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## Help is on the way for Blue Mounds State Park contaminated water

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mounds State Park is on its fourth camping season without drinking water — or water that's safe to shower in, for that matter.

But help is on the way, according to Phil Leversedge, deputy director of Minnesota's Division of Parks and Trails.

"The results of the recent legislative session will help fix the problem for the park," he said.

"Funding from the bonding bill

passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor will provide the \$1 million project to connect the park to Rock County Rural Water and also replace the park's 40-year-old underground pipes."

The bonding bill included \$15 million to the DNR for asset preservation to address failing infrastructure like that at the Blue Mounds.

This will allow the DNR to take care of its highest priority projects, but leaves them far short of meeting

their \$350 million backlog of deferred maintenance of DNR facilities across the state.

What that means is only the top priorities will be addressed, and Blue Mounds State Park is currently the top of the top priorities.

"The Blue Mounds project will be at the top of our list of projects," Leversedge said. "It's going to happen."

He said Rock County Rural Water will take the lead on the engineering and construction to connect the park

to its system.

The state will handle the infrastructure improvements within the park boundaries.

Local park manager Chris Ingebretsen said the water issue has affected park attendance.

According to park data, 91,000 people visited the Blue Mounds in 2013.

That number dropped to 57,000 visitors in 2014, the year E.coli showed up in drinking water and

flooding destroyed the dam and drained the lake.

In the past couple of years, visitor numbers have returned somewhat, but never to the level before water contamination. The fact remains that park visitors cannot drink or bathe in the water.

Leversedge said it's possible that work could begin during this construction season in time to have clean water at the park for next year's camping season.

## Rock River Water Tour is Saturday

Event to feature 150 paddlers for Luverne's 150th celebration

By Lori Sorenson

One of the many special events planned this summer for Luverne's 150th celebration is a Rock River canoe and kayak trip Saturday, June 24.

According to Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere 150 paddlers will travel the river in canoes and kayaks in groups of 30 people at a time.

In her promotional posters, she writes, "Be part of the 150 people on the Rock River for Luverne's 150th birthday."

The river trip will be three to six hours, depending on how fast travelers paddle on the river and how long the stops are.

Departure times are 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 and 12 noon from the grassy lot east of the Luverne City Park, and transportation is provided to the entry point upstream.

"You and your group can select your time; scheduling is on a first come, first serve basis," Lanphere said.

"All participants must plan to be at the pick-up site one hour prior to their scheduled time on the river."

Paddlers can choose to get out of the river either before or after the rapids, which are between Main Street and the railroad bridge to the south.

Those who bring their own canoes and kayaks should come 90 minutes early to allow time to load them.

The trip on the river includes two stops — one about an hour out for a drink of water and snack, and another for a catered lunch. Both stops will have portable bathroom facilities available.

It costs \$30 per person to participate, or \$15 each for those who use their own canoes and kayaks.

All participants must wear life jackets and shoes and all must sign waivers.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Paddlers are encouraged to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hats and other items for comfort, and they can bring their own snacks and beverages, as long as they aren't in glass containers.

Emergency staff will be available both on the river and on land if needed, with an emergency contact number of 507-920-5197.

Contact the Chamber, 507-283-4061 or email luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us. A rain date is set for Saturday, July 1.



Lori Sorenson photo/0622 water tower work

Workers with Utility Service Co. from Perry, Georgia, prepare the water tower along Highway 75 for repairs and paint. When painting begins, a shroud will protect the neighborhood from overspray.

## Old water tower to get new look

By Lori Sorenson

Work is underway on the 300,000-gallon water tower in the center of Luverne.

It's due for a cleaning, safety check, interior and exterior painting, exterior balcony replacement, new lighting and an updated (and illuminated) city of Luverne logo for a total cost of \$434,000.

Neighbors within 300 feet of the water tower were personally notified about how the project will affect them.

For example, the work will take no longer than 75 days and phone numbers were shared for residents to call with questions and concerns.

Utility Service Co. from Perry, Georgia, was awarded the bid for the project, which will utilize a "shroud and bonnet" to contain blasting debris and paint drift.

It cost \$92,000 extra for the precaution, but

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## Shrimp execs make formal introductions at public press event Monday

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne hosted a press conference Monday morning in Grand Prairie Events to formally welcome true Shrimp Systems to the community.

"Our city is extremely excited about getting this facility in operation," said Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian. "We look forward to many years of economic prosperity that it will provide to Luverne, Rock County and southwest Minnesota."

The company announced last week that it would build a \$50 million shrimp production facility in Luverne, the first of what will eventually be several around the state.

The Luverne Bay Harbor will break ground in 2018, generating more than 300 construction jobs as the nine-acre facility goes up on 30 acres west of Papik Motors along I-90.

The company will boost economic development in the region with nearly 120 direct and indirect jobs.

It will also provide a boost to farmers as the shrimp are fed soybeans, corn and wheat.

At Monday's gathering were representatives from Luverne City Council, Rock County Board, Luverne Economic Development Authority, Luverne Area Chamber, Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow, local banks and interested community members.

### Water vital to economic growth

Also in the room were Lewis and Clark Rural Water System representatives who took the microphone to remind Luverne why it signed on in 1990.

"I've always said, 'Build it and they will come,'" said Troy Larson, Lewis and Clark executive director. "Luverne started receiving water in March of 2016, and now — just over a year later — we're making this announcement."

Larson said it's proof of the important role water plays in improving

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## Rock County dairy operation to expand, build new holding area

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners unanimously supported the expansion request from Blue Mound Dairy northwest of Luverne at their regular meeting June 6.

The County Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the approval after a May 22 public hearing.

Dairy owner Rick Van Santen requested expanding the existing feedlot from 1,580 animal units to 1,720.

He proposed building a 100- by 200-foot animal holding area for an additional 100 dairy cows.

Currently livestock at Blue Mound Dairy are housed in a variety of feedlots.

Feedlot configurations range from total to partial confinement barns to open lots with run-off controls.

The dairy also has feed storage areas, and manure is handled through earthen-lined basins and a poured-re-

inforced concrete basin with solids stored on a manure-stacking slab.

Manure handling is permitted and monitored through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System program.

Locally any feedlot over 1,000 animal units must receive a conditional use permit before expanding.

According to Land Management Director Eric Hartman, loca-

tion of the manure-stacking slab was the only question asked at the local public hearing.

The slab is located several hundred feet southwest of the new barn's location, he said.

Van Santen had nine local conditions attached to the approved permit. Conditions ranged from odor control to meeting the county's comprehensive land use plan.

Blue Mound Dairy is located in Section 28 of Mound Township.

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### Article 25: Rock County Courthouse wins architecture awards long after its restoration

This is the 25th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. Following is a history of the Rock County Courthouse, an architectural gem.

Restoration of the Rock County Courthouse was completed in 1988, and since then, architects Baldrige and Associates has become a nationally recognized name in architecture. That project now stands out as a shining example of their quality work. "Luverne has had a soft spot in my heart since then," Bal-

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Battle Plain Township Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the home of Greg Talsma.

**Town and Country Garden Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at Eileen Hemme's home. The topic is selecting and preparing plants for entry into the fair. Call 507-597-6378 with questions.

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at the Mary Jane Brown Home. Call 507-283-5064 with questions.

**Friends of Blue Mounds State Park** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, in the lower level of the Luverne Chamber office for a planning session open to the public. The group is seeking community input and membership interest to enhance the Blue Mounds State Park experience.

**Meditation and Mindfulness Practice** meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. Call Kim, 507-353-0041 or kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

**Narcotics Anonymous** will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

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

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137.

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

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

### Hinkly House open Thursdays

The Hinkly House will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. every Thursday during the summer.

### History Center open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The new History Center on East Main Street in Luverne will be open regularly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 283-2122 with questions.

### Free events at Touch the Sky Prairie

•Guitarist and vocalist Jim Groth will perform live at Touch the Sky Prairie at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23. Touch the Sky Prairie is 3 miles west and two miles north of the Blue Mounds State Park entrance.

•Kristi Franken and Martha Nowatzki will lead a yoga and massage session at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at Touch the Sky Prairie.

### Eden Lutheran service June 25

The annual Eden Lutheran Church service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 25. The church is two miles east and one mile north of Jasper. Pastor Sue Grinde will conduct the service including special music. A potluck dinner will follow the service with a 1:30 p.m. meeting to follow.

**Church cleaning** will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 24. Call Bev at 348-4126 with questions.

### Register now for July 4 triathlons

Registration is now open for the July 4 triathlons in Luverne, the Minnow Race at 9 a.m. and the Shark Race at 10 a.m. For more information and to register, go to allsportcentral.com or contact Dave at 507-920-3345 or at dduffy@rconnect.com.

### Military Memorial downtown

More than 40 Luverne businesses are participating in a Walking Military Memorial on Main Street. The displays, presented by Remember Rally, include photos, banners, information and uniforms, as a way to thank all our military. The displays will remain until fall.

### Community Ed announces classes

**Discovery Time Preschool** registration for Fall 2017 is open. Call 283-4724 for more information.

**Defensive Driving** refresher classes are June 22 and Aug. 24. The next full eight-hour class is Nov. 6 and 13.

**Preschool Classes** for ages 3-5 is now opening registration for Fall of 2018.

Half day **Preschool** classes are offered during the school year for children who are 3 years old up to kindergarten age. Enrollments accepted through the year.



Jason Berghorst photo/0622 firefly ribbon cutting

## Congratulations, Firefly

Stacy and Dave Riphagen and their staff and family members hosted a ribbon-cutting Friday afternoon at Firefly Boutique, a sister store to Riphagens' Dragonfly store, also on Main Street in Luverne. Pictured are (front, from left) Chamber President Faye Bremer, Chamber directors Betty Mann and Nancy Scheidt, employee Mira Uithoven, Firefly owner Stacy Riphagen, employee Macey Skattum, children Ainsley Gabrielson, Philip Eisma and Anders Aandahl; LIFT members Cory Bloemendaal and Marilyn Bloemendaal (behind children); Chamber director Stan Knobloch; (back row) Deb VanderKooi, Tyler Bush of Exchange Bank, LEDA Director Holly Sammons, LIFT member Judy Fenske, Chamber director Patti Olson and Firefly and Dragonfly family members Spencer, Carter and David Riphagen.



Submitted photo/0622 farm to table

## How does farm food reach the table?

Rock County Corn and Soybean growers sponsored a Farm to Table event Sunday night, June 11, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne to support the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The second annual event brought together community members from the farm and city to educate each other on farming trends and to address questions and concerns about ag practices.

In three separate stations, speakers from the state Corn and Soybean Growers addressed farm sustainability, food vs. fuel myths and modern machinery technology.

The Bluestem catered the meal with locally grown food for 75 people.

## Farm reconstitution is necessary when ownership changes

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

To be effective for the current fiscal year (FY), farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by Aug. 1 of the FY for farms subject to the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. A reconstitution is considered to be requested when all of the required signatures are on Form FSA-155, and other applicable documentation, such as proof of ownership, are submitted. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and non-ARC/PLC farms may be reconstituted at any time.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

- Estate method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate.

- Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method, the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

- DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

- Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system



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# Day on the Farm tours set for Saturday, June 24

*Pancakes, burgers, tours of the livestock operation, hands-on learning featured at Brad and Jeff Lynn family farm*

**By Lori Sorenson**

Commodity groups in Rock and Nobles County will host a Day on the Farm Saturday, June 24, at the Brad and Jeff Lynn family farm near Lismore.

The day will include pancakes and burgers, tours of the livestock operation and hands-on learning experiences.

For example, families can take a hayride and run their fingers through corn and soybeans.

"Giving the consumer a chance to see firsthand how grain and livestock production truly functions is vital to the future of our freedom to farm," said Rock County producer Peter Bakken, one of the event organizers.

The Worthington Chamber of Commerce agri-business committee is sponsoring a chartered bus, which leaves the Walmart parking lot at 9 a.m.

It will deliver participants to the Lynn farm and then pick up passengers at the Rock

County Highway Department parking lot in Luverne departing at 10:30 a.m.

Local agronomists, veterinarians, manure management specialists and nutritionists will be on hand to provide information.

A drone demonstration will show how the technology can be applied on the farm.

