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Highway 75 emergency repairs to start soon

*Work to be done
by end of July,
weather permitting*

By Mavis Fodness

The rough driving lanes on North Highway 75 in Luverne will get emergency repairs by the end of July, according to Minnesota Department of Transportation officials who met with local leaders July 2.

They're being called emergency repairs because they'll carry the road surface over until it's rebuilt in 2025.

Greg Ous, MnDOT District 7 engineer and Sam Parker, District 7 principal planner, met with county commissioners.

"We are trying to give you an understanding of where we are at for our fiscal position and what the struggles are on portions of the system," Ous said.

He said Highway 75 is one of five state roads in District 7 scheduled for emergency repairs this summer after harsh winter temperatures caused water to enter the road's joints, causing the roadbed to deteriorate.

Ous inspected the roadway and announced in May the schedule for emergency repairs because moisture in the road joints created rough driving lanes. He said drivers are using portions of the center turning lane to avoid these rough areas.

"That's what we need to get away from," Ous said. "We need to get them back into the driving lane where people expect them to be."

Duininck Inc. of Prinsburg was commissioned to complete the estimated \$150,000 in repairs.

Crews are expected to finish repairing both driving lanes from Main Street to Veterans Drive by July 31, depending on the weather.

Workers will mill off and level rough road areas and seal joints before applying a new bituminous layer.

"We are trying to do the best we can to seal that area off and not have the freeze-thaw action we saw last year," Ous said.

In the 10-year plan, he said District 7 has the highest "poor" ride quality index (RQI) among the state's eight districts.

Each year roadways receive a RQI rating. Any RQI 2.0 or less is considered poor. In 2017 North Highway 75's RQI was 2.3.

District 7 is comprised of 13 counties in southwest Minnesota with headquarters located in Mankato.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0711 fourth of july beach

Organizers of Fourth of July events in Luverne estimate roughly 2,000 people came and went from The Lake and nearly 5,000 watched the fireworks display Thursday night. Below right, Daxton Haas was among hundreds who enjoyed sunshine on the beach for the holiday festivities.

Luverne celebrates July 4 on the water

Fourth of July at The Lake enjoys sunshine, blue skies, games, fireworks and more

By Lori Sorenson

An estimated 2,000 people celebrated the Fourth of July at The Lake in Luverne Thursday.

The event — the fifth in a row — was marked by sunshine, blue skies and busy shorelines and lake water.

"There were tons of kids and adults in the water throughout the day," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. "All the kayaks were out all the time."

Luverne residents Mike and Traci Davis, Curt and Marilyn Bloemendaal and Billy and Missy Cowell shared their kayaks for the day, and The Lake visitors put them to good use.

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— Jane Lanphere.
Chamber Director

Lanphere said bingo under the tent was a popular addition to this year's event, with 150 cards sold and 100 percent payouts.

July 4 at The Lake/see page 14



Gevo wind turbines approved for property line variances

Applying for conditional use permit next step in process before construction begins

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Board of Adjustment granted two property line setback easements to Gevo Inc. of Luverne for its wind fuel project after a July 1 public hearing.

The project involves construction of two 2.4-megawatt wind turbines about 2 1/2 miles west of the Luverne renewable energy production plant.

Twenty people attended the

hearing where project partner Juhl Energy Development of Chanhassen requested the turbines to be built closer to neighboring property lines than the county ordinance allows. The project meets all other setback requirements.

The ordinance stipulates that turbines must be three times the rotor diameter east-west and five times the diameter north and south from a neighboring property.

The proposed turbines are 450 feet from the blade tip to the ground.

"In order to achieve that (setback) we need to have a parcel three-quarters of a mile to a half mile (from the neighboring property line)," said Aaron Thibert with Juhl Energy. "There aren't a lot of these (parcels) that remain out there."

The proposed turbines would be located in sections 17 and 19 of Luverne Township.

The turbines would provide electrical power directly to the plant, reducing the plant's reliance on power generated by carbon-based sources.

Concerns raised at the hearing included loss of property owner rights and health concerns from noise and shadow flickers from the operating turbines.

"Obviously we are going to lose

Gevo wind/continued on page 5

Library promotes reading in nature

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Library officials are promoting reading outdoors in a series of events called "Peaceful Park Summer Book Club."

The one-hour events take place at 10 a.m. each Wednesday through the month of July at five different Luverne parks.

The first of five Peaceful Park events was at the Luverne City Park July 3.

"The idea behind this event is to use reading as a chance to get out and enjoy our city," said Library director Calla Jarvie, who hosts the events.

"We have so many wonderful parks, and we have such a short time to really enjoy them."

Peaceful Park reading eliminates the pressure of a traditional



Mavis Fodness photo/0711 Library Park
Evan McCrary reads "Abigail Adams" at the Luverne City Park July 3 for the Rock County Library's scheduled "Peaceful Park" event.

book club, where everyone has to read a certain book at a certain time, Jarvie added.

The park events promote "no pressure, and no discussion required."

A light blue banner designates the reading location at each park. Participants can sit near the banner or on nearby park benches or park equipment.

Participants can discuss books or sit quietly together and read.

Scheduled events (all in Luverne) include:

- July 10, Riverside Park.
- July 17, The Lake.
- July 24, Kolbert Park.
- July 31, Evergreen Park.

Participants need to bring their blankets, chairs, beverages and books to the free events.

Firefly approved for historic facade improvement

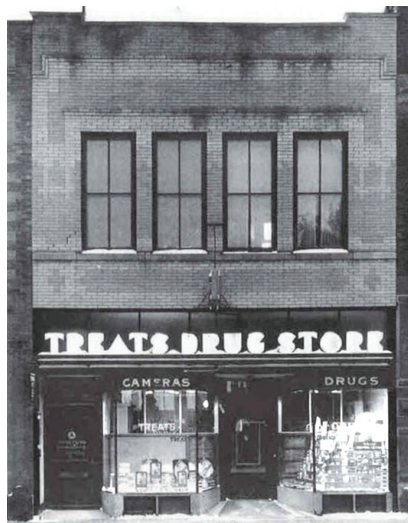
By Lori Sorenson

Another downtown Luverne business will be updated through the Historic Facade Improvement Program, according to action at a recent Luverne Economic Development Authority meeting.

The LEDA board approved a facade improvement application by David and Stacy Riphagen for their Firefly business at 210 E. Main Street.

It operates as a sister business to their Dragonfly Boutique business downtown.

The planned improvements include removing wood facade; repairing, cleaning, and tuck pointing brick as needed; replacing four



Firefly is located in what was once Treats Drug Store in 1910.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at the library to carpool to Quilts and More in Elkton, South Dakota. Supper will follow the tour. Call Sharon at 507-227-3821.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch for all persons with MS, family and friends. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Rock County homeschool group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, in the Rock County Library for “Homeschooling in Minnesota.” Call Katie 605-838-1501.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be at Orr and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

Parkinson’s Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Rock County homeschool group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, in the Rock County Library for “Homeschooling for High School.” Call 605-838-1501.

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

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

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne. 507-449-1246.

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

Register for Wiernerman, Tour de Donut

- Wiernerman World Championships, a four-person relay with eating challenges, takes place on Hot Dog Night, Thursday, July 11, in downtown Luverne at 7 p.m.
- Tour de Donut Minnesota is Saturday, July 13. The 55-mile race begins at 7 a.m. at Luverne City Park. The shorter routes begin at 8 a.m. at the park.

Internet and Medicare seminars

- The Senior LinkAge Line will offer a class for **beginning internet** users from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, at St. John Lutheran Church, 803 North Cedar Street, Luverne. The class is for adults who would like to learn the basics of operating a computer, how to use the internet and how to use email. Participants will also learn how to use www.medicare.gov website.
- A class to learn the **basics of Medicare** will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 15, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Participants will learn the basics of Medicare and their coverage options in Minnesota. The class size will be kept small to allow time for personal attention. Preregister by calling 507-283-2316. A free light supper will be provided by St. John beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Sign up for soccer, coaches needed

Soccer league for ages 4 through grade 4 (end of 2019 school year) begins Aug. 6 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Call Michelle Dekam at 227-6125 if you can coach. Training will be provided.

Brown Bag Concert Series starts July 16

Luverne Street Music will host a Brown Bag Lunchtime Concert Series from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting Tuesday, July 16, featuring free live music. Bring a chair and lunch; a limited number of picnic tables will be available. Rain location is inside the Carnegie.

Free food July 18

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the Generations building (former Senior Center) on East Lincoln Street for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 283-4366.

Splish Splash Summer Bash July 18

The summer Thursday Night Plaza series continues with Splish Splash Summer Bash from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the History Center parking lot on East Main Street in Luverne. Supper will be available served by Sterling’s Café and Grille, and there will be free water games and activities for all ages, sponsored by local businesses.

Register by July 18 for defensive driving

Save money on your car insurance premium if you are 55 or older by taking the 8-hour defensive driving class Aug. 13 and Aug. 20 through Luverne Community Education. Classes will be four hours each evening. Cost is \$25. Register by calling 507-283-4724 by July 18. (The office will be closed from July 19 through Aug. 9.)

WildFlowers has new owners, same mission

By Lori Sorenson

WildFlowers owners Vicki Altena and Manda Steensma have been prayerfully seeking new owners for their downtown Luverne coffee boutique.

When they announced in March the business was for sale, they said they’d be patient in finding someone to continue their mission.

“I call this community ministry,” Altena said when the business opened in January 2018. “We wanted a place for people to sit and relax and just take a deep breath.”

Last week she and Steensma announced they were selling to Tracy Wieneke, Adrian, and Teri Jeeninga, Rock Rapids.

“We had a lot of great parties interested in WildFlowers Coffee, but we felt that Terri and Tracy’s mission and vision for the business most closely matched ours,” Altena said.

“We loved their enthusiasm and their eagerness to serve the community of Luverne.”

The sisters, who grew up near Little Rock, Iowa, said they plan to continue WildFlowers’ mission in the community.

“We look forward to working with the current staff and continuing the fun and relaxed environment Wildflowers provides,” Jeeninga said.

“We’re both coffee enthusiasts and look forward to sharing that love with the community.”

They said they like the WildFlowers menu traditions of tasty lunch entrees, sweet treats and Saturday morning cinnamon rolls.

“But mostly we’re looking forward to making WildFlowers not just a business but also an important part of the community,” Wieneke said.

The two women, who have both worked throughout their lives as part-time servers and kitchen staff in restaurants, bring unique assets to the partnership.

Jeeninga has a business degree and works with small businesses through Alpha Omega Publications in Rock Rapids.



Lori Sorenson photo/0711 wildflowers for sale

Manda Steensma (back, left) and Vicki Altena (back, right) sold their WildFlowers Coffee Boutique to Tracy Wieneke, Adrian, (front, left) and Teri Jeeninga, Rock Rapids. The Jeeninga sisters, who grew up near Little Rock, Iowa, said they plan to continue WildFlowers’ mission in the community of ministering to those who need peace and compassion.

Wieneke, a distance learning teacher with Alpha Omega Academy, lives in Adrian with her husband and three children. She said the partnership with her sister will capitalize on their personal strengths.

“We both have great people skills and organizational talents,” she said.

“And we can’t wait to apply these to the hard work Vicki and Manda have already put into WildFlowers.”

They said they’re committed to maintaining the high standards already in place.

“We welcome the challenge and are very grateful to Vick and Manda for giving us the opportunity and providing so much help during the transition,” Jeeninga said.

“Everyone involved wants to see WildFlowers experience continued success and continue to provide quality items with an uplifting environment for all of its customers.”

The business was closed July 1-4 for the transition and is now back in operation under new owners who said customers won’t notice anything

different.

“The plan is to continue the excellence that Vicki and Manda have created at WildFlowers, so there will be no major changes,” Wieneke said.

“We’ll continue things the way they currently are, especially in the first couple of months. Customers can expect to see the same amazing service and great food they have grown to love and expect from WildFlowers.”

Steensma said she has confidence the new owners will do well in Luverne. Her advice?

“Listen to your customers and build relationships with them,” she said. “Continue to create a feeling of being known and feeling like family.”

A banner-size quote by poet Nakita Gill sprawls on the wall behind the counter as a reminder of the business mission to provide comfort and peace.

“I hope you are blessed with a heart like a wildflower, strong enough to rise again after being trampled upon, tough enough to weather the

worst of summer storms and be able to grow and flourish even in the most broken places,” the message reads.

Altena said WildFlowers has become the place they hoped it would be.

“We feel successful because every day we have witnessed the smiles, laughter, conversations and sometimes prayers that happen here,” Altena said. “That is why Manda and I set out to do this in the first place.”

She and Steensma said they’ll continue to support the business.

“Our hope is that the community will embrace the new owners, Terri and Tracy, and give them grace as they find their way in their new business,” Altena said.

The new owners said they might consider adding Monday hours, which will be announced on the WildFlowers Facebook page.

Current hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Gift card balances will be honored.



Firefly facade/from page 1

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upper-story windows; cleaning glass block in the transom area; fabricating and installing an aluminum awning; and updating signage.

The building once served as Treats Drug Store around 1910, and the proposal included photographs of the brick-front business with tall second-floor windows as it appeared then.

The goal of the Firefly façade improvement is to bring back some of the historic appeal of the turn-of-the-century drug store downtown.

The Riphagens will receive a grant in the amount of \$11,550 and are choosing to forgo the loan portion of the program.



