in the Kiddie Tractor Pull 3-year-olds division on Main Street during Friendship Days.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 Kiddie Tractor Pull

**At right:** Hills High School class of 1953 member Paul Jacobson from Doran and class of 1952 graduate Fritz Nuffer, Elkhorn, Nebraska, visit with each other at the H-BC All-School Meet and Greet Saturday, June 13, at the high school.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 old classmates at meet and greet



Glenda McGaffee photo/0618 kids in Hills t-shirts

Ruby Susie (front), Avrii Susie (back), Olivia Susie and Isabel Wyssong dress in Hills 125th anniversary T-shirts.



## Flood anniversary/from page 1A

more than two feet above the previous high of 14.23 feet recorded on May 8, 1993.

### Flood closes all but one river crossing in county

As the Rock River swelled, the Rock County Sheriff's Office issued flood warnings through its nixle.com instant messaging system. Some residents, however, didn't heed the warning.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said people didn't think a flash flood could happen in a county that doesn't have large bodies of water.

But flash floods can happen as he and Rock County residents found out on June 16, 2014.

"It was a long 18-hour day," Verbrugge said.

Reports of motorists washed off roadways and residents trapped by floodwaters prompted requests for assistance from neighboring counties including a boat from Yellow Medicine County, Verbrugge said.

The Rock County Emergency Operations Committee opened a command center on June 16, 2014, at the Law Enforcement Center in Luverne to coordinate services and to assess damage, according to emergency management director Kyle Oldre.

"The county doesn't seem that big until you need to have eyes in each area," he said.

At one point there was only one east-west road crossing over the Rock River and that crossing changed as floodwaters began cresting further south, he said.

Township officials joined city and county officials to assess road damage, make emergency reports and to monitor weather reports to warn citizens of road closures and potential flash flooding dangers.

### Force of water uprooted trees, rushed into structures

Karen and Mike Mensen have lived on Rock River Road east of Luverne for more than four decades.

"We have lived here for 45 years without seeing

anything like that," Karen Mensen said.

Nixle.com messages warned the couple who was out of town at the time about road closures. The messages prompted the couple to check on their home.

Located a half-mile from the river, Mensen said they were accustomed to flooding in their backyard but nothing to the extent they saw on June 15, 2014, when river water was rushing into the garage and uprooting mature evergreen trees.

"We were very fortunate no water came into the house," she said.

With a sump pump keeping water levels in the unfinished basement low, the Mensens kept a round-the-clock watch as the river crested and subsided days later.

The debris left by the receding floodwaters filled four dump trucks.

"The smell for weeks was nasty," she added.

### The repairs continue, as do flood mitigation plans

Rock County and six other Minnesota communities qualified for a federal disaster declaration and release of federal aid to assist townships, cities and the county to make repairs.

Since then, the majority of the road repairs have been completed throughout Rock County, including the \$1.5 million in damages to the Buffalo Ridge Railroad.

In Luverne, public damage estimated at \$351,000 was limited to the city's east side where the city park and the Redbird baseball field were hard hit.

City administrator John Call said engineers are considering a berm-like structure to limit future flood damage to the ball field.

"It (the structure) would keep trash and other debris in the river and not cause any more harm downstream," he said about the project, which is only in the planning stages.

The city will work with county officials on improving the storm water flow on North Blue Mound Avenue near 131st Street to disperse



Mavis Fodness photo/0618 Flood  
After June 2014, flooding removed a portion of the dam at the Blue Mounds State Park (above). The Lower Mound Lake at the park has been reduced to a grass marsh.



Mavis Fodness photo/0618 Flood  
Hardwick farmer Hal Paulson spent several days last fall scraping more than 3 feet of flood debris from his farm field east of Hardwick. Last year a flooded Rock River deposited sand and gravel on nearly five acres of Paulson's field that needed to be moved before spring planting.

water coming to the city from the north and west into nearby farmland, away from residential housing.

"Storms are coming more frequently," Call said. "We need to plan for more water (events) in the future."

### Silver lining for wildlife

The Lower Mound Lake no longer exists at Blue Mounds State Park, a casualty of the strong currents that eroded portions of the dam.

While state and federal officials decide if or how the dam should be repaired and a lake formed again, visitors to the park are enjoying the change in migratory birds to the area.

"Shore birds we don't normally see are here," said park employee Kathy Deuschle. "These birds wouldn't normally be around."

Lower Mound Lake has been reduced to a grassy marsh, attracting birds to stop instead of going elsewhere. Excited birdwatchers have told Deuschle of the

discovery.

Birds, such as Canada geese, who desire the solid surface of a lake, now stop at the park's Upper Mound Lake.