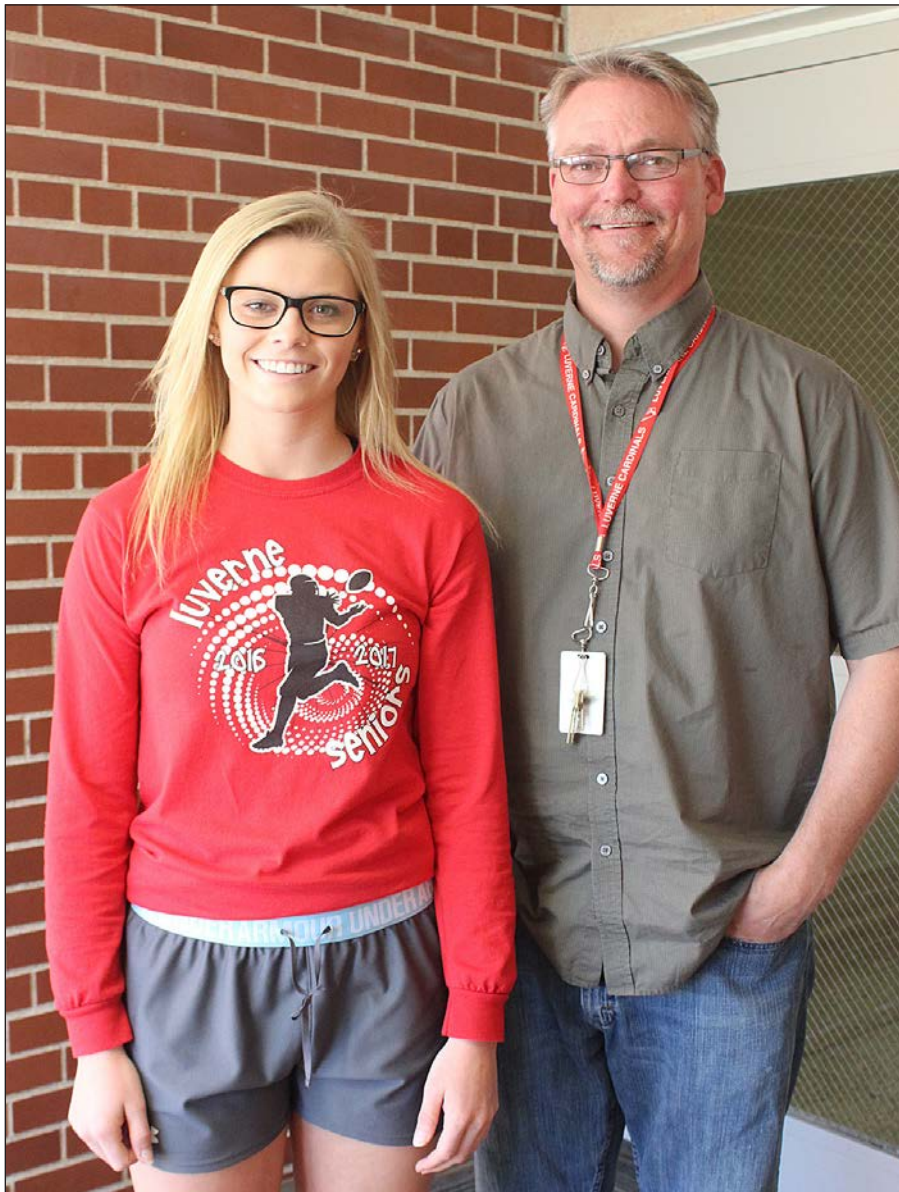
Kids can sign up for the free pedal pull sponsored by the Worthington Elks lodge and Worthington Optimist Club.

The Nobles County American Dairy Association will have the cheese for burgers, milk to go with pancakes and ice cream bars for dessert.

The Ag Cab Lab will provide simulations of actual combine operations, providing sights and sounds of driving it through the fields.

The Minnesota Pork Producers educational trailer will be on display.

The Lynn farm is located at 17717 Bullick Ave., Lismore MN 56155.



David Rysdam said one of his students, senior Kristen Ziegler, turned in an exceptional analysis. "She did an outstanding job," he said about her A work.

## Shrimp development is 'wonderful topic' for Luverne High School economics class

**By Lori Sorenson**

Tru Shrimp Systems announced last week that Luverne will be home to its first harbor in what will soon be a global shrimp production industry.

The economic impact of this business in Luverne — construction of the 9-acre facility, 124 direct and indirect jobs, and several spin-off industries — will be monumental.

For Luverne High School teacher David Rysdam, tru Shrimp was the perfect economics assignment for his junior and senior students.

"I felt that this would be a wonderful topic for study, and it fit nicely into several standards, including economics and government," he said.

Tru Shrimp Systems officials announced in February their plans to establish a shrimp industry in Minnesota.

As Luverne and other communities lobbied to attract the business to their towns, Rysdam followed the process.

And then he got his students involved.

"We looked at the viability and broad economic impact of a major manufacturing company potentially moving to Luverne," Rysdam said.

He briefed the students about the opportunity in Luverne, and their first job was to survey high school staff members about potential community needs and question city leaders about them.

In February Rysdam had no way of knowing if the company would actually locate in Luverne, but he assigned the project anyway.

"The knowledge about revenue streams, how governments make money through consumer spending, ancillary businesses potentially moving and benefiting, strain on town resources and infrastructure, opportunities for growth, and the political process that is involved with such a venture was too good not to continue further," Rysdam said.

In March Mayor Pat Baustian spoke to Rysdam's students about how Luverne would accommodate the rapid growth if tru Shrimp came to town.

"It was nice to see that students, although they started off tentatively and sticking to the script, eventually put their question sheets aside and started to ask follow-up questions," Rysdam said.

The students wrapped up the project with a three- to four-page paper about the shrimp business — its benefits, obstacles and revenue streams —

and what they thought about it.

Rysdam said one of his students, senior Kristen Ziegler, turned in an exceptional analysis.

"She did an outstanding job," Rysdam said, and he shared a copy of Ziegler's final paper.

In her analysis, she quoted tru Shrimp Systems CEO and president Michael Ziebell about the business's ability to create an "economic tsunami for our community."

"This business will have effects on jobs, housing, day care, the school system, roads and transportation, environment, taxes, local businesses and population, just to name a few," Ziebell wrote.

"Tru Shrimp will have an impact on almost every aspect in our community."

She addressed potential environmental effects in terms of waste and water use.

"Waste produced by the shrimp can be used as a fertilizer in our soil," she wrote. "This will be a huge benefit to us since a large majority of land in our county is farmland."

Another byproduct, chitin, is a medical component that will be further processed in a facility elsewhere in the state.

Ziebell's paper said tru Shrimp will need an abundance of water — 14 million gallons just to fill the harbor — but Luverne is well-positioned to meet that demand, thanks to its Lewis and Clark supply of water piped in from the Missouri River Aquifer.

She quantified the effect of the \$50 million facility on the local tax base and the likelihood of increased population and support for new business development.

"Overall, tru Shrimp will benefit Luverne greatly in the future," Ziebell wrote.

She received an A on the assignment, with Rysdam's comments, calling it "well-written and well-cited."

Ziebell said she was struck by the impact tru Shrimp will have on Luverne, and she said it was a lesson in shrimp production.

"Knowing about the chemicals and other products that go into shrimp production in other countries, and knowing about the technology and the processes used by tru Shrimp, this really will make a difference," she said.

The full text of her paper can be found with this story at [www.starherald.com](http://www.starherald.com).

## Shrimp prompts work on Luverne's west side

*City offers 30 acres and seven years of tax abatement to entice company*

**By Lori Sorenson**

Luverne was among several communities in the tri-state region vying to be the first production harbor for tru Shrimp Systems.

In addition to having a clean, safe, reliable water source, Luverne is giving tru Shrimp 30 acres and a seven-year sliding tax abatement for the harbor, which will be taxed at a lower agriculture production classification.

The property west of Papik Motors along I-90 is undeveloped farm ground, originally purchased in 2005 from the Marty Mayes estate for \$3,900 per acre.

The city is now preparing that area of the industrial park for general future development.

The \$2.6 million project will extend Koehn Avenue west to Minnesota Avenue (the Minnesota Special Liquids street) and install underground water, sewer and electricity to the site.

The infrastructure work is prompted by tru Shrimp, but it's part of the city's long-term development goals for the industrial park.

"Hopefully getting utilities and roads to tru Shrimp will mean we'll have more readily available lots and be positioned to have a fully developed industrial park in the next five to 10 years," said Holly Sammons, Luverne Economic Development Authority director.

"Everyone (potential businesses) wants land with stakes in the ground, shovel ready with a road. Now we'll have 70 to 80 acres ready for development."

Luverne has applied for a state grant that could provide up to \$2 million for the project.

Depending on the outcome of that grant from the Business Development Public Infrastructure program in July, engineers could start the planning process and work could begin in April 2018.

The Rock County Board this week approved taking over the existing Koehn Avenue and South Walnut Avenue as a county state aid 10-ton road in the city of Luverne (similar to Main Street, Dodge, Lincoln and others).

Once the city completes the 10-ton Koehn Avenue extension and underground infrastructure, the city will retain responsibility for future maintenance.

**Legislation encourages shrimp production**

The Minnesota Legislature also did its part in the last session to encourage the shrimp company to set up shop in Luverne.

The bill signed into law this spring provides financial and tax incentives to Minnesota shrimp farmers to help establish a new industry in the state.

It essentially allows Minnesota companies that produce more than 25,000 pounds of shrimp per quarter to collect up to 69 cents per pound for up to five years up to 2 million pounds per quarter.

Sen. Bill Weber and Rep. Joe Schomacker, both of Luverne, did their part to support the legislation as it made its way to the governor.

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quality of life and expanding economic development.

"Communities in several states were vying for this first harbor," Larson said Monday.

"The high quality and quantities of water from Lewis & Clark played a major role in the decision to locate the first harbor in Luverne," he said.

Luverne's Red Arndt was working with the city of Luverne water and wastewater back in 1990 when Lewis and Clark first incorporated.

Now, more than 25 years later, Arndt is chairman of the Lewis and Clark board and he said Monday that it's gratifying to see the Lewis and Clark membership paying off.

"I have been told flat out that without the Lewis & Clark connection there is simply no way Luverne could have competed for a harbor," Arndt said.

"One of the main reasons we are constructing this tri-state water project is to provide the member communities and rural water systems with expanded economic development opportunities, particularly when it comes to value-added agriculture. We couldn't be more pleased with this announcement."

**Shrimp will require 10 percent of the water that IBP once used**

Luverne has access to 820,000 gallons of water per day from Lewis and Clark Regional Water.

Combined with its own well water, the city's peak capacity is 1.4 million gallons of water per day.

Tru Shrimp System's Luverne Bay Harbor will require 14 million gallons to start and then 60,000 to 100,000 per day to maintain the tidal basins.

It will have its own in-house modern wastewater facility to re-use its water.

So shrimp production will require only one tenth of Luverne's total daily water capacity.

However, without Lewis and Clark water, the city wouldn't have had the abundant, safe, reliable water source.

Larson said he hopes Luverne's success will provide momentum to connect the remaining members as soon as possible.

Lewis & Clark was incorporated in 1990, authorized by Congress in 2000, and began delivering water to its first members in July 2012.

Construction is 67 percent complete in terms of the project's overall cost. Currently 13 of the 20 members are connected.

Lincoln Pipestone RWS is scheduled to be connected

later this year and Worthington by the end of 2018. At that time the members who will still need to be connected include Hull, Sheldon, Sibley and Sioux Center in Iowa, as well as Madison, South Dakota.

**Luverne harbor at a glance**

An economic impact study conducted by the University of Minnesota projects the construction of a single harbor would generate over \$48 million in economic contribution.

Construction of the bio-secure facility would generate 330 jobs and \$14.5 million of labor income.

Once built, it will continue to generate an estimated \$23 million annually in economic activity and provide employment directly and indirectly for 124 people.

The facility's footprint will be the size of four football fields long and one football field wide, with nine acres under one roof.

The harbor will produce 20,000 pounds of shrimp per day of various sizes (42 percent jumbo size).

That's more than 50 percent of the nation's current aquaculture shrimp production. Most U.S. shrimp (80 percent) is imported from other countries, which is why company officials see a strong demand for their product.

**Will it smell?**

Company officials have pointed out that shrimp production is contained inside the facility and that odor from the live shrimp — if any — will not affect air outside the building.

According to Company President and CEO Michael Ziebell, there is a plan to capture the refuse from shrimp production to sell as terrestrial feed for other aquatic species.

"So not only is this a modern shrimp production facility, but we're being environmentally responsible," Ziebell said, "as the American farmer always has been — environmentally responsible."

He said the facility will house 256 'tidal basins' or tanks that hold about a foot of water. The tanks will be 150 feet long and stacked eight high. Shrimp are fed robotically eight times a day in a current environment for them to grow in.

The refuse (uneaten feed and fecal matter) is exhausted from the tanks, maintaining a clean environment for growth.

This process is appealing to American consumers who have grown increasingly skeptical of Southeast Asian imported shrimp that are reportedly plagued by disease and subsequent antibiotics.

*Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
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*'You can't miss it'*

## Who needs signs?

I found the June 9 presentation by consultant Roger Brooks interesting regarding improving the appeal of our community to tourists and others, but I think he got a few things wrong.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

the newly developed lake by the old creamery "The Lake." It's just who we are. Simple folk.

And lucky for us there is no sign identifying "The Lake." Brooks and his wife stumbled upon our newest gem by chance. Imagine the traffic if we tell everyone where it is! No, thanks.

Another thing Brooks said is, "You think everyone knows where everything is."

Exactly. If you want to visit my parents' farm south of town, you would take 16 (now County Road 4) to the Ordung corner. (The Ordungs have all passed away.) Head south past Fitzer's and turn when you get to where the four trees used to be. (The trees were removed in the 1980s.)

Head west a mile past Hoff's. (The Hoffs moved to town 20-some years ago.) Turn south. It's the first place on the east side of the road. You can't miss it.

In conclusion, I think fancy pants consultants are a fine thing for people who don't know where they're going, but the rest of us are just fine, thanks. So excuse me, I've got a little painting to do at the old Carstens Apartments building. (It's next to the bowling alley. Across from the old Glen's grocery store? You know — where Glen's was before he moved to Tony's?)

You can't miss it.

## Let's be open about suicide; help is here for those who are hurting

The Star Herald rarely covers private suicides as news out of respect for grieving family members.

But the family of Dani Gacke has faced their tragedy head on, the next day announcing their tragedy on social media.

"With broken hearts our family is informing you all that our beautiful loving daughter, Dani, took her life last night, but her legacy will continue."

The announcement stunned the community, and it was easily the most compelling news in Luverne.

But was it newsworthy for newspaper coverage?

Turns out it is — especially considering the Gacke family's quest for preventing other such pain among their loved ones.

And especially considering the precarious position some of our hurting teens (and adults) may be in at this moment.

We don't want to sensationalize or glamorize suicide, but local mental health professionals tell us suicide is on the rise in our area and in our state.

