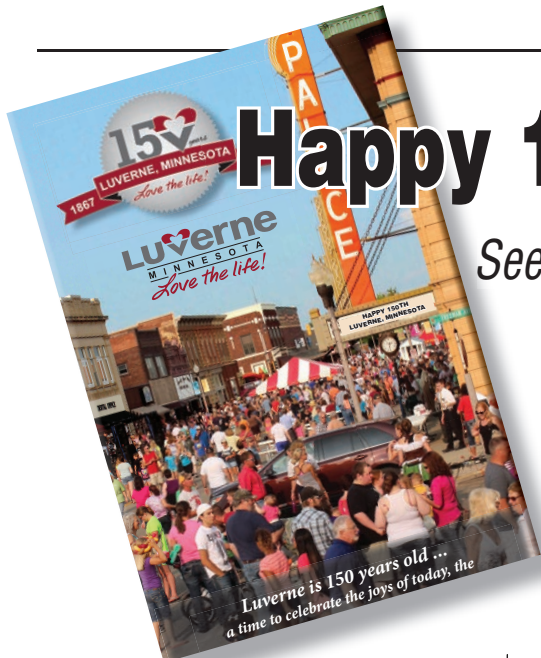




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## Happy 150th, Luverne! Party starts with Hot Dogs

See commemorative 150th booklet in this Star Herald for party details and history highlights

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 150th anniversary celebration is here. Celebration festivities start tonight (Thursday) with the community's annual Hot Dog Night. Dozens of parties, reunions and events are planned to formally honor Luverne's 150th year in existence. To detail the weekend plans, the Rock County Star Herald staff, along with sup-

portive advertisers, has produced a 96-page, pocket-sized booklet for ready reference. In addition to a rundown of events, the book documents Luverne's history, highlights in the town's developments through the years, and a look back at recent history. Luverne has a great deal to be proud of, and this weekend will be the perfect time to celebrate accomplishments, learn from losses

and look ahead to exciting ventures on the horizon. The Luverne Area Chamber has been the hub of Luverne's celebration plans. In addition to the Star Herald's 150th celebration booklet, the Chamber website can be accessed at [www.luvernechamber.org](http://www.luvernechamber.org). Watch the Star Herald website, [star-herald.com](http://star-herald.com) and our facebook page for weekend updates.

## Re-enactors to tell story of Luverne's beginnings

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne's history will come to life during the 150th anniversary celebration this weekend. Seventeen costumed re-enactors will portray characters from Luverne's history at 10 different locations important to each of the historical figures. For example, Bruce Kurtz and Katie Walgrave will portray Herman and Maude Jochims at the Palace Theatre built by the Jochims in 1915. "I'm one of the charter members of the Green Earth Players and spent 20 years working on Luverne's Main Street, so the Palace holds a special place in my heart," Kurtz said. "Plus, I've encountered the ghost of Herman in the Palace at least three times," Kurtz added. Those connections made it natural for Kurtz to play the part of Herman Jochims and encouraged him to do more research on the man who built the Palace Theatre. "I was interested in why Mr. Jochims chose to build his new opera house in Luverne instead of Sioux Falls or any number of other towns," he said.

Kurtz traveled to the town in Iowa that Jochims grew up in and looked at newspapers from 1913 and 1914, the time just before Jochims made the move to Luverne. "It appears Herman was staying at the Manitou Hotel on his way to Sioux Falls," Kurtz said. "He looked out his window, across the street to the east, and saw the place that he would build his Palace Theatre." Each of the re-enactors will be sharing similar historical information with those who stop by to meet them. According to Luverne Chamber director Jane Wildung Lanphere, the re-enactors will be available Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 4-6 p.m.

"Most of the re-enactors will be inside the various locations, so we just encourage people to go from place to place and meet the re-enactors and hear stories or ask questions to learn more about the history of Luverne," Lanphere said. In addition to the Jochims at the Palace Theatre, other characters and their locations include:

- R.B. and Mrs. Hinkly, portrayed by Everett and Jan Brandenburg, at the Hinkly House Museum.
- Jay Gerber at Gerber Hardware (now Rock River Relics), portrayed by Dave Smith.
- Al McIntosh at the Star Herald, portrayed by Dale Nelson.
- Inez Isabel Smith, portrayed by Betty Mann, at the History Center.
- Philo, Malvina and Eva Lu-

Historic re-enactors/see page 3A



## Sprucing up in time for Luverne's 150th

Lori Sorenson photo/0713 History Center Plantings

The planting beds at The History Center in downtown Luverne get a little attention Monday from Luverne Landscaping as trees, shrubs and flowers are placed in their respective spots. Luverne celebrates its founding 150 years ago with a four-day celebration beginning Thursday.

## Upscale housing possible near pool and fitness center

By Lori Sorenson

City planners are considering a proposal for twin homes on Roundwind Drive east of the pool and fitness center. Responding to a housing shortage in Luverne, the city is taking steps to make way for multi-family housing in the grassy area inside the circle of Roundwind Drive. The undeveloped ground in what is known as the Tri-State Addition was zoned for commercial use, but after 40 years the property remains a grassy

lot dotted by shade trees. That, according to Kenny Scheidt, is exactly what current residents enjoy about their neighborhood and he's not happy about the city's proposed changes. Scheidt, who lives in White Thunder Circle, has been visiting with his neighbors, and they plan to attend a public hearing tonight to air their concerns. "I, along with others, purchased our homes because of that green space," he said in a letter to the editor

of the Star Herald. "It is sad that the people that live there really don't have anything to say about it." He and his neighbors will be given that opportunity at the July 13 public hearing, which is required in order for the property to be rezoned from commercial use to residential use. The hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday night in Luverne City Hall. (Because of street work the temporary City Hall entrance is under

the blue awning on the north side.) That will also be the time Scheidt said he'll ask about storm sewer issues. He said the low-lying subdivision already has trouble getting rid of water after heavy rains. If the property is rezoned, the plan would be to build 10 to 12 housing units; some would be twin homes and maybe triplexes very similar to what was developed at the Barck Street project.

Housing on Roundwind/see 2A

## New salon opens in Mariposa space on West Main Street



Mavis Fodness photo/0713 AbadabaDo Salon  
Rita Sterrett (left) passed the beautician's scissors on to the next generation when she recently sold her beauty shop building to Luverne's Abby Cowell. Cowell opened AbadabaDo Salon on July 5.

By Mavis Fodness

Abby Cowell has opened AbadabaDo Salon on Main Street in a former beauty shop location. Her new salon features a full line of services including hair care, facial waxing, pedicures and manicures. "I like making people feel good about themselves," she said. She said her salon name also makes her feel good. "That's what my grandpa and grandma called me," she said. "He always had a nickname for the grandkids." Grandparent Becky Christensen said she's glad that the Luverne High School graduate is pursuing a dream to own her own shop. Cowell's late grandfather, Dwayne Christensen, would have taken special notice of her accomplishment. "Gramps would have been so proud," Cowell said. Since 2003 Cowell rented booth

space at various salons in Luverne until she recently bought the former Mariposa Beauty Shoppe at 110 West Main Street. Her first customers came through the door of the small brick building July 5. Cowell purchased the building from Rita Sterrett, who operated Mariposa Beauty Shoppe there until 2014. Sterrett purchased the business in 1988 from Emma Carstens, who operated the salon out of the Maxwell Apartments building on North Freeman. The empty brick building on West Main Street (formerly Roundwind Travel) immediately caught Sterrett's attention. "I walked past the building one day and thought it would make a good beauty shop," she said.

Salon opens on Main Street/see 3A

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Article 28: Rock County is no stranger to anniversary and homecoming celebrations

This is the 28th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week we bring you Part 3 in a three-part series on the 1926 county party.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann this week submits the third of a three-part series on the 1926 homecoming party in Luverne and surrounding area. We felt it's appropriate to feature these in our 150th anniversary series to highlight Luverne's reputation for memorable parties.

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Homecoming/continued on page 7A

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

**Parkinson’s Support Group** will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Speaker will be Norma Brands from ACE. For more information, call 507-530-3307.

**Blue Mound Cemetery Association** will have a potluck picnic supper and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at the Blue Mound Lutheran Church.

**MS Support Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For info call 507-283-2069 or 507-283-2964.

**Lady Luverne Red Hats** will meet at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at St. Catherine’s east parking lot in Luverne to carpool for dinner at the Brandon Steakhouse and a play at the Performing Arts Center. To reserve a spot, call Donna, 283-8019.

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

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

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

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

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

Join Earth Science Day Camp July 14

Rock County 4-H and Luverne Community Education are teaming up to offer an Earth Science Day Camp from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 14. You will have the opportunity to learn about wildlife, natural disasters and landfills in a fun and exciting way. Youth can register through Community Education, 283-4724. Contact Rock County 4-H at 283-1302.

Luverne Post Office street work

Because of construction on Luverne Street, the post office north drive-up drop box is closed to traffic. Patrons may walk to the box, but customer vehicles are not allowed in the north lot until the end of construction. Customers should use the mailboxes at the northeast corner of Freeman and Main and at the southwest corner of Cedar and Main. Letters mailed before 11:45 a.m. at those locations will be picked up and on the mail truck the same day. Customers may also use the dropbox inside the post office lobby.

Sign up for ‘I Can Climb’ at Blue Mounds

The “I Can Climb” program at the Blue Mounds State Parks open to anyone age 5 or older. Trained professionals from Vertical Endeavors Guided Adventures will provide equipment and instruction. Climbing sessions will be July 15 and 16 and Aug. 12 and 13. Cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per adult, including a park vehicle permit. Register online at www.mndnr.gov/reservations or call 866-857-2757.

Hospice seeks new volunteers

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host a lunch meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Hospital for anyone interested in volunteering for hospice or at The Cottage. An overview of volunteer requirements and training materials for self-study at home will be provided. If interested, call 283-1805 or email Helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org.

Red Cross emergency blood drive July 24

Because of an extreme shortage of blood supply, the American Red Cross is hosting several blood drives in July. In Luverne, the drive is scheduled for 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 24, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Monthly Food Ministry July 20

The Monthly Food Ministry by New Life Celebration Church will be from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you’re having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside. Call 283-4366 with questions.

Roundwind housing proposal/continued from page 1A

They would all be owner-occupied homes — two- to three bedrooms — in the range of \$200,000 to \$225,000. They would be in an association-style setting with maintenance-free living (snow removal and lawn care is hired done).

The idea would be to provide more options like the ones recently built on Bark Street, which are currently in demand.

“That’s the biggest driver of this,” Call said. “We have a lack of inventory for this demand.”

Call pointed to the results of the Maxfield Research study that showed a clear need for 25 new housing units in Luverne.

And that was before tru Shrimp announced it would bring more than 120 direct and indirect jobs with its Luverne Bay Harbor in 2018.

Local Realtors agree the housing market is tight and there are very few vacancies in Luverne’s current apartments and rental units.

There’s particular demand for twin homes among seniors looking to downsize. That, in turn, would free up existing larger homes suitable for families.

There are existing lots for sale to build on in Luverne’s other housing developments, but most of those lots are for single-family homes.

Following Thursday’s meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss the land use amendment and make a recommendation to the City Council.

If approved, the city would request proposals from developers and builders. The spec-



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fications would include high quality materials, Call said.