### The aftermath

Last year more than 100,000 acres of farmland were damaged by floodwater and the hailstorm that pummeled the northern third of Rock County.

Fraser Norton, Rock County Farm Service Agency director, said the majority of the fence damage has been repaired and debris has been removed from farm fields.

"The effects of the last year are still being felt," Norton said.

Many fields were washed of crop residue and a new crop needs to be plant-

ed and harvested in order for the residue to be replaced.

Norton said he is disappointed that more farmers didn't take advantage of federal programs that could help with conservation repairs.

"They (area producers) are not in the mindset, if there is damage, to run to the government office to see what money is here," Norton explained. "People roll up their sleeves and do it themselves."

One of those who completed the work themselves is Hardwick farmer Hal Paulson. He spent time last fall scraping the sand and gravel deposited by floodwaters on his farm field on the west side of the Rock River.

"If you have a couple of inches you can incorporate it into the soil," Paulson said.

He estimated four to five acres were covered with more than three feet of silt that needed to be removed before spring planting. Paulson scraped the silt into piles.

Besides flooding debris, Paulson said the field was hammered by hailstones reported to be as large as golf balls. Unable to replant, Paulson left the rows to fend for themselves, and his corn harvest yielded only 20 bushels per acre. Normally his yield average is 150 bushels.

Crop and hail insurance covered the majority of the yield loss.

"It was good," Paulson said of the coverage.

This year he has planted soybeans.

"It could flood (and hail) again, but that's the way it goes," he said.

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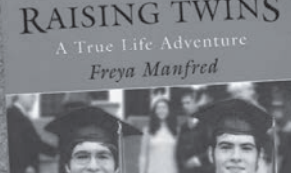

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Luverne's Jakob Olson gets tagged out by West Central's first baseman as the Cardinal attempts to beat out an infield single during the third-place game of the Luverne American Legion Baseball Tournament.

## Legion places fourth in tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals turned in a fourth-place performance at the Luverne American Legion Baseball Tournament staged over the weekend at Redbird Field.

After beating Waterloo

Valley (Nebraska) to open the tournament Friday, the Cards lost games to St. James and West Central Saturday and Sunday respectively.

The Cardinals finished the annual tournament with a 5-2 record.

WC 11, Luverne 1

A late push by West Central gave the Trojans a 10-run win over the Cards during Sunday's third-place game.

The score was knotted at one after two innings of play, but WC scored twice in the third

inning and eight runs in the fifth to win by the 10-run rule.

Luverne's lone run came in the second inning when Connor Crabtree doubled and scored on a wild pitch to tie the

Tourney/continued on page 4B

## Wild Road Tour to make stop in Luverne

By Jason Berghorst

The 2015 Wells Fargo Minnesota Wild Road Tour will make a stop at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne.

The annual cross-state caravan of Wild players, alumni and media personnel will be in town from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24.

Luverne is part of the "southern tour" of the event, which is scheduled to include appearances by players Keith Ballard and Ryan Carter as well as television analyst Tom Reid.

Along with the meet and greet opportunity, those who attend can also purchase a meal during the event.

In all, three separate caravans will visit 17 communities throughout Minnesota and Iowa June 23-25.

The Wild will also visit other communities, including Fairmont, Waseca and New Prague.

## Luverne VFW posts road victory in Westbrook

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team upped its record to 5-1 for the season after registering a 12-5 victory in Westbrook Monday.

With Declan Beers driving in three runs to lead the way, Luverne never trailed in the contest.

Trenton Bass reached base on an error and scored on an error to give the Cards a 1-0 lead in the first inning before Westbrook knotted the score at one in the bottom of the second.

Luverne scored one run in the fourth inning and five in the fifth to open a 7-1 cushion.

Nate Lonneman stroked an RBI single in the fourth, while Beers slapped a two-run single and Kaden Erickson added an RBI single to highlight the five-run rally in the fifth.

Westbrook trimmed the difference to three runs (7-

4) in the bottom of the fifth, but the Cards iced the win by scoring one run in the sixth and four in the seventh.

Beers capped his three-RBI effort with a single in the fifth.

Dylan Forshey singled home a pair of runs and Bass slapped an RBI single to highlight the four-run seventh.

Alex Loosbrock tossed the first three innings before giving way to Jesse Reed, who worked two and one-third innings on the mound to earn the win.

