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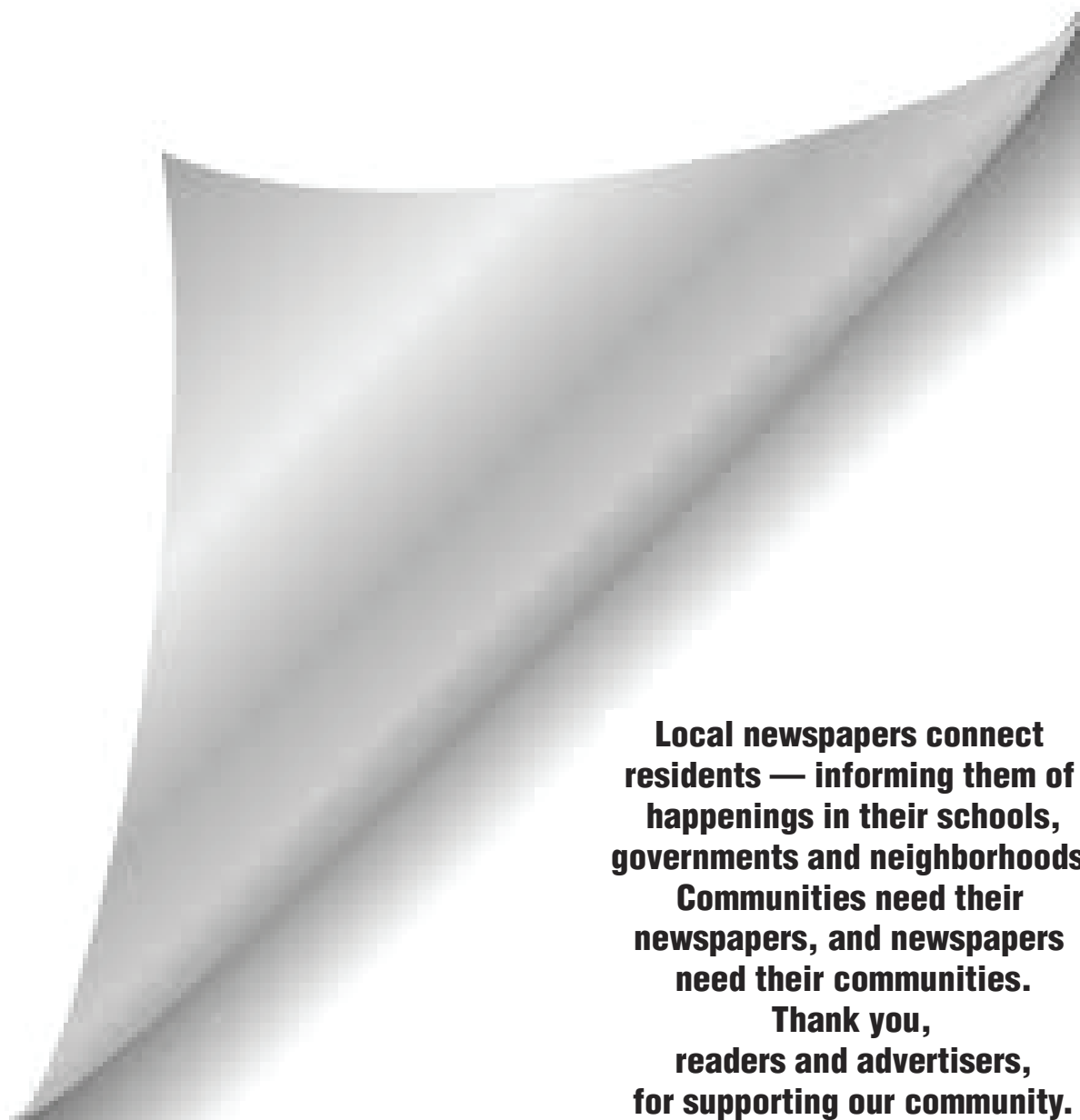
# Rock County STAR HERALD

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Thursday, August 17, 2017

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# WHITEOUT

## Imagine there's no newspaper

### Where would we turn for the official record of the people of Rock County?

What would Rock County be like without the Star Herald? Think of all that would be lost — not the least of which would be an official record of our lives.



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Without the newspaper acting in an objective role to collect, investigate, interview, verify and share all of this information, our connections as individuals and community would be compromised.

As Minnesota newspapers celebrate 150 years of journalism, this "Whiteout Day" recognizes all that we hold true and important for strong communities. In Rock County we're also celebrating 150 years of Luverne and the fact that we've been there for most of them.

We pledge our continued effort to find and explain trusted stories, issues and information that are relevant for your lives.

It's what newspapers have been doing for generations. And with your continued support, it's what we will continue to do.

We continue to look to you, our community members, for story ideas, letters to the editor, news of accomplishments and information to share that makes us stronger together.

— Lori Sorenson, editor

## Today, free press is more important than ever

By Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota Senator

In Minnesota we understand the importance of a free press. It's hard to forget in our state — Minnesotans are among the most engaged citizens in the country.

Last year we again ranked first in the nation in voter turnout. Minnesotans volunteer at the second highest rate in the country.

And we usually look to our local newspapers as the first stop for the information we need.

In my house growing up, it was impossible to forget the importance of a free press. My dad was a journalist.

As a reporter and a columnist, my dad, Jim Klobuchar, covered it all. On the night of the presidential election in 1960, as a young stringer for the Associated Press, he was among the first in the country — if not the first — to call the race for President John F. Kennedy.

He was fearless, whether it was reporting from Moscow with a Soviet Tourist guide assigned to him at all times or taking tear gas covering protests outside of a political convention.

Digging for the truth was his job. Finding the truth made it all worth it. From children with cancer to Minnesota veterans, he covered the stories of every day heroes, too.

He believed that all stories needed to be told, and that by sharing these stories, we deepen our understanding of one another and become more united as a country.



So, from a very young age, I understood the important role the press has played in our democracy. And today I understand a free press is as important as ever.

Minnesota reporters have been on the frontlines of major stories since the founding of our first newspaper in 1849. They've covered good times and bad.

From enlisting with the Union in the Civil War, as *Hastings Democrat* publisher Charles P. Adams did in 1861, to tireless investigating and reporting on the abduction of Jacob Wetterling, Minnesota journalists have always been committed to telling our stories.

Over the past few months, we have heard about "alternative facts." We have heard an administration official suggest that the press should "keep its mouth shut." And we have even seen efforts to limit journalists' access to elected officials.

None of this is acceptable. Our founders enshrined freedom of the press in our Constitution for a reason.

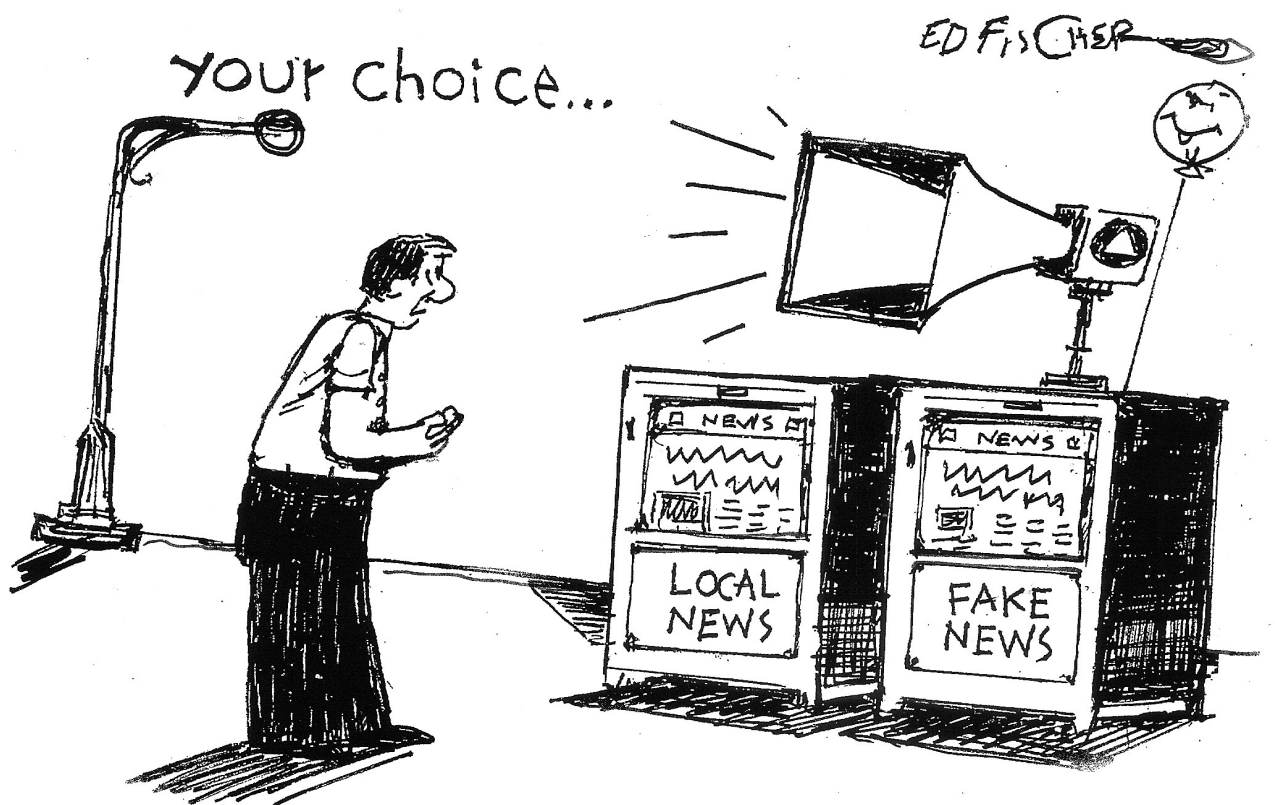
Thomas Jefferson said that our first objective as a nation should be to leave open "all avenues to truth," and that the most effective way of doing that is through "the freedom of the press."

