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Gevo wind project to get hearing Monday

Variance needed for turbines setback

By Mavis Fodness
Organizers of the first wind energy project under Rock County's new renewable energy ordinance are asking for a variance because one setback requirement cannot be met. The public hearing is at 7 p.m. Monday, July 1, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center in Luverne. Gevo Inc. proposes erecting two wind turbines about 2.5 miles west of its Luverne renewable energy production facility as part of its Rock County Wind Fuel project. Juhl Energy Development is partnering with Gevo on the project. Representatives spoke with county commissioners June 18 about the project and the reason they are requesting a variance from the county's newest ordinance. Both Gevo and Juhl Energy representatives worked with the Federal Aviation Administration and their setback requirements from the local airport located southeast of the plant. Originally the turbines in the wind fuel project were to be built near the plant located southwest of Luverne.

An application to the FAA, however, revealed that the turbine heights might interfere with future expansions of the local airport. Two suitable wind turbine sites were located just over two miles west of the Gevo plant. The sites meet FAA setback requirements and all local ordinance requirements except the setback distance from adjacent property lines. "Site-wise we've been able to achieve good setbacks from dwellings so it has minimal impact, whether acoustics or shadow flickers," Thibert said. The setback from property lines preserves the "wind rights" of the adjacent property owners. Setback distances ranged from 1,142 feet to 1,903 feet. "It (the setback) is typically geared toward larger wind farm and/or wind rights ... so you're not encroaching on the neighboring

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Mavis Fodness photo/0627 School Groundbreaking

Luverne High School student council members joined Luverne School Board members Thursday, June 20, in a groundbreaking ceremony for the 44,000-square-foot addition. Pictured from left are board members Shelley Sandbulte, Reva Sehr, Jodi Bosch, Katie Baustian, student Regan Feit, board members Tim Jarchow, Eric Hartman, students Jordan Winter, Rozilyn Oye, Ross Bergman, Eli Radtke and Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

Construction at school ramps up this week

Portion of 50-year-old addition removed, June 20 groundbreaking makes it official

By Mavis Fodness
In a matter of days, a portion of the Luverne Middle-High School was demolished and officials ceremoniously broke ground. Wednesday afternoon, June 19, Gary Henning from Henning Construction of Adrian used an excavator to begin removing a portion of the two-story west wing to make way for the commons, media center and performing arts addition. The addition will join the elementary and middle-high school together. Workers from Gil Haugan Construction of Sioux Falls spent weeks sawing through the reinforced concrete beams and brick veneer for Henning to cleanly break the

classrooms without damaging the rest of the building. By late Thursday afternoon, the two story portion (originally constructed in 1965) lay in piles of rubble and rebar. The groundbreaking ceremony took place Thursday night. About 50 community members attended the event. Superintendent Craig Oftedahl was the only speaker for the brief ceremony. He reflected on the project. "We are almost three full years into this project, with two more years to go," he said. "We eagerly await the finished project and look forward to providing education in Luverne for

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The excavator reaches over the top of the breezeway between the elementary and middle-high school facilities. This photo was taken Thursday, June 20, from the south parking lot facing north.

Planning and Zoning gives nod to campground at Lake

By Lori Sorenson
The Luverne Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing Monday night to consider a conditional use permit for a commercial campground at The Lake. Mike and Traci Davis, who own property adjacent to the lake, are proposing nine to 10 campsites with cement RV pads (not pull-through)

and full hookup — water, sewer and electric. The sites would be across the street from The Lake, north of Edgehill Street along a private service road that would loop off from Edgehill. According to Planning and Zoning Director Chad McClure, a campground is an allowable conditional use in that zoning area, which

is I-1, general industry, and affected neighbors have been notified and have not objected. "They provided me with everything they need to apply for the conditional use permit," McClure said. The area has residential neighborhoods to the north and east, city-owned green space to the south and industrial properties to the west.

DGR engineering has surveyed the potential camp area, and it meets licensure requirements for DNR with regard to flood plain drainage and the Minnesota Department of Health for safety. Each site would be 2,000 square feet with room for an RV and a vehicle.

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MPCA Commissioner discusses Luverne wastewater

By Lori Sorenson
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Laura Bishop was in town Friday to meet with Luverne city leaders about wastewater treatment and its role in promoting economic growth. "We're here to see how things are progressing with the city — both with the NPDES permit as well as the growth we're seeing," Bishop told a group gathered in Luverne City Hall Friday morning. In particular, Luverne's discharge permit was up for its five-year renewal, and MPCA monitoring data revealed a need for enhanced nutrient removal, including phosphorus. Meanwhile, the city is planning a \$14 million wastewater treatment upgrade to address permit requirements and to meet industrial demands. Premium Iowa Pork is paying for half of that upgrade — \$6.7 million — in order to support that project and meet its needs when it starts processing next year. MPCA officials and local leaders toured PIP after the meeting.



Lori Sorenson/0627 MPCA tour Premium Iowa Pork

Premium Iowa Pork president Dan Paquin (center) shows MPCA Commissioner Laura Bishop (to his left) and a group of state and local leaders progress on the retrofit of the former IBP plant during a tour Friday.

Rock the River trip set for this Saturday

By Jason Berghorst
The Rock River might be just right for some water adventure this Saturday. The second "I Rocked the River" canoe and kayak water trip is scheduled for this weekend. The first such event took place in 2017, but excessively high water levels last year jeopardized participant safety and forced organizers to cancel the event. This year the river is high, but not too high, according to Jane Wildung-Lanphere, executive director of the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce and one of the event planners. "It's higher than typical, but not dangerous," she said. "It should be pretty fast and fun." Participants will meet at the Luverne City Park and be transported to the launch site north of Luverne. Four separate morning launch times will space out the water travel.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

The **Generations** organization will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 1, at the Generations building at 319 E. Lincoln Street in Luverne.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 8, in the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. Program will be a tour of the Healing Gardens with George Bonnema. Call 283-2297 with questions.

Springwater Township will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, in the township hall.

Lady Luverne Red Hats meetings are canceled until further notice due to health issues of members.

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

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 Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

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

Fair open class information online

The Rock County Fair Open Class premium information can be found online at www.rockcountyfair.org or at the Luverne Chamber and Rock County Library. Call Lynette Jauert 507-227-1526 with questions.

Rock River water trip set for June 29

Register now for the water trip down the Rock River Saturday, June 29. Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 with canoe or kayak. Trip includes transportation, breakfast and snack on the river. An "After Row" party will take place on Saturday, June 29. Rain date is July 6. Call the Luverne Chamber at 507-283-4061 or email luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.

Register for upcoming races

Registration is open for the Davis Lake Triathlon on Thursday, July 4, at The Lake. The Minnow Race with 1/3-mile kayak, 2-mile bike and 1-mile run begins at 8:30 a.m. at The Lake. The Shark Race with 1/2-mile kayak, 9-mile bike and 2.5-mile run begins at 9:15 a.m. Register for all races at www.wienermanevents.com.

Wienerman 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.

Register for VBS at Bethlehem

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Hills will offer a free Vacation Bible School program titled "To Mars and Beyond" from Sunday, July 7, through Thursday, July 11, for children ages 3 through eighth grade. Classes will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with supper served every night.

Register by **July 1** by calling Kari Kueter at 507-962-3656 or email kjueter@alliancecom.net.

St. John hosts two 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. Early pay fee is \$25 by June 27 for 10-session class. Call Michelle Dekam at 227-6125 if you can coach. Training will be provided.

Sewing Basket reaches 40th year

Owner adapts to changing markets and new technology and relies on good support

By Lori Sorenson

Sewing Basket owner Barb Bork grew her business between legendary retailers Audrey Wildung at the Style Shop and Margaret Vegge at Renfro Variety Store.

That was when shoppers still crowded Main Street for annual Crazy Days bargains, and they had plenty of buying options in the vibrant downtown Luverne.

And the Sewing Basket wasn't the only fabric store in town. "Nelson's sold fabric, Ben Franklin sold fabric, Creeger had fabric," Bork said during a recent conversation about her 40th year in business.

"Back then we sold fabric for garments; now people sew as a hobby."

As clothing slowly became cheaper to buy than to make from patterns, fabric sales dwindled, and Bork found herself the only sewing store in town.

She continued stocking quality fabrics, thread, buttons, zippers, clothing patterns, and other sewing staples, but she wisely shifted gears to attract an increasingly popular quilting market.

"We had to evolve into quilting or we wouldn't be here anymore," Bork said.

The quilting craze served her well. In fact, she opened a new location in Sioux Falls from 1996 to 2006.

She fed the popularity by hosting "Shop Hops" that brought together hundreds of artists with similar passions, and she routinely offers sewing demonstrations to showcase new ideas and equipment.

Adapting to market trends is arguably Bork's forte in retail success, but she's quick to point out she didn't do it alone.

"I've had really good help through the years," she said, mentioning longtime employees like Diana Dyer, Barb Sandbulte, Jennifer Bakken and Janice Fick.