Tyler Reisdorfer pitched the final one and two-thirds innings.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Bass	3	2	1	1
Reisdorfer	2	2	1	0
Reed	4	1	2	0
A. Loosbrock	4	1	0	0
Beers	3	3	2	3
Z. Loosbrock	2	1	0	0
Lonneman	2	1	1	1
Erickson	3	1	1	1
Mente	1	0	0	0
Forshey	2	0	1	2
Berndt	1	0	0	0



Photo courtesy Joyce McCarthy

Three Adrian High School golfers capped their seasons at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Championships staged June 9-10 at the Pebble Lake Golf Club near Becker. Representing Adrian at the event were Collin Kemper (right), Ryan Elias (left) and Jada Elias (middle).

## Adrian golfers cap seasons at Class A Tournament

By John Rittenhouse

Three Adrian High School athletes wrapped up the golf season at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Championships staged June 9-10 at the Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker.

Senior Collin Kemper and juniors Ryan and Jada Elias made their first appearances for AHS at the state classic.

Kemper turned in the top effort from the trio during his last high school event.

Competing in an 88-player field, Kemper shot an 88-82-

170 to tie for 52<sup>nd</sup> with three other players.

Dawson-Boyd senior Dalton Palmer and United South Central junior Nick Neubauer also shot 170s.

USC junior Ryan Pederson and Mounds Park Academy freshman Brock Bliese led the field with 146-stroke efforts.

Ryan Elias fired a 91-89-180 to earn a share of 64<sup>th</sup> place.

Legacy Christian junior Jack Friedrich, Kittson County Central junior John Karboviak, Fillmore Central freshman

Carter Nevalainen and Mahnomen-Waubun eighth-grader Jaycee Clark shared 64<sup>th</sup> place with Elias.

Jada Elias earned a share of 65<sup>th</sup> place in the girls' 88-player field.

Elias carded a 102-103-205. Ottertail Central senior Paige Weber also carded a 205.

Heritage Christian Academy sophomore Kiera Smith claimed the Class A individual title with a 153-stroke performance.

## Redbirds roll on

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds ran their amateur baseball winning streak to eight games after posting a pair of victories in a five-day span.

The Redbirds topped Tracy by six runs June 10 in Luverne before pulling out a one-run win in Windom Sunday.

Luverne, 8-1 overall, played in Pipestone Wednesday (June 17).

Luverne 4, Windom 3

The Redbirds came out on the winning end of a one-run decision when they challenged the Pirates in a rain-shortened game in Windom Sunday.

Luverne was on the verge of walking away with a comfortable win after it scored three times in the top of the eighth inning, but the skies opened at that point and the runs didn't count as the game was ruled complete after seven innings of play.

The Redbirds took a 1-0 lead when Phillip Paquette delivered an RBI single in the first inning, but the Pirates tied the game at one in the bottom of the fourth.

Joey Slieter gave the Redbirds a 2-1 edge with an RBI double in the fifth inning before Windom knotted the score at two in the bottom half



Star Herald file photo

Andrew DeBoer received the pitching victory during Sunday's 4-3 road win over the Windom Pirates.

of the same frame.

Luverne scored twice in the top of the sixth to settle the issue.

Josh Slieter reached base on an error, Andrew DeBoer reached base on a fielder's choice and Tanner Skattum drew a walk to load the sacks in the sixth.

Logan Norman drew a walk to force home Slieter, and DeBoer scored on an RBI single by Skyler Wenninger.

DeBoer pitched six innings of six-hit, six-strikeout ball to earn the win.

Josh Slieter worked a

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## Five netters grace BSC tennis list

By John Rittenhouse

Five members of the Luverne High School tennis program received postseason honors from Big South Conference officials last week.

Four Cardinals graced the roster of the first All-BSC Western Division Tennis Team.

Another LHS player is one of eight players to draw honorable mention honors from the league.

Making the nine-player All-BSC Western Division squad are juniors Erik Wahnoutka and Jacob Jarchow

and sophomores Dalton Schoeneman and Chris Jelken.

Cory Stroeh, the lone senior member of the LHS team, received honorable mention.

Worthington and St. James placed two players each on the all-league roster.

Seniors Andrew Johnson and Nick Newman are the Trojans on the roster, while senior John Foss and sophomore Sandin Skow represent the Saints.

Redwood Valley junior Tyler Hagen rounds out the all-conference team.

Other honorable mention selections include St. James seniors Cole Skow and Colin Hoppe, junior Aaron Pluym and sophomore Cameron Giese, RWV junior Cole Pettis and sophomore Nathaniel Passe and WHS junior Bryan Doeden.



Wahnoutka



Schoeneman



Jelken



Jarchow

## Buffalos even season record at 3-3

By John Rittenhouse

The Tri-State Buffalos evened their Southern Plains Football League record at 3-3 with a 27-16 victory over the Albert Lea Grizzlies Saturday in Albert Lea.

