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Minnesota Newspaper Week



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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.

Our archives date back to 1873;

we've been here nearly as long as our forefathers who settled the prairie 150 years ago.

Even in an era of Google and Wikipedia, we have information about Rock County — wars, famines, floods, fires,

elections, victories and losses about our people that you can't find anywhere else.

Think of that. Our people and events occasionally make the news in other media outlets, but

the Star Herald is the only news organization that exclusively covers the people and communities of Rock County.

Day after day. Week after week. Year after year.

And we're keenly aware that the work we do today is the official record of tomorrow. It's important that we get it right. That's the difference between trained professional reporters and casual social bloggers. Facebook is fun, but it's not news

Our fun feature stories illustrate the color and character of our people, but we also serve as government watchdogs



that entertain and inspire our readers. Without you there is no newspa-

per. And without a newspaper, there is no you - or record of you, that is. We carry your stories of struggles

won and lost that help us come together as people. Your courageous encounter with disease, the heartache of a home leveled by tornado or destroyed by fire, the joy of a state championship title, the street assessment proposed by the city

or the new housing development being planned down the street.

Without the newspaper acting in an objective role to collect, investigate, intercord of you, that is. view, 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.

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 Intourist 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 under-



standing of one another and becomemore 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 front lines 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.

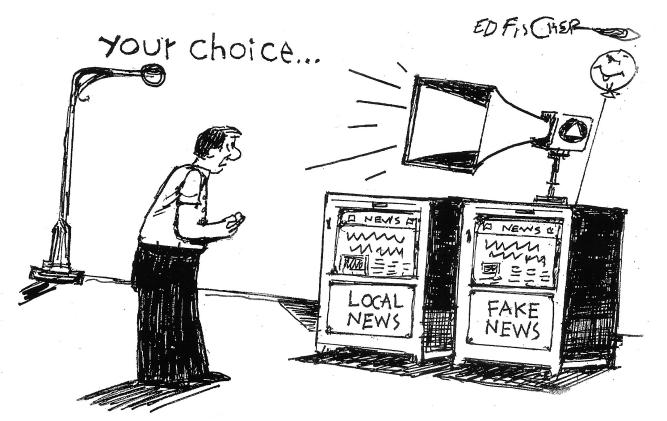
Thomas Jefferson said that our first objective as a nation should be to leave open "all avenues to truth," and that the most effective way of doing that is through "the freedom of the press."

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.



Without you there is no newspaper. And without a *newspaper, there* is no you — or re-

sitting in on public meetings and writing stories to help our residents make critical decisions and stay informed.

With our cameras and notebooks, it's our job (and privilege) to capture the moments in life that define who we are and share the stories

- Lori Sorenson, editor

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



Our founding fathers knew knowledge was power when they made "Freedom of Speech" our first amendment. Now more than ever journalism matters. Facts matter. Real news matters.

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Telling the story of

Rock County

and its people since 1873



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 engineerwith District 7 that includes Rock County, presented MnDOT's newest roadway improvement plan to com-

a has propelled
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 b adway improve c portation engi a 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

missioners at their Aug. 8 meeting.

the I-35 bridge in 2007, state officials

have focused on inspecting each of

Ous said since the collapse of

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 improvement 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."



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.

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

'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, Minne-

apolis, 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

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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





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, in St. John Lutheran Church for a program explaining Rock Steady Boxing.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug 17, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For info call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

United States Bowling Congress (USBC) meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in Luverne Lanes.

Rock County DFL Chapter will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in the Human Services building on Roundwind Road. Everyone welcome.

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.

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. 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 Hall, Edgerton. Call 507-215-2956.

Road closure from Manley to I-90

County Highway 17 (20th Avenue) between Manley and I-90 is closed for the construction of a new bridge over the Beaver Creek. The project will take 10-14 weeks. Motorists should use County Highway 4 to Manley during the closure. Call 507-283-5010 with questions.

Register students to Luverne schools

New residents to Luverne School District 2184 should come to respective school offices and register students for the 2017-2018 school year. To register for the high school/ middle school, call for an appointment at 507-283-4491 for students in grades six-12 this year. The elementary school will be open for new students to register starting Monday, Aug. 7. Parents with elementary students may call 507-283-4497. School starts Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Food ministry Aug. 17

New Life Celebration Church monthly food ministry will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, in the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Children are asked to wait outside. Call 283-4366.

'Sounds of Strings' at Hinkly Aug. 17

Harold Tilstra will perform "Sounds of Strings" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Hinkly House. A reception will follow. Freewill donations are appreciated. The Victorian home is also open from 2-4 p.m. Thursdays.

Mammals of the Mounds Aug. 18

Learn about the tracks and trails of common mammals at Blue Mounds State Park. Meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, in the amphitheater at Blue Mounds State Park. Bring a camp chair or blanket.

Dr. Woodley brings first-time full-time OB-GYN specialty to Sanford Luverne

By Jason Berghorst

Female patients at Sanford Luverne Medical Center will soon have more options for women's health services with Dr. Nicole Woodley, who starts Aug. 28 (see story on Page 3A).

Dr. Woodley, a Luverne native, provides obstetrical and gynecological services and will be the first full-time OB-GYN at the Luverne facility.

"She will complement already established obstetrics services provided in Luverne by our family medical providers," said Tammy Loosbrock, Senior Director at Sanford Luverne.