“We would want them to be upscale, because it’s a high-quality neighborhood to begin with,” he said.

Mayor Pat Baustian said existing Roundwind Drive residents should welcome the quiet, upscale addition to the neighborhood, as opposed to single-family dwellings.

“My home now has five licensed drivers with cars coming and going all day,” he

said. “These folks are likely to have quieter lifestyles.”

He added that home values will increase and the new development will prompt storm sewer improvements in the Tri-State Addition.

“Right now that area is bringing in less than \$1,000 a year in property taxes,” Baustian said. “If there are 10 units at \$225,000 apiece, that’s \$2.25 million in additional tax capacity.”

Zoning the property as

residential will ensure there won’t be commercial activity there.

“Total Card could have bulldozed that whole area for a parking lot,” Baustian said.

The area within Roundwind Drive behind the pool and fitness center (to the southeast) would not be part of the land use amendment. The city is reserving that space for a possible facility expansion for more recreation opportunities.

Bartels family pasture becomes wildlife refuge

By Mavis Fodness

This fall hikers, nature enthusiasts and hunters have an additional 58 acres of untouched prairie grasses, thanks to a Rock County couple.

Elmer and Eunice Bartels first purchased the land in Section 20 of Rosedell Township in 1971, using the majority of the parcel as pasture.

Originally, the now-retired couple living in Luverne thought they would preserve the land themselves. It’s located about three miles south of Jasper.

Then they received a letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The letter stated their work with The Nature Conservancy allows the conservancy to purchase land for the Northern Tallgrass National Wildlife Refuge, which the Fish and Wildlife Service manages.

The wildlife refuge will be open to the public for hunting and nature observation.

“We actually liked that idea right away,” Eunice Bartels said. “It is a good way of preserving that prairie.”

According to Bev Renke with The Nature Conservan-



Mavis Fodness photo/0713 Bartels Land

cy, prairies are disappearing quickly, with an estimated 1 percent remaining in the United States.

“It’s actually more threatened than the rain forest,”

she said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will restore the area by planting native prairie grasses and flowers.

Some areas of the Bartels’ pasture, however, won’t need much restoration.

According to Todd Luke with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife out of Windom, the Bartels’ property is classified as virgin unbroken prairie.

The land is already home to many of the state’s rare plant species.

Luke said buffalo grass, slender plantain and the western-fringed orchid exist in the area.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel will try to cultivate and enhance the endangered species in the area.

“It will definitely be an asset to the local community,” Luke said.

The Bartels land joins the 1,000-acre Touch the Sky Prairie as a wildlife refuge. As soon as signs are posted, the land will be open to the public.

The county will receive funds from the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act, which provides for annual payments in lieu of taxes to local governments.



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# County denies residents' request to delay feedlot permit

By Mavis Fodness

Mike and Cyndy Baus-tian of rural Jasper are ex-panding their pork produc-tion feedlot, and because it will contain more than 1,000 animal units, a conditional use permit is required.

No variance is needed since the expansion meets the county's feedlot ordi-nance parameters, including the half-mile setback from residences.

But neighbors Harold and Shirley Miller are against the expansion because they say it will generate more manure smell.

The Millers were unable to attend the June 19 public hearing on the permit, but they submitted a letter stat-ing their concerns after they were notified June 10 of the Baus-tians' plans.

"... We asked you to turn down this expansion request," Harold Miller wrote. "Condi-tions are already bad for my wife and I; don't make things worse."

The Baus-tians plan to combine two existing feed-lots in Section 4 of Rosedell Township in Rock County.

The feedlot is located 3,167 feet (.59 miles) south-west of the Miller acreage in section 34 of Eden Township in Pipestone County.

Animal units at the Baus-tian feedlot would increase from 1,080 to 1,440 or up to 4,800 head of finishing swine.

A new confinement barn with a poured reinforced concrete manure pit under-neath would be added to the existing site. Its construction is similar to the three existing 1,200-head finishing barns already at the site.

At their June 20 County Board meeting, commis-sioners denied the Millers' request to delay action on the Baus-tian feedlot.

Commissioner Gary Overgaard, who attended the public hearing, said "I see no reason why we can't

*"... We asked you to turn down this expansion request. Conditions are already bad for my wife and I; don't make things worse."*

— Harold Miller

approve it."

Commissioner Jody Reich made the motion to approve the Baus-tian permit request, stating that the Baus-tian feedlot buildings were constructed before the Millers built their new home in the area.

Commissioner Greg Burger seconded the motion, pointing out that the area surrounding the Miller acreage is zoned general agriculture and the com-missioners have no reason to delay voting on the ex-pansion.

"I am not sure if our decision would be differ-ent," said chairman Stan Williamson.

Land Management Di-rector Eric Hartman said the Baus-tian barns were built over a period of 22 years. The first 1,200-head barn was constructed in 1995 fol-lowed by similar-sized barns in 1997 and 2001.

The Millers built their new home in 2003.

No complaints have been filed with LMO involv-ing the Baus-tian feedlots or how they manage manure from the site, Hartman said.

The planning and zon-ing committee recommend-ed approval with eight con-ditions the Baus-tians have to meet including maintaining a current National Pollut-ant Discharge Elimination System permit through the Minnesota Pollution Con-trol Agency.



## Happy 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, Luverne!

Several participants in Luverne Community Education's cake decorating class, "Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Luverne," apply frosting to baked cakes Monday afternoon in the home economics classroom at the middle/high school.

Instructor Victoria Stearns prebaked the white and choco-late sheet cakes for the 15 student participants and made 40 pounds of frosting for the class.

At right, posing with their completed creations are Sarah Stegenga (left) and Katharine Kelm.

Below, Sarah Stegenga carefully places an exclamation point on her cake Monday afternoon.

Mavis Fodness photo/0713 Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Cakes



# Vintage beauty supplies donated to History Center

By Mavis Fodness

Items from the former Mariposa Beauty Shoppe will soon appear in a special display at the History Center in Luverne.

A salon chair, hair dryer and salon table will join other similar vintage items for public viewing.

Rita Sterrett, who bought the Mariposa from owner Emma Carstens in 1988, donated the items. Carstens used to operate her shop in the Maxwell Apart-ments.

"I thought it was some-thing to be saved," Sterrett said.

The beauty shop's Span-ish name means "pretty butterfly." Carstens operated as far back as the 1930s.

Sterrett said the do-nated salon table included till sheets with a blank after "193." in the corner for the beautician to fill in the cor-rect year.

Services listed on the till sheets include shampoo fin-ger wave, shampoo marcel or a manicure.

"I never was good at the finger wave," Sterrett said.

Through the decades finger waves and marcel's gave way to roller sets and curling irons. The length of time styling would last also changed.

"Our goal is to give them a hairdo that lasts a week," she said. "Now you don't expect it to last until the next day."



A salon chair and a hair dryer are among the beauty shop items donated by Rita Sterrett to the History Center in Luverne.

The vintage items came from the former Mariposa Beauty Shoppe and will later become part of a display.

Mavis Fodness photo/0713 Mariposa Shoppe

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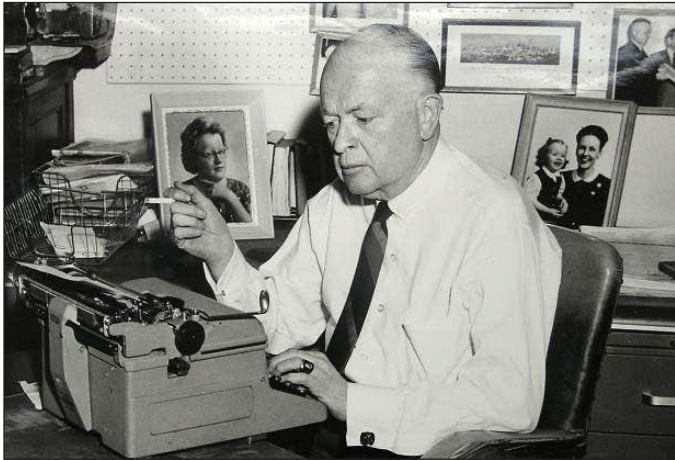
Now Cowell will reopen the shop in the same foot-print that Sterrett had used. For example, sinks remained in the same locations as she modernized the interior.

"It's relaxing but fun," Cowell said of the decor.

"I like everyone coming into the salon to leave with a smile."

Cowell's husband, Dusty VerSteeg, owns his own construction business and suggested many of the design elements. For example, he suggested replacing the carpet with hardwood floors and removing the wallpaper and using decorative tin and sheetrock. Assisting in the renovation was the couple's son, Bailey, 14.

Fellow beautician Mary Pick will rent booth space in the updated facility.



Dale Nelson will portray the former Star Herald publisher-editor Al McIntosh at the Star Herald office Friday.

## Historic re-enactors/ from 1A

Verne Hawes, portrayed by Eric, Cheryl and Caitlyn Hartman, at the Rock River.

• A.D. and Mrs. LaDue at the LaDue House (515 N. Estey St.), portrayed by Mike and Wanda Jarchow and family.

• E.A. Canfield, portrayed by George McDonald, at the Carnegie Cultural Center.

• Leicher Brothers at the History Center, portrayed by Knute and Gunnar Oldre.

• Quentin Aanenson, portrayed by Hunter Ahrendt, on Main Street.

• Mike McCarthy, portrayed by George Langford, at Take 16 Brewing Company.



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Due to a state-wide computer system replacement, there will be limited services available in the Rock County License Center beginning at noon on Thursday, July 20th going through Monday, July 24th, reopening for all services on Tuesday, July 25th at 8:00 am.

The following services will be unavailable during this time period:

- Registration (Tab) Renewal
- License Plate Replacement
- Title Applications

The following services will be available during this time period:

- Driver's license, permit and identification card renewals and applications
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## Worrying is wasted energy

Tell that to the mom who was once a reckless child

My kids tell me I worry too much.

They're probably right. They should know. My worries

are mostly due to them.

I didn't used to worry.

I used to live a worry-free, carefree — even careless — life.

I grew up on farm where we roamed, sometimes barefoot. And we sometimes stepped on rusty nails that sometimes required tetanus shots.

I pretended to be a trapeze artist in the back yard and once broke my arm.

We used to swing on the heavy rope in the barn hayloft, until our parents found out and forbade us doing that again.

We didn't.

But we lingered on the platform high above the bales and considered our odds of getting caught and what the repercussions might be.

And we thought Mom worried too much.

It's a good thing she didn't know about other things we did that make moms worry.

We tore up gravel pits on dirt bikes and gave our sisters wild rides on inner tubes behind snowmobiles.

Now that I'm a mom, I shudder to think about the childhood I survived.

There were dangers we didn't even know were dangers back then ... like lead-based house paint, second-hand smoke, asbestos in ceilings and riding unbelted in backseats.

It's by the sheer grace of God that we reached adulthood in one piece.

Mom had been an only daughter of an intense worrier, so she tries not to be like Grandma was.



## ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

"Worrying is wasted energy," she often remarks. "It doesn't change anything."

But she was a good mom and often warned us about things that could happen if we weren't careful.

Like getting swept away by the current if the creek was too high.

Or getting trampled by the bull if we were too friendly with him. (We used to reach across the electric wire and scratch the curly hair between his horns.)

She cautioned liberally and tried to worry scarcely.

Tried.

It's hard being a mom.