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Cast of 55 children perform ‘Snow Queen’ Friday, Saturday

By Mavis Fodness

Fifty-five children ages 5 to 18 are taking part in a weeklong theater camp at the Palace Theater in Luverne.

Missoula Children’s Theatre conducts the five days of auditions and rehearsals, which culminate in two public performances Friday night and Saturday morning.

This year’s performance is “Snow Queen.”

On Monday morning the two children’s theater directors led participants through a series of audition exercises as they cast students into various parts.

Fifty-one students received acting parts with four students chosen as assistant directors: Leif Tollefson, Laura Sheppard, Adam Ask and Jackson Gangestad.

Monday afternoon and the rest of the week, students learned various acting methods as they prepared for the two public performances of the “Snow Queen.”

The play is set in the Land of Colored Ice and tells a story about two best friends, Gerty (played by Clara Talsma) and Kay (Elliot Visscher). Kay doesn’t believe the Snow Queen (Reilly Wulf) exists.

The Snow Queen kidnaps Kay, and Gerty sets out on a quest to find her friend.

The quest is retold by a group of fun-loving, imaginative hobgoblins.

During the storytelling, various characters such as yetis, talking reindeer and snow chickens help Gerty discover what it takes to overcome obstacles, keep resilience alive and melt down the Snow Queen’s icy walls to rescue her friend.

Directors of the play are Missoula Children’s Theatre veterans Shayla Rogers and



Mavis Fodness photos/0711 Missoula 2019

Fifty-five students participate in an audition exercise Monday morning led by Missoula Children’s Theatre directors Shayla Rogers (far left) and Casey Papas.

Casey Papas. Both toured with the Missoula Community Theatre before picking up director’s scripts.

“I really missed working with the kids,” Rogers said. “This company holds special memories for me.”

As a child, Rogers participated in the weeklong practice sessions, which culminate in two public performances.

She remembers learning life skills of public speaking and self-confidence on the stage.

Papas relates to the skills learned on stage along with voice projection and learning to interact with people.

“I love to take theater to areas that don’t have much of an outlet,” he said.

Luverne, however, is rich in performance opportunities when compared to his experience in Utqiagvik, Alaska.

The hourlong play was written by Michael McGill and adapted from the classic fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson.



Above, Reilly Wulf is cast as the Snow Queen.

In the photo at right, eight theater camp participants receive congratulatory applause after they were chosen to depict snow chickens. Pictured from left are director Shayla Rogers, assistant director Adam Ask, director Casey Papas and cast members Noel Henricks, Olivia Schneekloth, Clara Sandager, Kaidyn Mundt, Taedra McKenzie, Harper Phelps, Emmett Woodley and Lilly Willers. In back are assistant directors Leif Tollefson, Laura Sheppard and Jack Gangestad.



The public performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday at the Palace Theatre on Main Street

Luverne. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door or in advance at the Palace Theatre

Box Office, 283-4339. Blue Mound Area Theatre, Green Earth Players and Luverne Community

Education sponsor the camp with help from a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council.

Former business manager at SYS in Magnolia faces felony charge for stealing from company

By Lori Sorenson

A Hardwick woman is accused of stealing nearly \$13,000 from her former employer, Southwest Youth Services in Magnolia, where she worked as business manager.

Felony theft charges were filed against 28-year-old Amber Christine Shaw in Rock County District Court Friday, July 5, after book-keeping discrepancies led to her termination.

According to the complaint, Southwestern Youth Services director Don Johnson contacted Rock County law enforcement on May 30 regarding Shaw’s alleged theft.

He said he terminated Shaw a week prior after noticing discrepancies in payroll and paid time off reporting and that she seemed to be taking a lot of time off.

He said she was paying herself for extra hours without documenting the time she had taken off.

When Johnson confronted her about it during her termination, she reportedly told him she was sorry,



Amber Christine Shaw

but thought she deserved more pay.

After further examining the books, he found that she reportedly put \$100 into her health savings account instead of the contracted \$22.50 and changed paid time off accrual from 4 to 5 percent.

The most significant discrepancy was a \$5,000 check from a county that was deposited into one of the “canteen” accounts rather than its designated account.

The books showed that she later wrote a \$5,000 check for cash to herself on Dec. 24, 2018. On six other transactions, she wrote \$500 checks from the canteen accounts for cash.

Johnson told investigators there would be no reason for Shaw to write

checks for cash from those accounts.

He also noted that after she had been terminated, she had contacted Minnwest Bank to have the account statements no longer mailed to SYS.

Johnson told local law enforcement he contacted a forensic accountant about checking the company’s financial accounts, and on June 17 those documents were turned in to the Rock County Sheriff’s Office.

They showed \$4,446.17 in payroll discrepancies and \$8,520 in checks written to Shaw for cash for a total of \$12,966.17 in alleged theft.

On July 2, Rock County Investigator Jeff Wieneke conducted a recorded interview with Shaw at the Law Enforcement Center after hearing her Miranda rights and waiving her right to have an attorney present.

She said she’d been employed by SYS for four years and was business manager since 2017. When told of the forensic accounting discoveries, Shaw said the cash was for students.

When asked about the \$5,000 check in December 2018, Shaw said it was for weight equipment purchased from Craigslist and the seller had requested cash. Johnson said the only weight equipment purchased at SYS was for \$300, and it had been a year ago.

When asked if it was her handwriting on the checks in question, she confirmed it was, and then she requested an attorney. She also said she was surprised Johnson hadn’t talked to her about what was going on with the accounts.

The complaint states that Shaw went on to say she had been writing checks out for cash and then depositing the cash into the First Dakota National Bank account. Deposit records for First National, however, didn’t corroborate this claim.

Shaw was then arrested and transported to the Nobles County Jail in Worthington. She faces a felony charge of theft by check, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail and a \$20,000 fine.

Nominate 2019 FSA county committee candidates for local elections by Aug. 1

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs.

Committees are comprised of locally elected agricultural producers responsible for the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties.

Committee members are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. If elected, members become part of a local decision making and farm program delivery process.

A county committee is composed of three to 11 elected members from local administrative areas (LAA). Each member serves a three-year term.

To be eligible for nomination and hold office as a committee member or alternate, a person must fulfill each of the following requirements:

- be a producer with an interest in farming or ranching operations.
- participate or cooperate in any FSA program provided for by law.
- be a U.S. citizen.
- be of legal voting age.
- meet the basic eligibility requirements.
- reside in the county or multi-county jurisdiction in which they will be serving.

All nomination forms for the 2019 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA service center by Aug. 1, 2019. For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: *Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member* available online at: fsa.usda.gov/elections.

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A building is just a building — but most of the LHS of my youth is gone

Thou-sands of students — including me — have received diplomas from Luverne High School since it was built in 1956.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

I am nostalgic for the building where I spent my formative years, but I'm excited about the changes.

The LHS Class of 1983 celebrates its “35th plus one” class reunion this weekend.

The reunion comes on the heels of the June 20 groundbreaking ceremony that honored the changes coming to the 63-year-old facility.

For days leading up to the groundbreaking, I watched two excavators nibble away at a portion of the two-story west wing. Memories, while distant, began to emerge as the classrooms came down.

One of those rooms was where I attended kindergarten. Another is where Gordon Gits instructed us on proper reference and research techniques, and in another we explored Minnesota authors with Roger Headrick.

The cleared area makes room for the new middle-high school commons and performing arts center.

The center replaces the former school auditorium (also known as the Little Theater), which is being remodeled into band and choir suites.

As a high school student, I performed in several plays in the Little Theater. That's where I learned I couldn't act or memorize lines, for that matter.

The experience, however, developed within me an appreciation for the performing arts, and I enjoyed watching my own children perform on that same stage.

Now that space no longer resembles the theater of my middle and high school days.

Equally transformed is the former band room, where I spent six years learning to play the clarinet, both in marching on the street and in formal concert settings.

The tiered floors are now

being leveled and the walls and hallway between the band and the next-door choir room are now gone. The area will become a multi-purpose physical education and weight room.

Finally, an area where I spent a great share of my high school years is the upstairs media center.

In two years the media center will move to the second floor of what will be the new commons area in the center of the school campus. The former media center that I knew as the high school library will be remodeled into middle-school classrooms.

I am nostalgic for the building where I spent my formative years, but I'm excited about the changes.

Rather than feeling a sense of loss for what once was, I instead feel a sense of community and a duty to “pay it forward” for the next generations of students.

... Just like parents and grandparents did for my classmates and me.

The old high school served us well, and its construction makeover will help it continue to create memories for the next 60-plus years of high school graduates.

Corporate profits skyrocket while worker pay remains flat

In 2018 CEOs of Standard and Poor's 500 companies made on average \$14.5 million, up from the \$500,000 dollar raise from 2017.

Compare that to the average rank-and-file worker who received barely more than a \$1,000 raise, bringing total take-home pay in 2018 to \$39,888.

Even with the extra cash, wages are not keeping up with inflation. The average worker isn't making enough to cover rent for a two-bedroom apartment in 15 of the largest cities across the country.

Meanwhile, 40 percent of hourly workers have nothing saved for an emergency, while 75 percent have less than \$500.

We know this equality gap isn't new. Over the past decade, the average S&P 500 CEO's pay increased by more than \$5 million, while the average worker only saw an increase of less than \$800 a year.

Not surprisingly, the CEO-to-worker pay ratio remains high: 287 to 1 — meaning the average CEO earns 287 times what an average employee earns.

This disparity represents a fundamental problem with our economy: Productivity and corporate profits are through the roof, but wages for working people are flat and staying flat.

What's causing this and how can we fix it?

Well, the recent tax cut only made things worse by widening the gap between the 1 percent and the rest of us.

The corporate income tax rate was

GUEST EDITORIAL

Submitted by Dale Moerke, Luverne, field staff,
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reduced from 35 percent to 21 percent, and 60 of the largest U.S. companies paid nothing in federal income taxes last year — despite being profitable. As an example, Amazon users pay more for a Prime membership than Amazon paid in federal income taxes last year.

Stock buybacks are another loophole CEOs are taking advantage of to line their own pockets. Instead of investing in their greatest asset — workers — companies can now purchase their own stock to boost short-term stock prices and executive pay.

Here's an example: In recent years, video game maker Activision Blizzard kept significant profits overseas to avoid paying federal taxes on those profits here in the U.S.

In 2018 Activision recorded a \$225 million federal tax benefit, despite \$1.8 billion in earnings worldwide. It also reduced its offshore cash holdings from \$3 billion to \$1.4 billion. And in January 2019, it adopted a stock buyback program to repurchase up to \$1.5 billion in shares.

This was just a month before the company laid off 800 employees — nearly 8 percent of its staff.

Here's the kicker: Activision CEO Robert Kotick received \$30.8 million in 2018 — 319 times the typical employee. This is like legal highway robbery.

Here's how it works:

•First, buybacks help CEOs and executives artificially meet their incentive pay targets. For example, stock buybacks can boost earnings per share — even if earnings don't grow.

•Second, the short-term boost in a stock's price from a buyback is often used by executives to liquidate shares that they received as part of their compensation package.

Here's what we can do:

The AFL-CIO is calling on the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to take action on corporate executives who abuse stock buybacks for their own personal gain.

And, we're supporting federal legislation that would ban stock buybacks.

Bottom line:

For too long, corporate greed and rigged economic rules have created a relentlessly growing pay gap between CEOs and the rest of us.

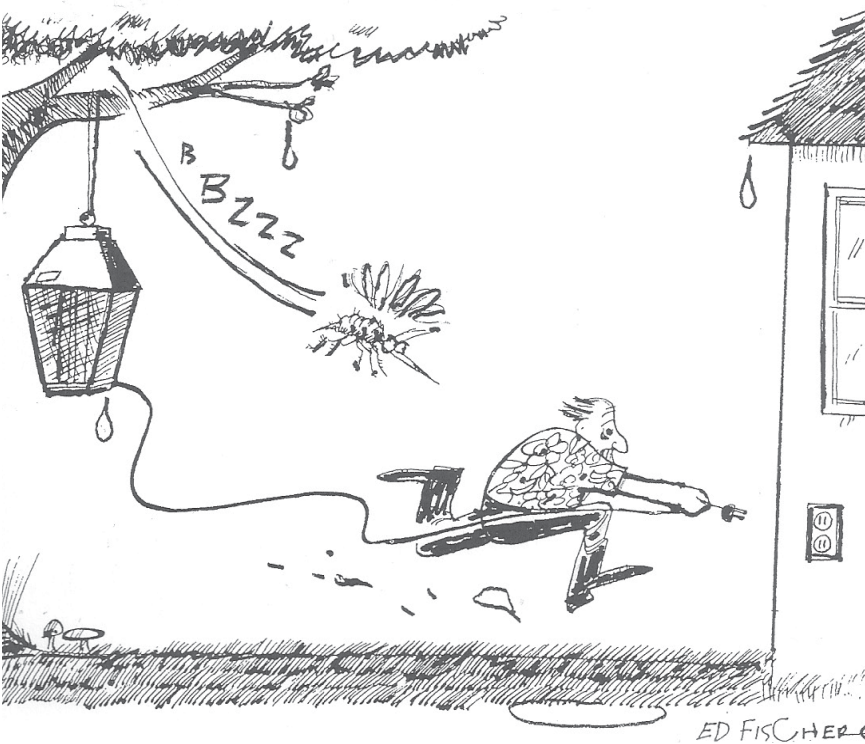
It's why everything from a college education to retirement security to gas prices are getting harder and harder for people to afford. We see it every day in communities across the country. And that must change.