According to Woodley, an OB-GYN is a physician who provides medical and surgical care for women in all phases of life.

"It's so much more than pregnancy and childbirth," Woodley said. "It includes adolescence, young adulthood, childbearing and menopause."

Specific areas of service include care for abnormal uterine bleeding, infertility evaluation, cervical dysplasia, minimally invasive surgeries, contraceptive methods, urinary incontinence and sexual health and dysfunction.

"It's always great when you can get a provider who has a passion to continue to grow what medical services can be done right here in Luverne," Loosbrock said.

"Many are driving to Sioux Falls for these types of services and having to take extra time off work," Loosbrock added.

"With her joining us, it

'Miracle on 34th Street' auditions Aug. 27, 28

By Lori Sorenson

Auditions for "Miracle on 34th Street" will be Aug. 27 and 28 in the Green Earth Players community theater building on Edgehill Street in Luverne.

Luverne native Bruce Kurtz is directing the performance, which will require three men, two women and one girl, plus another "dozen men or women and many more extras, including children," he said. Kurtz, who lives in Storm Lake, Iowa, said he stepped up to the role because he's familiar with the stage and with acting. "It's what I enjoy and I love to teach people the whole craft of acting," he said, adding that he directed the Green Earth Players 30 years ago in Luverne. The classic 1947 drama is about the authenticity of Santa Claus in a Macy's department store. Kurtz worked in Creeger's and Cook's clothing stores in the 1970s and '80s



Jason Berghorst photo/0817 dr woodley Dr. Nicole Woodley will start at Sanford Luverne this month.

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— Dr. Nicole Woodley

should be more convenient for patients."

Woodley said she looks forward to enhancing the services provided in her hometown. "We try to keep medical services available at home," she added.

That is always a goal of Sanford Luverne, according to Loosbrock. "We eagerly welcome Dr. Woodley to practice with our dedicated providers as we strive to keep quality health care close to home in Rock County," Loosbrock said.

For more information, or to make an appointment with Woodley, contact Sanford Luverne at 507-482-4476 or visit sanfordluverne. org.

Dr. Nicole Woodley/ from page 3A

dad. That was remarkable," Woodley said.

"I also remember how the community came together to help with harvest and bring meals during that time," Woodley added.

She said those experiences helped lead her to a career in medicine and a desire to practice in a rural area.

"Kyle and I are really excited to be able to raise our kids in Luverne and give them the kind of life we had growing up," Woodley stated.

The Woodleys have three children. Hannah is a fourth-grader, Emmett is a kindergartner and Felicity is two years old.

The family is building a home in rural Luverne this fall.

"We've been gone for twelve years and now realize all the tremendous opportunities there are in Luverne," Woodley said.

Woodley said she is especially looking forward to her kids having the opportunity to participate in the Luverne music program, track and other activities she enjoyed while growing up.

"I hope that Luverne and the surrounding communities continue to value health care provided close to home," Woodley said.

"I look forward to spending more time with my family, renewing friendships and meeting many new people."

Local license service delays/ continued from page 3A

tions.

Pete Connell is the title clerk with Papik Motors, Luverne. He said the timeline changed significantly after the upgrade.

"Normally it would take only a day. Now it takes almost two weeks," he said. Transactions involving another state are taking even longer to be accepted into the statewide computer system, forcing vehicle owners to contact the dealership for temporary permit extensions. after the new system issued error messages indicating information was not saved.

Calls to state officials has yielded some mainframe fixes, but not all the errors have been eliminated and local offices are not functioning at 100 percent.

"As long as people have

Historic quarry hike Aug. 19

Learn the history behind man's relationship with the rocks of Blue Mounds with a slow-paced hike of less than a mile with some rocky areas and stepping down required. This guided tour will explore the Historic Quarry Trail on the south end of the park. Meet at the climbers' parking lot, (second parking lot on County Road 8) at 10 a.m. Aug. 19.

UMC Community Meal will be Aug. 23

The United Methodist Church in Luverne will host a free community meal on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m.

Build a Bison: Hooves to Horns

Help a naturalist "build" a bison by transforming an audience member through dress-up. This program is for youth of all ages to learn the anatomy of a bison and what makes this animal perfect for the prairie. Meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, in the ampitheater at Blue Mounds State Park. Bring a chair or blanket. Main Street Luverne," he said.

"I owe it to the people who

and operated his own store,

J.B. Walkers, from 1988 to 1991.

pecially from the late 1940s

era - speaks to him as a retail

taught me retail and thrived on

businessman.

He said the play - es-

"Those were the guys I learned from. They were all of those post-war men who came back and fueled the most prosperous times our town has ever seen."

Auditions for "Miracle on 34th Street" are from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28.

Performances are set for Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 16-19 at the Historic Palace Theatre in Luverne to kick off the local holiday season.

The play script was adapted in its present form by Ben Lomond, Mountain Community Theater.

Kurtz can be reached at 712-229-7616 for inquiries about the production.

Meg Nelson with the Rock County Deputy Registrar Office said working through the new system errors is taking time.

"It's been real frustrating," she said. "I want to do my job but can't."

Co-worker David Wrigg said the new system has required re-entering information more than once.

He said he had to "start from scratch" on several motor vehicle applications patience and understanding, it will be OK," Nelson said. "In the last week, we have come a long way."