Today, Minnesota reporters continue their dogged pursuit of the truth day after day, story after story.

That reporting is on display all across Minnesota, and the Minnesota Newspaper Association has played a big part in supporting Minnesota reporters for 150 years now.

From Deborah Howell, who oversaw the Pioneer Press's first Pulitzer Prize, to Mark Kellogg, the first Associated Press reporter to die in the line of duty, reporters all across our state are carrying forward a remarkable legacy.

I'm determined to protect journalists and defend freedom of the press. My dad expects me to. The oath I took to "support and defend the Constitution" demands that I do.



## It's Minnesota Newspaper 'Whiteout' Week

### Why is the Star Herald vital to communities in Rock County? Our readers respond:

"Our local Rock County Star Herald prints the pulse of the community. In doing so, readers are informed and enlightened on positive and negative impacts of news happening in our area. Thank you to their dedicated reporters and staff that cover a wide variety of activities that demonstrates the engagement of Rock County citizens from youth activities, community events and government actions."

— Sherri Thompson, Luverne (business manager and community leader)

"The Star Herald is the voice of our community. By sharing interesting stories about our people, events and activities, the Star Herald helps build the sense of community that we need to connect people and develop a sense of belonging. Without our local paper, we are just residents and not community."

— Karen Willers, Luverne Community Education Director

"I cannot imagine NOT having a subscription to the local newspaper. Being able to read the local news is important, as there are certainly a number of stories I would not be aware of if we did not have a subscription to the Star Herald. I look to local newspapers to provide a reliable and accurate source of information. I also enjoy reading

"The Star Herald is an excellent resource for staying informed on local news. I most enjoy the stories and columns that capture the heart of life and help us connect with our friends and neighbors; of highlighting people's passions and joys, sorrows and struggles."

— Kim Rockman, Luverne

the more personal stories about local happenings/events. We (the Star Herald staff and the citizens of Rock County) all live and work in the same community and we all are impacted by what happens here locally. I also appreciate reading the more personal types of articles. Having a local newspaper with local people involved in that newspaper is extremely important in providing that personal touch and personal perspective to the stories."

— Eric Hartman, rural Rock County

Each week the individuals we serve look forward to the newspaper arriving through the mail. For some, paging through all the stories and pictures is the highlight of the week. From a business standpoint, I rely on the local newspaper as my source of information regarding local events, business opportunities and employment opportunities for the individuals we help find employment. The newspaper is also our prime advertising vehicle for employment ads and services we provide. Thank you, everyone at the Star Herald, for all you do.

— Elizabeth Schear, Rock County Opportunities director.

For me it's really the best way to get consistently reliable, accurate information about what's going on in Luverne. You hear a lot of hearsay in this town so it's nice to read factual information in the paper.

— Maggie Siebenahler, Rock County Opportunities designated coordinator

I appreciate that the Star Herald allows us to celebrate as a group of people the successes in our community. It allows us to know as citizens in Rock County how we can better support and pray for the struggles within our community.

— Shirley Top, Kozlowski Insurance

Readers respond/see page 6A

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# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Highway 75 now on state improvement plan ... but not until 2025

By Mavis Fodness

A different approach and a more focused roadway condition study by Minnesota Department of Transportation officials has propelled U.S. Highway 75 to be included in MnDOT's 10-year roadway improvement plan.

Greg Ous, transportation engineer with District 7 that includes Rock County, presented MnDOT's newest roadway improvement plan to com-

missioners at their Aug. 8 meeting.

Ous said since the collapse of the I-35 bridge in 2007, state officials have focused on inspecting each of the state's bridges for structural deficiencies and scheduled the necessary repairs. That work is finally coming to a close after a decade.

"The emphasis now is on pavements," he said.

A year ago Highway 75, a 25-mile north-south highway through Rock

County, wasn't included on the state's 10-year improvement list despite its deteriorating condition.

Under MnDOT's new plan, the roadway north of Luverne is scheduled for improvements in 2025 and 2027 for the section south of Luverne.

Ous said each of its state and federal highways received a "1" to "5" quality rating, with "5" being the best quality. "If it's below a 2 it's a rough road," he said.

Hwy 75's roadway is rated at 2.3.

"This indicates it is currently in the lower portion of the fair range, and will likely fall into the poor range by the anticipated project date," said Gordon Regenscheid, District 7 assistant director.

Regenscheid accompanied Ous to the commissioners meeting.

Ous emphasized that roadways will be rated each year with those rated as poor moving up in the im-

provement schedule.

The state has set a goal of fewer than 10 percent of its state and federal roadways ranked as poor (a rating of 2 or less), Ous said.

Currently about 5 percent of the state roadways are rated as poor. The percentage is expected to grow to 9.1 percent by 2027.

In District 7, however, 10 percent

**Highway 75 improvements/see 5A**

## Midwest Dry Cast coming south of town

### Business builds concrete flooring for livestock facilities

By Mavis Fodness

A new manufacturing plant may open for business south of Luverne in 2018 if state funds come through as planned.

Under a resolution passed Aug. 8 by the Rock County Commissioners, Midwest Dry Cast is eligible for job creation funds through the Minnesota Department of Economic Development.

Midwest Dry Cast is a collaboration of companies that manufacture concrete materials — primarily flooring — for livestock facilities.

The new manufacturing facility will be located on land owned by Ron Fick in Section 15 of Luverne Township. Currently a portion of the parcel is permitted for aggregate extraction. The rest is cropland.

Commissioners unanimously supported the resolution. "There is no county money involved," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. "We are only the sponsoring agency."

With the county's support, Midwest Dry Cast can go forward with a Job Creation Fund application to DEED.

The fund provides financial incentives to new and/or expanding businesses that meet certain job creation and capital investment targets, according to the state's website.

Local government support is only one of eight criteria necessary in order to be designated as a Job Creation Fund business.

Among the additional criteria are investing at least \$250,000 to \$500,000 in property improvements, creating at least five to 10 new full-time permanent jobs, and paying at least \$12.85 in wages and benefits.

**Location to be rezoned from agriculture to commercial**

About 100 acres will be rezoned from agricultural use to general

**Midwest Dry Cast/see page 8A**



Lori Sorenson photos/0817 park climb

Vertical Endeavors instructors (front to back) Emily Orr, Sadie Waite, Ian Menchaca and Tim Cheesebro, all from the Twin Cities, man the ropes for Saturday's "I Can Climb" session in the Blue Mounds State Park. **Pictured below**, Joseph Bond, Canistota, South Dakota, is pictured halfway up. Sean Skibbie, Minneapolis, works his way up the cliff face. **At right**, climbing instructor Emily Orr (right) helps Maya Skibbie with her equipment.

## 'I Can Climb!'

### Blue Mounds program attracts 120 new climbers

By Lori Sorenson

Roughly 120 people learned the basics of rock climbing at the Blue Mounds State Park over the weekend.

All eight "I Can Climb!" sessions were filled with participants of all ages from all over the tri-state area.

Trained professionals from Vertical Endeavors Guided Adventures, Minneapolis, provided equipment and instruction for climbers.

Instructor Tim Cheesebro said the Blue Mounds

**'I Can Climb!'/see page 8A**



## Luverne grad is new OB-GYN at Sanford

By Jason Berghorst

Sanford Luverne is welcoming a new, yet familiar physician this month.

Dr. Nicole Woodley, M.D., a Luverne native, will begin practicing at Sanford Luverne Medical Center on Aug. 28.

"I am thrilled to be coming back to my hometown to join a team dedicated to providing primary and specialty care to our community," said Woodley, daughter of Mark and Karen Willers.

Woodley and her husband Kyle, an engineer for CenterPoint Energy,

both graduated from Luverne High School in 2005.

She received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed her residency through the U of M's Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health Residency Program.

According to Sanford Luverne Senior Director Tammy Loosbrock, Woodley will be the first OB-GYN to practice full time in Luverne. (See the related story.)

"Dr. Woodley, with her ties to the Luverne community and her specialty in women's health, is a

wonderful addition to our team of providers," Loosbrock said.

Woodley already has some experience at Sanford Luverne after completing an internship and working as an emergency medical technician at her hometown hospital.

According to Woodley, her interest in medicine began as a fourth-grader when her own father was diagnosed with a brain tumor that was successfully treated.

"I saw firsthand the trust in the physician and surgeon to help my

**Dr. Nicole Woodley/see page 4A**

## Local license services delayed

By Mavis Fodness

Nearly a month after the state's Driver and Vehicle Services updated its computer mainframe, local residents are still waiting for business to return to normal.

"We are at about 20 percent functionality," said Rock County's Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz last week. "With all the different types of transactions, the system needs to be able to process with 100 percent functionality."

The upgrades took place July 17-24 at each of the state's 300 motor vehicle offices. Each office experienced

delays in service after the upgrades were completed.

The upgrades replaced the 30-year-old Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS), according to the state's Department of Public Safety website.

Locally that meant the license plate tab renewals, title transfers, new plates and other motor vehicle transactions were taking longer than usual to complete.