Lori Sorenson photo/0627 sewing basket 40 years

Barb Bork wisely shifted gears to attract an increasingly popular quilting market after fewer customers were sewing for garments. "We had to evolve into quilting or we wouldn't be here anymore," Bork said. The quilting craze served her well, prompting a Sioux Falls store.

She also said loyal customers from a wide area through the years have been important. "We couldn't have done it without them," she said.

"And I've had good support from my husband, Orv."

He didn't say, 'You crazy fool.' He said 'How much will it cost?'

Barb (Bruxvoort) graduated from Beaver Creek High School in 1959 and was a beautician for her first 20-year career working for Enola's, England's and other long-forgotten salons.

She got her start at the Sewing Basket working for then owner Bev Gath, who a short time later announced she was selling the business.

"When I asked my husband how he felt about buying it, he didn't say, 'You crazy fool.' He said, 'How much will it cost?' And this was back when farming

wasn't going that well."

Back then, the Sewing Basket operated in what is now the Main Street Financial building, and it was next to the Pantry Café and Bot Drug.

A few years later Bork purchased her current building, shortly after the birth of their youngest child.

"That was when we had our big surprise," Bork said about their youngest son, Nick, who arrived 15 years after his next oldest sibling.

"We waited to make sure everything would be OK with him, and then we made the move," she said.

"I remember moving things down the street, and he was in a stroller. ... He pretty much grew up in this business."

Orville made another big contribution a few years later when he encouraged his wife to start selling sewing machines,

"He would come with me to trade shows and markets, and he'd visit with the sewing machine vendors," Bork said. "If we were going to sell them, we'd have to service them, or it wouldn't pay, and Orv said he would do the servicing. ... and it's worked well."

As it turns out, the machines — at roughly \$14,000 apiece — have been a big part of the Sewing Basket business as digital designs and machine outputs now dominate the fabric art world.

She sells Viking-Husqvarna machines, most of which can also machine-apply embroidery and cross-stitch digitally produced patterns on fabric.

What's her inspiration after 40 years in business? "I still love fabrics," she said. "I have dresser drawers full of fabric. ... There's so much potential in a piece of fabric."

Boyenga suffers heart attack while swimming

By Mavis Fodness

Ellsworth farmer and Luverne High School graduate Anthony "Tony" Boyenga died Saturday from an apparent heart attack.

In a press release from Rock Valley, Iowa, police chief Monte Warburton, the Sioux County Communications Center received an emergency call at 3:03 p.m. Saturday of a possible drowning at the swimming beach at Rivers Bend Campground located northwest of town.

Boyenga, 31, was swimming with his wife, Megan, and children when he went under the water and could not be found.

Efforts to find Boyenga were hampered by poor water



Mavis Fodness file photo

The Star Herald interviewed Tony and Megan for a feature story about their triplets in 2015. He's pictured here with his T-shirt about the triplets.

clarity, making visibility near zero, according to Warburton.

The Sioux County Dive Team located Boyenga at 3:50 p.m., 47 minutes after the 911 call.

Avera Care Flight was called to the scene, but emergency responders were unable to resuscitate Boyenga.

An autopsy revealed severe blockage in the main heart artery, according to Megan Boyenga.

"Anthony suffered a massive heart attack," she said.

Rock Valley Fire Department, Rock Valley Ambulance, Sioux County Sheriff's Department, Sioux County Conservation and bystanders assisted at the scene.

Rivers Bend Campground

is a 96-acre area formerly mined for sand and gravel extraction. The city of Rock Valley developed the full hookup campground with the assistance of the Northwest Iowa Community College.

In addition to the swimming hole, the campground has two stocked fishing ponds and 81 campsites near the Rock River.

The Boyengas farmed northwest of Ellsworth in Rock County with their five children, Rayden, Coyer, Bronly, Levicy and Hazyl. The children are students at Luverne Elementary and Discovery Time.

His parents are Dennis and Amy Boyenga of Ellsworth.

Boyenga is a graduate of the LHS Class of 2006.

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Jubilee Days honors the American Legion

Hardwick's last World War II vet is Saturday's parade marshal

By Mavis Fodness

This weekend's annual Hardwick Jubilee Days honors the American Legion Centennial Celebration with Hardwick's oldest living Legion member leading the parade.

World War II veteran Bill Holling celebrated his 96th birthday this year and has been a member of the Arthur Moeller Post 478 in Hardwick since 1956.

The parade begins at 7 p.m. Saturday on Main Street.

Being selected as the parade marshal is a first-time experience for the retired farmer. "It's OK, I guess," he said this week. "There is always a first time."

Each year members of the Hardwick Community Club organize activities and select a parade marshal.

As the American Legion celebrates 100 years of existence, club members wanted to select someone from the local Hardwick Legion Post 478.

Holling is the post's oldest member.

"We want to thank him for his service," said community club member Joan Kindt. "Veterans are very special to us."

The American Legion was chartered in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Holling joined the local Legion in 1956.

Holling was drafted into the Army in 1944 at the age of

21 and honorably discharged in 1946.

He and his late wife, Lois, farmed southeast of Hardwick before the couple retired in 1992.

Holling currently resides at Poplar Creek Estates in Luverne.

Hardwick Jubilee Days begins this Friday, June 28, and runs through Sunday.

Saturday is the busiest of the three celebration days.

"Almost everything is free," Kindt said.

A co-ed team softball tournament takes place throughout the day.

A community meal at the Hardwick Fire Hall will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday along with inflatables from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Following the 7 p.m. parade are the children's pedal pull and the hay bale toss activity. A street dance begins at 9 p.m. to end Saturday's activities.

An outdoor community worship services begins at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot followed by a freewill offering lunch by the Zion youth group.

Kindt said the new owners of the Green Lantern in Hardwick, Steve and Linda DeSplinter, have planned several special events for the weekend.

Teen dies in crash

A 15-year-old died Saturday, June 22, from injuries he sustained in a crash near Lismore.

Carter Braun, of rural Reading, and another 15-year-old were reportedly ejected from a pickup that rolled over.

The other teen reportedly suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a nearby hospital.

Braun, son of Andy and Kim Braun, just finished his freshman year at Adrian High School and participated in the Luverne hockey program, which expressed condolences on the social media over the weekend.

"Luverne Hockey suffered a tremendous loss yesterday afternoon," the message stated.

"Carter Braun played hockey for Luverne starting in mini mites and up until his passing yesterday. Carter was a member of our Luverne High School team and was a bright, up-and-coming star in our program."

Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington.

See complete obituary on page 7. Dingmann Funeral Home, Worthington, is charge of arrangements.



Jason Berghorst photos/0627 McDonald's improvements

McDonald's in Luverne recently completed a total interior and exterior renovation of the restaurant in order to enhance the customer experience and match McDonald's improvements being made throughout the country. **Below:** Enhancements at McDonald's include the option of two self-service ordering kiosks.

McDonald's renovation includes self-ordering option

By Jason Berghorst

Customers at the Luverne McDonald's are greeted by a total renovation that includes an electronic self-ordering system.

The project, which lasted about eight weeks, is part of a national reimaging process for McDonald's restaurants across the country.

"It's a completely different-looking building, a new modern look," said Luverne McDonald's owner Rick Lessnau of Sioux Falls.

The interior of the business was closed for about four weeks during construction while the drive-thru window service remained open throughout.

Inside the restaurant, contractors installed a new floor, counters and furniture and enhanced the restrooms.

"The whole dining room has changed," Lessnau said.

New technology was also part of the upgrades. Two new self-serve ordering kiosks were also installed.

"Customers use a touch screen to place their order and pay with a credit card," Lessnau said. "They take a number and we bring the order to their table."

A new drive-thru ordering station with new digital display boards was also added.

"Our goal is to enhance the customer experience overall," Lessnau said. "These improvements are not meant to



reduce the number of employees we have or need."

The dining room re-opened this week and Lessnau said customers and staff are getting used to the changes.

He said a grand re-opening is planned for July after any bugs in the new systems are worked out.

"Technology is great, but sometimes it doesn't work so good at first," the owner said.

Lessnau added that more enhancements may be on the way for the local McDonald's, which has been in Luverne

since 1993.

"This is just one piece of the pie," he said. "We have more upgrades to come. Delivery may be an option in the not-to-distant future."

Lessnau, who has owned the Luverne restaurant for eighty years, also owns seven McDonald's in Sioux Falls and one in Brandon.

"We're proud of the project overall," he said. "Hopefully we can continue to serve the customers in Luverne at a high level, and maybe even a little bit better."

Phelps among six new hires for the district; board tables planned wage hikes

By Mavis Fodness

New Luverne Middle School Principal Jason Phelps led the list of hires Thursday night, June 20, at the board of education meeting.

Phelps, who attended the meeting, received a 6-0 hiring vote from board members. Director Colleen Deutsch was not at Thursday's meeting.

Phelps begins his duties Monday at a salary of \$99,500.

Upon the board's approval of Phelps' hiring, a statement from high school principal Ryan Johnson was read.

Johnson served as the combined middle-high school principal for nine years. He requested the addition of the middle school principal earlier this year to help lessen

the workload.

"Getting to this point of adding new administration has been difficult for me to accept, but has become very apparent to me of the need for it," Superintendent Craig Oftedahl read. "I know the staff will respect and follow his leadership."

