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Hot Dog Night is next week in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 53rd Annual Hot Dog Nite will be Thursday, July 16, on Main Street.

The event will feature a beer garden at Sterling's Café, live music, wiener dog races, wiener dog beauty contest and much more.

"Visit Luverne businesses and enjoy some of the over 10,000 free hot dogs and beverages given away for this great hometown event," said Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends when hot dogs run out.

"Be sure to stay around and enjoy some of the other great things that are happening that night," Lanphere said.

She mentioned the following Hot Dog Night features:

- Luverne Farmers Market from 4 to 7 p.m. at Redbird Field

- Fantasy Face Painting and temporary tattoos at 5 p.m.

- HGS Gallery face painting for children and adults from 5 to 7 p.m. with Lori Hallstrom

- Classic Car Show at Poplar Creek Estates from 5 to 7 p.m.

- Cruise-in for fun and fellowship; live music with "L'attitude"

- Fifth Annual Wienerman Triathlon at 6:15 p.m. - 4-person relay races throughout town featuring eating, swimming, biking and running - information and registration available at wienermanworldchampionship.com.

- ARC Youth Band from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Performance on North Freeman by bleachers.

- Eighth Annual Wiener Dog Beauty Contest at 7 p.m. for best-looking male and female dachshund, sponsored by Rock Veterinary Clinic

- 12th Annual Wiener Dog Races immediately following the Beauty Contest - Watch your favorite dachshund race the course for first place in this "fastest dog" competition sponsored by Rock Veterinary Clinic

- Midwest Fire new fire engine - free Freeze Pops

- Ice Cream... Kettlecorn... Snow Cones ... Cotton Candy

- Tae Kwon Do demonstrations at 6 p.m.

- Spotlight Dance performance at 6:30 p.m.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0709 Rock River Canoeing

Representatives from the city of Luverne, Rock County and the Luverne Chamber of Commerce's Convention and Visitors Bureau paddle down the Rock River on Tuesday, June 30, to identify possible entrance and exit points for a proposed canoe and kayaking trail.

Exploring the Rock River

Committee members tour shores for potential water trail development

By Mavis Fodness

Smiles were prevalent on everyone's faces as they exited their canoes, kayaks and small boats from the Rock River Tuesday morning, June 30.

The group had just spent a little more than three hours on the water.

"It's really relaxing ... letting the river carry you along," said Luverne City Administrator John Call.

Eleven people representing the city, Luverne Area Chamber, Rock County and the state of Minnesota boarded their watercraft about five miles upriver from Luverne.

On their trip down the river, the group looked for suitable

places to enter and exit the river as part of their quest to develop a public water trail.

In January members of the Chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau began exploring the development of a water trail on the Rock River. The group planned an exploratory trip down the river in May, but high water levels postponed the event until June 30.

For many on Tuesday's expedition, traveling on the river in borrowed vessels was a first-time experience.

"I wouldn't mind getting a kayak," said Luverne City Council member Eugene Marshall af-

Rock River trail/see page 8A



Mavis Fodness photo/0709 Rock River Canoeing

Mike Davis, a member of the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau, works his way through the former low head dam area on the Rock River.

ATLAS opens charity thrift store in former Computer Tutors

By Jason Berghorst

Another category of retail business will join Luverne's downtown lineup on July 23.

ATLAS of Rock County is opening a thrift store, "Redeemed Remnants," at 220 E. Main Street.

ATLAS is a nonprofit Christian ministry that offers support and assistance to "those struggling with life's difficult issues," according to its website.

"This store will be an extension of our ministry," said ATLAS Director

Vicki Altena.

Altena said the store will meet an obvious need in the community.

"Through our work with people, it's been clear that there is a need for affordable clothing and household supplies," she said.

Jeane Leslie, Luverne, will be the store manager.

"People are excited to have a thrift store in Luverne again," Leslie said.

Altena said proceeds will

Redeemed Remnants/See page 3A

Buffer law to protect water goes into effect July 1

Initiative to establish 110,000 acres of new grass buffers along waterways in Minnesota

By Lori Sorenson

On July 1 a state water quality buffer law went into effect, and funding for the initiative became available to soil and water districts across Minnesota.

These offices will hire technical staff to implement new buffers and help eligible landowners enroll in federal funding programs.

In Rock County, officials from the Land Management Office and its affiliated ag services are waiting for information from the state to plan for how the law affects them here.

How much money is coming in, how many technicians they hire and how many buffers can be started are among the questions addressed.

"These are very good questions," said Doug Bos of the Land Management Office. "As in any government program, we are waiting to get the details."

He pointed out that Rock County has already received \$165,000 and has been allotted another \$1.17 million to help repair farm ground damaged in the 2014 flood, so his office is already scrambling to put that money to use.

"This is additional funding to repair the crop field damages of the 2014 storm and flooding event that were not covered with FEMA or USDA," Bos said.

Buffer law initiative/see page 3A

Local egg prices hold steady despite flu



Submitted Photo

Payton Fick gathers eggs last week on his family's farm south of Luverne. Fick's business, Fick's Farm Fresh Eggs, has increased due to consumer demand and the reduction in egg production due to avian influenza.

By Mavis Fodness

With egg prices doubling in the last 30 days, some local retailers are not passing the added costs on to local consumers.

Glen Gust, owner of Glen's Food Center in Luverne, said the price for a dozen eggs rose from less than \$1 to more than \$2 in recent weeks.

Eggs recently received good health reviews, increasing consumer demand, he explained. Demand coupled with a decrease in egg production has led to the recent price climb.

Since the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5 was first detected in Minnesota earlier this year, more than 9 million turkeys and chickens have been destroyed, including 3.6 million from egg production sites, according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health's website.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at the township hall.

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, in the Blue Mound Room of Sanford Luverne Hospital.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, at the Rock County Library basement, Luverne. **Note the new date.** Contact Verla Fick at 283-8926.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association Picnic will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, at the Blue Mound Church.

Tourist Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, at Sterling's Café.

VFW Auxiliary #2757 will meet at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Rock County VFW Post 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, in the Herreid Military Museum.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at St. Catherine's east parking lot to carpool to Brandon for dinner at the steakhouse and the "Sound of Music" play at the Brandon PAC. Drivers are needed. Contact Donna Scholten at 283-8019.

MS Support Group meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. Those with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be in the back room of Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

Hinkly hosts 'Summer Night of Music'

The Hinkly House at 217 North Freeman Avenue will host "A Summer Night of Music" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9. Dolly Talbert and special guests will provide music, and a reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

Enjoy Take 16 Cruise-in July 9

Take 16 Brewery will host its "Second Thursday of the Month Cruise-in" Thursday, July 9, at its site at 509 E. Main Street in Luverne. The event is from 5 to 10 p.m. with live music from 6 to 9 p.m. Beverages and food will be available for sale, and classic vehicle enthusiasts are encouraged to display their vintage vehicles.

Fey Industries observes 50 years with celebration on July 10

Fey Industries, Edgerton, will celebrate 50 years in business on Friday, July 10. The public is invited to attend an open house event between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The event includes tours of the facility, cake and refreshments.

Fey Industries is a light manufacturing company that was started in 1965 and now has more than 225 associates involved in the manufacturing and decorating of branded promotional advertising products and product packaging.

Time Out for Caregivers retreat set for July 15 to discuss hearing issues

Caregiver Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, in the Oaks Dining Room. State of Minnesota service representatives will speak about the Minnesota Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Call 283-5064 with questions.

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Register for Wienerman triathlon

Registration for the Hot Dog Nite Wienerman Triathlon on July 16 is available at www.allsportscentral.com. The race will begin and finish at the old Herman Motor Building with post race awards to follow. IV Play will play music will be from 8 to 11 p.m. Call Dave, 507-920-3345, with questions.

Cowboy Church in Luverne July 19

New Life Celebration Church, Luverne, will sponsor Cowboy Church at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19, in the Show Arena at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Pastor Billy VanCamp, founder of Heart Cry Cowboy Church in Arizona, will deliver a Christian message in a unique cowboy style. The public is welcome. Call 507-449-6522 with questions.



Maavis Fodness photo/0709 Hinkly House Roof

Work continues on Hinkly House

Workers from Patten Roofing of Huntley nail asphalt shingles into place on the north side of the Hinkly House Museum in Luverne Thursday, July 2. The project began several weeks ago when workers began removing the old wooden shingles, replacing the underlayment, adding weatherstripping and finishing with new asphalt shingles. The almost \$40,000 project is partially funded through an anonymous donation. The Rock County Historical Society, which owns the building, will cover the remainder of the cost.



Hot Dog Night set for July 16 in Luverne/continued from page 1A

- Fourth Annual Girl Scouts and Schwartz Farms Inc. Hot Dog Fine Art Contest from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Cash awards at 6 p.m.
- Music On Main

from 6 to 11 p.m. "Smooth Groove performs at Main and Freeman from 6-9 p.m., sponsored by Sterlings Café & Grille.

from 8-11 p.m. at Main & McKenzie, sponsored by Duffy's Wienerman Triathlon
•Beer Garden On Main will be open from 6 p.m. to close. Sterlings Café & Grille

will beat Main & Freeman, and The Bluestem Beer Garden will be at Main & McKenzie.
Call the Luverne Area Chamber, 507-283-4061, or see www.luvernechamber.com

Register by July 24 for Talent Show

Singers, musicians, comedians and entertainers of all ages are encouraged to sign up for the 14th annual Rock County Fair Amateur Talent Contest.

The event will be Wednesday night, July 29, at the historic Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 are awarded to the top three winners in each category. Divisions include open (any age), ages 13-18 and ages 12 and under.

Registration deadline is Thursday, July 24.

Entry forms are available at the Luverne Area Chamber office located at 213 E. Luverne St., by calling 507-283-2061 or on the Chamber's website at www.luvernechamber.com

All first place winners at the county fair level advance to the Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest.

The Rock County Fair will be from July 29 through Aug. 1 at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Luverne.

The event is sponsored by the Rock County Fair Board and Sioux Valley Energy.



Lori Sorenson photo/0709 motorcycle vs dog crash

Local emergency crews respond to the motorcycle-vs.-dog crash that temporarily closed both lanes of Highway 75 near the airport south of Luverne Monday afternoon.

Florida riders involved in motorcycle vs. dog crash south of Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

A pair of motorcyclists suffered nonlife-threatening injuries Monday after their Harley Davidson collided with a dog on Highway 75 south of Luverne near the airport.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, 56-year-old Larry Neal and his passenger, 72-year-old Madaline Neal, both of Ormond Beach, Florida, were traveling north on Highway 75 when the crash occurred around 12:30 p.m.