The new computer upgrade did not affect the driver's license opera-

**License services/see page 4A**

The Star Herald is Rock County's oldest business, documenting the news of its citizens since 1873

Article 33: Homecoming celebrations prompt memories of community roots, trials and tribulations

This is the final installment in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week features Part 5 in a series about the lives of Pioneer Daughters.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann recently discovered this news story in the July 9, 1926, Star Herald following the 1926 Luverne homecoming celebration. It recounts a meeting of the Pioneer Daughters who share memories of their early years in Luverne and Rock County. It recounts the struggles of a more primitive era.

**Luverne celebrates 150 years — Pioneer Daughters/see page 10A**

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# Public input sought for comprehensive water quality plan

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County residents can help decide where state water quality dollars should be spent by attending two public meetings next week.

The meetings — Tuesday, Aug. 22, and Wednesday, Aug. 23, — are part of the One Watershed-One Plan (1W1P) Initiative for the six-county area that includes Rock County.

Informal votes at each of the public meetings will help target and prioritize concerns for a collaborative water plan.

Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office co-chairs the 1W1P work group to draft a collaborative plan.

“Water doesn’t stop at the county line or isn’t solely defined by county lines,” he said. “By planning our actions to cover the whole drainage area of a watershed, we can better focus our efforts to effectively improve water quality.”

Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District and Land Management Office are working with conservation and watershed officials in Pipestone, Lincoln, Murray, Nobles and Jackson counties to develop one strategic plan. They began meeting last fall.

Bos said each of the public meetings begins with a 20-minute introduction followed by self-guided resource tables specific to various conservation topics.

“We are planning it as an interactive-type meeting,” Bos said.

After learning about the various conservation areas, participants will vote on which area is the most important to them.

The informal vote will help planners focus on the top environmental concerns for a joint plan within the Missouri River Basin watershed that includes all of Rock County.

In 2015 the state’s Board of Water and Soil Resources began working with local soil and water conservation districts to develop a single water management plan by watersheds, replacing water

**Public meetings:**  
**From 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Hickory Lodge, 2015 N. Humiston Ave., Worthington.**

**From 9 to 11 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Pipestone County Emergency Services building at 811 Fifth St. SE in Pipestone.**

plans developed by individual counties.

The state defines a watershed as an area of land where water drains into a single source such as a river, stream or lake.

The Missouri River Basin group has worked with a consultant to prioritize, target and implement various conservation measures within the watershed area to improve water quality.

The collaborative plan could garner more dollars locally to implement water quality improvement practices.

Bos said previous improvements required individual counties to apply for state grants. Each county would compete for a limited amount of dollars.

“We don’t always get money to this corner of the state,” Bos said.

Under the collaborative water plan the area could receive more grant dollars from the state’s Clean Water Legacy Fund.

The first public meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Hickory Lodge, 2015 N. Humiston Ave., Worthington.

The second meeting will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Pipestone County Emergency Services building at 811 Fifth St. SE in Pipestone.



Lori Sorenson photos/0817 gas leak

Emergency vehicles and traffic cones prevent traffic from entering the gas leak area near the Luverne Street construction (pictured below). Most underground infrastructure is now installed, and work is moving to base and grading.

## Gas leak prompts neighborhood evacuation

By Lori Sorenson

A neighborhood in the east central part of town was evacuated Saturday morning after Luverne Street construction crews hit a gas line with a skid loader.

According to Luverne Fire Chief Dave Van Batavia, the gas leak was detected around 10 a.m. and a two-block area of residents were evacuated from their homes.

Van Batavia described the leak as coming from a “high pressure line,” so a significant amount of natural gas was escaping.

Emergency crews were on standby in case of an explosion while Minnegasco workers from Mankato were called to Luverne to repair the line.

Residents were allowed to return to their homes around 2 p.m.



## Highway 75 on state improvement plan/continued from page 3A

of its roadways are already rated as poor. That number grows to more than 26 percent in two years, according to MnDOT estimates.

Ous said roadway repair in District 7 be approached differently based on the index,

with a funding emphasis on fixing the poorest of roadways no matter their location in the state.

The emphasis may mean more funds allocated to District 7.

“We all wish we could get

to your projects sooner, but it is on the map,” he added.

District 7 encompasses 13 counties in south central Minnesota and includes 1,326 miles of state and federal highways and 476 bridges.

Also in the draft 2017-2027

road improvement plan for Rock County are two road improvements and three bridge replacement projects on Interstate 90.

For information can be found at [www.dot.state.mn.us/d7](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7) website.

## Foundation announces spring grant awards

The Luverne Area Community Foundation is excited to announce its Spring 2017 Grant Awards in the amount of \$27,526.

The following awards were granted:

**Health care:**

- Sanford Luverne Medical \$6,120 for a transvaginal probe.
- Luverne Backpack Program \$5,000 for weekend nutrition needs for students.
- LIFT/Luverne Farmers Market \$2,500 healthy eating program/family education.
- Rock County Agricultural Society \$1,400 handwashing stations at the fairgrounds.
- Rock County Agricultural Society \$500 AED machine with \$500 match from Sanford Luverne.
- Luverne Public School

\$2,458 flu shot clinic.

- Hills-Beaver Creek School \$816 flu shot clinic.
- Lutheran Social Services \$513 shelf stable meals for seniors.

**Community general fund:**

- Atlas of Rock County \$2,224 for security and beds for emergency short-term housing.
- Luverne Senior Dining \$105 for coolers for home-delivered meals.
- Blue Mound Area Theater \$1,690 for Missoula Children’s Theater experience.
- Blue Mound Area Theater \$415 for signage stanchions.
- Rock County Community Library \$285 director education.
- Luverne Street Music

\$1,000 PA system for performances.

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

- Arts and humanities
  - Community and civic affairs
  - Social and economic growth
  - Environment
  - Support programs for people, youth to senior citizens
  - Health and wellness
- Not-for-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, academic and research institutions located within the Luverne Area (Rock County) are among the organizations

eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

Deadline for Fall 2017 cycle is Sept 30. You can find an application on our website at [www.luvacf.org](http://www.luvacf.org).

Questions can be directed to Emily Crabtree, Executive Director LACF, 507-220-2424, or stop in at the office at 102 E. Main Street in Luverne.

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## The logic of a 2-year-old and other imaginary things

And now they are 2.

The baby girls who became our granddaughters two years ago have had their birthdays — one in June and one in July. So the family is blessed with not one, but two, completely illogical people.

Webster defines logic as “a proper or reasonable way of thinking about something.”

A 2-year-old is not a logical creature, especially regarding property rights. We were about to cross the street. My daughter said to her daughter, “Can I hold your hand?” The 2-year-old replied, “No. It’s mine.”

(Perhaps you have heard the rules of 2-year-olds? “If I have it — it’s mine. If you have it — it’s mine. If I want it — it’s mine. If you want it — it’s mine. If I had it yesterday — it’s mine. ...” You get the drift.)

And then there is, of course, potty training. But for an occasional accident, the firstborn 2-year-old is almost done potty training. The second-born? Not so much.

As a caring and committed grandmother, I had the opportunity a few weeks ago to work on potty training with the one who isn’t.

I offered her the chance to use the Big Girl chair right after her nap. Nothing happened — until we were washing our hands. (Suffice to say the bathroom floor, the front of the cupboard and the little step stool needed a good washing anyway.)

With a bare bum, the 2-year-old proceeded toward snack time and — soaked her high chair. (It needed a good washing anyway.)

But I’m no quitter, so we continued on bare-bummed to play time — where she tinkled on a puzzle. She stepped on the damp puzzle and, with her feet wet, slipped on the tile floor and bumped her head.

Her father diapered her while I cleaned up the puzzle. (It needed a good washing anyway.)

As well as being potty



## THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

trained, her cousin is “good at strategies.”

When this child has something she should not have — like a black marker, your phone, the dog’s water bowl, knives, ant poison, your laptop, your water bottle, a roll of tape, the folder of receipts from the desk drawer, a bottle of nail polish remover, or a hand full of candy — she “hides.”

Once, under my watchful eye, she took the decorations off the buffet and placed them on the floor. I was proud of her propensity to appreciate home decor until I realized she was building a blind. She sat behind the neatly arranged decorations to nibble on dog food.

This one also loves to dance. I’m trying to teach her to appreciate classic rock, but her favorite song continues to be “The Wheels on the Bus Go ‘Round and ‘Round,” which I have to sing 47 times before each nap. Her little hands are still doing the motions as she drifts off.

Really, the best part of being a grandparent is seeing my own children as parents. I enjoyed my daughter schooling her toddler on the proper use of the word “uh-oh.”

“We do not throw something on the floor and then say ‘uh-oh,’” she explained. “Saying ‘uh-oh’ is for accidents, not for after you intentionally throw something on the floor.”

(My daughter, an engineer, is logical, organized and practical. At work she manages a division of a steel company. People respect her opinions.)

Her 2-year-old looked at her with sparkling blue eyes, tossed the toy on the floor again, peered over the edge of her highchair, looked back at her mother and said, “uh-oh.”

If logic is “a proper or reasonable way of thinking about something,” I think the 2-year-olds still have a lot to learn. Of course, they might argue, so does the rest of the family.

— Mike and Wanda Jarchow, Luverne

The Star Herald is an excellent

## Whiteout Campaign draws attention to the importance of local news

Minnesota Newspaper Week

# WHITEOUT

## STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

By Rick Peterson, Tollefson Publishing General Manager

As you can tell, we have a drastically different front page this week for Minnesota Newspaper Week and the Minnesota Newspaper Association’s 150th anniversary.