Our economy works best when consumers have money to spend. That means raising wages for workers and reining in out of control executive pay.

This year's report is a stark reminder that working people must use our collective voice to form bigger, stronger unions and rewrite economic rules once and for all.

Author: AFL-CIO Secretary and Treasurer Liz Shuler

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Ask a Trooper: Some fog lights are not legal

Question: Can you give out information about fog lights? I notice a lot of people have them on and when I am meeting them on the road in the evening or at night, some are very bright and make seeing the road very difficult. Some of them appear to be out of alignment and are blinding. I hope that having people read this will help make a difference. Thanks.

Answer: There are some specific requirements for those lights, but if the fog lights are aimed too high and/or are too bright then they are not legal, even if they are in compliance with the rest of the law. All lights for vehicles have to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety and they have to be allowed (or required) by statute.

MN State Statute 169.56 Sub 2 says, “Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed two fog lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than 12 inches nor more than 30 inches above the level

surface upon which the vehicle stands and so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle shall at a distance of 25 feet ahead project higher than a level of four inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes. Lighted fog lamps meeting the above requirements may be used with lower headlamp beams...”

Another relevant law is MN State Statute 169.63(b), which also tells us that, “When a motor vehicle equipped with headlamps, as (herein) required, is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps, spot lamps or any other lamps on the front thereof projecting a beam of intensity greater than 300-candle power, not more than a total of four of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway.”

Also, some of the lights you are seeing might actually be “daytime

running lights.” Many of those are on automatically and are installed by the manufacturer. The driver may not always have the ability to turn them off. They cannot be used in lieu of headlights, but sometimes they are, which would be a violation. It is a good practice to keep your lights on at all times on the road to make yourself more visible to other drivers. It's the law to have headlights (and tail lights) on during rain. I hope this information helps.

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

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

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Area is fortunate to have generous local organizations

To the Editor:

The Luverne and Rock County community is fortunate to have generous organizations like the Luverne United Methodist Church and ATLAS of Rock County.

The Methodist Church hosts the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf, every week providing free nutrition to local families and individuals who struggle to put food on the table. The same congregation has generously reached out to help local homeless people seeking shelter.

These acts of kindness by the church and by all who support its ministry mean the world to those who are helped.

Similarly, ATLAS of Rock County operates in the same spirit of kindness and generosity through its outreach programs that provide support for families and individuals in crisis situations.

ATLAS — Attaining Truth Love And Self-Control — works with churches and resource organizations to meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of people.

More communities should follow the lead of these two groups and the businesses and individuals that support them. We are blessed to have them here.

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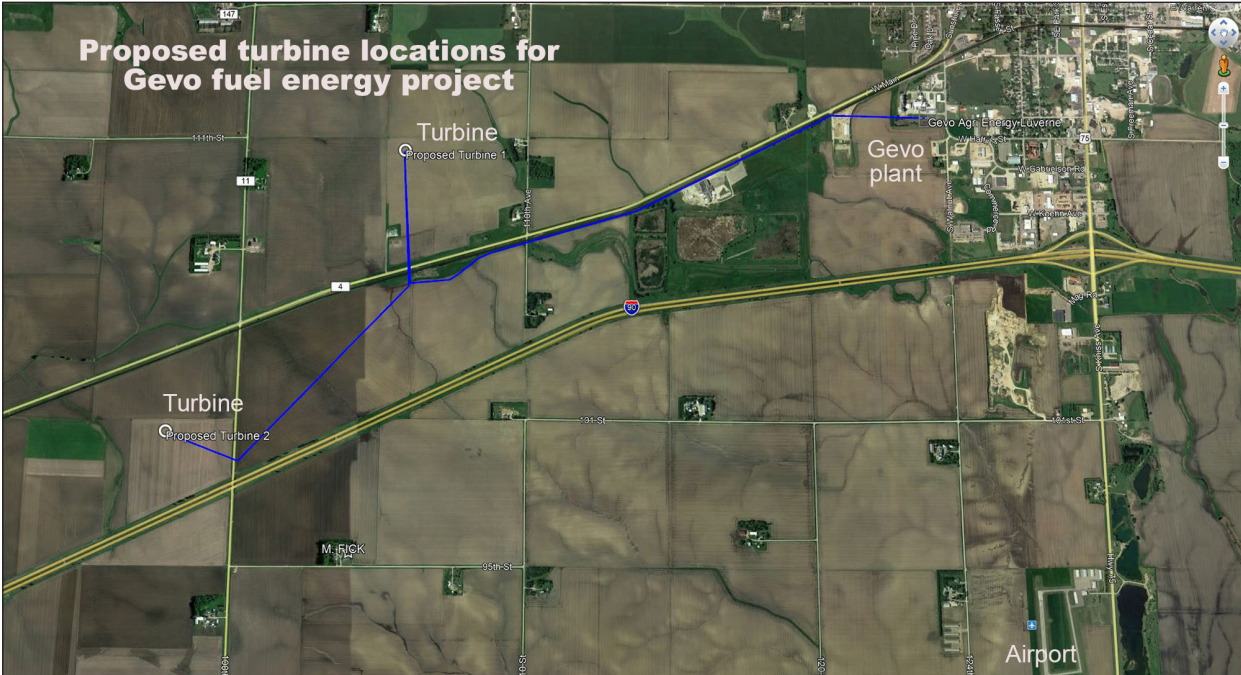
ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 28
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported found bike.
•Complainant on North Kniss Avenue reported found vehicle title in parking lot.
•Complainant reported harassment.
•Complainant on Quarry Road reported an accident with a four-wheeler.
•Casey's reported a hit-and-run accident.
•Motorist requested assistance at Highway 75, mile marker 7.
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported fireworks going off.
June 29
•Coddington County, Watertown, South Dakota, arrested subject on our warrant.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a burglar alarm.
•Complainant at 21st Street in Hills reported a stolen ATV.
•Complainant reported vehicle for driving conduct on Highway 75 southbound to Luverne.
•Complainant reported hazard on road surface on County Road 12 west of 70th Avenue.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported theft from hotel room.
•The Hardwick Fire Department is out for the parade.
•Complainant reported Ford Explorer has been at location on Highway 75 all day.
June 30
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a silver car with expired paper license almost ran over her.
•Duty officer faxed hazmat report.
•Complainant on South Church Street in Hills reported property damage and theft on property.
•Complainant reported harassing communication.
•Complainant reported missing vehicle at 24-hour parking lot.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported gas drive-off.
•Dispatch assisted Lincoln County Law Enforcement Agency.
July 1
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported man slumped over in vehicle.
•Complainant on East Main Street reported a lost cellphone.
•Complainant requested deputy check window tint on vehicle.
•Suspicious activity was reported on East Main Street.
•Deputy conducted follow-up.
•Deputy reported theft on West Koehn Avenue.
•A pig was reported on I-90, mile marker 20, near Magnolia.
•An abandoned vehicle was reported on I-90 westbound at mile marker 20.
•Complainant at South Kniss Avenue business reported theft.
•An open manhole cover was reported at location on North Kniss Avenue and West Adams Avenue.
•Suspicious activity was reported on County Highway 7 two miles east of Hardwick.
•A severe thunderstorm warning was issued at 4:59 p.m. for Rock County.
•Deputy assisted motorist at Edgell Street and South Walnut Avenue.
July 2
•AT&T Wireless 911 outage was reported for Rock County.
•Cows were on the roadway at County Road 4 two miles east of County Road 6 near Beaver Creek.

•Vandalism was reported at 305 Mag Road.
•A suspicious vehicle was reported northbound from I-90 on 60th Street near Beaver Creek.
•A pedestrian was reported on I-90, mile marker 2, near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant conducted follow-up investigation.
•Complainant on West Main Street reported theft by check.
•Complainant on 21st Street near Steen reported run-off from feedlot.
•A burglary was reported on West Main Street.
•Suspicious activity was reported near 10th Avenue and 31st Street near Hills.
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported they bought a vehicle and it seems suspicious.
•A man ran out in front of a van on South Kniss.
July 3
•Subject was arrested on Airport Road in Worthington on Rock County warrant.
•Complainant reported a possible stolen vehicle at mile marker 21 on I-90 near Magnolia.
•Complainant requested siren test.
•Complainant on County Road 4 near Magnolia reported debris falling from vehicle.
•Complainant reported an accident at East 1st Street and North Main Avenue in Hills.
•A deputy was requested for a gunshot wound at the ER.
•Follow-up.
•Complainant reported they have more information on a theft on West Main Street.
•Complainant on North Blue Mound Avenue reported someone is sneaking around her house.
•Complainant on Main Street, Kenneth, reported subject is burning.
July 4
•Minnehaha deputies are following a light blue sedan eastbound on I-90, mile marker 403, near Valley Springs, South Dakota.
•Rock County issued a severe thunderstorm warning at 2:48 a.m.
•A vehicle is parked on the roadway at 40th Avenue and County Road 4 near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant on Prospect Street in Hardwick reported loud music.
•Sioux City reported they located stolen vehicle.
•Complainant reported an erratic driver pulling a pontoon on Highway 75 northbound from Luverne.
•Complainant reported a large number of people are intoxicated as they are kayaking on the Rock River.
•Complainant reported a verbal altercation on West Park Street and Edgell.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity at The Lake at 6:35 p.m.
•Complainant reported driving complaint on West Main Street and Kniss Avenue.

In addition, officers responded to 3 stalled vehicles, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 4 transports, 7 escorts, 21 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 6 burn permits, 2 driver's license checks, 4 drug court tests, 2 permits to purchase/carry, 2 residence checks, 11 traffic stops, 11 abandoned 911 calls, 1 unlock request and 1 background check.



Gevo, Inc. and Juhl Energy Development are proposing locating two wind turbines about two miles west of the Gevo biofuel production plant near Luverne. Organizers are seeking a variance because the turbines are too close to neighboring property lines. The public hearing for the variance is Monday.

Gevo wind towers variance approved/

some rights, some wind rights," said neighboring property owner Brett Stegenga.
"If I want to build a house across the property line from the wind tower, I am going to lose that right."
Assistant county attorney Don Klosterbuer said before any variance is granted, officials answer seven questions to determine if certain conditions exist. Existence of any of those conditions would cause the board to decline the variance.
"One of the questions is 'who was there first,'" he said.
"The fact that someone says they might want to do this at some point in time in the future ... does that unfairly or unreasonably prohibit a person who may want to make the development? You've got to balance those tests out."
The loss of some of those rights, such as wind rights, could require compensating the landowner for the loss.
Mike Powers with Juhl Energy said because the variance would allow turbines to

be located closer to neighboring property lines than the ordinance permits, a neighbor's ability to erect additional turbines could be inhibited.
"It (the turbine) slows down the wind as it converts that wind to energy," Powers said.
"It would limit the neighbor's ability to put a turbine within that 1,200 feet or so behind the wind stream of the turbine we would be erecting."
Neighbors Brad Ver Steeg and Sarah VanNieuwenhuizen questioned the noise and shadow flickers from the operating turbines.
"I am just interested in the health effects and the noise that is during the night," VanNieuwenhuizen asked. "Does this disturb your sleep?"
Thibert said computer software was used to generate data based on various conditions and at different locations. The software also calculated effects at different times of the day and year.
The county ordinance follows the state requirements that an operating turbine cannot exceed 50 decibels at night and 60 decibels

during the day.
"Worst-case scenario were decimals between 30 and 40 at the nearest dwelling," Thibert said.
Adjustment Board member Gawaine Diekevers spoke from personal experience. He lives close to the turbines located in Martin Township where the first such structures were built in the county.
"We've been living there 15 years and it doesn't bother us anymore," he said.
"The only time I really hear them is during a 20-mph northwest wind blowing to the southeast coming right over my place. It is kind of a whosh-whosh noise. I can't say we ever hear it in the house."
Cattle are also not bothered by the turbines.
"Once they get used to it, they don't pay attention to it either," Diekevers said.
The approved variances allow the Gevo wind energy project to move forward to apply for a conditional use permit.
"In the process, there are at least two more board hurdles that need to be dealt with before you see a tower go up," Klosterbuer said.

Highway 75 emergency repairs start soon/

Seventeen percent of District 7 road miles are rated poor. The metro area is the next highest with 12 percent.
The July repairs in Luverne are intended to keep the RQI above 2.0 until 2025 when North Highway 75 is scheduled for possible reconstruction from Luverne to the Rock-Pipestone county line.

Budget limitations could delay the project, however.
District 7 budgets around \$100 million annually for projects. That amount declines to a low of \$70 million in 2023 before climbing back to \$100 million again by 2029.
Plans have already changed from last year for one Rock County project.
Increased cost in bituminous

material has pushed the planned mill-and-overlay project of South Highway 75 from 2027 to 2028.
"There is more need than we have dollars," Ous said.
Other than the emergency repairs on Highway 75, no major road projects are scheduled in Rock County until 2022, when work is completed on Interstate 90. The project is expected to take two years.