Traffic from both directions was blocked

for nearly 20 minutes until the crash scene could be cleared.

The motorcyclists were transported by ambulance to Sanford Luverne Hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries, according to the report, and the 2008 Harley Davidson Motorcycle was towed to G&S Auto in Luverne with moderate damage.

The dog, which reportedly belonged to Dan Hamann, rural Luverne, died at the scene.

The report states that alcohol was not a factor in the crash.



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Luverne School Board releases preliminary budget

District will carry over \$1.6 million in 2015-16 school year, but finance manager predicts spending over budget for next fiscal year

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public Schools will carry over more than \$1.6 million into the 2015-2016 school year.

Marlene Mann, district business manager, presented board members with next year's preliminary budget at their regular meeting Thursday night, June 25.

"We have all funds 91 percent already spent," she said.

As of June 30, the district has spent \$16,667,094 out of a budget of \$18,329,108 this school year.

Rolling over into next year's budget on July 1 will be \$1,662,013.

Mann cautioned the carryover doesn't include June expenditures, including costs of the current upgrades to the agricultural classrooms and the library.

"We will be spending over our budget this year," Mann said.

The revised final budget will be presented to board members at a later date.

Mann said the district would receive a 2-percent increase in state funding for the 2015-16 school year.

However, she cautioned the amount would be dependent on future student

enrollment.

"If we had the same number of students as last year ... we'll have about \$150,000 in additional monies," she said.

In other action, board members:

- Increased bus driver compensation 3 to 3.5 percent. Regular route and Sioux Falls route drivers will earn \$81 per day, an increase from \$78.50 per day.

- Preschool and kindergarten route drivers will earn \$37.50 per day, up \$1 from the previous rate. Activity trip drivers will earn \$13 per hour, up from \$12.60.

- Approved the two-hour food service worker hourly rate pay to \$10 for the 2015-2016 school year.

- Authorized 3.5 percent salary increases for business manager Marlene Mann to \$70,569; technology coordinator Wade Hiller, \$64,618; and administrative assistant/payroll clerk Brenda Teal, \$45,265.

- Hired Brian Pick as grounds worker beginning June 29 at \$14.35 per hour.

- Changed their next meeting date to Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. Community input begins at 6:30 p.m.



Star Herald file photo

These fields by Hardwick show tilled rows right up to the stream bank, likely allowing soil and chemicals to run off into the water. The new buffer law that went into effect July 1 will seek to protect waters from this sort of pollution.

Buffer strips go into effect July 1/continued from page 1A

Eligible repairs include terraces, waterways and other conservation practices damaged by rushing floodwater.

He said he's pleased to see state buffer initiatives went into effect July 1, and he hopes local farmers and landowners learn early in the process about how the law works.

He recommended they start with the Land Management's website, www.rockswcd.org, for a link to information. In a statement released Wednesday, Gov. Mark Dayton said he hopes the new buffer law will be the first step toward better water quality in the state.

"Minnesotans are united as stewards of our lakes, rivers and streams," said Dayton, who pushed for the legislation. "By working together, we can greatly improve the quality of our waters across our great state."

Additional components of the law will take effect over the next several years, as farmers and landowners work to put buffers on their properties.

For example, 50-foot buffers must be in place around all public waters

(lakes, rivers and streams) by Nov. 1, 2017.

Public ditches will need 16.5-foot buffers in place by Nov. 1, 2018.

About the Buffer Initiative

Following a series of reports about declining water quality across Minnesota, lawmakers worked with farmers, landowners, environmental advocates and public health experts to develop a solution that will reduce runoff and improve water quality.

The resulting buffer law will designate roughly 110,000 acres of land for new buffers alongside rivers, streams, and ditches to filter out phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment before it enters the water supply.

Lack of enforcement and new drinking water concerns compel state to action

Due to inadequate regulations and a lack of consistent enforcement, the state's previous laws were not effective in preventing harmful runoff into lakes, rivers and streams.

In fact, an estimated 64 percent of all waters in the southern and western regions of Minnesota are not subject to any buffer requirements under current law. Further, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) estimates that only 43 percent of rivers and streams in western and southern Minnesota currently have vegetative buffers.

In May the Minnesota Department of Health reported nitrates in drinking water are increasing to concerning levels, prompting many communities to install expensive nitrate treatment systems to protect residents.

A recent MPCA study also showed that agricultural and urban runoff is contributing significantly to the impairment of Minnesota's lakes, rivers and streams.

The impairments are caused by high levels of bacteria, nitrates and sediment, and could be prevented by better buffer strip implementation and enforcement.

Buffer strips are among Governor Dayton's major legislative priorities. More information is available on the state's buffer initiative information website.

Land Management moves to former office

Increased workload, need for privacy cited as reasons for relocation

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Land Management (LMO) will move its offices to an area that's familiar for its office personnel.

At their Tuesday, June 16, meeting, County Board members approved moving LMO operations to space within the Rock County Ag Service Center at 311 W. Gabrielson Road.

According to board discussion, the move was prompted by a need for more office space, privacy and a new lease offer from the building's owners.

"It's a hard space to rent," said Kellee Valnes, who attended the meeting with her father, Don Walgrave. "This makes it nicer for you and nicer for us."

The new 10-year lease agreement begins Aug. 1.

Valnes and Walgrave agreed to a five-year lease at \$10 per square foot for the 2,850-square-foot office area. After five years the lease will undergo an inflation increase for the remainder of the lease.

The lease is contingent upon the Farm Service Agency staying in its current office space within the same building.

The LMO used to be located in the rear office area but moved to the smaller

office area in the building's front about 10 years.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will still have its offices in front.

When LMO moved to the front, Rock County Opportunities was located in the building's rear office until five years ago, when it moved to its new facility on West Main Street. The rear office area has been empty since then.

Once the LMO is moved, the former front office space will be leased.

Returning to the rear of the building gains LMO additional office space, a meeting/lunch room and two reception areas. Among the office space are five private offices.

LMO Director Eric Hartman said the current office space lacks privacy for dis-

cussions with landowners and/or producers and, if additional staff is necessary, no office space is currently available.

Hartman said he is anticipating at least one full-time position will be needed immediately in the office based on upcoming projects.

"Just the buffer work alone is going to increase our workload," he said.

The recently completed special session of the state's legislators passed more funding for local SWCDs to help landowners meet the state's 50-foot vegetative buffer mandate along perennial streams in the next two years.

Hartman estimated 894 out of the county's 8,708 would be impacted by the buffer strip requirement. In order to comply with the mandate, landowners would meet and work individually

with LMO personnel.

While exact funding increases are yet to be determined, Hartman said the LMO would be administering two additional state programs that may also require additional staff.

Rock County received a \$2.4 million flood relief grant that includes the construction of waterways, terraces and sediment basins along with the promotion and implementation of conservation practices.

The LMO is also partnering with the state Department of Agriculture for phase II implementation of the Rock River Terrain Analysis Project.

The project addresses locations within the Rock River Watershed with high-erosion potential by working with landowners and producers on possible solutions.



Jason Berghorst photo/0709 thrift store

Jeane Leslie (left) will be the store manager of Redeemed Remnants. She's pictured with ATLAS Director Vicki Altena.

Redeemed Remnants/from 1A

support the local nonprofit organization with its programs in the community.

"It's kind of like a circle," Leslie said.

ATLAS purchased the former Computer Tutors building, and staff and volunteers have been working to renovate the space to get it ready for its opening date.

The store will accept donations of gently used clothes, household items, furniture, and small kitchen appliances after it opens.

Altena said the store already has collected more than enough donated goods to fill the shelves for opening day.

"We invited people to donate unsold items after the citywide rummage sales," Altena said. "The response from that was great."

Leslie said the store will be open Tuesday through Saturday and will have two employees in addition to a number of volunteers.

"We are really hoping to get some volunteers that can commit to certain hours on the same day each week for scheduling purposes" Altena said.

"But we'll be happy to take any volunteers we can get, even if you only have an hour to spare" Leslie added.

Questions about the store or about making donations can be directed to the ATLAS office at 449-5777 until the new location has its own phone.

"We've already gotten so much support and been given lots of pointers," Altena said. "It will be great to be part of the local retail community."

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Training sessions start August 18 at the Lyon County Courthouse in Marshall.

Contact Vicky Henderson at 507-283-5070 or Karyn Groenewold at 507-532-1217 for more information or to register.

Background checks are required prior to licensing.

Who could have imagined a July 4 celebration (on the water) in Luverne?

Growing up in Luverne in the 1980s and 1990s, I experienced a very quiet Fourth of July holiday in my hometown.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

Any holiday activities were always in other towns. Luverne was closed for the Fourth.

Independence Day is a summer outdoor holiday.

Luverne has no lake. There was no beach and no campground in town. Not even an outdoor pool to swim in.

Luverne was not a summer town.

Growing up on South Donaldson Street in my elementary years, one activity I did do in the summer was ride my bike to see "the horses".

When going to "the horses," I meant the barn and pasture down the gravel road at the end of Edgehill Street near the old gravel pit pond.

As a town kid, I had fun standing by the fence and petting the horses that were kept in that old barn right on the edge of town.

Things sure have changed. Now the horses are gone. So are the days when there is nowhere to swim in town and nothing to do in Luverne on the summer's biggest holiday.

Mike Davis also grew up on South Donaldson and he also rode his bike down by the horses and explored the old gravel pit pond that was behind that old barn.

A couple of years ago, Mike and his wife, Traci, purchased a parcel of land adjacent to the old pond. They had a vision far beyond what anyone else in town could possibly have had.

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They could see a future of sharing their property with the community so families could enjoy summer days and nights right here in Luverne.

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Some years our family would travel to Leota to see fireworks or maybe to Hills to swim at the Rez.

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Luverne people celebrating the Fourth of July without having to leave town. That happened for the first time this past Saturday.

It's safe to say I could never have imagined people gathering on the Fourth at a beach to watch a water parade, play volleyball, swim and fish right here in Luverne, all for free, where I used to go to pet the horses.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Mike and Traci and some of their friends, along with some support from city and county leaders and work crews, a tremendous transformation has occurred.

Mike will be the first to tell you his dream is still a work in progress. He and Traci have many more ideas and plans for the area, and the possibilities are exciting.

For now, many in the community are commending them for already creating opportunities for free summer fun right here in town.

They are investing their own money and time to create something cool in our old neighborhood, an area of town that was pretty much forgotten by many for way too long.

Thanks to Mike and Traci, kids in my old neighborhood and all of us can do a lot more than pet the horses this summer.

Our health depends on changing from our current habits

Get moving and eating right, Rock County!

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

A grassroots movement is taking place to develop activities that get us up off the couch in Rock County.