•Suicide is the No. 2 cause of

death in people ages 15-34.

•It's the No. 3 cause of death for children ages 10-14.

•One person commits suicide in Minnesota every 12 hours.

There are definite warning signs that someone is hurting and may need help:

•Withdrawing from friends and family

•Rage or anger

•Anxiety, agitation or mood swings

•Sleeplessness

•Engaging in risky activities without thinking

•Increasing alcohol or drug abuse

•Talking about hurting or killing oneself

We also want our readers to know there are local suicide prevention resources available and assistance

if life's emotions become too overwhelming.

•Our school district has a team of mental health professionals. While school is not currently in session, this fall may bring back feelings of missing a classmate.

•Southwestern Mental Health Center in Luverne has a round-the-clock Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-642-1525 or text "Life" to 61222. Or call the local office at 283-9511.

•Our local clergy and church groups can bring a religious perspective to life's challenges in a supportive environment.

•Just talking to a friend, sibling or parent about what you're feeling can be a great release of pent-up emotions.

•And don't be afraid to ask a person about his or her intentions and seek immediate help.



## Let's work together to turn Luverne's bad and ugly into something more special

It's been a couple of weeks since Roger Brooks gave his three-hour presentation on Luverne. I have to tell you those three hours passed by very quickly.

Our story on the front page of the Star Herald last week about the presentation had the headline, "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly."

Happy to say we have a lot more good than bad and just a few ugly.

Unfortunately, it's the ugly and the bad that gets the attention.

The good thing about the bad and ugly is much of it can be turned around relatively quickly, but if we don't do it, Brooks' visit here will have been a waste of time and money.

Brooks joked about the name of our city park, "The City Park," and the name of our lake, "The Lake." The 200 or so in attendance laughed when Brooks shouted out "THE PARK" and "THE LAKE," then said, "That's the best names you can come up with?"

Assuming the audience's laughter was a sign of agreement, then I would like to once again run the name of Lake Liberty up the flagpole as a possible new name for The Lake. Maybe we could rename The Lake and announce the new name at the July Fourth celebration. Brooks suggested Riverside Park for the park. I can live with that.

He took Blue Mounds State Park to task, as has this newspaper on a



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
Tollefson Publishing

number of occasions, about the lack of upkeep and basic amenities such as water.

He also didn't hold any punches as far as the county was concerned. He felt the county could be a bigger player in this whole city improvement process.

Here is an off-the-cuff thought. Seeing how the state of Minnesota is letting Blue Mounds State Park become a black eye to the state's park system, maybe they should turn the park over to Rock County. Then Rock County and the city of Luverne could work together to make the park the crown jewel attraction it could be.

Brooks also said the Farmers Market should be downtown. Well, we've been there, done that before. I kind of agree and disagree at the same time on this one.

The two biggest farmers markets I have been to are the one in Minneapolis and in Des Moines, Iowa. Both

are Saturday mornings. The one in Minneapolis is kind of downtown but not on the street, and the one in Des Moines is downtown in the financial district where most of the businesses are closed at that time.

I don't think we should shut down Main Street for the Farmers Market on Thursday afternoon or Saturday morning, for that matter. That said, I think the Farmers Market could be located on Main Street, just not on the road. Now that the city of Luverne and Grand Prairie Events have a joint working relationship as far as the parking lot on the corner of Main and Estey, maybe the Farmers Market could move there for four hours a week Thursday afternoon or Saturday morning. Problem solved.

As I said earlier, we have a lot more good going for us than the bad and ugly, so let's keep working to turn the bad and ugly into something special.

## Ask a Trooper: Applications being accepted for Legionville camp

By Troy Christiansen  
Minnesota State High Way Patrol

**Question:** I was told that the Minnesota State Patrol is involved in teaching a school patrol camp in the summer. Can you provide me with some information about it?

**Answer:** Legionville is a summer camp where school patrol students are taught the fundamentals of school patrol, school bus safety, bicycle and pedestrian safety. It is located just north of Brainerd and is operated by the American Legion using State Patrol Troopers as instructors. I will be one of the instructors again this year.

Students who will be 10 years old before Sept. 1 and not older than 13 years will be accepted. Exceptions to this restriction can be made but must be cleared in advance through the American Legion. Legionville is currently taking applications.

Legionville will be celebrating 79 years of instruction. It actually started 81 years ago in 1936, but because of World War II, class was canceled in 1942 and 1943. The old familiar barn is gone and a new one has been built.

Besides school patrol and school bus patrol training by troopers, other instructors help complete the week with swimming,

canoeing, first aid training and many other activities and games. The camp is a very active place. Parents can pay for their kids to go, even though there may be some limited numbers of scholarships available each year through local schools, State Patrol Troopers Association, local American Legion posts and many other venues. The registration fee is \$275 per student and that includes lodging and meals. I am looking forward to my first week of instructing which is June 25 and one more week in August.

Campers will enjoy six days and five nights of learning and fun. This year weekly sessions run from the middle of June, until the middle of August. For registration and camp information go to: <http://www.legionville.org>

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

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christiansen, Minnesota State Patrol, at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, Minnesota 55901-5848, or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

June 9

•Complainant reported vehicle at location acting strangely.

•Complainant found cell phone at location.

•Complainant requested information regarding a harassment order.

•Complainant requested information on what is required for offender registration in Minnesota as she may be moving to location. Complainant was referred to deputy.

•Complainant wanted to advise that they have a patient that needs to inform her son he needs to find another place to live because she has to move into a different place for health reasons. Patient is fearful of his response. Complainant wanted to advise law enforcement in case they are called out. Son has a history of mental and physical abuse.

•Complainant reported an IRS scam call. Complainant was advised not to call the number back.

•Complainant reported finding wallet at location. Deputy picked wallet up from complainant. Contacted owner she stated she would pick it up.

•Complainant called to report scooters stolen from her yard. Stated she would come in to law enforcement center to sign complaint.

•Complainant reported subject is intoxicated and is threatening complainant and subject's wife.

June 10

•Received 911 from complainant who reported feeling as though she is having a heart attack. While collecting information complainant then stated she was OK and did not require assistance. Contacted Pipestone Sheriffs Office.

•Complainant reported theft from a garage at location.

•Complainant reported her vehicle was stolen by subject. Complainant's purse and all of her keys were also in the vehicle.

•Complainant reported when he pulled up to his apartment complainant saw his neighbor's apartment window get broke out from the inside.

•Complainant found subject's social security card on the floor at location.

•Complainant reported that an electronic device had been hacked.

•Complainant reported that someone had entered location and stole an Xbox and frozen pizza.

•Complainant reported vehicle driving recklessly at location.

June 11

•Deputy requested ICR for incident.

•Complainant reported man walking along side road at location and is concerned he might get hit by a car.

•Welfare check requested.

•Complainant reported illegal garbage dumping in his dumpster.

•Complainant reported her daughter as a runaway. See linked ICR.

•State Patrol received report of two vehicles at high rate of speed on I-90 mile marker 43 westbound. Rock County Sheriffs Office stopped vehicle at Expressway for brake light out. Subject warned for driving conduct, speeding and brake light.

•Complainant found drug paraphernalia at location.

•Complainant reported that she believes her daughter was raped at a party.

•Complainant reported she can't get the key in the lock at location. It worked fine when she left. Advised to contact the landlord or locksmith.

•Complainant lost a green wallet with identification and reward cards in it.

June 12

•Complainant reported a young child riding some sort of bike at location. Looked too young to be left alone. Deputy took juvenile to mother at Joe Roberts Field.

•Complainant reported he had a disk fall off his tractor

at location.

•Complainant came to law enforcement center to report suspicious activity.

•Dispatch received severe thunderstorm warning notification from NWS for northern and eastern Rock County until 11:15 a.m.

•Complainant reported street is flooding at location.

•Complainant reported theft of box full of money, sign and sign post at location.

•Complainant request we interview two people for Adrian Police Department.

•Complainant reported a trailer was taken from their lot over the weekend. Entered as stolen. Complainant called back to report trailer is not stolen.

•Deputy assisted Pipestone with a domestic at location.

•Complainant requested welfare check on kids at location.

•Complainant reported he has had some windows broken recently and wants extra patrols.

•Complainant reported they sent money to a scam.

•Complainant reported her landlord changed the locks on her.

•Complainant reported someone stole a stereo out of a car.

•Complainant reported the driver of a Mustang and pickup arguing. Second complainant called to report the driver of the Mustang did cookies and sprayed his pickup with gravel.

June 13

•Complainant reported he was chased and went off into a corn field. He is driving the Mustang from a previous ICR. G&S contacted to tow out Mustang and pickup that were involved.

•Complainant requested extra patrol from June 17 to June 25. No one should be there.

•Complainant requested deputies for an employee who is being belligerent employee.

•Complainant reported she is being harassed by subject.

•Complainant spoke to deputy regarding narcotics information.

•Complainant reported her daughter got a letter saying there had been a data breach, and her daughter's information may have been compromised. Daughter is not aware of signing up for anything from this organization.

•Manager Mike Reddinger at location reported a knife, duct tape and cut-up shirt at location. Deputy picked up.

•Complainant reported items missing from garage, including car rims.

•Complainant reported he has no money and can't afford tow bill for his vehicle. Given Salvation Army voucher for Cozy Rest.

•Complainant reported vehicle at location for four weeks.

•Complainant reported rolling domestic at location. Squads unable to locate.

•Tornado watch until 2 a.m.

•Complainant reported she keeps getting emails saying she has a warrant. Advised to not open and put them in spam. She did not give out any information.

•Complainant requested deputy at location for property exchange.

•Severe thunderstorm warning until 9:15 p.m. updated to 10 p.m.

•Complainant reported a burglary occurred sometime between last Friday and Monday.

•Complainant reported somebody in her neighborhood is making noise. It could be next door. Unable to locate.

•Complainant reported the door at location just blew open. Contacted owner.

•Complainant reported his tree blew down and is blocking to the center of the street. Contacted Lloyd.

•Complainant reported a female in the emergency room who is being verbally abusive and starting to get physical.

June 14

•Complainant conducted residence check at location.

•Complainant reported child custody issues while his daughter is in the hospital.

•Complainant reported that subject drives into her driveway every day between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Complainant believes subject is doing this just to harass. Complainant requested extra patrol in area of location as this activity has now become a safety issue. Subject is elderly and doesn't look when using complainant's driveway as a turn around.

•Complainant requested deputy to call his child's mother and see if she will be dropping the kid off for his visitation.

•Complainant reported subject is driving around on city streets with a golf cart. Complainant doesn't believe subject has a drivers license.

•Complainant reported vehicle speeding at location. Willing to sign a complaint. Last known direction toward South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant reported erratic driver on I-90 east bound mile marker 3. Transferred complainant to State Patrol.

•Complainant reported individual has left group home. Requested assistance.

•Complainant reported two pickups in the area tearing up property.

•Deputy completed money escort.

June 15

•Complainant reported people running through yards near location.

•Complainant conducted residence check.

•Complainant reported that her neighbor is putting their garbage in her garbage cans. Deputy spoke with resident about incident.

•Complainant reported that her neighbor is saying nasty things to her. Wanted to speak to a deputy about what to do.

•Complainant reported a child custody issue.

•Complainant reported that a man was taking pictures of her house from the

street.

•Complainant reported that he was hauling manure and the end gate on his trailer opened up. Complainant was transferred to state patrol.

•Complainant reported that subject is possibly throwing out her belongings at location.

•Complainant reported his pickup hauling his camper broke down. Complainant has a tow coming and is off the roadway.

•Deputy removed some empty envelopes from location.

•Complainant reported suicide attempt.

•Luverne Fire Department reported out for special duty.

•Complainant on South Estey reported some kids racing around on mopeds.

•Complainant reported her son isn't home yet.

•Complainant at Mead Court reported subject is driving listed vehicle after revocation.

•Complainant requested welfare check to follow up report filed.

•Deputy reported abandoned wagon near County Road 8.

•Complainant reported vehicle is swerving, slamming on breaks and making rude gestures to other drivers. Will sign.

•Deputy reported John Deere riding lawnmower parked in no parking location at Barck/Cedar Street.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant reported subject left house again. Deputy transported subject to shelter.

•Complainant reported subject is riding his moped loudly on South Estey.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 2 transports, 2 funeral escorts, 11 traffic stops, 11 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 10 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 1 fingerprint request, 5 background checks, 9 log/alarm sheets, 6 drug court tests, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 1 money transfer, and issued 6 purchase/carry permits and 5 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/0622 petroleum leak

Jesse Frank, West Central Environmental Consultants, takes soil samples from a monitoring site drilled into the asphalt on West Main Street Tuesday. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency contracts with WCEC, Morris, to monitor the potential spread of petroleum contamination from a former underground gas tank at Schomacker Cleaning across the street.

## MPCA monitoring underground petroleum contamination in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Men in orange safety vests have been drilling holes in Main Street for the past several days to monitor an underground petroleum leak.

The source is a buried gas tank that was removed in May 2015 from the parking lot at Schomacker Cleaning on the corner of Main and Estey streets.

The site was cleaned up and filled in, but the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

is monitoring the potential spread of petroleum from that original leak.

Employees with West Central Environmental Consultants have been working with the MPCA to take soil samples and continue monitoring the site.

The Schomacker site is one of 30 such petroleum leak sites in Luverne on file with the MPCA as locations of active and closed petroleum remediation.

## Water tower painting/ from 1A

city leaders deemed it was a worthwhile investment.

During their initial budget discussion about the water tower, City Council members recalled the 1989 tower painting project that was done without the protection of encapsulation.

According to city records, 77 overspray complaints were turned in to the city's insurance for claims after that March 1989 water tower project.