Other state Department of Public Service divisions such as the state patrol and local law enforcement have been notified of the driver and vehicle services delays.

Vehicle tabs with a July renewal date have been extended until Aug. 31. Other vehicle transactions such as temporary permits have also received extended deadlines.

For more information about possible delays, contact the local deputy registrar office at 507-283-5024.



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.

Theinformalvotewillhelp 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 das 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, fixing the poorest of roadways no matter their location in the state. The emphasis may mean

with a funding emphasis on

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 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.

 RockCountyAgricultural Society \$1,400 handwashing stations at the fairgrounds.

 RockCountyAgricultural 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 homedelivered meals.

•Blue Mound Area Theater \$1,690 for Missoula Children's Theater experience.

•Blue Mound Area Theater \$415 for signage stanchions.

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Star Herald UPINION

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-yearold 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.)



By Brenda Winter, Columnist

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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."

Whiteout Campaign draws attention to the importance of local news

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 twiceweekly newspaper.

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



STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

By Rick Peterson, Tollefson Publishing General Manager

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.

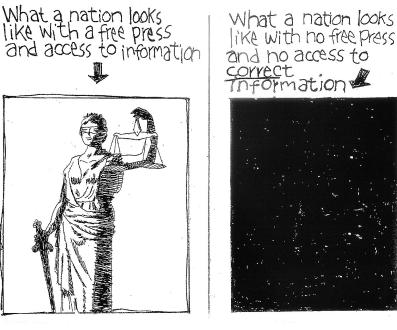
Southwest Minnesota is fortunate to have a number of locally owned weekly newspapers dedicated and committed to keeping up with local news.

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.



Moerke: 'Silence is complicity

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As well as being potty

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

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

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.

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 community. 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

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 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

Election season

policy: Please note that our Letters to the Editor policy during election season has some unique guidelines. For example, the Star Herald accepts only original letters — not form letters from campaigns. We do not accept letters written for the express purpose of endorsing candidates. Letters must focus on issues in a campaign rather than simply encouraging a vote for a candidate without merit. Above all, we encourage readers to be active participants in local, state and national elections, and the

Star Herald looks forward to being part of the process. Questions can be directed to editor@star-herald.com, or 507-283-2333

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 4 •Deputy reported aban-

doned vehicle.

•Complainant reported testing of fire alarms at loca-tion.

•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 (150th St./200th 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 swervingatlocation. Transferred to State Patrol. Advised deputy. See attached incoming call report.

•Complainant performed probation check at location.

•Deputyreported hitting raccoon.

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 possiblyatlocation.Subjectranaway. If located, hold and complainant will make arrangements to have subject picked up. •Teal's Food and Gas reported theft.

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 notreturning all ofher 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 courttests, 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 signifant 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

FSA explains payments in case of death

In order to claim a Farm ServiceAgency(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: 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. 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'sname using the deceased program participant's tax identification number.



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.

•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.

•Complainantrequested 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 121st 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.

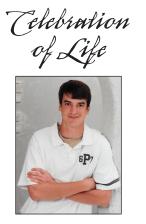
•Deputy conducted a probation check. He moved to Pipestone. Faxed to them.

•Complainant reported there is a group of people on the lawn that appear to be high. She is concerned •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



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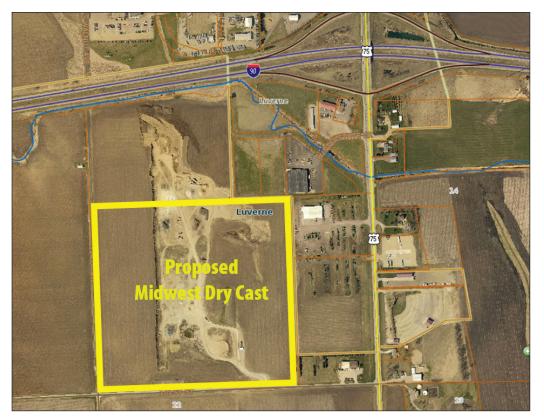
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The proposed site for Midwest Dry Cast is in Luverne Township south of I-90

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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 scheduledfor 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.

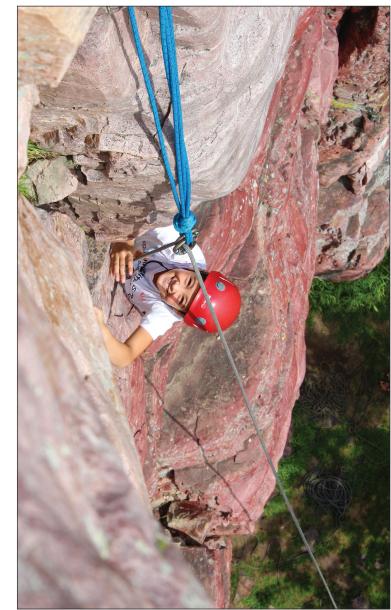
"This is also a nice, open area that's easy to get at. Some climbing spots are in mountains or forested areas."

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 skillbuilding 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!" pro-

grams 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

 $Ed \,and \,Pat \,Lens \, {\rm will \, celebrate \, their}$ 60th 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 80th 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 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 19. Greetings may be sent to them at 1270 201st St. Hardwick, MN 56134.

Edward DeBates will celebrate his 90th 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 homedelivered meals.



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

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.