I should know.

I'm now the mom of two adventure-loving boys with a propensity for speed and "pimped out" motorized vehicles.

I have cautioned them liberally about breaking the law and distracted driving and general calamities that could arise from traveling on two wheels of a four-wheel ATV.

And I've cautioned them about girls, drugs, alcohol and doing the right thing. And I've asked them to be kind — even (and especially) to those who are hard to be kind to.

I caution liberally and try to worry scarcely.

Try.

I was once worry-free, so I know what can happen when caution is tossed to the wind.

So, sometimes I worry.

And sometimes I call my own mom, who worries with me ... and then reminds me, "Worrying is wasted energy."

## Familiar clacking of railcars returns

Lots of sprucing up has taken place in honor of this weekend's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration in Luverne.

One possibly overlooked improvement is our local railroad.

Within years of Luverne's founding in 1867, the railroad was making regular stops in the growing prairie town, and by 1883 tracks were running in all four directions.

Through the decades the north and south lines were eventually abandoned and removed so today the tracks only run east and west.

A train and a few railcars occasionally move down the line that stretches from Manley through Rock County to Worthington.

In recent weeks, however, train whistles are heard a little more frequently, thanks to a new operator, Ellis & Eastern Railroad out of Sioux Falls.

Residents along the 41-mile stretch of rail have had four opportunities to get to know the new operator through a series of public meetings conducted in Nobles and Rock counties. The most recent meetings took place Monday and Tuesday.

Leading the meetings was the railroad president, Clark Meyer,

who grew up across the Iowa border south of Steen.

Meyer's willingness to improve and revitalize an industry that's responsible for the development of most of the towns in Rock County is worthy of recognition.

We are cautiously optimistic that only good things will happen on the railroad in Rock County.

Already tons of discarded railroad ties have been removed and Meyer has been contacting businesses along the line about what Ellis & Eastern can offer in moving goods in more bulk than a semi-trailer can.

More importantly, Meyer said a little TLC would be put into the 1911 Luverne depot, which is used as a home base for the half dozen employees who work on the rail line regularly.

"The depot is going to need

some love," is how Meyer put it.

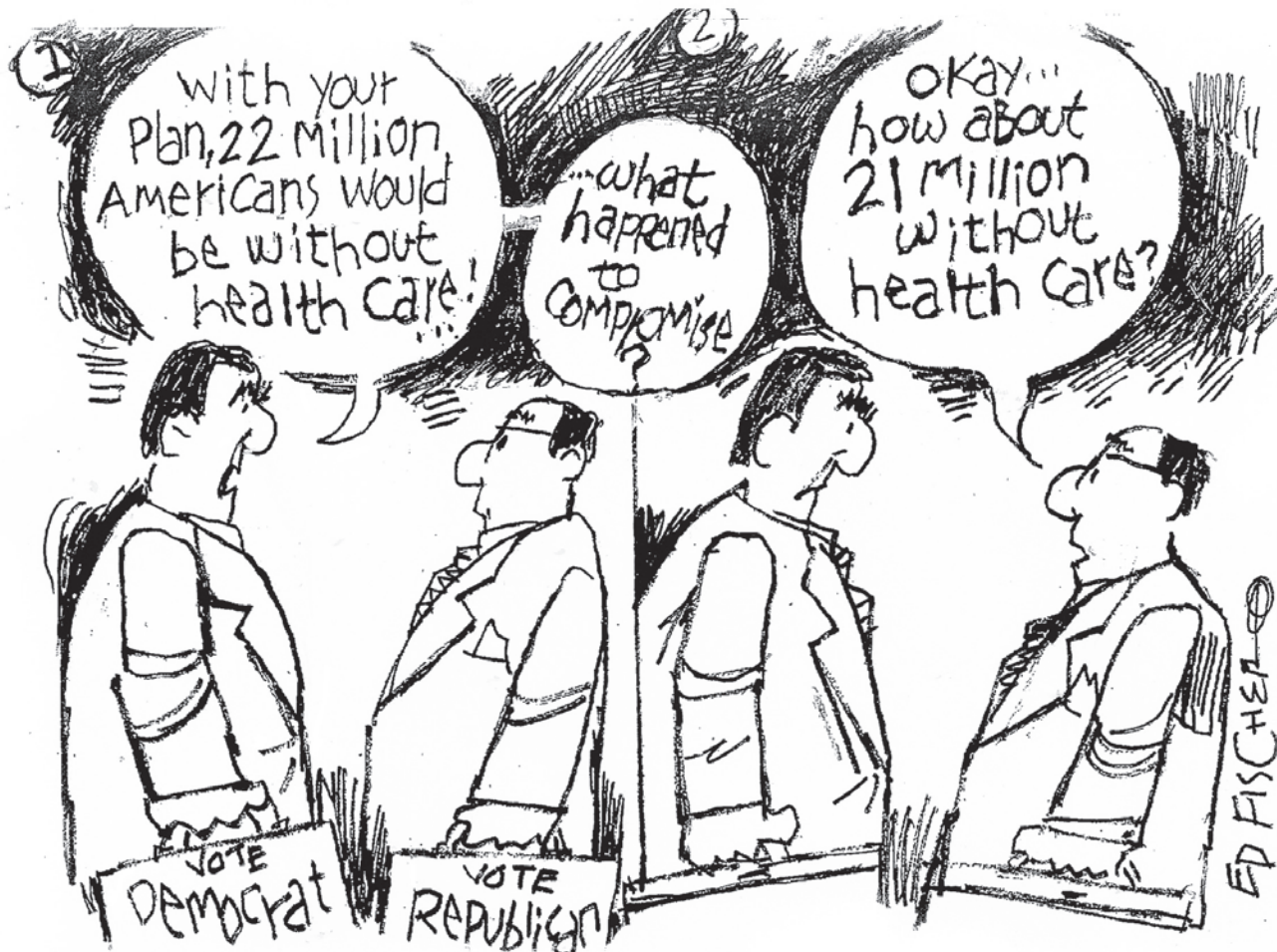
That caring attitude seems to permeate into a more neighborly philosophy put forth by the new local operators.

Meyer said he would work with those who live next to the tracks.

He's opened conversations with those who farm along the line and is willing to work out an agreement with the local snowmobile club to safely develop a trail through the county and look at how hunters use the line in their quest for game.

"It's time for a clean start," Meyer said at Monday's public meeting. "We potentially have some exciting things happening."

Let's hope that our railroad will once again be a valuable contributor to our communities as it was when Luverne was just getting started.



## When should older drivers give up their keys?

**Question:** What can be done about an aging family member when their driving skills become diminished and it becomes a safety concern?

**Answer:** Older drivers in general are safe. As we age, the risks behind the wheel increase with the possibility of declining cognitive, vision and physical abilities.

Older drivers are more likely to get killed or injured because they are more likely to be physically fragile and less able to recover from injuries. One out of every five traffic fatalities in Minnesota is a person age 65 or older.

There are a number of options that can be pursued.

As a family member, try to pay close attention to older family members' driving skills. Start the discussion of when to stop driving, and determine other transportation options. Age alone cannot be considered a good cause for re-examination.

This can be a sensitive issue for many older drivers. Older drivers forced to stop driving may feel a lack of freedom, anger and may suffer from depression.

### Actions to Take if Concerned

### about an Older Family Member's Driving:

- Write and sign a letter to the Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services (DPS-DVS) outlining specific concerns.

- DVS will contact the person and ask them to come in for an interview.

- Based on the interview, the person can be requested to conduct a written and road test, submit a vision report, and/or submit a doctor's statement verifying that they are physically qualified to drive within 30 days of the interview.

- If no concerns arise during the interview or if the driver passes a road quiz and appears to be physically fine, they may not be required to do anything further to continue to drive.

- If the person does not submit the requested statements or their vision/physical report is unsatisfactory, their driver's license can be cancelled.

- If the person is unable to pass the tests within the required time, their driver's license is cancelled.

- Talk to a family member's physician to see if the doctor has noticed the same problems. If so, ask the doctor to submit a request for a written/road test to DVS. If the physician sees the person is not

physically qualified to drive, the doctor can notify the department and DVS can cancel the driver's privileges.

Law enforcement officers can also send a request for review to DVS if they identify a driver who they believe should either retest or be checked by a doctor. In the end, DVS can allow the person to keep driving with increased limitations such as roadway speed, daylight only, certain times of the day or within a set limit of miles from his or her home. They can also require follow-up doctor's exams.

Don't be afraid to speak up if you are concerned about a loved one's driving behavior. It could end up saving their life or another life on the road.

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

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

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### A letter to the Republican National Committee

#### To the Editor:

A letter to the Republican National Committee:

I will gladly contribute to the party again, once I see the party start to act like the party they claim to be.

When they acknowledge and adhere to our founding documents again, you can expect financial support.

When the system of checks and balances is utilized again, you can expect financial support.

When term limits are implemented, you can expect financial support.

When the party is in control and not the shadow government, you can expect support.

When the government returns all land back to the people/states, save the National Parks, you can expect financial support.

When the people regain and retain their sovereignty and privacy, you can expect financial support.

When you end the Federal Reserve and put finances back to the Department of Treasury and get on gold standard, expect financial support.

I can go on for pages. You get the drift, I hope. I am not alone. We have had enough. Do your damn job! May God bless you and watch over you while you complete your task.

**Mike Gangestad, Luverne**

### Scheidt: Against twin home development

#### To the Editor:

This letter is to express my opposition to the proposed development of twin homes in the Tri-State subdivision green space.

I, along with others, purchased our homes because of that green

space. It is sad that the people that live there really don't have anything to say about it. The city always does as it pleases.

**Kenny Scheidt  
Luverne**

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**June 30**  
•Complainant in Hills reported her keys were stolen out of her vehicle.  
•Complainant requested background check for housing.  
•Complainant reported subjects smoke and drink outside in parking lot by southeast entrance.  
•Complainant reported young kid riding four-wheeler on E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Hardwick. Will meet deputy at 112 Buckinghamham.  
•Complainant brought cell phone to Law Enforcement Center to be given to subject.  
•Deputy reported out with a white Dodge Durango with no plates. Seems to be having some problems.  
•Complainant reported a blue car with four males possibly intoxicated. Not following. Not willing to sign. Deputies out of position.  
•Deputy conducted traffic stop from complaint given out by patrol. Advised driver is not impaired, just tired. Advised to pull over at the next rest stop.  
**July 1**  
•Complainant reported a white Chrysler 300 speeding and swerving all over.  
•Complainant reported her ex-boyfriend threw her stuff out in the middle of the street. She is in Sioux Falls. He sent her a picture.  
•Complainant reported a white Suburban-type vehicle with South Dakota plates just left. The driver was intoxicated, and the passenger was holding a beer. Very belligerent to the cashier and customers. Unable to locate.  
•Complainant reported he is in a tractor with a sprayer, and he blew a tire at location. Requested deputy to see if he is off the road enough to leave vehicle there and get a new tire.  
•Deputy was flagged down by complainant and told his ex-drove by and said hi to his child. For information only.  
•Complainant reported problems with a tenant.  
•Complainant reported fireworks going off on Bishop and Oakley. Deputy spoke to subjects about lighting off fireworks.  
•Complainant reported fireworks on Barck Avenue.  
•Deputy reported a door open at location. A couple of people are walking dogs. OK.