We hope more of this catches on.

Kayaking down the Rock River, boating and swimming at a former gravel pit were some of the activities demonstrated last week. Not only did they seem fun, the activities burned a lot of calories.

The Southwest Health and Human Services recently released its Community Health Improvement Plan or CHIP. For the next five years the staff of the six-county agency will focus on improving the health of area residents.

However, the SWHHS staff cannot make meaningful impacts in our lives without our help.

"It needs to be a community initiative," said Carol Biren, SWHHS public health director.

The agency identified the top ten leading causes of death among our residents, and heart disease was ranked at No. 1.

Also at No. 1 is Rock County, who now leads southwest Minnesota in the percentage of its population stricken by heart attacks, according to the release of the 2014 Community Health Assessment. With 47.5

percent of the heart attack hospitalizations per 10,000 people, ages 35 and older, Rock County needs to take steps to lower this number.

Besides getting out and moving more, we also have to work on eating healthier, and that could start in the workplace, Biren advocated.

SWHHS found in their study that the workplace is one area where healthy eating habits have taken a backseat in recent years.

It is common for employees to bring sweet treats, loaded with fattening carbohydrates, to work. Adding to our poor choices are vending machines loaded with sugary and salty snacks. Both have contributed to the girths of Rock County adults and children.

While SWHHS wasn't able to calculate a specific assessment for Rock County adults, a Body Mass Index (BMI) for the other five member counties placed 38.9 percent of our population as overweight and

33.7 percent were obese. That places more than half of our neighbors at risk for chronic diseases.

For our children, SWHHS was able to assess our Rock County ninth-graders in 2013, whose BMI was calculated at 37, an average considerably higher than the state's (23) and the region's (29) averages.

Healthy eating habits and physical activity are the primary ways a person can maintain a healthy weight.

It all begins with a change in our thinking, no matter how miniscule.

Instead of choosing chips and candy from vending machines, seek out a healthier alternative. Instead of bringing sweet treats to share at work, try fresh fruits or vegetables.

Seek out different food choices and pressure ourselves to think about what's best for our diets.

As Biren put it, "It's the little changes that make big impacts."



Class reunions mark a time for fun, reflection and thanking those who organize such events

While we are in the midst of a summer full of busy weekends, July seems to be the busiest month of all. The weekends are booked with our grandson's baseball tournaments, a wedding and a couple of class reunions for good measure.

I actually have two 40th class reunions myself this month alone. Mary had her 40th reunion last month. Mary's class of 1975 was the largest graduating class in Worthington High School history. At least that is what I was told at the reunion. There were 335 in her class, and nowadays they turn out fewer than 200 grads a year. Yet, for some reason they need a bigger school. Go figure.

Of the 300-plus students in Mary's class, 18 of them have died. All 18 died between the class's 20th



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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and 40th reunions. That is why they decided to have another reunion in five years before they lose many more. Of the 18 classmates that have passed away, 13 of them were cancer-related deaths.

I am also a Class of 1975 graduate, but I got my diploma from Brewster High School. I attended Brewster

High School my junior and senior years, but before that I went to school in Heron Lake, so I have been invited to both schools' 40th reunions.

Heron Lake and Brewster didn't like each other much on the football field back in the day, so as you can imagine, moving to Brewster my junior year and putting a Bulldog

jersey on to play against the Heron Lake Falcons was interesting, to say the least.

There was no open enrollment back then, and hindsight being 20/20 (and nothing against Heron Lake) because of the move I got to meet 24 new classmates, many of whom turned into lifelong friends, along with those from Heron Lake. I guess you could say that was a win-win deal — at least in life if not on the football field.

With a class of only 24 you of course know everyone, even if you only went to school there two years. I know of two classmates that have died since graduation. I believe the last time we assembled as a class it was 20 years ago as well.

Only 85 of Mary's 317 living

classmates attended her reunion or just a little over 26 percent. If only 26 percent of my Brewster classmates show up at next week's reunion, only six of us will be getting together.

Just off the top of my head, I would guess at least half of my classmates live within a 100 miles of Brewster, so hopefully we'll top that 26-percent attendance mark.

By the way, one last reunion-related item — I want to thank the classmates of mine who put the reunion together.

I don't care if your class numbers in the 20s or the 300s, it's a lot of work putting a class reunion together and often for very little thanks. So, for all of those of you who have organized a class reunion, thank you for doing so; otherwise they just wouldn't happen.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report
June 26

- Deputy reported he is escorting three juvenile males to Hills.
- Dispatcher received an alarm for a business. Contacted key holder who advised we should disregard. He will check it out and let us know if there is an issue.
- Complainant reported he is sitting outside subject's home waiting for him to come out because subject swindled him out of some money. Complainant wanted to let us know in case anyone called in about him sitting outside. Deputy was advised and spoke with complainant.
- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle. It is at Hwy. 23 and County Rd. 5 well off the roadway. Owner called in later about it.
- Complainant reported that her husband lost his black leather wallet with cash inside at the grocery store.
- Complainant reported that she just came out to get in her car and someone had put huge dents in the doors. Possibly a hit and run accident.
- Dispatcher received 911 calls from Hills. They sounded like pocket dials. Sent deputy to make sure everything was OK.
- Dispatcher received a 911 hang-up call. Sent deputy who said it was a verbal domestic. Parties were separated for the night.
- Deputy stopped subject and cited him for driving after suspension.
- Deputy stopped vehicle and cited driver for no Minnesota drivers' license.
- Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail. G & S towed the vehicle.
- Complainant reported she and her husband are having a fight and it is getting heated. Sent deputies.
- Complainant reported she wants a person to leave the property and the person will not go. Deputy spoke with subject living here and he had no problem with the person being there.
- Complainant reported a gray SUV parked at the stop sign at Hwy. 75 and W. Virginia Street. SUV is occupied but blocking traffic. Deputy reported that it was gone upon his arrival.
- Complainant requested to speak with a deputy because he was cited and told that he can't drive anymore because he doesn't have a license but needs to do chores.
- Complainant reported someone is trying to get money from them.
- Deputy reported a vagrant on S. Kniss Avenue. He was given a ride to the Pipestone County line.
- Complainant reported that they went to a fast food place and subject was working and complainant and subject are not supposed to have contact with one another so they wanted subject arrested for violating the order for protection.
- Complainant dropped off a bank card that was found in Luverne. Owner will come in on Monday to get it.
- Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. Subject was taken to the hospital to be checked out.

- on I-90 eastbound, one mile west of Beaver Creek. Found one person ejected with a low pulse. Ambulance requested the helicopter come.
- Complainant reported a red truck with Texas plates sitting across from Erwin's in Hills. The doors on the truck are open and it is running and unoccupied. Deputy reported the vehicle is parked in a yard next to a camper. No answer when deputy knocked on the door so the radio was turned down on the truck.
- Reserved for POR registration.
- Complainant reported that subject returned vehicle from a previous ICR but kicked it and damaged it. Complainant would like to file a report.
- Complainant reported some vandalism.
- Complainant requested some information on how to go about getting an order for protection.
- Complainant reported vandalism to her vehicle.
- Complainant reported a pay-loader on fire 121st Street.
- Complainant requested a residence check on a house that is supposed to be empty. There are kids throwing furniture over the fence and complainant feels there is underage drinking going on.
- Complainant reported his ex is trying to take his kid away.
- Complainant reported a theft of property from a vehicle. Vehicle was parked in the driveway.
- Complainant reported someone is trespassing on his property.
- Deputy reported he was flagged down by a motorist who was stranded on I-90 and needed gas. Gave them a ride to get gas and back to their vehicle.
- Complainant reported someone sent her scam email via Facebook. Scam was regarding having to pay money at a local Wal-Mart to receive a check.
- Complainant reported that people have been driving through property and they shouldn't be there. Complainant is with the driver now.
- Complainant reported subject has walked through his property picking up trash and complainant would like him talked to about it.
- Complainant reported possible child abuse. Contacted Family Services.
- Complainant reported her husband will not bring her daughter out to her and it's her night. The agreement is verbal only.
- Complainant reported a small red car in the park with two men acting strange. Sent deputy to check it out and the men told him they were panning for gold in the Rock River.
- Complainant reported that he saw a suspicious person walking around County Rd. 4 and 100th Avenue where they have farm equipment parked. Would like it checked out.
- Complainant reported a CO2 detector chirping. Paged Luverne Fire Department.
- Complainant reported he found a large black dewalt binder in the road.
- Complainant reported a person turned northbound on Kniss Ave. that is possibly drinking out of a beer bottle and driving. They are driving a red, rusty pickup and pulling a trailer.
- Deputy stopped subject for being revoked.

- Complainant reported subject went on a walk around 9:30 p.m. and is not home yet. This is not normal behavior for her. No missing person report at this time. Called back at 11:02 p.m. and subject is home.
- July 1
- Deputy reported that he was flagged down by someone reporting there was a young child being dragged across the parking lot by a female in her 70s to a bright yellow 1970s Suburban with California plates. Vehicle was gone when deputy arrived. Put out a BOLO to surrounding counties and states.
- Complainant reported a problem with subject and would like someone to come to their location.
- Complainant reported there is a white Sedan with no plates parked on the street in Beaver Creek. Deputy checked on the vehicle and had G & S tow it.
- Complainant reported a possible drunk driver heading to Beaver Creek. Deputy found the vehicle parked in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported a man lying under bushes on E. Maple Street. Complainant thought it was suspicious. Turned out to be someone who had an argument with his sister so he thought he'd sleep in the bushes.
- Deputy arrested subject for DWI. Vehicle was towed and plates stripped. Subject was taken to jail.
- July 2
- Complainant reported an open door on a building. Contacted key holder and secured door.
- Complainant reported subject with mental health issues.
- Complainant reported the railroad crossings at 20th Avenue, 121st Street and 231st Street will be closed through the weekend unless they complete the project tomorrow. Sent notice to the ambulance to advise also.
- Complainant reported someone is moving a building down the road and they are making a mess. County Hwy. department advised they have not issued any permits for a building move.
- Complainant reported she left her car unlocked and someone got in and took some things.
- Complainant reported her carbon monoxide detector keeps beeping. She thought it was a low battery so she changed them but it keeps beeping. Faulty detector.
- Dispatcher received an abandoned 911 call from Hills. Called back and spoke to a young girl who said her little sister dialed 911.
- Complainant reported the railroad crossing will be closed overnight at 241st St., 20th Ave. and State Hwy. 23.
- Complainant reported that a man just got out of prison and is not supposed to be out of the state of South Dakota but is in Luverne and she fears for the life of a relative. Suspect is in a maroon Dodge Durango with tinted windows and has a handicap SD plate.
- Complainant reported loud music coming from an apartment just north of Main Street.

