

# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Protecting city water

*Grant to help prevent river from eroding former city landfill*

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their June 14 meeting to accept a grant of \$37,062 that will help fund a project to prevent drinking water contamination.

Storm damage to the Rock River in recent years has created a potential water path toward an abandoned city dump.

Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office alerted county and city officials of the situation two years ago and asked for support in averting a disaster.

He said severe flooding in June 2014 forced the Rock River to overshoot its banks and create a new course for the river's current through Warren Baker's land on the east edge of Luverne.

"That area was hit hard, and it blew out the bank," Bos told City Council members at their Sept. 23, 2014, meeting.

"If not repaired, the next flood could send water right through the landfill into the city and county well fields."

He said the landfill was operated in the 1930s and closed in the 1950s at a time when there was little concern about environmental impact of garbage.

"We have some nasty stuff in there," Bos said.

Tests have confirmed the landfill contains hazardous materials, such as metals, mercury, lead, arsenic, pesticides and other contaminants.

"It's all contained now, but the river is cutting across the field directly to the landfill," Bos said. "But if we have a repeat of this year's spring flooding, we will have a big problem."

Baker has bermed the sand and silt deposited by flooding to temporarily divert water, but engineers and DNR staff have proposed a more permanent solution.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0623 lehman and kurtz fireworks

Luverne firemen Jeremy Lehman (left) and Jonathon Kurtz are training to become certified fireworks operators. The July 4 event at The Lake in Luverne will be one of their training sessions toward certification. They're pictured with mortar tubes (up to 6 inches diameter) for this year's show.

## Explosive production

Luverne's Fourth of July celebration to feature fireworks show at The Lake

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne will have a Fourth of July fireworks show this year for the first time in over three decades.

And two local firemen, Jeremy Lehman and Jonathon Kurtz, will be in charge of lighting the fuses for the holiday show at The Lake in Luverne.

"I just want everyone to know we're going to do this in Luverne," Lehman said. "There's something for people to do here — you don't have to leave town for the Fourth of July."

He and Kurtz agreed to become certified fireworks operators after city leaders approached them about it earlier this year.

They attended a daylong class in Watertown, South Dakota, in March and need to participate

in five training events with licensed operators to complete their certification.

Luverne's event will count as one of those training runs.

Lehman said a good share of the instruction focuses on transportation of explosives.

"They need to be in an ATF approved magazine that can contain an explosion if need be," he said.

"Also we talked a lot about maintaining a safe distance from crowds during shows."

For every inch of diameter of a rocket there must be 70 feet of distance between fireworks and spectators.

"The biggest we can shoot is a 6-inch diameter, so we'll need a 420-foot buffer between spectators

and us," Lehman said. "Hopefully next year we can have bigger stuff."

Operators must also consider surroundings such as cars, streets and buildings for possible fallout.

He said fireworks explode in the air and discharge minuscule pieces of biodegradable paper. There are some rare instances, though, when one fails to detonate, and operators must have a contingency plan in case this happens.

"We have it set up so that if one doesn't detonate it will go into the water," Lehman said.

When asked why he agreed to train for the fireworks, he said he wanted to contribute to the

Fireworks at The Lake/continued on 8A

## Johnsons are Hardwick parade marshals

By Mavis Fodness

Bud and Marty Johnson are no strangers to the Hardwick Jubilee Days parade.

For more than a few decades the couple's tractors, trucks or horseless carriage have traveled the two-block route with one or more Johnson family members on board.

At Saturday's parade the Johnsons themselves will take center stage alongside their vehicles while serving as the event's 2016 parade marshals.

"They have been great contributors to the Hardwick community," said Joan Kindt.

Kind is a member of the Hardwick Community Club, which organizes the annual three-day celebration that starts Friday night and goes through Sunday morning.

Marty (whose real name is Martha) said she herself has never driven anything in the parade and this year's event may be the first time she has been in the parade.

"I lined up the parade (entries) for years," she said.

Bud (short for Bernard) and Marty Johnson have lived in Hardwick since 1976. The family owned and operated Hardwick Grain Co. until 2005.

The couple will also celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during Jubilee Days.

Other than the Johnsons' celebration, this year's community event will include many of the same events as in past years.

"We are keeping it pretty low key this year as we prepare for next



Mavis Fodness Photo/0623 Hardwick Jubilee 2016 Johnsons

Marty and Bud Johnson are the parade marshals for Hardwick's 2016 Jubilee Days. Events are from Friday evening through Sunday noon. The parade is Saturday night at 7 p.m.

year's quinquennial," she said.

Hardwick's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday will include an all-school reunion plus events specifically for the town's milestone.

This year's community meal from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday will help raise funds for this as well as next year's larger event.

The parade follows at 7 p.m. Saturday after which the pedal pull for kids ages 4-11 will begin.

A street dance with music

provided by "Driven" is scheduled for 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Softball kicks off Jubilee Days Friday night at 8 p.m. with a Hardwick Fast Pitch game. The co-ed softball tournament takes place all day Saturday.

Jubilee Days concludes Sunday with a 10:30 a.m. outdoor community worship service in the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

A freewill lunch will follow served by the Zion Youth Group.

## Two teachers retire with 70 years of combined experience

By Mavis Fodness

Almost 70 years of classroom experience won't be returning to Luverne Public Schools when just two longtime teachers decided to retire at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Greg Antoine and Mary Jo Graphenteen chose early retirement after spending 32 and 36 years teaching in Luverne respectively.

Each decided it was time to start another chapter in their lives with one embracing the thought of retirement and the other doing so reluctantly.

**Antoine came to a late decision about teaching**

Antoine was almost through attending classes at the South Dakota State University School of Pharmacy when he decided to become a teacher.

Antoine's dislike for making aspirin and cough syrup became a blessing for Luverne Public School officials and students when Antoine was hired as the ninth-grade science teacher 32 years ago after spending two years teaching at Amboy-Good Thunder.

"I couldn't stand it," he said of the thought of becoming a pharmacist. "I just couldn't see myself standing in the back of a (drug) store."

In the late '70s and early '80s when Antoine was a college student, a pharmacist's only job was to dispense medications from a doctor's written prescription. The filling of the medications was done in private, generally in a back work area of a drug store.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0623 Mary Jo Retirement Mary Jo Graphenteen (pictured with dog Miley) retired after 36 years as health and phy-ed teacher.

Pharmacists then rarely engaged in face-to-face conversations with the patients as they do today.

Once he made the decision to quit pharmacy school, Antoine said he examined his completed classes from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. It showed a plethora of biology, chemistry and other science classes. Against his parents' wishes he pursued an edu-

Antoine, Graphenteen/see 2A



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Town and Country Garden Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, in the home of Delbert and Laurie Gangedstad, Kenneth, for a program on bird watching. Contact Linda at 507-597-6378 for details. All are welcome.

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

**Al-Anon** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. Fridays 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. For more information 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 and Al-Anon** meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

### Throwback Thursday, June 23

Throwback Thursday on June 23 on Main Street Luverne will feature live music at Sterling's and at Herb N' Legend from 5 to 9 p.m. The Chamber will give \$50 to four people who walk their dogs on Main Street. Shops are open until 9 p.m.

### Steen outdoor concert June 26

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual outdoor community concert will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26 at the Steen City Park. Musical guests are local talent Joseph Bartels, Keith Elbers, John Hauf accompanied by Lauren Vande Kamp, Victoria Kiers, Allie LaRock, Laura Leenderts and the Sandbulte Quartet. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy free juice, bars and ice cream during the event.

### Eden church annual service June 26

The Eden Lutheran Church of rural Jasper will host its 76th annual service at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 26. A potluck noon meal will be served from the tent, and at 1:30 p.m. families belonging to the Eden congregation will meet for history, genealogy and singing of favorite hymns. The church will be cleaned at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 25. Coffee and sweets will be served after cleaning. The church is 2 miles east and 1 mile north of Jasper. Call Bev, 348-4126, with questions.

### Hospice memorial service June 27

Sanford Luverne Hospice Memorial Service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 27, in the American Reformed Church, Luverne, to remember the 71 persons who died under hospice care in the past year (May 1, 2015 - May 1, 2016). The short program will include music, readings and refreshments. Call 283-1805 with questions.

### Caregivers group meets June 28

Caregivers Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at Mary Jane Brown GSS in the education room for a short video related to caregiving and dementia. Anyone who has questions related to caregiving or services available is encouraged to attend. Call Norma, 283-5064, with questions.

### Puppet show at Library June 28

Come and join the Rock County Community Library at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, as Jim Oliver from Puppetater Productions performs his show "The Watering Can." This wacky puppet show is about an older couple trying to save their garden from a pesky rabbit. This event is free and open to all ages.

### Davis Lake Triathlon July 4

Registration is now open for the Davis Lake Triathlon July 4. The event will include a 9 a.m. mini race. The full race starts at 10 a.m. and will include kayaking, bike riding and running. The race can be run individually or in teams of 2-3. To register stop by the Chamber or online visit [www.allsportcentral.com](http://www.allsportcentral.com). Registration for the mini race is \$15, and the Davis Lake Triathlon will be \$20.

Registration includes race entry, a T-shirt, food and a beverage after the race.

For more information contact Dave at [dduffy@rconnect.com](mailto:dduffy@rconnect.com) or call/text 507-920-3345.

# Luverne's Subway under new ownership

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Subway restaurant is under new ownership with many new employees and a new "positive atmosphere" for workers and patrons.

"We work hard to create a positive culture where staff like to come to work," said Jeremy Jalas, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

He and his wife, Jennifer, bought the Luverne franchise from longtime franchise owner Jim Dryden, Sioux City, Iowa, on May 18.

In the past month, they have been training new employees and implementing new policies.

"We're working on speedier and friendlier service, a cleaner store, fresher products and overall better operations," Jalas said, adding that he and Jennifer will spend a considerable amount of time in Luverne during startup.

"You'll see us there," he

said. "It takes a lot of TLC in the beginning implementing change."

The couple also recently bought the Jackson Subway and own eight other locations in Iowa — Hull, Hinton, Sioux City, Sac City, Ida Grove, Dennison and two stores in Atlantic.

They have 14 years of Subway franchise ownership experience.

They are leasing space from the gas station company, which owns the building, but Jalas said he hopes to open a whole new Subway in a location of its own in Luverne.

"We would like to relocate with a drive-up window and new décor," he said. "That's our ultimate goal in Luverne."

Jalas said they're still looking to hire more staff. To inquire about employment, call 507-283-4133, stop in or go to [www.mysubwaycareer.com](http://www.mysubwaycareer.com).



Jennifer and Jeremy Jalas, Spirit Lake, Iowa, are the new owners of Luverne's Subway. Their boys are Kyson, 6, and Tory, 9.

## Graphenteen, Antoine retire from Luverne Schools /from page 1A

education degree with an earth science minor.

Education wasn't an unknown career field to Antoine, whose parents worked in education.

It was while he was a senior at Madelia High School that he met his wife, Barb, in a geometry class. He asked her to the homecoming dance.

The couple married in 1979. They have three grown children and five grandchildren.

On June 10, after hundreds of tests, lessons, lectures and the tennis season, the 59-year-old (his birthday was June 22) decided to call it quits.

"Some of the changes in the classroom I just don't agree with," Antoine said. "That's the 'old school' coming out in me."

The 2011 Teacher of the Year said his personal teaching philosophy centered on teaching students as a single group, practicing lessons together until they all understood.

Today's teaching is giving way to separate learning groups within the same classroom.

"It stops a group of kids from going forward," he explained.

The forward movement may be what keeps ninth-graders in check.

"They are individuals full of energy and creativity. They can be a lot of fun," Antoine said.

"But if you get a group together, they can get rambunctious and make some poor choices."