**July 2**  
•Complainant reported they had a 911 call of a drunk driver. The caller wouldn't give her name or vehicle description. Said her boyfriend was driving and punched her in the face. They pinged the phone, and it was in Rock County. Phone came back to a Rock County resident.  
•Complainant reported a Honda Civic all over the road. Think the driver is intoxicated. Deputy warned for no proof of insurance. Gave until Tuesday to prove or he will be issued a citation.  
•Complainant reported she saw two very young kids walking alone and brought them back home, and when they got there, the parents were extremely intoxicated.  
•Complainant reported her house was broken into and items were stolen.  
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy. Subject assaulted complainant. Deputy took subject into custody.  
•Complainant reported that his vehicle will be parked at location overnight and will be towed by AAA in the morning.  
•Complainant reported aerial fireworks going off in area.

**July 3**  
•Complainant reported vehicle with hazard on. Vehicle is unoccupied and not blocking.  
•Complainant reported fire alarm at location.  
•Complainant reported not being able to contact subject by phone for several hours and was concerned.  
•Complainant reported subject removing property from location without complainant's permission. Complainant also reported subject harassing him.  
•Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center to update predatory offender registration.  
•Complainant reported finding what he thinks is marijuana in the belongings of one of their subjects.  
•Complainant reported driver drinking liquor at location. Notified deputy and transferred to State Patrol.  
•Complainant reported red flatbed truck with branches traveling southbound on Kniss Avenue. Complainant stated branches were falling off of

truck. No plate number.  
•Complainant reported an unlicensed driver works at location.  
•Complainant reported a pickup was traveling west from location at a high rate of speed with no headlights on.  
**July 4**  
•Complainant reported subject detained. Warrant confirmed.  
•Complainant reported out with subject and will hold for our warrant. Warrant out of extradition limits.  
•Complainant reported white car at location he feels shouldn't be there.  
•Complainant reported burglar alarm at location.  
•Complainant came in to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy. Deputy spoke to complainant regarding custody of his children.  
•Complainant reported subject released from jail. Attempted to notify victim, but was unsuccessful. Requested deputy go to victim's home.  
•Complainant reported car swerving at location.  
•Complainant called 911 twice to complain about fireworks. She was advised both times to call the non-emergency line and that nothing could be done about the city fireworks show. She then called the non-emergency line and was again advised nothing could be done except she could call the city tomorrow to speak with them about it.  
•Complainant reported his neighbors are lighting and tossing mortar rounds, and there are children present.  
**July 5**  
•Complainant reported tracks on fire. Requested County Highway Department to block some roads. The fire is on the bridge. BNSF was advised. Beaver Creek Fire Department called out for mutual aid.  
•Complainant reported a man came to his door, knocked, then walked toward the road. The man looked disheveled. Deputy located vehicle and subject. G&S contacted for tow.  
•Complainant reported the fire on the bridge from earlier call is still burning. Hills Fire Department requested Beaver Creek for mutual aid.  
•Complainant reported a pickup in the ditch. There is also an abandoned house that looks like it has been broken into close. Called back to say a white Impala just pulled into the yard. They said it was their friend's car. They are acting strange. Contacted Erwin's to tow to their lot.  
•Complainant requested a change of address for predatory offender.  
•Complainant received a call she believes to be a scam. They indicated they were from Medicare and asked if she had back or knee pain.  
•Complainant reported kids out on the bridge at County Road 15. Thinks they should be questioned about the vandalism done to the bridge.  
•Complainant reported the bridge fire is flaring up again.  
•Complainant reported the house on Church Avenue has been sold and the former owner's son is hanging around and snooping in the dumpster.  
•Complainant reported they are staying at the fairgrounds with the permission of a fairground board member.  
**July 6**  
•Complainant changed his address for predatory offender registration.  
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•Complainant reported that she believes subjects are back at location. Complainant reported the tip and knew that Rock County Sheriff's Office wanted to speak to the subjects in regard to a linked ICR.  
•Complainant reported multiple vehicles blocking the roadway at location. Deputy advised juvenile drivers to move their vehicles and open the two lane roadway.  
•Complainant reported that a staff member that works at location is harassing her and won't leave her room.  
•Complainant reported the door on his apartment is wide open, and he is sure he locked it when he left. Complainant is unsure if anyone is inside. No lights on in apartment. No suspicious or unknown vehicles in area.  
•Complainant reported suspicious person that seemed intoxicated near location.  
•Complainant reported meth use going on at location on U.S. Highway 23 near Beaver Creek. Complainant is con-

cerned, as her grandchildren will be staying in the home part time.  
**July 7**  
•Complainant spoke with party who was having issues earlier in the evening. He is going to stay at location for the night and is being assisted by his sister-in-law.  
•Complainant reported scam phone calls.  
•Received 911 from complainant who stated her son was missing. Transferred to Nobles County.  
•Complainant came in to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak to deputy about updated predatory offender registration. Deputy spoke with complainant.  
•Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to talk with deputy about identity theft. Deputy spoke with complainant.  
•Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center to talk to someone about a rally she is organizing. Deputy spoke directly with complainant. Complainant will return to speak with deputy.  
•Received 911 call from complainant stating his daughter was put in vehicle without proper restraints. States vehicle southbound on Highway 75 by Casey's. Deputy unable to locate. Complainant's mother called back and requested to speak with deputy. Deputy spoke with complainant's mother. Complainant, complainant's mother, and complainant's girlfriend came to Law Enforcement Center and filled out statements.  
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding custody issues.  
•Complainant reported possible theft at Mead Court.  
•Complainant reported theft at location near Beaver Creek.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 3 transports, 1 funeral escort, 26 traffic stops, 11 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 17 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 7 log/alarm sheets, 4 drug court tests, 4 money escorts, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 2 SWHHS reports, and issued 9 purchase/carry permits and 6 burn permits.

## DMV service limited July 17-24 during computer upgrades

Minnesotans who need to renew license plate tabs, transfer titles or complete other transactions will need to be aware of limited services July 17-24 when the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) upgrades and replaces the vehicle services computer system.

July 17-24: Online vehicle tab renewal and other DVS online services will be unavailable. Customers planning to renew their July tabs online will need to do so before July 17 to allow time for their new stickers to arrive in the mail.

Vehicle services such as tab renewal, plate replacement and title application will not be available.

Driver's license, permit or identification card renewal and application services will be available; however, some offices may have different hours or be closed.

July 22: In addition to motor vehicle registration and title services, driver's license services will also be unavailable on July 22. Most DVS and deputy registrar offices will be closed on this date.

Minnesotans whose vehicle registration expires in July have been notified of these service limitations by mail on their renewal notice.

DPS-DVS is replacing the system used for motor vehicle and driver's license transactions and record information. The motor vehicle portion of the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS) will be implemented during this time, replacing the current 30-year-old main-frame computer system.

Once the new system is in place, turnaround time for title transactions will be reduced and customers will leave the office knowing their vehicle record has been updated in real time instead of experiencing a delay in the process.

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# POP Club gets children excited about fruits and vegetables

Story and photos by  
Mavis Fodness

The Luverne Farmers Market “Power of Produce Club” is growing like a weed. Since the POP Club started in early June, 50 children ages 5 through 12 have joined. They participated in one or more of the weekly Thursday night activities and have earned coupons toward the purchase of fruits or vegetables.

Of those who have joined, 30 are repeat participants.

“It’s actually taken off better than we thought,” said Lisa Sasker, who coordinates the weekly activities. “As long as attendance stays up, we continue with the activities.

The Farmers Market is open each Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. near Redbird Field. It operates June through October.

Sasker and her children, Sawyer, Lacey and Layne, volunteer their time with the



Kullen Radisewitz-Schear smells a jar full of herbs at Thursday night’s Farmers Market in Luverne. His choices of possible herbs were dill, basil, parsley or mint.

program, which introduces children to the local farmers markets.

Luverne Farmers Market vendor Corrine Bonnema first heard about the POP Club at the Minnesota Farmers Market Association annual meeting. “It’s gone on like wildfire,” she said.

A grant through the Luverne Area Community Foundation funds the activities organized by Sasker.

The activities range from games like last week’s “Guess the Herb” smell test to craft activities like “Paint with Vegetables” to taste tests that have made the kohlrabi a favorite to many participants, Sasker said.

With the \$2 POP coupons, children can visit vendors to purchase specially packaged POP produce.

The POP Club was developed in 2001 in Oregon through a community health grant.

The club’s mission is threefold, according to the farmers market coalition website.



Using her \$2 POP Bucks coupon, Emma Deutsch buys broccoli at the Luverne Farmers Market from vendors Corrine and George Bonnema. Corrine heard about the POP or Power of Produce program at the Minnesota Farmers Market Association annual meeting.

The club is intended to empower children to make healthier food choices, to promote healthy communities, and to cultivate future farmers market supporters.

Some at the local market are also learning about saving their coupons.

Bonnema said one participant is saving his coupons to buy “the biggest watermelon at the market.”

Parents sign a permission slip to join the club and participate in the activities. Sasker keeps track of attendees at each visit.

Plans are to offer the POP Club again next year.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Larry and Deb Stensland, Granada, and Jeff and Missy Bass, Hills, announce the engagement of their children Stephanie Stensland and Colton Bass.

Stephanie graduated from Granada Huntley East Chain High School in 2010 and from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, in 2014. She is employed as a teacher at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School in Beaver Creek.

Colton graduated from South Dakota State University in 2016. He is employed as a pharmacist at Lewis Drug in Luverne.



Stephanie Stensland and Colton Bass

The couple is planning a July 29, 2017, wedding in Fairmont.

### Gabrielle Luethje and Brock Bullerman

Gabrielle Luethje, daughter of Dean and DJ Luethje, Luverne, and Brock Bullerman, son of Delbert and Michelle Bullerman, Adrian, announce their engagement.

They are planning an Aug. 19, 2017, wedding at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



The Rev. Alan and Wanda Camarigg, Hills, and the Rev. David and Sue Higgs, Brisbane, Australia, announce the engagement of their children Katie Higgs, Brisbane, and Jonathan Camarigg, Lynden, Washington.

Katie graduated from Queensland University of Technology and from Groves Christian College in Brisbane. She currently works as a registered nurse at Brisbane Hospital.

Jonathan graduated from Whatcom Community College and from Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Washington. He currently works as a registered nurse at Peace Health St. Joseph in Bellingham,



Katie Higgs and Jonathan Camarigg

Washington.

They are planning a July 21, 2017, wedding in Brisbane, Australia.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2007)

•The vacant former Law Enforcement Center, next to the courthouse, will have an occupant.

The plan had the Rock County Historical Society moving to the former jail and police station. The move is possible because former Luverne resident Warren Herreid II and his family foundation, K.A.H.R. Foundation, offered to match money generated through a fundraising campaign.

### 25 years ago (1992)

•Texas billionaire Ross Perot is making a showing in Rock County, despite the fact he’s not officially running for president. Hugh Ferguson, an organizer for the Ross Perot for President campaign in Rock County has been collecting signatures since July 7 to get Perot on the November ballot in Minnesota.

Ferguson will combine his 339 signatures with those collected in Worthington. Lists will be sent in from around the state and totaled in Minneapolis. Perot needed 2,000 names to be on the ballot.