Quarterback Alex Toupal tossed three touchdown passes in the game's first half to help the Buffalos open a 19-0 lead before the

intermission.

Albert Lea outscored T-S 16-8 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Grizzlies from falling by 11 points.

Toupal hooked up with Stephan Fry for a 45-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring.

He added touchdown passes covering 25 and 15 yards to Weston Petersen

and Tyrel Kool respectively to make it a 19-point difference at the break.

When Wyatt Stepka returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a touchdown, T-S led 27-0.

The Grizzlies scored the game's final 16 points. T-S caps the regular season by challenging the Southwest Huskerz in Worthington Saturday.





John Rittenhouse photo/0618 legion 2

Centerfielder Nick Overgaard snares a fly ball during Sunday's tournament game against West Central.

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game at one.

Jakob Olson took the pitching loss after tossing four innings of seven-run, seven-hit ball. He hit four batters and walked two.

Ryan Gonzalez surrendered four runs and four hits and registered one out in the fifth inning before giving way to Andrew Verhey, who retired both batters he faced.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Bosch	2	0	0	0
Sandbulte	2	0	0	0
Verhey	2	0	0	0
Crabtree	2	1	1	0
Olson	1	0	0	0
Rops	0	0	0	0
Gonzalez	2	0	1	0
Beers	0	0	0	0
Overgaard	2	0	0	0
Erickson	1	0	1	0
Hoffman	1	0	0	0
Reed	1	0	0	0
Vajgrt	1	0	0	0

walk to plate Verhey, and Gonzalez walked to force home Crabtree.

After the Saints moved in front 3-2 in the top of the third, Luverne tied the game when Verhey singled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Gonzalez at the bottom of the frame.

St. James produced two-run rallies in the fourth and sixth innings, while Luverne scored its final run in the fifth.

Crabtree walked and scored on Vajgrt's double in the fifth for the Cards.

Vajgrt took the pitching loss after working five innings of eight-hit, six-run ball. He fanned seven batters and walked four.

Nick Overgaard yielded one run and four hits in two innings of relief.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	4	0	1	0
Bosch	3	0	0	0
Verhey	4	2	3	0
Crabtree	3	2	0	0
Vajgrt	4	0	2	1
Olson	1	0	1	2
Gonzalez	2	0	1	1
Sandbulte	2	0	1	0
Harder	1	0	0	0
Reed	1	0	0	0
Rops	1	0	0	0

### Luverne 4, WV 2

The Cardinals opened the tournament Friday by posting a two-run win over Waterloo Valley, Neb.

Luverne scored three runs in the first two innings of play and never lost the lead the rest of the game.

Connor Hoffman walked and scored on a single by Olson in the first inning to give the Cards a 1-0 lead.

Connor Sandbulte reached base on an error and Hoffman singled before Vajgrt produced a two-run single to make it a 3-0 game in the second.

WV scored twice in the top of the sixth, but the Cards capped the scoring in the bottom half of the inning when Olson doubled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Gonzalez.

Hoffman tossed all seven innings to earn the win. He fanned seven batters and limited WV to four hits.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	2	2	1	0
Vajgrt	3	0	2	2
Verhey	3	0	1	0
Sommers	2	0	0	0
Olson	3	1	2	1
Gonzalez	2	0	1	1
Overgaard	3	0	0	0
Sandbulte	2	1	0	0
Reed	3	0	0	0

# Legion splits twin bill in Madison

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team broke even when it played a doubleheader consisting of six-inning games Monday in Madison, South Dakota.

Luverne notched a 4-1 win in the opener before falling 10-9 in the finale.

The Cardinals sport a 6-3 record at set's send.

### Luverne 4, Madison 1

The Cardinals overcame an early deficit to post a three-run win in Game 1.

Madison sported a 1-0 lead after three innings of play, but Luverne plated single runs in the fourth and fifth innings and scored twice in the sixth to claim its sixth victory of the season.

Luverne tied the game at one when Andrew Verhey singled and scored when Connor Crabtree doubled in the fourth.

Trenton Rops tripled before giving the Cards a 2-1 lead when he scored on a double by Verhey in the fifth.

Luverne plated a pair of insurance runs in the sixth inning when Connor Sandbulte slapped an RBI single and Connor Hoffman recorded a run-scoring double.

Crabtree tossed all six innings to secure the win.

He fanned nine batters and limited Madison to three hits and one earned run.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	2	0	1	1
Bosch	4	0	0	0
Verhey	3	1	2	1
Crabtree	1	0	1	1
Olson	3	0	0	0
Gonzalez	2	1	1	0
Overgaard	2	0	0	0
Sandbulte	3	0	1	1
Rops	3	2	1	0

### Madison 10, Luverne 9

The Cardinals squandered a hefty lead during Game 2 of Monday's twin bill.