The whole idea behind the mostly blank front page is to offer a sense of what it would be like without a local newspaper.

I suspect a few readers will pick up the paper and look at the blank front page and think we had screwed up in some way. But no — we did this on purpose, as did over 200 newspapers across the state this week.

I am proud to be a part of this business, and I am particularly proud to be part of an industry that produces the local weekly newspaper.

I’ve been working at a weekly newspaper for almost 30 years, and nearly every facet of our business has changed except one thing — weekly newspapers live and breathe everything local.

I started in the business in the mid-1980s as a sales rep at the Worthington Daily Globe when it was still a daily newspaper.

My next gig was publisher for 15 years at the Redwood Gazette, which was and still is a locally owned twice-weekly newspaper.

From Redwood Falls, I was referred to the Star Herald here in Luverne for the general manager’s

position, and the rest is history.

It’s no secret that our industry has had issues with the changing times, but local weeklies have weathered the storm far better than our daily counterparts.

Southwest Minnesota is fortunate to have a number of locally owned weekly newspapers dedicated and committed to keeping up with local news.

Those papers included the Cottonwood County Citizen in Windom, the Jackson County Pilot over in Jackson, up the road to the north in Pipestone is the Pipestone County Star, and of course here the Rock County Star Herald and the Hills

Crescent.

These locally owned and operated weekly newspapers continue to provide their readers coverage of local news and sports and provide the local business community with a cost-effective way to get their message to the local consumer.

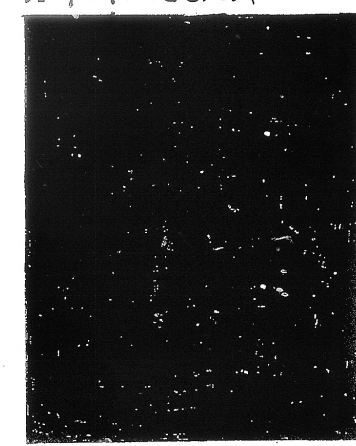
Luverne is currently celebrating its 150th anniversary, and for most of those years the local weekly newspaper has been covering and reporting the news that has shaped Luverne into the community that we have today.

The Rock County Star Herald is committed to doing that very thing — not only today, but well into the future.

What a nation looks like with a free press and access to information



What a nation looks like with no free press and no access to correct information



## Moerke: ‘Silence is complicity

To the Editor:

It should not be hard to condemn the actions of the white supremacists.

It should not be hard to condemn the actions of the neo-Nazis.

It should not be hard to condemn the actions of the Ku Klux Klan.

It should not be hard to call the

murder of Heather Heyer an act of domestic terrorism.

Staying silent when so-called patriots take to the streets with a violent agenda — spewing hatred, bigotry, and anti-Semitism — is not an option.

Silence is complicity.

If you’ve spoken out — thank you.

## VOICE OF OUR READERS

If you’ve been silent — shame on you.

Dale Moerke  
Luverne

## Our readers respond/continued from 2A

The Star Herald gets local important happenings, events and changes to the area out on time and accurate. ... Love the local sports.  
— Don Dinger, Luverne

Since 2014 when the Farm Service Agency (FSA) no longer permitted local FSA Offices to write county-specific newsletters, such as the Four-Agency Rock County Ag-News; the Star Herald is the only means that the Rock County FSA Office has to get important Farm Program information out to our farmers and the public.  
— Fraser Norton, Rock County Farm Service Agency

The Star Herald is very vital and important to our community. We appreciate the Star Herald to keep us informed of county and local government activity as well as what is happening within our commu-

nity. Without the local reporting of the Star Herald, we would have to rely on Sioux Falls, Worthington and Minneapolis to report our news and we would only hear what they felt was newsworthy, reducing our news to a small column on the back page. Gone would be the in-depth sports stories of our kids, local stories of interest such as winners at the county fair, retirement of teachers and local progress. Say what you want about local reporting, but without it, we would have limited access in finding out about all that goes on within our vibrant community. The Star Herald brings our community together when good things happen as well as when tragedy occurs. Thank you for working hard to keep our community informed.  
— Mike and Wanda Jarchow, Luverne

resource for staying informed on local news. I most enjoy the stories and columns that capture the heart of life and help us connect with our friends and neighbors; of highlighting people’s passions and joys, sorrows and struggles.  
— Kim Rockman, Luverne

The Star Herald is a weekly treasure. It keeps everyone informed about what is going on and serves as a part of the history of Rock County. As part of the History Center we have used the past issues for vital historic information and use it as a source for much of our research. Please continue to provide us with this valuable service.  
— Dave Smith, History Center

While at times governments and news organizations can be at odds, we need the Star Herald. Our local paper provides a crucial role

in not only covering our actions but also informing the public of actions that may impact them.  
— Kyle Oldre, Rock County Administrator

Students love to see their names in the paper about the performances that they had in their respective activity competitions.  
— Wade Hiller, Technology Coordinator, Luverne Schools

I appreciate the interest in covering and providing great stories of good things going on in our school system. Lots of good student/teacher accomplishments go on and are never heard of if not for the coverage by the Star Herald.  
— Ryan Johnson, Principal, Luverne Middle School and High School

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Aug. 4**

- Deputy reported abandoned vehicle.
- Complainant reported testing of fire alarms at location.
- Complainant on Dodge Street reported a bike has been left in her back yard.
- Complainant reported there will be some road repairs occurring in the next week (150<sup>th</sup> St./200<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Complainant will keep the law enforcement center updated as to what portions of the road will be closed.
- Complainant reported possible shoplifting by subject at Teal's Market.
- Complainant requested residence check at location.
- Complainant reported finding subject lying on the sidewalk on North Cedar Street. Subject is bleeding from the hands and face but is conscious and alert.
- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding the eviction process to get subjects out of her home.
- Complainant requested deputy take subject home.
- Complainant requested deputy drive by subject's known addresses to see if there was a silver sedan at location.
- Complainant reported fireworks in Magnolia.

**Aug. 5**

- Complainant reported subjects yelling and pulling trash from dumpsters at location on West Main Street.
- Complainant in Hardwick reported troubles with neighbor's trash at location.
- Complainant reported two males removed a grill from neighbor's property. Neighbor is not home, and he wanted to report.
- Deputy assisted complainant with possible domestic.
- Received 911 reporting vehicle speeding and swerving at location. Transferred to State Patrol. Advised deputy. See attached incoming call report.
- Complainant performed probation check at location.
- Deputy reported hitting raccoon.
- Subject was arrested for probation violation. See attached incoming call report.
- Complainant reported intoxicated male on property refusing to leave.
- Complainant reported possible drunk driver. Transferred to State Patrol.

**Aug. 6**

- Complainant reported suspicious activity of two males at Stone Creek.
- Complainant reported brother is intoxicated and traveling to location from George, Iowa. Unable to give vehicle description.
- Complainant requested information on child exchange with an order for protection.
- Complainant reported key locked in vehicle at location.
- Complainant reported staying at Quality Inn and leaving prescription medication in the room. Hotel reported unable to locate in the room.
- Complainant reported tire debris at location. Transferred call to Pipestone County and State Patrol.
- Complainant reported vehicle parked on their property on 121<sup>st</sup> St. Owner is unwilling to move.

**Aug. 7**

- Complainant reported scam phone call.
- Complainant reported guest is using drugs at South Kniss business.
- Received reports of broken window and vacant property.
- Complainant reported vehicle speeding and swerving at location. Transferred to State Patrol.
- Complainant reported loud music from neighboring apartment.
- Deputy conducted a probation check. He moved to Pipestone. Faxed to them.
- Complainant reported there is a group of people on the lawn that appear to be high. She is concerned

because there are kids around.

- Complainant called 911 inquiring if a car was stolen. He traded someone in South Dakota for it, and now the guy is calling him and telling he cheated him. It has North Dakota paper plates. He is on his way home.
- Complainant reported the guy keeps pushing her fence that is nice and neat so he can park there.
- Complainant did not want to give a statement. Wanted assistance removing spouse from the house.
- Deputy completed a probation check. Subject home.

**Aug. 8**

- Complainant reported ran out of gas on interstate. Transferred to State Patrol.
- Complainant reported employees of neighboring business on Main Street are moving items around on her property.
- Complainant reported argument between himself and wife.
- Deputy performed probation curfew check. Subject home.

**Aug. 9**

- Complainant reported a dump truck that has been parked on the street in front of her residence. Complainant advised it was parked there when they left for vacation three weeks ago and is still there.
- Complainant reported an excavator with non-secure load. Transferred to State patrol.
- Complainant reported a couple of semitrailers parked on the fog line, and one guy is waving traffic around them with an orange flag. Advised Marshall Patrol.
- Complainant reported he bought an iPhone 7 on a Sioux Falls rummage site and cannot open the phone. He has contacted Apple and Verizon, and they cannot get him the information he needs to open the phone. Complainant was concerned that he bought a stolen phone. The phone was queried by serial number and not reported as stolen. Complainant was concerned that he is unable to use the phone. Complainant was advised that he could contact the police department where the seller lives, but they would likely inform him it is a civil issue also.
- Complainant requested attempt to locate subject possibly at location. Subject ran away. If located, hold and complainant will make arrangements to have subject picked up.
- Teal's Food and Gas reported theft.
- Complainant reported vehicle broke down at County Roads 1 and 3. Will tow it tomorrow.
- Deputy performed curfew check. Deputy spoke with two subjects at location. Advised that park is closed.