### 50 years ago (1967)

•Luverne, the City of Trees, has a single confirmed report of Dutch elm disease.

Milton Marinos, employed by the agriculture department’s division of plant industries, was at Luverne Monday and confirmed the finding to the City Council. The first public awareness of the disease was made July 7, when Twin Cities papers carried the reference to Luverne’s infestation.

An elm sample sent in by the city early in June was positively diagnosed as being infected with Dutch elm disease. The tree from which the cutting was taken is located adjacent to the alley on the property at 516 N. Cedar. A letter of confirmation was received earlier this month by City Administrative Assistant Richard Stevens.

The tree has the characteristic yellow leaves and dying branches signifying the rapid infestation of the fungus carried by the smaller European elm bark beetle.

### 75 years ago (1942)

•The Beaver Creek Co-operative Elevator Company at Beaver Creek held its annual stockholder’s meeting at the Beaver Creek hall Monday evening with a large number of stockholders present.

A report of the year’s business showed a substantial gain over the preceding years. Total sales of the year of grain and seeds amounted to \$281,276.31. The elevator handled 276,028 bushels of grain the past year, an increase of 75,000 bushels over the preceding year.

### 100 years ago (1917)

•Ten pounds of bone, flesh and hair in the form of an eight-month old fox terrier pup, brimming over with courage and “sand,” saved Fred Lutgens from being gored to death by a 1,300-pound bull Monday afternoon at the Omaha stock yards in this city.

The bull was a three-year-old Short Horn owned by Loren Herrick, which Guy Dailey had delivered to the stock yards a short time before. He appeared so docile. ... The animal showed a disposition to go no farther and Mr. Lutgens started to step back of him with the idea of driving him onto the scale.

But the instant Mr. Lutgens reached a position alongside the bull’s head, the animal made a heave lunge at him, striking him down on the left side and knocking him down, ...

As the bull started “kneading” his breast, Mr. Lutgens yelled at the animal in the hope of frightening him away. But while Mr. Lutgens’ outcries did not have the desired effect on the bull, it was all the invitation that the gritty little fox terrier needed to enter the corral, and wiggled through a barrow opening between boards of the fence he lost no time in engaging the bull’s undivided attention, enabling Mr. Lutgens to rise and gain safety on the fence.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Katie Crevier**, bride-to-be of **Josh Slieter**, will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick.

An open house bridal shower for **Kelsey Remund**, bride-to-be of **Brad Pick**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 22, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

A bridal shower for **Allison Dohlmann**, bride-to-be of **Dustin Verhey**, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

### Card Showers

**Sidney and Lorraine (Baker) Jiskoot** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, July 18. Greetings may be sent to them at 358 Sawgrass Trail, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

## SENIOR MENU

**Monday, July 17:** Ham, baked potato, broccoli, bread, pudding.

**Tuesday, July 18:** Barbecued pork, buttered boiled potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread, rosé applesauce.

Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

**Wednesday, July 19:** Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears.

Program: Dietitian Ann Marie; Site Council.

**Thursday, July 20:** Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed veg-

etables, bread, fruit cobbler.

**Friday, July 21:** Salmon loaf, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, fruit salad, frosted cake.

Program: Kitchen band; birthday party.

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

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at [www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).

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



# Rock County project day promotes ‘Hands on Fun’

Next 4-H event planned for July 14

“Hands on Fun” was the theme of the 2017 Rock County Project Day, and youth were able to do just that.

The event was a partnership between Luverne Community Education and Rock County 4-H.

The next opportunity for youth offered by the two organizations will be the Earth Science Day Camp from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, July 14.

Youth will learn about wildlife, natural disasters and landfills in a fun and exciting way. Register through Luverne Community Education, 283-4724.

Twenty-three youth participated in the June 26 “Hands on Fun” event at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. They explored different 4-H project areas by creating a 4-H clover string art, experimenting with electric Play-Doh, and engaging in a demonstration about Dutch oven cooking that followed with a delicious taste test.

Youth attending the Rock County Hands on Fun Project



Day were Sophie Gutkoski, Keaton Ahrendt, Riley Anderson, Adam Ask, Bergen Ask, Evan Bumgardner, Ian Bumgardner, Elijah Colvin, Sarah deCesare, Emma Deutsch, Lanae Elbers, Egypt Forrest, Fox Forrest, Kenedee Franken, Tiana Franken, Jack Gangestad, Katharine Kelm, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse,

Maria Rops, Sarah Stegenga, Larissa Steinhoff, and Ava Steinhoff.

Summer 4-H intern Gabrielle Gilliam worked with youth leaders in ninth-grade and above to plan the event.

“Older 4-H members and ambassadors play a key role in helping to develop potential

in younger community members,” Gilliam said. “The ambassador program promotes a ‘youth-teaching-youth’ environment, which is one of the reasons 4-H is such a unique program.”

For more information about 4-H activities, contact program coordinator Chelsey Asche at 283-1302.

# Home-Coming motor tour rounds north half of county, finishes southern half

(The following is continued from last week.)

## DAYS OF YORE BEING RE-LIVED OVER COUNTRY

Other features of the home-coming program were a harmonica solo by Si Hopkins; duet, “I Married the Boot-legger’s Daughter,” by “Miss” Leonard Houg and Mr. Vincent Egert; dance revue, with Mesdames Laura Cannell, Etta Leicher, Edith Eberlein and Dolly Newton and the Messrs. Win Newton, Ed. Eberlein, John Connell and Perry Arnette, with Art. Herbert as caller, Logan Trunnell as fiddler and Newton & Newton and Baby Helen Aanenson as Charleston interpreters.

The big feature of yesterday’s reunion was a motor tour of the northern half of the county, which left here at 10:00 o’clock in the morning, going to Jasper, through Springwater and Rose Dell townships; from those places to Hardwick, where an especially cordial welcome was extended, and thence to Kenneth, where the community joined the procession for a joint picnic, with the return trip late in the afternoon through Magnolia.

Today the tour will cover the south half of the county, leaving Luverne at 10:00 o’clock this morning and including stops at Kanaranzi, Ashcreek, Steen and Hills, with the noon hour given over to a picnic at Hills, in which everybody was expected to join. The people of Beaver Creek are co-operating with those of Hills in arranging for the picnic. Coffee and lemonade will be furnished by the people of the two towns. A program of speeches, music and also a ball game, has been provided for the entertainment of



# Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

the visitors. The return trip to this city will be made at 5:30 through Beaver Creek.

This evening a program of entertainment will be given at the armory and will include addresses, musical numbers and dancing. Home-Coming week special activities will come to a close with tomorrow’s program, which has been arranged with a view to appropriately celebrating the Fourth.

Since the first of the week the business places and Main street have been appropriately decorated for the occasion, and present a gala appearance.

A number of the sectional seats provided for Chautauqua purposes are doing additional duty this week, strung along in front of business houses as convenient resting places for those who wish to pause and visit. Some of the old-timers are firmly convinced that “The Sons of Rest,” who flourished in the early days of Luverne, have again come into their own.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.

## Leora Baustian

Leora Marie Baustian, 82, Luverne, died Tuesday, July 4, 2017, at the Bethany Home in Brandon, South Dakota.

A funeral Mass was Saturday, July 8, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery in Luverne.

Leora Schievelbein was born Aug. 29, 1934, to Herman and Clara (Koball) Schievelbein in Humboldt, South Dakota. She attended country school for two years before attending school in Humboldt. After graduating from Humboldt High School in 1952, she worked as a secretary at Washington Nath Engraving in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, until 1956.

Leora married Lester Baustian on April 18, 1956, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. The couple lived in Rock County on a farm northwest of Luverne for 53 years.

Leora graduated from Dale Carnegie Human Relations Course at Nettleton College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she worked as a graduate assistant. In 1981 Leora graduated as a private secretary at Nettleton College. In 1982 she began working at Northwestern National Bank in Sioux Falls. Leora became

a mental health practitioner in 1983 and worked at the Southwestern Mental Health Center in Luverne. She later became a partial care mental health facilitator and worked in Luverne and Pipestone.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, the LCCW, the Southwest Crisis Center Board, Women Against Violence, and a New WAV advocate.

Leora is survived by her husband, Lester Baustian, Luverne; seven children, Paul (Denae) Baustian, Harrisburg, South Dakota, Brian (Barb) Baustian, Garretson, South Dakota, Anne (Doug) Horst, Piedmont, South Dakota, Greg Baustian, Worthington, Susan (Steve Mitchell) Baustian, Hudson, Wisconsin, Kevin (Wendy) Baustian, Loudon, Tennessee, and Mary (Don) Olson, Dennison; 27 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Clayton (Helen) Schievelbein, Bozeman, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Robert Baustian, in 2003; and an infant child.

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

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## Helen Heinrich

Helen Heinrich, 82, formerly of Nekoosa, Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, died Thursday, July 6, 2017.

A funeral was Saturday, July 15, at the Herman-Taylor Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids. Burial followed at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Helen Welzenbach was born May 6, 1935, to Arnold and Grace (Axleson) Welzenbach in Luverne. She graduated from George, Iowa, High School. After high school she attended Macalester College in St. Paul.

Helen married Howard Heinrich on June 10, 1956, in Luverne. She helped Howard open the family hardware store in Wonder Lake, Illinois, which they ran for many years. After selling the store, Helen and Howard purchased multiple mobile home parks in Illinois and Wisconsin. She continued to work outside the parks as an office professional and a Realtor in the towns of Rome and Wisconsin Rapids, both in Wisconsin. Helen and Howard went on to develop a new senior park in the town of Saratoga, Wisconsin.

Helen was very active in the community and a member of multiple bridge clubs, where she developed lifelong friendships. She enjoyed camping, pontoon rides on the river, and traveling in her motor home. She also enjoyed playing slots at the casinos. She loved reading, singing and playing the piano, and was an exceptional cook. She and Howard lived at the Enchanted Valley Ranch in Texas for almost 20 years as “snow birds.” She enjoyed her large collection of dolls.

Helen is survived by four children, Lisa (Scott) Drummond, Baraboo, Wisconsin, Mary (Kent) Brauningner, Kansas City, Missouri, Amy McCallum, Phoenix, Arizona, and Neil (Chrystal) Heinrich, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Heinrich, Seattle, Washington; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard, her son Ward Heinrich, and her parents.

Arrangements were by Herman-Taylor Funeral Home of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, taylorfuneralhome.net.

(0713 F)

## Irma Dreckman

Irma Theresa Dreckman, 94, Pipestone, died Sunday, July 2, 2017, at the Good Samaritan Community of Pipestone.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, July 6, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Interment followed at St. Martin Cemetery in Woodstock.

Irma Pottebaum was born March 28, 1923, to John and Susan (Mousel) Pottebaum. She grew up in Alton, Iowa, and completed her education at St. Mary’s Academy.

On Feb. 5, 1945, she married Adrian Dreckman at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Alton. They farmed near Struble, Iowa, until 1952 when they bought a farm southeast of Ruthton. After Adrian’s death on March 28, 1975, Irma continued to stay on the farm and did volunteer work until she began as custodian at Ruthton Public School. She worked there for five years before working at Hope Day Activity Center for disabled adults. Irma also did substitute cooking at the Ruthton Senior Mealsite.