Board members also approved the hiring of Joel Evans as a physical education teacher at a salary of \$46,585. He replaces TJ Newgard, who moves into the middle school physical education position vacated by Caylee Tennis. Tennis resigned at the end of the school year.

Molly Carbonneau was hired as an elementary teacher at a salary of \$44,186. She takes over the fourth-grade class-

room from Jon Schomacker, who moves into the new elementary behavioral interventionist position.

The school received approval from the state education department to defray costs associated with the new position.

The Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS) allowed \$85,790 to go toward the position's salary.

ADSIS award is for two years.

Morgan Smith was hired as the elementary music teacher. Her salary is \$39,422 and she replaces Shirlee Gilmore, who retired at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Challie Jones is the district's new speech pathologist.

Her salary was approved at \$39,422.

Chelsie Wermager was also hired as an elementary teacher to replace fifth-grade Katie Mostad, who moved from the elementary to the middle school as a teacher. Wermager's salary is \$52,284.

Board takes another look at wage, salary raises

Board members tabled any decisions on raises for the 2019-20 school year. Instead they referred any potential increases back to the personnel committee.

Board members agreed that the committee needs to be aware of all personnel salary decisions in order to see

the larger budget picture, said chairman Jodi Bosch after the meeting.

Tabled were increases in bus driver compensation, two-hour food service hourly rate (last raises were approved 2018-19), substitute teacher daily rates, and supervisory and exempt employees salaries, five positions that were recommended for a 3.5-percent salary increase for 2019-20.

Breakfast, lunch prices increase for students

Student breakfasts and lunches will cost ten to 25 cents more per day during the 2019-20 school year.

Board members support-

ed the increase with concerns that more families won't be able to afford the extra costs.

Meal costs were last raised two years ago.

Breakfasts will now cost 10 cents more for students in first through twelfth grade at \$1.50 per day. Breakfast for kindergartners is still free.

Lunch for kindergarten through fifth grade and sixth through twelfth grade will be 25 cents higher at \$3 and \$3.25 per day, respectively, for the upcoming school year.

While adult breakfasts stay the same at \$2.50 per day, adult lunch costs will increase 20 cents to \$4 per day.

Elementary milk break stays the same at \$50 per year.

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There's more than one way to cook a bird (and discover a column topic)

From my seat in the machine shop, I observed the turkey fryer a safe distance away with one recurring thought: There's got to be a column in here somewhere.

It started five days earlier when I found a Butterball turkey in the bottom of the chest freezer. It was a holiday gift from a farm supplier just last year, so the bird was still fresh and, better yet, free.

Several days later, the husband set out to try deep-fry cooking.

To be fair, the process was my idea, since we still had a "turkey fryer" that we borrowed for sweet corn preserving last summer.

"We should see what it takes to cook it in the turkey fryer," I suggested.

As it turns out, "we" indeed looked into it, purchased three gallons of cooking oil for \$25 (so much for the free turkey) and fired up the propane tank (borrowed from the Weber grill) to heat the oil.

It was at this stage of the process I arrived home to find steam shooting from the lid of the large pot on a propane tank in the middle of the yard.

"Oh. You deep fried the turkey!" I greeted the husband. "When will it be ready?"

He wasn't sure. "What time did you put it in the pot?"

It wasn't in the pot yet. The oil needed to reach 400 degrees. "How hot is it now?"

He shot a laser beam at the pot with a gadget that registered at 97.6 degrees.

I sat down next to my husband on the tailgate next to the cold raw bird.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

It was 8:30 p.m.

By this time, curious neighbors showed up for a taste. Finding nothing edible, they, too, sat down and watched the pot.

After a beer and discussion about the boiling point for oil, the bird entered the pot for a cook time also to be debated.

Google said it should cook 3 to 4 minutes per pound (our bird was 14 pounds) in 400-degree oil.

We watched and waited. And had another beer, this time with crackers.

At 9:30 a promising aroma wafted from the pot, and a meat thermometer speared in a golden brown breast measured 189 degrees.

So we hauled it out, declaring it "done," and headed in to set the table.

But when red juices began pooling under the bird, it was returned to the oil for another round.

And we watched and waited. And the neighbors went home.

At 10:15 the turkey was indeed done, and our masterpiece meal arrived at the kitchen table, (with the gizzard packet and neck still tucked inside) minus potatoes and gravy and stuffing.

The kid in his pajamas gnawed on a drumstick and a night-owl neighbor returned for a taste of what was deemed a success, even at 10:30 p.m.

Watching the hungry crew gathered around the turkey in the tinfoil pan, it occurred to me again: There's got to be a column in here somewhere ... even if it's submitted half-baked.

Help! We need more pages to keep up with all the big news!

We constantly marvel at the abundance of big news to share with our Star Herald readers.

There are a lot of really important things happening, and we often wish for a daily publication to adequately update the ever-progressing projects and to keep up with new announcements in a timely manner.

Just this week we had the privilege of covering the groundbreaking ceremony for Luverne School District's \$22 million voter-approved construction project.

It will result in a \$7 million 775-seat performing arts center and \$30 million worth of new construction for a commons, media center, improved classroom spaces and more.

History. Making. News.

This week we also covered plans for a \$14 million upgrade to Luverne's wastewater treatment plant. (It sounds technical and boring, but bear with us; this stuff is important.)

The improvements were necessitated by Premium Iowa Pork's plans to start processing antibiotic-free pork next year, but the upgrades improve the city's capacity for industrial growth for the next 50 years.

PIP will pay for \$6.7 million of the wastewater treatment plant improvements in addition to remodeling the old IBP plant with \$30 million of construction improvements. (This

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all improves our local tax base, by the way.)

MPCA Commissioner Laura Bishop and her team were in town Friday to talk about wastewater compliance as it relates to economic development.

Specifically, discussion centered on a little-known waste water regulation that reportedly prompted TruShrimp to abandon its plans in Luverne.

The conversation, while at times academic, went to the heart of how healthy government works: state and city leaders listened, suggested, listened some more and worked toward a future solution agreeable for both environment protection and economic growth.

This week's paper also carries an endearing feature about Barb Bork and her 40-year-old Sewing Basket store downtown.

The story of her success through the years clearly stems from her ability and willingness to adapt and thrive (and work hard for her customers).

She sold fabrics and sewing

supplies in her early years but shifted gears to feed a growing market for quilting and other fabric crafts, and now she's on the cutting edge (pardon the pun) of digital art design.

Barb, at 76, keeps up with changing technology and sells the \$20,000 machines that are capable of producing elaborate cross stitch and embroidery products at the touch of a button. She also offers training and servicing for the niche products.

Her story fits well with our other news this week in that she epitomizes the progressive spirit of our community in its drive to adapt, succeed and grow amid challenging forces.

We truly live in a special place where decades of good leadership and private cooperation has fostered an atmosphere of "can-do" for everything from the arts, to public recreation to reliable infrastructure — and the list goes on.

Meanwhile, our Star Herald news team is grateful for the opportunity for our role in recording these successes in print for our future community leaders and residents.



Slowing down ensures correct speed at road sign

Question: When the speed limit changes on a road, does the new speed limit start at the sign, or does it start when you can see the sign?

Answer: The speed zone becomes effective when you reach the sign. If the speed limit reduces, you must begin to slow down *before* the sign. If the speed limit increases, you must wait until you reach the new speed limit sign before increasing your speed.

Each year, illegal or unsafe speed is a leading contributing factor in Minnesota fatal crashes. To continue educating the public on the dangers of speed, law enforcement across Minnesota will conduct extra speed patrols June 18-July 21.

Speed contributed to:

• In 2018, preliminary numbers show speed was the number one



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christensen, Minnesota State Patrol

contributing factor in single-vehicle crashes.

• Preliminary numbers show 113 people were killed in speed-related crashes in 2018.

• During the past five years (2014-2018), preliminary numbers show that 462 people lost their lives in speed-related crashes.

The most common speed limits

are:

- 10 mph in alleys.
- 30 mph on streets in urban districts.
- 55 mph on other roads.
- 65 mph on expressways.
- 65 mph on urban interstate highways.
- 70 mph on rural interstate highways.

Troopers actively enforce speed limits throughout Minnesota in an effort to reduce crashes and save lives. Please remember, the posted speed limit is not a suggestion, it is posted to keep motorists safe. Please pay attention at all times while driving and obey all traffic laws.

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 Christensen — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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Your opinion matters.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 14

- Complainant reported a false statement.
- Complainant reported an erratic driver hit construction cones and is on the shoulder, eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 2 near Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported a train is blocking the road near Hills.
- A subject was arrested on warrant on Main Street.
- Complainant reported to have found a missing person on West Veterans Drive.
- Complainant reported a body was found near Jasper.
- Complainant reported a break-in on West Main Street.
- Deputy reported cars parked on the grass in the city park.
- Complainant in Steen reported someone stole the mail out of her mailbox.