After falling behind 5-0 early, Luverne put together an eight-run rally in the bottom of the second inning to open a three-run (8-5) cushion.

The teams exchanged runs in the third inning before Madison scored four runs in



John Rittenhouse photo/0618 legion 12

Luverne's Connor Crabtree fields a one-hop throw to the plate during Sunday's tournament game against West Central. Crabtree posted a pitching win and homered in Madison Monday.

the fourth inning to settle the issue.

Luverne's eight-run outburst in the second, which included four runs scoring errors and another as the result of a wild pitch, featured a three-run homerun by Crabtree.

Hoffman walked and scored Luverne's final run in the third

inning on a wild pitch.

Andrew Verhey, who registered one out in the fourth inning, took the pitching loss after yielding four runs.

Cole Bosch started the game on the mound and tossed three innings of six-run, six-hit ball.

Nick Overgaard blanked

Madison over the final two and two-thirds innings.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	2	2	1	0
Sandbulte	1	1	0	0
Verhey	3	1	1	0
Crabtree	3	1	1	3
Olson	4	0	1	0
Bosch	4	1	2	0
Gonzalez	4	3	1	0
Overgaard	2	1	0	0
Rops	3	1	0	0

### SJ 7, Luverne 4

The Cardinals were tagged with their first loss of the season when they fell to the Saints by three runs in Saturday's semifinals.

Luverne led 2-0 after one inning of play and the score was knotted at three after three frames, but St. James outscored the Cards 4-1 the rest of the way to reach the championship game.

The Cards loaded the bases in the bottom of the first inning when Verhey singled, Crabtree reached base on an error and Tommy Vajgrt reached base on a fielder's choice.

Olson drew a bases-loaded

## LHS trio rake in BSC honors

By John Rittenhouse

Three members of the Luverne High School softball program raked in postseason honors from Big South Conference officials last week.

Two Cardinals made the All-Big South Conference Small School Division Softball Team.

Another Cardinal received honorable mention honors from the league officials.

Sophomores Ariel DeBeer and Katie Kracht made the all-league team for LHS.

Eighth-grader Rylee Olson is one of nine players to receive honorable mention honors.

A total of 18 athletes made the all-conference squad.

Jackson County Central and Pipestone led the list by landing five all-conference



Submitted photo

Luverne's Ariel DeBeer (middle) and Katie Kracht (right) made the All-BSC Western Division Softball Team. Rylee Olson (left) received honorable mention honors.

selections each.

Seniors Blaney Markman and Moria Carlson, juniors Sydney Nyborg and Jadin Bezdicek and freshman Kelsey Kannenberg made the team from JCC.

Seniors Tayla Sysavath, Emily Mabon and Tarryn Woelber, sophomore Taylor Nesvold and freshman Shelby Bloemendaal are the Arrows on the team.

St. James drew three all-

conference selections.

Senior Emily Bottem, junior Hollie Peterson and freshman Kayla Hanson are the Saints on the roster.

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## Sanford releases results of June 6 Fun Run

By Jason Berghorst

Sanford Luverne hosted the annual Buffalo Days Fun Run in Luverne Saturday, June 6.

Races included Men's and Women's 5K and 10K races in addition to a half-mile kids' fun run.

The 5K and 10K race awarded the top two finishers in seven different categories based on

the age of the runners.

Sanford Luverne provided the following results from the fun run:

**Men's 5K**  
15 & Under: First, Brayden Ripka; second, McCaden Biever  
16-20: First, Cayd Den Herder  
21-29: First, Matt Christensen; second, Santiago Gomez  
30-39: First, TJ Newgard; second, Jarod Sandbulte

40-49: First, Corey Nelson; second, Dustin Biddle  
60 & Over: First, Don Schnelle; second, Jim Elsing

**Women's 5K**  
15 & Under: First, Tenley Nelson; second, Joee Krier  
16-20: First, Marissa Buechler  
21-29: First, Amanda McDonald; second, Alyssa Domagala  
30-39: First, Laura Wurster; second, Jody Nelson  
40-49: First, Sheri Lumley; second, Jennifer Stratton  
60 & Over: First, Barb Elsing

**Men's 10K**  
16-20: First, Ian Iverson  
40-49: First, Jeremy Bartosh

50-59: First, Greg Kuiper; second, Martyn Wold

**Women's 10K**  
16-20: First, Megan Sauer; second, Morgan Sauer  
21-29: First, Jessica Walhof  
30-39: First, Jamie Reisdorfer; second, Kristy Fick  
40-49: First, Amy Barr; second, Cristal Serie

**Kids' Half Mile Run**  
7 & younger: First, Ava Steinhoff; second, Martin Fick  
8-9 years: First, Sage Viessman; second, Tori Serie  
10-12 years: First, Elizabeth Wagner; second, Christina Wagner

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Luverne shortstop Skyler Wenninger registered a pair of hits during Sunday's 4-3 amateur baseball victory in Windom.