The next time the water tower was painted in 1998 there were no problems with spray because workers used paint rollers.

The new high performance coating inside and outside the tank has a service life of roughly 30 years.

The tank has been drained and will be out of service for roughly two months, and during that time city water will run on pressure through plants and ground storage.



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Mavis Fodness photo/0622 Jason Freeman

Jason Freeman self-published his first book, "Awkwardly Awesome: Embracing My Imperfect Best," and conducted his first book reading Monday afternoon at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne.

## Author chooses Luverne for first book reading event

By Mavis Fodness

At the age of 31, author Jason Freeman thought he knew who he was.

The Augustana College graduate grew up on a tree farm near Brandon, South Dakota. He was born with cerebral palsy that affects his speech and places a slight limp in his walk.

"I didn't talk much because of the speech impediment," he said. "Like my voice, I thought I wasn't good enough."

As a young man, Freeman asked others questions instead of saying much about himself to avoid having to speak more than necessary.

Deep inside himself, however, Freeman ached to be an author.

On Monday Freeman was in Luverne at the Rock County Community Library. He completed his first book reading by sharing the introduction of his book, "Awkwardly Awesome: Embracing My Imperfect Best."

The part self-help book, part

memoirs was self-published through Create Space on April Fools' Day earlier this year.

Freeman said he often jotted his book ideas out on paper only to hide them away in a green Rubbermaid tub.

"I came so close to keeping this hidden," he said.

Using the question technique he developed as a young man to hide his speech impediment, Freeman asks readers to answer a variety of questions to discover who they really are.

"We have so much power within us to share what we really like to do," he said.

Ten years ago Freeman left his job at LifeScape in Sioux Falls to become a bravery coach and inspirational speaker. He currently lives in San Diego, California.

"I love coaching people (and) helping them get out of the green tub," he said.

"Awkwardly Awesome" is available on Amazon.com. Cost is \$16.95.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2007)

•Next Thursday at 10 a.m. 4, 5 and 6 of the Spring Brook Addition in Beaver Creek will be put up for sale by the Rock County Sheriff.

The foreclosure auction will sell the property that contains the former Beaver Creek Golf Course and Beaver Lodge.

The land was purchased and developed by the Spring Brook Development Group, L.L.C. In December of 2002 the group took out a \$1,014,400 mortgage from the Valley Bank in Jordan, Minnesota.

### 25 years ago (1992)

•Removing the upper age limit for giving blood and requiring prospective donors to know the exact name of any prescription medication they may have taken are among several changes in Red Cross guidelines for who can and who cannot give blood.

The new regulations, which went into effect on March 16, require that all prospective donors know the exact name of any prescription medication they may have taken within 30 days. Potential blood donors who know the purpose of the medication, but not the name, will not be allowed to give blood.

At the same time, the upper age limit for giving blood, previously 75 years of age, has been removed, allowing anyone 17 years or older to give blood.

### 50 years ago (1967)

•The congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, and will dedicate its new educational building Sunday.

Three services will be held, a fellowship dinner will be served at noon, and the public will have an opportunity to tour the new building on Sunday.

•Gov. Harold LeVander and Congressman Ancher Nelsen will be among the dignitaries who will be here next Wednesday for the A. R. Wood Export "E" Award Recognition day.

A crowd of several thousand persons is expected to be on hand for the flag raising ceremony, the noon beef barbecue, and the guided plant tours during the afternoon.

### 75 years ago (1942)

•Because the local rationing office has been virtually flooded with canning sugar applicants, Mrs. J.B. McRobert of the rationing board has announced that no applications for canning sugar may be made on July 1, 2, 3, and 4. Reason for taking this action is to enable the office force to "catch up" on their reports and book work, Mrs. McRobert said.

Arrangements have been made to have Victory Aide captains in each town accept applications for canning sugar. Applications may be made with these ladies during the above mentioned days, but not at the Luverne office. The Luverne office will be open again on July 6.

### 100 years ago (1917)

•Forty-five head of registered cattle, ranging from mature animals to less than yearlings, brought \$8,799.75 or an average of \$195.55 at the Southwestern Minnesota Short-Horn Breeders' first annual sale held Tuesday afternoon in this city.

Nineteen bulls averaged \$228.40 and twenty-six cows and heifers \$171.15. The sale was topped by a four-year-old bull owned by Albert Schaeffer, which was sold to Joe Mackentyre of Spencer, S.D., at \$700. A two-year-old bull owned by Manuel Cross brought \$460 and was purchased by Eli Leech. A nine-month-old straight Scotch bull calf, owned by Irving Turnbull, was sold for \$430 to L.D. Long and Mr. Turnbull had four other bull calves, all under one year old, that averaged \$278.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Births

A girl, Landry Margot, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and 21 inches long, was born Friday, April 7, 2017, to **Monti and Shannon Ossenfort** in Foxboro, Massachusetts. She joins two sisters, Emery and Finley. Grandparents are Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort,

Luverne, and Hedi Hoelsing, Lebanon, Oregon.

### Card Showers

**Irene Niessink** will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 27. Greetings may be sent to her at 201 Oak Drive #404, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, June 26:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, pineapple.

Program: Pinochle

**Tuesday, June 27:** Barbecue pork, potato salad, cauliflower, bun, fruit crisp.

Two buck Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

**Wednesday, June 28:**

Tater-tot hotdish, corn, fruit salad, bread, pudding.

**Thursday, June 29:** Lemon pepper fish, tri-taters, peas and cheese salad, pears, raspberry parfait dessert.

**Friday, June 30:** Chicken salad, tossed salad with dressing, fresh fruit, bun, blondie.

Call 283-9846 to make dining reservations.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Hills native joins Exchange Bank loan department

A Hills native expands the loan department at Exchange State Bank to three.

Tyler Bush began his position as loan officer May 31. He joins current officers Ryan DeBates and Don Bryan for business and/or personal loans.

Bush lives in Hills with his wife, Kala, and children Micah, 9, Malachi, 6, and Maybrie, 1.

"I wanted to work in the community I grew up in," he said.

Bush is a 2005 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School and is the son of Keith and Annette Elbers, Hills.

He graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and worked at Wells Fargo in Sioux Falls



Tyler Bush

for the past seven years as a mortgage underwriter.

Exchange Bank has offices in Hills, Ellsworth and Luverne. Bush will primarily work out of the Luverne office.



Lori Sorenson photo/0622 lsm music camp

## Welcome to summer music camp

Luverne Street Music Summer Camp has been in progress this week in LSM's Carnegie Cultural Center on North Freeman Avenue. The theme of this year's camp is "Africa: A Musical Journey" and it incorporated singing, instruments, storytelling, composing, movement and dance. The students — 32 of them from 4 to 13 years old — will perform a program for the community at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 22, on the Carnegie lawn, weather permitting (inside the Carnegie if it rains). Bleachers will be available, but lawn chairs are also encouraged. LSM instructors are Luverne High School Class of 1995 members Julie Jacobson (pictured) and Mistyn (Iveland) Kozisek.

## Here comes the sun! Along with the slugs, earwigs, black spot and fungus

Whew! ... My gardens are looking great after surviving cold and wet, hot and dry, wind and hail, and now hopefully our weather has become more stable and they can just be happy. Oh, but then here come the bugs and the fungus, so this is our next challenge.

If you have hostas and have had a problem with slugs



## KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

eating holes in the leaves, this is the time to use slug bait to protect the foliage. The bait is a small pellet that you sprinkle at the base of the hosta clump because slugs feed on the leaves at night and go back to the soil to stay moist during

the day. The active ingredient in the bait is a form of iron that is toxic to the slug but actually beneficial to the plants. Most baits can be used to protect strawberries also.

And next come earwigs! The population of this pest

has exploded in our area and they are not an easy target. They feed at night and often decimate certain flowers by chewing, or more like shredding the flower petals. Bonide Eight Insect Control is effective for controlling this pest on both flowers and vegetables.

If you used the systemic rose care I recommended earlier, now is the time to reapply that product. This is also the time to spray roses if you have had a problem with black spot or mildew destroying the foliage. Ortho

Rose Pride is my choice for effective control and prevention is better than trying to cure the problem after infection has become evident.

Peonies suffered abuse from extreme heat this year, so their bloom season was abbreviated. Be sure to dead-head those flower stalks to keep the plants looking neat and eliminate the potential of seeds becoming weeds later.

Daconil is my remedy for most fungus problems in the garden. It is effective in preventing and controlling tomato blight. It will also prevent

mildew in tall garden phlox. The newer varieties of phlox are not nearly as susceptible to mildew as the older varieties, so if you don't want that battle, replace the old plants with disease-resistant newer cultivars. A spray application of Daconil will also prevent mildew and black leaf spots on peony foliage so I can use my peony leaves all summer in cut flower arrangements.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at [flowersgb@iw.net](mailto:flowersgb@iw.net).



## OBITUARIES

### Leo Bos

Leo Dean Bos, 59, Hills, died Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, June 19, at Bethel Reformed Church in Lester, Iowa. Burial followed at East Side Cemetery in Steen.

Leo Bos was born Aug. 11, 1957, to Lyle and Dorothy (Vander Steen) Bos in Luverne. He graduated in 1975 from Hills Beaver Creek High School.

He became a trucker. Over the years he drove for Lyle Bos Trucking, Midwest Coast in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, PK Trucking in Omaha, Nebraska, Ryder Trucking in California, Folkenstrucking in Lester, Iowa, TR Trucking in Lester, and ended his trucking career with his own truck under Barney's Trucking.

In 2010 Leo was diagnosed with end stage renal disease and began home dialysis. He was able to continue trucking for a few more years and do the



dialysis treatments while on the road.

Leo had a great love for all sports but especially enjoyed NASCAR and Sprint Car races, Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings. He made many friends over the years and always shared a humorous story or joke.

He is survived by his sisters, Lila (Bill) Kroon, Rock Rapids, Iowa, Lora (Bob) Saylor, Sioux Falls, and Lois (Doug) Boeve, Beaver Creek; special friends, John and Susan Vandenberg and very special "buddy" Kaden Vandenberg; many nieces and nephews; four aunts, Henrietta Bos, Hills, Joan Bos, Sioux Falls, Min Bosch, Luverne, and Marie Veldhuizen, Edgerton.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(0622 F)

### Arthur Dahlen

Arthur Keith Dahlen, 84, Luverne, died Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Saturday, June 17, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arthur Dahlen was born Sept. 28, 1932, to Tom and Hanna (Larson) Dahlen in Luverne. He was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church in Luverne. He attended Rural District 29 School north of Luverne, and then Luverne High School. In February 1953, Art enlisted in the United States Army and reported to Camp Breckenridge in Kentucky. After serving two full years during the Korean War, he was honorably discharged and returned home to Minnesota.

On June 4, 1955, Art married Donna Mae Albertson in Vukku Lutheran Church near Foxhome. The couple lived on the Dahlen family farm northeast of Luverne and worked the farm. Art retired from farming in 1985 and the couple moved to Luverne. He began working with Siebenahler Construction in 1987, and then worked with W & N Construction from 1998 to 2010 when he formally retired.



Art was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne where he served as a deacon and board trustee for many years. Art also sang in the church choir. He enjoyed fishing, canoeing, camping and visiting with friends and relatives.

He especially enjoyed scroll saw woodworking with his close friend and mentor, La Vern Kafka.

Art is survived by his wife, Donna, Luverne; five children, Nancy Dahlen and Kariann Sanny, Brooklyn Center; Angie Martin, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Elsa (Steve) Nitz, Rosemount; and Elaine (Tim) Hall, Sioux Falls; a son-in-law, David Carlson, Sioux City, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren, Trevor, Sierra (Sam), Hannah (Theresa), Tori (Travis), Eddie, Paul, Anna (Tyler), Laura, Tommy, Tony, Tucker, Emily, and Mariah (Christian); three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Shirley Dahlen, Minneapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Lori Carlson in 2010; a granddaughter, Anne Carlson; and a son-in-law, Dave Sanny, in 2014.

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

(0622 F)

### Gerhard Fikse

Gerhard Gary Fikse, 79, formerly of Ash Creek and Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, in Gardnerville, Nevada, after a short illness.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 23, at the Steen Reformed Church. Burial of cremains will be at the Eastside Cemetery in Steen.

Gerhard Fikse was born Feb. 5, 1938, to Dries and Henrietta (Christoffels) Fikse at Nobles County Hospital in Worthington. He grew up on a farm at the edge of Ashcreek and attended school in Ashcreek until the eighth grade. He continued his education at Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa, for one year. He moved with his family to a farm north of Luverne and completed his education at Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton, graduating in 1956.

In 1963 Gerhard married Lois Schoeneman. He worked road construction, was a traveling salesman, and a farmer.

The family relocated to Thornton, Colorado, in 1971. Gerhard was employed in the field of refrigeration and air conditioning.

He moved to California in 1989 and resided in San



Jose and Morgan Hill. He continued working in the HVAC field and later enjoyed part-time employment washing golf carts.

Gerhard married Bernadine Gibb in December 1994. Gerhard and Bernadine moved to Gardnerville, Nevada, upon his retirement.

Gerhard was a member of the Carson Valley Methodist Church where he served as a trustee and sang in the choir. He was an avid golfer and loved bowling. He enjoyed RV traveling with the Gilroy Elks Club.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadine; a sister, Elaine (Andy) Steensma; his sons, Gary (Melissa) Fikse, Al (Kristi) Fikse and Greg (Vickie) Fikse; four granddaughters, Nicole (Jeff) Ranweiler, Sydney Fikse, Carlie Fikse, Jaydyn Fikse; two step-granddaughters Brenna Lee (Brendan Lee) and Emma Olson. He is also survived by two stepsons, Michael Gibb, Brian (Andrea) Gibb; one stepdaughter, Cheri (Jim) Hann, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lucille and Evelyn; an infant brother; and a grandson, Tyler.