**Aug. 10**

- Complainant reported suspicious white GMC parked in the city park with no license plate. As complainant was on

the phone the vehicle left.

- Complainant called back to advise they went tearing into town on Main Street. Complainant also reported a beer can and corn stalks at location where the vehicle was parked. Deputy advised there were corn stalks and a Red Bull can at location.
- Complainant called to inquire about using a trailer he bought and can't get registered due to the state system issue. He was advised to hold on to his 10-day temporary license plate, and that if he was stopped, to show that. He will get it registered as soon as the system will allow. He was advised if he goes out of state it may be an issue.
- Complainant reported inattentive driver on a cell phone driving all over the road. Transferred to State Patrol.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a subject that has been harassing him and has taken some of his belongings.
- Complainant reported her boyfriend will not leave her house.
- Complainant reported she is receiving harassing text and phone calls from her ex's wife as well as treats of not returning all of her child's property. Complainant will be coming to do a custody exchange at the law enforcement center between 6:30 and 7 p.m. and would like to speak to a deputy.
- Complainant reported he received a call at the Highway Department about some kids messing around by the bridge.
- Complainant reported white Dodge westbound in construction all over the road. Transferred to State Patrol.
- Complainant reported a woman in her twenties wearing a yellow shirt and printed leggings is at location and had two small children in front seat with her. No seat belts or car seats. Willing to sign.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 2 transports, 1 funeral escort, 21 traffic stops, 19 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 1 fingerprint request, 7 log/alarm sheets, 6 drug court tests, 1 purchase/carry permit and 2 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/0817 housefire

Jim and Marilyn Van Santen's home on County Road 6 north of Beaver Creek had significant damage from a Monday blaze. The cause of the fire is unclear.

## Fire causes significant damage to rural Beaver Creek home

By Lori Sorenson

It's not immediately evident looking at the exterior of the house, but Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia said Jim and Marilyn Van Santen's home is "significantly damaged."

The house on County Road 6 north of Beaver Creek and west of Luverne caught fire Monday evening and a neighbor reported it around 8 p.m.

Van Batavia said the caller reported smoke billowing from the home, and by the time crews arrived, a good share of the main floor had smoke and fire damage.

He said it's unclear the cause of the blaze, which started in the central part of the home. "It's almost too burnt up to tell," Van Batavia said. "It's a mess."

The basement level wasn't immediately affected, so emergency crews were able to remove furniture, photographs and other items of value before water seeped through.

Van Batavia said the Van Santens weren't home, but family members had



reached them by phone to ask the couple which items were most important to save.

Beaver Creek Fire Department also responded to the blaze. Firefighters remained on the scene until about 11:30 p.m.

## FSA explains payments in case of death

In order to claim a Farm Service Agency (FSA) payment on behalf of a deceased producer, all program conditions for the payment must have been met before the applicable producer's date of death.

If a producer earned a FSA payment prior to becoming deceased, the following is the order of precedence of the representatives of the producer:

- Administrator or executor of the estate.
- The surviving spouse.
- Surviving children, including adopted children.
- Surviving parents.
- Surviving siblings.
- Heirs of the deceased person who would be entitled

to payment according to the state law.

In order for FSA to release the payment, the legal representative of the deceased producer must file a form FSA-325, to claim the payment for themselves or an estate.

The county office will verify and determine that the application, contract, loan agreement, or other similar form requesting payment issuance, was signed by the applicable deadline for such form, by the deceased or a person legally authorized to act on their behalf at that time of application.

If the application, contract or loan agreement form

was signed by someone other than the participant who is deceased, FSA will determine whether the person submitting the form has the legal authority to submit the form to compel FSA to pay the deceased participant.

Payments will be issued to the respective representative's name using the deceased program participant's tax identification number.

Payments made to representatives are subject to offset regulations for debts owed by the deceased.

Call Fraser Norton, 507-283-2369 ext. 2, at the Rock County FSA Office or e-mail [fraser.norton@mn.usda.gov](mailto:fraser.norton@mn.usda.gov).

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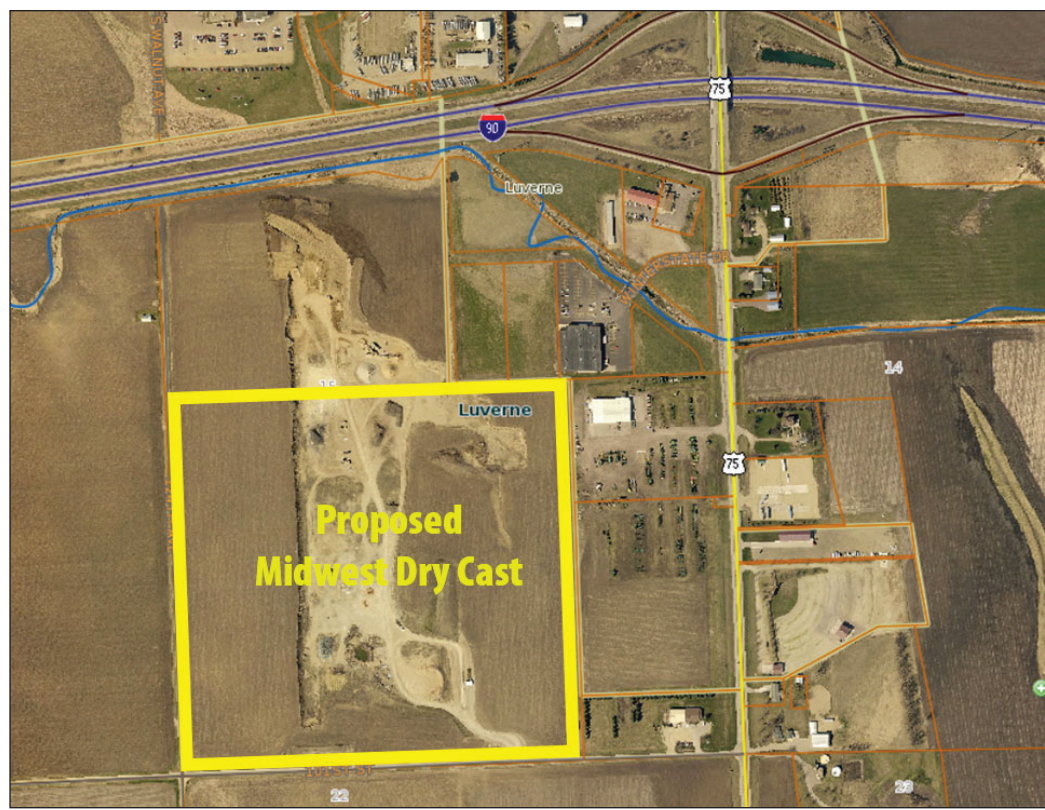
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The proposed site for Midwest Dry Cast is in Luverne Township south of I-90

### Midwest Dry Cast/continued from page 3A

industry. "The quickest way is to have the county direct Planning and Zoning to have a public hearing," said County Attorney Don Klosterbuer.

Currently the public hearing is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, at the Rock County Law Enforcement meeting room.

Comments and questions may be submitted in writing to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 W. Gabrielson Road, Luverne, by 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28.

Oldre said the north portion of the Luverne Township property behind Shopko and Rock County Implement was already rezoned to general industry.

While the request is to rezone about 100

acres, Midwest Dry Cast would locate on only a portion of that property.

Midwest Dry Cast organizers approached Rock County for support through the Job Creation Fund.

"This is the first time the county has participated," Oldre said.

The city of Luverne has sponsored similar business proposals for state funding but not in the last five years, according to economic development director Holly Sammons.

"This is a relatively new program offered through the state," she said.

The city had businesses participate in the JOBZ (Job Opportunity Building Zones) program, which ended in 2015.

### 'I Can Climb!' class at park/continued from 3A

State Park is a popular spot for climbers.

"The Sioux quartzite is nice and hard and smooth," he said, explaining that other types of rock are more jagged and prone to chipping and breaking.

"This is also a nice, open area that's easy to get at. Some climbing spots are in mountains or forested areas."

After being fitted with helmets, shoes and climbing harnesses, participants took turns scaling the colorful Sioux quartzite cliffs, with instructors providing tips and encouragement, taking up slack or letting out rope as needed from below.

No experience was necessary.

"I Can Climb!" is part of a series of skill-building programs offered by the DNR's Division of Parks and Trails. Other programs in the series introduce camping, fishing, paddling, mountain biking and archery to beginners.

The "I Can!" programs are funded in part by the Parks and Trails Fund through the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment approved by voters in November 2008.



Lori Sorenson photo/0817 climb13  
Emma Skibbie, Minneapolis, was an accomplished climber by the time her "I Can Climb" session was over Saturday.

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## CELEBRATIONS

### Open Houses

**Ed and Pat Lens** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Risen Savior Catholic Church at 301 North Splitrock Boulevard, Brandon, South Dakota.

An open house bridal shower for **Nicole Kerkhoff**, bride-to-be of **Derek Boeve**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

### Card Showers

**Gert Kooiker** will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, Aug. 18. Greetings may be sent to her at 401 E. Crawford St., Luverne, MN 56156.

**Jarnet and Jan Johansen** will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 19. Greetings may be sent to them at 1270 201<sup>st</sup> St. Hardwick, MN 56134.

**Edward DeBates** will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, Aug. 21. Greetings may be sent to him at Minnesota Veterans Home, 1300 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, Aug. 21:** Beef tips with gravy, noodles, peaches, carrots, bread, cookie.