His science experiments and lessons focused on engaging the students in the development of positive life skills: cooperation, collaboration, teamwork,



Mavis Fodness Photo/0623 Greg and Mary Jo Retirement

Greg Antoine retired this month after 32 years as the ninth-grade science teacher in Luverne Public Schools.

communication, critical thinking and problem solving.

Antoine explained the more skills a student develops the better the career choices and potential income.

"Become a good communicator and be good at whatever you're doing in life," he said.

While Antoine has retired as a full-time classroom teacher, he is prepared to continue service to the district as a substitute teacher and, if possible, as the district's tennis coach.

He also plans to join the other retired Luverne teachers in various activities including becoming a community volunteer.

Antoine said he and Barb will also continue make Luverne their home unless more traffic lights suddenly appear.

"I said when I retire I would never live in a town with more than two stoplights," he said.

**Graphenteen's only career choice was to teach**

Mary Jo Graphenteen believes one's career path is determined by nature and not nurtured.

"I think you're born with the ability to organize, teach or coach," she said.

Experiences foster the ability, and Graphenteen knew as a sixth-grader at Luverne Public Schools she wanted to be a physical education and health teacher.

She attended the University of Minnesota-Morris for her teaching degree and completed her student teaching in Pipestone. She had no intentions of returning to Luverne until her husband, Steve, began working at the local radio station.

Graphenteen retired May 20 after teaching in Luverne for 36 years. This fall will be the first time her schedule won't be guided by the ringing of a school bell.

"I have lived by the bell from the age of 5," said Graphenteen, an LHS 1975 graduate. "I will not miss the regimen."

Instead, Graphenteen's time will be her own. While she has no specific plans, she is enjoying her normal summer routine of "coffee, run, garden, golf, repeat."

"Every once in a while I throw in lawn mowing," she added with a laugh.

Throwing retirement into her schedule this spring wasn't an event Graphenteen had planned, but felt she needed to for her own health.

Three years ago during a middle school physical education class, she received a concussion, the effects of which continue to

cause headaches and fatigue.

"I need to see how not working at all helps my head," she said.

For the last 17 years of her teaching tenure Graphenteen taught middle school students, a task she embraced by making herself a better teacher. She spent 18 years teaching high school students and one year in the elementary.

Graphenteen said middle schoolers challenged her and she would often match their high energy levels by introducing them to a variety of activities.

Pickle ball, archery, dance, golf and bowling were among the vast array of sports Graphenteen brought to students. This fall she had planned to introduce how to use heart rate monitors.

"It would give them an opportunity to be active for the rest of their lives," she said. "The core curriculum may be math, reading, science and social studies, but physical education is the core of living."

Graphenteen experienced firsthand that it's never too late to start activities. As an adult she started running and playing golf. In high school and college she played basketball, volleyball and tennis.

Through her 36 years as a teacher, she has also been a basketball, volleyball, softball and track coach for Luverne, Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek schools.

Now in retirement Graphenteen said she will enjoy attending spur-of-the-moment events with family members (the Graphenteens have two adult sons) or helping out the school district in some way.

"My plan is that I have no plan," she said.



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## Foundation gives \$32,751 to communities in the 2016 spring grant cycle

The Luverne Area Community Foundation recently announced spring grants awarded in two categories: health care and general (anything not health care).

### Health care grant awards \$23,886

- Sanford Luverne Medical Center \$13,000 for a Bravo pH monitor system.
- Good Samaritan/Mary Jane Brown Home \$2,000 for a Rosie Vitals Machine.
- Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club \$100 for hygiene kits.
- Blue Mound Ice Arena \$600 for sanitary bottle filling station.
- Rock County Agricultural Society \$2,400 for portable hand-washing stations.
- Luverne Public School \$2,407 for flu shot clinic.
- Hills Beaver Creek Public School \$879 for flu shot clinic.
- Lutheran Social Services \$500 for shelf-stable meals and for Senior Dining.
- Luverne Fire Department \$2,000 for an air quality measuring device.

### General grant awards \$8,865

- Luverne Child Guide \$765 for second-grade author books.
- Luverne Senior Dining \$2,400 for handicap-accessible door.
- Blue Mound Area Theater \$200 for two-way radio headsets for stage communication.

- Blue Mound Ice Arena \$2,000 for rink dividers for ice usage.
- City of Hardwick \$2,500 for Community Center building updates.
- Luverne Street Music \$500 support of summer music camp and programs.
- Boy Scouts local chapter \$500 for leadership advancement senior scouts.

Twice yearly the Luverne Area Community Foundation invites applications that will enhance the quality of life in the following areas:

- arts and humanities;
- community and civic affairs;
- social and economic growth;
- environment;
- support programs for people, youth to senior citizen;
- health and wellness.

Not-for-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, academic and research institutions located within the Luverne Community areas (Rock County) are among the organizations eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The next grant cycle is approaching. The deadline for fall applications is Sept. 30. Questions can be directed to Emily Crabtree, Executive Director of LACE, 220-2424, or stop in at the office at 102 E. Main St., Luverne.

## Prairie celebration continues with live music, Roosevelt re-enactor

By Lori Sorenson

This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Minnesota state parks and the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's national parks.

To celebrate, a summer of special events and activities has been planned at the Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie.

The celebration continues this weekend with "Teddy Live" Saturday and "Songs of the Real West" Sunday.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, re-enactor Adam Lindquist brings Teddy Roosevelt to life when he sets up camp at Blue Mounds State Park Campgrounds.

Stop by his campsite to see how this great American president lived in the North Dakota Badlands and how he became America's conservation president.

Lindquist shares the story

of Roosevelt's life through his "Teddy Live" performance at the park's amphitheater at 7 p.m. Saturday.

On Sunday join the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Blue Mounds State Park in welcoming Luverne musicians Ron and Jane Cote.

They'll sing songs of "The Real West" (songs popular around campfires, on pioneer homesteads and on wagon trains) at the Interpretive Center at 4 p.m.

Both presentations are free (but state park permit/pass required) and refreshments will be served.

The events are courtesy of the Luverne CVB through a grant from the Southwestern Minnesota Arts Council Legacy Funds.

See [luvernechamber.com](http://luvernechamber.com) for details.

## Landfill erosion/ from page 1A

It involves shoring up the banks of the river with a series of J-hooks (made up of 3- to 4-foot rocks) to redirect water flow toward the center of the river. The plan also calls for willow tree root balls and other vegetation to keep stream-bank soil in place.

Bos said this practice has been applied to 25 eroding stream banks in Rock County over the past 18 years with successful outcomes.

Cost estimates were originally at \$250,000, but Bos said last week that engineers, after studying the area more closely, are opting not to send the river back to its original course.

Instead, they're putting efforts and resources into "armoring" the riverbank on its current course to prevent further erosion.

Bos said landfill was well sealed and capped, and that

its east side barrier was reinforced to prevent leakage. "It's done an excellent job," Bos said.

At one time, state and local officials considered moving the landfill contents at a cost of nearly \$2 million, most of which would be the responsibility of the city.

With the new project plans, the \$37,000 federal grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service will cover a good share of the project.

The rest of the costs will be covered by state flood relief funds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and some in-kind work from the city of Luverne and Rock County.

Work will begin later this summer — after Aug. 15 — to protect the spawning period of the endangered minnow, the Topeka shiner.



The Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club helps fellow 4-H'er Ryleigh Beers assemble hygiene kits during their May club meeting. Placing washcloths and soap into a plastic bag are (from left) Trevor Mente, Mike Kinsinger and Christian Kruse.

## Luverne teen spearheads her largest community project to date

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's Ryleigh Beers is experienced in raising money to help others.

Two years ago the recent graduate of Luverne High School purchased and delivered art supplies for the Children's Home Society. The following year she made dozens of blankets to be given away for Project Linus.

This year Beers' project has a slight twist.

"It's my last active year in 4-H," Beers said. "I wanted to do something big."

She expanded her community service efforts by applying for several community grants and making personal presentations. Her efforts garnered \$2,000 for the assembly of hygiene kits.

The simple plastic storage bags contain personal items that are given to families and individuals who are getting back on their feet or need a little help.

Recently Beers tapped her fellow members of the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club to assemble 170 kits. The kits are destined for the local middle/high school Back Pack Program as well as the Sioux Falls St. Francis House and Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

The majority of the kits will be given away at the Dudley house where they call the hygiene kits "Blessing

Bags."

"It is great," said Derek DeBates, volunteer coordinator with the BDHH. "We are blessed that we have such a caring community. It means a lot to us that we have people who give these Blessing Kits."

DeBates said as families leave the hospitality house for a more permanent facility, each member receives a kit as a blessing for continued success on their journey toward self-sufficiency.

Beers planned for three types of kits with some items specifically included for a man, woman or a child. "What Ryleigh did was wonderful," DeBates said.

He said the BDHH tries to put together Blessing Kits using existing donations but Beers' assembled kits contain far more items.

Shampoo, mouthwash, cotton swabs, facial tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and a washcloth were among the items placed in plastic zippered bags by the 34 4-H members who helped with the assembly.

After the 4-H'ers finished filling the kits, they were asked to fill out an evaluation on Beers' project, reflecting on what they learned.

"I know this will somehow help someone," wrote 4-H member Andrea Luitjens.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0602 Ryleigh Beers

Ryleigh Beers holds one of the 170 Blessing Kits, a project she was able to organize, fundraise and assemble for three organizations.

Pictured Below, Layne Saker (center) adds mouthwash into the plastic bag held by Kaylie Ossefoort.



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Contact Gary Waas for more information at (414)333-7891.

*It's in my back yard*

## Bike path limits bikini use

Well, Phase 1 of the bike path is done.

I've been opposed to the bike path because I believe the role of government is to secure the nation's borders and defend liberty. I don't see recreation on the list of "things government must provide for the people." But, the path is moving forward without my blessing so I might as well use it. I might as well use it because it's in my back yard.

Prior to the bike path, my back yard consisted of an unused portion of a city park and two cemeteries. (Doesn't get any quieter than that.)

Now it includes a bike path which is also used as a walking path.

Couples walk quietly by. They are married and have nothing to say to each other.

Pairs of women walk on the path yakking like geese about who knows what. Men do not go for walks together.

Heart-broken toddlers go past my backyard wailing at the tops of their lungs having just passed the playground equipment and been told, "We're not going to the park. We're just going to walk."

WWAAUUGGGHHH!!!

The neighbor dog and I agree that the park was better before the path. He's a giant chocolate lab who has taken on the assignment of barking at all the strangers on the path. "Good boy."

The giant barking dog enhances the experience of the families on the path. "It's OK,



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Honey. He's behind a fence. See the fence? Yes, the big dog is behind a fence. He can't get us. No. We are not going to play on the toys in the park. We are walking now."

WWAAUUGGGHHH!!!

Like everyone else, I sit on my deck to have a quiet cup of coffee in the morning or a cool beverage at the end of the day. But I use my deck at midday, too.

I used to sunbathe in a skanky little bikini at noon, the wearing of which would land me in the cop report if I wore it in public. Now I can't take any chances.

"Complainant walking on bike path reports elderly woman in skanky bikini has collapsed in back yard. Might be medical event."

Until my newly planted shrubs get taller, I'll just have to stick with the pasty white skin I was born with and forego the sunbathing.

Under duress I might confess that there are aspects of the bike path that I actually like. I like that it's really pretty in some places, especially where it winds through shade trees.

I like that it will connect so many different parts of the city and, maybe, cause a few more people to walk or bike instead of driving.

But I think I'd like it even better if it was in YOUR back yard!

## Local pedestrians not treated so 'Minnesota nice'

*Violators of state law may be tagged with \$179 fines*

Drivers in Luverne need to take notice.

Pedestrians always have the right of way.

If drivers don't stop and let pedestrians cross the road, they could be subject to a fine.