In 1986 she moved to Pipestone. She worked as a cook for the Pipestone Senior Dining Site until she started working for Progress, Inc. In 1996 she moved to Luverne and resided at the Centennial Apartments. On May 17, 2011, Irma became a resident of Good Samaritan Communities of Pipestone.

Irma was a past member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Woodstock, St. Leo Catholic

Church in Pipestone and currently a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She was active in the 4-H Club as a leader and received a pin for 25 years of service. Irma enjoyed helping with the county fair projects getting them ready and working at the Murray County

Fair. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing many quilts. Irma enjoyed working on puzzles, reading books and coloring pictures for her grandchildren.

Irma is survived by her children, Mary Lynn (Lyle) Portz, Pipestone, Joyce (Lauren) Meyer, Lucan, Shirley (Loren) Fick, Luverne, John (Bonita) Dreckman, Balaton, Stanley (Donna) Dreckman, West Fargo, North Dakota, Bonnie Dreckman and Roger (Lisa) Dreckman, all of Post Falls, Idaho, and Richard Dreckman (special friend, Arlene Hinsch), Luverne; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Maxine Pottebaum; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brothers John Jr. (Virginia), Cecil (Joyce), Fred (Florence), Bernard (Esther) and Richard Pottebaum; sisters Mildred (Lou) DeLatuer, Marcene (Bernard) Cole, Armella (Gerald) Homan, and Carol Jean (Daniel) Pick; and a great-granddaughter, Parker Dreckman.

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

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# DEATH NOTICES

## Burdell Kruse

Burdell Kruse, 73, Luverne, died Friday, July 7, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be Monday, July 17, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne with a time of fellowship one hour prior to the service. A committal of remains will be at a later date.

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

(0713 DN)

## Constance Nash

Constance M. “Connie” Nash, 93, Luverne, died Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Arrangements were pending at the time of press at Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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## Fourth of July at The Lake for the dogs

The third annual Fourth of July celebration featured fireworks, sand castles and dock dogs, along with other activities for a day full of fun. Winning the first Dock Dog contest was Jet, who jumped 19 feet, 6 inches. The day started with a triathlon that included a kayak race on the water. (See the sports section for photos and race results.)The day culminated with a fireworks display.



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## FSA moves to new office

Masking tape outlines where furniture will be placed in the new offices for the Rock County Farm Service Agency at 500 West Gabrielson Road in Luverne. At right: Workers with Parker Transfer & Storage, Sioux Falls, move office items Monday morning for the half block move west to the new location. Both the FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service offices opened for business on Wednesday.



Below: NRCS's District Conservationist Kurt Halfmann (far right) separates materials for Parker Transfer & Storage workers during the office move Monday.

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Nelson Bros. Department Store was a staple for Luverne shoppers from 1876 until it closed in 1973. This photo shows the Nelson's building built in 1892 on the corner of Main and McKenzie Streets. The building was first modernized in the 1970s and has now been transformed into the Mall on Main. A "Gala Preview" event will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 14.

# Mall on Main revives Nelson Bros.-style retail

*Building houses ReBorn Home Furnishings, Four Seasons Mercantile, Tyana's Boutique and Computer Tutors; Kruger: 'If you were in here when it was Loopy's, you need to come check this out. The change is phenomenal.'*

**By Jason Berghorst**

A former Luverne retail destination is being revived on East Main Street.

The building on the corner of Main and McKenzie streets was once home to the legendary Nelson Brothers department store.

Now known as the Mall on Main, the renovated building houses four separate stores: ReBorn Home Furnishings, Four Seasons Mercantile, Tyana's Boutique and Computer Tutors.

The businesses are hosting Grand Opening celebrations this week and a Gala Preview event will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 14.

"We just want everyone to come in and see all that's been done inside," said Marilyn Bloemendaal.

She and her husband, Curt, purchased the building in 2014 from Loopy's, Inc.

Former Loopy's manager Amy Kruger now owns Four Seasons in the Mall on Main.

"If you were in here when it was Loopy's, you need to come check this out," Kruger said. "The change is phenomenal."

## History as Nelson's

The massive Nelson Bros & Company Department Store was built in 1892 when Luverne's Main Street wasn't yet paved and when goods were delivered in horse-drawn wagons.

The two-story retail establishment was a giant in its day boasting 10 separate departments: home furnishings, shoes, men's clothing, women's clothing, children's clothing, furniture, linens, groceries, hardware and dry goods.

In the early 1900s, Nelson's annual sales were two-day gala events that drew thousands of customers and included orchestras from Minneapolis performing in the store.

Each department had a manager and its own clerks who itemized everything.

When an order was completed, they put the sales slip and money into a round cup that was placed in a pneumatic tube. The transaction was sucked up to the balcony where cashiers made change and returned it to the floor.



Building owners Curt and Marilyn Bloemendaal (left) are working with Derek (center) Kellee and Curt Valnes to renovate the East Main Street former Loopy's building. (Jason Berghorst photo). At right is another angle showing the blade signs and storefront.



## Changes in the 1970s

Nelson's Department Store closed in 1973 prompting major changes to Luverne's Main Street landscape.

The top floor of the Nelson's building was removed, and stucco siding appeared on the east side. The storefront was updated with a modern entry. A Ben Franklin store and Schutz Hardware opened in the former Nelson's space. Snyder Drug and Loopy's Dollar Store later filled the location.

## Restoration & Renovation

When Curt and Marilyn Bloemendaal purchased the then 122-year-old building, "it needed work badly," Marilyn said. "But the question was, what to do?"

Design Craft of Luverne completed the exterior façade work in 2016.

When it came time to improve the interior of the building, the Bloemendaals decided the renovation would provide space for four separate and unique stores.

They again turned to Design Craft owners Curt and Kellee Valnes.

According to Marilyn, as the group discussed plans, they all wanted to bring the property back to its former glory.

Curt Valnes began to work on the floor plan design and blueprint while Kellee Valnes used her creative talents to provide an interior design and décor for the renovated space.

According to Marilyn, the group had two goals for the project — to incorporate existing or reclaimed detailing and architecture as much as possible and to use local contractors and providers as much as possible.

Kellee took the lead in searching for and collecting artifacts that would be appropriate for the historic feel of the project.

Items were salvaged and repurposed from the basement of the Nelson's building as well as other local historic buildings including the Arcade (Sterling's) Building, Holy Trinity Church and others.

"It's just been so much fun," Kellee said about the renovation project. "We found things from all over. People kept saying 'I might have something you could use.' It's been great."

Railings, light fixtures, doors, the restroom sink and many other objects were all "upcycled" for use in the Mall on Main.

"Kellee was so enthused; this is a passion for her," Curt said. "She's really an artist."

"I do this as a hobby, but I'm sure glad they invited me to be involved," Kellee added. "It was a joy to work with them," she said of the Bloemendaals.

## Full Circle to Mall on Main

After a year of work, the Mall on Main is now a reality.

A large foyer and restroom are shared spaces and all four businesses have their own entrance from the common space, which includes a mural of downtown as it looked during Nelson's days.

"It's kind of like coming full circle. Nelson's had all these different departments and now there are these separate businesses that all work together, but are independent," Marilyn said.

"This is now kind of a destination for shopping," Kruger said.

"The three of us are really compatible and Computer Tutors brings in different customers that otherwise might not stop in," she added.

According to Kruger, traffic has already been good as people come in to check out the changes.

"The transformation is beautiful," she said. "I'm grateful for the Bloemendaals."

According to Marilyn, their investment in the Mall on Main stems from their love for Luverne and their desire to encourage retail growth on Main Street.

"This is our way to give back to the community and provide a beautiful, inviting space for local businesses," she said.



At left, Curt Valnes recycles doors from upper floors of Sterling's (Arcade building) for a "barn door" entrance to ComputerTutors in the Mall on Main. (Above) the original Nelson Bros. pillars were uncovered, painted and incorporated into the interior decor.



# Haakenson, Kashdan win M-G Tournament

*Steady play lifts champs to second title in three years*

**By John Rittenhouse**  
Consistent play proved to be the key to success for the winning team of the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Member-Guest Tournament staged at the Luverne Country Club Friday and Saturday.  
LCC member Mike Haakenson and his guest, Tyler Kashdan, of Minneapolis, registered six quota points during both days of the tournament.  
Their 12-point effort gave them a comfortable four-point victory over the tournament's second-place team and yielded them the championship trophies for the second time in the past three years.  
"When we won the tournament two years ago, it felt like it was blind luck to me," Kashdan claimed.  
"We finished near the bottom of the barrel last year, so winning the tournament for a second time definitely felt better for me."  
When Haakenson and Kashdan captured the tournament title in 2015, they needed to overcome a one-point deficit on the second day of play to capture the championship with 14 ½ points.  
The champs needed to stage an even bigger comeback to secure the title over the weekend.  
When Friday's opening round was complete, 20 of the tournament's 38 teams ended the day with positive point-totals.  
Member Craig Nekali and his guest, John Nekali (Cerritos, California), compiled 12 points to emerge as the Day 1 leaders.

The Nekalis sported a three-point lead over member Cory Norman and his guest, Steve Anderson (Mendota Heights), who finished the day with nine points.  
Member Jeff Sehr and guest Derek Ohme (Sioux Falls) scored eight points and completed Day 1 in third place.  
Member Jeremy Sudenga and guest Jason Sudenga (Sioux Falls), member Ryan Fick and guest Adam Steffes (Lake Benton) and member Dave Gangestad and guest Doug Hart (Spencer, Iowa) turned in seven-point showings to share fourth place.  
Haakenson and Kashdan shared seventh place with member Eric Sandbulte and guest Brad Bergman (Brandon, South Dakota) at the end of play Friday.  
Both teams registered six points.  
According to Haakenson, Kashdan sank a key putt on the final hole of play on Friday that proved to be crucial.  
"We had two points and Tyler rolled in a 20-foot putt for birdie on the third hole, which was our final hole of the day," Haakenson said.  
"That gave us four extra points, which was huge for us. That was a big putt and I think it got us going on Saturday."  
Like Kashdan, Haakenson believes winning the tournament for the second time with the same partner was an even more special accomplishment largely because of the way he played on Saturday.  
Haakenson fired a six-over-par 78 during the second



John Rittenhouse photo/0713 mg champs  
Luverne Country Club member Mike Haakenson (left) and his guest, Minneapolis player Tyler Kashdan, won the Member-Guest Tournament title for the second time in three years over the weekend.

round, which helped the team score six more points.  
As it turned out, the team's six-point performance on Saturday was the second-best effort turned in by any team in the 38-squad field.

"I played really well Saturday," Haakenson said.  
"I made just about every putt and didn't have a three-putt all day."  
Kashdan agreed with Haakenson's assessment.

"Mike carried us today. I did enough to help us out, but Mike was playing great," he said.  
A total of 17 teams finished

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John Rittenhouse photo/0713 legion 11  
Luverne shortstop Ben Serie snags a throw from pitcher Jake Haugen during Friday's playoff win over Adrian at Redbird Field. Luverne placed second after falling to Jackson Saturday.