**Tuesday, Aug. 22:** Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, frosted cake.

Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by: Exchange State Bank

**Wednesday, Aug. 23:** Country Steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, bread pudding.

**Thursday, Aug. 24:** Parmesan chicken, baked potato with sour cream, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cocktail.

Program: Music by Bruce Dysthe.

**Friday, Aug. 25:** Tuna salad on bun, creamy cucumber salad, fresh fruit, bun, bar.

Program: Free meal drawing (must be present to win)

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

# Putting it all together

## First-time jigsaw puzzle tournament draws 10 participants

By Mavis Fodness

Young and old met Wednesday morning, Aug. 9, for the first jigsaw puzzle competition offered through Luverne Community Education.

Luverne's Jacki Johnson organized the tabletop event after reading about a similar tournament conducted by the Rushmore Booster Club.

She also hosted for personal reasons. "I am a puzzle lover myself," Johnson said.

Ten other puzzle lovers convened in the community education classroom to see who could put a 100- or 300-piece jigsaw puzzle together the quickest.

Both winners completed their puzzles in about a half hour.

Ella Hoogendoorn of Luverne won the children's category. She put her 100-piece puzzle together in 29 minutes.

Minutes later the adult sister team



Submitted photos

Ella Hoogendoorn won the youth jigsaw puzzle division when she finished a 100-piece puzzle in 29 minutes at the first tournament conducted through Luverne Community Education.

of April and Autumn Norman, both of Luverne, finished their 300-piece puzzle in 32 minutes, 55 seconds.

"It's a lot of teamwork," Autumn Norman said. Using the picture on the puzzle box as a guide, Norman said her team sorted the puzzle pieces by color and then put the frame of the puzzle

together first.

All who competed received prizes.

"It was a fun time for everybody," Johnson said.

Another tournament is planned for the community education winter session.



Linda McGinty (left) and Doreen Nicolaus team up for Luverne Community Education's first jigsaw puzzle tournament Wednesday morning, Aug. 9, in the Early Childhood Family Education parent room.



Autumn Norman (left) and April Norman blazed through their 300-piece puzzle in 32 minutes, 55 seconds to win the adult division of the jigsaw puzzle tournament.

## Happy for rain; unhappy at finding late maturing apples already at garden market

Blessed is the only word that I can come up with to express how I feel about getting over 4 inches of



rain in the last 7 days. I had just thrashed the seed out of my dead spinach plants, and that seed has germinated like too thick... I'll have to thin it when normally I'm just happy to have a reasonable germination rate.

We stopped at a garden market last weekend and they had little green apples for sale. They were not labeled as to variety, so I asked the vendor, and he said he thought they

## KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

were Heralred. Ouch ... that is a late-season apple and picking them now would give you flavorless "rocks." That's a problem, but so is the fact that anyone who buys them would assume that is what you would expect for flavor and texture for a Haralred apple, which is far from true. Haralred is an excellent late-season apple, but harvesting them this early

is not professional on the part of that vendor.

My earliest apples are just reaching maturity. We have Beacon and Hazen which are good for baking but not so good for fresh eating. And then we have Zestar which was an introduction from the U of M from several years back. The trees are young so I'm not expecting a big crop, but for

an early apple they have great flavor and a nice crispness. You can determine maturity of an apple by the color of the seeds. Dark brown seeds indicate that the apple has reached the harvest stage ... so does the flavor!

Humidity and cool nights are prime conditions for blights and mildews that are eager to attack our vegetable and flowering plants. Be watching for the symptoms so you are ready to respond with the right fungicide to protect what you have been working the whole season to enjoy.

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

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Weber receives Legislator of Distinction Award

State Sen. Bill Weber was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition's conference in Fergus Falls for his positive impact on the state's tax policy.

Sen. Weber, a Republican from Luverne, is serving his second term in the Minnesota Senate. The award is given to legislators who helped advance CGMC's policy during the preceding session.

In the 2017 legislative session, Sen. Weber served as the chief author of CGMC-supported legislation to increase Local Government Aid (LGA) funding to bring the program

back up to its 2002 benchmark. His strong leadership and persistent advocacy helped to ultimately secure a \$15 million LGA boost in the final tax bill, which will help cities across the state pay for essential services and important amenities.

"By serving as chief author of our LGA legislation, he demonstrated a strong commitment to improving Greater Minnesota cities," said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC.

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 90 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2007)

•Even though prior businesses have done so, Clyde's Wash and Detail and U-Haul business may not park on the boulevard because of a 2003 city ordinance forbidding it.

Chris Johnson represented the business Tuesday at the Luverne City Council and asked for a variance to that city code. "I'm just trying to make a living," he said.

The business on the corner of Estey and Main does car washing and detailing but also sells used cars and rents U-Hauls. The boulevard on which he wants to park U-Hauls is packed gravel and he said, "I don't really think it's eating up that much space."

Councilwoman Frakes said that it infringes on sidewalk space and is simply unlawful according to the ordinance.

### 25 years ago (1992)

•It's proving to be more of a hassle than a major concern for Ellsworth residents.

On Thursday, the Ellsworth City Council received word from the Minnesota Department of Health that residents should stop consuming water from the Ellsworth water system until a bacteria can be removed.

Mayor Joel Farrell said the bacteria was discovered during a standard monthly test.

Donny Harkema, Ellsworth sewer and water, flushed the system with Clorox for five days. It was tested again this week and the results of the second test will be in next week.

If the bacteria is still present, the system will be flushed for another five days. If the second flushing doesn't remove it, Ellsworth will be required to put Clorox in its system permanently, Harkema said.

### 50 years ago (1967)

•Two boys, ages 9 and 10 admitted to the deputy state fire marshal and local police that they had been smoking in the livestock barn at the fairgrounds before it was destroyed by fire Sunday evening.

The spectacular blaze, which was reported about 6:10 p.m. Sunday, destroyed the barn which had housed thousands of dollars worth of livestock during the Rock County Fair, just eight days earlier.

Except for fair week, the barn, with an adjoining sales pavilion and a small office building to the north of it, was rented by Marcel Reich, owner of the Luverne Livestock Association. Reich came here in April, after purchasing the business from Gerrit Smith. He conducted livestock auctions there each Saturday.

Best estimate as to the amount of the loss to the Rock County Agricultural Society, which owns the fairgrounds and buildings, was between \$30,000 and \$40,000. This figure was based on one property appraiser's estimate. However, it is generally agreed that a building like it could not be built today for that figure. The fair board had the barn and sales pavilion insured for \$21,600. The small office building was insured for \$300.

### 75 years ago (1942)

•Dick Wildung, Luverne's All-American tackle, has been chosen by Herb Graffis and Ralph Cannon, sports writers in the current issue of Esquire magazine, as one of the 10 outstanding players who will be seen on the nation's gridirons this fall. Unusual is the fact that Wildung was the only lineman in the group of 10, eight of them being halfbacks and one quarterback. This bears up the statements made by Coaches Bernie Bierman and George Hauser that Wildung is the greatest tackle they have ever coached.

In the same article, which was the leading sports article in the magazine, Minnesota was again selected as the top team of the year.

### 100 years ago (1917)

•One of the instructive features of the eighth annual Rock County fair, to be held September 11th to 14th, will be the boys' and girls' live stock judging contest.

There will be five classes to judge - horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs and sheep - and it is expected that there will be at least four exhibits in each class.

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for judging each class, with ten minutes for placing the awards, and five minutes for giving reasons for doing so. Four prizes will be awarded, with the first prize \$10, second \$5, third \$3, and the fourth \$2, the first and second money being donated by the Minnesota Live Stock Breeders' association.



Mavis Fodness photos/0817 Build a Bison

## How to 'Build a Bison' from hooves to horns

Twenty-five people (above) attended the "Build a Bison" event Friday night at the Blue Mounds State Park's amphitheater to learn from park naturalist Amber Brooks (center and at right) about how bison use tail signals to communicate. Brooks hosts special events for park visitors each Friday and Saturday night. A list of activities is posted on the park's website.

**Far right:** Park naturalist Amber Brooks (right) shows participants how bison walk on their toes for faster movement. Nine-year-old Patricia King from Highland Mills, New York, modeled a bison costume complete with a head, hide and hooves (right).



## Pioneer Girl reunion recalls life on the prairie

*This is the fifth and final installment of a series about a 1926 Pioneer Girls reunion that appeared in the Rock County Herald on July 9, 1926. At the meeting, Effie Grout-Lindsey pays tribute to the mothers and wives of early day settlers.*



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County Historical Society

#### LIVERNE PIONEER GIRLS HOLD ANNUAL RE-UNION

Effie Grout-Lindsey Pays Tribute to the Mothers and Wives of Early Day Settlers.

... And such was life in those far away days! Difficult, exacting and filled with deprivations and discomforts. There were few pleasures and still fewer privileges. But through the years of my childhood and girlhood I do not recall that my mother or any of her friends ever complained or referred to other days as happier or more comfortable. Each day was a new beginning. Each day's task was met with a cheerful assumption of responsibility and determination to make that undertaking a success.

In the period when grasshopper raids were most frequent and their devastations

most frightful, when hope for the future seemed at an end, my father came in one day and said to my mother, "It looks as if you would have to get out your washboard and tub and support the family." Her spirited reply was characteristic: "Well, if it comes to that, I guess we can do it as well as anybody!" It is perhaps needless to add that she was not called upon to prove her words.

But what was it that drew these women into the wilderness and held them steady through years of discouragement and danger and difficulty? Why did they not resort to tears, as they are popularly supposed to do, and entreaties to persuade their husbands to return to the old home?