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scoreless seventh inning to register a save.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	3	2	2	1
Jy.Slieter	4	0	1	1
Paquette	4	0	1	1
Zeutenhorst	4	0	1	0
Olson	4	0	0	0
Js.Slieter	3	1	1	0
Fisher	2	0	0	0
DeBoer	1	1	0	0
Skattum	2	0	1	0
Norman	2	0	0	1

### Luverne 9, Tracy 3

The Redbirds experienced little trouble in disposing of the Express by six runs June 10 in Luverne.

Gunnar Olson and Paquette drove in a combined six runs to lead Luverne to a comfortable win.

Paquette, who recorded three RBIs, singled home one run in the first inning and delivered a two-run triple during a three-run rally in the second.

Wenninger added an RBI single to the rally in the second, which ended with the hosts sporting a 4-0 lead.

Tracy plated a run in the top of the fourth inning, but the Redbirds responded by



Star Herald file photo

Second baseman Tony Sandbulte slapped two hits in a win over Tracy June 10.

scoring one run in the sixth and three in the seventh to make it an 8-1 game.

Wenninger recorded a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Olson, who charted three RBIs as well, tripled home three runs and scored on a throwing error in the seventh inning.

Olson slapped an RBI single

in the bottom of the eighth inning after the Express scored twice in the top half of the frame.

Brooks Mauer earned the pitching win by tossing seven innings of one-run, three-strikeout ball.

Olson worked the final two frames, surrendering two runs and fanning two batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	3	2	1	2
Jy.Slieter	4	2	2	0
Paquette	4	1	4	3
Dinger	1	0	0	0
Zeutenhorst	4	1	0	0
Norman	1	0	0	0
Olson	5	1	3	3
Pick	4	0	0	0
Skattum	1	0	0	0
Js.Slieter	4	0	0	0
Fisher	2	2	1	0
Sandbulte	4	0	2	0

# Luverne baseball players pick up honors

By John Rittenhouse

Four Luverne High School baseball players picked up postseason honors from Big South Conference officials Monday.



Verhey

Three Cardinals made the All-BSC Small School Division Baseball Team.

Another LHS player drew one of nine honorable mention selections doled out by the league.

Seniors Connor Crabtree, Connor Hoffman and Tommy Vajrt made the all-league squad.



Hoffman

Senior Andrew Verhey received honorable mention honors.

Windom led all schools by placing five players on the all-conference team.

Seniors Jack Mellstrom, Taylor Quiring and Wyatt Stevens and juniors Sam Huska and Devin Nielsen grace the list for the Eagles.

Pipestone landed four all-conference selections.



Vajrt

Seniors Collin Moeller, Dominic Freese and Boyer Bouman and junior Austin Moeller are the Arrows on the squad.

Jackson County Central, Redwood Valley and St. James received two all-league selections each to round out the roster.

JCC senior Scott Christopher and sophomore Easton Bahr, RWV senior Zachary Siegfried and sophomore James

Pendleton and St. James senior Bransen Petersen and sophomore Lucas Fredin represent their schools on the roster.



Crabtree

Other honorable mention selections include Pipestone juniors Blake Woelters and Michael Friese, St. James senior Katarino Hernandez and junior Brady Halvorson, Windom senior Joe Wieneke and junior Jeff Pfeffer, JCC sophomore Ryan Christopher and RWV sophomore Jared Lund.

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Redwood Valley senior Alison Curry and junior Nicole Bunting and Windom senior Alyssa Fast round out the all-league team.

Other players drawing honorable mention honors include JCC seniors Kathryn

Nasby and Bailey Schneekloth, Pipestone sophomores Tiffany Evans and Rachel Skyberg, St. James senior Brenda Cervantes and junior Julia Beckius, Windom senior Kelly Riordan and RWV senior Alyssa Lueck.

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# Playing role of spectator can be equally exciting

There are times when limited to being a spectator can be a discouraging experience.



## FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

June 10 wasn't one of those times for this scribe.

On the verge of fishing the big water of Ottertail Lake during the annual Rittenhouse family vacation, I had no intention of assuming a spectator role.

After all, it was the first chance I had in nearly a quarter of a decade to drop a line in this walleye factory in the middle of Ottertail County.