And if the crossing lights are malfunctioning, it's not an excuse.

On a daily basis Sheriff Evan Verbrugge is contacted about malfunctioning pedestrian crossing lights on Highway 75 at Dodge Street, Barck Avenue and, most recently, near Veterans Drive.

There may be some bugs in the system, but it still comes down to following state law.

"We are not the problem, the lights are not the problem," Verbrugge stated last week.

We couldn't agree more.

After almost a decade of planning and negotiating with state officials, two yellow rapidly flashing lights were installed earlier this year to alert drivers to pedestrians near the school campus.

The lights were the most economical for traffic to flow and the safest option for pedestrians.

The idea is to slow down and keep your eyes open.

Sometimes the lights flash when there's not a pedestrian at the crosswalk, and technicians are working on the glitch.

Simply proceed with caution. The same law applies to other crosswalks in Luverne.

Our Main Street is enjoying more pedestrian activity and they, too, have the right to cross at the intersections before drivers proceed.

Pedestrians: please use the crosswalks, and please exercise common sense.

Drivers: if you fail to slow and/or stop for a pedestrian, you are subject to a \$179 fine. Repeated violations mean a more severe fine.

The pedestrian law is simple and hinges on basic courtesy, and it could mean saving someone's life.

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Drivers' inattention to pedestrian crossings has been having deadly consequences in Minnesota.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, 20 pedestrians have been killed this year as they cross a Minnesota street. This number is up from 13 a year ago.

The person killed was someone's child, parent, sister, brother or grandparent.

It's senseless that a person out enjoying the day was hit by a driver behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Sheriff Verbrugge thinks so, too. He has directed his peace officers to more strongly enforce pedestrian safety laws by giving tickets.

Failing to yield to pedestrians is against the law.

Break the law, expect a ticket. The alternative — the loss of a pedestrian life — is far worse.

## 2016 County FSA Committee nomination period is now open

**Farmers and ranchers,**

It's that time of year again. The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) 2016 County Committee Elections begin soon. Your FSA county committees are a vital and direct link between our farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers, especially women, minorities and beginning farmers, to get involved by making a nomination and voting in this year's county committee elections. This is a great podium for your concerns and opinions to be heard. Don't miss this opportunity.

Your concerns can reach the decision-makers if you don't happen to become a committee member yourself. FSA county committees operate within official federal regulations so that local input is provided on federal programs such as:

- Income safety-net loans and payments, including setting county average yields for commodities.
- Conservation programs.
- Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities.
- Emergency programs.
- Payment eligibility.

Your knowledge and experience can only assist your community by keeping them thriving and informed. We need to hear from you. You won't have to watch things happen while other decision-makers decide things that affect your business. You'll be a part of the process to ensure your concerns are addressed. Why sit on the sidelines, when you can run the ball?

The nomination period begins June 15 and runs through Aug. 1. You can nominate yourself or anyone of legal voting age who participates or cooperates in an FSA program.

Nomination forms and other information can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

Forms must be postmarked by close of business Aug. 1.

**Grant Herfindahl, Minnesota FSA Executive Director**

## Buxengard: Sen. Weber's attitude to Gov. Dayton was disrespectful

**To the Editor:**

I attended the meeting with Governor Dayton last Thursday at the Worthington Fire Hall. I was very impressed with him. Several in the room thanked him for his stand on education and the Lewis and Clark project. Also in attendance was local legislator Senator Bill Weber.

I was very embarrassed as Senator Weber stood up and started lecturing the governor on how to do his job, apparently trying to gain some political points in an election year. Mr. Weber also tried to create a divide between the metro area and rural Minnesota, pitting one area against the other. The way he talked

to the governor was so disrespectful. The governor responded that we are ONE Minnesota. What happens to rural Minnesota affects the metro and vice versa. He also said, "We all do good when we all do good!"

I was so embarrassed by Senator Weber's conduct that I told him so after the governor left. I also told him that the lack of respect for the governor is part of the reason why nothing gets done.

I hope voters take into consideration that we don't need this type of attitude in St. Paul.

**Cathy Buxengard Worthington**

## Ahhh, a perfect summer day means ...

The first day of summer was Monday, and that means the days are now starting to get shorter. I know you didn't want to hear that, so let's put that thought on the back burner for a few months.

I suppose it might be age, but summers seem so busy nowadays. So, for this column I am going to write about the things I enjoy most about the summer months.

Morning coffee on the front porch tops the list. It's so quiet, other than the birds chirping. Once in a while the train sounds its horn at 6 a.m. to let everyone know it's time to get up.

In my neck of the woods nearly every morning I can hear a rooster pheasant crowing off to the northwest. From time to time a rooster chicken chimes in as well.

It doesn't take too many mornings out on the front porch before I have the neighborhood morning routine down. The vehicle comings and goings are like clockwork.

As many of my neighbors know, I enjoy mowing my lawn. Some might say it's an obsession. To give you an idea how much I enjoy mowing, as



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager Tollefson Publishing

of this column I have mowed my lawn 25 times this spring/summer. Before you write this off as some sort of OCD, let me explain my mowing behavior.

We all know people who go for a walk almost every day. By and large, those walkers take the same route every day, thus covering the same ground and distance every day. Nobody considers that crazy. In fact, we give them kudos for living a healthy lifestyle.

I like to think I am doing the same thing; it's just that I have a mower in front of me while I am on my walk. When you think about it, it's kind of the two birds with one stone thing.

My new toy for the summer has been my new smoker.

Talk about summer relaxation at its best. There is something about the smell of a

smoking brisket that says summer like nothing else.

So far the Petersons' smoker has been stoked up to smoke ribs, chickens, pork shoulder, brisket and — believe it or not — meatloaf.

The meatloaf was really good, but the brisket was my favorite.

So, to sum it up, a perfect summer day for me would go something like this: Start the morning on the front porch with a cup of coffee while the smell of the brisket on the smoker drifts by. Then before it gets too hot out, fire up the mower for a nice morning walk.

Even though the days are getting shorter, there is plenty of time to enjoy your summer.

So do whatever it is that makes your summer day perfect.

### VOICE OF OUR READERS

#### Preuss ponders use of the Sioux, other words

**To the Editor:**

Trouble is here. I've been thinking again. Here are some of my meaningless thoughts.

I was having lunch with a friend (yes, I have friends), when he excused himself to go to "the little boys' room." I thought, why does the sign on the door read "Men"?

The University of North Dakota was called "The Fighting Sioux." To be politically correct, they are now called "The Fighting Hawks."

To my thinking, Fighting is OK. Being a Sioux is not. Therefore Sioux City should be Fighting City. As for Sioux Falls, rename it Sanford.

Assume you are a student taking a history class. You know very little about history. The teacher knows a lot about the subject. So why is he asking you the questions? And why, when you don't know the answer, does he give you a failing grade? Perhaps it would be better if you asked him the questions.

Back to the restroom door signs. You have signs that are for men, women and for transgender it would be Whatever.

Finally, we have a new gnu, but who knew?  
**Bill Preuss Luverne**

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# ON THE RECORD

## Dispatch report

**June 10**

•Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle.

•Complainant reported that her ex-husband has a warrant out of South Dakota and is definitely driving his vehicle. He drives a tan-colored truck with company name on the side. He lives with his girlfriend now and complainant wanted to talk to a deputy about her rights for her children.

•Complainant had questions regarding parking a camper on the city street.

•Complainant reported theft. Complainant got vehicle information. Dispatch sent an AM message to surrounding agencies pertaining to vehicle and suspect description. Heavy-set Hispanic/Native American female with black tank top and shorts. White male wearing blue cut-off T-shirt and cammo shorts.

•Complainant reported a crack in the road on I-90 between mile markers 5 and 7. Notified State Patrol. They already had notified MN DOT.

•Complainant reported she wanted to speak with a deputy about her 10-year-old daughter being assaulted by a 14-year-old girl. Complainant filled out statement forms.

•Complainant reported a stolen lawn mower he suspects was taken a week ago. He would like to file a report for insurance.

**June 11**

•Complainant reported a vehicle that is close to blocking the end of her driveway.

•Complainant reported the roadway buckled at location about 4 inches. Dispatch contacted Minnesota Highway Patrol. The road had been repaired once by MNDOT, but he would let them know again.

•Complainant requested a deputy for traffic control as a poker run makes its way through the intersection at Highway 75 and Main Street.

•Complainant requested information on how to obtain a restraining order against someone who has been harassing her. Dispatch advised complainant to contact court for a restraining order and gave complainant the number to the Southwest Crisis Center for more guidance.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on her father. Subject was arrested, as per his probation officer, for a probation violation when deputies got there. He was taken to the Pipestone County Jail.

•Complainant reported a blue pickup driving on the walking path at location.

•Complainant reported there were some guys messing with the gas pumps, and thinks they were putting credit card readers on the pumps because that's what people do now. Deputy advised there was a group of kids at location that said they were not by the pumps, and they did not see anyone at them.

**June 12**

•Complainant reported a car in front of him all over the road. Transferred to Minnesota Highway Patrol. Deputy reported he was out with vehicle just into Nobles County. Complainant is willing to sign a complaint. G&S was contacted for tow.

•Deputy received a report of a man walking at 101<sup>st</sup> Street and 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. He gave the man a ride home.

•Complainant reported she was supposed to have time with their daughter and her ex will not allow her to see her. Deputy spoke with the subject, and he said the last time the complainant was supposed to have the children, she tried to commit suicide. Complainant was told to contact an attorney.

•Complainant reported a trespassing issue at a property that she owns near Kanaranzi. The subject does not have a right to be there.

•Complainant requested information on how to get to the hospital. She did not need help currently but can't afford to take the ambulance when she needs to go to the hospital.

•Deputies arrested two people for fifth degree possession of drugs with children present and took them to jail.

•Complainant reported

his vehicle had been damaged at his location sometime last night. Wanted to report the damage for insurance reasons.

**June 13**

•Complainant reported an iPhone was either lost and then taken by someone or stolen. Complainant's daughter does not have phone in her possession, and when they text and call it someone answers but won't talk to them.

•Complainant reported subject has some mental health issues and complainant feels someone should be checking him out.

•Complainant reported they had some counterfeit bills.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about her son being harassed by their landlord.

•Complainant reported a person with bow and arrow on east side of the veterans pond. Thought it was dangerous.

•Complainant believes her cell phone was stolen at Shopko.

**June 14**

•Deputy found an open door to a business. Made contact with key holder.

•Complainant reported a suspicious car. It looks like a red car with two people sitting in it. Parties in question were located. They are staying at a nearby apartment, so were

sent that way.

•Complainant reported a hole in the road about the size of a five-gallon bucket on County Road 3 north of the state line. It is soft under it. Contacted the Highway Department, and a deputy will wait until he gets there.

•Complainant reported possible sex offense.

•Complainant reported their Meals on Wheels people hear subject through door and banging. Thought he may be hurt. They did not go in or render aid in any way and left the scene. Deputy reported everything is OK, and subject was yelling for Meals on Wheels people to come in and leave food inside.

•National Weather Service reported Rock County is in a severe thunderstorm watch until 9 p.m. hours.

•Complainant reported that he had towed two cars off I-90 at mile marker one with flat tires. Thought there may be an issue with the road. Notified State Patrol.

•Pipestone County Deputy reported he was flagged down in Jasper to report that a semi was driving with its trailer doors open on Highway 23 south of Jasper. Requested deputy check on it.

•Complainant reported he thinks they received a counterfeit bill. It passes ink test, but

looks different to them.

**June 15**

•Complainant reported a pickup in his driveway with the lights on for approximately one to two hours. Driver is slumped over the steering wheel. G&S contacted for tow. Driver was arrested for DWI and taken to jail.

•Complainant reported his home alarm going off in North Carolina. He was advised to call local police in North Carolina.