Submitted photos

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

were Heralred. Ouch ... that is a late-season apple and picking them now would give vou 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,

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

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.

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

backup to its 2002 benchmark.

His strong leadership and persistent advocacy helped to ultimatelysecurea\$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 Reisch, owner of the Luverne Livestock Association. Reisch 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.



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. Nineyear-old Patricia King from Highland Mills, New York, modeled a bison costume complete with a head, hide and hooves (right).



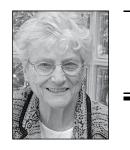
Mavis Fodness photos/0817 Build a Bison



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.

LUVERNE PIONEER GIRLS HOLD ANNUAL RE-UNION



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president **Rock County Historical Society**

poverty? It was their threefold 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,

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 Den Herder 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. Juniperwas baptized on Aug. 5 surrounded by her family and

Curtis Juhl -

CurtisW.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 Luvernewith his parents on Feb. 29, 1968. He started a lawn mowing and snow blowing service which he did for over 35 years. 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 Gwynevere, Abigail, Clarabelle, Isaac, Connor, and Gideon; grandparents Jim and Deb

DenHerder, Luverne, and Ernest and Xinnia Namminga, Springfield, South Dakota; great-grandparents Bert Den-Herder and Art and Rose Bleyenburg, 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.

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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.

together puzzles including 3D puzzles, and he was an

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

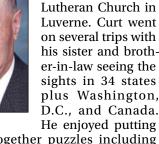
He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carol Juhl, in 1995.

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Obituary reprinted to remove duplicated information.





avid walker.

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

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 the nourishing mothers of a new civilization.

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

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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.

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Star Herald PORTS

VFW wins three games, places third at state

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team turned in a record-setting performance during the Minnesota State VFW Baseball Tournament in Willmar last week.

The Luverne squad established a program standard by winning three games at the state attraction.

Luverne went 3-2 overall and placed third in a 10-team field to cap a 17-5 season.

Woodbury 5, Luverne 1

Luverne's bid to advance to the championship round on Sunday came up short when the Cards dropped a four-run decision to Woodbury Saturday at Baker Field

Woodbury, which saddled Luverne with its first loss of the double-elimination tournament on Friday, scored the first four runs of the game to set the stage for victory in Saturday's rematch.

Woodbury plated single runs in the bottom half of the first and fourth innings and scored twice in the second to open a 4-0 cushion.

Luverne trimmed the difference to three runs (4-1) when Mark Sterrett delivered an RBI double in the fifth, but Woodburyblanked the Cards the rest of the game and prevailed by four after scoring another run in the sixth.

Colby Crabtree took the pitching loss after working six innings of six-hit, five-run ball



John Rittenhouse photo/0817 vfw 5

Luverne's Derek Lundgren prepares to tag out a sliding Duluth East runner attempting to steal second base during Thursday's state tournament game in Willmar. Luverne's Mark Sterrett is backing up the play.

on the mound.

Box score	AB	R	н	BI
Nath	4	0	0	0
Lundgren	4	0	0	0
Beers	3	1	0	0
Sterrett	2	0	1	1
Bartels	3	0	1	0
Reisch	2	0	1	0
Crabtree	2	0	1	0
Roberts	0	0	0	0
Buss	2	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0
Von Tersch	3	0	0	0

Luverne 9, New Ulm 7

Luverne clinched its recordsetting third win of the tournament by eliminating New Ulm Gold by two runs at Baker Field Saturday.

Trailing 6-4 entering the top

of the seventh inning, Luverne put together a five-run rally to gain a 9-6 advantage.

Gaige Nath and Charlie Reisch singled and scored, Declan Beers reached base on an error and scored, Derek Lundgren was hit by a pitch and scored, and Isaiah Bartels walked and scored during the seventh

Gold plated one run in the bottom of the seventh inning before Lundgren retired the last two batters to earn a save.

Ben Serie delivered an RBI single to open the scoring in the first inning, but Gold scored two runs in the second

and fourth innings to open a 4-1 lead.

Nath singled and scored, Lundgren was hit by a pitch and scored, and Serie singled and scored during a three-run fifth inning that knotted the score at four, but Gold scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 6-4 game.

Serie pitched one and twothirds innings of one-hit relief to earn the win.

Bartels(three and one-third innings, four hits and four runs) and Jade Smith (one and one-third innings, one hit and two runs) also pitched for the Cards.

lox score	AB	R	н	
lath	4	3	2	
undgren.	2	2	0	
Beers	3	1	1	
erie	3	1	2	
sterrett	3	0	0	
leisch	3	1	2	
Bartels	2	1	0	
lekali	1	0	0	
Smith	1	0	0	
Buss	1	0	1	
ehr	3	0	0	
loberts	1	0	1	

Luverne 8, Rochester 6

The Cardinals earned the right to play on Saturday by topping Rochester by two runs during an elimination game at Baker Field Friday.

Luverne scored seven runs in the third and fourth innings

and withstood a late challenge to win their second game of the event.

Afterfalling behind 1-0 in the second inning, the Cardinals scored five times in the bottom of the third to move in front to stay.

The rally featured a runscoring single by Serie, a basesloaded walk drawn by Isaiah Bartels and a two-run single by Nathan Nekali.

Rochester scored once in the top of the fourth inning to make it a 5-2 game only to have Serie single home one run and score on a throwing error to give the Cards a 7-2 cushion in the bottom of the fourth.