## Legion advances as second seed

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Luverne Cardinals qualified for the Second District American Legion Baseball Tournament by placing second at the Sub-District A Tournament in Luverne over the weekend.  
The Cardinals defeated Adrian by three runs in Friday's debut before falling by six runs to Jackson in Saturday's championship.  
Luverne will compete at the District event, which begins Friday in Blue Earth

laid down a sacrifice bunt.  
Vis scored Luverne's run when Ben Serie bounced out to the shortstop.  
Jackson settled the issue by scoring the game's final four runs.  
Jackson plated single runs in the third and sixth innings and scored twice in fourth.  
Serie pitched all six innings and took the loss.  
He yielded eight hits, three walks, hit one batter, and recorded four strikeouts.  
Jake Haugen registered Luverne's lone hit when he singled to lead off the second inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	2	0	0	0
Ty.Roberts	1	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	0	1
Beers	3	0	0	0
Haugen	3	0	1	0
Lundgren	1	0	0	0
Johnson	2	0	0	0
Tr.Roberts	2	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Vis	1	1	0	0
Knips	0	0	0	0
Reisch	2	0	0	0
Bartels	0	0	0	0

### Luverne 3, Adrian 0

The Cardinals opened the playoffs by posting a mild upset over Adrian at Redbird Field Friday.  
Third-seeded Luverne plated three runs in the top half of

the first inning and made them stand up against No. 2 Adrian.  
Haugen tossed a strong game to lead Luverne to victory.  
Haugen limited Adrian to three hits and fanned nine batters during a seven-inning shutout.  
Luverne, which recorded two hits in the game, registered two safeties in the two-run first inning.  
Sterrett and Serie both reached base on errors to start the rally.  
Declan Beers singled home Sterrett before being forced out at second base when Haugen reached first on a fielder's choice.  
Chase Johnson drew a walk to load the bases for Derek Lundgren, who singled home Serie to make it 2-0.  
Tyler Roberts received an RBI for a ground out that plated Haugen to cap the rally.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	2	1	0	0
Serie	4	1	1	0
Beers	2	0	1	1
Smith	0	0	0	0
Haugen	3	1	1	0
Knips	0	0	0	0
Johnson	3	0	0	0
Lundgren	4	0	2	1
Roberts	4	0	0	1
Buss	3	0	0	0
Reisch	1	0	0	0

## Redbirds earn split after playing four games in five-day span

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Luverne Redbirds split four road games during a span of five days last week.  
Luverne lost a two-run game in Pipestone July 5 before rolling to a 14-run victory over Tracy in Milroy Friday.  
The Redbirds played a pair of games in Fairmont Sunday, falling by one run to Fairmont before besting Martin County by eight runs.  
The 12-7 Redbirds host Lakefield Wednesday (July 12), Marshall Saturday and Milroy Sunday to cap the regular season.

### Luverne 8, MC 0

The Redbirds walked away with a Sunday split in Fairmont by posting an eight-run win over Martin County in the second game.  
Connor Hoffman pitched a shutout and Skyler Wenninger and Phil Paquette drove in a combined five runs to highlight the win.  
Hoffman worked all seven innings on the mound, walking three batters, yielding three hits and registering six strikeouts.  
Wenninger and Paquette,

who recorded two hits each, drove in three and two runs respectively.  
Paquette gave the Redbirds a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the third inning and registered a sacrifice fly during a five-run rally in the fourth.  
Wenninger doubled home three runs and Hoffman drew a bases-loaded walk for an RBI in the fourth inning, which ended with Luverne sporting a 6-0 cushion.  
Codie Zeutenhorst doubled home a run and Luke Nibbelink recorded a sacrifice fly when Luverne capped the scoring in the sixth inning.

### Fairmont 3, Luverne 2

The Redbirds opened play in Fairmont Sunday by dropping a two-game decision to Fairmont.  
The score was tied at two af-

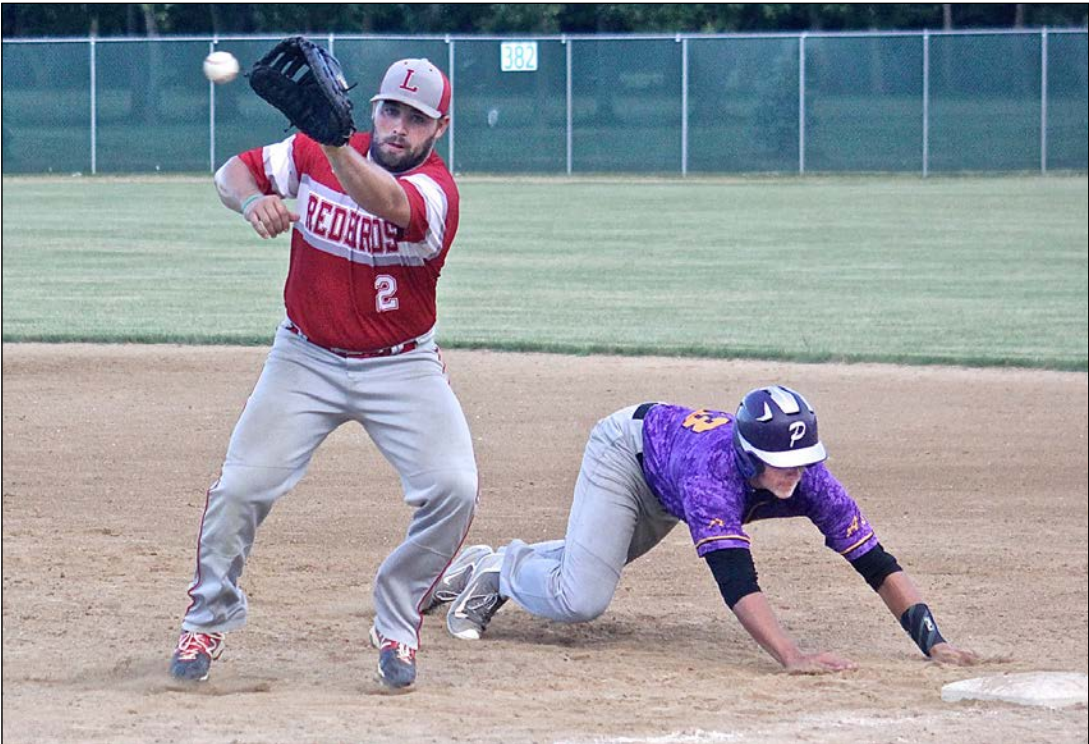
ter seven innings of play before Fairmont plated an earned run in the bottom of the eighth to settle the issue.  
Fairmont scored twice in the bottom of the third inning before Luverne tied the game with a two-run rally in the fifth.  
Paquette and Zeutenhorst registered RBI singles to account for the runs.  
Connor Crabtree went the distance on the mound by pitching into the eighth inning.  
He fanned nine batters, walked five and yielded two hits and one earned run.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	4	0	2	0
Wenninger	4	0	1	0
Paquette	3	1	1	1
Zeutenhorst	3	0	1	1
Christensen	4	0	0	0
Mauer	2	0	0	0
D.Nibbelink	1	0	1	0
Fodness	4	0	1	0
L.Nibbelink	2	1	0	0

### Luverne 20, Tracy 6

The Redbirds experienced little trouble in disposing of the Express by 14 runs Friday in Milroy.  
Luverne players slapped 18 hits and scored runs in six of the game's seven innings in a

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John Rittenhouse photo/0713 redbirds 7  
Luverne first baseman Phil Paquette snares a throw from catcher Cody Christensen as a Pipestone runner dives safely to first base during a July 5 game in Pipestone.



# Alex Weis is set to compete, learn at Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey

Alex Weis embarked on a grand adventure Friday morning. It was the first leg of a journey that will lead the 2013 Luverne High School graduate nearly halfway around the world, where he will compete in three events at the 2017 Deaflympics.

Along with his throwing coach, Weis was in the beginning stages of a 10-hour trek to Austin, Texas, when he fielded my phone call that morning.

Austin is where Weis and some other members of Team USA will complete their final training preparations for the games in Samsun, Turkey.

Samsun is located in the northern part of the country on the shore of the Black Sea, and it's a destination that has filled Weis' thoughts for more than a year.

"I'm definitely looking forward to this," Weis offered.

"I'm looking forward to competing internationally and experience the wide variety of different cultures that will be there."

The former LHS standout and member of the Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall) track program met the qualifying standards during his college days to compete in the shotput, the discus and the hammer throw at the 2017 Deaflympics.

He is one of three athletes (one other male and one female) who will represent Team USA in the throwing competitions in Turkey.

The Deaflympics begin with an opening ceremony July 18 and wrap up with the closing ceremony July 30.

Weis will be a busy man during the middle days of



## FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

the event. His events are scheduled for July 23-27.

Two flights of shot put competition are set for July 23 and the finals take place on July 24.

The hammer throw takes place on July 25, while flight competition for the discus begins on July 26 with the finals to follow on July 27.

If the results from the 2013 Deaflympics staged in Sofia, Bulgaria, can be used as a measuring stick, Weis could fare well in Samsun.

"Based on the last Deaflympics results, I rank in the top three of my events," he said.

"I'm hoping to come away with a couple of medals, and, hopefully, one gold medal. That's my goal for the competitions."

Equally important to Weis will be to enjoy the experience of interacting with his peers from around the world.

"I'm really excited about the whole experience," he stated.

"There will be athletes from 89 countries there, so I'll be seeing and experiencing a lot of different cultures and how they use signing to communicate. Signing basically varies with every language, and will be cool to see how they communicate."

Life will go on for Weis when he returns from Turkey.

He plans to serve as a student/teacher in Grand Meadow this fall and begin his career as a physical education instructor in the future.

Before he joins the workforce like the rest of us, I'm glad Weis will get to enjoy an experience of a lifetime this summer.



John Rittenhouse photo/0713 mg derby

Luverne Country Club member Scott Remme (right) and Mendota Heights golfer Steve Anderson (left), the guest of Cory Norman, won The Derby title of the Member-Guest Tournament Friday.

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the tournament with positive point totals.

Sehr and Ohme placed second with eight points, while Norman and Anderson finished third with seven and one-half points.

The Nekalis placed fourth with six points, while member James Stratton and guest Britton Stratton (Plymouth) and the Sudengas shared fifth place with five and one-half points.

Member Tim Connell and guest Pat Sexton finished the

tournament with five points to share seventh place with member Tim Knoll and guest Erich Hartwig (Shakopee).

Member Corey Stratton and guest Barney Bernards (Sioux Falls) finished in ninth place with four and one-half points.

Jason Sudenga and Ohme claimed individual titles as tournament guests.

Sudenga fired a two-under-par 142 to earn the low gross championship.

Ohme secured the tournament's low net title with his



John Rittenhouse photo/0713 mg awards

Sioux Falls golfer Jason Sudenga (left), the guest of Jeremy Sudenga, won the low gross title at the Member-Guest Tournament. Derek Ohme (right) of Sioux Falls, the guest of Jeff Sehr, claimed the low net title.

net score of 139 strokes.

The weekend tournament also included The Derby competition on Friday.

The Derby field is made up of 10 two-player teams consisting of 10 members and 10 guests who registered the lowest gross scores during the first 18 holes of play.

The members are paired with guests, and the teams compete in a nine-hole, alternate-shot event with one team being eliminated after each hole.

A chip-off was needed to settle the 2017 version of The Derby.

Member Scott Remme was paired up with Anderson, and Fick joined forces with Jason Sudenga for the event, and both teams registered bogeys on the ninth hole of competition.

Fick squared off against Anderson for the chip-off and Anderson prevailed, giving The Derby title to himself and Remme.