•Complainant reported his vehicle broke down. He did not know where he was at and confused about where he was going. First he said he was going to Sioux City, then Sioux Falls, but had no idea where he was coming from. He would not give an address and said he was staying with people. When asked what kind of vehicle he was driving he hung up. Map showed he was on County Road 4 between Manley and Beaver Creek south of I-90. Deputy brought him to the Sheriff's Office, and he refused help and left on foot.

•Complainant reported his neighbors are blowing grass onto his landscaping when they mow. This is the second time it's happened.

•Complainant stopped in to update his predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported

possible sex offense.

•Complainant reported that the crosswalk lights at location do not work properly. Complainant's son was just about hit by a motorist, and she is very upset. Complainant claims this is an ongoing problem with the lights not reacting to people crossing.

•Complainant requested to speak with someone about missing property. The Sheriff advised complainant that his issue was a civil matter.

•Complainant reported a vehicle driving erratically on I-90 around mile marker five.

•Complainant reported that his son took his vehicle, and the vehicle broke down and is at Manley Tire and Oil, but his son is nowhere to be found. Deputy brought the son to the Rock County Sheriff's Office to find him some help, but the son, who is of age, wanted to leave and find his own. Son was located later that night.

•Complainant reported six kids under the age of 16 without any adult supervision are jumping all over the display fire truck and are possibly damaging it. Complainant would like a deputy to talk to them. Deputy spoke with kids about respecting property. All kids denied wrongdoing.

•Complainant reported a door-to-door salesman,

and he wasn't sure he had a license. Complainant thought it was something we should look in to.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle at location on the south end near the dam at the Rez Park in Hills.

•Deputy arrested subject, by request of probation officer, for a violation and he was taken to jail.

**June 16**

•Deputy arrested subject for disorderly conduct during a domestic situation and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported debris on the road on I-90 mile marker 12. Deputy removed it.

•Complainant reported lights at the crosswalk at Barck Street and Highway 75 do not always work properly, and when they do, people don't always stop. She is concerned for children that are crossing.

•Complainant reported unfit living conditions.

•Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle at an apartment house. Management was told that they would have to have the vehicle towed since it was on private property.

•Complainant reported they have a man who keeps coming to their facility, and he is not welcome there. They

**On the record/see page 8A**

# Rate Increase Notice

## Notice of public hearings for Xcel Energy



Xcel Energy has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for a three-year increase in electricity rates. For 2016, the requested increase is for \$194.6 million or about 6.4 percent. For 2017, the requested incremental increase is for \$52.1 million or about 1.7 percent. For 2018, the requested incremental increase is for \$50.4 million or 1.7 percent. The total increase for the three-year period is \$297.1 million or about 9.8 percent.

Alternatively, Xcel Energy has proposed a settlement plan offer which asks the MPUC to approve a five-year increase in electricity rates. Under this rate-setting approach, the requested increase for 2016 is for \$163.7 million or about 5.4 percent, based on the 2016 cost of service. For 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, the requested incremental increase for each year is \$54.6 million, or about 1.8 percent per year. Depending upon customer class and use, the actual percentage of any increase will vary under either the three-year or five-year proposal. We requested the rate changes described in this notice. The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision about the final rates in 2017. While the MPUC reviews Xcel Energy's request, state law allows Xcel Energy to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis. The interim rate increase for 2016 is \$163.7 million or about 5.5 percent over total current rates. Because Xcel Energy is requesting a multi-year rate plan, we also requested an increase to the interim rate starting January 1, 2017. If approved, the Company will provide additional details before this increase happens. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at [missingmoney.com](http://missingmoney.com). To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

### Public hearings

Administrative Law Judge Jeffery Oxley is holding eight public hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Xcel Energy's service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

### Bad weather?

Find out if a meeting is canceled—call (toll-free) 855.731.6208 or 651.201.2213, or visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc).

### Effect of rate changes

• The chart labeled PROPOSED CHANGE IN AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLS shows the effect of the interim rate increase and the proposal for three annual rate increases on monthly bills for customers with average electricity use. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending on actual electricity usage.

• The chart labeled MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGES shows the current and proposed 2016 and 2017 monthly customer charges.

• The chart labeled ENERGY (PER KWH) AND DEMAND (PER KW) RATES shows the effect of Xcel Energy's proposal on 2016 and 2017 energy and demand charges for each class of ratepayers.

For 2018 rates, Xcel Energy proposed a 2.026 percent General Rate Surcharge applicable to the customer, energy (kWh) and demand (kW) charge components of 2017 rates.

### Accommodations

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651.361.7000 (voice) or 651.361.7878 (TTY) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

### Evidentiary hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Xcel Energy's proposal start on October 3, 2016, at the MPUC, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce-Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General-Antitrust and Utilities Division, and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

### Submit written comments

#### Comment Period:

- Comments accepted through August 10, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

**Online:** Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Speak Up!* Find docket 15-826 and add your comments to the discussion.

**U.S. Mail:** If you wish to include an exhibit or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

### Proposed change in average monthly bills

Customer Class	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Present Monthly Bill**	2016 Interim Monthly Increase**	Proposed 2016 Final Monthly Increase**	Proposed 2017 Final Monthly Increase**	Proposed 2018 Final Monthly Increase**
Residential-Overhead line service	544	\$71.11	\$4.20	\$6.27	\$7.92	\$9.24
Residential-Underground line service	800	\$102.82	\$6.04	\$8.28	\$10.71	\$12.59
Energy-Controlled (Dual Fuel)	1,050	\$82.58	\$3.87	\$6.65	\$3.70	\$4.90
Small General Service	923	\$112.24	\$6.41	\$3.96	\$6.04	\$7.95
Small General Time-of-Day Service	1,417	\$147.06	\$7.89	\$8.48	\$11.45	\$13.91
General Service	17,014	\$1,677.48	\$89.86	\$82.70	\$103.54	\$130.74
General Time-of-Day Service	168,653	\$13,535.11	\$667.95	\$714.26	\$879.51	\$1,081.99
Peak-Controlled Service	66,550	\$8,200.22	\$467.83	\$397.59	\$524.81	\$670.09
Peak-Controlled Time-of-Day Service	582,250	\$56,211.88	\$2,961.60	\$2,980.17	\$3,768.58	\$4,681.73
Small Municipal Pumping	658	\$82.89	\$4.80	\$3.40	\$4.88	\$6.31
Municipal Pumping	4,826	\$557.31	\$31.53	\$25.80	\$32.88	\$42.40

\* The present rate levels identified in this application represent rates authorized in Docket No. E002/GR-13-868.

\*\* The present monthly bill and monthly increases do not include the portion of your bill for sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by customer based on usage.

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### Public hearings

Date	Time	Locations
Tuesday, July 12	1:00 p.m.	Merriam Park Public Library Meeting Room 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104
Tuesday, July 12	7:00 p.m.	Earle Brown Heritage Center Rack Room A-Door 1 Entrance 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55430
Wednesday, July 13	7:00 p.m.	Intergovernmental Center, Mankato Place Entrance 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001
Tuesday, July 19	1:00 p.m.	Wilder Complex Wellstone Lunch Room 3345 Chicago Avenue South – Door 1 Minneapolis, MN 55407
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m.	Woodbury Central Park Valley Creek, Room A 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, MN 55125
Wednesday, July 20	7:00 p.m.	Eden Prairie City Hall Heritage Room 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Tuesday, July 26	7:00 p.m.	Lake George Municipal Complex Sunroom 1101 7th St. South, St. Cloud, MN 56301
Wednesday, July 27	7:00 p.m.	Southeast Technical College, Room 314 308 Pioneer Road, Red Wing, MN 55066

### Written comments are most effective when the following items are included:

1. The Docket Number in the subject line or heading
  - MPUC Docket No. E002/GR-15-826
  - OAH Docket No. 19-2500-33074
2. Your name and connection to the docket
3. The issues that concern you
4. Any knowledge you have about the issues
5. Your recommendation
6. The reason for your recommendation

**Important:** Comments will be made available to the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

### How to learn more

Xcel Energy's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

**Xcel Energy**  
414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401  
Phone: 800.895.4999  
Web: [xcelenergy.com/Rates](http://xcelenergy.com/Rates) (Select Minnesota)

**Minnesota Department of Commerce:**  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500,  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
Phone: 651.539.1534 or 800.657.3710  
Web: <http://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>  
(Select 15 in the year field, enter 826 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.)

### Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process?

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350,  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
Phone: 651.296.0406 or 800.657.3782  
Email: [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us)  
Citizens with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

### Energy (per kWh) and demand (per kW) rates

Customer Type	Current	Proposed 2016	Proposed 2017
<b>Residential</b>			
Energy: Summer (June – Sept)	9.395 ¢	10.548 ¢	10.865 ¢
Energy: Winter (Other months)	8.040 ¢	8.998 ¢	9.285 ¢
Energy: Winter - electric heating	5.819 ¢	6.105 ¢	6.394 ¢
<b>Small General</b>			
Energy: Summer	8.787 ¢	9.415 ¢	9.655 ¢
Energy: Winter	7.432 ¢	7.866 ¢	8.076 ¢
<b>Small General Time-of-Day</b>			
Energy: On-Peak Summer	15.123 ¢	15.124 ¢	15.443 ¢
Energy: On-Peak Winter	12.280 ¢	11.862 ¢	12.118 ¢
Energy: Off-Peak Summer	3.015 ¢	4.252 ¢	4.420 ¢
Energy: Off-Peak Winter	3.015 ¢	4.252 ¢	4.420 ¢
<b>General</b>			
Energy	3.201 ¢	3.564 ¢	3.619 ¢
Demand: Summer	\$14.07	\$15.52	\$15.79
Demand: Winter	\$9.96	\$10.92	\$11.09
<b>General Time-of-Day</b>			
Energy: On-Peak	4.482 ¢	5.079 ¢	5.158 ¢
Energy: Off-Peak	2.233 ¢	2.449 ¢	2.487 ¢
Demand: Summer	\$14.07	\$15.52	\$15.79
Demand: Winter	\$9.96	\$10.92	\$11.09

### Monthly customer charges

Customer Type	Current	Proposed 2016	Proposed 2017
<b>Residential</b>			
Overhead line	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Overhead line - electric heating	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Underground line	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Underground line - electric heating	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
<b>Small Commercial</b>			
Small General	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Small General Time-of-Day	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
<b>Commercial and Industrial</b>			
General	\$25.75	\$25.78	\$25.78
General Time-of-Day	\$29.75	\$29.78	\$29.78
Peak-Controlled	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Peak-Controlled Time-of-Day	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00



Sioux Falls Yankees mascot "Cagey" (left) reacts to the picture from the book "Sluggo" as read by his teammate, pitcher Josh Ferrell. Members of the Sioux Falls Yankees baseball team visited the Rock County Library Monday.

## A bird's eye view

Sioux Falls Yankees players promote summer reading program

Story and Photos by Mavis Fodness

While all eyes were on the 7-foot-tall yellow mascot from the Sioux Falls Yankees baseball team, it was two left-handed pitchers who completed a special reading program Monday afternoon at the Rock County Community Library.

Joining Cagey (the name of the big yellow bird) were left-handed pitchers Josh Ferrell and Billy Waltrip.

"He can't talk," Ferrell explained during a short question-and-answer session.

Because Cagey only communicates with actions and not words, Ferrell and Waltrip each read a story to the more than 50 children and adults attending the event.

Ferrell read "Sluggo" by Susan Pearson, and Waltrip read "Got a Hit, Mo" by David A. Adler before the three of them signed autographs.

The Yankees' visit is part of the library's summer reading program titled "Read for the Win."