Search warrant turns up meth in Hardwick

By Lori Sorenson

A search warrant executed in a Hardwick home Sunday night yielded meth and drug paraphernalia and the arrest of a 37-year-old Hardwick woman.
According to the complaint filed Monday in Rock County District Court, Deputy Dallas Hamm had applied for a search warrant based on information that Lucas Strassburg was selling drugs at 207 East 1st Street in Hardwick.
At 9 p.m. Sunday, Hamm and several other officers arrived at the

residence to execute the search warrant, and Nicole Halverson came to the door and said Strassburg was at work.
The complaint states that Halverson was escorted outside during the search, which turned up .4 grams of meth, a pipe that tested positive for meth in the kitchen and traces of meth in Strassburg's bedroom.
Halverson was arrested for fifth-degree drug possession and was taken to the Nobles County Jail in Worthington where she tested

positive for marijuana, methamphetamines and amphetamines.
The felony charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.
According to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, a complaint warrant for Strassburg was filed late Monday afternoon.
The .4 grams of meth seized Sunday in Hardwick has a street value of roughly \$30, but Minnesota drug laws make meth possession in even a small amount a felony level offense.



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Mavis Fodness photo/0711 Hardwick Baker Installation

Several members of Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick empty the moving truck for the Rev. Jesse Baker, who will be officially installed as the church pastor in a special 2 p.m. ceremony Sunday. After Sunday, regular church services will be at 10:30 a.m.

Installation Sunday for new Hardwick pastor

By Mavis Fodness

Sunday service at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick will be a little later than normal to accommodate the installation of a new pastor.

The special service begins at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Jesse Baker fills a two-year vacancy, created when the Rev. Mark Mumme accepted a pastor position in Riverton, Wyoming.

For the past two years, the Rev. Gary Klatt from St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne has been leading Zion Lutheran's Sunday morning services.

Baker, 26, is ready to serve his first parish.

"I am excited," he said. "Preaching is a lot of fun."

Baker follows in the footsteps of two uncles, a cousin and a great-uncle into a pastoral career.

Along with family, the Lino Lakes, Minnesota, native credits experiences in the Lutheran school system as influencers toward attending the seminary.

"Being in that environment allowed me to grow in my faith and helped enforce my decision that I wanted to be a pastor," he wrote in his biography for the church.



After high school graduation from Concordia Academy in Rosville, Baker attended Concordia University in St. Paul, majoring in theology and minoring in history.

"The experience I had at Concordia St. Paul could never be replaced," he shared. "The education there was great but more importantly was the learning outside of class."

Interactions with people propelled Baker to develop interpersonal skills to be an effective

pastor.

"I started to develop an even greater love for people," he said. "I wanted to be around them and help them with troubles even more than I did before."

His sermons personalize the Bible's teachings.

"I try to tie messages to real life," Baker said.

Whimsy and humor often find their way into his messages.

"I always had a wit," he said.

Baker attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He finished his studies in May.

A vicarage assignment in Pierce, Nebraska, introduced Baker to rural living after growing up in a community of 20,000 people and studying in large metropolitan cities.



Mavis Fodness photo/0711 Hardwick Baker Installation

George Lass (right) hands a container to the Rev. Jesse Baker, who moved to Hardwick Monday to become the full-time pastor at Zion Lutheran.

Pierce, in the northeast corner of Nebraska, is the county seat with about 1,700 residents.

"I like a rural setting. It's busy in a different way," he said.

Instead of noise from thousands of people, Baker enjoys the slower lifestyle pace, open spaces and fresh air.

He likes the outdoors, taking walks and riding bike.

Hardwick is a smaller community than Pierce, but

the seminary staff thought the community of 200 residents and Zion Lutheran Church would be a good fit.

Baker moved into the parsonage Monday with the help of his parents, Steven and Cheri, and his brother John. He also has another brother, Jason.

His ordination took place in June at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, Minnesota.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Cyrus Blaine, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and 21 inches long, was born Saturday, June 29, 2019, in Mitchell, South Dakota, to **Cody and Chelsey Schelling**, Armour, South Dakota. He joins siblings Callie, 6, and Cole, 3. Grandparents are Vern and Nancy Van De Berg, Luverne, and Bernie and Genevieve Schelling, Armour. Great-grandparents are Joan Van De Berg, Luverne, and Cornie and Jean Schelling, Corsica, South Dakota.

A boy, Amos Trig, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and 21 inches long, was born Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Tyler and Trisha Susie**, Hills. He joins siblings Olivia, 13, Avril, 13, Quintice, 11, Ruby, 9, Lulu, 7, and Titus, 5. Grandparents are Tedd and Diane Larson, Hills, and Linn and Mary Jo Susie, Steen.

Open houses

Arnold and Lorraine Stoel, Luverne, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Greetings may also be sent to them at 119 E. Fairway Drive, Luverne.

Dick and Dolly Remme will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Greetings may be sent to them at 1401 Evergreen Drive, Luverne, MN 56156. They request no gifts.

MENU

Monday, July 15: Chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, coleslaw, bread, pudding. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Tuesday, July 16: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, rosy applesauce. Program: Half-Price Day. Music by Bruce Dysthe.

Wednesday, July 17: Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Site Council.

Thursday, July 18: Oven-crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, fruit cobbler. Program: Food Give-away. 1-3 p.m. NAPS Food.

Friday, July 19: Lemon pepper fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, fruit salad, cake. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day sponsored by Rock County Ministerial Association. Birthday Party with Kitchen Band.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•It's no secret that students can't learn on empty stomachs, yet hungry children arrive in classrooms every day - even in Luverne.

Public schools provide free or reduced meals for these children through the National School Lunch Program, and this keeps them fed during the school day.

But what happens when they go home on the weekends? Educators are increasingly seeing the effects of hunger in children who don't have adequate weekend nutrition, and concerned volunteers are working to get food to these homes.

The Backpack Program, as it's called, sends discrete packages of food home with students on Fridays so they can return on Mondays ready to learn.

25 years ago (1994)

•After more than 58 years of marriage, Luverne's Al and Barbara Bot are in a good position to give advice on love.

They had opportunity Monday when they were interviewed for a book, "50 States of Love."

A young couple, Mike and Nicole Boschen, are on a quest to interview couples in each of the 50 states about their thoughts on love and marriage.

Specifically, they are interviewing couples married 50 years or longer, and the book will attempt to address what true love really means.

The Bots will represent Minnesota in the book.

50 years ago (1969)

•A new post office is scheduled for the village of Steen.

The Post Office Department yesterday advised Congressman Ancher Nelsen that it is inviting bids on larger postal quarters for Steen postal patrons. The general business area of Steen is the desired location. The net interior of the building should contain 640 square feet and there should be platform space of 80 square feet and parking space of 2200 square feet. The building is to be

leased for five years, with two three-year renewal options.

75 years ago (1944)

•A report that two soldiers from the Sioux Falls army air base were being shot at by some unidentified person or persons led Sheriff Roberts to investigate the trouble about 3 a.m. Sunday.

Sheriff Roberts received the call from Beaver Creek where the two soldiers had reported the shooting to Nightwatchman Pete Drowden. They claimed that a car had followed them into Beaver Creek, and the nightwatchman emptied his gun on the car, but it did not stop.

The soldiers said they were hitchhiking and were shot at near the service station, at the north side of Valley Springs. An Albert Lea man gave them a ride as far as Beaver Creek.

The sheriff and the two men drove to Valley Springs but found no clues which would lead to the identity of the persons involved or their reasons for shooting.

100 years ago (1919)

•Every coach of north-bound Rock Island passenger train No. 417 left the track Tuesday forenoon at 11:20 o'clock at a point opposite the R. B. Scott, or former Hazard farm, three miles north of this city, when the water tank of the engine jumped the rails, rolled down the embankment and landed upside down. The engine was the only part of the train that remained on the rails.

None of the passengers or train crew was injured, except Mail Clerk Geo. Northrup, who sustained minor lacerations upon his head.

The two passenger coaches retained an upright position on the road bed, but the baggage coach crashed over the grade, while the mail car hung perilously in the balance until in the work of clearing up the track it was uncoupled from the passenger coaches, when it went over the grade. ...

The regular north-bound passenger made its trip that day and the first south-bound passenger to reach the city arrived at 3:05 p.m. This train brought the damaged baggage car to Luverne, and it was placed on a siding to await repairs.

SCHOOL NEWS

Kenneth student earns national recognition

Kristoffer Severtson, Kenneth, was among 11 students from Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota, to participate in the SkillsUSA National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, June 26-27.

Severtson and teammate Gregory Little of Watertown earned 12th place in the Welding Fabrication competition of the championships.

It is the largest skill competition of its kind in the world and involves more than 6,400 career and technical education students - all state contest winners - competing in 103 trade, technical and leadership fields.

Severtson, son of Sterling and Denise Severtson, Kenneth, is a 2017 Luverne High School graduate.

Brown makes dean's list at St. Cloud State

Zoe Brown, Luverne, has been named to the Spring 2019 dean's list at St. Cloud State University. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Area students graduate from St. Cloud State

Spencer Schacht and Zoe Brown, both of Luverne, graduated from St. Cloud State University on Friday, May 10, following Spring 2019 semester.

Schacht graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communications.

Brown graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and a certificate in professional selling specialization.

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

OBITUARIES

Gregory Reimer

Gregory J. Reimer passed away Thursday, June 20, 2019, at the Palo Alto County Hospital in Emmetsburg, Iowa, at the age of 70.

A funeral service was Thursday, June 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Emmetsburg with Celebrant Rev. Bill Schreiber.

Gregory Reimer, son of John and Carol (Engelbretson) Reimer, was born June 26, 1948, in Luverne, Minnesota. He attended school in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School. Following high school, Greg attended the University of Minnesota where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. While in college Greg enjoyed the years he spent working in the oil fields in Texas and on Lake Superior shipping taconite. He loved to share the stories about his experiences with his family and friends.

In 1986 Greg accepted a position at Iowa Lakes Community College in the Hotel Motel Restaurant Management Program, sharing his expertise from the family's hotel business. Greg had a love of computers and technology, holding several Microsoft certifications.

This passion encouraged him to start the Microsoft Certification Program at Iowa Lakes. Greg retired from Iowa Lakes Community College in 2013.

On August 10, 1991, Greg was united in marriage to Denise Schieuer at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sioux City, Iowa. They were blessed with twin daughters, Madison and Taylor.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Emmetsburg and was also active in the Lion's Club for many years. Greg enjoyed playing golf, going hunting, and utilizing his

lifelong interest in computers.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, John and Carol Reimer; his father-in-law, Kenny and Loretta Schieuer; and his beloved dog, Sparky.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Reimer of Emmetsburg, Iowa; his daughters, Madison and Taylor Reimer of Emmetsburg, Iowa; three sisters, Susan and Bill Mohr of St. James, Minnesota, and their son Paul of San Diego, California, JoAnn and Jon Kleppen of Osaki, Minnesota and their sons, Mike and Tom of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Stephanie Reimer of Bloomington, Minnesota; five sisters-in-law, Sharri and Mike Fitzpatrick of Sioux City, Iowa, and their children, Shane, Kari, Ryan, Tom and Molly, Leah and Roger Klingensmith of Merville, Iowa, and their children, Jason, Brian, Jeff and Allison, Linda and Steve Fitzpatrick of Sioux City, Iowa and their children, Chris, Tim, Mike and Jenny, Charlene and Chuck Widman of Bronson, Iowa, and their children Courtney and Kim, Jodi and Chris Countryman of Merville, Iowa, and their children, Abby, Kurt, Mitchell, and Lynsey; two brothers-in-law, Chris and Tina Schieuer of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Kevin and Heidi Schieuer of Lincoln, Nebraska, and their children, Scott, Natalie and Caroline; and their extended families. Also surviving are many of Greg's high school friends and his friends from Iowa Lakes Community College.

Arrangements were provided by Martin-Mattice Funeral Home, martinmatticefuneralhome.com.

(0711 V)

Martha Schomacker

Martha Josephine Schomacker, 93, Hills, died Sunday, July 7, 2019, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Martha Wiebelhaus was born Sept. 15, 1925, in Fairfax, South Dakota, to John and Elizabeth (Schrage) Wiebelhaus. As an infant, she moved with her parents to Hartington, Nebraska. At the age of 13, she moved with her parents to Crofton, Nebraska.

Martha married Donald Schomacker on Dec. 10, 1948,

in Alvord, Iowa. The couple moved to Luverne in 1950. Martha became a resident of the Tuff Memorial Home in March of 2011.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She enjoyed fishing, and gardening.

Martha is survived by her son, Keith (Deb) Schomacker, Ely; four grandchildren; and a brother, John Wiebelhaus, Mitchell, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don, on Feb. 9, 1984; and a niece and a nephew.

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

(0711 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Kham Manila

Kham Manila, 61, Adrian, died Friday, July 5, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service will be at noon Saturday, July 13, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington. A private burial will be at the Hills of Rest Cemetery in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at a later date.

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

(0711 DN)

JoAnn Sehr Turk

JoAnn Sehr Turk, 80, Manhattan Beach, California, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

A memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery.

(0711 DN)

Aleida Von Holtum

Aleida "Mick" Von Holtum, 93, Luverne, formerly of Adrian, died Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 11, with parish prayers at 4 p.m., at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Visitation will also be from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Friday morning, July 12, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian. A funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 12, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Burial will be in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne and Adrian, dingmannandsons.com.