Date	High Temp (°F)	Low Temp (°F)	Avg Wind Speed (mph)	High Wind Gust (mph)	Significant Weather	Total Precip (in)	Snow (in)
1	79	54	10	25			
2	81	57	15	30	Tstorm		
3	79	63	8	21	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain	0.28	
4	79	57	7	20	Mist, Tstorm		
5	79	63	8	21	Lgt Drizzle, Haze, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.40	
6	82	64	13	32	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.35	
7	73	61	9	25	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.11	
8	86	59	10	27			
9	95	61	9	28	Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.15	
10	82	63	9	21	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Tstorm	Trace	
11	64	59	11	24	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain	0.44	
12	70	59	8	17			
13	77	63	5				
14	86	61	7	21	Mist, Tstorm		
15	75	61	8	22	Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	1.66	
16	72	54	7	18	Lgt Rain, Rain	0.01	
17	72	59	8	20			
18	77	52	5		Haze		
19	82	55	11	39	Lgt Rain, Tstorm	0.57	
20	84	63	9	58	Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.21	
21	86	63	6				
22	81	61	15	63	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.23	
23	75	55	5		Lgt Rain	Trace	
24	79	59	8	21			
25	79	59	4		Mist, Lgt Rain	Trace	
26	81	64	6	18	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain	0.11	
27	82	55	7	18	Lgt Rain	Trace	
28	82	63	12	24			
29	82	61	7	16			
30	79	63	4				
TOTAL						4.52	0.0
AVERAGE	79.3	59.6					

Temperature Summary		Precip Summary		
Warmest High Temperature	95 (9th)	Month	Year	Season
Coolest Low Temperature	52 (18th)	4.52	11.26	
Wind Summary		Snowfall Summary		
Peak Wind Gust	63 (22nd)	0.0	15.1	27.4
		Total Snowfall		

Month of June marked by severe storms, continues moisture trend

By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

Severe thunderstorms were certainly at the forefront of June weather for what has been a fairly lackluster severe storm season to this point.

The first event occurred Friday night/Saturday morning, July 19 and 20, with hail primarily being the issue Friday night and a second set of strong storms bringing very strong winds in the early morning hours on the 20th.

Up to 1-inch hail was reported just south of Luverne on the 19th, and severe wind gusts of 58 mph were recorded at the Luverne airport the early morning hours of the 20th.

There were numerous reports of trees and branches down in Luverne and Magnolia and at other areas in the county.

The second event occurred in the early morning hours on Monday, June 22, with another straight-line wind event.

The hardest hit was in Garretson, South Dakota, but adjacent areas of Rock County also suffered downed buildings and trees. Wind estimates of 90-100 mph or greater were reported.

The Luverne airport reported a wind gust of 63 mph (within severe criteria), from these storms, which had weakened some by the time they arrived in Luverne.

June marks the second straight month of above-normal rainfall with a nearly identical monthly amount to May.

Total rainfall came in at just a hair above 4 1/2 inches, just over a half inch above normal.

The above-normal rainfall has been welcome as it has reduced our yearly rainfall deficit to just shy of 2 inches.

While other locales in Rock County may have received significantly more rain, the total amount at the Luverne airport still shows the deficit — albeit drought conditions overall have improved significantly everywhere.

June temperatures were nearly 2 degrees above normal, which was helped primarily by warmer overnight lows as daytime highs were right at the average.

A blog of daily summary and other interesting weather events for the Luverne area is at <http://luvernemnwweather.blogspot.com>. Thone can be reached at tathone@gmail.com.

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Serena Gutnik began as the new Rock County Community Library Director as of June 15.

CLOSER TO HOME

Sioux Falls native is new Rock County Library director

By Jason Berghorst

The Rock County Community Library in Luverne has a new director.

Serena Gutnik began her duties on June 15.

"I'm excited to be here in Luverne and also to be a part of the Plum Creek Library System," she said.

Gutnik grew up in Sioux Falls and has worked in both school and public libraries during her career.

Most recently she was a librarian at Zumbrota-Mazeppa schools but was looking for an opportunity to return to the Sioux Falls area.

When the job opening in Luverne was advertised, Gutnik said she heard from a number of family members and friends that she should apply.

"That's never happened to me before," she said. "It's like it was

meant to be."

Gutnik said she likes the size of the library in Luverne, which allows her to not only be the director, but also help patrons with research and to work with children, in addition to many other duties.

"I like how I get to wear so many hats here and do a little bit of everything," she said.

Gutnik also spoke highly of the current staff, which has made her transition go smoothly.

"Barb (Verhey), our assistant library director, can run this place with her eyes closed," she said.

Currently the local library has two full-time and four part-time employees.

Gutnik said her main focus as she begins her new position will be the upcoming renovations to the library.

She said the plans will be finalized soon now that the new library director is in place.

"The plans for an updated library are very exciting," Gutnik said.

Cross-generational programming and continuing the collection development that the previous library director was working on are Gutnik's other short-term goals.

"This library just has a lot of great services to offer the public," she said.

"We have a great collection of CDs and DVDs and also have access to so many digital magazines, ebooks, audiobooks and other services," Gutnik added.

Technology is changing the way libraries serve the public, but Gutnik points out not everything is changing.

"We are not afraid of technology, but we sure aren't throwing out the books anytime soon," she said.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Carrie Austin** (bride-to-be of **Tom Janssen**) will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth.

An open house bridal shower for **Kelsey Haarsma** (bride-to-be of **Shane Kramer**) will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 11, at the Magnolia United Methodist Church.

Card shower

Joan Chesley will celebrate her 80th birthday Sunday, July 12. Greetings may be to

sent to her at 120 N. Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156.

Births

A girl, **Hadley Dawn**, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long, was born to **Blake and Kaitlyn Miller**, Hills, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Grandparents are Barb and Brad Bos, Steen, and Kenneth and Julie Miller, Lester, Iowa. Great-grandparents are Henrietta Bos, Hills, Bernie Brands, Luverne, Millie Richarz, Larchwood, Iowa, and Pansy Miller, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

Luverne is improving upon its reputation for quality parks this summer, as it has almost every year, by adding more equipment. The Louie the Lion drinking fountain was one of several new pieces of park equipment the city has installed in its various parks around town.

25 years ago (1995)

Graduates of the former Magnolia High School showed up in force last weekend to celebrate their all-school reunion at the VFW, Luverne. More than 360 Magnolia High School alumni met to eat, drink, dance, and most of all, reminisce about old times.

50 years ago (1965)

Checks totaling \$21,948.25 will be mailed to 1964 patrons of the Luverne Cooperative Creamery Association this week, A.H. Petersen announced.

The payments represent the producers' share of the 1964 earnings of the association, Petersen said, and amounts to approximately

three cents per hundred weight for all the milk sold to the creamery in 1964.

75 years ago (1940)

The ardent disciples of Izaak Walton that abound so profusely in Luverne and surrounding community will soon have the opportunity to catch good sized game fish in the Rock River. The game association in the Lyon county metropolis released 61,000 crappies and pike, large enough to provide good angling, in the Rock river above the Rock Rapids dam.

100 years ago (1915)

For a people not having a celebration in their home town the citizens of Luverne were pretty well entertained on their nation's natal day. There were celebrations in a number of the surrounding towns, while in Luverne there was the chautauqua and a series of good ball games, thus offering a variety of considerable extent. In fact, a three-day celebration was possible, and likewise enjoyed by some.

ENGAGEMENT

Bill and Pam Keller, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Keller, Sioux Falls, to Joey Slieter, Luverne.

Joey is the son of Janet Slieter, Luverne, and the late Dale Slieter.

Natalie graduated from Roosevelt High School, Sioux Falls, in 2011 and from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, in May 2015. She works for the South Dakota Department of Labor.

Joey graduated from Luverne High School in 2011 and from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, in May 2015. He will be involved with Cru campus ministry in the Sioux Empire Region.



Joey Slieter and Natalie Keller

They are planning an October 2015 wedding in Sioux Falls.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, July 13: Stuffed baked potato (ham, cheese, sour cream), broccoli, bread, ice cream.

Program: 11:25 a.m. Sing-along; 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, July 14: Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed corn, bread, rosy applesauce

Program: Two buck Tuesday sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

Wednesday, July 15: Lasagna, green beans, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, cookie.

Program: Peer Helper visits.

Thursday, July 16: Oven-

crispy chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, bread, cake.

Program: 5 p.m. Food mission with New Life Celebration Church.

Friday, July 17: Sweet and sour pork, rice, California blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, fruit cobbler.

Program: 12:15 p.m. Site Council meeting.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

1922: Firearms protect bank entrances in case of holdups

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on October 27, 1922:

LUVERNE BANKS TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTION AGAINST HOLDUPS

High Power Rifles Are Placed in Second Floor Offices Offering Clear View of Bank Entrances

Acting on suggestions from the American Bankers' Association, the entrances to Luverne's banks are now well covered by high power firearms which have been placed

so as to be convenient for use in case an attempt is made to hold up any of the institutions, especially in the day time.

Several long range rifles have been placed in office rooms on the second floor of business places that offer a clear view of the entrances to the banks, and are to be kept ready for instant use in case an alarm is given.

The location of these rifles is such that if any bank robbers were to attempt to stage a daylight holdup, they will find the period that it takes them to get out of range of the rifles,

painfully long.

Similar action in regard to placing loaded rifles in places convenient for most effective use in case of holdups has been taken by banks in many other towns in this section on the theory that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

SCHOOL NEWS

University of Sioux Falls

Joel Buys, history, Eli Dooyema, sports management, and Katlyn Sawtelle, elementary education, all of Luverne, were named to the University of Sioux Falls dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Southeast Technical Institute

Four area students were recently named to Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, president's list for the 2015 Spring semester.

They are Jeff Sandbulte, Steen, and Samantha Zomer, Valley Springs, South Dakota, both accounting majors; and Hailey Hamann, diagnostic medical sonography, and Ashlie Hess, vascular ultrasound technology, both of Luverne.

In order to qualify for the president's list, students must be enrolled full time and earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

University of Minnesota Duluth

Several area students were recently named to the University of Minnesota Duluth dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

They are Sean Rollag, Beaver Creek, a junior majoring in chemical engineering; and from Luverne, Ellen Dahl, a sophomore majoring in pre business, and Kaitlin Wahnoutka a junior majoring in biology.

Students on the dean's list have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or

higher.

Bemidji State University

Brandon Bosch, Luverne, was named to the Bemidji State University dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

Bosch, an environmental management major, is the son of Larry and Nicie Bosch of Luverne. He also plans to intern at Great Plains Processing, Luverne, this summer.