Above: Luverne's Aaliyah Xaysongkham (left) waits for an autograph from Cagey joining the names of fellow Sioux Falls Yankees baseball teammates Billy Waltrip (top) and Josh Ferrell (center). Below: Ferrell (center) reads while Waltrip, Cagey and about 50 audience members listen.



## Local teens serve as officials at Boys State

By Mavis Fodness

Three local American Legion representatives were selected to state offices at the recently completed 68th annual Minnesota American Legion Boys State.

The Arthur Moeller American Legion Post #478 in Hardwick sponsored Knute Oldre of Luverne. He was elected attorney general during the June 12-18 event at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

For his election to state office, Oldre was awarded a Boys State scholarship.

Oldre was also elected as an alternate to the Boys Nation conducted in Washington, D.C., later this month.

Oldre is the son of Kyle and Sara Oldre of Luverne.

The Hardwick legion also sponsored Griffin Ahrendt of Luverne.

Ahrendt, the son of

Brad and Angela Ahrendt, Luverne, was elected a minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The American Legion Post #123 in Luverne sponsored Dylan Thorson of Luverne.

Thorson was elected senate majority leader. He is the son of Curt and Caroline Thorson, Luverne.

Almost 330 high school juniors from across the state attended Boys State this year. The weeklong experience of learning about Minnesota government and leadership focused on local, county and state levels through hands-on activities.

Highlight of the week's event included the election and announcement of the Boys State governor and seven state constitutional offices.



Oldre



Ahrendt



Thorson

## CELEBRATIONS

### Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Brittney Richters**, bride-to-be of **Kurtis VanGent**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Alyssa Stegenga**, bride-to-be of **Ryan Hoff**, will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at the Luverne Country Club.

**Bernard and Karen Gunnink** will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

**Meta Fick** will celebrate her 95th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at St. John Lutheran Church, 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne. Greetings may be sent to her at 201 Oak Drive, Apt. 401, Luverne, MN 56156.

### Card Showers

**Marvin Doering** will celebrate his 80th birthday Friday, June 24. Greetings may be sent to him at 203 Oak Drive, Apt. 126, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

### Senior Citizens

**Monday, June 27:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pineapple.  
Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle.

**Tuesday, June 28:** Barbecue pork, potato salad, cauliflower, bun, rhubarb crisp.

Program: \$2 Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank. 9 a.m. Senior Citizens board meeting.

**Wednesday, June 29:** Tater tot hotdish, corn, fruit salad, bread, pudding.

**Thursday, June 30:** Baked fish, tri-tators, peas, pears, raspberry parfait dessert.

**Friday, July 1:** Barbecue chicken on a bun, tossed lettuce salad with dressing, fresh fruit, bun, cookie.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Bring a friend or make new ones.  
Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

## Still harvesting asparagus? Call it quits for the season

The weather forecast for this summer was hot and dry. We have already had the hot, but I'm appreciating the frequent rain that has prevented the dry. Weather isn't something we can control, but we can work with it to make the most of our summer garden experience.



### KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

The wind we had on Friday evening totally wrecked my beautiful tall blue delphiniums, so now I'm cutting them back to 4 inches to promote a new crop of flowers for late

summer.

I am also keeping up spraying fungicide on my phlox and other perennials that are often attacked by mildew. Mildew is a fungus that shows up as a

dusty white powdery look on the leaves. It is ugly to look at and not possible to wash off. The damage is evident in deformed foliage and flowers, and it limits the plant's ability to photosynthesize because it blocks sunlight from the leaf. It can form on either the upper or lower surface of the leaf, and once it infects the plant, spray will only stop its spreading.

This is also the time to spray squash plants to protect them from squash borers. Apply the insecticide to

the base of the stems because that is where the bug lays its eggs and the larvae enter the stems and do their thing. It is not difficult to prevent them, but once they get inside the vines, the damage shows up first as wilted leaves and then the vines dies.

If you have still been harvesting asparagus, call it quits for the season. Allowing those canes to grow will give the plant the energy it needs to give you a harvest again next year.

I want to say thank you to the merchants in Luverne

who have made this city look like a happy place ... all the beautiful planters and tables in front of their stores reflect a community that is progressive and welcoming.

Thank you also to the city and Chamber of Commerce for initiating and supporting the projects that keep us moving forward and make Luverne a place we are proud to call home!

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

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2006)

•It's not a question of "if." It's a question of "when."  
That's what public health officials are saying about the next pandemic flu. ...  
Simultaneous drills in Rock and Nobles counties Thursday were designed to prepare the communities for a public health emergency like the bird flu, should one ever occur.

### 25 years ago (1991)

•Beginning in the fall of 1992, seventh and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in Minnesota will have to prove they've had a second dose of the standard combination vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) in addition to the MMR vaccination that most people get in early childhood, according to a release from Nobles-Rock Health Service.  
Students in the seventh and 12<sup>th</sup> grades will have to provide written proof that they have had the second shot before they can enroll for the 1992-1993 school year. Records kept by parents are acceptable, provided they include the specific date of each immunization. Physicals records will not be needed.

### 50 years ago (1966)

•Medicare is now an accepted certified service at the Luverne Community Hospital.  
Monday, Joseph McFadden, hospital administrator, received confirmation by mail that as of June 15 the Luverne hospital had been approved for Medicare.  
Dr. Paul D. Rud, president of the Luverne Medical Board said, "We were pretty well set for Medicare. We were looking ahead to this and started working on the program about nine months ago. We had good cooperation of the staff, administration and the hospital board."

### 75 years ago (1941)

•Although the rainy, cold weather last week slowed progress somewhat, road grading in the county is now going on uninterrupted, and it is expected that graveling and regaveling will begin sometime next week.  
The county grader is working on county aid road No. 11, starting at the north county line, one mile east of the west state line. This is the northwest corner of Section 1, township 104, range 47. This grading will go south six miles, to the junction of the Sherman road.  
The county is planning to newly gravel 25 1/2 miles of roads this summer.

### 100 years ago (1916)

•Forty automobile loads of boosters have this week carried to nearly every town within a radius of 35 miles of Luverne word that Luverne is to celebrate the Fourth and that Luverne's 10th annual chautauqua will open on July 1st.  
This big booster trip, which was part of the advertising campaign planned by the Fourth of July celebration committee, covered three days, and from fifty to seventy men went out on each trip. Part of Carver's Military band accompanied the boosters to furnish music at various towns visited.

## Hwy 23 construction begins Monday

Construction of the passing lane two miles north of Jasper will begin at 6 a.m. Monday, June 27. The project will NOT require a detour. Traffic will be shifted onto the shoulder. The lanes will be narrowed and speed reduced in the work zone.  
Please drive with caution and be aware of workers in the work zone. A width limit of 11 ft. will be enforced. Motorists

can expect short delays during the construction.  
The Highway 23 passing lanes (south) project began Monday, April 25, with the construction of the passing lanes between Russell and Florence. Construction of the passing lanes between Holland and Pipestone began Monday, May 9. Both segments are currently under a detour.

The Highway 23 passing lanes project is part of the Corridors of Commerce program, which the Legislature created in 2013. For more information about the Corridors of Commerce program, see www.mndot.gov/corridorsofcommerce/.  
For more information on this, and all, projects please visit www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy23passinglanes.html.

## New pastor to be ordained at Hills church

Event takes place Sunday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, lunch follows the ceremony

By Glenda McGaffee  
Maggie Rose Berndt-Dreyer will be ordained to

the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic church at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 26, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.  
The Rev. Jon Anderson, bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preside.  
Lunch will be served in the basement following

the ordination. The community is invited to attend the services.  
Dreyer and her husband moved to Hills earlier this week. She was educated at Lehigh University class of 2008 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Her hometown is Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Luverne hotel recognized for excellence

Luverne's GrandStay Inn and Suites is among a prestigious list of hotels that have received the TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence Award.

Now in its sixth year, the award celebrates excellence in hospitality and is given only to hospitality businesses that consistently achieve excellent traveler reviews on TripAdvisor.

"Winning the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is a true source of pride for the GrandStay System and we'd like to thank all of our guests who took the time to complete a review," said Jon Kennedy, President of GrandStay Hospitality, LLC. "There is no greater seal of approval than being recognized by our customers."  
When selecting Certificate of Excellence Award winners, TripAdvisor uses a proprietary algorithm to determine the honorees.

It takes into account the quality and quantity of reviews and opinions submitted by travelers to TripAdvisor over a 12-month period.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Leuthold graduates from USF

Meghan Leuthold, Hills, graduated Sunday, May 22, from the University of Sioux Falls with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

### Meinerts graduates from Bethel

Tena Meinerts, Luverne, graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul with a Bachelor of Arts in social work upon the completion of the Spring 2016 semester. She is the daughter of Todd and Barbie Meinerts.

### GAC releases dean's list

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, has released the dean's list for the Spring 2016 semester. On the list are Scott Nelson and Joseph Vajgrt, both of Luverne.

The dean's list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 GPA or higher.

### Knutson named to NC dean's list

Klint Knutson, Magnolia, has earned distinction as a Collegiate Scholar with a GPA of 3.75 or higher for the Spring 2016 semester at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Knutson is a senior majoring in biology health professions.  
Knutson is the son of Kristi Knutson of Magnolia.

### Local students graduate from USF

Several Luverne students graduated Sunday, May 22, from the University of Sioux Falls.  
Christine Bickford earned a Bachelor of Arts in accounting. Melissa Rueb earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and social science. Tracy Yorek

earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work.

### Bosch makes dean's list at USD

Jordan Bosch, Steen, was named to the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, dean's list for the Spring 2016 semester. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

### Make the dean's list? Let us share the news

The Star Herald strives to recognize all academic accomplishments of students from its coverage areas, and our news department relies on multiple sources (colleges, students, parents, etc.) for that information. Send school news to [editor@star-herald.com](mailto:editor@star-herald.com) or call 507-283-2333.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Verna Busch

Verna Laura Busch, 91, formerly of Luverne, died Monday, June 20, 2016, at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado.  
Funeral arrangements are pending with Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

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Memorial Service for  
**Kenneth G. Nelson**  
of Arva, Colorado, formerly of Luverne  
Friday, June 24 • 4 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church,  
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## DRESSING THE PART

Rock County Historical Society offers tours of Luverne's downtown architecture, Hinkly House

Left: Betty Mann (and below) combined dates and names with stories gleaned from published articles for a historic tour about Luverne.

### By Mavis Fodness

A trolley tour of Luverne business district's historic buildings drew almost 30 people to the Thursday night event.

The Rock County Historical Society sponsored the one-time event to educate the public on the history of Luverne and Rock County.

It also coincided with Luverne's weekly evening shopping.

Historical Society President Betty Mann dressed the part as a tour guide for the

three half-hour tours in the 12-passenger trolley.

Tours began and ended at the Historic Hinkly House on North Freeman Avenue.

The house was built by R. B. Hinkly, a bank president and businessman, in 1892. Many of the buildings on the tour were constructed during his time in Luverne.

On the tour Mann combined Hinkly history with a little humor.

The home located to

the south of the Hinkly House was built for one of the Hinkly daughters. The house its located one foot from the south lot line.

"She wanted to get as far away from her parents as possible," Mann explained.

The two dozen other buildings were highlighted with similar stories.

One special stop was the former Herman Motor Company building on East Main Street.

Mann said Hinkly purchased the original portion

of the condemned building in 1915 and converted it into a garage.

In September the former garage will be the Historical Society's new History Center.

After the trolley tours, participants were able to tour the Hinkly House in a special evening open house.

Regular open house hours for the Hinkly House are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. from June through August.



The large windows of the city of Luverne trolley allow tour participants to easily view the buildings on Luverne's Main Street.



Mavis Fodness Photos/0623 Hinkly Tour

# Chicken recall linked to product tampering at Cold Spring plant

A Minnesota chicken company has recalled 55,608 pounds of meat after an incident involving the Cold Spring plant.