June 15

- Deputy was patrolling the 24-hour parking lot in Luverne.
- Complainant near Ash Creek reported her boyfriend hasn't been seen for about four hours.
- Another agency was asked for assistance.
- Complainant reported an accident at 100th Avenue and 71st Street.
- Complainant reported a baby was sitting on driver's lap at location on East Warren Street.
- A complainant on East Oakland Avenue reported parking issues.
- Complainant in Magnolia reported a hit and run.
- Complainant reported a violation of order of protection.
- Complainant on West Park Street requested assistance.
- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a dispute.
- Report that the 911 phone is down.
- Complainant reported a manhole cover is off on North Kniss Avenue and Adams Street.

June 16

- Complainant reported a driver weaving back and forth westbound at the Beaver Creek exit on Interstate 90.
- Complainant on West Warren Street reported a disorderly dispute.
- Complainant reported a deer on roadway on Interstate 90, mile marker 2-3 near Beaver Creek.
- Report of fire in smoke stack in location on South Walnut Street.
- Complainant near Beaver Creek reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant reported an unlicensed driver near Magnolia.
- Complainant on Donaldson Street and West Main Street reported suspicious activity.
- Property was found at location on Blue Mound Avenue.
- Suspicious activity was reported on Elizabeth Avenue in Hills.
- Suspicious behavior was reported at location on the 24-hour parking lot.
- Deputy conducted a curfew check on East Adams Avenue.

June 17

- Complainant reported an accident on Spring and Brown streets.
- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported an issue with an order for protection violation.
- Complainant reported a rollover on 111th Street.
- Deputy conducted a follow-up on a prior call for service.
- Suspicious activity was reported at location on West Main Street.

June 18

- Suspicious activity was reported at location on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant reported a suspicious person on North Spring Street.
- Complainant reported property was found on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant notified subject of a trespassing notice.
- Complainant requested background check for housing.
- Deputy assisted state patrol at location of Exit 5 on Interstate 90, Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported a calf on the road near Jasper.
- Complainant traveling westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, reported someone driving while intoxicated.

June 19

- ERU training was conducted in Truman.
- Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant.
- Complainant reported a fire on East Warren Street.
- Complainant reported suspicious activity on Highway 75 and Hatting Street.
- Complainant requested extra patrol at location on West Hatting Street.
- Complainant reported the side door is open at location on South Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant on Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue reported she is concerned about an older woman walking around.
- A driving complainant was reported near Hardwick.
- Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a person is possibly missing.

June 20

- Complainant on North Blue Mound Avenue reported a single calf is outside of fence.
- Complainant reported suspicious activity on East Lincoln Street.
- Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue reported an item was lost.
- Complainant reported receiving scam phone calls.
- There was a request for deputies to be present for a civil issue on West Barck Avenue.
- Complainant on West Main Street reported suspicious activity.

In addition, officers responded to 4 deer accidents, 4 transports, 8 escorts, 36 ambulance runs, 9 paper services, 10 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 7 burn permits, 3 gas drive-offs, 3 drug court tests, 8 purchase to carry, 17 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls and 3 tests.



Mike and Traci Davis, who own property adjacent to the lake, are proposing nine to 10 campsites with cement RV pads (not pull-through) and full hookup — water, sewer and electric. The sites would be across the street from The Lake, north of Edgehill Street along a private service road that would loop off from Edgehill.

Campground proposed at The Lake/continued from page 1

Adequate designated off-street parking is available for additional vehicles.

Noise rules fall under the same city ordinance, such as quiet times between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., and a likely 10 mph speed limit would be imposed through the campground.

The Davises attended Monday night's hearing to answer questions about their plans.

Mike said licensure also dictates night lighting, garbage management, rodent and pest control and other requirements, in addition to a 24-hour contact for the Sheriff's Office in the event of an emergency.

"The Department of Health protects a lot of stuff, to make sure everything is clean and safe," he said. "And this will be small."

He said they don't intend to sell supplies to campers.

"We figure Luverne has everything to offer that they need," he said. "We plan to get them into town, take their buck for staying the night and the rest they can find in town."

The board asked about the type of campers Davis envisions and the duration of stays.

Davis said he envisions overnights, weekenders — such as ball tournament families — and weeklong visitors, but he also said long-term visitors — such as construction workers — would be welcome as long as they comply with campground requirements.

"This ain't no trailer park," he said. "This isn't a place for people to live."

And at the end of the season, before frost sets in, the water lines get winterized and disconnected, effectively closing the campground until spring.

McClure added that because of DNR floodplain requirements, campers aren't allowed to attach semi-permanent decks to their campers or other amenities that would make it difficult to evacuate in the event of a flood.

When asked about staffing, Mike said after hours campers would fill out a card that would be checked later, similar to many small municipal campgrounds.

"We're around, but we're not big enough where we can staff it," Mike said.

"If our second half of this goes through with the old Boy Scout Camp, then we can be a little more clever with how we work together."

He also mentioned future plans for small cabins on the south side of the road out of the flood plain, and possible asphalt paving.

'Economic boon' when people stay in town overnight

Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere attended Monday's hearing to offer support for the Davis campground.

"Speaking for the Chamber and CVB, having a campground with all hookups would be a really great thing for the community," Lanphere said.

"We get calls at the Chamber all the time, and that's one of the questions we get asked, 'Do you have a campground with hookups?' And that's one thing we've never been able to say yes to."

She said the proposed campground would be a benefit to travelers, to tourists, and a place for visiting workers.

"When the wind towers came through, we lost a lot of business be-

cause we weren't able to provide these things for them," Lanphere said.

"It's a great economic boon to the community all the way around if we can get people to stay at night."

City Administrator John Call remarked about the welcome improvements to The Lake neighborhood in recent years.

"If you can remember what it looked like five to seven years ago, it was kind of a junky sort of area, out of sight- out of mind," he said.

"With the partnership between the Davises and the city we have cleaned that up down there and it's really something to be proud of."

He pointed out the green space, Sioux quartzite boulders and the DNR fishing jetty

"We couldn't have done it without them, and they probably couldn't have done it all without us," Call said. "It's definitely an area to be proud of."

Possibly ready by spring

With the Planning and Zoning Board's approval, the matter will come to a future City Council meeting for final approval.

The next step, Davis said, is to turn his paperwork in to the Minnesota Department of Health, which has eight to 10 weeks to act on it.

If the MDH approves, campground construction can begin, and the MDH will return for final clearance.

"I would love to have something up and running by spring," he said, "But lots of little things can slow you down."

Rock the River set for Saturday, June 29/continued from page 1

elers.

The trip down the river will return to the City Park and should last three or four hours.

A light breakfast and a snack will be served to the canoeists and kayakers during two short breaks along the way.

New this year will be an After Row

Party at Take 16 Brewing Company.

A hot meal will be served at the brewery and entertainment will be provided.

"It should be a nice way to wrap up the day," Wildung-Lanphere said.

The goal of the event is to promote the Rock River as a regional option

for water recreation.

Organizers have scheduled July 6 as the rain date if needed.

For more information or to inquire about participating, contact the Luverne Area Chamber at 507-283-4061. Or visit the Chamber website at www.luvernechamber.com.

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Gavin Folkestad (far left), Angie Swenson, Judy Chesley and Becky Rahm load instruments and uniforms Thursday night, June 20, for the Luverne High School band students' trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. The band left Sunday and returns early Friday morning.

Marching band performs in Florida

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Seventy-two Luverne High School band members and nine chaperones left Sunday for a five-day trip to Florida.

The students played Tuesday as part of Disney's Performing Arts Series.

Their marching performance took them down Main Street U.S.A. in the Magic Kingdom Park in a program they began preparing for last fall.

LHS band director Richard Owen said students performed their "Disney Parade Sequence," the same performance parade-goers saw at the Tri-State Band Festival in September and at Buffalo Days earlier this month on Main Street Luverne.

However, the band's performance at Magic Mountain had a twist at the request of Walt Disney World performance organizers concerned about viewers' safety.

"They wanted fewer for-

mations," Owen said. "And they did not want color-guard throwing flags."

What was taken out in maneuvers was more than made up for in the band's performance of "Mickey Mouse March" and "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah," popular songs associated with Walt Disney.

While students and chaperones left by plane Sunday morning, their instruments, band uniforms and luggage were loaded Thursday night, June 20. The pickup and trailer with Nate and Molly Golla at the helm left Friday morning for the 1,600-mile drive to the band's hotel in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

In addition to marching at Magic Kingdom Park, students also visited Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studio, Universal Studios and Pleasure Island.

Students arrive back to Luverne early Friday morning, which is also



Luverne High School marching band adult volunteers organize instruments, uniforms and student luggage Thursday night, June 20, in the middle-high school gym.

Owen's last day as the LHS band director.

He accepted a position as band director of the Sauk Rapids-Rice High School band next school year.

"It's hard," he said of his decision to leave Luverne.

"These have been such a good group of students."

Owen came to Luverne

in 2013, when the current seniors were beginning band students.

Four years ago the band traveled to Disneyland in California.

Luverne Public Schools hired James Jarvie of Luverne as its new band director. Jarvie previously taught in Ellsworth.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Vietnam War Veteran Buck Underwood, Luverne, said the worst part of the war was coming home. Instead of cheers, he and others were welcomed with protests.