Buena Vista University

Katie Shearer, Luverne, recently graduated from Buena Vista University, Sheldon, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in athletic training and exercise science.

Minnesota State University

Bryan Stanley, Luverne, was recently awarded a \$500 Upper Class Scholarship from the Minnesota State University Moorhead.

The scholarship is available to students who have completed 12 semester credits and earn a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Concordia College

Kira Graber, a freshman at Concordia College, Moorhead, was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

She is the daughter of Keith and Seana Graber of Luverne.

Students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours and earn a 3.7 GPA or higher to qualify for the dean's list.

OBITUARIES

Marion Swenson

Marion Swenson, 99, Luverne, died Friday, July 3, 2015, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, July 7, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.



Marion is survived by her five sons, Bob (Margaret) Swenson, Luverne, Dennis (Sheri) Swenson, Grove, Oklahoma, David (Patti) Swenson, Beaver Creek, Kenneth Swenson, Luverne, and Todd (Dawn) Swenson, Brookings, South Dakota; two daughters, Betty (Jerry) Airgood, Kingman, Arizona, and Carol (Roger) Krinke, Belview; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren, a sister, Ruth (Lional) Wetzell, Neosho, Missouri; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilfred Swenson, on Jan. 29, 1995; a grandson, London; a granddaughter, Lisa; two brothers, Donald (Frances) Goembel, and Russell (Helen) Goembel; and three sisters, Mildred (Jack) McKay, Grace Miller, and an infant sister.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Lila Lee

Lila M. Lee, 83, Luverne, died Friday, July 3, 2015, at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home in Luverne.

A private family burial service will be at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Lila Herschberger was born Oct. 11, 1931, to Frank and Elsie (Petersen) Herschberger in Kenneth. She attended school in Kenneth before graduating from Luverne High School in 1949.

On Feb. 10, 1954, she married Walter Lee in Kenneth. After their marriage the couple lived in Kenneth before moving to the farm southwest of Kenneth. They retired and moved to Luverne in 1981. She was a member of the Luverne Ladies Legion Auxiliary.

Lila is survived by four children, Mark (Joanne) Lee, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Gary (Vickie) Lee, Magnolia, Terry (Vic) Rueb, Beaver Creek, and Patty (Bill) Creamer, Moore, Montana; three grandchildren, Jason Lee, Christopher Lee and Melissa Rueb; a sister, Vivian Bryan, Luverne; and a brother, Eugene Herschberger, McAllen, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter Lee, on March 31, 2002; and three sisters, Ruth Mork, Frances McClure and Avis Hoven.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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DEATH NOTICE

Patricia Sedlacek

Patricia Sedlacek, 84, Green Valley, Arizona, formerly of Luverne, died Friday, July 3, 2015, at her home. Funeral arrange-

ments are pending with Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Nominations open for FSA committee

The Rock County Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations to represent selected townships on its county committee.

One three-year term is open to represent the townships of Clinton, Kanaranzi, Luverne and Magnolia.

Nomination deadline is Aug. 3.

Forms are available at the FSA office or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

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New Prairie Insulation crew members include (front, from left) Wayne Fuerstenberg, Arnold Brondsema, Deb Brondsema, David Top, Dean Baker, Aaron Blank, Andrew Blank, Jarod Rowden, (back) Wayne Baker, Brad Haak, Justin Brandt, Cody Rozeboom and Dustin Verhey.

New Prairie Insulation earns Top Producer Award

By Glenda McGaffee

New Prairie Insulation Inc., located at 314 1st Avenue in Beaver Creek, earned the Top Producer award presented by Owens Corning Corporation.

Owens Corning certifies 110 energy contractors in the United States.

Once a year they inspect crews installing insulation to check their knowledge of insulation.

New Prairie Insulation won the award for 2014 as the top producer in the United States.

Arnie and Deb Brondsema attended a dinner and received the award in New Port Bench, California.



Submitted photo

'Making good use of retirement time'

Carla Ennenga shared with the Star Herald this photograph of Ken Vos giving tractor rides around town on Saturday, June 27. "He's making good use of his retirement time," she remarked in the email. Vos retired in 2012 from his work as supervisor of the city of Luverne Public Works Department. His tractor hobby dates back further than that, however. He and his wife, Phyllis, have been hosting an annual tractor party for more than 10 years. It has grown to include dozens of tractors and more than 150 guests who have been known to parade through the Rock County Fairgrounds during the annual fair.

Leadership training offered in Luverne

Meeting set for July 20 about upcoming program

The Blandin Community Leadership Program (BCLP) is offering its nationally recognized leadership training in the Luverne area.

Attend a meeting Monday, July 20, to learn more about how BCLP helps develop your knowledge and skills to address your community's challenges and opportunities, and work together to create positive force for change.

The informational session will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, July 20, in the Blue-STEM on South Highway 75. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

RSVP by July 17 to skmorque@blandinfoundation.org, or 218-327-8732 or 877-882-2257 toll-free

Applications for BCLP are due Aug. 3. To apply, visit leadership.blandinfoundation.org. Blandin Foundation covers all the costs of the program.

For more information, contact BCLP alumni Pat Baustian (507.920.7406/baustian6@gmail.com) or Connie Connell (507.283.8296 timconnell586@hotmail.com)

Becky Adams, BCLP recruitment coordinator, can be reached at 877-882-2257 or rmadams@blandinfoundation.org

DNR QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By Pete Schaefer, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wildlife technician

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Source: Creamery Pond Facebook page

Luverne enjoyed its first-ever Fourth of July water event Saturday with the "Parade on the Pond" at the Creamery Pond.

Luverne enjoys 'Parade on the Pond'

By Lori Sorenson

The sandy beaches of Luverne's Creamery Pond were lined with people and festive watercraft Saturday for the town's first-ever Fourth of July Parade on the Pond.

By some estimates, nearly 500 people participated in the event, which featured picnics, ice cream and a contest for best-decorated parade entry.

Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere deemed the first-ever event a success.

"Everyone had a great time," she said. "We know that we will have to be a little more organized next year, but who knew what to expect the first time?"

The pond is named for its proximity to what used to be the Luverne Cooperative Creamery (now Great Plains Processing).

It's owned by the city, but Mike and Traci Davis own the adjacent property and have been working with the city in the past year to clean up the shoreline and improve the beach.

"I think it turned out great," Traci said of Saturday's event.

"I was amazed at how many people showed up."

Mike Davis, who serves on the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau board, came up with the idea to host a Fourth of July parade on the water for non-motorized boats, canoes,

pontoons, kayaks and floaties.

Lanphere credited what she called a "big team of people" for pulling it off.

"Special thanks to Traci and Mike Davis, city of Luverne and the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau for hosting the event," Lanphere said.

"It took a big team of people—friends of the Davises and the city crew to get everything ready."

She congratulated parade winners, the Ykema and Rust families, for their entries.

Winning first place was the Ykema family—Darrel, Jill and Michael—who built a sailing craft out of a stock tank that they decorated patriotically.

"They said that rowing it presented quite a challenge, but they did it," Lanphere said.

Second place in the adult division was Kenneth native Justin Rust and his daughter, Inesita. They decorated their entry in red white and blue and called it "Air Force One."

"Perfectly logical for a man and his family on leave from his full-time military career," Lanphere said. "A good time was had by all. Thanks to the great people that took part."

First place in the under-12 division were Cade and Kacie Kracht, and second place was Anthony Kramer.

First place in the 13-18 division were Bergin Flom and Madi Schandelmeier,

and second place was Alex Kramer.

The Creamery Pond Facebook page was buzzing with posts later in the weekend.

"That was a great event," posted Matt Groen. "I hope this event happens every year. Thanks for a fun day."

Others commented in general about the pond and its newfound popularity.

"Gives you that 'being at the lake' feeling, but on a smaller scale," said Tashia Klosterbuer. "It's a fun place to get together and still be close to town."

Pam Rasmussen said, "Thanks so much for all you do. This is so great to have in Luverne."

Pamela Abell said, "Great place to fish, swim and for everyone to get together. I think it's great Mike and Traci let everyone go there. Thumbs up."

The Davises said they're already working with the Chamber and CVB to organize a 2016 Fourth of July event, this time with possible canoe races and fireworks.

Meanwhile, Mike said he hopes the public will cooperate to keep the pond safe for swimming and other recreation.

"Parents, you need to watch your kids and buy life jackets," he said. "Safety first, honestly... I want this to last, and if something happens, it's gone."

Egg prices/continued from 1A

The decline in numbers was also seen in the latest Chicken & Eggs report through the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Minnesota produced 11 million fewer eggs, a 14-percent drop from the previous month and a 4-percent drop from a year ago.

While egg prices have increased, poultry meat prices are slower to react.

Nathan Kraft with W-2 Quality Meats, a meat market in Luverne, said chicken prices have not increased, but one product jumped up \$3 per pound.

Smoked turkey tenders increased to \$12.99 per pound, a cost that won't be passed on to customers since the store has a good supply.

Kraft sees the retail price increase as short-term.

"We are just going to ride it out," he said.

William Lazarus, University of Minnesota Extension economist, said industry experts indicate the poultry industry will bounce back quickly, with 2016 egg production forecast at increasing 2 percent.

The same positive forecast is seen for the broiler industry, as affected barns re-populate with new stock.

Lazarus, however, downplays the positive outlook.

"If it turns out to be a one-time event that goes away and doesn't come back ...," he cautioned.

"I understand that the veterinarians are not sure about the likelihood of recurrence at this point."

The avian flu outbreak has helped small producers (those with flocks of 100 birds or less) gain a foothold in the local retail market.

Business for Fick's Farm Fresh Eggs has picked up in recent months, even before HPAI H5 was detected in the state.

"People started wanting more," said Payton Fick of his five years in the egg production business. "They wanted farm fresh."

The 16-year-old saw the demand expand beyond sales to family, friends and neighbors earlier this year to customers who were interested in purchasing produce knowing how the food was

raised. Fick's 30-hen flock is allowed to free-range on their farm south of Luverne and nest in a large homemade chicken coop. Fick's flock used to be larger, but many hens were butchered when egg production exceeded sales.

On a monthly basis Fick estimates he sells 240 eggs. With demand he was able to double his price of a dozen eggs to \$2.

He is considering the increase in flock numbers despite concerns that the avian flu may return.

"I don't think it will strike mine," Fick said. "We don't have many water fowl around our farm."

According to the USDA, wild migratory birds primarily spread the virus, whose deadly effects lessened as the weather became warmer.

For now, however, some food suppliers are limiting the supply of eggs to restaurants. Some restaurants reportedly have been limited, increasing the price of or removing food selections containing eggs.