Luverne still led by five (8-3)when Derek Lundgren, who paced the Cards with three hits, doubled and scored on a throwing error in the sixth inning.

Rochester plated three runs in the top of the seventh and had two runners on base when Serie took the mound and earned a save by fanning the two batters he faced.

Beers pitched six and onethird innings of seven-hit, six-run ball to secure the win.

Bartels yielded one double and walked one batter in relief of Beers before being lifted by Serie.

Box score	AB	R	н	BI
Nath	4	0	2	0
Lundgren	4	2	3	0
Beers	3	2	2	0
Von Tersch	0	0	0	0

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Nowatzki, Dorhout capture crowns during Seniors' tourney

By John Rittenhouse

A format change didn't completely influence the outcome of the 2017 Seniors' Club Tournament staged Saturday at the Luverne Country Club.

Tournament officials scrapped the old format of divisional competition (50-59 division, 60-69 division and 70-and-over division) in favor of grouping all entries in one big pool.

with a three-under-par 69, whileDorhoutcheckedinwith a two-under-par 70.

Both players had their moments during both nine-hole rounds.

Dorhout recorded a birdie on the par-5 second hole and made par on the third hole to gain a two-shot lead over

Nowatzki managed to outdo Dorhout's effort by putting his ball on the green in two shots and sinking the ensuing putt for eagle.

Both players made par on the 18th hole, leaving Nowatzki (35-34-69) with a one-shot victory over Dorhout (35-35-70).

"It was the eagle that won it



John Rittenhouse photo/0817 women's champs

Melissa Sandbulte (middle) won her fourth consecutive Women's Club Tournament title Saturday. Mary Jo Graphenteen (left) and Sharla Reisch (right) placed second and third respectively.

Fast start propels Sandbulte to title

By John Rittenhouse

Melissa Sandbulte turned a strong start into a successful finish during the 66th version of the Women's Club Tournament staged Saturday at the Luverne Country Club.

Sandbulte, who had won three consecutive championships heading into Saturday's event, was spot-on in her play during the opening nine holes of play.

Ultimately, it was Sandbulte's strong start that helped her lock up her fourth consecutive club title and 10th championship since the 2003 season.

"Iput my drives in the fairway and my second shots were good during the first round," Sandbulte said.

"That allowed me to have some makeable birdie and par putts and play to even par for the round."

Sandbulte was sensational in the opening round and was rewarded for her efforts by finishing the loop with a 36-stroke tally.

She registered birdies on the second and seventh holes as well as making par five times and posting two bogeys during a nearly spotless round.

Sandbulte's strong start gave her a four-shot cushion over Mary Jo Graphenteen, a 10-shot advantage over Sharla Reisch and a 12-stroke cushion over Sue Schneekloth when the opening round was complete.

Reisch played the first three holes of the final round at one over par before posting a 47 at the end of the loop to place third overall with a 93.

Schneekloth, the fourth and final member of the championship flight, finished the day with a 96 that included her carding a pair of 48s.

While Sandbulte was able to pull away from the thirdand fourth-place finishers, Graphenteen remained in contention throughout the final round.

The challenger did trim the difference to one stroke when the first two holes of the final round were complete, but Sandbulte simply didn't let Graphenteen complete her comeback attempt.

As sharp as Sandbulte was early, her focus slipped away during the first two holes of the final round.

A short drive by her standards and what she said was a wrong choice of clubs left her on the front left side of the green in two shots.

Her ensuing chip sailed to the back of the green, and she needed three more shots to complete the hole for a double bogey.

Graphenteen made bogey on the same challenge, trimming the difference to three strokes.

Graphenteen continued to apply pressure to the leader on the par-5 11th hole, when she placed the ball on the green in

three strokes before draining a putt for birdie.

Sandbulte took a bogey on the same hole and what was a healthy four-shot lead was trimmed to a one-shot cushion.

The way things played out, Sandbulte never did lose her lead.

Graphenteen's tee shot on the par-3 12th hole found the sand trap on the right side of the green, which led to a bogey.

Sandbulte's tee shot came to rest in the rough on the left side of the green, and she proceeded to complete an upand-down for par to increase her lead to two strokes.

"My chipping wasn't very good in the second round, but I got a good lie in the rough and was able to chip it to within eight feet and make the putt for par," Sandbulte said.

Both players shot identical scores on six of the final seven holes.

The only exception came on the par-4 14th hole, where Sandbulte drained a 15-foot par putt and Graphenteen registered a bogey.

"It was a slippery, downhill putt. Thank goodness I hit the cup because that ball could have rolled a ways," Sandbulte said.

"It always feels good to win this tournament. I love golf and I love the club tournament. I just wish more women would come out and play to make it more competitive for everyone."

The change didn't seem to influence Chris Nowatzki, who captured his fourth consecutive gross championship since he turned 50 prior to the 2014 tournament.

Nowatzki, however, had to earn his 2017 title.

There were 22 players entered into the tournament, but the gross championship turned into a showdown between the eventual champ and challenger Joe Dorhout.

"It was an exciting day," Nowatzki said of the tournament.

"Joe really played well. He putted like a champion and made some really good shots. It was a fun match.'

What made the competition special was the fact that both Now at zki and Dorhout playedexceptional golf to record subpar rounds when the 18-hole event was complete.