GNP Company, the parent company of Gold'n Plump and Just BARE, made the announcement on June 19 after the USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) issued a Class I recall of some of the company's products on Saturday, June 18.

The affected product may be contaminated with extraneous foreign matter and is linked to an isolated product-tampering incident that occurred during the week of June 6.

A third-party lab verified the foreign matter to be benign, natural materials including dirt and/or sand.

However, because the company cannot say with 100 percent certainty that the product is safe for consumption, the product recall is being classified as a USDA-FSIS Class 1 Product Recall.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption or use of these products.

The one retail item being recalled is Just BARE Whole Chicken (UPC 024105594057), sold in 4-pound poly-bags, with

a use-by/freeze-by date stamp of 6/26/16.

No other Just BARE whole chicken, tray pack or deli products are affected.

The product bears code P-322 inside the USDA mark of inspection. Consumers who have purchased this item are urged not to use or consume it.

These products should be disposed of or returned to the store where purchased for a refund.

Contrary to initial reports, only one of the products being recalled is sold in the grocery store meat case, the rest are bulk and custom items sold through foodservice and institutional outlets.

Luverne's Gold'n Plump plant is not involved in the recall.

"Safety is GNP Company's No. 1 core value and its first priority — for its people and its products," company officials stated in the June 19 release.

"The company is working to collect all recalled products and remove them from commerce."

Customers and consumers with questions about the recall can contact GNP Company at 1-800-892-8569.

Law enforcement authorities are currently handling the case.



**'The Lake' is fully stocked with fish, fun**



Last week's 90-degree days pushed many people to find cooler ways to enjoy the outdoors such as going to "The Lake" in southwest Luverne. Last year The Lake was designated as a kids' fishing pond through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The DNR now stocks the former gravel pit with varieties of sunfish like the one caught by Landen Frey Friday afternoon (pictured at left).

Above, siblings Paige Baker, Ty Kopp, Brody Kopp and Hunter Baker (on dock) cool off at The Lake in Luverne Friday afternoon as temperatures climbed into the 90s.

Mavis Fodness Photo/0623 Enjoying The Lake

## On record from page 5A

have had problems with him in the recent past. Deputy informed him he is to leave and not come back or he will be charged with trespassing.

- Great Plains Processing reported that due to contamination hazards, nobody will be allowed around their facility lot during the Fourth of July party at the creamery pond. They will be placing barricades around the area, but would like the Sheriff's Office to be aware and help keep the area secure.

- Complainant reported some of her outside day care toys have been stolen.

- Complainant says music coming from a vehicle rattles her windows.

- Complainant reported a silver sedan on I-90 near mile marker six speeding and lane swerving.

- Complainant reported a key hanging out of an access panel box at one of the new crosswalk lights at location. Dispatch notified MN DOT, and they asked that we pull the key and leave it at dispatch to be picked up tomorrow.

- Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about some issues his wife is having with her landlord at location.

- Complainant says there are children in the alley behind location with BB guns, or they could possibly be Nerf guns. Complainant wasn't certain.

- Dispatcher received a call where the caller identification said it was the Mary Jane Brown Home. Contacted them, and caller said she would call back if she needed us. Deputies went to location to make sure things are OK. Deputy reported everything was OK, and the call may have come from Poplar Creek. He is checking it out. At this point unfounded.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 funeral escort, 7 traffic stops, 21 ambulance runs, 9 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, and issued 2 purchase/carry permits and 4 burn permits.

# Hallstrom closing HGS Gallery, opening Rock River Relics in its place

By Lori Sorenson

Lori Hallstrom made a business announcement Friday about her downtown store, HGS Gallery.

"It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that I will be closing HGS Gallery at the end of June," she wrote in an email to Luverne Chamber members.

But she also announced a new venture that she'll run instead. "My new business venture will be opening this fall here in my building at 208 E Main Street," Hallstrom said.

"The name of my new business is Rock River Relics. I will specialize in stained glass, architectural salvage, antiques and unique, one-of-a-kind finds."

She said her last date open as HGS Gallery will be Thursday, June 23, from 5 to 9 p.m., which is also the downtown Throwback Thursday night.

Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere encourages people to stop at the store while taking in the events downtown.

"Tell her thank you for all she has done for bringing traffic to Luverne and maybe you can find that one last treasure you want to purchase from HGS Gallery," Lanphere said.

"It has been an honor to work with Lori, and I look forward to seeing the growth and development of her new endeavor."

Hallstrom said she looks forward to Thursday night and to her coming venture this fall.

"I am excited to continue doing something that I love," she said. "And I am happy that it will be something that lends itself to my glass business."

## Fireworks at lake/ from page 1A

community.

"People assume we're pyromaniacs — and obviously blowing up fireworks is fun," Lehman said. "But I wanted to make myself available and get involved in the community."

Lehman and Kurtz are both volunteer firefighters with the Luverne Fire Department.

Lehman's day job is at the South Dakota Air National Guard where he works as an intelligence analyst. Kurtz is a plumber with Kurtz Plumbing and Heating.

In addition to fireworks, the Fourth of July celebration in Luverne will include a water parade, log rolling contest, triathlon, bean bag tournament, sand castle contest, live music, face painting, food and beer vendors, and more.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said Luverne's Fourth of July celebration has been a "groundswell" effort.

"The ideas, thoughts and energy to put the day's events together have come from a great group of volunteers who developed and came up with the plan for a full day's worth of entertainment at The Lake," she said.

See the Luverne Area Chamber website, [luvernechamber.com](http://luvernechamber.com).

The all-day event is free and open to the public, thanks to donations from individuals and local sponsors.

To support the cause, tax-deductible donations can be made to the Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow at 213 E. Luverne St., Luverne, MN 56156.

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# Dragons make school history at state

*AHS turns in program-best third-place finish in Chaska*

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian baseball team made school history during the Minnesota State Class A Tournament in Chaska Thursday and Friday.

After making four state tournament appearances with three consolation championships to show for their efforts since 2002, the 2016 AHS squad turned in a finer showing.

The Dragons went 2-1 to place third overall at the eight-team event.

Adrian, unseeded for the tournament, beat No. 3 seed Ely during Thursday's tournament debut before falling by one run to No. 2 Springfield during Friday's semifinals.

The Dragons ended a 20-7 campaign by besting No. 5 Hinckley-Finlayson by two runs during Friday evening's third-place game.

## Adrian 7, H-F 5

A pair of late runs proved to be the difference during Friday's third-place game in Chaska.

After sporting a 5-3 lead after one inning of play, the Dragons found themselves in a tie game when Hinckley-Finlayson plated single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to knot the score at five.

Adrian, however, plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth and blanked H-F in the

top of the seventh to capture the third-place trophy.

Adrian's Nate Lonneman reached base on an error, Michael Preuss walked and Jacob Stamer walked to load the sacks with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Logan Rogers drew a walk to force home Lonneman with the go-ahead run and Preuss scored the second run of the game on an error.

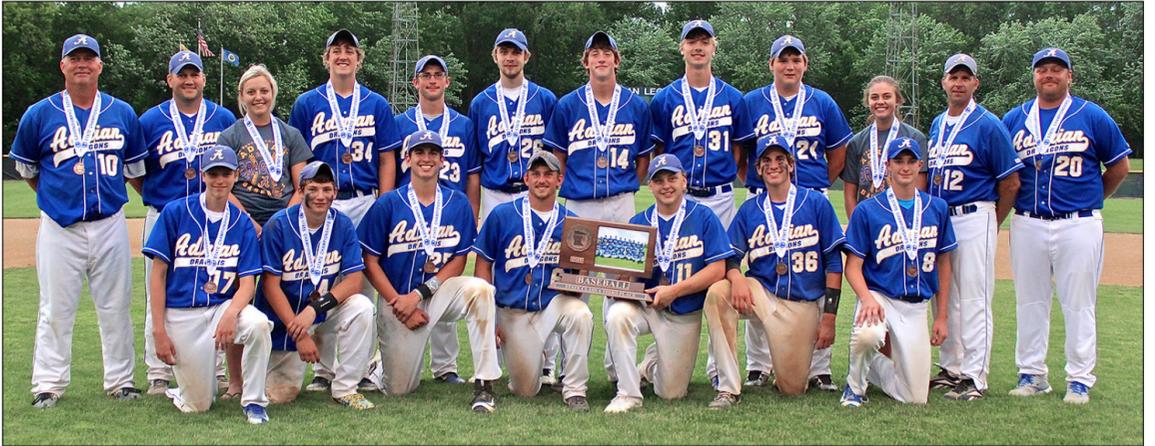
H-F plated three runs in the top of the first only to fall behind when AHS scored five times in the bottom of the frame.

Alex Loosbrock ignited the rally with a two-run, two-out single. Mitchell Wagner chipped in an RBI single before Zach Hendel capped the rally with a two-run triple.

Landon Rogers surrendered three runs and two hits and registered one out as Adrian's starting pitcher before giving way to Loosbrock, who picked up the win after tossing five and two-thirds innings of three-hit, two-run ball.

Logan Rogers registered a save by pitching the seventh inning. He yielded one hit.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Preuss	2	1	1	0
Stamer	1	1	1	0
Lg. Rogers	2	1	0	1
Cauwels	0	0	0	0
Polzine	0	0	0	0
A. Loosbrock	4	1	1	2
Wagner	2	1	1	1
Wieneke	3	1	0	0



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The Adrian baseball team turned in its best performance in school history by placing third at the Minnesota State Class A Baseball Tournament in Chaska Thursday and Friday. Team members include (front row, from left) Colin Varley, Jacob Stamer, Alex Loosbrock, Logan Rogers, Michael Preuss, Zach Loosbrock, Jeffrey Cauwels, (back) coach Kevin Nowotny, assistant Randy Schettler, Alexis Slater, Mitchell Wagner, Landon Rogers, Nate Lonneman, Zach Hendel, Ryan Wieneke, Skylar Polzine, Taylor Loosbrock, assistant Gregg Nelson and assistant Joe Kruger.

Hendel	3	0	2	2
Lonneman	3	1	0	0
La. Rogers	0	0	0	0

## Springfield 5, Adrian 4

The Dragons fell one run short of reaching their first state championship game when they took on Springfield during Friday's semifinals.

Making their first appearance in the state semifinals, AHS opened a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Stamer drew a walk, Logan Rogers singled and Zach Loosbrock delivered a two-run double.

Springfield, which placed second in the 2015 state tournament, answered the challenge by scoring three runs in the bottom of the first

before plating single runs in the second and fourth frames to open a 5-2 cushion.

The Dragons did trim the difference to one run (5-4) by scoring twice in the top of the fifth, but the Tigers blanked AHS over the final two frames to prevail by one run.

Preuss was hit by a pitch and Stamer drew a walk in the fifth.

After both runners advanced one base due to a balk call against Springfield's pitcher, both runners scored when a ball put in play by Alex Loosbrock was booted by Springfield's shortstop.

Logan Rogers pitched all six innings and took the loss. He yielded 11 hits, five earned runs and fanned six batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Preuss	3	1	0	0
Stamer	2	2	0	0
Lg. Rogers	3	1	2	0
Z. Loosbrock	4	0	1	2
La. Rogers	0	0	0	0
A. Loosbrock	3	0	0	0
Wagner	2	0	0	0
Wieneke	3	0	0	0
Hendel	2	0	0	0
Lonneman	3	0	0	0

## Adrian 1, Ely 0

The Dragons won their first state tournament opener in program history when they nipped the Wolves during Thursday's quarterfinals.

In what turned into a pitching duel between Adrian's Logan Rogers and Ely's Pat Huisman, Rogers won the showdown.

The AHS senior threw seven innings of three-hit, eight-strikeout ball during a shutout

performance.

Adrian plated the game's lone run in the top of the first inning.