Luverne restaurant manager Cody Scholten of Papa's Place has avoided those scenarios.

"We were notified from our supplier we couldn't get any more (eggs)," he said. "But we haven't reached our limit."

The restaurant uses as many as 1,200 eggs per week to prepare homemade bakery goods and menu offerings.

"We haven't had any significant (price) increases to pass on to customers," Scholten added.

Which may be due to local chicken processors such as Gold'n Plump (GNP), whose two primary plants in Cold Spring, Minnesota, and Arcadia, Wisconsin, process 2 million chickens weekly. Its plant in Luverne further processes product from those two plants.

The Luverne plant hasn't experienced the interruption in supply that other companies have experienced. The interruptions in other plants have led to worker layoffs and reduced hours.

"This is because the GNP Company has not had any confirmed cases of the virus and our chicken flocks have not been affected," said plant manager Greg Aubert.

Exploring the Rock River for water trail options/continued from page 1A

ter the trip.

Marshall paddled a canoe with Phil Nasby, area supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) parks and trails division.

"Certainly from yesterday's water levels, it was very conducive for a water trail," Nasby said. "I think they should continue pursuing more public landings."

Others who made the trip down the river included Luverne Economic Development Director Holly Sammons, Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, Rock County Land Management representatives Arlyn Gehrke and Doug Bos, and Chamber committee members Billy Cowell, Curt Bloemendaal, Vance Walgrave and Mike Davis.

Davis said the group's next step is to put last week's trip on paper, mapping suitable water trail entry and exit



Mavis Fodness photo/0709 Rock River Canoeing

Luverne's Economic Development Director Holly Sammons enjoys paddling through the rapids south of the city park.

points before meeting again this fall.

"We look to fill in some bits and pieces," Davis said. "Most of the places we get on and off (the river) are already publicly owned."

Pursuing a formal water trail will depend on public support, he added.

"People need to try it out and see if they like it," Davis said. "We need people to tell (city and county) officials that they want it."

Funds for the development of public parking areas and boat landings are available through the DNR.



Mavis Fodness photo/0709 Rock River Canoeing

Canoers and kayakers paddle the Rock River on the west side of County Road 4 (Main Street).

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John Rittenhouse photo/0709 lewis family drug

Lewis Family Drug placed second in the regular season and won the Luverne Community Education Major League Baseball Tournament title. Team members include (front row, from left) Connor Overgaard, Colin Schoeneman, Gavyn Boll, Griffen Jarchow, Gavin Reisch, Marcus Feit, Hunter Gaffaney; (back) coach Chad Overgaard, Jayson Delfs, Kaden Anderson, Riley Anderson, Bailey Cowell, Ben Jarchow, John Miller and coach Scott Anderson.



John Rittenhouse photo/0709 luverne kawasaki

Luverne Kawasaki turned in a second-place performance in the Major League Baseball Tournament after capping the standings during the regular season. Team members include (front row, from left) Luke Thielbar, Ethan Roemeling, Jamie Palmquist, Hans Hoven, Cade Wenninger, Payton Bork, Levi Thielbar; (back) coach Shane Palmquist, Chris Rosin, Ashton Sandbulte, Jase Arp, Camden Janiszkeski, Zach DeBoer, Shaid Shearer and Elliot Stoltenberg.

Lewis Family Drug captures Major League title

By John Rittenhouse

A team that placed second during the regular season took top honors during the Luverne Community Education Major League Baseball Tournament July 1 at Joe Roberts Fields.

Lewis Family Drug, the tournament's second seed, survived a scare to pull out a one-run win in the semifinals before rolling to a

convincing victory during the championship game to end the season with a 6-2 record.

The tournament opened June 29 with a pair of semifinal-round games that included one major upset.

K101, which won the regular season title with a 5-1 record, entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed.

K101 met fourth-seeded

Luverne Kawasaki, which compiled a 1-5 record during the regular season.

The Kawasaki crew stunned the league's followers by handing K101 a 2-0 setback to reach the championship game.

Second-seeded Lewis Family Drug, which went 4-2 in the regular season, met third-seeded McClure Electric in another semifinal June 29.

The game went to extra innings, where Lewis Family Drug edged McClure Electric's 2-5 campaign by notching an 11-10 win.

Lewis Family Drug turned in a commanding performance during the July 1 title tilt.

Lewis scored at least one run in the first five innings of the game to open a 10-0 lead. Bailey Cowell and Kaden

Anderson registered RBI singles and Connor Overgaard drove in a run with a ground out to give Lewis a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Lewis proceeded to double its lead (6-0) by producing single runs in the second, third and fourth innings.

Jayson Delfs received an RBI for a ground out in the second, one run scored on an

error in the third and Griffen Jarchow singled home a run in the fourth.

A four-run rally in the fifth inning featuring two-run singles by Riley Anderson and Kaden Anderson gave Lewis a 10-0 lead.

Kawasaki did score three runs in the top of the sixth inning before its 2-6 season came to an end with a 10-3 loss.

VFW drops one-run tilts to Worthington

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team slipped below the .500 mark for the season after dropping a pair of one-run games to Worthington Monday at Redbird Field.

The Cardinals put together late rallies in both contests, but they came up on the short end of 6-5 and 9-8 decisions.

Luverne, 6-8 overall, hosts Westbrook Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0709 vfw 2

Trenton Bass pitched six-plus innings and registered one hit at the plate during Monday's home set with Worthington.

Roberts recorded the final two outs on the mound for Luverne.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Beers	3	1	0	0
Reisdorfer	3	0	0	0
Forshey	0	1	0	0
Nelson	4	1	2	1
Harder	3	1	2	0
Bass	2	1	1	0
Roberts	3	0	1	0
A.Loosbrock	2	0	1	1
Lonneman	1	0	0	0
Z.Loosbrock	2	0	1	1
Curtis	0	0	0	0
Berndt	1	0	0	0

Worthington 9, Luverne 8

Game 2 followed a pattern similar to the opener, as

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Bluestem derails Herman's perfect season

Second seed knocks off league unbeaten

By John Rittenhouse

The Bluestem made Luverne Community Education Summer Recreation history July 1.

During what was the final night of play in the first year of Minor League Softball, the Bluestem pulled out an upset to win the league's postseason tournament.

The four-team league opened postseason play on June 29 with a pair of semifinal-round clashes.

Herman Motors, which won the regular season title with a perfect 6-0 record, met Franken Construction in one semifinal.

Franken Construction, which went 0-6 during the regular season, gave unbeaten Herman Motors a scare before falling 18-17 at game's end.

Bluestem and Remmedez, a pair of teams that sported 3-3 records at the end of the regular season, met in another semifinal June 29.

The Bluestem entered the game as the second seed and backed up the ranking by rolling to a 20-11 victory.

The July 1 championship game between No. 1 Herman Motors and second-seeded Bluestem was a tight battle from beginning to end.

The Bluestem sported a 4-3 edge after one inning of play, but Herman Motors moved in front 11-10 by the end of the second inning.

Bluestem battled back to knot the score at 16 before the third inning was complete and pulled out a 22-21 victory by outscoring Herman Motors 6-5 in the fourth inning.

Herman Motors had the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth before the final out of the game was recorded.

Herman Motors sported a 7-1 record at season's end, while Bluestem finished with a 5-3 mark.



John Rittenhouse photo/0709 bluestem

The Bluestem tied for second place in the regular season and won the first postseason tournament title of the Minor League Softball program. Team members include (front row, from left) Kendra Thorson, Makena Nelson, Regan Mehlhaff, Maren Stegenga, Ella Reisdorfer; (middle) Morgan Ahrendt, Jana Reed, Chloe Schoeneman; (back) coaches James Mehlhaff, Jeff Ahrendt and Corey Nelson. Missing is Emma Lusty.



John Rittenhouse photo/0709 herman motors

Herman Motors won the regular season title and placed second in the Luverne Community Education Minor League Softball Tournament. Team members include (front row, from left) Maria Rops, Hallie Bork, Nora Louwagie, Janica Oechsle, Anika Boll; (middle) Kiesli Smith, Gracie Nath, Addison Huiskes, Tori Serie; (back) coaches Tom Rops and Scott Boll.

Redbirds win 10th game

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds notched their 10th amateur baseball victory of the season when they entertained the Adrian A's Wednesday, July 1.

Luverne scored three runs in the first two innings of play, and that proved to be enough offense for the Redbirds to post a 3-2 victory.

Adrian plated single runs in the seventh and eighth innings to cap the scoring in the contest.

Skyler Wenninger was hit by a pitch in the home half of the first inning and scored the game's first run when Codie Zeutenhorst registered a sacrifice fly.

The Redbirds upped the lead to 3-0 by scoring a pair of runs

in the second inning.

Cole Johnson singled and Gunnar Olson and Wenninger drew walks to load the sacks for Luverne.

Joey Slieter doubled home Johnson and Olson.

Zeutenhorst pitched eight innings of five-hit ball to earn the win for the Redbirds.

Wenninger registered a save by throwing a scoreless ninth inning.

The win left the Redbirds sporting a 10-2 record.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	2	1	0	0
Jy.Slieter	4	0	1	2
Zeutenhorst	2	0	0	1
Pick	4	0	0	0
Johnson	2	1	1	0
Norman	3	0	0	0
Olson	2	1	0	0
Sandbulte	3	0	0	0

Local talent on display at National Senior Games

Two athletes with ties to Luverne will strut their stuff at the National Senior Games in St. Paul this week.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Rural Luverne's Pat Scheidt and Luverne High School counselor and track coach Craig Nelson, who resides in Brandon, South Dakota, have made commitments to participate at the event. Both Scheidt and Nelson will compete against athletes between the ages of 55-59 at St. Thomas University in St. Paul. Scheidt will be spending a better part of the week in the Twin Cities. She was scheduled to play in the women's softball tournament competition staged last weekend. Scheidt is a member of the Nifty Fifties-Plus squad based out of Flandreau, S.D. Softball, she insists, is just for fun. Scheidt is taking the track and field events she'll be participating in more seriously. The track and field events for women are set for July 10-12. She plans to compete in the 400-meter dash and the 800- and 1,500-meter runs. Prior to the track and field events, Scheidt competed in a 5K race at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul on Monday. Based on past performances, the distance

races are events in Scheidt's wheelhouse. She set South Dakota records in her age group in the 1,500-meter run (6:53) and the 5K (24:40) in Rapid City two years ago. "I'm better at the longer distance races than the shorter sprints," Scheidt said. "I'll be one of the older gals in the 55-59 age category, so I'll be an old dog in the group. It should be fun, and maybe I can surprise some people. I think they give medals if you place in the top seven, and I wouldn't mind getting one." Nelson is limiting his appearance at the National Senior Games to one event. He participated in the pole vault competition July 8. Nelson qualified for the national event by clearing 8-3 to place second in a 16-individual field at the Minnesota State Senior Games at St. Thomas University last year. Since he qualified for the National Games and the event is being staged in St. Paul, Nelson sees no reason not to join the fray again. "I'm doing this for fun and we'll see what happens," he said. As a younger man, Nelson was more than a

capable pole-vaulter. He cleared 12-0 as a senior member of the Elk Point High School track program in South Dakota, and he cleared 13-0 as a member of the University of South Dakota program. Now that he is 58, Nelson isn't expecting to vault like he did as a younger man in St. Paul. "To be honest, I've only practiced vaulting once since the track season began last March and I was in pain for the next week," he said. "I'm preparing in other ways, but I haven't put as much time in preparing for this as I hoped." Regardless of the lack of preparation, Nelson believes anything can happen in St. Paul. "I made 8-3 last year, and I think I can make 9-0. On the right day, if the conditions are right and I'm feeling good, maybe I can clear 9-6," he said. No matter what happens in St. Paul, I'm a little envious of both of our local entries. They are going to compete on a national stage with the hopes of doing pretty well. I'm pretty sure I couldn't run around the block.