Nowatzki finished the day

Nowatzki early in the first round.

Nowatzki battled back by making par on the fourth and seventh holes to gain one stroke on each challenge compared with Dorhout, who took bogeys on both holes.

When the first round was complete, Nowatzki and Dorhout shared the lead after cardingone-under-par 35s.

The second round started like the opening round as Dorhout gained a two-stroke cushion by recording a birdie on the 11th hole and making par on No. 12.

Nowatzki fought back to pull even with Dorhout by carding birdies on the 15th and 16th holes.

Both players remained tied until the decisive 17th hole, which was played well by both combatants.

Dorhout overcame a drive into the trees by hitting sensational second and third shots, which set the stage for him to drain a birdie putt.

for me," Nowatzki said. "I had a pretty good day. I did have one three-putt, but that

was the only mistake I made. I can't say enough about the way Joe played. I think I only had 28 putts for the 18-hole round, and I'm sure he was lower than that."

Finishing in the top five behind Nowatzki and Dorhout were Dan Kern (41-40-81), Dar Elbers (39-43-82) and Corey Stratton (44-38-82).

Dorhout didn't walk away empty-handed as he topped Nowatzki 66-68 to win the low net crown.

Rick Serie and Pat Strassburg shared third place in the net standings with 70s, while 2016 net champion Ivan Kooiker finished fifth with a net 71.

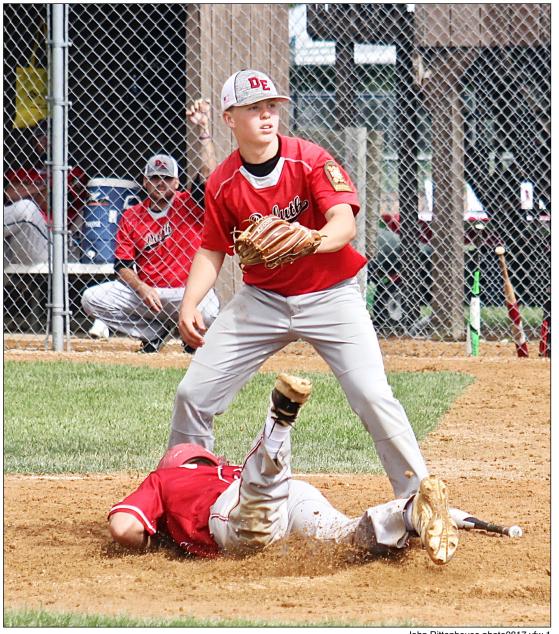
Eight players competed in the pre-seniors version of the tournament.

James Stratton claimed the low gross title with a 79, while Adam Hansen landed the net title with a 70.



John Rittenhouse photo/0817 senior champs

Chris Nowatzki (right) won the Seniors' Club Tournament championship for the fourth consecutive year Saturday at the Luverne Country Club. Joe Dorhout (left) won the low net title.



John Rittenhouse photo0817 vfw 1

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.

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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 the sixth inning struck out, but he reached base when the ball skipped past the Luverne catcher.

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

Box score	AB	к	н	ы
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 which was Beers' third hit of the game.

Serie, Luverne's next batter, grounded a ball down the first-baseline 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 tourstrikeout performance that gave him the win.

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

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



Van Dyk

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.



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).

Aone-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 inproducing 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 oneout single before advancing to third on a double by Beers,

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

Box score	AB	R	н	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

THANK to the following community members and businesses for supporting Rock County Youth in the 20th Annual Rock County Golf Scrambler for Kids held on Monday, August 7

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Berkley Insurance Company Busse Plumbing & Heating Casey's General Store Cleveringa Construction Continental Western Group Country Cupboards Dan Pick Painting Eastern Farmers Cooperative Exchange State Bank Facco, USA First Farmers & Merchants

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/DECIAL THANK/ TO:

Master of Ceremonies: Gary Golla & Mike Smith Grillers: Stan & Vickie Steensma Chicken Breasts: Gold 'n Plump Cake - Susan Schneekloth Salads - Tuesday Morning Coffee Group Awards - Terry's Trophies Luverne Country Club: Denise Hanson & staff The Teams & Golfers



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



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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 Oeltjen-bruns, 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.

Sports CLIPBOARD

Rock County Sportsman's Club Aug. 8

Team Scores: Minnwest Bank - 114 Luverne Body Shop - 113 Slocum Taxidermy 2 - 111 Agri-Energy LLC - 106 Howling Dog – 105 Nergaard Construction - 102 Freedom Ranch – 101 Slocum Taxidermy 1 - 101 Blue Mound Auto Glass - 97 Timmer Dairy – 96 Pizza Ranch – 93 Big Orv's Bar - 85

Individual scores:

<u>25 x 25</u> Doug Deutsch - 2 Jim Slocum – 3 Mike VanWhye

<u>24 x 25</u> Christ Balster - 2 Jim Slocum Mike Gangestad Bill Claussen Steve Nath Bruce Predmore

Star Herald HURCH

St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Saturday, Aug. 19: 5:30 p.m. St. Catherine's Mass. Sunday, Aug. 20: 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Mass. 10:30 a.m. Saint Catherine's Mass. Noon St. Catherine's Picnic. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Confirmation Retreat at Slayton Farm. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 7:30 p.m. SC-KC.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luverncrc.com - luvernecrc@ymail.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.