(0711 DN)



Mavis Fodness photos/0711 Library Mini Polkas

'Pint-size Polka' offered at the library

Performer Mike Schneider of Clinton, Wisconsin, entertains a group of children, parents and grandparents with his "Pint-Sized Polka" program July 1 in the Rock County Library basement. A downpour of rain limited attendance to 32 children and adults at the afternoon program sponsored by the local Friends of the Library group. The program was funded through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Above: Accordionist Mike Schneider emphasizes that polka music "is the happiest form of music on the face of the earth" by encouraging those in attendance at his Luverne show to stand and perform to the "Flying Machine Polka."

Left: Mike Schneider, aka "Uncle Mike," sings "Whoop Polka" July 1 at the Rock County Library, Luverne. "You need to be really flexible to play an accordion," he said. Schneider's performances combine education and entertaining through the use of polka music, humor and magic.



1965: Three businesses celebrate grand opening days

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on June 10, 1965.

Three Stores Hold Grand Openings New Fronts Give Main St. New Look

Grand opening days will be held this week at three Luverne businesses with more than a thousand dollars in free merchandise prizes to be given away Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Along with this issue of the Star-Herald is a special commemorative section for the event.

Creeger's, Smith Furniture and Merrill's Shoe Store are celebrating redecorating and remodeling projects that have given their buildings a modern and decorative exterior, plus new interiors and



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

lighting.

A free carnation will be given away to the first 100 women visiting any of the

three stores each day, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Creeger's invites their customers to stop in and register for \$1,000 in free door prizes to be given during this big Grand Opening event. Now in newly expanded quarters, nearly double the old store area, Creeger's is Luverne's newest and most complete clothing center. Free coffee and cookies will be served from 2 to 4:30 p.m. each afternoon downstairs in the new lounge in the store.

And, during this great event, many items for men, women and children will be on sale at Creeger's.

After 46 years, Merrill's Shoe Store is in a new, larger location, offering footwear in popular brands for all members of the family, in sizes for

everyone.

Smith's Furniture of Luverne invites everyone to attend their gala Grand Opening. With a newly remodeled exterior display and store front, they offer a big bonus deal to all customers Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition to the price of each of the furniture selections they offer, they include special values in other merchandise. And some lucky person will win a free trip to Minneapolis to watch the Minnesota Twins play.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iuv.net.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Contact the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register for events.

Story Hour, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays through July 25 for ages 4, 5 and kindergarten.

Laptime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays through July 26.

Story & Art, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through July 24 for children in first- through fifth-grade.

Teen Group book club, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursdays through July 25.

Peaceful Park Summer Book Club, 10 a.m. Wednesdays, July 3-31, at various parks.

The July 3 session is at the Luverne City Park. Bring your own chair and a beverage. No pressure and no discussion required.

Trivia Night at Take 16, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11.

Juggler Luke Winger, 3 p.m. Monday, July 15, Luverne City Park.

Interactive Movie, "The Wizard of Oz," is 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Luverne's Declan Beers begins to slide as he successfully steals second base during a 14-3 home win over Ruthton July 3 at Redbird Field. Beers had two hits in the game.

Surging Redbirds run streak to seven games

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds are riding a seven-game winning streak after posting three victories in a five-day span.

The Redbirds rolled to an 11-run home conquest over Ruthton July 3 before besting Milroy by four runs at Redbird Field Sunday.

Luverne went to Hadley after the Milroy game and returned home with a two-run win.

The 13-6 Redbirds entertained Worthington Tuesday (July 9).

Luverne 7, Hadley 5

A late surge lifted the Redbirds to a two-run win in Hadley Sunday.

Luverne faced 2-1 and 5-2 deficits early in the game, but the Redbirds scored the game's final five runs to post their seventh consecutive victory.

The Redbirds moved in front 6-5 by plating four runs in the fourth inning.

Skyler Wenninger recorded an RBI single, Phil Paquette drew a bases-loaded walk, and Logan Norman chipped in a sacrifice fly during the fourth-inning rally.

Declan Beers, who walked and scored on a passed ball in the fourth, scored the game's final run in the sixth inning when Wenninger registered a sacrifice fly.

Paquette gave the Redbirds a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when he belted a solo homerun, but the Buttermakers scored twice in the bottom

of the first.

Luverne tied the game at two with an RBI single from Ben Serie in the third inning before Hadley scored three times in the bottom of the frame to make it a 5-2 game.

Andrew DeBoer tossed seven innings of six-hit, four-strikeout ball to secure the win.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	4	1	1	0
Beers	4	3	2	0
Paquette	4	2	2	2
Wenninger	4	0	2	2
Norman	4	0	0	1
Serie	4	0	2	1
Crabtree	4	0	0	0
DeBoer	3	0	0	0
Haugen	4	1	1	0

Luverne 5, Milroy 1

The Redbirds rallied to win the first game on Sunday when they entertained the Irish at Redbird Field.

Luverne fell behind 1-0 when Milroy turned a pair of one-out hits into one run in the top half of the second.

The Redbirds, however, blanked Milroy the rest of the game and scored five runs to secure a four-run victory.

Phil Paquette delivered a pair of two-run singles to highlight the comeback.

Paquette drove in two runs to give the hosts a 2-1 edge in the third inning.

Paquette's second two-run single came in the fifth inning, and he scored the third run of the frame when Skyler Wenninger doubled.

Codie Zeutenhorst worked

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Martial artists compete at nationals

Walgrave, Bommersbach claim gold

By John Rittenhouse

Six area martial artists took advantage of their location to compete at the 2019 United States of America Tae Kwon Do National Championships June 28-July 4.

With the event being staged in Minneapolis, the opportunity to compete at the event was too good to pass up for five members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club and another competitor from Luverne.

Two area competitors claimed national championships, making the event a successful one.

Susie Walgrave does work out with the Luverne TKD members from time to time, but she is affiliated with the Peak Performance Team (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) and Team USA (Miami, Florida).

A Master in the sport, Walgrave captured a national championship in sparring in the Women's Ultra Heavyweight Division for athletes between the ages of 33-45.

"I had a really good day," Walgrave offered when talking about her showing in Minneapolis July 1.

Actually, Walgrave experienced a dominating day.

She dominated her three opponents by 26-5, 14-4 and 23-3 tallies on the way to securing her Gold Medal.

"Susie went through a year of recovery from an injury only to fight back and defend her National Championship title," said Master Cody Henrichs, a member of the Luverne TKD Club.

"She registered first-place performances at events in Iowa and Minnesota this year. She was looking great at the Nationals, winning all of her fights in dominating fashion."

Luci Bommersbach, a member of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club, captured a national championship as well.

Competing as a Cadet Red Belt in sparring for female athletes between the ages of 12-14, Bommersbach won all of her matches to repeat as a national champion.



Submitted photo

Five members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club tested their skills at the USA Tae Kwon Do National Championships in Minneapolis June 28-July 4. The local competitors include (front) Brynlee Lass, (back, from left) Luci Bommersbach (second), Cody Henrichs, Perceyis Trierweiler and Jack Bommersbach. Pictured with the competitors is coach Jordan Relford (far left).

"Luci has had an outstanding year that includes first-place wins in the Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Montana State Championships," Henrichs said.

"She was the No. 1 seed and the defending champion at the nationals, and she didn't disappoint. Luci dominated her bracket up to the final match, in which she fought the No. 2 seed and won in overtime."

Local club members Brynlee Lass, Perceyis Trierweiler, Jack Bommersbach and Henrichs may not have won national titles, but they did perform well in Minneapolis.

Lass, who competes as a Yellow Belt for female athletes between the ages of 8-9, placed fifth in sparring and 16th in forms.

"Brynlee is the youngest national competitor in the history of our club," Henrichs offered.

"She performed very well. It's almost unheard of for a student with only nine months of experience to compete in the nationals. She is an exciting young talent with great energy."

Trierweiler competed as a Cadet Black Belt in sparring and forms in a class for female athletes between the ages of 12-14.



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A tournament official indicates that Luverne's Susie Walgrave is the Black Belt sparring champion of the Women's Ultra Class at the USA Tae Kwon Do National Championships in Minneapolis July 1.

"Perceyis had another strong year, racking up wins in Iowa and Montana, placing second in Nebraska and finishing third in Minnesota as well as competing at the U.S. Open on the way to advancing to the nationals," Henrichs said. "She received a tough draw in sparring and was eliminated from the nationals early."

She did have the best showing of her career in forms, earning a 4.96 score from the judges."

Jack Bommersbach competed as a World Class Junior Black Belt in sparring in a division for males between the ages of 15-17.

"Jack had a year of outstanding performance."

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John Rittenhouse photo/0711 junior 4

Luverne second baseman Riley Anderson prepares to flip the ball to first base during Monday's Junior Legion baseball game in Pipestone. Anderson scored two runs in a 5-1 win.

Juniors take down Pipestone Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Junior Legion baseball team upped its record to 12-5 with a road win in Pipestone Monday.

The young Cardinals scored the game's first five runs and limited the Arrows to one unearned run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to post a 5-1 victory.

Ethan Beyer and Cade Wenninger tossed a combined shutout and Jaime Palmquist led the Cards at the plate with two hits and two RBIs to highlight the victory.

Beyer worked five innings of three-hit, six-strikeout, scoreless ball to earn the win.

Wenninger worked the final

two frames, fanning two batters and yielding one hit and one unearned run.

Luverne took advantage of two Pipestone miscues in the field to plate single runs in the first and second innings.

Wenninger drew a walk and scored on a throwing error in the first inning, while Riley Anderson reached base and scored on a throwing error in the second.

The Cardinals iced the win by scoring three runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Anderson singled and Luke Bosch was hit by a pitch to ignite the rally. Both runners gained one base when Bailey Cowell laid down a sacrifice

bunt.

Wenninger plated Anderson with a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0 before Ethan Beyer drew a walk.

Both Bosch and Beyer scored when Palmquist delivered a two-run double.

Luverne plays a road game against Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Thursday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	2	0	0	0
Wenninger	1	1	1	1
Beyer	2	1	0	0
Palmquist	3	0	2	2
Baker	3	0	1	0
Shearer	2	0	0	0
Gangestad	1	0	0	0
Ripka	3	0	0	0
Kruse	1	0	0	0
Anderson	3	2	1	0
Bosch	2	1	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0

Legion goes 1-2 in New Ulm

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team went 1-2 at the Upper Midwest Classic in New Ulm and the surrounding areas last week.

The Cardinals lost a four-run decision to the host team New Ulm Gold to open the tournament Thursday before dropping a three-run game to Harrisburg, South Dakota, Friday.

Luverne posted a five-run victory over Foley to end the event Saturday.

The Cardinals sport a 7-5 record at tournament's end.

Luverne 5, Foley 0

The Cardinals capped their tournament appearance by besting Foley Saturday in Searles.

Jacob Van Dam tossed a shutout and Colby Crabtree drove in a pair of runs at the plate to highlight the win.

Van Dam limited Foley to three hits during his seven-

inning shutout.

Luverne recorded 10 hits at the plate and produced runs in three of the game's seven innings.

Ben Serie singled and scored on a double by Declan Beers to give the Cards a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Derek Lundgren singled and scored when Cade Wenninger singled to make it a 2-0 game in the sixth.

Beers singled and Jake Haugen walked in the top of the seventh inning to set the table for Crabtree, who delivered a two-run double before scoring the final run of the game when Lundgren singled later in the frame.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	2	0	0	0
Serie	4	1	2	0
Beers	3	1	3	1
Haugen	3	1	1	0
Crabtree	4	1	2	2
Lundgren	3	1	2	1
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Bartels	1	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	0
Buss	2	0	0	0

Beyer	2	0	0	0
Sterrett	2	0	0	0
Wenninger	1	0	1	1

Harrisburg 5, Luverne 2

The Cardinals took their second setback of the tournament when they squared off against Harrisburg Friday in Searles.

Luverne sported a 1-0 lead after scoring a run in the top of the second inning, but Harrisburg outscored the Cardinals 5-1 the rest of the way to prevail by three runs.

Lundgren doubled and scored on a single by Isaiah Bartels to give the Cards a one-run edge in the second inning.

Harrisburg, however, scored the next five runs to gain control of the contest.

Harrisburg plated three runs in the bottom of the second inning and added two more in the fifth inning.

Luverne produced the game's final run in the sixth when Lundgren reached base

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Star Herald file photo

Luverne's Mark Sterrett played in all three games and recorded one hit at the Upper Midwest Baseball Classic last week in New Ulm and Searles.

I tip my hat to individual warriors

When-ever I attend a Luverne High School gymnastics meet in the winter months, I always find myself being amazed.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

It could be because of my advanced age, or the fact that I carry a few more pounds around my waist compared with the past, but I always reach the same conclusion.

There's absolutely no possible way I could pull off what the young Cardinal athletes can do on the bars, beam, floor and the vault.

Ultimately, I have long respected what the LHS gymnasts do on a daily basis to perfect their craft.

I found myself experiencing the same emotions on the Fourth of July.

After watching the fourth version of the Davis Lake Triathlon unfold Thursday morning, I gained some more respect for a different group of athletes.

While some of the competitors show up just to have a little fun and get in some exercise on a national holiday, I'm pretty sure that's not true for those who complete the event on their own.

It's one thing to participate in the triathlon as a member of a team, when individuals are asked to complete one event before another teammate takes over.

I'm not saying that I could complete the half-mile kayak race, the nine-mile bike race or the 2.5-mile run that make up the Shark Race.

I just believe there must

be some sense of comfort knowing athletes only have to complete one of those events before handing the reins over to a teammate.

The same can't be said for the brave individuals who take on all three legs of the triathlon by themselves.