Preuss walked, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Stamer and moved to third when Logan Rogers popped out down the first-base line.

Zach Loosbrock singled home Preuss with two outs in the frame.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Preuss	2	1	1	0
Stamer	1	0	0	0
Lg. Rogers	3	0	0	0
Z. Loosbrock	3	0	1	1
A. Loosbrock	3	0	0	0
Wagner	3	0	0	0
Wieneke	3	0	0	0
Hendel	3	0	0	0
La. Rogers	2	0	0	0
Lonneman	0	0	0	0



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Chaz Smedsrud completed his high school career by competing at the state golf tournament last week.

# Smedsrud, Plimpton take final swings at different venues last week

**By John Rittenhouse**

Two Rock County seniors wrapped up their high school golf careers at different state tournaments last week.

Luverne's Chaz Smedsrud mixed it up at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Tournament staged at the Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course near Jordan June 14-15.

Hills-Beaver Creek's Stuart Plimpton joined the fray at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Tournament at Pebble Creek Golf Course near Becker June 14-15 as well.

Smedsrud, who is the first LHS boy to compete at a state tournament since the 2011 season, earned a share of 63<sup>rd</sup> place in an 88-player field during his two-day experience.

Smedsrud recorded a 39 during his opening round June 14 before shooting a 42 during the second round to finish the day with an 81-stroke tally.

Smedsrud recorded a pair of 42s during play on June 15 to finish the tournament with a 165-stroke showing. He shared 63<sup>rd</sup> place with



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Stuart Plimpton (right), pictured with Hills-Beaver Creek head golf coach Dan Ellingson, became the first Patriot boy to compete at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Tournament last week. Plimpton earned a share of 69<sup>th</sup> place.

Holy Family Catholic senior Matt Grube, Maple River

senior Brandon Sohre, Le Sueur-Henderson junior

Carson Stepka, Becker sophomore Alex Stanz and Rochester Lourdes' freshman Peter Thayer.

The Blake Schools sophomore Derek Hitchner claimed the Class AA individual title with a 134.

Plimpton, who became the first H-BC boy to compete at the state tournament in school history, earned a share of 69<sup>th</sup> place in an 85-player field.

Plimpton carded a 47 during his opening round June 14 before posting a 50 during the second round for a 97-stroke tally on Day 1.

Plimpton's play improved during the final day of competition June 15, when he posted a pair of 44s for an 88-stroke effort.

Plimpton's two-day tally of 185 strokes gave him a share of 69<sup>th</sup> place with Mahnomen-Waubun freshman Jaycee Clark.

Mahnomen-Waubun senior Blake Kahlbaugh claimed the Class A individual title with a 138-stroke effort.

# Adrian trio caps season at Pebble Creek Golf Club

**By Jason Berghorst**

Three members of the Adrian Dragon golf team represented Section 3A at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Tournament.

The two-day tournament was played June 14-15 at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker.

Adrian senior Ryan Elias, playing in his second state golf tournament, led all area golfers at the meet when he carded an 83-79 162.

Elias' 162-stroke effort was good enough to place 21<sup>st</sup> for the boys at the meet that included 85 of Minnesota's best high school golfers.

Fosston's Lochlan Broadley also shot a 162 to tie Elias for 21<sup>st</sup> place.

Blake Kahlbaugh of Mahnomen/Waubun won the Class A boys' state title with a 138.

Adrian sophomore Alexia Kemper fired rounds of 93-97 190 to place 38<sup>th</sup> on the girls' side of the meet.

Cailey Rindels of Fillmore Central and Nicole Olson of North Woods also carded 190s to tie Kemper for 38<sup>th</sup> place.



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**Ryan Elias**

Adrian senior Jada Elias, also playing in her second state meet, carded a 97-98 195 to place 49<sup>th</sup> out of 87 golfers playing in Becker.

Kiera Smith of Heritage Christian Academy won the Class A girls' title with a 156-stroke effort.



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Adrian's Jada Elias (left) and Alexia Kemper (right) competed at the Minnesota State Class A Golf Tournament staged at the Pebble Creek Golf Club near Becker last week.

# VFW team runs record to 9-0 with sweep

By John Rittenhouse

An early-season run put together by the Luverne VFW baseball team continued Thursday when the Cardinals swept twinbill in Worthington. Luverne secured an 8-3 win in the opener before coasting to a 15-0 victory in the finale. The 9-0 Cardinals play at the Junior Upper Midwest Classic in New Ulm Friday and Saturday.

Worthington scored twice in the bottom of the sixth and both teams plated one run in the seventh frame.

Will Mumme was hit by a pitch and scored for Luverne when Gaige Nath grounded out in the seventh.

Beers pitched five scoreless innings to earn the win before giving way to Lundgren, who yielded three runs in the final two frames.

## Luverne 8, Worthington 3

The Cardinals plated eight runs in the late innings to take Game 1 of Thursday's set in Worthington.

After playing to a scoreless draw through four innings, Luverne scored four times in the top of the fifth and added three more runs in the sixth inning to gain a 7-0 lead.

Jake Haugen, Tyler Reisdorfer and Ben Serie delivered run-scoring doubles and Declan Beers chipped in an RBI single during the fifth inning.

Haugen and Reisdorfer singled home runs and Lundgren was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to account for the runs in the sixth.

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

## Luverne 15, Worthington 0

The Cardinals completed a sweep of the twinbill by rolling to a 15-0 win in the finale.

Haugen tossed a three-inning shutout during a game that ended by the 15-run rule after three innings of play.

Beers, Mumme, Nath and Serie registered two hits each during the contest.

No box score was available from this game.



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Luverne's Joey Slieter dives safely back to first base during Sunday's home game against the Fairmont Martins. Slieter and the Redbirds opened a 5-0 lead three innings into the contest only to fall 14-9 at game's end.

# Redbirds squander big lead Sunday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds squandered an early advantage when they entertained Fairmont for a game at Redbird Field Sunday.

The hosts played well early to open a 5-0 lead after three innings of play, but the Martins rallied to outscore Luverne 14-4 over the final six frames to secure a 14-9 victory.

Luverne led 3-0 after Phil Paquette singled and scored on an error and Dominic Nibbelink delivered a two-run single in the first inning.

The score was 5-0 after Andrew Verhey singled home a pair of runs in the third.

Fairmont, however, scored two runs in the fourth inning and three in the top of the fifth to knot the score at five.

Luverne regained the lead (7-5) when James Fisher and Nibbelink slapped RBI singles in the bottom of the sixth, but the Martins countered with a seven-run rally in the top

of the seventh to gain a 12-7 advantage.

Jared Pick capped a four-hit game with a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh to trim Fairmont's lead to three runs (12-9).

The Martins iced the win by plating single runs in the eighth and ninth frames.

Andrew DeBoer took the pitching loss after tossing six and one-third innings of 11-hit, 12-run ball.

Connor Hoffman tossed the final two and two-thirds innings, yielding two runs and five hits.

The 7-4 Redbirds host Adrian Saturday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Slieter	4	1	1	0
Norman	3	1	1	0
Mauer	2	0	0	0
Paquette	5	3	3	0
Pick	6	2	4	2
Fisher	5	1	2	1
DeBoer	0	0	0	0
Nibbelink	3	0	2	3
Verhey	5	0	1	2
Skattum	4	0	0	0
Hoffman	5	1	1	0



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Luverne's Dominic Nibbelink snags a ball at third base during Sunday's 14-9 home loss to the Fairmont Martins.



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## Track competition

Luverne's Courtney Siebenahler (right) participated at the USA Track and Field Junior Olympic District competition at Hamline University in St. Paul over the weekend. Siebenahler qualified for region competition by placing third in the long jump (15-7) and triple jump (33-7). The region event is set for July 7-10 in Mankato, and the top eight finishers in each event advance to the national meet in Sacramento, California, July 25-31.

# Netters receive awards after banner campaign

By Jason Berghorst

The Big South Conference recently announced its All-

Conference tennis team and Honorable Mention lists.

Luverne, which won the west division of the BSC and reached the state tennis tournament, placed four athletes on the All-Conference team.

Seniors Jacob Jarchow and Erik Wohnoutka, along with juniors Dalton Schoeneman

and Layne Curtis, graced the all-conference list for the Cardinals.

Luverne sophomore Cade Ver Steeg made the four-member Honorable Mention list for the West Division of the BSC.

St. James area also placed four athletes on the eleven-member All Conference team.

The Saints' Sandin Skow, Aaron Pluym, Cameron Giese and Brandon Hjelmner made the list.

Redwood Valley was represented by Tyler Hagen and Nate Benson and Worthington's Bryan Doeden also made the All-Conference tennis team.

# LHS softball players draw honors

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Cardinals softball team placed two athletes on the all-conference team and one player on the honorable mention list.

The Big South Conference announced its 2016 all-conference softball teams last week.

In the small school division of the Big South Conference, freshman Rylee

Olson and junior Ariel DeBeer both represented Luverne on the 18-member All-Conference team.

Luverne junior Katie Kracht graced the eight-athlete honorable mention list for the small school division of the conference.

The Pipestone Arrows softball team won the consolation championship at the Class A state tournament

and led the all-conference team with five athletes.

Pipestone's Taylor Nesvold, Shelby Bloemendaal, Rachel Skyberg, Kirsten Houg and Tiffany Evans graced the list.

Jackson County Central, which finished first in the league this season, placed four athletes on the all-conference team.

The Huskies' Kelsey Kannenber, Blaney Johnson, Jadin Bezdicek and Sydney Nyborg were recognized.

St. James Area and Windom were both represented by three athletes on the all-conference team.

SJA's Julia Beckius, Callie Coleman and Brooklyn Mickelson made the team.

Windom was represented by Sydney Erickson, Maurissa Isaacs and Teresa Deutchman.

Rounding out the All-Big South Conference team in the small school division was Redwood Valley's Nicole Bunting.

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Tri-State Buffalo defender Tyler Miller chases down a Southwest Minnesota Crusader before registering a tackle during Saturday's Southern Plains Football League game in Hills. The Crusaders upended the Buffalos by a 59-6 tally.

## T-S Buffalos finish 1-7 regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Tri-State Buffalos finished the regular season with a 1-7 record after taking a setback from the Southwest Minnesota Crusaders Saturday in Hills.

The Buffalos dropped a 39-point decision to the Crusaders when the teams met in Edgerton May 14 and couldn't keep the game more competitive in Saturday's rematch.

Southwest Minnesota took advantage of seven turnovers

by the Buffalos to roll to a 59-6 victory.

The Crusaders gained control of the game by scoring 21 unanswered points in the first 18 minutes of the contest.

Southwest Minnesota produced a 20-yard touchdown run 3:30 into the first quarter to open a 7-0 lead before scoring twice in a span of 30 seconds in the second quarter to up the advantage to 21-0.

The Crusaders capped a 16-play drive with a 13-yard

touchdown pass at the 6:36 mark of the second quarter before recovering a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown at the 6:06 mark.

Tri-State made a bid to get back into the game when quarterback Marcus Perry fired an 86-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Miller with 5:46 remaining in the first half.

Southwest Minnesota, however, registered a 47-yard touchdown pass with 1:19 remaining in the second period to make it a 28-6 game

before outscoring the hosts 25-0 in the second half.

The Crusaders returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a touchdown and added a 51-yard touchdown pass before the third quarter was complete to open a 41-6 cushion.

Southwest Minnesota registered a 13-yard touchdown run, returned an interception for a touchdown and registered a safety to cap the scoring in the fourth quarter.

## Four Cardinal boys grace Big South baseball roster

By John Rittenhouse

Three Luverne High School athletes grace the roster of the 2016 All-Big South Conference Small School Division Baseball Team.