"There's some stuff you can't forget. It's just something you just carry with you," he said.

On Saturday, June 13, Underwood and seven other veterans from Rock County attended an honorary reception they deserved 45 years ago.

"It was very nice. I think we all came away with a little better feeling, a little more peace of mind," he said. ...

It was the first-ever honorary Vietnam-era celebration in Minnesota. The event took place at the Capitol Square in St. Paul.

The purpose was to "proudly celebrate these individuals and come together as a community in support and gratitude for their service and sacrifice."

25 years ago (1994)

•Tim and Julie Burns are considering selling their home, which is nestled at the base of the Blue Mounds State Park. Because of its scenic location and stately frame, they are marketing the property as a potential bed and breakfast attraction.

The value of their home, based on these qualities, however, is threatened by a proposed zoning change that would allow further gravel excavation in their neighborhood.

The Burnses and about 30 other property owners showed up

at a public hearing Monday night to speak in opposition to a conditional use permit application that would allow for mining and extraction of gravel in an area currently not allowed under the A-1 zoning.

50 years ago (1969)

•Charles Merrill will be the first to tell you he thought he knew it all back in 1919 ... but 50 years later ... he knows it wasn't so.

The vulnerable Mr. Merrill, now 82, began selling shoes in Eagle Grove, Iowa, when he was 15 years old. This week he is commemorating his golden anniversary of merchandising on Luverne's Main street.

When he began selling shoes in that Iowa town 67 years ago, women were wearing high button or high laced shoes. He chuckles remembering how difficult it was to delicately force the not-so-small feet of the ladies into the only available shoes of the day. ...

Now, in his modern store, the ladies have a vast style and size range, up to size 12, although most women won't admit to wearing it! ...

Everyone thought Charley Merrill was "crazy" to stock "good" shoes when he opened Merrill's Shoe Store in Luverne back in 1919. Times were not so good, he remembers, but Charley Merrill persisted, because "Quality has always been important

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CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Henzley Mae, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born Thursday, June 13, 2019, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Ethan and Maleeka Rozeboom** of Hills. She joins a sister, Sadia, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Charlie and Dawn Sandager and Harlin and Yvonne Rozeboom, all of Hills.

Card showers

The family of **Kenneth and Pauline Ahrendt** would like to honor them with a card shower in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 28. Greetings may be sent to them at 202 W. Dodge Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

BISTRO MENU

Monday, July 1: Beef tips in gravy, noodles, peaches, country blend vegetables, bread, cookie. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders; 12:30 p.m. Generations meeting.

Tuesday, July 2: Parmesan chicken, baked potato with sour cream, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cocktail. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Sanford Luverne.

Wednesday, July 3: Country steak with country gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, pudding. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, July 4: Closed

for Fourth of July.

Friday, July 5: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, dessert. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day sponsored by Rock County Ministerial Association.

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1967: City removes trees in fight against elm disease

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on July 13, 1967.

Ordinance Gives City Authority To Remove Trees

Under authority given by an ordinance adopted by the city council Tuesday night, city workmen yesterday began removing the elm tree at 516 N. Cedar, diagnosed as having Dutch elm disease.

The ordinance, passed under emergency powers provided by the city charter, authorizes the city council to declare trees known to be infected with the disease to be a public nuisance.

The office of City Forester was created and the hat of the office was delegated to City Administrative Assistant Richard J. Stevens.

Henceforth, if any more trees are determined to have the disease, a notice will be served the owner. The owner then has five days in which to abate the public nuisance. If the owner does not act within five days, the city may move in and take the tree down if it is shown that danger is imminent to other trees. Loss of the elms would depreciate property values in the city.

All nearby high value elms may be sprayed if it is determined necessary.

Long Deliberation



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

It was after long deliberation that the council passed the ordinance.

The ordinance prohibits the transporting of the diseased elmwood except under controlled conditions. All elmwood must be burned unless it is de-barked.

Penalty for delaying or prohibiting removal of diseased tress on property also is established in the ordinance. The offense is considered a misdemeanor with a maximum \$100 fine or 90 days confinement.

The new ordinance will necessitate the city to start a

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Submitted photo

Three Special Olympians compete over weekend

Three athletes from Luverne competed at the state 2019 Summer Games June 21-23 at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Derek Deutsch (left), Nikole Koffron and Josh Mallon competed in the track and field games. Deutsch placed second in the long jump, third in shot put and 50-meter dash. Koffron finished second in the shot put, third in the long jump and fifth in the 100-meter dash. Mallon earned a fourth-place finish in the long jump, fifth in the shot put and 100-meter dash. In addition to the weekend of competition, the three Olympians also took part in the Healthy Athletes program, where they participated in various screenings at the state meet.

Be vigilant about the flower garden — and don't forget about spraying the lawn

I have been appreciating the stunning foliage of my assortment of hosta varieties. To preserve that magnificent display, it is important to protect the plants from slug damage. Slugs feed at night, so you seldom see them, but you notice the damage they wreak ... first just a few small holes, then more and more, until the leaves look pretty much "shot" up.

Prevent the damage by applying slug bait at the base of the leaves. The slugs hide under debris on the soil or in the soil during the day and leave a slime trail on the soil or leaves as they travel. The pellets of slug bait are not toxic or appealing to birds and most forms are safe to use



as protection for edible plants as well, but always check the label to verify.

Roses have finished their first flush of flowers, and one of the things I appreciate about the newer varieties is that they are "self-cleaning," meaning that they do not set seed pods; therefore, you don't have to deadhead them.

That is not a fact of all shrub roses, so if you need to clean up the old flower stems, be sure to cut the stem back to a five-leaflet leaf. Immediately under the flower are normally three-leaflet leaves, and cutting back to these leaves will usually produce a new stem of just foli-

age. Cutting down a little farther to a five-leaflet leaf will result in another stem of flowers. Often this cutting back results in a better-looking shrub rose.

If you have a problem with crab grass, this is the time to attack that weed. Crab grass grows very rapidly and forms a dense mat on the soil surface. Spraying with crabgrass killer is most effective while the weeds are small and growing rapidly. Waiting until it goes to seed is job security for next year.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iuu.net.

DEATH NOTICES

Helen Probst

Helen E. (Haakenson) Probst died Feb. 28, 2019, and her husband, Charles Probst, died in November 2004. Together their ashes will be buried at Maplewood Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 2. (0627 DN)

Jeanette Top

Jeanette Top, 94, Hills, died Monday, June 24, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne. Funeral arrangements are pending through the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0627 DN)

Rose Meester

Rose Meester, 97, Ellsworth, died Monday, June 24, 2019, at the Sanford Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian. Burial will be in Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian. Arrangements are provided by the Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com. (0627 DN)

Anthony Boyenga

Anthony W. Boyenga, 31, Ellsworth, died Saturday, June 22, 2019, in the Rock River near Rivers Bend Campground, Rock Valley, Iowa, as the result of a heart attack. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 27, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery near Ellsworth. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at St. Catherine Catholic Church, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0627 DN)

SCHOOL NEWS

Witte graduates from NDSU

Paul Witte III received a Bachelor of Science degree in strategic communication at the Spring 2019 commencement from North Dakota State University at Fargo, North Dakota.

Gustavas names honor students

Toby Sengvongxay and Kristen Ziegler, both of Luverne, have been named to the Spring 2019 dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. To be eligible, students must earn a GPA of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Smith makes Buena Vista dean's list

Brenda Smith, Luverne, was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2019 semester at Buena Vista University's online site. To be eligible, students must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Stenger named to Wesleyan dean's list

Krista Stenger, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2019 dean's list at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. She also received Honors in Scholarship during the honors banquet. Krista is the daughter of Steve Stenger.

SMSU releases spring dean's list

Several area students have been named to the Spring 2019 dean's list at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Students with 12 graded credits who earn a 3.5 or higher are named to the Honors list. Students with a 4.0 are named to the High Honors list are indicated with an asterisk after their names. The following students were named to the dean's list: Adrian: Brenna Kramer*, Taylor Heidebrink, Brady Henning, Ellsworth: Karli Schilling. Luverne: Alexis Ferrell, Alizabeth Prekker, Chris Syphokham.

Bos earns veterinary medicine degree

Nathan (Stensland) Bos, a 2012 graduate of Luverne High School, earned his doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Minnesota on May 5, 2019. He earned his undergraduate degree in animal science from the University of Minnesota in 2015.

Dr. Bos is currently employed as a large animal veterinarian at Herd Health, PLLC, in Caldwell, Idaho.

He is the son of Doug Bos and Lynette Stensland, Luverne.



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control program. To start, after removing the diseased tree, a trimming and later a spraying program will be put into effect. The city expects to remove diseased trees, if any more are discovered, from boulevards and public property. Trees on private property are to be removed at the owner's expense within five days. If they remain after five days the city

must move in and remove the tree, the cost being assessed the property owner on the tax rolls.

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@iwnet.