To the best of my recollection, the last time I fished Ottertail was the summer of 1991.

The timing of the launch I was a part of 24 years ago escapes my memory, but I do remember dropping three marble-eyes into the live well that I would take home and consume upon my return to Rock County.

Needless to say, visions of a repeat performance were racing through my mind when our daughter, Melanie, and I were invited on a four-plus-hour outing on the biggest lake in the area June 10.

Mike Casey, an old friend and fishing buddy, was the launch guide. Doug Dahle, a co-worker of Casey's, joined us in the boat.

Based on past experiences, the weather conditions were ripe for success. The temperature was somewhat cool — in the middle to upper 60s — but the wind provided a walleye chop on the water and made for easy drift fishing without the need of a trolling motor.

Although the conditions were favorable, the fish didn't cooperate early in the launch.

Our first stop yielded a couple of rock bass and a nice perch, and our second destination provided more of the same fish along with a 22-plus-inch pike landed by Melanie.

About 90 minutes later, our guide decided it was time to test the waters on the other side of the lake.

The move provided some excitement when Dahle dragged a 19-inch largemouth bass and an oversized bluegill into the boat, leaving us five different species of fish two hours into the outing.

Of course we were seeking walleye, and I could sense some frustration coming from our guide with only two hours of daylight remaining to turn things around.

Our luck changed after a short move on the lake later.

Our guide started the party by catching a small walleye, and before he could release the fish, Dahle won a battle with a majestic 23-incher that was celebrated at a fever pitch by all four members of the launch.

We spent the next hour making passes over the spot where success was found, and Casey was rewarded with another small walleye and a 17-incher.

Another move to the middle of the lake resulted in Melanie boating a 15-incher — which left me being the only person who hadn't caught one of our state fish.

Ultimately, that really didn't matter to me.

I watched one giant walleye get scooped up in a net from my perch on the front seat of the boat, and two others find their way into the live well as the outing progressed.

That was good enough for me.

I may have assumed the role of a spectator on this launch, but I had a blast being a part of it.

## SPORTS CLIPBOARD

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Thursday, June 18, and Friday, June 19: Office closed. Thursday, June 18: DOW Ministry Days. Friday, June 19: Return from mission trip. 9:30 a.m. Communion at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. 2 p.m. Winona Ordination. Saturday, June 20: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, June 21: No Bulletin. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Wednesday, June 24: 10 a.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home.

### Luverne Christian Reformed Church

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Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org  
Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, June 18: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, June 19: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, June 21: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Rev. Randy Tschetter. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, June 22, through Thursday, June 25: 9 a.m. to noon Camp Kilimanjaro VBS at FBC. Tuesday, June 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, June 25: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

### Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4431; www.gracelutheran.org — Nichols-glc@live.com  
Ron Nichols, Pastor  
Josh Enderson, Pastor

Thursday, June 18: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20: SW Women's Convention at U of M Morris. Friday, June 19: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, June 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, June 21: 8:15 a.m. Prerecorded Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, June 22: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 23: 7 a.m. Dorcas at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle. Wednesday, June 24: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 9 a.m. Assemble Grace Notes. Thursday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. Rachel and Naomi circles. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home; Lydia Circle at Poplar Creek. 4:30 p.m. Book Study; Youth Canaries game. 7:30 p.m. Pricilla/Elizabeth Circle.

### Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew M. Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, June 18: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, June 21: Bethany's 65 Anniversary Celebration. 10:15 a.m. Worship with meal to follow. Monday, June 22, through Thursday, June 25: ELS Synod Convention in Mankato. Thursday, June 25: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

### American Reformed Church

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

Thursday, June 18: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Salad luncheon. 5:30 p.m. Life Group Training. Friday, June 19: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, June 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time. Monday, June 22: 7 p.m. Hospice Memorial Service. Tuesday, June 23: 1 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Children in Covenant. Wednesday, June 24: 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team.

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

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300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
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Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, June 21: 10 a.m. Joint Worship Service.

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220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

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### United Methodist Church

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

Sunday, June 21: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee. 11 a.m. Come as you are Worship Service. Monday, June 22: 8 a.m. Church newsletter deadline. Wednesday, June 24: 5:30 p.m. Fourth Wednesday Community Meal.

### First Presbyterian Church

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

Saturday, June 20: 6 a.m. Worthington Bus. PW Gathering. Newsletter deadline. Sunday, June 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. Monday, June 22: 9 a.m. Quilting. 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, June 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, June 24: 7 p.m. Deacons.

### St. John Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, June 18, through Saturday, June 20: MN South District Convention. Friday, June 19: Church office closed. Saturday, June 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 21: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, June 17: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, June 25, to Sunday, June 28: National LWML Convention, Des Moines, Iowa.

### Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org  
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

### New Life Celebration Church

211 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, June 18, to Saturday, June 20: MN South District Convention. Thursday, June 18: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, June 19: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, June 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 1:30 p.m. Pastor leads Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. 2:15 p.m. Pastor leads Worship at Poplar Creek Estates in Luverne. Monday, June 22: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, June 24: July Newsletter deadline. 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night: Guys vs. Girls Cook-off fundraiser for church kitchen. Thursday, June 25, through Sunday, June 28: LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Thursday, June 25: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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211 125<sup>th</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, June 21: 10 a.m. Joint Worship Service at First Lutheran Church. 5 to 7 p.m. Pie and Ice Cream Social. Thursday, June 25: 1:30 p.m. WELCA meeting.

### Kenneth Lutheran Church

340 Church St., Kenneth  
Office Ph. 283-4804; Home Ph. 879-3216  
www.hkz.lutheranweb.net  
Kerry Boese, Pastor

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m. Worship Service.

### Magnolia United Methodist Church

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

Sunday, June 21: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

### Steen Reformed Church

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

Reuben Sinnema, Pastor

Sunday, June 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Pulpit Supply: Rev. Tim Olson; Building Fund Offering. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. No Evening Service for Father's Day.

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
507-962-3270

Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20: Rise Festival in Sheldon, Iowa. Sunday, June 21: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, June 23: 10:30 a.m. Text study. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study.

### Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
hillsurc@alliancecom.net  
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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Aug. 6

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 22, 2007  
MORTGAGOR: Joshua D. Christensen, a single person.  
MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded May 23, 2007 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 166658.  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated May 22, 2007 Recorded May 23, 2007, as Document No. 166659.  
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 713 South Donaldson Street, Luverne, MN 56156  
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1337.000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
The W 130 feet of Lot 4 and the N 10 feet of the W 130 feet of Lot 5, all in Block 3 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,800.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$49,530.42  
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: August 6, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN  
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.  
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on February 8, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.  
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:  
None  
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."  
Dated: May 26, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
4500 Park Glen Road #300  
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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 11

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 30, 2009  
MORTGAGOR: Kimberly A. Lange, an unmarried woman.  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc..  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 4, 2009 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 172481.  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.. Dated June 11, 2014 Recorded June 18, 2014, as Document No. 184107.  
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100061907000122275  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 304 East 2nd Street, Hardwick, MN 56134  
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 14.0134.000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Lots 9 and 10, in Block 2, in Halverson's Addition to the City of Hardwick  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$38,919.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$41,394.09  
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: June 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN  
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.  
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 11, 2015, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.  
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:  
None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."  
Dated: April 6, 2015

Bank of America, N.A.  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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## NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until August 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN, in said county and state.  
Dated: June 10, 2015.

Bank of America, N.A.  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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## CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to my family and friends for all the beautiful birthday cards and well wishes.  
**Marge Boltjes**  
(6.18-6.21)

Greetings Luverne Community, Boyd and I moved to Luverne a year ago, as he entered the Minnesota Veteran's Home. Donna rented an apartment. The Minnesota Veteran's Home can't be beat. We have found Luverne to be a very friendly community. Donna's Great Uncle, Dr. Julius C. Gilbertson, MD, lived here from 1891 to 1898. He died of a ruptured appendix. Donna gave the Historical Society his history and a large picture of him, his wife and baby girl, in front of their home in Luverne.

We "thank you", Mayor and City Council for having a very clean and beautiful decorated town. The community also does a great job keeping up their properties. We "thank" the Chamber of Commerce, the Volunteer Fire Department, City Police Department, First Responders, the many wonderful churches to attend, the Sanford Clinic and Hospital, the Mary Jane Good Samaritan Home, the Hospice Home, the Rock County Historical Society, Veteran's Memorial Building, Carnegie Cultural Center, Hinkly House Museum, Library, Minnesota West, Public School system, Community Ed, Tri-State Band Festival, Trolley, Bus Services, Palace Theatre, Verne Drive-In Theatre, Airport, Country Club to play golf, Blue Mound Ice Arena, Sportsman Club, Industries to create jobs, Indoor Aquatic and Fitness and pool, the County Fair, radio station K101/KQAD, and last but not least, the Rock County Star Herald. You have so much to offer, that you don't have to go out of town. We know we missed many other services, but we say a big "Thank You to All."

**Boyd and Donna Landsman**  
(6.18-6.21)

Thanks to family and friends for gifts, cards, food, visits, phone calls and prayers after my recent surgery. Thanks again!

**Glenda K. DeBoer**  
(6.14-6.18)

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