Many of them did, but it is not of such that we are speaking. This is the story of the ones who stayed!

It was the spirit of youth, the lure of adventure that called them into new and untried paths.

In their dreams they saw broad acres of well tilled fields, crowned with beautiful homes, their homes. They saw better opportunities and wider contacts for their children, and comfort and even luxury for their own old age. And when the everyday difficulties and discouragements of the new land — stern reality — took the place of dreams, what kept them patient in the midst of suffering; cheerful and loving in disappointment; gentle and hopeful in

poverty? It was their three-fold faith — faith, first, in the future of their adopted home. Faith that an end would surely come to drouth and prairie fire and blizzards and grasshoppers, and that eventually the marvelous fertility of the soil would produce crops that would repay all their losses.

Faith, in the second place, in the sterling integrity, the moral courage and the physical stamina of the pioneer men, for love of whom they had been willing to forsake home and friends and ease and comfort.

And, lastly, triumphant faith in God, at once their heritage and their experience, which bred in them the high courage, the self-forgetfulness and the perseverance that made them what they were — the nourishing mothers of a new civilization.

*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@iuw.net.*

## OBITUARIES

### Juniper DenHerder

Juniper Grace DenHerder, two months old, Avon, South Dakota, died Aug. 6, 2017, at the Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Friday, Aug. 11, at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, South Dakota. Burial was in the church cemetery in rural Springfield.

Juniper Grace DenHerder was born June 1, 2017, at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Matt and Ginger DenHerder, Avon, South Dakota.

Juniper was a delight to her parents, sisters and brothers and put a smile on everyone's face. In her short life, family adventures included going to the zoo, hiking at Niobrara State Park, watching fireworks and going to the pool. Juniper was baptized on Aug. 5 surrounded by her family and

friends. Juniper came down with a sudden illness on Aug. 4.

Juniper is survived by her parents, Matt and Ginger DenHerder, Avon, South Dakota, siblings Gwynnevere, Abigail, Clarabelle, Isaac, Connor, and Gideon; grandparents Jim and Deb DenHerder, Luverne, and Ernest and Xinnia Namminga, Springfield, South Dakota; great-grandparents Bert DenHerder and Art and Rose Bleyenburgh, all of Edgerton, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by great-grandparents Clara DenHerder, John and Dora Namminga, and Clarence and Mae Voudry and her aunt Tonya Namminga.

Arrangements were by Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Avon, South Dakota, [www.crosbyjaegerfh.com](http://www.crosbyjaegerfh.com).

(0817 F)



### Curtis Juhl

Curtis W. Juhl, 83, Luverne, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Thursday, Aug. 10, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial was in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Curtis Juhl was born June 23, 1934, to Hugo and Tilda (Hoiland) Juhl in Luverne. He was baptized on July 15, 1934, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Luverne and confirmed on Aug. 28, 1949. He attended country school at District #7 and District #12.

Curt helped his father on the farm. He moved to Luverne with his parents on Feb. 29, 1968. He started a lawn mowing and snow blowing service which he did for over 35 years.

At one time Curt had 25 lawn mowing customers.

He was a charter member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Curt went on several trips with his sister and brother-in-law seeing the sights in 34 states plus Washington, D.C., and Canada.

He enjoyed putting together puzzles including 3D puzzles, and he was an avid walker.

Curt is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Leroy Heeren, Luverne, and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carol Juhl, in 1995.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, [dingmannandsons.com](http://dingmannandsons.com).

(0810 F)

*Obituary reprinted to remove duplicated information.*

## DEATH NOTICE

### Lila Nelson

Lila Mae Nelson, 81, Adrian, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017, at the South Shore Care Center in Worthington.

A funeral service was Monday, Aug. 14, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Adrian. Burial followed in the Adrian Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, [www.dingmannandsons.com](http://www.dingmannandsons.com).

(0817 DN)

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Luverne's Declan Beers slides safely across home plate to score the game-winning run during Thursday's 2-1 victory over Duluth East at the Minnesota State VFW Tournament in Willmar.

**VFW/continued from page 1B**

Serie	3	2	2	2
Sterrett	2	1	0	0
Reisch	3	1	0	0
Bartels	3	0	1	1
Roberts	0	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0
Nekali	2	0	1	2
Crabtree	2	0	0	0
Buss	1	0	0	0

**Woodbury 3, Luverne 2**

The Cardinals slipped into the loser's bracket of the double elimination tournament after taking a one-run loss from Woodbury Friday at Baker Field.

Luverne plated single runs in the first two innings to gain a 2-0 advantage, but Woodbury scored a pair of runs to knot the score in the third inning and plated the game-winning run in the top of the sixth.

Woodbury used two hits, one walk and a throwing error by Luverne to produce two runs in the third inning.

Woodbury's first batter in the sixth inning struck out, but he reached base when the ball skipped past the Luverne catcher.

A one-out single chased the decisive run home.

Luverne took a 1-0 lead when Beers homered to right field in the bottom of the first.

Sterrett drew a walk and scored when Isaiah Bartels singled to make it a 2-0 game in the second.

Lundgren took the pitching loss after tossing seven in-

nings of three-run (one was earned), six-hit ball.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	0	0	0
Lundgren	3	0	1	0
Von Tersch	0	0	0	0
Beers	3	1	1	1
Serie	3	0	0	0
Sterrett	2	1	1	0
Reisch	2	0	0	0
Bartels	3	0	1	1
Sehr	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	0
Roberts	1	0	1	0
Buss	3	0	0	0
Crabtree	0	0	0	0

**Luverne 2, DE 1**

The Cardinals opened the event by posting their first state tournament win since 2011 when they nipped Duluth East by one run at Orange Field at Swansson Regional Park Thursday.

Both teams squandered some scoring opportunities early in what turned into a low-scoring game.

Duluth East and Luverne both left the sacks full without producing a run in the first inning.

East, however, broke through in the top of the second by recording a pair of hits, drawing a walk and recording a sacrifice fly to gain a 1-0 lead.

After Luverne left the bases loaded again in the third inning, the Cardinals scored twice in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Lundgren delivered a one-out single before advancing to third on a double by Beers,

which was Beers' third hit of the game.

Serie, Luverne's next batter, grounded a ball down the first-base line on a check swing that was snagged by East's first baseman.

The defender stepped on the bag to retire Serie before firing the ball home in an attempt to make a play at the plate on Lundgren.

The wild throw eluded the catcher and allowed both Lundgren and Beers to score.

The two runs Luverne scored in the fifth proved to be enough to win the game, thanks to a stellar relief pitching performance by Smith.

Smith inherited a runner on first when he took the mound in the top of the fourth and proceeded to retire 11 consecutive batters before issuing a two-out walk in the seventh inning.

Smith bounced back to fan the next batter, capping a four-strikeout performance that gave him the win.

Serie started the game and pitched three innings of three-hit, one-run ball.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	2	0	1	0
Lundgren	2	1	1	0
Beers	3	1	3	0
Sehr	0	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	1	1
Von Tersch	0	0	0	0
Sterrett	2	0	1	0
Reisch	3	0	0	0
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Crabtree	2	0	0	0

# Evink, Van Dyk win flights at Luverne Country Club

By John Rittenhouse

Two golfers joined club champion Melissa Sandbulte as flight champions when the 66th version of the Women's Club Tournament was complete at the Luverne Country Club Saturday.

While Sandbulte took top honors in the championship flight, Wendy Evink and Marla Van Dyk captured the president's flight and first flight titles respectively.

Consistency proved to be the key to victory for Evink, who won a tight competition in the five-player second flight.

Evink posted a 50-stroke tally during the first round of play, which left her facing a one-shot deficit to Missy Verbrugge and Marlene Kopp, who both carded 49s.

While Kopp and Verbrugge slipped back in the pack during the second round, Evink posted her second 50 to complete the event with 100 strokes.

Evink needed every shot she made in order to fight off the challenges offered by



Evink



Van Dyk

hard-charging Colleen Nath and Tracy Hansen, who both finished the tournament with identical 52-49-101 efforts to share second place.

Van Dyk ended up winning the five-player first flight handily.

Van Dyk recorded a 50 during the opening round to open

a three-shot lead over Vashti Graphenteen, who turned in a 53.

Van Dyk posted a flight-low 47 during the second round to finish the event with a 97.

Graphenteen placed second in the flight with a 113, while Marcia Essman placed third with a 117.



John Rittenhouse photo/0817 pride

Luverne senior Kasyn Kruse (front, left) won the overall championship of the Cardinal Pride competition Monday. Other event winners include Matt Ziegler (front, middle), Jed Dooyema (front, right), Declan Beers (back, left), Matthew Sehr (back, middle) and Ben Serie (back, right).

## Kruse claims Cardinal Pride title Monday

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School senior emerged as the champion of the 2017 Cardinal Pride competition on the first day of football practice Monday.

Kasyn Kruse, who placed second in the event last year, compiled 1,912 points to win the overall competition by a healthy margin over fellow senior Declan Beers, who placed second with 1,616 points.

Kruse won three of the eight individual events to pave his way to the overall championship.

Kruse took top honors in the cleans (261 pounds), claimed the title in the shuttle run with a time of 4.3 seconds and the power press (236 pounds).

He also placed second in the bench press (270 pounds) and the squats (385 pounds) along

with placing third in the jump rope (153 in 60 seconds).

Matt Ziegler, who won the 2016 overall title, placed third this year (1,470 points) and took top honors in the bench press (288 pounds).