Carter Braun

Carter Michael Braun, 15, of rural Reading, died Saturday, June 22, 2019, as the result of an automobile accident near Lismore.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington. A private family committal will be at a later date. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at the church and also one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Carter had just completed his freshman year at Adrian High School where he played football, hockey and baseball. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He sold sweet corn in the summer months, and he helped his father in the lawn care business. Carter loved sports but his true passion was hockey.

He touched many hearts in his young life with a sparkle in his eye. He was very quick-witted, and you could see by his expression that his mind was always working on a smart comment or a response.



Carter is survived by his parents, Andy and Kim Braun, Reading; three siblings, Tanner, Easton and Jace-lynn; his grandparents, Mike and Judy Braun and Todd Carlson, all of Worthington; his stepgrandfather, Bruce Heidebrink, Worthington; aunts and uncles Mason (Elyce) Braun, Brandon, South Dakota, Sarah (Chad) Nickel, Worthington, Dan Braun, Reading, Sarah (Seth) Adamson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Brandon Carlson, Lakefield, and Janie (James) Steckley, Hartford, South Dakota; great-grandparents Louis and Amie Olson, Heron Lake, and Sandra Carlson, Worthington; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Sheila Heidebrink, and his great-grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com. (0627 F)

Emily Lodine Overgaard

Emily Lodine Overgaard, 64, Luverne, died Monday, June 17, 2019, at the Dow Rummel Village in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial service was Thursday, June 20, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Emily Lodine was born to Robert and Betty (Dick) Lodine on March 24, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. She was baptized in 1955 and received her confirmation in 1969, both at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston, Illinois. Emily grew up in Evanston and graduated from high school in 1972. She attended Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, graduating magna cum laude in 1976 with a Bachelor of Music degree in music theory.

Emily performed as a mezzo soprano with many of the world's finest conductors of symphonies and orchestras throughout the United States. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in Handel's "Messiah." She received acclaim for her work with a Pulitzer Prize-nominated project. She was a member of a vocal ensemble nominated for and awarded a Grammy. She performed Christmas at the Cathedral with the South Dakota Symphony and also sang with the vocal group Conspirare. Her artistry, silvery voice and mastery of all styles placed her in great demand for concert engagements. Emily especially loved playing Julia Child in Lee Hoiby's short operetta, "Bon Appetit."

In 1992 Emily was on a

plane to London and seated

next to her future husband, a farmer from a small town in Minnesota. On June 22, 1996, Emily married Gary Overgaard at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. They made their home on a farm north of Magnolia.

Emily taught classes as an adjunct music professor at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa; Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall; and Luverne Street Music in Luverne. In 2014 Emily was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.

Emily was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Luverne. She studied and became an ordained rural Episcopal priest. She enjoyed traveling, being on the farm, being with people and entertaining.

Emily is survived by her husband, Gary, of Magnolia; her brother, James "Philip" (Cathryn "Cay") Lodine of Stow, Massachusetts; and many relatives, friends and musical enthusiasts.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Martha Lodine.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Luverne Street Music (205 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne MN 56156) or Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-Dakotas Chapter (4550 West 77th Street, Suite 200, Edina, MN 55435).

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0627 F)

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OBITUARIES

Edward Scarlett

Edward L. Scarlett, 72, Luverne, died Saturday, June 15, 2019, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

In honoring Edward's wishes, no public service will be held.

Edward Lee Scarlett was born on Feb. 21, 1947, to John and Edna (Holladay) Scarlett in Adair, Iowa. He was raised on a farm near Anita, Iowa where he attended school, graduating from CAM High School in 1965. He enlisted into the United States Army in 1966 and served during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge, he continued to pursue his education. He attended Michigan Tech in Houghton, Michigan, and then the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

On Sept. 6, 1969, he married Ann Keranen at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Atlantic Mine, Michigan. The couple moved to Minneapolis, where he attended the University of Minnesota. His studies focused on mechanical engineering. Ed began a job drafting for rural elevators, which required him to move around quite a bit. The couple moved to Pipestone for five years, then nearby Edgerton, where he took a job at Fey Industries. Ed then worked in Steel Fabrication at Hills Stainless Steel in Luverne. The couple moved to Hardwick, where they made their home for over 30 years.

He retired in 2013 due to his health and they moved to the Centennial Apartments in Luverne a couple of years later. He became a resident of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne on Dec. 13, 2018.

Ed was very religious and a faithful member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He was a quiet man who enjoyed living a simple life. He had a calming presence about him. He enjoyed reading, computers, fishing, cross country and downhill skiing. He enjoyed nature, whether sitting outside his home and taking in his surroundings or heading out to the state park.

Ed is survived by his wife, Ann; children Lisa (Wade) Scarlett-Steeneck of Beresford, South Dakota, and Susan (Scarlett) Rogers of Hardwick; grandchildren Laura Steeneck and Nicholas and Matthew Rogers; and siblings Norma (Errol) Scarlett-Heckman of East Peru, Iowa, Harold Scarlett of Anita, Iowa, and Mildred Sparling of Tucson, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Lafe Scarlett, Helen Redburn, Fred Scarlett Jr. and George Scarlett.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0627 F)

Oliver Rollag

Oliver Burton Rollag, 96, Beaver Creek, died Thursday, June 20, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at Palisade Lutheran Church, rural Rock County. Burial will precede the service at West Palisade Cemetery. A visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 28, at the Minnehaha Funeral Home in Garretson, South Dakota.

Oliver Rollag was born on Dec. 16, 1922, to Oscar and Hilda (Halverson) Rollag on a farm near Booge, South Dakota. He graduated from Valley Springs High School in 1940 and later served in the United States Navy at the end of World War II.

On May 30, 1948, he married Arlene Carlson at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church near Valley Springs, South Dakota. They lived in Sioux Falls where he worked for John Morrell & Co. In 1952 Oliver and Arlene moved to rural Beaver Creek, where he began his farming career. Even when he was no longer actively farming, Oliver continued to help his son on the family farm. He also faithfully maintained a very large



garden, the produce of which he readily shared with family and friends.

Oliver was baptized and confirmed at Palisade Lutheran Church, where he became a lifelong member.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene;

children Diane Peterson, Hallock, Carlene (Pat) Lawler, Zumbrota, Janice Rollag, Farmington, and Lyle (Sharil) Rollag, Beaver Creek; nine grandchildren, Laura (Tim) Linder, Beth (Jeff) Jiskra, Anna (Dalton Little) Peterson, Molly Lawler, Katie Lawler, Berik Kallevig, Thomas Rollag, Alaina Rollag and Sean Rollag; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Doris (Kermit) Rye; sisters-in-law Lottie Rollag and Karen Rollag; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers, Howard, Milton, Roger, Lester and Glenn.

Memorials may be directed to the Palisade Cemetery Association.

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Chantel Connell photos/0627 Shopko Empty

Luverne Shopko closes its doors

Sunday marked the last day for business at Luverne Shopko Hometown on South Highway 75. On Monday all the remaining merchandize was removed and the facility is now empty. Sun Capital Partners, owners of the Shopko Hometown retail stores, announced in March that all of its stores will close after the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. No plans for the empty building have been announced. All area Shopko Hometown stores conducted their final sales on Sunday.

Remember When/from page 6 —

to me ... I'm sold on good shoes that properly fit ... and I believed my customer was too ... Of course, if a shoe doesn't fit properly it doesn't make much difference what you pay for it."

75 years ago (1944)

•Having completed 28 missions over enemy-occupied Europe, part of the time as co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, and later checking out as first pilot, 1st Lt. Kenneth M. Haugen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haugen, of Jasper, admits he is not sorry that he is missing the big push.

Lt. Haugen knows what it is to feel the sting of battle, for he has come home from a mission many times with his plane full of holes made by enemy flak. He is proud, though, to state that "not one member of our crew ever received the Purple Heart." The purple heart is awarded for wounds received in action.

100 years ago (1919)

•Preliminary steps for establishing another oil filling station in Luverne were taken the first of the week by J. A. Frick and H. R. Cheney, of Pipestone, when they closed a deal for the purchase of part of the Lawler property on South Cedar Street.

The ground secured is the south fifty feet of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 8, which is the southwest part of the block, with a fifty-foot frontage on Cedar street and one hundred feet on Maple street.

Gevo wind hearing slated for Monday in Luverne/continued from page 1 —

landowner and his ability to site a turbine on his property," Thibert said. "In this scenario ... it is unlikely that the neighbors are able to site turbines on their property to begin with."

The two sites are located near county roads 4 and 11 in sections 17 and 19 in Luverne Township.

Interstate 90 is south of the proposed locations.

Respective property owners are Kirk Gabrielson of Winston, Georgia, and Greg Gabrielson of Luverne.

"Those two sites were selected because they are the closest we can get to the airport setbacks and closest to the Gevo facility with the greatest amount of space between the area homes," said Mike Powers, also with Juhl Energy.

The transmission line from the turbines to the plant will be underground.

Commissioners also met Phil Cherry, who became the Luverne plant manager about a month ago.

"This project will allow the facility to be the first in the country — and possibly the world — to produce biofuels will an all renewable energy

sources," he said.

Gevo is partnering with Juhl Energy Development of Chanhassen for the design, permitting, procurement, construction and operation of the turbines.