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

Thursday, 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.

Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

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 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834 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 110th 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. Communit meal. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Aug. 24: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@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. Dohlmann/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

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

New Life Celebration Church 110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com - www.zionlutheranhardwick.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 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. 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 121st St., Garretson, 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 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821 adrmagumc@frontiernet.net - www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com Kristi Franken, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 17:7 p.m. Magnolia Administrative Board meeting. 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.

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

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

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.

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!

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Kristi Franken, Adrian/Magnolia United **Methodist Church**

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 Folks, 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.

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

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.

First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025 Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Worship Leader Michael Blank Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270 e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Saturday, Aug. 19: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Westphal/Stroeh Bridal Shower. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Continuing Vision Meeting/ Potluck.

Hills United Reformed Church 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.







CLASSIFIEDS

Kruse probate FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ROCK

COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-226

DISTRICT COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF In Re: Estate of Burdell Kruse, Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated January 7, 2014. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Julia Ann Kruse, whose address is 609 N. Cottage Grove Ave., Luverne, Minnesota 56156, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 11, 2017

/s/ Sharon L. Tellinghuisen Probate Registrar Denise Brandel Court Adminstrator

Evan Anema (MN# 391732) Estate Planning Solutions Law Firm, Prof. LLC 4300 S. Louise Ave. Suite 107 Sioux Falls South Dakota 57106 Telephone: (605) 906-8118 Facsimile: (605) 906-8118 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

(08-17, 08-24)

(8-17, 8-24)

Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Aug. 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING AMENDMENT Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 8:00 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comment and act on a Zoning Amendment to change the applicable zoning to I-1, General Industry, for the property described as follows:

The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) and all that part of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) lying South of the Right-of-Way of Interstate 90 as now established across the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4), ALL in Section Fifteen (15), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., EXCEPT THAT TRACT described as:

Beginning at the East Quarter Corner of Section 15 (15), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Forty-Five (45) West of the 5th P.M., thence south 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 01 Sections West 868.40 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 44 Minutes 33 Seconds West 1294.42 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 44 Minutes 30 Seconds West 1064.7 feet to the South Rigth of Way of Interstate 90 to the East line of Section 15; thence South 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 59 Seconds East 1.00 foot to the point of beginning. The bearing of the South Half (S 1/2) of the East Line of said Section 15 (15) is assumed South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 01 Seconds West. AND ALSO EXCEPT the following tract:

The East 750.00 feet lying South of a line described as beginning on the East line of said Section Fifteen (15) South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds West 868.40 feet from the East Quarter Corner of said Section Fifteen (15); thence South 89 Degrees 44 Minutes 33 Seconds West. Bearings are assumed. AND ALSO EXCEPT the North 500 feet therof, already zoned as General Industry. All interested parties are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, any comments or questions may be submitted in writing by 4:00 p.m., August 28, 2017, to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, MN 56156

single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on March 28, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

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

Dated: July 25, 2017

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 30 - 17-004731 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(08-03, 08-10, 08-17, 08-24, 08-31, 09-07)

CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

L.G. Everist Inc. is looking for an enthusiastic and talented saw operator for our cut stone division in Jasper, MN. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package in a family friendly environment. Please log on to www.lgeverist.com and select the About Us/Careers tab to submit an application online, email hr@lgeverist. com or apply in person at 309 S Sherman, Jasper, MN.

(8.10-8.8.27)

SUPERVISOR: Sign-on Bonus!!! Client Community Services, Inc., based in Worthington, Minnesota, has an opening for a full-time PROGRAM SU-PERVISOR position managing two of our homes Luverne, Minnesota. The Supervisor provides supported living services for persons with disabilities and includes the supervision and scheduling of direct care staff; implementation of consumer program goals; support and evaluation of ongoing services; medication administration; management of budgeted finances and compliance with relevant rules governing the program. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact Virginia Rath at 507-376-3171, extension 7, or apply on line at www.clientcommunityservices.org. CCSI is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer (8.3-8.20)

SUBSTITUTES for the 2017-18 school year at Blue Mound Learning Center in Pipestone, MN. Substitute Teachers must have MN Special Education licensure and will be paid \$125 per day. Substitute Paraprofessionals with EBD experience preferred. Paraprofessional pay starts at \$12.20 per hour. Complete online application at www.swsc. org/application and include cover letter, application form, copy of license (if applicable), resume, and two letters of reference. For questions about the position contact Steve Rops at 507-825-5858, ext. 2716 or steve.rops@swsc.org. EOE. (8.13-9.3)

EMPLOYMENT

NEEDED

Bus Driver - Rock County Community Transit of United Community Action Partnership is seeking part and full time bus drivers for our Rock County Area. We offer flexible hours, training to obtain a CDL with passenger endorsement, PTO, holiday pay, and a competitive benefits package for eligible positions. Qualified applicants should have a clean driving record and will be required to pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Read about us, learn more about this opportunity, and apply online at www.unitedcapmn.org. AA/ ADA/EOE Employer. (8.13 - 8.17)

EMPLOYMENT

WANTED: Assistant Teacher for Rock Rapids Head Start Center. Monday- Thursday, 26 hours a week, September through May. Eligible for benefits, including IPERS. For more information or to apply online, please visit www.mid-1-800-859-2025. sioux.org. An Equal Opportunity Employer. (8.13 - 8.31)