John Rittenhouse photo/0709 vfw 3

Alex Loosbrock snags the ball before tagging out a runner at second base during Monday's doubleheader against Worthington at Redbird Field. The Cards dropped two one-run games.

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Worthington gained an early lead before withstanding a late challenge by the Cardinals. Playing as the home team, Worthington scored two runs in the second inning and one in the third to open a 3-0 cushion. Luverne trimmed the difference to two runs (3-1) when Zach Loosbrock delivered an RBI single in the top of the fourth. Worthington, however, put together three-run rallies in the fourth and fifth innings to pad the difference to eight runs (9-1). Luverne fought back to

score five runs in the sixth inning and two in the seventh to fall by one run at game's end. Luverne's sixth-inning surge featured an RBI double by Layne Curtis, an RBI single by Nate Lonneman and an RBI ground out by Zach Loosbrock. The Cards scored two more runs in the sixth as the result of Worthington errors. Curtis registered his second RBI of the game with a fielder's choice and Bass was hit by a pitch and scored the final run of the game in the seventh inning on a wild pitch. Alex Loosbrock was saddled with the pitching loss after

hurling three and two-thirds innings of eight-hit, six-run ball. Nick Harder surrendered five hits and three runs in the next inning and one-third before giving way to Nelson, who tossed a scoreless sixth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Curtis	5	1	1	2
Beers	5	0	2	0
Nelson	3	0	0	0
Harder	1	1	0	0
Roberts	4	2	2	0
Reisdorfer	4	1	1	0
A. Loosbrock	2	0	0	0
Bass	1	2	0	0
Z. Loosbrock	3	0	1	2
Forshey	0	0	0	0
Berndt	2	0	0	0
Lonneman	2	1	1	1

SPORTS CLIPBOARD

Rock County Sportsman's Club June 30
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 Slocum Taxidermy 1 - 112
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 25x25
 Clint Metz
 Rick Ossefoort

Bruce Hess
 24 x 25
 Rich DeSchepper - 2
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 5:00 p.m. in the city park Contact: Pam Dobson 507-215-2091

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YOUTH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - 8:00-3:00 p.m. Edgerton City Park
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SUNDAY, JULY 12
Evening Community Worship Service
 7 p.m. in the City Park

Salad Luncheon
 First Presbyterian Church, Luverne
Thursday, July 16 from 11-1pm
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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thomas Jennings, Pastor

Thursday, July 9: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Friday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. 7 p.m. Music Camp program. Saturday, July 11: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, July 12: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Bulletin. Tuesday, July 14: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Anniversary of Adoration Chapel. Wednesday, July 15: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, July 15: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass.

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

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

Thursday, July 9: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 10: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, July 12: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, July 13, through Saturday, July 18: 2:30 p.m. Shetek Camp #3 (grades 6-7). 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Tuesday, July 14: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Deacons' meeting. Thursday, July 16: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, July 9: 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, July 10: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, July 11: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 12: 8:15 a.m. Prerecorded Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, July 13: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 15: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, July 16: 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

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

Thursday, July 9: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 12: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, July 16: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Friday, July 10: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, July 11: 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. Sunday, July 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, July 14: 1 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, July 15: 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, July 9: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, July 12: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Courtyard. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Sunday — Outdoor Worship in back courtyard. 11:30 a.m. All-church potluck picnic in back courtyard. Monday, July 13: 7 p.m. Healing Core meeting. Tuesday, July 14: 9:30 a.m. Salad luncheon meeting. 2 p.m. Pastoral gathering at Poplar Creek. 7 p.m. SPPRC meeting. Thursday, July 16: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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

Sunday, July 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. Monday, July 13: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, July 14: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, July 9: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Friday, July 10, through Thursday, July 16: Pastor Klatt on vacation. Friday, July 10: Church office closed. Saturday, July 11: Youth Activity. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion; Rev. Steve Schmidt. Sunday, July 12: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion; Rev. Steve Schmidt. Tuesday, July 14: No Guild. Wednesday, July 15: No Bible Study.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church
211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: 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, July 9: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 10: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, July 13: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, July 14: 7 p.m. Elders' meeting. 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, July 15: 1:30 p.m. Hannah Bible Study at church. Thursday, July 16: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Saturday, July 11: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Lutheran taco stand during Booster Days in Valley Springs. Sunday, July 12: 10 a.m. Valley Springs Booster Days Community Church service at the ballpark.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, July 9: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, July 12: 10 a.m. Valley Springs Booster Days Community Church service at the ballpark.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., Beaver Creek

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

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

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

Sunday, July 12: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

My father



"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book." (Revelation 22: 18-19 ESV)

The local school had the policy that parents were to call the school if a student was to be absent for the day. Little Sven, deciding to play hooky and go fishing with his friends, waited till his parents had left for work. When they were both gone, he called the school himself.

"Hello, I am calling to report dat Little Sven will not be in school today because he is sick."

"Oh, I'm sorry to hear that," the secretary responded. "I'll note his absence. Who is this calling?"

"Vell," said little Sven, "dis is my father."

We hear a lot about identity theft, with someone pretending to be or speaking for someone else. Sadly, God has had an ongoing problem with identity theft. Many people claim to represent Him, but some don't do it accurately. It's easy for persuasive

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

people to declare that God says something is wrong, even though the Bible doesn't say it is wrong; or to declare that something is OK even though the Bible speaks against it. In the end, though, God will have the final say.

The Bible tells us that because of God's grace, we have been accepted by Him as part of the body of Christ. To be chosen by Him, to serve as His hands and feet, and to share His love with others is a privilege beyond imagination. But with that privilege comes the awesome and sobering responsibility of representing Him correctly.

Do we "speak for God" to say what we want to say or are we humbly and prayerfully listening to hear what He is saying to us? Do we really want to know the truth of His word or are we using Him as a platform to say what we think?

Lord, we want to represent You correctly. Forgive our mistakes of the past. Take away our pride and willfulness. Help us humbly listen to You and study Your word so that our words and actions will be pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Reuben Sinnema, Pastor
Thursday, July 9: Volunteer Day at the Thrift Store in Worthington. Sunday, July 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Pulpit Supply: Tanner Leuthold. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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

Sunday, July 12: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 14: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Wednesday, July 15: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Martha and Village circles at Tuff Village. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at the home of Marilyn Nelson.

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 Aug. 6

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 22, 2007
MORTGAGOR: Joshua D. Christensen, a single person.
MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded May 23, 2007 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 166658.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated May 22, 2007 Recorded May 23, 2007, as Document No. 166659.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 713 South Donaldson Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1337.000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The W 130 feet of Lot 4 and the N 10 feet of the W 130 feet of Lot 5, all in Block 3 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,800.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$49,530.42

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 6, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on February 8, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

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

Dated: May 26, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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(6-11, 6-18, 6-25, 7-2, 7-9, 7-16)

County seeks pavement marking bids by July 17

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
C.P. 067-401-015

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 17th, 2015.

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

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

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota, immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, July 21st, 2015, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Quantities of Work are: 1,980 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint – White & 1,597 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Centerline Pavement Marking Paint – Yellow.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questodn.com by searching project #3968079 and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway.

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "**PROJECT NO. SAP 067-401-015.**"

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(6-18, 6-25, 7-2, 7-9)

ISD #2184 seeks dairy bids by July 17

REQUEST FOR BIDS
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

A. Dairy Products

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Jodi Bosch
Clerk
(7-2, 7-9)

ISD #2184 seeks bakery quotes by July 17

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for bakery products will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Jodi Bosch
Clerk
(7-2, 7-9)

ISD #2184 seeks fuel quotes by July 17

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Jodi Bosch
Clerk
(7-2, 7-9)

Huiskes probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of
Darrell A. Huiskes, a/k/a Darrell Alvin Huiskes
Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th of July, 2015, 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 adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Anna M. Huiskes, whose address is 305 E. Christensen Drive, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as administrator 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 if no objections are filed, said personal administrator 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 to do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator 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 the estate are required to present the same to said administrator or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Denise Brandel
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

Date: June 23, 2015

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for: Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main, Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-4828
I.D. #158343

(7-2, 7-9)

Swenson probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
Estate of

Leo Swenson,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 27, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent, dated January 16, 2015, ("Will") and for the appointment of Andy Swenson, whose address is 1363 80th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

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

Dated: 06/30/15

Dated: 06/30/15

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(7-9, 7-16)

Notice to creditors of Bakken Trust

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DECEASED SETTLOR AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

Notice is given that on May 28, 2015, Martha I. Bakken died, who was Settlor of the Martha I. Bakken Living Trust, dated May 25, 2005, and any amendments thereto. Richard D. Bakken, whose address is 305 121st St., Garretson, SD 57030, is the current Trustee of the Martha I. Bakken Living Trust, dated May 25, 2005, and any amendments thereto.

Creditors of the deceased Settlor must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or any claim or collection efforts which otherwise could have been asserted or enforced against the trust or assets thereof may be barred.

Claims may be submitted to the Trustee by mailing a written statement of the claim to the Trustee at the address above.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2015.

/s/ Richard D. Bakken
Richard D. Bakken
305 121st St.
Garretson, SD 57030
(507) 597-6378

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(7-9, 7-16, 7-23)

City of Luverne public hearing set for July 20

City Planning Commission
Public Hearing set for July 20, 2015
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that two public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2015. The purpose of the hearings is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following:

1. A requested land use amendment petition submitted by Great Plains Processing located at 301 South Walnut Ave, Luverne, MN to rezone 301 South Walnut Avenue from N-C Neighborhood Commercial to I-1 General Industry.
2. A Preliminary Plat for the Walnut Second Industrial Subdivision.