According to the county renewable energy ordinance, all wind energy projects at 5 megawatts or under must follow the local ordinance.

Wind projects larger than 5 megawatts are permitted through the state.

Gevo's project falls under the 5-megawatt limit for county permitting.

Electricity from the wind fuel project will tie directly into the Gevo plant, reducing the plant's use of power generated from carbon-based sources.

If constructed, the two wind turbines could generate 20 million kilowatts, nearly matching the annual power needs for the Gevo plant.

The plant will continue to be connected to the Missouri River energy grid in times when the wind production cannot meet plant needs.

The proposed turbines have an 80-meter hub height with a 116-meter rotor diameter.



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 at the law enforcement center in Luverne.

Thibert told commissioners that the plant's Luverne location is ideal for the community energy project.

"It capitalizes on your local wind source, which is exceptional down here," he said.

Average wind speed is 7.9 meters per second at the

80-meter hub height.

Juhl Energy recently completed a solar-wind hybrid project near Fergus Falls for a local electrical cooperative.

The 500 kilowatts of power is generated by the hybrid is sold directly into the rural cooperative's distribution

line under an alternative purchasing option.

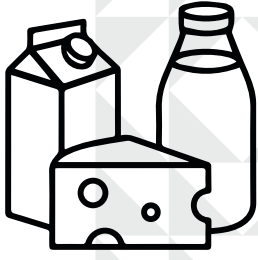
"It allows them to save money and pass that savings on to their members," Thibert said.

For Gevo, the use of renewable energy will also increase the value of its grain-based products.

States like California reward companies for decreasing carbon dioxide emissions in manufacturing processes.

Plant manager Cherry most recently worked at a California ethanol facility and has 20 years in the renewable energy business before coming to Luverne.

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Family Night at the plaza

After a long, gray rainy day, skies cleared Thursday evening, June 20, for a sunny Family Night at the Plaza on the outdoor area of the History Center on East Main Street. The Rock County Historical Society offered a meal of barbecue, chips, cookie and drink, and local volunteers set up a series of games and activities for all ages.

Pictured above, Di-anne Hoyt tosses a bean bag toward a target.

At left: Peer Helpers Solveig Tofteland and Seno Chanthalangsy demonstrate hula hoops.



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Legion goes 2-1 during home tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team won three of four games during the second week of the summer season. Luverne rolled to an eight-run win in Tracy June 18 before going 2-1 during the annual Luverne Tournament Friday and Saturday against three South Dakota teams, Dell Rapids, Canton and West Central of Hartford.

The 4-1 Cardinals host Marshall for a twin bill Thursday.

WC 5, Luverne 3

The Cardinals took their first setback of the season when they faced West Central in the tournament finale Saturday at Redbird Field. Luverne sported 2-0 and 3-2 leads early in the game, but WC plated a total of three runs in the fifth and sixth innings to gain a 5-3 advantage. The game was ruled to be complete when heavy rains drenched the field with Luverne batting in the bottom of the seventh inning with one runner on base. The Cards took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Ben Serie reached base and scored on a passed ball and Isaiah Bartels recorded a sacrifice fly to plate Declan Beers, who doubled. WC tied the game at two in the top of the third, but Luverne's Derek Lundgren doubled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Mark Sterrett in the bottom of the fourth to make it 3-2. WC scored one run in the fifth inning and two in the sixth to settle the issue. Lundgren took the pitching loss after working 6 1/3 innings

of five-run, six-hit, eight-walk ball. Quinn Buss registered the final two outs in relief of Lundgren, who fanned five batters.

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

Luverne 14, Canton 0

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of Canton during their second game of the tournament Saturday at Redbird Field. Luverne scored at least one run in the first four innings of play and coasted to a 14-0 win. Beers (four innings, two hits and seven strikeouts) earned the pitching win and teamed up with Cade Wenninger (one hitless inning) to record a combined shutout. Luverne scored five runs in the first three innings before exploding for nine runs in the bottom of the fourth. Jake Haugen singled home a pair of runs to give the Cards a 2-0 lead in the first inning that swelled to 4-0 when Colby Crabtree registered an RBI ground out and Serie scored on a double steal in the second. Bartels reached base on an error and scored on a wild pitch to make 5-0 in the third inning. Luverne's nine-run fourth inning featured a two-run single by Nathan Nekali, RBI singles by Beers, Haugen and Charlie Reisch as well as a

Legion/continued on page 10



John Rittenhouse photo/0627 legion 9
Luverne American Legion baseball catcher Colby Crabtree places his foot on home plate to register an out during Saturday's game against Colton, South Dakota, at Redbird Field. Luverne compiled a 2-1 record during its home tournament.

Walters driver wins series Enduro Race

By John Rittenhouse

The second in a series of six enduro races was staged at Rock County Speedway in Luverne Saturday. The Sturdevant's Pre-Fair Enduro Race was cut short due to rain Saturday evening, but local race fans will get the chance to view two more races at the local track in the coming months. Luverne will host three of the six series races at Rock County Speedway, while Slayton and Rock Rapids, Iowa, host events as well. Stacy Krohnberg, of Walters, took top honors during Saturday's event. Krohnberg completed 148 laps in 1:40 before the skies opened and washed out the final 20 minutes of the race. Luverne's Eric Gaul placed second with 146 laps completed, while South Dakota drivers Alex Curry (Tea) and Scott Jones (Sioux Falls) both competed 145 laps to place third and fourth respectively. Minnesota drivers Aaron Betz (Anoka) and P.J. Duchene (Fairmont) recorded 145 and 144 laps to place fifth and sixth. Luverne entries Greg Vande



Photo courtesy Lee Sells
Stacy Krohnberg (left), of Walters, won the Pre-Fair Enduro Race at Rock County Speedway Saturday night. Presenting the trophy to Krohnberg is event organizer Justin Kemp.

Velde and Tom Walker placed seventh and eighth after finishing 142 and 141 laps respectively.

Sioux Falls' entry Nate Brady placed ninth by completing 138 laps, while Dundee's Cody Koster finished 10th after fin-

ishing 135 laps. A total of 29 drivers started the race.

Redbirds upend Hadley

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds notched their eighth win of the amateur baseball season when they upended the Hadley Buttermakers 14-2 June 19 in Luverne. Hadley scored the game's first run in the top half of the first inning, but Luverne outscored the Buttermakers 14-1 the rest of the night to lock up the win after 6 1/2 innings of play. Andrew DeBoer tossed a complete game and Skyler Wenninger, who successfully pulled off a rare steal of home plate, drove in four runs with three hits to highlight the victory. Luverne overcame an early one-run deficit with a three-run second inning that featured delivering an RBI double before scoring at the end of a double steal. Another run scored in the second on an error. Declan Beers, who recorded three RBIs in the game, regis-

tered a two-run single and two more runs scored on an error, increasing the lead to 7-1 at the end of the third. Wenninger singled and stole home to make it an 8-1 game in the fourth frame. The score was 11-1 when Tyler Reisdorfer drove in two runs with a double before scoring on a single by Wenninger in the fifth. Hadley plated its final run in the top half of the sixth inning before Wenninger capped the scoring with a three-run double in the bottom of the sixth. DeBoer tossed seven innings of four-strikeout, seven-hit ball to earn the win.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	2	2	0
Reisdorfer	2	2	1	1
Paquette	4	2	1	0
Wenninger	3	2	3	4
Norman	4	2	1	0
Beers	4	1	1	3
DeBoer	3	1	1	1
Loosbrock	4	0	2	0
Gonzalez	0	1	0	0
Mauer	3	1	1	0



John Rittenhouse photo/0627 redbirds 6
Luverne second baseman Declan Beers snags the ball as a Hadley runner slides to the base during a June 19 home game.

Registration periods are open for upcoming special events in July

By John Rittenhouse

Registration is open for three special events that are on slate for the coming weeks. Luverne's Dave Duffy has announced that interested participants can register for the Davis Lake Triathlon, the World Wienerman Championships and the Tour de Donut Minnesota at www.wienermanevents.com. The fourth version of the Davis Lake Triathlon is set for Thursday, July 4, at The Lake. The event consists of the Minnow Race (1/3rd of one mile kayak leg, two-mile bike ride and one-mile run) beginning at The Lake at 8:30 a.m., with the Shark Race (1/2-mile kayak leg, nine-mile bike ride

and 2.5-mile run) to follow at 9:15 a.m. at The Lake. The ninth-annual Wienerman World Championships are up next on Thursday, July 11. In downtown Luverne. The WWC are staged in conjunction with Hot Dog Night in Luverne. There will be Solo (participants can eat full or half portions during the eating challenges), Four-Person Bite Size (individual eating challenges are cut in half), Four-person (each team member will participate in eating challenges) and Designated Eater (a fifth member of a team will assist team members in any or all eating challenges) Divisions. Teams and participants

should check in at the corner of Main and McKenzie Streets between 5:30-6:15 p.m. Introductions begin at 6:45 with the race (.07-mile run, followed by a water activity, followed by a 2.4-mile run, followed by a six-mile bike ride, followed by a .02 mile run, followed by a two-block run to a team dessert) beginning at 7. An awards presentation and musical entertainment follow the race. The second version of the Tour de Donut Minnesota is set for Saturday, July 13. The event challenges one's biking skills as well as an individual's ability to consume donuts. Registration must be done

online for this event, which consists of four different divisions: the 10-Mile Mini Donut Tour, 17-Mile Fun Ride, 33-Mile Tour de Donut and 53-Mile Tour de Donut. Race numbers can be picked up at the Luverne Chamber of Commerce from 1 to 5 p.m. on July 12 or at the Luverne City Park from 5 to 8 p.m. on the same day. Race numbers will be available at the Luverne City Park at 6 a.m. on the day of the races, which begin at 8 a.m. More information on all three events and online registration can be found at www.wienermanevents.com.