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### Daniella Gacke

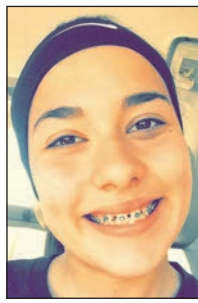
Daniella "Dani" Rose Gacke, 13, Luverne, died Thursday, June 15, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, June 20, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

Dani was born on June 9, 2004, to Anthony and Wendy (DeLaRosa) Gacke in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was raised in Luverne where she attended school through the seventh grade. Dani received her baptism and was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. On Thursday, June 15, 2017, Dani took her own life.

Dani will continue to live on in the hearts of many. She was a wonderful daughter, though carried the nickname of "Stink" by her father. Dani was seldom seen without a smile and she carried a wonderful spirit. She had a creative personality whether it be with wishy washy tape, or markers, or colored paper. She even made a purse out of colored duct tape. Dani loved to tell stories but could rarely finish them because of her laughter.

Dani was loved by her three older brothers, Marco, Joe, and Jon. She had the ability to convince them to do just about anything for her, including baking, shopping, going out to eat cheese pizza and ice cream. Dani had so many great friends that she



started the "Dafani Club." Dani played the violin and enjoyed music of all genre. Most recently she discovered Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen. She loved playing basketball, running track and spending time with her teammates. In the past year she showed no fear in the face of a roller-

coaster or other extreme rides. She looked forward to her annual trips to Wisconsin and Colorado to visit family as well as her recent trip to Las Vegas.

She will be forever remembered for wearing sweat-shirts and long-sleeved shirts all year long, and her headbands. Nurturing was part of her personality and she often could be found caring for many of her farm animals such as cows, chickens, dogs, but she especially loved her cats. She had the most beautiful smile and dimples, if and when she allowed you to see them.

Dani is survived by her parents; three brothers, Marco Gacke, Marshall, Joseph Gacke, Moorhead, and Jonathan Gacke, Duluth; her maternal grandparents, Enrique and Marie DeLaRosa; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Cletus and Leona Gacke.

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

(0622 F)

## DEATH NOTICE

### Dorothy Koens

Dorothy Koens, 89, Luverne, died Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at the Mary Jane Brown Home - Good Samaritan Society in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial of cremains will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are by the Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(0622 DN)

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## 1926: New grocery, confectionary store opens

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on June 11, 1926:

### RESIDENCE GROCERY STORE TO BE OPEN IN LUVERNE

McDonald & Snook Open Grocery and Confectionary Store on East Main Street and "Throw Away Key."



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Something of a new departure in a business way for the Luverne field materialized the fore part of the week, when C. W. McDonald and Leo Snook opened a grocery and confectionary store in the former Hegge building on East Main street, one block east of the Pelstring-Erickson creamery.

The new store will be known as the East End Grocery and Confectionary, a branch of the Handy grocery; will cater to the wants of tourists in particular and residents of the east part of town and farmers in general.

While a really large stock of any line of goods will be carried, a fairly complete stock of groceries, confectioneries, including ice cream and soft drinks, will be dispensed, and last, but not least, curb pump service will be offered to motorists.

The new firm will be known as McDonald & Snook, and the "wayside store" will be under the personal management of Mr. Snook. The new business will have an advantage over the other

grocery stores in that "the key to the place has been thrown away," and it will be kept open evenings and Sundays, as well as during the usual hours of the day.

The Messrs. McDonald and Snook have had the store under consideration for some time, and believe that there is a splendid field for the new venture. In most towns the size of Luverne one will find two or three similar residence section stores. The fact that the store is on Trunk Highway No. 9 makes it a convenient place for tourists to stop.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [manned@iw.net](mailto:manned@iw.net).



## Masons support hospice

Tammy Moeller (left) and Helen Saum of Sanford Luverne Hospice accept a check from Bryce Stoltenberg for over \$3,000 from the Ben Franklin Lodge. The check is for matching funds to the local Masons' fundraiser at the annual Hospice Charity Banquet in Luverne. "It's an honor that our organization can help support this and other local programs," Stoltenberg said.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0622 Dani Tribute

Father Tom Jennings carries the paschal candle and leads a candlelight procession of about 500 people Sunday night around the Rock County Courthouse as part of a candlelight vigil for the family of Daniella Gacke.

## Community supports family of suicide victim

*“Don’t do this to your loved ones. ... If you have something bothering you, talk to your mom or dad.”*

— Tony Gacke, Daniella’s father

**By Mavis Fodness**

More than 500 community members gathered at St. Catherine Catholic Church Sunday evening for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of Daniella Gacke.

They were searching for comfort and understanding after the seemingly happy 13-year-old girl suddenly took her life on Thursday, June 15.

Her father, Tony Gacke, gave a heartfelt message amid friends and family sharing in the grief and offering support to his family.

“Don’t do this to your loved ones,” he said. “If you have something bothering you, talk to your mom or dad.”

Problems can be addressed, he added.

Tony said the family is dumbfounded as to why Daniella would take her own life.

“We pray it was a bad decision in a short time,” he said.

Several gatherings like the public event Sunday night have taken place since Thursday.

According to her obituary, Dani had just completed seventh grade in Luverne Middle School where she enjoyed music, basketball and track.

Funeral services were Tuesday in St. Catherine Church, Luverne. The complete obituary appears on page 7A.

## Luverne 150th — courthouse history/continued from page 1A

Baldrige told commissioners in 1995. “I really like this community.”

While restoration plans were being laid, architects discovered the original building ideas were better than they thought.

### The original building

The tall red building was constructed in 1887-1888 of “Rock County Granite.”

The original building was designed by Minneapolis architect D. Allen. The low bid contractor was A. Tollefson, Luverne, and project supervisor was Luverne’s P.N. Gillham.

The bid price was \$23,500, but there were cost overruns of \$4,000. The original building had three floors of offices and included space in the lower level for a caretaker’s living quarters.

The building was built before electricity, plumbing and central heating. In the original structure, the offices were lighted by kerosene lamps, heated by stoves, and restroom facilities consisted of an outhouse.

Electrical wiring was added after 1892, and plumbing came in sometime after 1900.

Over the years, various updates kept the building functional. For energy efficiency, windows were replaced in 1977, and the building was tuck pointed and reroofed in 1984.

The Rock County Courthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

### Preserving history and modernizing for the future

Courtroom needs and the necessity of modern-

izing offices led to discussion about either building a new courthouse or renovating the current building. Sentiment came down on the side of the existing facility.

Once that decision was made, the commissioners looked to Baldrige to come up with answers to modern needs in a historic context ... and within a reasonable budget.

What evolved has been a feather in Rock County’s cap as well as that of the architects. Since its completion in 1988, the building has been toured and admired by thousands of people.

According to former Rock County Auditor Charles Braa, who was the local person in charge of the project, the total cost of the restoration - renovation was \$1.4 million, including new furnishings for many offices. He said everything down to the drawer pulls and doorknobs was coordinated.

The exterior of the courthouse has maintained its historic integrity, and the space within the shell has been reshaped so that more space and a better use of space evolved.

Some of the big changes included adding a five-stop elevator and making the building handicap-accessible with an exterior ramp. The actual courtroom is smaller, but another partial floor was added within the building.

Within the building, old wainscoting and woodwork was refinished and restored. Old wood furnishings, when possible, were refinished and returned to use. Old vaults continue to serve, but the whole building is wired for computers.

Baldrige recalled touring the courthouse with commissioners about midway through the restoration project. He remembers them not looking very pleased about what they saw.

“The commissioners went into total shock,” he said.

“But as time went on and as they started seeing things come back together, they realized they hadn’t completely ruined the courthouse.”

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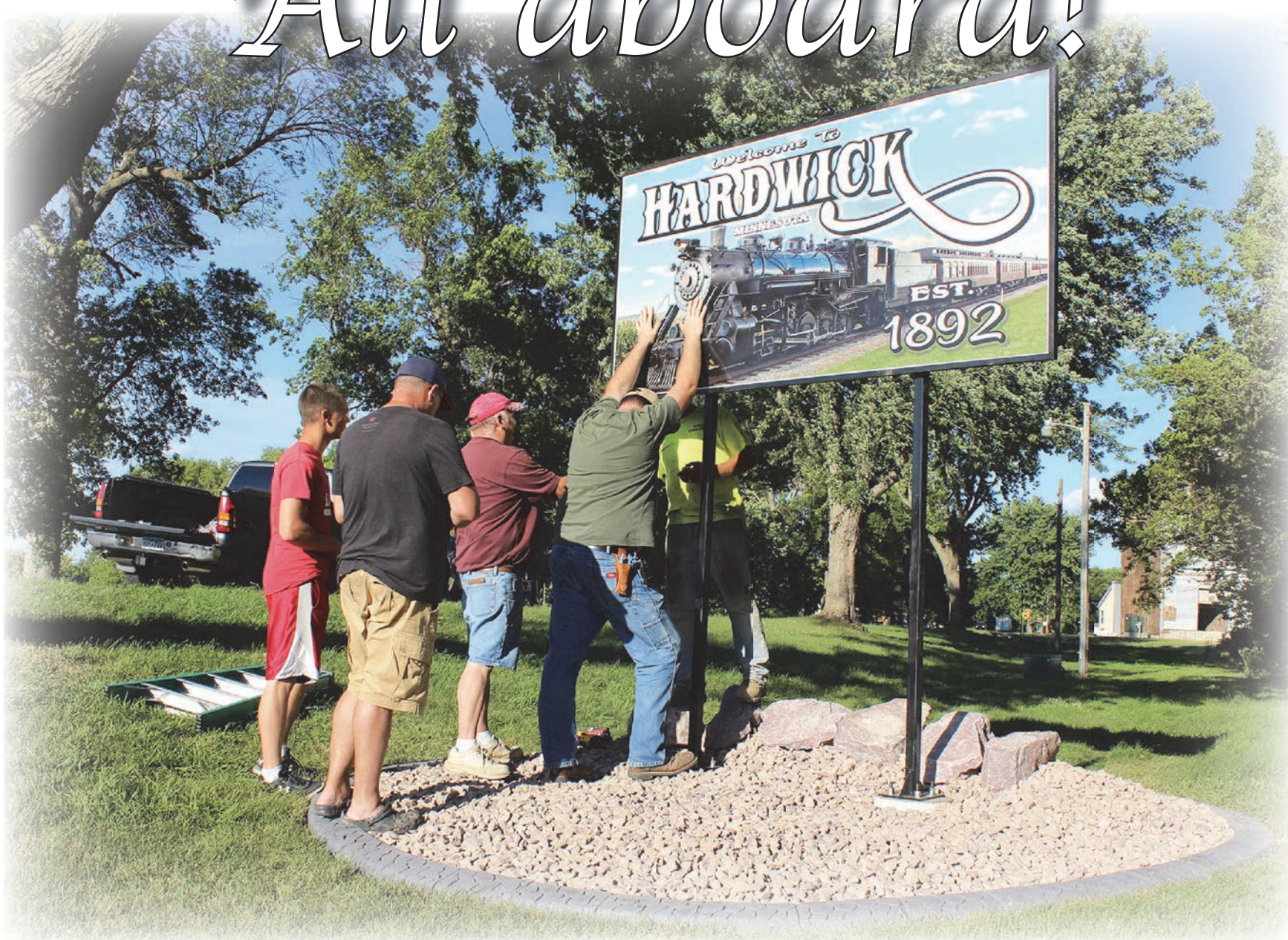
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# All aboard!



Mavis Fodness photo/0622 Hardwick 125th

Members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick erect a new "Welcome to Hardwick" sign Monday evening in time for this weekend's 125th celebration. Pictured from left are Will Mumme, Pastor Mark Mumme, Pete Jessen, Tom Haas and Tony Roos.

## Hardwick's 125<sup>th</sup> event celebrates its railroad beginnings

By Mavis Fodness

"There's no place like home" is the repeated phrase Dorothy mutters in the movie, "The Wizard of Oz," as she wishes herself safely home to her Kansas farmhouse.

For many who grew up in Hardwick, the phrase summarizes this weekend's Jubilee Days and the town's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and all-school reunion.

A committee of current and past residents has been working on events in recognition of the town's founding in 1892. A 400-page history and memory book is one of the committee's more visual efforts.

"There is just something special about growing up in a small community no one else understands," said Joni Petersen, a member of the Hardwick 125<sup>th</sup> committee and who helped assemble the memory book. "I just love Hardwick ... we are proud of our town."

Kathy Remme, Colleen Deutsch, Jolene Hansen and Kristi Weinkauff joined Petersen in assembling the memory book.

The 125<sup>th</sup> celebration and all-school reunion committee is made up of Petersen, Deutsch, Hansen, Weinkauff, Patti Pierson, Dianne Ossenfort, Lorna Bryan, Bill DeBates and Terry Siebenahler.

### Agriculture and railroad combined to create a town

Hardwick's roots are firmly planted in agriculture and the developing railroads of the 1880s.

The town is named after J.L. Hardwick, who was a master builder of the Burlington Northern Railroad.

First designated as a train stop in 1884 called Denver (named after the township it was located in), the stop was later known as Jasper before becoming a buying station in 1887 and changing its name to Hardwick.

That fall the Hardwick station was credited with shipping more than 200 carloads of grain and livestock, according to the 125<sup>th</sup> Memory Book. Two years later the first business, a blacksmith shop, opened near the station.