They meet every step of the challenge individually, and they do so knowing that nobody will be there helping them out during the competition.

That type of commitment not only deserves respect, it commands respect.

Although I've never met Kimber Pierzhalski and Jon Alvey before Thursday, I made sure they both knew that they gained my respect that morning.

Pierzhalski won the overall and women's individual titles with a time of 51:40, while Alvey claimed the men's individual crown with a time of 53:33.

I have no idea if they surpassed their expectations for the triathlon, but I do know this.

Both individual champions finished the race in less time than any three-person team.

That's a pretty impressive accomplishment, and I told both of them that shortly after they completed the event.



John Rittenhouse photo/0711 triathlon 11

Luverne's Brooke Vanden Hoek (right) place second overall individually in the female division of Thursday's Dadis Lake Triathlon with a time of 54:41. Vanden Hoek was the first individual competitor to complete the kayak portion of the Shark Race.

Athletes test skills at Davis Lake Triathlon

By John Rittenhouse

Early morning rain wasn't enough to derail the fourth version of the Davis Lake Triathlon on the Fourth of July.

Luverne received a half-inch of rain early Thursday morning, but it only led to a slight delay for the participants in the event that calls for athletes to test their kayaking, biking and running skills.

In the end no one was more up to the challenge than Sioux Falls athlete Kimber Pierzhalski, who not only won the individual women's title in the Shark Race with a time of 51:40, but her effort was good enough to claim the overall individual championship of

the 2019 event.

Luverne entries placed second and third in the women's individual competition.

Brooke Vanden Hoek finished second with a time of 54:41, while Ellen Dahl placed third in 60:09.

The overall champion in the men's individual competition is Jon Alvey, Hartford, South Dakota.

Alvey posted a time of 53:33 to place second in the overall standings individually.

Another Hartford entry, Matt Alvey, placed second to his brother with a time of 57:17. Luverne's Brant Behrend finished third in 60:04.

Claiming the mixed team as

well as the overall team title was a two-person squad from Minneapolis.

Tim and Leah Ovechken registered a time of 56:49 to lead all teams on hand for the event.

Kenneth entry Kraig Rust, along with his Leota teammates Nancy and Jared Fisher, finished second in the mixed team field with a 58:19 effort.

Luverne entries Phoebe Flom, Carson Davis and Andrea Jacobsma finished third in the mixed team division with a time of 58:49.

Luverne's Jenni Pick, Angela Nolz and Justine Sandbulte won the girls' team title with a time of 62:01, while Luverne's

Amy Chapa, Monica Facile and Danielle Ganun finished second in 64:48.

Luverne athletes Aaron Altman, Travis Chapa and Tyson Facile won the men's team title in 61:53.

Minneapolis athletes Preston and Tannen Holt and Lauryn Collins placed second in 67:40.

Kyler Echman, Valley Springs, South Dakota, won the male division and emerged as the overall champion of the Minnow Race with a time of 26:22.

Luverne's Marsha Fick won the women's division of the Minnow Race in 26:28.

Legion splits doubleheader with Sioux Falls East

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team broke even when it played a doubleheader in Sioux Falls July 2.

Sioux Falls East nipped Luverne by two-runs in Game 1, but the Cardinals bounced back to secure a six-run victory in the finale.

SF East 6, Luverne 4

The Cardinals never sported a lead during the opening game of the twin bill.

East plated single runs in the first and second innings and added four counters in the third inning to set the stage for a two-run conquest.

Luverne's Ben Serie, who registered three RBIs in the contest, delivered a run-scor-

ing single to plate Mark Sterrett (who walked) to make it a 2-1 game in the top half of the first inning.

The Cardinals recorded three runs in the fourth inning to cap the scoring in the game.

Cade Wenninger singled home one run and Serie delivered a two-run single during the fourth frame.

Quinn Buss surrendered six runs in three innings and was saddled with the pitching loss.

Ethan Beyer pitched three scoreless innings in relief of Buss.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Crabtree	4	0	2	0
Serie	3	0	2	3
Beers	4	0	2	0
Haugen	3	0	0	0
Bartels	2	0	0	0
Lundgren	2	1	0	0

Nekali	3	0	0	0
Wenninger	4	1	2	1
Sterrett	4	2	1	0

Luverne 9, East 3

The Cardinals scored nine runs in the first two innings of play in the second game to salvage a split of the doubleheader.

Derek Lundgren drove in four runs at the plate for Luverne, which scored four runs in the first inning and five in the second to open a 9-0 cushion.

Lundgren singled home two runs after Declan Beers ripped a two-run double to give the Cards a 4-0 advantage in the first inning.

Lundgren singled home a pair of runs and scored on a passed ball to highlight a five-

run second inning.

Colby Crabtree and Buss added RBI singles to the rally.

East plated single runs in the second, third and fourth innings.

Jade Smith tossed three innings of two-run ball before giving way to Jake Haugen, who notched the pitching win after throwing two scoreless innings of relief.

Serie yielded one run in the final two innings on the mound.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Crabtree	4	2	2	1
Serie	4	2	3	0
Beers	4	1	3	2
Haugen	4	1	1	0
Lundgren	4	1	2	4
Bartels	2	1	0	0
Buss	3	0	1	1
Wenninger	4	0	2	0
Sterrett	3	1	2	0

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ing development in his first year of Juniors after moving up to a new division as a 15-year-old," Henrichs said.

"He put up great fights at the nationals as well as at the Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska State Championships. He lost in the first round

against a tough opponent at the nationals, but he fought really well and has nearly three full years of Juniors to continue to grow."

Henrichs said he shook off the dust to join his students in a year of training for the nationals.

He was a successful member for the Luverne TKD Club from age seven into his 20s, but he had not competed at a high level like the nationals for a number of years.

Hip surgery four years ago and knee surgery seven months ago worked against

Henrichs, but he managed to win Ultra Heavyweight title and World Class Middle Weight titles at the Montana State Championships.

Henrichs was seeded fourth in the Ultra Division at the nationals and advanced to the quarterfinals in spar-

ring before dropping a close match to the eventual national champion.

He also lost a close match in the World Class Division at the nationals.

"I'm proud of our team," Henrichs summarized. "We log long hours of train-

ing and travel and we sacrifice our bodies for this sport. TKD is more than just fighting. It requires outstanding dedication, mental and physical preparation. Our team is a family and we love every minute of what we do. We wouldn't trade it for anything."

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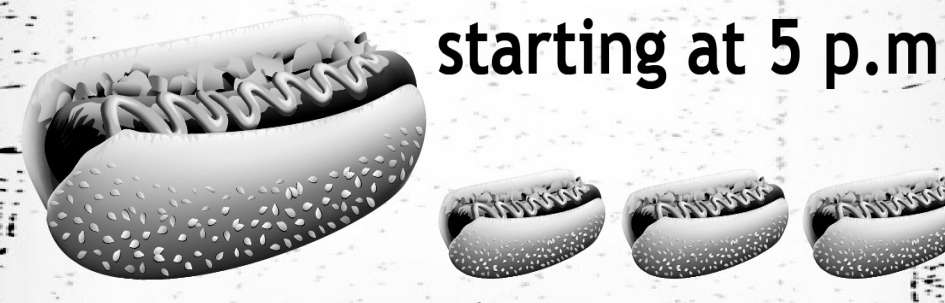
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Don't let these poisonous weeds take hold of your land

The spring seeding and burning seasons are over, so now I turn to noxious weed control



and the removal of undesirable invasive trees.

Over the past 30 years the weed that garners the most attention by ag producers is the Canada thistle — an opportunistic weed that grows in great numbers in any area of disturbed soil.

In the world of wildlife habitat this weed is pretty common and the source of numerous complaints in restoration projects for wildlife habitat or when an existed parcel of habitat is enhanced to improve the conditions of the vegetation that grows there.

The Canada thistle can be controlled with herbicides like Roundup or 2,4-D, but the problem with spraying is that it kills every other desirable wild flower and native forbs that also grow in these areas. ... The ones the bees and butterflies need.

When a stand of native grass and flowers is mature, they can outcompete these weeds and weed complaint issues subside greatly.

There are two other plants that are making their way into more and more acres in southwest Minnesota. I have seen both in greater numbers over the past two years than the 10 years prior to that that.

They are the Wild Parsnip and the Poison

OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

Hemlock, and they make a thistle look like a dandelion in comparison, in my opinion.

Wild parsnip

Wild parsnip is a sturdy plant that grows from 2 to 5 feet high and has big clusters of tiny yellow flowers. The easiest way to tell it apart from other wildflowers that look similar when they are both shorter is that the wild parsnips plant has a ribbed stalk.

This plant will blister the arms and hands of most people who come in contact with it, resulting in burns that look like skin scalded with hot water.

Many road authorities will control noxious weeds with mowing, but mowing this plant does nothing except further distribute its seeds as they fall off the mower another mile down the road.

You can kill it with herbicide but the batch I sprayed with Round up was unaffected. All of the grass around it died but the plant was just fine. I went back with a stiff batch of 2,4-D Ester and killed it dead.

Poison hemlock

The poison hemlock looks similar in stature except the poison hemlock has white clusters of tiny

flowers and a pale green stalk with purple spots on it.

These give way to a completely purple stalk when the plant matures. This plant will burn your hands and skin as well. Aristotle was killed a few thousand years ago with tea that contained just a few leaves of poison hemlock.

Wild parsnip is on the control list and poison hemlock is on the extreme eradicate list. Look these two plants up on the Internet and get familiar with what they look like so you can steer clear of them on your wildlife walks. Please report any and all sightings of poison hemlock to the area DNR office.

Weed control will always be a big issue in farm country. Wildlife agencies will continue to do their part to minimize weed conflicts.

As private lands managers from all walks of life we need to give these two plants the attention they deserve before they are all over the county and control is no longer possible.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com, or on Twitter @habitat champion.

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allseveninningsonthemound to secure the win.

Zeutenhorst limited the Irish to four hits and fanned three batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	3	1	1	0
Beers	3	0	2	0
Gonzalez	0	1	0	0
Paquette	3	1	2	4
Wenninger	3	0	1	1
Zeutenhorst	3	0	0	0
Norman	3	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	0	0
DeBoer	2	1	1	0
Crabtree	2	1	0	0

Luverne 14, Ruthton 3

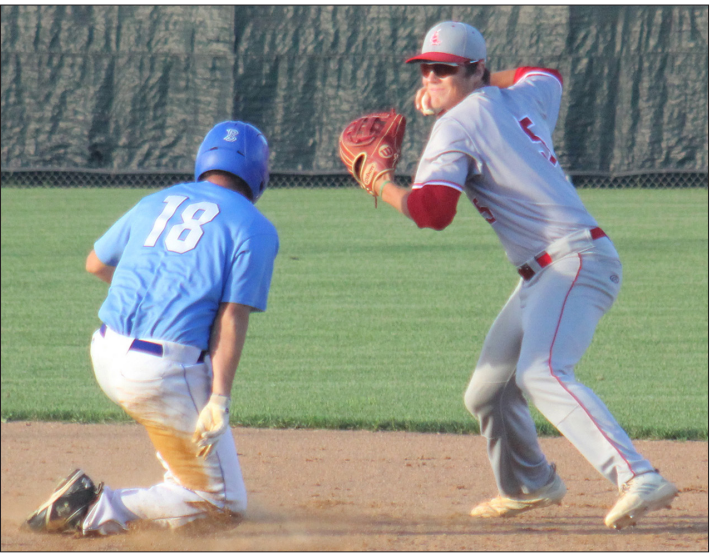
The Redbirds started their Fourth of July celebration early by routing the Royals by 11 runs July 3 at Redbird Field.

Luverne scored runs in four of its six plate appearances, and shortstop Wenninger drove in runs in all four of the rallies to lead the Redbirds to victory.

Wenninger, who belted a two-run homerun in the game, racked up three hits and six RBIs during the contest.

Wenninger gave the Redbirds a 1-0 lead with a sacrifice fly in the first inning before adding an RBI single to a six-run rally in the second.

Zeutenhorst tripled home two runs, Logan Norman produced an RBI double, Declan Beers chipped in an RBI single and Derek Lundgren added a sacrifice fly to the second-



John Rittenhouse photo/0711 redbirds 5

Luverne second baseman Ben Serie avoids a Ruthton runner to complete a relay throw during a July 3 home game. The Redbirds are riding a seven-game winning streak.

inning surge.

Luverne iced the win by playing four runs in the fourth inning and three in the sixth.

Wenninger delivered his two-run clout in the fourth frame, which included run-scoring singles from Paquette and Zach Loosbrock.

BrooksMauer singled home a run in the sixthinning before Wenninger capped his six-RBI effort with a two-run single.

Connor Crabtree pitched five innings of one-run, one-hit, six-strikeout, eight-walk ball to secure the win.

Mauer fanned three batters and surrendered two runs and four hits in a two-inning relief stint.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	4	2	0	0
Beers	2	2	2	1
Crabtree	0	0	0	0
Mauer	1	1	1	1
Paquette	5	2	3	1
Wenninger	4	2	3	6
Zeutenhorst	3	1	1	2
Nelson	1	0	0	0
Norman	3	1	2	1
Gonzalez	1	1	0	0
Serie	3	2	1	0
Loosbrock	4	0	2	1
Lundgren	1	0	0	1
Haugen	1	0	0	0

Legion wraps up 8-6 regular season Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team wrapped up an 8-6 regular season by splitting a twin bill Monday in Renner, South Dakota.