Other titles went to Beers (465 pounds in the squats), Jed Dooyema (58 seconds in the 400-meter dash), Ben Serie (jump rope, 160 jumps in 60 seconds) and Matthew Sehr (29.1 inches in the vertical jump).

Here is a look at the top 10 overall finishers and the top five individual finishers in each event.

**Overall points:** Kruse, 1,912; Beers, 1,616; Ziegler, 1,407; Tucker Oeltjenbruns, 1,196; Brayden Jacobsma, 990; Serie, 977; Tyler Reisdorfer, 953; Mark Sterrett, 838; Keegan Weston, 793; Cade Ver Steeg, 782.

**Bench press (total pounds):** Ziegler, 285; Kruse, 270; Beers, 230; Max Skattum, 203; Ver Steeg, 192.

**Cleans (total pounds):** Kruse, 261; Ziegler, 257; Ver Steeg, 222; Skattum, 217; Reisdorfer, 197.

**Squats (total pounds):** Beers, 465; Kruse, 385; Ziegler, 368; Oeltjenbruns, 286; Reisdorfer, 264.

**Power press (total pounds):** Kruse, 270; Ziegler, 236; Beers, 208; Ver Steeg, 172; Eric Thorson, 165.

**400-meter dash (total seconds):** Jed Dooyema, 58; Jacobsma, 60; Jacob Von Tersch, 63; Sehr, 63; Kruse, 63.

**Jump rope (jumps in 60 seconds):** Serie, 160; Ziegler, 157; Kruse, 153; Nikita Rud, 147; Oeltjenbruns, 143.

**Vertical jump (total inches):** Sehr, 29.1; Dooyema, 28.4; Rud, 27.6; Jacobsma, 27.5; Beers, 27.1.

**Shuttle run (total seconds):** Jacobsma, 4.34; Rud, 4.47; Beers, 4.5; Oeltjenbruns, 4.58.

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Timmer Dairy – 96  
Pizza Ranch – 93  
Big Orv's Bar – 85

**Individual scores:**  
25 x 25  
Doug Deutsch – 2  
Jim Slocum – 3  
Mike VanWhye

24 x 25  
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Jim Slocum  
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Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
www.luverncrc.com — luverncrc@gmail.com  
Roger Sparks, Pastor  
Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday Aug. 21: 9 a.m. Perk Up at Mary Jane Brown.

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Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org  
Walt Moser, Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, Aug. 24: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net  
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at the Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Aug. 18: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Aug. 20: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee. Monday, Aug. 21: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Gladys Siebenahler. Wednesday, Aug. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, Aug. 24: 7:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study at The Bean. 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle at The Oaks. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at church. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at church. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Eliz Circle at church.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor  
Friday, Aug. 18: 2:30 p.m. Ladies serve at Veterans Home. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion.

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org  
Mike Altena, Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 7:30 p.m. Leuthold/Cuperus Bridal shower. Friday, Aug. 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Renaissance Group (55+). Wednesday, Aug. 23: 7 p.m. Praise Team. Thursday, Aug. 24: 6:30 p.m. Motorcycle Ride.

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

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net  
Dorie Hall, Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 2 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home Birthday Party. Saturday, Aug. 19: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult SS. 11 a.m. Come as you are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Aug. 21: M and M Committee Meeting. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 23: 5:30 p.m. Community meal. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Aug. 24: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
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Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee. Music Staff meeting. Monday, Aug. 21: Newsletter deadline. Tuesday, Aug. 22: Presbytery at St. James.

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email: stjohln@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org  
Gary Klatt, Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild. Friday, Aug. 18: 6:30 p.m. Oehlerts/Ackerman wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Aug. 19: 4 p.m. Dohmann/Verhey Wedding; Oehlerts/Ackerman Wedding (Adrian.) 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 21: 6:15 p.m. Wage & Benefit Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Wednesday, Aug. 23: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Parents Meeting for Grades 6-8. 7 p.m. Parents Meeting for Grades 9-12.

**Living Rock Church**  
500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org  
Billy Skaggs, Pastor  
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110 N. Oakley, Luverne  
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com  
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Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 18: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday Aug. 20: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, Aug. 21: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, Aug. 24: 3:30 p.m. Worship service 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**  
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Ph. (605) 757-6662  
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Aug. 20: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garrettsville, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips  
Thursday, Aug. 17: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Aug. 20: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran. Thursday, Aug. 24: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting.

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
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## Where have you seen God today?

On a typical Sunday morning, during worship, I will ask the congregations for any God moments they may have encountered the past week. The "brave ones" will respond with some insights that make a person stop and think, and some people have a hard time looking outside of the box to see where God is working in their life ... but they keep on trying and that is what is important.



## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Kristi Franken, Adrian/Magnolia United Methodist Church

A couple of weeks ago, four adults and five youth ventured out on a mission trip to Devil's Lake, North Dakota. We left Luverne at 7 a.m. and arrived at our destination at 4 p.m. The group had been looking forward to this trip for many weeks and we were eager to get on our way. After we unpacked and got settled in at the camp, our host Mike and hostess Libby gathered us in a prayer circle, before we ate; and we were asked the question, "Where have you seen God today?" Through the years I have been on the watch to see where God is working, but it always amazes me what other people see through their eyes. Some of the responses, in the prayer circle, we got to our destination safely, some were seeing God in the sunset, and some saw God in meeting new friends. Before each meal we were asked this question and we would respond.

However, when I think about this statement, "Where have you seen God today?" my mind drifts back to the Old Testament when Moses saw God. If you recall, Moses had made a trek up Mt. Sinai and had a meeting with God; and when Moses came back down the mountain, with the two stone tablets in his hands, his face was radiant because he had been talking with God. (Exodus 34:29) When we think about where we see God in life, shouldn't our faces shine like Moses'? Yes, I know we do not have a face-to-face meeting with God but when we talk about God working in our lives and we take time to realize this is a God moment, we should glow from the inside out!

The world needs a lot more "glow" in it than it does the darkness and yet we do not share enough of the God moments with each other.

Let me share this "where I saw God." On the mission trip, I received a call that a young parishioner of the Adrian church died very unexpectedly. It was one of those moments as a pastor when your mind kicks into high gear and you start looking at options. When I went back to the group of adults and kids and told them of the situation, I told them I would be going back to be present for the family and perform the funeral; and there were three options to consider: 1. I would catch a flight out of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and head home; 2. I could make arrangements for someone to drive from Luverne to Fargo and then have someone drive me to Fargo and make the trip home; or 3. We all head back together.

It was unanimous; the decision had been made before I even knew it ... we were all heading back home. Forty-eight hours later all of us were back in the van and heading home on I-90.

I saw God working in this moment of a decision, but that is not the end of the story. Later that week when I was at the back of the church waiting to perform the funeral, two of the youth on that mission trip were at the funeral to support the family that had lost their husband and father. My eyes got moist and I knew I saw God at work in that very moment.

We know soon the season is going to change to autumn and we will see God at work through nature; but look more closely ... not at nature ... but at humankind, and ask yourself, "Where do I see God at work?" And when you find it, may your face "shine" like Moses' when you see God working in the world and you are willing to share it.

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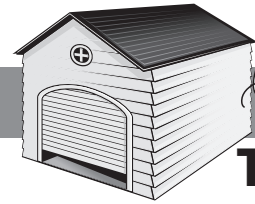
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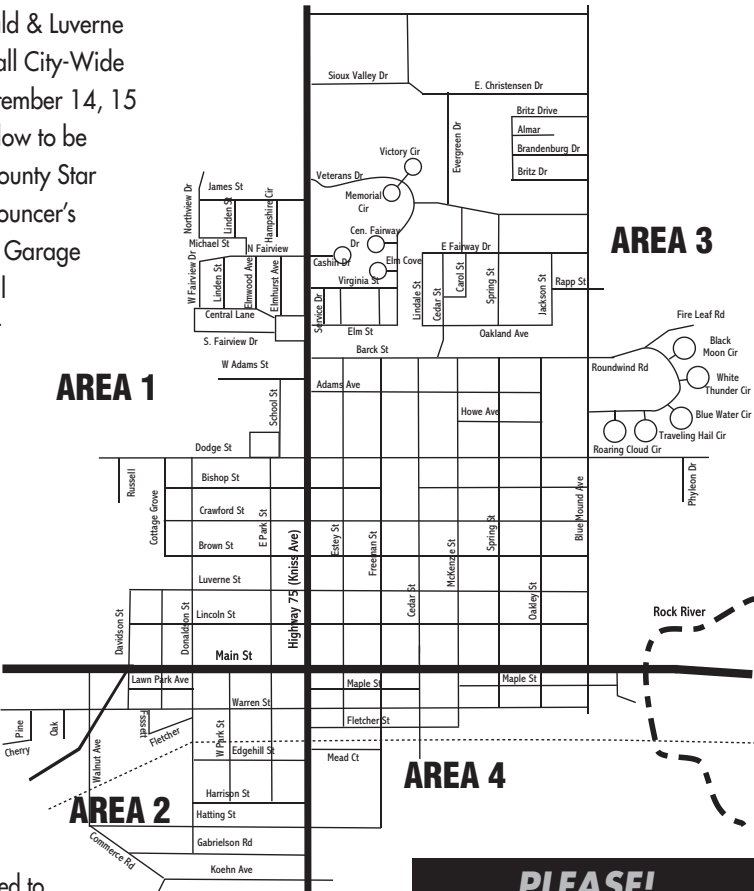


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