The station was located on land owned by Otter Otterson. He built the first permanent building in 1891 on what would officially become Hardwick's Main Street a year later. Fourteen other buildings joined Otterson's by 1992 and a village was born.

### Schoolhouse built in developing town in 1893

Hardwick's population has varied over the decades from 259 in 1900 to its high of 328 in 1960. As of 2014, the population was 195.

The Hardwick school began as rural district No. 48 with 37 pupils in 1892, located about a mile from what would become the town. By 1893 a new schoolhouse was erected in the new village. A two-story brick building was built in 1906 and torn down when the one-story addition was added in 1952.

Today the school is a private home.

Joni Petersen, whose family used to operate Jud's Feed Store in Hardwick, said many people included the old school building and the two-story fire escape in their stories about growing up in Hardwick.

The metal tube was accessed from a door located on the second floor, which was kept locked, Petersen recalled.

"It was cool," she said.

Kids accessed the tube from the bottom, maneuvering up the winding tube to rest on a ledge at the top of the second floor.

"That is where you told your secrets," Petersen added.

Kids would then slide down the tube to the bottom again.

Children enjoyed a different kind of sliding down Hardwick's "Big Hill," when heavy snows turned the east of Main Street into an ideal sledding area.

Petersen said the street was often closed to traffic. Children would try to see who could slide from the top of the hill to the school, located a block away, she said.

### Bustling town begins winding down in 1960s

About 150 former grade school classmates have preregistered for this weekend's activities. (See Monday's Luverne Announcer for a full listing of events.)

Included on the list is Judy Brandenburg, who moved with her family to Hardwick in 1952. She was in the second grade and is looking forward to a return visit to her childhood home.

"With all the bad things happening these days, it's nice to relive some good memories," she said.

Her father, Viggo Frederiksen, was an eighth-grade teacher and principal.

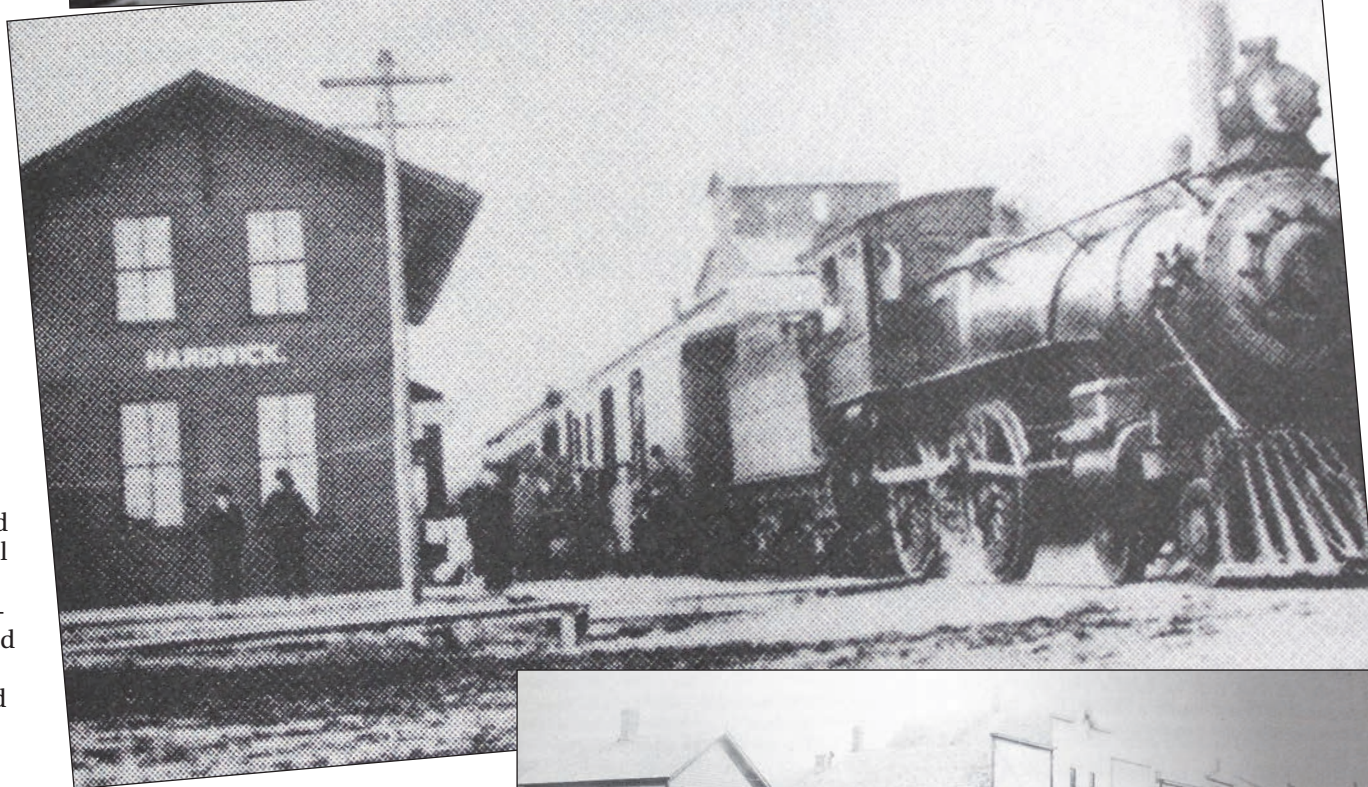
Because her father was a school official, she said her family divided their household shopping among all the stores in Hardwick.

Brandenburg recalls several grocery and general hardware stores, a café, bars, restaurant, meat market, bowling alley, a dance hall and the frequent rumbling of railroad cars coming and going from the elevator.

Bill DeBates was a teacher/principal at the grade school for 10



Top: A street scene of Hardwick's Main Street in 1937, looking west.



Right: Main Street Hardwick as pictured circa 1898.

years, leaving the teaching profession in 1972 to operate the grocery store.

He said a depressed ag economy prompted many of the smaller farmers to go out of business and most of Hardwick's businesses began to close. The railroad ceased operation in 1969.

Today only a handful of businesses continue to operate in town.

### Oldest resident leads Saturday's parade event

Harold Kindt will serve as grand marshal for Saturday's 7 p.m. parade.

He is the town's oldest resident, celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next month.

"I was proud to be asked to do this," Kindt said. "I didn't know

what to say at first."

Chosen by the Hardwick Community Club, Kindt grew up in rural Rock County and moved to Hardwick after his military service in 1952.

He worked at the elevator for a short time before operating the Standard Oil bulk truck for more than 30 years. He also served in Hardwick's maintenance department for 25 years and has 45 years of service on the town's fire department.

He married Lois Petersen on June 24, 1953, and the two will celebrate their 64<sup>th</sup> year together by leading the parade.

Also being honored Saturday is Leonard Hansen, who is one of the oldest living graduates of Hardwick Grade School.

Below: A train stops at the Hardwick depot. Hardwick was designated as a buying station in 1887 and named after J.L. Hardwick, who was the master building of the Burlington Northern Railroad. The last train went through the town in 1969.

He graduated from HGS' eighth grade in 1941 and Luverne High School in 1945.

Hansen married his high school classmate Irene Lopic 69 years ago. She will also attend Saturday's parade.

The railroad holds a special spot in Hansen's memories.

As a youth, he worked for his father, the depot manager, loading the grain cars. As a family of a railroad employee, they often took vacations by riding the rails.

However, Hansen said while Hardwick may no longer have the landmarks of his youth, he is looking forward to the town celebration and school reunion.

"The greatest things are the people of Hardwick," he said. "There are so many memories."



## Birds complete 3-1 week with sweep

By Jason Berghorst and John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds ran their record to 7-4 after winning three of four games in a five-day span.

Luverne posted a four-run home win over Tracy June 14 before losing a five-run contest in Marshall Friday.

The Redbirds notched a pair of home wins over Worthington and Heron Lake on Sunday.

Luverne plays in Hadley Sunday.

### Luverne 4, Heron Lake 1

The Redbirds completed their Sunday sweep by upending the Lakers in the second game of the day.

Led by a strong pitching performance from Rob Fodness, the Redbirds came up on the winning end of a three-run decision.

Fodness limited the Lakers to five hits and one run during the seven-inning contest.

He pitched five scoreless frames before yielding one run in the top of the sixth.

Luverne took a 1-0 edge when Codie Zeutenhorst ripped an RBI double in the bottom of the first inning.

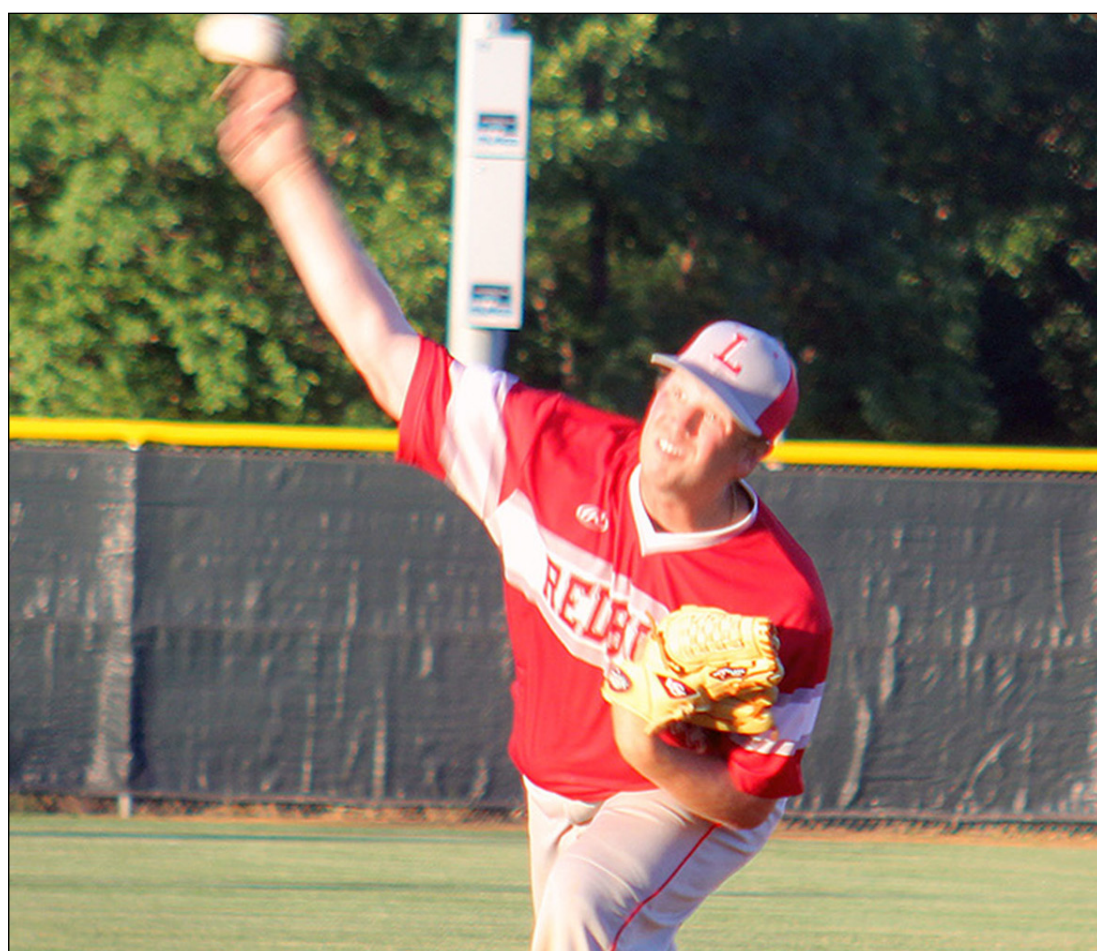
The score was 3-0 when Connor Crabtree delivered a two-run double in the fourth.

After Heron Lake scored in the top of the sixth, Luverne registered the final run of the game in the bottom half of the inning when Andrew Verhey slapped an RBI single.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Christensen	3	0	1	0
Gonzalez	0	0	0	0
Wenninger	2	1	0	0
Paquette	2	1	0	0
Zeutenhorst	3	2	3	1
Verhey	3	0	1	1
Crabtree	3	0	1	2
Mauer	2	0	0	0
Fodness	0	0	0	0
D.Nibbelink	2	0	0	0
Sandbulte	1	0	0	0
Bosch	2	0	0	0

### Luverne 11, Worthington 10

The Redbirds staged an impressive comeback to best the Cubs by one run during



Jason Berghorst photo/0622 redbirds 1

Luverne's Brooks Mauer pitched eight innings during an 8-4 home win over Tracy June 14.

Sunday's opening game.

After falling behind 9-2 after one and one-half innings of play, Luverne bounced back to outscore Worthington 9-1 the rest of the way to earn the victory.

Skyler Wenninger started the comeback by recording a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the second to make it a 9-3 game.

Luverne moved in front 10-9 after the Redbirds scored three runs in the fourth inning and four in the fifth.

Cody Christensen delivered a two-run single and scored on an error during the fourth-inning rally.

Wenninger tripled home two runs, Phil Paquette singled home another and Christensen recorded a sacrifice fly when Luverne gained a 10-9 edge in the fifth.

Worthington tied the game with a home run in the top of the sixth, but the Redbirds settled the issue when Wenninger drew a one-out walk and scored the winning run when Verhey singled in the bottom of the seventh.

Crabtree nailed down the pitching win after tossing five innings of 11-strikeout, three-hit, one-run ball.

Crabtree relieved Christensen, who was tagged for nine runs and eight hits in the first two innings of the game.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Christensen	4	2	3	3
Wenninger	2	3	1	3
Paquette	4	0	3	2
Verhey	5	0	2	1
Crabtree	4	0	0	1
Mauer	4	1	3	0
D.Nibbelink	4	1	2	0
Bosch	1	0	0	0
Zeutenhorst	2	0	1	0
Sandbulte	0	2	0	0
L.Nibbelink	4	2	1	0

### Marshall 13, Luverne 8

The Redbirds received their lone loss of the week when they dropped a five-run game in Marshall Friday.