Luverne notched a four-run win in Game 1, but the hosts secured a two-run victory in the finale.

The Cardinals open post-season play at 5 p.m. Friday at Redbird Field.



Star Herald file photo

Isaiah Bartels threw five scoreless innings and drove in four runs at the plate during Monday's doubleheader in Renner.

Beers	3	1	1	0
Haugen	1	2	1	0
Bartels	3	0	2	4
Buss	3	0	0	0
Sterrett	3	0	0	0
Van Dam	3	0	1	0
Von Tersch	3	0	0	0

Renner 5, Luverne 3

Renner scored four runs in the second inning and never lost the lead during a two-run win in Game 2.

Luverne did plate two runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh, but the Cards never trailed by less than two runs.

Declan Beers and Buss singled home runs in the sixth, while Derek Lundgren recorded an RBI single in the seventh.

JadeSmithsurrendered four runs and six hits in two innings to take the pitching loss. Bartels tossed five innings of two-hit, one-run relief.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	2	2	0
Lundgren	3	1	1	1
Beers	3	0	1	1
Haugen	3	0	0	0
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Buss	3	0	1	1
Sterrett	3	0	1	0
Van Dam	3	0	0	0
Von Tersch	3	0	0	0

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on an error and scored on a double by Gaige Nath.

Lundgren pitched all six innings and took the loss after yielding three earned runs and six hits.

Lundgren, Nath and Haugen led the Cards with two hits each.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	0	2	1
Serie	4	0	0	0
Beers	3	0	1	0
Haugen	4	0	2	0
Crabtree	3	0	0	0
Lundgren	3	2	2	0
Bartels	3	0	1	1
Beyer	2	0	0	0
Sterrett	3	0	1	0

Gold 5, Luverne 1

The Cardinals opened the tournament by dropping a four-run game to New Ulm Gold Thursday at Mueller Park in New Ulm.

Gold scored the first five runs of the game and protected the lead by limiting Luverne to three hits in the contest.

The hosts put together two-run rallies in the third and fourth innings before plating one in the sixthinning to open a 5-0 advantage.

Luverne scored its lone run in the top of the seventhinning.

Haugen doubled and scored on a double by Lundgren to account for Luverne's run.

Haugen worked six innings of seven-hit, two-earned run ball to take the pitching loss.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	2	0	1	0
Crabtree	3	0	0	0
Beers	2	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	0	0
Haugen	3	1	1	0
Lundgren	3	0	1	1
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Wenninger	1	0	0	0
Buss	1	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Sterrett	1	0	0	0

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Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luverncrc.com
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Sunday, July 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

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Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, July 11: 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 14: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek Estates. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, July 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Thursday, July 18: 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor

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720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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Thursday, July 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Friday, July 12: Youth and pastor return from Camp Indianhead. Sunday, July 14: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, July 15: 7 p.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting and Open Forum. Thursday, July 18: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid program at Mary Jane Brown Home.

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Thursday, July 11: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, July 13: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, July 14: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Prayer warriors following service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 15: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, July 16: Communion for the homebound. 6:30 p.m. PPR Meeting. Wednesday, July 17: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, July 18: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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Magnolia United Methodist Church

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Sunday, July 14: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 16: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, July 17: 9 a.m. Quilting.

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

God pitches his tent among us

My son Pierce is attending Presbyterian church camp at Okoboji this week. He's attended camp for five years now.

As I was driving back to Luverne after dropping him off, I started thinking about which Bible stories fit especially well with church camp.

I immediately thought about Jacob and the dream he had about the ladder between heaven and earth. (Read Genesis 28:10-22).

One especially notable detail in the passage is that Jacob is in the wilderness and uses a stone for a pillow. I guess you could say he was camping! When he falls asleep, he has a dream. In that dream God makes promises to him including, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Jacob is surprised by what he experiences and exclaims: "Surely the Lord is in this place — and I did not know it!"

The promise of God to Jacob, "I am with you," is one of the most repeated in the Bible. Again and again, God promises never to leave us or forsake us. This is a great promise to remember whenever the challenges of life start to close in upon us.

Also, Jacob's surprised exclamation may sometimes be ours as well — God is here, but I did not notice! As a result of God's presence and promises, Jacob himself vows to follow God and respond with generosity.

This led me to consider the Gospels and the coming of Jesus Christ to

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

us. The Gospel of John begins by telling us about Jesus entering our world and bringing the grace and truth of God face to face with us. (Read John 1:1-14).

John 1:14 says, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

There is at least one paraphrase version of the Bible that puts it this way: "The Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us." The thoughts of a tent may cause us to think about camping! At any rate, God came to us in Jesus Christ. This is gift ... grace ... love.

Much later on, after his death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb, the Risen Christ proclaimed, "Remember, I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20).

Like Jacob so long ago, we are recipients of the promise of God's presence. We can confidently lean on Christ and courageously respond to the presence and promises of God with faith and confidence, ever thankful for the grace of God and God's willingness to "pitch his tent" among us.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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JUDGMENT AND DECREE
(Real Property)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that by virtue of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order Adjudging Amounts Due, and Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (the "Judgment") made and entered in the above-entitled action on May 21, 2019, whereby it is adjudged, among other things, that there is due to First Farmers & Merchants National Bank from Defendants Craig L. Hawes and Katherine A. Hawes the sum of \$626,260.62, plus interest at the rate of \$94.88 per day after April 22, 2019, and that the real property described therein shall be sold to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due, with the costs and expenses of such sale, a certified transcript of which Judgment has been delivered to me, I, the undersigned Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, will offer and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on **August 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 the real property in Rock County commonly known as 923 151st Street, Luverne, Minnesota, and legally described as follows:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWN SHIP 103 NORTH, RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 19; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST (GEODETIC BEARING) ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 1217.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 578.44 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 332.02 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 893.39 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE

SOUTH 73 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 624.02 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 338.86 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 416.37 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 394.40 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 578.44 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT IS SUBJECT TO ROADWAY EASEMENT AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

IF PART OF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD CONTAINS YOUR HOUSE, YOU MAY DESIGNATE AN AREA AS A HOMESTEAD TO BE SOLD AND REDEEMED SEPARATELY.

YOU MAY DESIGNATE THE HOUSE YOU OCCUPY AND ANY AMOUNT OF THE PROPERTY AS A HOMESTEAD. THE DESIGNATED HOMESTEAD PROPERTY MUST CONFORM TO THE LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCES AND BE COMPACT SO THAT IT DOES NOT UNREASONABLY REDUCE THE VALUE OF THE REMAINING PROPERTY.

YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE HOMESTEAD YOU HAVE DESIGNATED.

IF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD CONTAINS SEPARATE TRACTS, YOU MAY REQUEST THAT THE TRACTS BE SOLD AND REDEEMED SEPARATELY. EACH OF THE SEPARATE TRACTS MUST CONFORM TO LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCES.

YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A COPY OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH OF THE TRACTS YOU HAVE DESIGNATED TO BE SOLD SEPARATELY.

Dated: June 7, 2019

EVAN VERBRUGGE
ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF
By: /s/
Deputy Sheriff

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(06-20, 06-27, 07-04, 07-11, 07-18, 07-25)

Notice to creditors of Elcock probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT—COUNTY COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Barbara Elcock,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-19-207

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of August, 2019, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated May 25, 2018, and for the appointment of Sondra Hladky, whose address is 27014 462nd Avenue, Chancellor, South Dakota 57105, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in a supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said co-personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: June 28, 2019

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #15834

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

(COURT SEAL)

(07-11, 07-18)

Notice of lien and intent to sell set for Aug.2

CLAIM OF LIEN NOTICE

Owner: Tanny Brinckerhoff
Address: 417 N. Oakley - Apt. 3, Luverne, MN 56156
Invoice Number: 60415
Vehicle Make: Dodge
LICENSE TAG: No License
Vehicle Year: 2008
Model: Charger
Expires:
VIN: 2B3LA43H48H206644

You and each of you are hereby notified that the above vehicle was towed on March 3, 2019, 10 p.m. at the request of MHP, that said vehicle is in the undersigned's possession at the address below: that the undersigned claims a lien for towing and storage costs. The vehicle may be sold 45 days from the date of notice, Pursuant MN Statute 168b.051 Subd 2. Payment by the date of sale (below) in the amount of \$100 inclusive of storage rates of \$25 per day from the date hereof will be sufficient to redeem the vehicle from the lien of the lienor. That said lien is subject to enforcement pursuant to law and that you and each of you have the right to reclaim said vehicle pursuant MN Statute 168b.07.

And

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND OF INTENT TO SELL VEHICLE
PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF MN STATUTE 168B.07

You and each of you are hereby notified that on Aug. 2, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. the vehicle described above may be sold at auction or sale located at 201 Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156. From the proceeds will first be paid all towing and storage plus all costs including costs of the sale. Any excess proceeds will be deposited in accordance to MN Statute 168B.08 (4).

You and each of you are urged to make satisfactory arrangements to pay all charges and take possession of the said vehicle. In order to obtain release of this vehicle you must present personal identification, drivers license and PROOF OF INSURANCE, (title registration, etc.) at the address below and pay all said charges against said vehicle.

G & S Auto
201 S. Kniss Ave.
Luverne, MN 56156

(07-03, 07-11, 07-18)

Rock County Board of Equalization meets June 18

Rock County Board of Equalization Meeting

Herreid Board Room 7:00 P.M.
Rock County Courthouse June 18, 2019

Chair Burger called the meeting to order with Commissioners Thompson, Williamson and Reisch present; Commissioner Overgaard was absent. Also present were: Administrator Kyle Oldre and Land Records Office Director Tom Houselog.

There were no attendees at the Board of Equalization meeting; therefore, no action was taken.

Houselog reviewed property valuation changes from the previous year to current; presented as information only.

With no further business to come before the Rock County Board of Equalization, the meeting was closed by order of the Chair.

(07-11)

Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks fuel quotes

REQUEST FOR QUOTES LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

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

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

Tim Jarchow,
Clerk
(07-03, 07-11)

Rock County renewable energy ordinance

TITLE AND SUMMARY OF THE ROCK COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE

The following Ordinance is hereby published by title and summary:

- Title of Ordinance:** The Rock County Renewable Energy Ordinance.
- Summary of Ordinance:** The Ordinance amends the entirety of the prior Wind Power

Development Parks Ordinance and provides as follows:

Section 1: Titles the Ordinance the Rock County Renewable Energy Ordinance.

Section 2: Defines the purpose of the Ordinance to set forth the guidelines and procedures for permitting solar and wind energy technology in Rock County. Allows Rock County to regulate the installation and operation of wind energy conversion systems with rated capacities of less than 5,000 kilowatts; and solar energy systems with rated capacities of less than 50,000 kilowatts

Section 3: Defines the jurisdiction of the Ordinance as Rock County.

Section 4: Interprets and applies the provisions of the Ordinance as minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare. Where the Ordinance imposes a greater restriction than those of any other ordinance impose greater restriction than the Ordinance, the other ordinance shall be controlling

Section 5: Sets forth definitions of terms used in the Ordinance and offers definitions for wind energy conversion systems and small, medium, and large solar energy systems. **Section 6:** Defines the procedure for permit applications for wind energy conversion systems and solar energy systems.

Section 7: Defines when and in which districts the installation and operation of wind energy conversions are permitted, conditionally permitted, or not permitted.

Section 8: Defines the setback requirements for wind energy conversion systems from neighboring landowners, roads, powerlines, conservation lands, and other property and structures.

Section 9: Provides requirements and standards for wind energy conversion systems, including safety design, height, tower configuration, and other applicable standards. **Section 10:** Defines the setback requirements for solar energy systems from neighboring landowners, roads, and public conservation lands. Provides requirements and standards for solar energy systems, including safety design, height, panel configuration, and other applicable standards.

Section 11: Sets forth administrative penalties for violations of the Ordinance in accordance with the process and procedures established in Section 13, entitled Penalties and Validity, of the Rock County Zoning Ordinance. Establishes that fees for zoning certificates, variances, and amendments and conditional use permits shall be established by the Rock County Board of Commissioners.

Section 12: Provides that if any section of the Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid. **Section 13:** Provides that the Ordinance is to be effective on this date of publication.

3. **Availability of Ordinance:** A complete printed copy of this Ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular business hours in office of the County Administrator located at 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota 56156. This Ordinance was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rock on the 4th day of September, 2018, and shall become effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

/s/ Sherri Thompson
Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Kyle J Oldre County Administrator
Introduced: September 18, 2018
Passed: September 18, 2018
Published: July 11, 2019
Effective: July 12, 2019

(07-11)

Rock County Commissioners meet June 4

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse June 4, 2019

The meeting was called order by Vice Chair Overgaard with Commissioners Reisch and Williamson present, Commissioners Thompson and Burger absent. Also in attendance was Administrator Kyle Oldre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and guests.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the June 04, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the May 21, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Geronimo Wind Representatives Jordan Burmeister, Matt Ryan and Melissa Schmidt presented an update on the proposed Elk Creek solar project, a two-part solar project that when completed will produce 200 megawatts of energy. Elk Creek Solar One is 80 megawatts and Elk Creek Solar Two is 120 megawatts, both projects are to be located in Vienna and Magnolia townships and will encompass roughly 1,700 acres. The permitting process is scheduled to begin within the next 60-days and the anticipated approval time is 12 months. Upon approval, construction will begin in the fall of 2020 and it is expected to employ about 150 construction workers. Upon considerable discussion, the County Board directed the Administrator to invite representatives from Vienna and Magnolia townships to the next County Board meeting (June 18) to discuss the project.