# Legion wraps up 9-3 regular season July 5

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team ended the regular season riding a five-game winning streak after posting a July 5 win in Tea, South Dakota.

The Cardinals plated single runs in four of the seven innings to win a tightly contested game and cap a 9-3 regular season with a 4-1 victory.

Both teams scored runs in the game's first inning.

Mark Sterrett doubled and scored on a single by Chase Johnson to give the Cards a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning that was erased in the bottom half of the frame.

The score remained deadlocked until the top of the third inning, when Jake Haugen drew a walk and scored when Jacob Van Dam recorded his first of two RBI ground outs in the game.

Luverne proceeded to plate

single runs in the fifth and seventh innings to ice the win.

Johnson singled and scored on an RBI double by Derek Lundgren in the fifth inning.

Lundgren, who led the Cards with three hits at the plate, singled and scored on a ground out by Van Dam in the seventh.

Van Dam worked all seven innings on the mound to secure the pitching win.

Van Dam yielded one run and six hits.

Johnson and Haugen recorded two hits each for the Cardinals.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	3	1	1	0
Buss	3	0	1	0
Johnson	4	1	2	1
Haugen	3	1	2	0
Lundgren	3	1	3	1
Smith	1	0	0	0
Van Dam	4	0	1	2
Vis	3	0	0	0
Knips	3	0	0	0



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Charlie Reisch and the Luverne American Legion baseball team complete play in the regular season July 5.

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contest that ended by the 10-run rule after seven innings.

Cody Christensen and Rob Fodness led the assault by combining efforts to drive in nine runs.

Christensen belted a three-run homer in the first inning and added a sacrifice fly in the sixth and an RBI single in the seventh during a five-RBI performance.

Fodness registered RBI singles in the second and fourth innings to highlight a four-RBI effort.

Wenninger delivered RBI singles in the first and second innings for a Luverne team that scored four runs in the first, six in the second and three in the fourth to open a 13-1 cushion.

The Redbirds proceeded to plate single runs in the fifth and sixth frames before scoring five times in the seventh.

Tommy Vajrt drove in three runs and registered RBI singles in the second and fourth innings.

Fodness tossed all seven innings to earn the win.

He yielded seven hits, five walks and hit two batters and fanned three hitters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	6	2	3	1
L.Nibbelink	4	3	2	1
Wenninger	4	3	2	2
Christensen	5	3	3	5
Mauer	4	2	2	0
Bosch	3	2	1	1
Fodness	4	2	2	4
Vajrt	4	2	3	3
Hiller	4	1	0	0

Pipestone 3, Luverne 1

The Redbirds started a stretch of playing four games

in five days by dropping a two-run decision in Pipestone July 5.

Luverne and the A's battled to a one-run draw through seven and one-half innings of play before the hosts settled the issue in the bottom of the eighth.

Pipestone plated one run on an error and received a second run on a passed ball in the bottom of the eighth that gave the A's a 3-1 advantage that would remain in place at game's end.

Both teams registered one run in the game's first inning.

Christensen, who recorded two hits in the contest along with Hoffman, accounted for Luverne's run in the top of the second inning.

Christensen led the frame off with a solo home run to left field.

Pipestone turned a hit batsman and an RBI double into one run in the bottom of the second.

Zeutenhorst pitched all eight innings for the Redbirds.

Zeutenhorst yielded three runs (one was earned), four hits, one walk and hit one batter while recording three strikeouts.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	5	0	2	0
Wenninger	4	0	1	0
Paquette	3	0	1	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	0	0
Christensen	4	1	1	1
Mauer	4	0	1	0
Norman	0	0	0	0
D.Nibbelink	4	0	0	0
L.Nibbelink	4	0	0	0
Overgaard	1	0	0	0
Bosch	2	0	0	0



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Luverne's Trae Davis (104) leads a pack of kayakers to the beach during the Davis Lake Triathlon on July 4. Davis teamed up with Kraig Rust and Dalton DeSollar to win the team championship of the Shark Race.

Team, individual champions emerge from second Davis Lake Triathlon

By John Rittenhouse

The second annual Davis Lake Triathlon ignited a day full of activities at Luverne's Fourth of July festivities.

A total of 44 athletes participated in one of two events that were open to all interested individuals or teams.

The Minnow Race consisted of a one-third of a mile kayak leg, a two-mile bike leg and a one-mile run.

The Shark Race included a two-thirds of a mile kayak leg, a nine-mile bike leg and a 2.5-mile run.

A squad consisting of local talent took top honors in the team competition of the Shark Race.

Competing as a team, Air Force, Trae Davis, Kraig Rust and Dalton DeSollar completed the challenge in 48:18 to lead all four of the squads entered in the field.

The Floms and the Fast One finished second in the team standings with a time of 48:57.

Mike and Phoebe Flom and Robert Peterson formed the second-place team.

A Rock County woman and a South Dakota man claimed the individual titles of the Shark Race.

Hills athlete Laura Leenderts, who won the first Davis Lake Triathlon individual title with a time of 63:10, bettered that effort last week.



Laura Leenderts

Leenderts, who won the first Davis Lake Triathlon individual title with a time of 63:10, bettered that effort last week.

Competing in the 40-and-over division, Leenderts won the overall title with an impressive time of 55:42.

Edgerton's Halee Spronk emerged as the champion of the 20-29 division for female athletes with a time of 58:13.



Isaac Holten

Isaac Holten, a 12-year-old from Cedarburg, paced all entries in the event by winning the overall and the division title for athletes between the ages of 10-12 with a time of 25:48.

Slayton's Abby Hamann won the female title in the 10-12 division with a time of 37:47.

Leah Holton and Ezra Holton won division titles in the nine-and-under division with respective 38:37 and 49:00 times.

Fulda's Jessica Kloster claimed the title for entries between the ages of 20-35 with a time of 30:35.

Luverne's Audrey Claussen claimed the women's title and Paul Roundy, Santa Ana, California, claimed the men's title in the 35-and-older division with respective 30:47 and 64:28 times.



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Luverne's Brooks Mauer fouls off a pitch at the plate during a 3-1 loss to the Pipestone A's in Pipestone July 5. Luverne went 2-2 during a span of playing four games in five days.

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team posted its 10<sup>th</sup> win of the season in convincing fashion Monday in Worthington.

Luverne scored five or more runs in three innings and coasted to a five-inning, 20-0 victory over Worthington.

Declan Beers drove in five runs at the plate to lead the offense, and three Cardinal pitchers tossed a combined one-hit shutout.

Luverne took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Gaige Nath was hit by a pitch and scored on a wild pitch before producing five runs in the second inning to open a 6-0 cushion.

Beers lined a three-run homer in over the right-field fence in the second, while Derek Lundgren contributed



John Rittenhouse photo/0713 vfw 6

Luverne's Gaige Nath scored two of Luverne's 20 runs during a lopsided VFW baseball victory in Worthington Monday.

a sacrifice fly to the rally and Nath registered an RBI after being hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Lundgren delivered an RBI triple and Isaiah Bartels doubled home a run to highlight a three-run third inning that left

the Cards sporting a 9-0 lead.

Luverne scored six runs in the fourth inning without recording a hit.

Four runs scored on wild pitches, one run scored on a fielder's choice and one run scored on an error in the

fourth frame, which ended with Luverne upping the lead to 15-0.

Beers tripled home two runs, Noah Herman recorded an RBI for a fielder's choice, Nathan Nekali singled home one run and Quinn Buss notched an RBI for a ground out when Luverne capped the scoring with a five-run fifth inning.

Lundgren tossed two innings of hitless ball before giving way to Jade Smith, who earned the win by pitching two innings of one-hit ball.

Buss pitched a hitless fifth inning for the 10-2 Cards, who host Marshall Thursday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	1	2	0	1
Herman	1	2	0	1
Lundgren	1	2	1	2
Beers	3	3	2	5
Bartels	2	0	1	1
Nrkali	2	1	1	1
Sterrett	1	0	0	0
Von Tersch	0	1	0	0
Reisch	2	0	0	0
Sehr	1	0	1	0
Roberts	2	1	1	0
Buss	3	2	0	0
Smith	3	4	2	0
Knips	2	1	1	0
Crabtree	2	1	1	0

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**Luverne Christian Reformed Church**

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**Roger Sparks, Pastor**

Sunday, July 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, July 17: 9 a.m. PERK UP at Mary Jane Brown Home. Wednesday, July 19: 6:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study.

**First Baptist Church**

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**Walt Moser, Pastor**

Thursday, July 13: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Vast Channel 3. Sunday, July 16: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday-Thursday, July 17-20: 9 a.m.-noon Vacation Bible School. Tuesday, July 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, July 20: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3.

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**Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor**

Thursday, July 13: 7:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study at the Bean. 2 p.m. GLCW program at church. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, July 14: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, July 15: 10 a.m. Parade. 2 p.m. Hilding Ordination. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, July 16: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee. Monday, July 17: Gracenotes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, July 18: 7 a.m. Dorcas at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ride & Dine. Wednesday, July 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, July 20: 7:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

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Thursday, July 13: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, July 16: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship.

**American Reformed Church**

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**First Assembly of God Church**

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**Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors**

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**Alan Camarigg, Pastor**

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**United Methodist Church**

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**Dorie Hall, Pastor**

Thursday, July 13: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. No Coloring Ministry. Saturday, July 15: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, July 16: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 17: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, July 18: 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, July 19: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, July 20: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

**First Presbyterian Church**

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Thursday, July 13: 10 a.m. Worship service on Vast. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salad Luncheon. Sunday, July 16: 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, July 18: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Vast. Wednesday, July 19: 6 p.m. Church picnic at City Park. Thursday, July 20: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Vast. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salad Luncheon.

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Thursday, July 13: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Friday, July 14: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Sunday, July 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, July 17: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, July 18: 7 p.m. Bridal Shower for Katie Crevier (bride-to-be of Josh Slieter). Wednesday, July 19: Newsletter deadline. Thursday, July 20: Zion Worship airs on Channel 3.

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church**

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

igtwlb@WOW.net

**Bill Bates, Pastor**

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

**First Lutheran Church**

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

**Steen Reformed Church**

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

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**Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor**

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

## Just a reminder

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thes-salonians 5:11 (ESV)



## BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness**

agement.

Words like, "That still isn't right, or I need you to try harder," might hurt, but also might be true.

On the other hand, words like, "You never do anything right, you will never amount to anything, you are such a loser," are always lies. God tells us that each of us has been created uniquely precious in His sight. Even when we need correction, no one has the right to condemn us. God loves us. We are His precious and redeemed children.

Lord God, help us listen to discern the truth in what people say. Give us the wisdom to reject what is wrong and the strength to learn from what is right. Thank you for reminding us that we are all precious in your sight. In Jesus' name, Amen.

After this had happened several times, the wife was quite distressed.

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"Oh, don't worry about that," said Ole. "I am just giving Lars a reminder. He's out in the yard putting down the sod."

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**Intern Pastor Laura Phillips**

**First Presbyterian Church**

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Ph. 507-935-5025

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Worship Leader Michael Blank

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

**Kristi Franken, Pastor**

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service with Sunday School following service. 10:30 a.m. Adrian Worship Service with Sunday School Wednesday night at 6:30 in the fall.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, July 16: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 18: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, July 19: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Combined circles at Tuff Village.

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