Luverne led 2-0 when Verhey and Brooks Mauer recorded RBI singles in the first and third innings respectively.

Marshall, however, scored 10 runs in the bottom of the third and never lost the lead the rest of the game.

The Redbirds put together a five-run fourth inning with run-scoring singles from Connor Hoffman, Wenninger, Paquette, Verhey and Mauer to trim the difference to three runs (10-7), but Marshall countered by scoring one run in the bottom of the fifth to make it 11-7.

Paquette tripled and scored on a ground out by Verhey to account for Luverne's final run

in the top of the eighth before Marshall scored twice in the bottom half of the inning to cap the scoring.

Nick Overgaard was saddled with the pitching loss after seven runs, one hit and eight walks in two innings.

Wenninger was touched for three runs and one hit in one inning of relief, while Hoffman surrendered eight hits and three runs in the final six innings.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	5	1	2	1
Wenninger	4	2	1	0
Paquette	5	2	3	1
Verhey	4	2	2	3
Crabtree	5	0	3	0
Mauer	4	0	2	2
Gonzalez	1	0	0	0
Fodness	5	0	0	0
Bosch	4	0	1	0
L.Nibbelink	4	1	2	0

### Luverne 8, Tracy 4

Luverne hosted the Tracy Express at Redbird Field on Wednesday, June 14.

The home team came away with an 8-4 victory.

Luverne player-coach Mauer pitched eight innings to get the win on the mound. Overgaard pitched in the ninth inning.

Tracy captured an early lead by scoring two runs in the second inning.

The Redbirds then scored single runs in the third and fifth innings before taking the lead by scoring two more runs in the seventh inning.

Tracy tied the game again by scoring two runs in the top of the eighth inning before Luverne scored four runs in the bottom of the same inning to reach the final 8-4 score.

Offensively for Luverne, Wenninger and Luke Nibbelink scored two runs each.

Hoffman batted in two runs for the Redbirds.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	2	2	0	1
Hoffman	3	0	0	2
Christensen	4	0	1	1
Zuetenhorst	5	0	1	0
Verhey	3	1	1	0
Mauer	2	1	0	0
Gonzalez	3	0	0	0
Bosch	0	1	0	1
L.Nibbelink	2	2	1	1

## Cards grace BSC list

By John Rittenhouse

Five members of the Luverne High School baseball program raked in postseason honors from Big South Conference officials Monday.

Three Cardinals made the 2017 All-BSC Small School Division Baseball Team, while two other LHS players drew honorable mention.

Junior Tyler Reisdorfer and sophomores Derek Lundgren and Ben Serie grace the 18-player all-league roster for LHS.

Juniors Jaxon Nelson and Declan Beers are two of eight players to receive honorable mention.

Jackson County Central won the Small School Division title and led all teams by landing six players on the all-league squad.

Seniors Ryan Christopher, Chris Gumto, Easton Bahr, Darrius Johnson, Keegan Klontz and Ryker Vander Woude are the Huskies on the roster.

St. James matched Luverne by securing three all-league selections.

Seniors Lucas Fredin and Brady Stevens and junior Sawyer Carr made the team for the Saints.

Pipestone senior Billy Olsen and junior Carter Colemer, Redwood Valley seniors James Pendleton and Jared Lund and Windom junior Luke Gilbertson and sophomore Kobe Lovell round out the all-conference roster.

Other players drawing honorable mention include St. James' seniors Levi Sizler and Chase Bottin and junior Max Svalland, Pipestone junior Garrett Ploeger and sophomore Josh Tinklenberg and RWV junior Mitchell Irlbeck.



Submitted photo

Adrian's Mitchell Veld sets up to drive the ball during the state tournament at Pebble Creek Golf Club near Becker last week.

## Veld earns share of 59th place at state golf

By Jason Berghorst

Adrian junior Mitchell Veld teed off against the state's best high school golfers at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Tournament.

The two-day tournament was played June 13-14 at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker. Veld, playing in his first state golf tournament, earned a share of 59th place in the 88-player field.

Veld carded a 44 during his opening round June 13 before posting a 47 during the second

round for a 91-stroke tally for the day.

On the second day of play on June 14, Veld posted a pair of 46s for a 92-stroke effort.

Veld's two-day tally of 183 strokes tied T.J. Bowman of West Marshall, Domonik Cramer of Mesabi East and Lucas Noble of Blooming Prairie for 59th place.

Tommy Braaten of Blooming Prairie won the Class A state individual title with a 140-stroke effort.

## Legion squad drops two of three contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team went 1-2 during a pair of outings in the second weekend of the regular season.

The Cardinals dropped a two-run game in Pipestone June 13 before splitting games against different opponents at Redbird Field Friday.

Luverne, 4-2 overall, played a game in Worthington Tuesday (June 20).

### Luverne 15, Waterloo 5

The Cardinals won their second game of a set at Redbird Field Friday when they bested Waterloo Valley, Nebraska, by the 10-run rule.

Luverne scored the first 10 runs of the game and plated at least one run in every inning of a 15-5, five-inning conquest.

The Cards scored six times in the first inning and put together two-run rallies in the second and third frames to open a 10-0 cushion.

Declan Beers belted a three-run home run, Gaige Nath slapped a two-run single and Chase Johnson chipped in an RBI single in the first inning.

Dalton Vis and Ben Serie delivered two-run singles in the second and third innings respectively.

Waterloo plated its first run in the top of the fourth before Jaden Knips drove home two runs with a single, Tyler Roberts singled home one run and Jake Von Tersch drew a bases-loaded walk for Luverne in the bottom of the fourth to make it a 14-1 game.

After Waterloo plated four runs in the top of the fifth, Luverne won the game by the 10-run rule in the bottom half of the frame when Derek Lundgren drew a bases-loaded walk.

Trey Roberts pitched four and one-third innings to secure the win before giving way to Beers, who registered the



Jason Berghorst photo/0622 legion bb 1

Luverne's Charlie Reisch takes a cut at the plate during Friday's home loss to Adrian.

final two outs.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	2	2	2
Von Tersch	0	1	0	1
Lundgren	2	1	0	0
Crabtree	1	0	0	0
Serie	3	2	2	2
Tyler Roberts	1	0	1	1
Beers	2	2	1	3
Knips	1	0	1	2
Trey Roberts	4	1	2	0
Van Dam	4	1	1	0
Vis	3	2	1	2
Johnson	4	2	1	1
Reisch	2	1	2	0
Herman	0	0	0	0

### Adrian 5, Luverne 4

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a one-run decision during Friday's opening game against Adrian.

Luverne led 2-1 after Trey Roberts doubled home a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning and the Cards sported a 3-1 advantage when Serie registered an RBI single in the second.

Adrian countered with a three-run rally in the top of the third to move in front 4-3, but

the Cards knotted the score at four with an RBI single in the sixth inning.

Adrian, however, produced one run in the top of the seventh and blanked Luverne in the bottom half of the frame to clinch the win.

Jacob Van Dam was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing six and one-third innings of five-run ball.

Serie recorded the final two outs for Luverne.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	2	1	1	0
Nath	4	0	2	1
Serie	3	1	1	1
Beers	4	0	1	0
Roberts	3	0	1	2
Lundgren	3	0	0	0
Vis	2	0	0	0
Johnson	2	2	1	0
Reisch	2	0	1	0

### Pipestone 4, Luverne 2

The Cardinals took their first loss of the season when they dropped a two-run decision in a rain-shortened game in

Pipestone June 13.

Pipestone scored the first three runs of the contest and led 4-2 in the top of the sixth inning, when the game reached its conclusion due to heavy rains.

After falling behind 3-0 early, Luverne climbed back into contention when Serie registered a sacrifice fly and Beers slapped a run-scoring single in the top of the third to make it 3-2.

Pipestone scored what proved to be game's final run in the bottom of the third.

Serie tossed all five innings and took the loss.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	3	0	0	0
Nath	2	1	0	0
Serie	1	0	0	1
Beers	3	0	1	1
Roberts	3	0	1	0
Vis	2	0	0	0
Van Dam	1	0	0	0
Herman	1	0	0	0
Reisch	2	1	1	0



# Estenson Company claims scrambler title

By John Rittenhouse

A team representing the Estenson Company emerged as the champion of the Luverne Chamber of Commerce Golf Scrambler staged at the Luverne Country Club Monday.

The 17-team event turned into a tight competition as a total of two strokes separated the top five teams.

In the end, it was the Estenson Company that walked away with the title.

The winning team fired a seven-under-par 29 to capture the championship by one stroke.

Gary Kurtz, Dan Kern, Corey Stratton and Tim Knoll formed the winning squad.

First Farmers & Merchants Bank made a solid bid to claim the title before falling one shot short.

The second-place team consisting of Ethan Bates, Mike Schacht, Ryan Wynia and Tim Nissen posted a six-under-par 30-stroke effort.

Three teams shared third place after posting 31-stroke rounds.

Papik Motors 1, Hills-Stainless Steel and Power Fitness all turned in five-under-par



John Rittenhouse photo/0622 scrambler champs

The Estenson Company team took top honors at the Luverne Chamber of Commerce Golf Scrambler at the Luverne Country Club Monday. Team members include (from left) Corey Stratton, Dan Kern and Gary Kurtz. Missing is Tim Knoll. The champs shot a seven-under-par 30.

efforts.

Jordan and Emily Papik, Pete Connell and Jeff Sehr played with the Papik Motors 1 squad.

Dar Elbers, James Stratton, Nick Wassenaar and Jeff Schroeder formed the Hills Stainless Steel team.

Andrew and Courtney DeBoer, Brad Van Santen and Seth Goebel competed with the Power Fitness team.

# VFW squad improves to 5-1 with road conquests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team upped its record to 5-1 by posting a pair of road wins.

The Cardinals rolled to an 18-run victory over Redwood County in Wabasso Thursday and prevailed by seven runs in Tracy Monday.

Luverne plays at the Junior Upper Midwest Baseball Classic in New Ulm Friday and Saturday.

## Luverne 9, Tracy 2

The Cardinals took care of business early when they notched a two-run victory in Tracy Monday.

Luverne scored nine unanswered runs in the first five innings of play and never lost control of the game.

Charlie Reisch opened the scoring with an RBI double

in the top half of the second inning.

Declan Beers, who led Luverne with three RBIs, singled home two runs and Derek Lundgren added a sacrifice fly to make it a 4-0 game in the third.

Colby Crabtree stroked an RBI double, Gaige Nath and Ben Serie registered RBI singles and Beers charted a sacrifice fly during a four-run rally in the fourth inning.

Crabtree made it a 9-0 game with an RBI single in the top of the fifth before RWC produced two runs in the bottom half of the frame to cap the scoring.

Jade Smith tossed five innings of two-run, four-strikeout ball to secure the pitching win.

Isaiah Bartels blanked Tracy over the final two frames and

fanned four batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	2	2	1
Roberts	1	0	0	0
Sterrett	3	1	0	0
Buss	1	0	1	0
Beers	3	1	1	3
Serie	3	0	2	1
Knips	1	0	0	0
Lundgren	1	1	1	1
Herman	1	0	0	0
Reisch	4	1	3	1
Sehr	1	0	0	0
Smith	2	0	0	0
Nekali	0	1	0	0
Crabtree	4	2	3	2
Bontersch	1	0	0	0

## Luverne 18, RC 0

The Cardinals notched their fourth win of the season when they rolled to an 18-run victory over Redwood County in Wabasso Thursday.

Luverne did all of its offensive damage in the first four innings of a lopsided victory.

The Cardinals scored three

runs in the first inning, six in the second, five in the third and four in the fourth.

Beers had a big game at the plate by driving in six runs with four hits.

Serie, who notched two hits, drove in a pair of runs.

Mark Sterrett, Nath and Smith chipped in one hit each.

Lundgren pitched three innings of one-hit ball to earn the win.

Crabtree and Noah Herman tossed one scoreless inning each.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	4	2	1	0
Nath	5	2	1	0
Beers	5	2	4	6
Serie	5	2	2	2
Lundgren	3	3	0	1
Reisch	1	2	0	0
Crabtree	3	1	0	0
Smith	1	1	1	0
Von Tersch	0	1	0	0
Knips	2	2	0	0

# Registration periods are open for upcoming triathlons

By John Rittenhouse

The registration period for two upcoming events within the Luverne city limits are now open.

The second Davis Lake Triathlon is set for July 4, while the seventh version of the World Wienerman Championships is on slate for July 13.

Interested athletes can register online at [www.all-sportscentral.com](http://www.all-sportscentral.com)

or by contacting Dave Duffy at 507-290-3345 or [dduffy@rconnect.com](mailto:dduffy@rconnect.com).

Two different events are available for the triathlon.

The Minnow Race (one-third of a mile kayak leg, two mile bike leg and a one-mile run leg) begins at 9 a.m.

The Shark Race (consisting of individuals, or two- or three-person teams participating in

a two-thirds of a mile kayak leg, a nine-mile bike leg and a 2.5 mile run) is set to begin at 10 a.m.

There will be four divisions for the WWC staged on Hot Dog Night in Luverne.

One division is open for a four-person competitive eating triathlon relay, another for a four-person competitive eating triathlon relay that

includes eating half-portion, and another division for individual competitors who want to participate in the full event and eat half or full portions during the eating challenges.

New this year is the Designated Eater Division.

This division allows teams to field a fifth member of the relay to assist any members of their teams with eating tests.