The County Board was also in receipt of an Open House event for the Elk Creek Solar project(s), June 4, 2019 at the Grand Prairie Event Center from 3:00PM – 8:00PM.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$500.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JUNE 4, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$ 2,364.36
DITCH WITCH OF SD INC	2,800.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	2,570.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	11,472.50
PATTEN ROOFING CO	5,600.00
RANGER	33,244.22
ZIEGLER INC	4,100.00
63 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	23,778.79
	\$ 85,929.87

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of an Audit Report from the MN Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services. The report was accepted and the County Board expressed their thanks to the staff of the Deputy Registrar's office for their excellent service.

Loren Forrest, Rock County resident, presented a request to the County Board to regulate hemp seeds; the County Board directed the County Attorney and County Administrator to research the issue.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented a conditional use permit (CUP) for Reker Construction to continue mining, stockpiling, and processing gravel and granular material in the E 1/2 of Section 12 of Vienna Township. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Jim Trojanowski, Plum Creek Library Director, presented a program update and informed the County Board of the budget challenges facing the regional library system. Currently they have implemented some cost saving measures, however will still need to increase some funding. Trojanowski requested to adjust the membership fee to \$3,250, an increase of \$750, effective January 1, 2020; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of an AMC Legislative update; presented as information only.

The County Board was scheduled to tour Northern Conn Ag at 1:00PM following the meeting.

The County Board was informed of an Open House event for the new Rock County Ambulance Garage scheduled for June 4th.

The County Board was informed of the AMC District 8 meeting scheduled for June 6th at the Tyler Golf Club.

The County Board was in receipt of an invitation celebrating the Minnesota Veteran's Home Luverne 25th Anniversary Event scheduled for June 8th from 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

The County Board was informed that US Representative Jim Hagedorn is scheduled to be at the Herreid Board Meeting Room of the Rock County Courthouse on June 8, 2019 at 9:30AM to discuss agriculture concerns.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: no report

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Rock County Opportunities, Economic Development meeting with Senator Smith, Rural Water, and SWCD.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Planning & Zoning, Economic Development with Senator Smith, Rural Energy Board and Extension

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to adjourn the meeting, declared carried on a voice vote. (07-11)

Rock County Commissioners meet June 18

Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.
Rock County Courthouse June 18, 2019

The meeting was called order by Chair Burger with Commissioners Reisch, Williamson and Thompson present, and Commissioner Overgaard absent. Also in attendance was Administrator Kyle Oldre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and guests.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 18, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the June 04, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1.Update signature authority for Deferred Comp VALIC/AGI Retirement Services – Kyle Oldre and Susan Skattum
2.Resolution No. 18-19 Feed Emergency Enhancement During Disaster Act
Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,000; motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JUNE 18, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	\$ 2,158.94
CHS	7,913.31
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	7,322.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,416.28
H & R CONST. CO	2,317.39
HEDEEN, HUGHES & WETERING	2,237.40
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	11,958.14
LUVERNE/CITY OF	6,496.05
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	17,652.66
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	3,530.68
OCV LLC	2,995.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,392.21
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	3,642.83
THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	2,227.21
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	3,735.02
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE, INC	67,086.09
74 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	25,673.10
	\$ 174,754.31

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

The County Board was in receipt of the 2019 Appropriations listing that was paid at the June settlement; no action was required as the appropriations are part

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of the 2019 budget adoption. The 2019 Appropriation listing is as follows:	
Jasper Ambulance	1,300.00
Edgerton Ambulance	500.00
Rock County Historical Society	10,000.00
Rock County Agricultural Society	20,000.00
SW Arts & Humanities Council	1,000.00
Luverne Area Community Foundation (Ambulance)	15,000.00
Southern MN Tourism Assoc.	500.00
Green Earth Players	1,000.00
Southwest Initiative Foundation	2,920.00
Luverne Area Community Foundation (History Center)	25,000.00
Luverne VFW	300.00
Luverne American Legion	300.00
Hardwick Legion	300.00
Hills American Legion	300.00
	78,420.00

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 17-19, Accepting Deputy Registrar 051 Reimbursement Grant, declared carried on a voice vote.

Juhl Energy Project Developers Aaron Thibert and Mike Powers along with GEVO Plant Manager Phil Cherry presented expansion and renovation plans that include reducing the carbon footprint of the plant. To accomplish this, GEVO is proposing to construct (2) 5-megawatt wind turbines located west of Luverne and constructed by Juhl Energy; also informed the County Board that they will be moving forward with the conditional use permit.

As per the request of the County Board, Magnolia Township representative Hunter Riggs and Vienna Township representative Brian Jonas attended the meeting to discuss the potential Elk Creek Solar Project. Riggs and Jonas stated that their respective township boards had no objections with the County Board supplying a letter of support for the Elk Creek project for the permitting process.

The Administrator led a follow up conversation regarding a District 8 AMC meeting; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of a news release from the US Small Business Administration regarding disaster assistance available to MN Private NonProfit Organizations affected by severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding; presented as information.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the state disaster for incident period March 12 – April 28 of 2019 has been declared a federal disaster, June 12, 2019 identified as DR-4442 and that Minnesota has until July 12 to identify all the applicants who wish to seek assistance under the federal disaster declaration; presented as information.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southwest MN Opportunity Council.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: SWCD and Rural Water.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings and events: AMC District 8 and Chief Elected Officials Board.

Commission Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southern Prairie Community Care and Community Corrections.

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

(07-11)

Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks bakery quotes

REQUEST FOR QUOTES LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for bakery products will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

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

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

Tim Jarchow
Clerk
(07-03, 07-11)

Fick feedlot hearing set for July 22

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit For Josh Fick

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 Bluemound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2019. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Josh Fick
Location: The NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing feedlot of more than 1000 animal units

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use permit is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of total confinement barns housing 2400 head of finishing swine; and a total confinement, and partial confinement barns with open lots and runoff controls housing 1440 head of finishing cattle. Total existing capacity is 2160 animal units.

The proposed expansion will consist of the elimination of one partial confinement barn with open lots and runoff controls, and replacing with a total confinement cattle barn with deep pit manure storage under slats housing an additional 300 head of finishing cattle.

After the expansion, the site will continue to house 2400 head of finishing swine and 1740 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the total confinement barns will be stored in a poured reinforced concrete pits under the floor of the barns, and the manure pack on the lot. Total animal units after the expansion will be 2460 animal units.

Dated: July 11, 2019
By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(07-11, 07-18)

Luverne Dist. 2184 request for dairy bids

REQUEST FOR BIDS LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

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

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

Tim Jarchow,
Clerk
(07-03, 07-11)

Campground permit hearing set for July 22

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit Request for Campground Facility

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 Bluemound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:15 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2019. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: William Cowell
Location: A 13.1 acre tract located in the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 12 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Construction and operation of a campground facility in the A-2, General Agriculture District

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(07-11, 07-18)

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EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Klarenbeek & Son Rendering, Corp. is in need of a daily route driver. Class B CDL with air brake. Clean driving record; paid holidays and vacation. Call Alan 507-220-5669. (6.30-7.18)

HELP WANTED

Age 55+ workers needed for part-time custodial work at the Adrian & Beaver Creek rest areas

Contact Green View
651-639-1913

EMPLOYMENT

Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for a Head Volleyball Coach and an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications can be found on our website at <https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm>. Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for a K-12 Music Teacher/Band Instructor for the 2019-2020 school year. To apply send letter of application, resume & credentials to: Ellsworth Public School P.O. Box 8 Ellsworth, MN 56129. (6.23-7.14)

EMPLOYMENT

LSS Meals at Generations is hiring and willing to train for a Site Coordinator for M-F, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Seeking an energetic person to provide customer service, conduct outreach, collaborate with Generations members and site council, provide relief to satellite sites as needed, and complete required record-keeping. Hourly wage up to \$11 per hour DOE. No evenings/weekends/major holidays, 10 paid floating holidays, paid time off, retirement plus match, Verizon discount. Call Sarah at 507-822-9305 or apply on-line for Site Coordinator in Luverne, job #17851 at www.lssmn.org/careers. EOE. (6.27-7.14)

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Full time maintenance man, sprayer and someone to combine corn Also semi truck driver. No CDL required. Benefits; local farm. Call 507-370-1590. (7.4-9.1)

WANTED

Wanted: Garage space to rent to store a vehicle. Need access to electricity. In or near Luverne. Call Jeff at 612-290-3433. (7.7-7.25)

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Luverne celebrates Fourth of July at The Lake for fifth annual event/continued from page 1

In addition to bingo, organizers paid out nearly \$2,000 in prize money for various competitions, such as dock dog jumping, log rolling, beanbag tournament, sandcastle contest, and Quaddleball, which is new this year.

“It’s basically a fun four-square game on a beach with a paddle and pingpong balls,” Lanphere said ahead of the event.

And each year the event, hosted by the Luverne Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, continues to grow.

“We have more sponsors this year,” Lanphere said.

“Thanks to our generous sponsors, we are able to continue to offer more activities and have an even bigger fireworks show.”

The \$11,000 for fireworks meant the display was bigger and better than ever.

The fireworks began at 10 p.m. over The Lake, with many audience members streaming the show live on social media.

Lanphere recognized local certified fireworks technicians Jonathon Kurtz and Jeremy Lehman for their efforts.

“They worked all day to put the show together,” she said. “We probably had over 5,000 people enjoy the fireworks show at 10 p.m. There were cars all over the place.”

At right, Tara Kremin and her dog, Paris, take in their view of the lake Thursdays.



At left, Bill Miller announces bingo under the tent. Below, Michelle Reeves and Mike Solma dress for the Independence Day holiday.



Star Herald photos by Lori Sorenson

Above, German and Quetzalli Morales try out a kayak, one of 25 that were available free for the day.



Above, Luverne residents and visitors enjoyed all kinds of water activity throughout the day Thursday in The Lake. Below, Christopher (left) and Karter McGinnis play in a mud puddle at the beach. Below center, Rocco Reisch, 6, sports stars and stripes swimming trunks for the holiday event.



Above, cousins Justin Mulder and Cheyanne Hoffenkam leap off the dock together. At right, Mike and Heather Rorvig keep an eye on activities in the water.



Thiesse: Crops improve in some areas, conditions generally remain wet

By Kent Thiesse
Farm management analyst

Warmer temperatures in late June and early July have helped improve the crop conditions in some areas of the Midwest.

Earlier planted corn has made up some lost ground as far as crop development, while later planted corn and soybeans have experienced very rapid growth.

However, many areas of southern and western Minnesota, along with adjoining areas of northern Iowa and eastern South Dakota have

been impacted by severe storms and excessive rainfall amounts in recent weeks, including hail in some locations.

This has caused considerable drown-out areas in some fields, as well as crop damage to remaining acres in many fields. Crop conditions remain quite variable across the region.

Other than the heavy rainfall events, late June and early July featured normal to above normal temperatures, which has allowed for rapid development of corn and soybeans in many areas of the Up-

per Midwest. As of July 3, the accumulated growing degree units (GDU's) at the University of Minnesota Research and Outreach Center at Waseca since May 1 was at 881.5 GDUs, which is still approximately 10 percent behind normal.

However, this is a big improvement from early June, when the GDUs at Waseca were 23 percent behind normal. The GDU accumulation in 2019 at Waseca is still well below the 2018 level, when 1143.5 GDUs had been accumulated by July 3.

The continued heavy rain-

fall events in late June and early July in many areas of southern and western Minnesota have hampered crop development and caused additional crop loss.

Most of the affected region received 100 to 150 percent or more of their normal precipitation amounts since May 1, with heaviest rainfall events coming since mid-June.

For the year, many areas have now received 20-30 inches of precipitation during 2019, with portions of southeast and western Minnesota getting 5-10 inches of rain since June

25. In some areas of southwest Minnesota and eastern South Dakota, farm operators did not complete their 2019 corn and soybean planting until late June.

There is a considerable amount of prevented planted acres in many locations across the region.

A major concern that is developing as a result of the late planting and excessive levels of rainfall is the loss or lack of available nitrogen for the growing corn.

Soil nitrogen losses increase substantially during heavy rainfall events early in the growing season, such as have occurred in the past few weeks.

In some cases, farmers planned to side-dress the nitrogen after planting, but have been unable to do so due to the continual saturated field conditions.

Farmers may need to evaluate the condition of the corn crop before deciding how much to invest in supplemental nitrogen applications for the 2019 corn crop.

Another concern with the persistent wet field con-

ditions is timely herbicide applications for weed control. Producers that were relying totally on post-emergence herbicides for weed control have had difficulty getting these products applied in a timely fashion, which is resulting in strong weed pressure in some fields.

We have already passed the time window for dicamba herbicide in soybeans, as well as for some other post-emergence herbicides used in corn and soybeans.

Producers should contact their agronomist or crop consultant regarding further considerations for late season post-emergence herbicide options for this year's crop.

The weekly USDA Crop Condition Report on July 1 listed 58 percent of Minnesota's corn crop and 62 percent of the soybeans as "good to excellent."

The crop rating in the state has been fairly steady since it was first released in mid-June. By comparison, the "good to excellent" crop ratings in Minnesota at this time in 2018 were 84 percent for corn and 79 percent for soybeans.

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