Adrian Public School is seeking applications for a classroom/special education paraprofessionals at the Elementary and Middle/High School. Candidates will work with teachers providing academic and behavioral support to students. Candidates should hold an associates degree, or have certification via the Para Pro assessment. If interested, please submit a letter of application, resume, current letters of reference, and a completed district application found at www.isd511.net. Send application materials to: Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information on the Para Pro assessment, please contact Cate Koehne at c.koehne@ isd511.net or Russ Lofthus at r.lofthus@isd11.net Positions open until filled. (8.6-8.24)

CAREGIVER/DSP: Earn money, have fun, and gain valuable work experience working with people with disabilities! Client Community Services, Inc., based in Worthington, Minnesota, has openings for staff at our two homes located in Luverne, Minnesota. Variable hours. Contact Virginia Rath at 507-376-3171, extension 7, or apply on line at www.clientcommunityservices.org. CCSI is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

(8.3 - 8.20)

TEAM LEAD: Client Community Services. Inc., based in Worthington, Minnesota, has an opening for a 39/hour/week team lead position in Luverne, Minnesota. The Team Lead provides direct care, program implementation and community integration for persons with disabilities in a home setting and assists the supervisor in the home's day-to-day activities, including office duties. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact Virginia Rath at 507-376-3171, extension 7, or apply on line at www. clientcommunityservices.org. CCSI is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer (8.3 - 8.20)

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 28

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 26, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Jamil A. Davis, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded March 26, 2008 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 168657

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Chase Home Finance, LLC. Dated October 20, 2009 Recorded November 9, 2009, as Document No. 172510. And also assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated March 12, 2013 Recorded March 25, 2013, as Document No. 181529.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORT-GAGE: 100052217005069633

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORT-GAGE: First Premier Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 124 Water Avenue South, Hills, MN 56138

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 15-0059-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The N. 60 feet of Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, All in Block 3, Original Plat of the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$71,354.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUD-

ING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$141,175.98 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mort-

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

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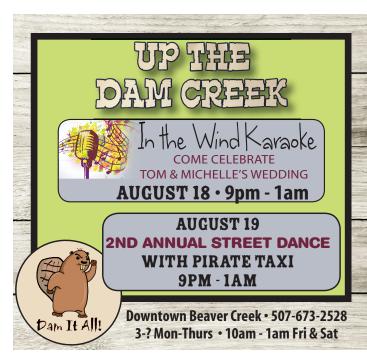
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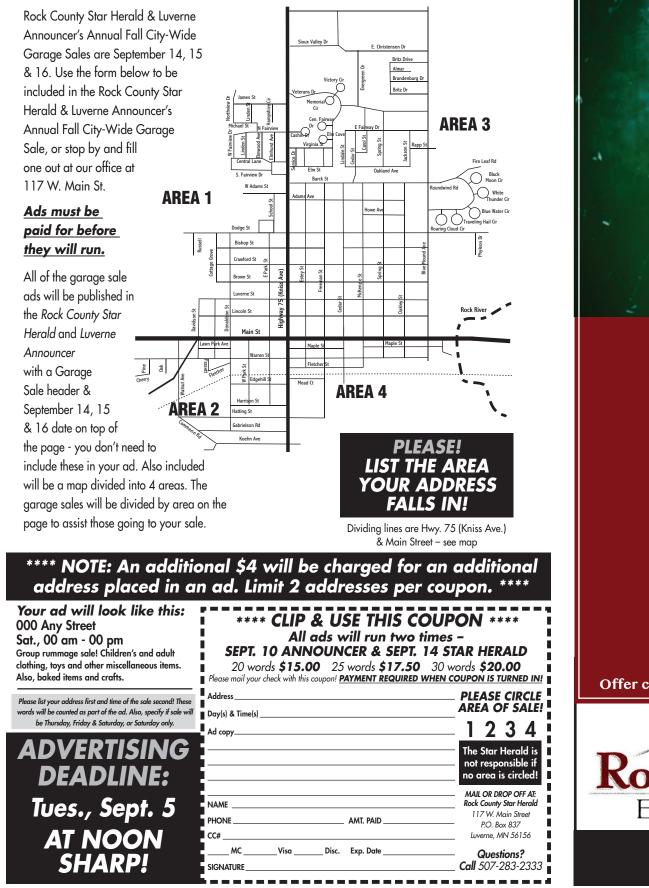
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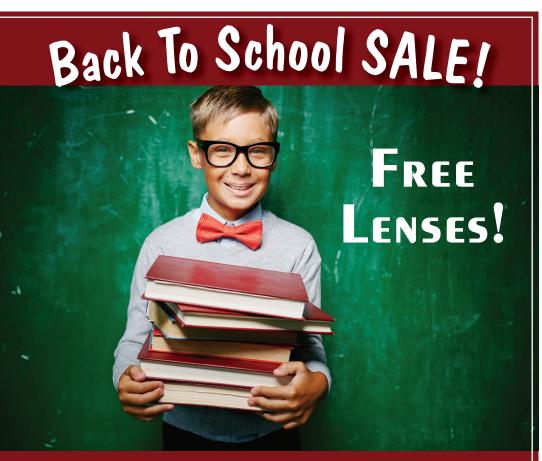
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