## CORRECTION

### Correction

A correction needs to be made to the All-Big South Conference Tennis story that ran in the June 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Star Herald.

In the original press release from league officials, it listed Cade Ver Steeg as an all-conference selection and Dalton Schoeneman as an honorable mention recipient.

An updated press release included the correct information, which named Schoeneman as an all-conference performer and Ver Steeg as an honorable mention recipient.

## CLIPBOARD

Rock County Sportsman's Club June 13

- Team Scores:**  
 Agri-Energy LLC – 112  
 Luverne Body Shop – 110  
 Slocum Taxidermy 1 – 110  
 Blue Mound Auto Glass – 105  
 Freedom Ranch – 104  
 Slocum Taxidermy 2 – 104  
 Pizza Ranch – 100  
 Minnwest Bank – 98  
 Nergaard Construction – 96  
 Howling Dog – 88  
 Timmer Dairy – 87  
 Big Orv's Bar – 87

**Individual scores:**  
 25 x 25  
 Doug Deutsch  
 Chris Balster

24 x 25  
 Dave Stearns  
 Doug Deutsch – 2

# After nine-year run, site of family retreat is in limbo for 2018

After 23-plus years of marriage, my wife may have uttered her most profound statement to date in early May.



## FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Astrid and I were discussing our upcoming, two-week vacation at Three Lakes Resort in Otter Tail County when she spoke these memorable words.

"I'm looking at this year's vacation like it's a gift," she said.

Astrid was absolutely correct.

During our eighth stay at Three Lakes in 2016, Kathy Thompson, the resort owner, informed us she was putting our vacation destination up for sale.

After watching her carry out her endless list of duties that consumes most of her lake life, I could understand why she was ready to call it quits after 20 years of service on Deer Lake.

As it turned out, her plan couldn't be implemented last year, so she invited us to return on June 3, and we promptly accepted her invitation for another two weeks.

To Astrid, this was our gift, and we had no intention to squander the opportunity.

We absolutely lived life large from June 3-17, revisiting many of the same places and rekindling some relationships with lake friends we've met over the last nine years.

To make a long story short, we had a blast.

We made the most of every day on the beach and every night at the local

establishments that have a way of filling what is a very active social calendar for us when we are in the area.

In my mind, nothing had changed at the resort until last Thursday, when Kathy's real estate agent walked on the beach and erected a pair of signs indicating our vacation paradise for nine years was officially on the market.

The agent said the five cabins and two other dwellings that form the compound will be sold individually, and the new owners will form an association to share the other features found within the resort.

After a nine-year run of bringing my family to the resort, the agent's words struck me like a blow to the midsection.

Everything changes with time, but I just didn't want to believe my family's happy place would no longer be a resort.

Our Rittenhouse family vacation will carry on next June, and there's a chance it could take place on the same site if the cabins are not sold.

Regardless of that, I could not hide my disgust when offering my own profound statement when the agent left.

"Those signs on the beach look like garbage to me."

# Luverne Legion takes top honors in home tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team opened the 2017 season in style by winning the Luverne Tournament June 9-10 at Redbird Field.

One day after falling in the Section 3AA championship game to end the high school season, many of the same players returned to action during a three-team round robin event at Redbird Field.

The Cardinals thrived during the tournament by winning three consecutive games to capture the title.

Luverne opened the tournament by nipping Minor-McCook, South Dakota, 11-10 in the June 9 opener.

Luverne topped Worthington 13-3 in its first game on June 10 before securing the championship with a 7-3 victory over St. James in the finale.

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**St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth**  
Thursday, June 22: 11-1 p.m. St. Catherine LCCW Salad Luncheon. 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. Saturday, June 24: 5:30 p.m. St. Catherine's Mass. Sunday, June 25: 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Mass. 10:30 a.m. St. Catherine's Mass. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Monday, June 26: 7 p.m. Divorce Recovery. Tuesday, June 27: 4 p.m. Mass at Poplar Creek. 7 p.m. Cub Scouts; St. Catherine Knights of Columbus.

**Luverne Christian Reformed Church**  
605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
www.luverncrc.com — luvernecrc@gmail.com  
Roger Sparks, Pastor  
Sunday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, June 26: 9 a.m. PERK UP in Edgerton. Wednesday, June 28: 6:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study.

**First Baptist Church**  
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org  
Walt Moser, Pastor  
Thursday, June 22: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Vast Channel 3. Sunday, June 25: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, June 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, June 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Vast Channel 3.

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net  
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Harding, Associate Pastor  
Thursday, June 22: 9 a.m. Naomi Circle at The Oaks. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at GLC. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home; Lydia Circle at GLC. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7 p.m. Priscilla-Elizabeth Circle at Dixie Arends. Friday, June 23: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 24: Bremer/Teune wedding. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 25: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. New Member Coffee. Monday, June 26: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 27: 9 a.m. Staff Meeting; assemble Gracenotes. Wednesday, June 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Youth to Valley Fair. Thursday, June 29: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834  
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor  
Sunday, June 25: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion.

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org  
Mike Altena, Pastor  
Thursday, June 22: Fellowship Hall reserved. Friday, June 23: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, June 26: 5:30-7:30 p.m. '50s Night Fundraiser. Tuesday, June 27: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Children in Covenant. Wednesday, June 28: 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team.

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

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

Thursday, June 22: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, June 24: 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, June 25: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Service. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:45 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, June 26: 1-5 p.m. 4-H project day. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, June 27: 9 a.m. Folding team for Messenger. Wednesday, June 28: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, June 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662  
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips  
Sunday, June 25: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Palisade Lutheran.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fcpluverne.com  
Jason Cunningham, Pastor  
Thursday, June 22: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Vast. Sunday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Monday-Friday, June 26-30: Senior high mission trip. Monday, June 26: 9 a.m. to noon Quilting. Tuesday, June 27: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Vast. Wednesday, June 28: 7 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, June 29: 10 a.m. Worship service on Vast.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
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Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005  
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org  
Gary Klatt, Pastor  
Saturday, June 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, June 25: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; commissioning of Servant Event participants to Lutheran Island Camp June 25-30. 4 p.m. 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation service at Fulda. Monday, June 26: LYF Valley Fair Day. Wednesday, June 28: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter.

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

**New Life Celebration Church**  
110 N. Oakley, Luverne  
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor  
Thursday, June 22: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Friday, June 23: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Sunday, June 25: 10:30 a.m. Community Outdoor Worship service — uptown Hardwick under the tent. Meal follows served by Zion Youth Group. Monday, June 26: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, June 29: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3.

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

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821  
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com  
Kristi Franken, Pastor  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 26, to Thursday, June 29: 2-4:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School at United Methodist Church in Adrian. Friday, June 30: Vacation Bible School program.

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270  
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net  
Sunday, June 25: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 2 p.m. Stensland (Bass) bridal shower in Bethlehem church basement. Tuesday, June 27: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village.

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

## God lets us find him

On Sept. 11 of the year 2001, I had been in my first church appointment as a pastor for almost two years, serving in youth ministry prior to that time. I will never forget the images pasted in my mind from that moment our world as we knew it was changed forever.

I read recently that those in high school have lived with our changed world almost their whole lives, if not all, with no memory of 9/11.

Within two hours on that morning, both towers of the World Trade Center had collapsed after having been hit by airplanes full of people and rescue efforts began almost immediately. ... For at least a week, that was all you could watch on television or read in the news, if you were able to get the news. Our world was pretty much put on hold as we sat captured by what was happening around us.

It didn't take long and we watched people by the hundreds post pictures of their loved ones they couldn't find.

We all asked questions like, "Why did God let this happen?" "Where was God?" "Why?"

The nation experienced a revival at some level. People returned to church to have their questions answered.

The recent teen suicide in our community has reminded us that tragedy happens, our lives are shaken, and we still ask questions — "Why God, why?"

It certainly is not an unusual question. It isn't hard to imagine we have all probably asked that question at least once in our lives. Where are you, God?

And fortunately, we don't have to look too far. The Bible is bulging with

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Dorie Hall,  
United Methodist  
Church, Luverne

stories of pain, extreme circumstances, full of emotions, which forced people to the depths of their faith and caused them to wonder if everything was going to be okay.

Remember the Israelites as slaves. They cried out to God and through Moses, their prayers were answered ... they were saved. And as they made their journey from captivity, God sent an angel of God who went before them and behind them to keep them safe.

You see, our world will always fight the darkness. But in the midst of that, we can hold on to the knowledge we have a God who always goes before us, holding out his hand leading and guiding, loving and holding us. We have a God who is always present and seeking to lead us in paths of righteousness; that is always true. And in those moments when darkness tries hard to overtake the light, his presence is there to overcome, to give us hope that everything will be all right, that his love is real and true.

Where is God? If we look, we can find him ... he is always before us and behind us ... as we heard at Sunday night's candlelight vigil, in the trees and in the doves and in the strawberries, the rainbow over the church.

God lets us find him. For this we can be thankful. Hold on ... God's love is there.

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211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
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Thursday, June 22: 1:30 p.m. WELCA regular meeting. Sunday, June 25: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Palisade Lutheran.

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201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 13

**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 the conditions of the following described mortgage:

Mortgagor: Cody R. Scholten, an unmarried person  
Mortgagee: Heritage Bank N.A.  
Dated: 06/17/2008  
Recorded: 06/18/2008  
Rock County Recorder Document No. 169323  
Assigned To: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency  
Dated: 06/17/2008  
Recorded: 06/18/2008  
Rock County Recorder Document No. 169324  
Transaction Agent: N/A  
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: N/A  
Lender or Broker: Heritage Bank N.A.  
Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association  
Mortgage Originator: Heritage Bank N.A.  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The S 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 4 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

This is Abstract Property.  
TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0264-000  
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:  
709 N OAKLEY  
LUVERNE, MN 56156  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$64,315.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$57,151.36

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: July 13, 2017, 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, City of Luverne

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 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is January 13, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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 12, 2017  
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee  
PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
By: Michael V. Schleisman, Michael T. Oberle, John M. Miller  
Attorneys for:

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee  
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651-209-7599  
651-228-1753 (fax)

**THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
(05-18, 05-25, 06-01, 06-08, 06-15, 06-22)

## Bouma probate

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-178

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK  
In Re: Estate of  
Otto Bouma,  
Deceased

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:  
It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of July, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated June 14, 2016, and for the appointment of Gwen Mulder, whose address is 1203 Hampshire Circle, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: May 22, 2017  
Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
EISMA AND EISMA  
130 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 625  
Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4828  
I.D.#158343

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt  
District Court Judge  
(COURT SEAL)  
/s/ Denise Brandel  
Court Administrator

(06-15, 06-22)

## Graves probate

IN DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE COURT DIVISION  
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-174

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK  
In Re: Estate of  
MICHAEL E. GRAVES, aka  
MICHAEL IKE GRAVES, aka  
MIKE GRAVES, aka  
IKE GRAVES,  
Deceased

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 3, 2017, at 3:30 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, on Petition of Linda Tobias for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named Decedent, and for the appointment of Linda Tobias, whose address is 48 Keeley Island Dr., Slayton, MN 56172, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed to administer the Estate, to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all the necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: 6/7/17

/s/ Paul M. Malone  
Paul M. Malone (#66941)  
MALONE & MAILANDER  
Attorneys at Law  
2605 Broadway Avenue  
P.O. Box 256  
Slayton, MN 56172-0256  
Phone: (507) 836-8581  
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/s/ Terry S. Vajrt  
Judge of District Court  
/s/ Sharon L. Tellinghuisen  
Deputy Court Administrator

(06-15, 06-22)

### EMPLOYMENT

Client Community Services, Inc., Worthington, Minnesota, has an immediate opening for a Residential Supervisor at our home located at 106 E. Christensen Drive in Luverne, Minnesota. The Supervisor will oversee the residential program to provide supported living services for 4 adult females with disabilities. The supervisor will supervise and schedule direct care staff, oversee implementation of consumer program goals, support and evaluate services, manage budgeted finances and ensure compliance with relevant rules governing the program. Preferred applicants will have: 1. Four year degree in a field related to service provision and one year work experience with consumers with developmental disabilities or related conditions preferred, OR 2. A two year degree in a field related to service provisions, and two years of work experience with consumers with developmental disabilities or related conditions, OR 3. A certificate of competence from accredited post-secondary program in the area of developmental disabilities and two years' work experience. 4. Any variance from these education/experience criteria requires approval by CCSI Executive Director and the Waivered Services Program Director. Benefits include health, life and dental insurance and optical insurance, PTO, 403(b) retirement plan.  
(6.18-7.6)

### EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, MN is hiring Day/Evening Youth Supervisors to work with male juveniles in a residential setting. Part time, and/or Full-time, \$11.50-\$12.00/hr (or based on education), benefits, pd. holidays. Must be 21 yrs old and have high school diploma. Send application or resume to PO Box 40 Magnolia, MN 56158 or stop by for an application. For further information contact Don or Jeremy at 507-283-4425. (6.18-7.6)

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## CARDS OF THANKS

First, I want to thank our daughter Lori, for hosting my special 80th birthday party. Words can't express how I felt visiting with each and every one of you. So many people came; so many sent greetings and so many people saw me in the stores etc. and greeted me with "I see that you are celebrating a birthday." It just amazed me!! Thank you for your part of honoring me on this special day. I need to thank Steve for taking pictures at my first party with the Water Aerobics Gang! Next, thank you to Lila and her crew at the Pizza Ranch for a great place to have a fun time! Next, thank you to all of you who came or sent a card, it was appreciated very much. I will never, ever forget my 80th birthday. Alice Bjerrum (6.22-6.25)

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A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

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