All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building Official, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 2nd day of July, 2015.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(7-9)

Battle Rock applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

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

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 14 in Battle Plain Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

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

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

(7-9)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 5

Herred Board Room
Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.
May 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Reisch with Hoime, Williamson and Thompson present; Commissioner Boyenga was absent.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to open a Public Hearing to allow public comment on proposed tax abatement bonds of \$1,040,000 for the Rock County Broadband project, declared carried on a voice vote.

Administrator Oldre presented a brief project update and that it is progressing very well; also stated that no written comments were received opposing the project. Motion by Hoime, seconded Thompson, to close the Public Hearing at 9:08AM, declared carried on a voice vote.

George Eilertson, Northland Securities Senior Vice President – Public Finance discussed finance options for 2015 CIP expenditures totaling \$185,000 and interim financing for the Rock County Rural Water expansion project; an additional option with the Minnesota Rural Water Finance Authority was discussed later in the meeting.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 10-15, approving property tax abatements to finance \$1,040,000 bond payment, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to set June 2, 2015 as the sale date for \$1,225,000 in bonds, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, requested approval on (6) conditional use permits (CUP);

1. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve a CUP for Central Specialties with conditions identified on the permit for the placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in 35-103N-45W of Mound Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
2. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve a CUP for Duininick, Inc with conditions identified on the permit for the placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located 14-104N-45W in Denver Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
3. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve a CUP for Duininick, Inc. with conditions identified on the permit for mining, processing and stockpiling of gravel and aggregate materials and stockpiling, crushing and recycling of concrete and asphalt products located in 21-104N- 45W of Battle Plain Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
4. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve a CUP for Duininick, Inc. with conditions identified on the permit for the placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in 21-104N-44W of Battle Plain Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
5. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve a CUP for New Horizon Farms North for a feedlot expansion for a swine

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operation located in 07-104N-45W in Denver Township, declared carried on a voice vote.

6. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hoime, to approve a CUP for Hardrives, Inc. for the placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant to be placed in the Bremik Materials Quarry located in 23-104N-45W in Denver Township, declared carried on a voice vote.

The LMO Director and County Attorney Don Klosterbuer, reviewed proposed amendments to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance pertaining to creating a definition for small business and agricultural orientated businesses and making the same permitted uses in the A-2 District and requested the County Board to set a Public Hearing date to allow for public comment on the proposed amendments; motion Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to set the Public Hearing date for June 2, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Herreid Board meeting room at the Rock County Courthouse, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board conducted a conference call with Minnesota Rural Water Finance Authority and discussed details regarding short term financing for the Rural Water expansion project; motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to table action until the May 19 County Board meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

Brent Hoffman, Rock County Rural Water Director and DGR Project Manager Darin Schriever PE presented the bids for the Phase II project:

Ellingson	\$3,816,526.00
Winter Brothers	3,412,500.00

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to accept the low bid from Winter Brothers for \$3,412,500.00 contingent on USDA approval, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve a Rural Water easement at the Magnolia water tower site allowing access for the Lewis & Clark hookup, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, informed the County Board of a Sioux Valley Energy System upgrade project on CSAH 7 east of Hardwick. The project includes the construction of overhead poles and wires which will provide additional capacity to the City of Kenneth; was presented as informational only.

The Engineer conducted a follow up discussion regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 09-15, transferring Municipal Construction Funds to the Regular Construction Funds Account, he was not aware that the transaction required a public hearing. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to rescind the motion approving Resolution No. 09-15, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hoime, to set a Public Hearing date of May 19, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Herreid Meeting Room at the Rock County Courthouse to allow for comments regarding the transfer Municipal Construction Funds to the Regular Construction Funds Account, declared carried on a voice vote.

Jane Henniger, MCIT Regional Representative, presented the MCIT Annual Report; no action was taken.

Ashely Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, introduced new employee Megan Scholten, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer - Accountant.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims and per diems of \$1,650.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson to approve as presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$25,685.12
General Reserves	\$166.00
Library	\$2,031.91
Road and Bridge	\$31,188.89
Transfer Station	\$3,015.01
Land Management	\$646.13
TOTAL	\$62,733.06

Claims over \$2,000:

Fleet Services	\$5,879.74
MN State Auditor	3,945.00
Total Funds by Hasler	3,056.79
Watch Guard	5,020.00
Barr Engineering	4,053.15
Commission of Transportation	7,547.40
Fastenal Co.	2,833.61
Henning Construction	5,000.00

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report which resulted in a discussion regarding the negative balance in Landfill (SCORE) fund account; the Administrator also informed the County Board of a meeting with Ketterling to discuss the recycling contract.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the May 5, 2015, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the April 21, 2015, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

- Adoption of Land Records Office job descriptions: Director S19, Assistant Director S12, Technician H13
- Resolution No 11-15, authorizing the application for Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program

The Administrator presented a Courthouse building security update and requested approval to install additional panic buttons for a cost of \$4,616.10; motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the expenditure and to pay it from the Building Account, declared carried on a voice vote. The Administrator also stated that the door entrances will receive security updates as well.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve a five-year Law Enforcement contract with the City of Luverne, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a 2015 legislative update stating that proposed legislation modifying the wind production tax has been cancelled and that \$25 million is allotted for additional CPA of which Rock County is projected to receive zero dollars; the issue will be discussed at the upcoming AMC District VIII meeting.

The Administrator informed the County Board that he and LMO Director Eric Hartman have been negotiating a building lease agreement for the Land Management Office and that potentially the office may be moving back to the original location within the building which would give them more space; more information will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended a Rock Nobles Community Corrections audit.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended a meeting with others to negotiate the law enforcement contract with the City of Luverne and that he attended a Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Rock County Commissioners meet May 19

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse May 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga will all Commissioners present.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the May 19, 2015, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the May 5, 2015, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to call a Public Hearing to order at 9:04 A.M. for the possible adoption of Resolution No. 09-15, transferring municipal construction funds to the regular construction fund account, declared carried on a voice vote. There were no attendees.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 09-15; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested approval to open bids on SAP 067-600-002 on June 1, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.; motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer informed the County Board that contractors are in the process of installing the shop hoist at the Highway building.

The County Board scheduled September 8, 2015, for the Rock County Employee Picnic to be located at the Highway Department from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for payment; motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to authorize payment, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$68,532.57
General Reserves	\$124,095.10
Library	\$2,902.26
Road and Bridge	\$51,913.56
Transfer Station	\$20,438.18
Land Management	\$2,165.44
Veterans Memorial care	\$45.00
TOTAL	\$270,092.11

Claims over \$2,000:

American Communications	\$2,549.75
Computer Professionals	5,687.00
Elections Systems and Software	6,602.50
Emergency Automotive Tech.	2,833.04
Herman Motors	2,096.80
Luverne Farm Store	4,791.21
MN Counties Intergovernment Trust	2,500.00
Nobles County Aud.Treas.	7,472.50
Rock County Opportunities	2,837.28
Tactical Solutions	2,462.00
Tollefson Publishing	4,168.50
Thompson Reuter	2,512.47
CHS Eastern Farmers	2,481.07
Cooperative Energy Co.	2,934.19
Expressway - Luverne	4,691.52
City of Luverne	20,440.72
Midstates Equipment & Supply	2,442.10
Ziegler Inc.	4,236.74
Lyon County Landfill	16,971.84

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator reviewed short term financing options for the RCRW expansion project and recommended Northland Securities due to the period of time needed which potentially exceeds 12-months; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve Northland Securities as the broker for short term financing of the RCRW expansion project, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded Thompson, to approve Northland Securities as the broker for G.O. Bonds totaling \$1,225,000 for the CIP and Rock County fiber project, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board that she did a second 2014 gravel tax disbursement to Vienna Township due a late payment receipt in 2015; also discussed a mining and scale placement issues between Mound and Luverne townships with no action taken. The County Board authorized the Administrator, County Attorney and Auditor/Treasurer to meet with the 10-15 pit operators to discuss the re-enforcement of policy/procedures and compliance.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, requested approval of the 2015 Delegated Feedlot Performance Grant of \$13,368.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman presented an E-waste update stating that vendors will no longer receive any credits for this type of collection, therefore, they will no longer offer any free collection events; future collection events will potentially be at a reduced cost and more information will be forthcoming.

The LMO Director also discussed legislative issues pertaining to ditch buffers and the potential \$22 million from the Clean Water funds to be allocated to the Board Water Soil Resources and the SWCD; Rock County could also receive an additional \$2.4 million for flood erosion repairs; both programs are currently pending in legislation and will directly impact local authorities with increased workloads.

The LMO Director and Administrator discussed the status of a new building lease which moves the Land Management Office to a different location within the building with increased square footage at a rate of \$12.00/sf. The County Board tabled action due to pending legislation which may or may not require additional staff and the need for additional square footage.

Tom Houselog, Land Records Office Director, requested approval of a tax abatement of \$1,438.00 on parcel 02-0263-000 located in Beaver Creek township due to a calculation error; motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Brent Hoffman, Rock County Rural Water (RCRW) Director informed the County Board he had attended a pre-construction meeting and requested approval of the \$2,246,000 USDA Water and Waste System Grant Agreement; motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a BRRRA update where railroad disposal was discussed; the cleanup cost is estimated at \$440,000.

Commissioner Reisch informed the County Board that he attended a Plum Creek Library board meeting and Rock/Nobles Community Corrections meeting. Commissioner Williamson informed the County Board that he was the recipient of an IRS phone scam.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended a Rural Energy Board meeting, BRRRA and Rock/Nobles Community Corrections meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended a Regional Development Commission meeting.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that Southwestern Mental Health has named Design Craft as the contract for their building renovation project in Luverne.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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We want to thank our family and friends for the wonderful Open House celebration for our 40th wedding anniversary. We are blessed to receive such love and support from our family and friends to help make our marriage even more strong today. In addition, we give thanks for the many cards of best wishes that we've received!

Dave and Becky Ranschau
(7.5-7.9)

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who helped us with cleanup after the storm damage to our farm place. It looked hopeless at first, but with many hands at work, much has been cleaned up and put back in place! Maybe you came with gloves, brought heavy equipment, brought food, text, called or stopped by with words of encouragement. We appreciated "all" very much!

Thank you!
Leroy, Denise, Alex and Keisha Veldkamp
(7.5-7.9)

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