A total of 18 players made the all-league squad, including Luverne seniors Nick Overgaard and Jakob Olson and sophomore Jaxon Nelson.

Pipestone, Jackson County Central and Windom led the list by securing four all-league selections each.

Senior Avery Henderson and juniors Ryan Christopher, Chris Gumto and Easton Bahr represent JCC on the team, while seniors Michael Friese, Justin Rops and Blake Wolter and junior Mitchell Carson made the squad from Pipestone.

Earning roster spots for Windom are seniors Sam

Huska, Devin Nielsen and Jeff Pfeffer and sophomore Luke Gilbertson.

Redwood Valley senior Colten Minkel and junior James Pendleton and St. James junior Brady Stevens round out the all-league team.

Nine players drew honorable mention from the league's coaches.

JCC juniors Keegan Klontz, Carter Heinrichs, Ryker VanderWoude, Darruis Johnson and Nathan Monson, Pipestone senior Austin

Moeller and junior Billy Olson, St. James junior Brady Halverson and RWV junior Jared Lund are the honorable mention selections.

## Thirty-year run ends with one last conquest

Thirty years have passed since I made the purchase, so the details are a bit elusive.



### FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

I just didn't use it very much until we started taking family vacations back in Ottertail County some nine years ago.

When we returned to the resort on Deer Lake June 4, my faithful rod (which has seen a number of different reels over the years) made the trip as well.

Unfortunately, my graphite wonder didn't make it back to Luverne when we returned Saturday afternoon.

After a 30-year run, the rod I treasured faced its last test when my daughter, Melanie, hooked and landed a 19-plus-inch pike on the fourth day of vacation.

I noticed a huge smile on her face when she brought me a fish to unhook, but she also had some bad news to share moments later.

"Your rod is broken," she said with a tone of voice that was seeking forgiveness.

Apparently the rod snapped six inches down from the tip during her battle with the pike.

It was a sad sight to take in, but it proved to be a rewarding experience as well.

I may not have received the opportunity to break the rod that served me so well for three decades myself, but that really doesn't matter.

After providing a number of fishing conquests over the years, my Abu Garcia weapon won one last battle for my daughter before being forced into retirement.

That's probably why I was thinking it was the best \$20 purchase I've ever made as I tossed the broken pieces of the rod into the dumpster.

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## Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
www.luverncrc.com — luverncrc@gmail.com

## Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, June 27: 9 a.m. PERK UP in Edgerton.

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1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
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## Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, June 23: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, June 24: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, June 26: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 1:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown service. 2:15 p.m. Poplar Creek Estates service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, June 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Thursday, June 30: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

## Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
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## Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, June 23: 9:30 a.m. Naomi and Rachel Circles at Grace Lutheran. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle. Friday, June 24: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 25: 10 a.m. Richters bridal shower. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 26: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 23: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 28: 7 a.m. Dorcus Circle at the Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at the Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle. Wednesday, June 29: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 9 a.m. Assemble Grace Notes. Thursday, June 30: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

## Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Thursday, June 23: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 26: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion.

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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

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Friday, June 24: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, June 25: 2-4 p.m. 50th Anniversary open house for Bernard and Karen Gunnink. Sunday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, June 27: 7 p.m. Hospice Memorial Service. Tuesday, June 28: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Children in Covenant. Wednesday, June 29: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 50s Night fundraiser. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

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109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Thursday, June 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, June 25: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Sunday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:35 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 4 p.m. Angels Bible Study. Monday, June 27: 1-5 p.m. Rock County 4-H Day Camp in Fellowship Hall. 8 p.m. Women's AA in the Upper Room. Wednesday, June 29: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Thursday, June 30: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open.

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302 Central Lane, Luverne

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Sunday, June 26: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, June 27: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, June 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005

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500 E. Main St., Luverne

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## Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

## New Life Celebration Church

211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

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

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

## Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, June 23: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, June 24: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 26: 10:30 a.m. Community Outdoor Worship Service at Zion. 11:30 a.m. Dinner provided by Zion Youth Group. Monday, June 27: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, June 30: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Ch. 3.

## Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

## First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Sunday, June 26: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran.

## Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Sunday, June 26: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran.

## Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

## Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sunday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

## Communication

"Is not the arrow beyond you?" 1 Samuel 20:37b ESV



Ole, Lars and Sven went deer hunting. Sven said to Ole and Lars, "I will go south into de prairie grass. You two head north into de grove of trees. If you get lost, fire three shots into de air so dat I will be able to find you."

Ole and Lars agreed and set off into the trees. About a half hour later they were lost and Lars fired three shots into the air. When Sven didn't show up, Ole suggested that Lars try again. "Yah, sure, you betcha, Ole, dat would be a good idea," said Lars, "but I haf already used up almost all of de arrows."

Communication needs to be clear and effective. How can people know what we need and want unless we tell them in ways that they can hear and understand? Many misunderstandings between individuals and even nations are the result of faulty communication. Sometimes we didn't hear correctly what the other person said. It could be their fault, ours or both.

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

Even sadder, sometimes we don't want to hear what someone else is saying. We've got our minds made up and won't listen to what is really being said. Misunderstandings can be the result of many different things: poor communication skills, deception, stubbornness or self-centeredness, not letting the other person say what is important to them.

Dear Lord, we confess that sometimes our communications skills are severely lacking. We don't listen to You the way that we should. Sometimes our minds are so full of what we think is right that we have no room for other people's opinions. Remind us that You are the only one who is always right. Help us measure all opinions, especially our own, against Your words to us. Teach us how to be clear and gentle-hearted as we communicate with You and others. In Jesus' name, Amen

## Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

admamagmc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

## Kristi Franken, Pastor

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

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, June 26: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran. Tuesday, June 28: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, June 29: 9 a.m. Quilting.

## Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 14

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 07, 2006  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$64,260.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Michael Zinnel, a single person  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp, its successors and/or assigns

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

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

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

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

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100029500014247724  
Lender or Broker: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp  
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Selene Finance LP

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
Property Address: 119 E Barck Ave, Luverne, MN 56156-1107  
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0375-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W1/2 of Lot 4 in Block 15 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$71,440.30  
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

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

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

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE  
**THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

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

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

DATED: May 09, 2016  
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Selene Finance LP  
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.  
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee  
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200  
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296  
(651) 209-3300  
File Number: 032673F03

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

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 15

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 24, 2003  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$ 78,625.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Randolph L. Scoggins and Deborah Scoggins  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded with the County Recorder in and for the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, on the 29th day of October, 2003, as Document No. 157417

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Lot 7, Block 3, Davis Addition to the City of Luverne  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
1025 Elmwood Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$106,461.03

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

THAT pursuant to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs of disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns;

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

Dated: May 12, 2016  
Platinum Notes, LLC  
Assignee of Mortgagee  
**HOELSCHER LAW FIRM, PLLC**  
By: /s/ Brian G. Hoelscher #0238752  
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee  
13100 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 100

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

Minnetonka, MN 55305  
(952) 224-9551

**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FORM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

**FORECLOSURE DATA  
Minn. Stat. Sec. 580.025**

(1) the physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises is 1025 Elmwood Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156;

(2) the name of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the person holding the mortgage is a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30 are as follows: - not applicable; or the name of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the person holding the mortgage is not a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30 are as follows: residential mortgage servicer - FCI Lender Services, Inc., lender or broker - Platinum Notes, LLC;

(3) the tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises is: 20-0576-000;

(4) if stated on the mortgage, the transaction agent's mortgage identification number is: -1001958-000009895-0;

(5) if stated on the mortgage, the name of the residential mortgage originator as defined in section 58.02 is: BWM Mortgage, LLC.

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

## Ask probate

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

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK**

**In Re: Estate of  
Dorothy Selma Ask,  
Deceased**

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

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

Dated: June 6, 2016  
/s/ Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main, Box 625  
Luverne, MN 56156  
(507) 283-4828  
I.D. # 158343

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
District Court Judge  
Denise Brandel  
Court Administrator  
Carol Bertrand  
Deputy Court Administrator

(06-16, 06-23)

## Jansma probate

**FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
COURT FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK**

**Estate of Jeanene Jansma, a/k/a Jeanine Carol Jansma  
Decedent**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 11, 2016, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 304 E. Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Andrew Jansma and Thelmar Jansma, whose addresses are 476 S. McCormack, Primghar, Iowa 51245 and RR3, Box 16, Dell Rapids, SD 57022 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and no objections are filed are raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer assets of the Estate in Minnesota, including power 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.

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 Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: June 20, 2016

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

(06-23, 06-30)

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

## DeJager probate

**PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT--COUNTY COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
COURT FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK**

**In Re: Estate of Burdella Gertrude DeJager, a/k/a Burdella G. DeJager, a/k/a Burdella DeJager,  
Deceased.**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS  
It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2016, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above 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 November 28, 2006, and for the appointment of Alvina Kooiman, whose address is 1944 Dorathea Boulevard, Worthington, Minnesota 56187, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in a 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 representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: June 8, 2016  
Jennifer L. Eisma  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main, Box 625  
Luverne, MN 56156  
(507)283-4828  
I.D. #389457

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

(06-23, 06-30)

## City of Hardwick adopts Ordinance No. 9.0

**ORDINANCE NO. 9.0 NUISANCES**

Ordinance No. 9.0 contains the definition, consequences and penalty for public nuisances.  
Among other things a public nuisance is defined as a condition which unreasonably annoys, interferes, injures or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any members of the public.

The ordinance is posted and can be viewed in its entirety in the lobby of the Hardwick City Hall.

This ordinance goes into effect 7 days after publication.

Tammy J. Johnson,  
City Clerk  
Attest: /s/ Janyce A. Baustian,  
Mayor

Adopted: May 12, 2016.

(06-23)

## City of Luverne public hearing set for July 26

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION TO REMOVE  
BLIGHT AND PUBLIC NUISANCE**

The Luverne City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 26, 2016, at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall (305 E. Luverne Street) on the subject of the City's proposed acquisition through eminent domain of real property located at 715 Kniss Ave S, Luverne, MN 56156 (Rock County Parcel I.D. No. 20-0032-000) for the purposes of removing blight and public nuisance conditions on said property. Any interested person may present relevant testimony at the public hearing or present written comments previous to the hearing to the City Administrator. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

Jessica Mead  
City Clerk  
(06-23)

## City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 347

**ORDINANCE NO. 347, THIRD SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.20. RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO WATER SERVICE, SUBD. 6. RESTRICTED HOURS OF SPRINKLING. ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CITY CODE CHAPTER 3 AND SECTION 3.99 WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTAIN PENALTY PROVISIONS**

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:  
**SECTION 1.** That Section 3.20. Rules and Regulations Relating to Water Service, subd. 6. Restricted Hours of Sprinkling of the Luverne City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Subd. 6. Restricted Hours of Sprinkling. Times and hours during which water may not be used from the City water system is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for lawn sprinkling, except new lawns, new seedlings, new sod, and hand garden sprinkling. Watering is allowed for even numbered addresses on even numbered days between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. (evening and early morning). Watering is allowed for odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. (evening and morning). Property in a Homeowner Association may water on even numbered days regardless of an even or odd house number. In addition, whenever the City determines a shortage of water threatens the City or any part of the City, it may further limit the times and hours during which water may be used from the City water system for any and all uses specified during such period of water shortage or emergency. It is unlawful for any water consumer to cause or permit water to be used in violation of such determination after public announcement thereof has been made through the news media specifically indicating the restrictions hereof.

**SECTION 2.** City Code Section 3.99, Violating a Misdemeanor or Petty Misdemeanor shall be hereby adopted by reference.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

/s/ Esther Spease-Frakes, Mayor Pro-Tem  
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator

Introduced: June 14, 2016  
Adopted: June 14, 2016  
Published: June 23, 2016  
Effective: June 30, 2016

(06-23)



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## EMPLOYMENT

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