There’s no shame in placing third on Otter Tail Lake

A lot of people wouldn’t take much pride in being the last-place finisher in a three-person event.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

I found myself in that position on the night of June 5, but it didn’t keep me from celebrating the situation as if I’d won the lottery.

The annual Rittenhouse family vacation from June 1-18 included one walleye launch on beautiful Otter Tail Lake near Fergus Falls.

My daughter, Melanie, our guide and longtime friend Mike Casey and I jumped onto his boat for a four-hour adventure on the greatest walleye fishery Otter Tail County has to offer.

Considering the temperature was in the middle 80s with absolutely no wind to provide what anglers call the walleye chop on the water, I really didn’t foresee much success heading our way.

As things turned out, I couldn’t have been more wrong.

In terms of boating fish, our launch was the most productive we’ve registered on what I call the big lake since we started fishing with Mike back in 2015.

All the trophy fish remain in the lake, but the five walleye we did catch ranged between 15 and 18 inches long, and they were the centerpiece of a gourmet shore lunch a couple of days later.

In hindsight, I would say the only problem I had with the outing was showing up late for the party.

Our guide, who was confident that it would be a successful launch, angled in the first walleye less than 45 minutes after leaving the dock.

Melanie latched onto the second keeper less than 20 minutes later, and Mike put his second walleye in the boat about 90 minutes into the launch.

Due to my position in the watercraft, it was my job to net any fish worth netting and bring it into the boat.

I did catch a couple of rock bass and perch during that time span, but the species we were searching for eluded my

bait.

My lack of contribution to the impending feast spurred a flashback to 2015, when the same threesome and another angler landed four walleye on the same lake.

It was the first time I was in a boat on Otter Tail Lake since 1991, and I ended up being the only one on that trip not to catch a walleye.

I started to embrace the reality that my fate may be the same as it was in 2015, but my luck changed about 150 minutes into the excursion.

It was then when I reeled in the second-biggest walleye of our launch and released a scream of joy that had to be heard by any individuals fishing in our vicinity.

Melanie ended up catching another walleye in the final hour of our outing, meaning she out-fished her father again.

That didn’t matter to me at that point.

After landing my first walleye on the big lake in 28 years, I felt no shame in placing third to my boat mates.

Thanks, Skyler!

I’m happy to say my return home from vacation produced a vision I’ll not soon forget.

Having a camera in my hands for the first time since covering the Section 3A track meet on May 31, I ventured up to Redbird Field June 19 to get some shots of the Luverne/Hadley amateur baseball game.

The night turned into a memorable one in the bottom half of the fourth inning when Luverne’s Skyler Wenninger pulled off a rare feat of successfully stealing home plate during a 14-2 victory.

I’ve covered a lot of baseball games in the past, but I can’t recall witnessing a player stealing home.

I have to tip my hat to Skyler for even attempting it and thank him for giving me an experience that I’m sure will stick with me for quite a while.

Junior squad wins two of three games

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Junior Legion baseball team went 2-1 during a three-game week.

The Cardinals split a double-header at Sioux Falls East Thursday before rolling to a 16-run homewin over Marshall Orange Monday.

Luverne, 8-4 overall, plays four games at the New Ulm Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Luverne 17, MO 1

The Cardinals made short work of Marshall Orange when the teams squared off at Redbird Field Monday.

Luverne scored seven runs in the first inning and added nine more counters in the bottom of the third to set the stage for a 16-run conquest.

Brayden Ripka (three hits and four RBIs) and Jacob Von Tersch (three hits and three RBIs) had big nights at the plate.

Hunter Baker and Zach Kruse drove in two runs with two and one hits respectively.

Casey Sehr (three scoreless innings, three hits and three strikeouts) nailed down the pitching win, while Ripka (two strikeouts) and Baker (one run allowed) tossed one inning each.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	4	3	3	1
Von Tersch	4	2	3	3
Beyer	3	2	1	0
Palmquist	3	1	1	0
Baker	2	2	2	2
Sehr	1	2	0	1
Ripka	3	2	3	4
Anderson	2	2	1	1
Kruse	3	1	1	2
Halverson	0	0	0	0

SF East 2, Luverne 1

The young Cardinals opened the set in Sioux Falls Thursday by dropping a one-run decision in Game 1.



John Rittenhouse photo/0627 junior 2

Luverne Junior Legion shortstop Bailey Cowell knocks down the ball before recording an out at second base during Monday’s home win over Marshall Orange. Luverne coasted to a 17-1 win.

Sehr	3	0	0	0
Shearer	2	0	0	0
Overgaard	3	0	0	0
Ripka	3	0	0	0

Luverne 7, SF East 1

The Cardinals earned a split of the set when they topped East by six runs during Thursday’s second game.

Luverne opened a 6-0 lead in the first 2 1/2 innings of play and went on to win the game by six runs.

Sehr doubled and scored when Kaden Anderson singled to give the Cards a 1-0 cushion in the second inning.

Luverne scored five times in the third to assume control of the contest.

Beyer, Palmquist and Wenninger recorded RBI singles and Sehr tripled home one run during a third-inning rally that included one run scoring on an error.

East scored its lone run in the bottom of the third, but Beyer tripled and scored when Sehr singled in the top of the fourth to give the Cards a six-run cushion.

Wenninger worked six innings of one-run, four-hit, seven-strikeout ball to secure the pitching win.

Sehr blanked East in the bottom of the seventh, when it worked out of a bases-loaded jam.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	4	1	3	0
Von Tersch	2	1	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0
Beyer	3	2	2	1
Kruse	1	0	0	0
Palmquist	4	1	1	1
Wenninger	4	1	2	1
Sehr	4	1	3	2
R.Anderson	1	0	0	0
K.Anderson	3	0	1	1
Overgaard	1	0	0	0
Shearer	2	0	0	0
Ripka	1	0	0	0

Legion/continued from page 9

sacrifice fly by Serie.

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

Luverne 4, DR 0

The Cardinals opened the tournament by posting a four-run win over Dell Rapids Friday at Redbird Field.

Serie blanked DR during a seven-inning appearance on the mound and Luverne plated four runs in the game’s first three innings to set the stage for victory.

Serie registered nine strikeouts and limited DR to five singles during his complete-game win on the hill.

Luverne opened the scoring in the bottom of the second inning as Reisch drew a walk before scoring on a wild pitch.

The Cardinals capped the scoring with a three-run third inning featuring a sacrifice fly by Haugen and a run-scoring single off the bat of Bartels.



John Rittenhouse photo/0627 legion 5

Luverne’s Nathan Nekali delivers a two-run single during Saturday’s tournament game against Colton at Redbird Field.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Beyer	2	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0
Serie	3	1	2	0
Beers	2	1	0	0
Haugen	2	0	0	1
Bartels	3	0	2	1
Lundgren	3	0	0	0
Reisch	2	1	1	0
Sterrett	2	0	0	0
Buss	2	1	0	0
Wenninger	0	0	0	0

Luverne 10, Tracy 2

The Cardinals notched their second win of the season when they traveled to Tracy June 18.

Jade Smith tossed a complete game and Haugen ripped a three-run homerun to propel Luverne to an eight-run victory.

Smith limited Tracy to two runs and three hits during a seven-inning stint on the mound that featured him fanning seven batters.

Luverne scored seven runs in the first two innings of play to support Smith.

Gaige Nath walked and scored on a wild pitch to give the Cards a 1-0 lead in the first.

Luverne put together a six-run rally in the second inning that included Haugen’s three-run blast.

Ethan Beyer and Wenninger singled home one run each and Derek Lundgren registered a sacrifice fly during the second inning as well.

Luverne added three runs to its tally in the sixth inning.

Beyer delivered an RBI single and scored on a wild pitch, while Nath added an RBI single.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	2	2	2
Lundgren	4	0	0	1
Haugen	4	1	2	3
Bartels	4	0	0	0
Nekali	4	1	1	0
Sterrett	4	1	1	0
Buss	4	1	0	0
Wenninger	3	2	2	1
Beyer	3	2	2	2



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Friday, June 28: 10 a.m. Mass at Tuff Home. Sunday, June 30: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luverneccr.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, June 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, June 27: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, June 30: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 6 p.m. Constitution Review and Questions. Tuesday, July 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Thursday, July 4: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor
Thursday, June 27: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at The Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Dixie Arends. Friday, June 28: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, June 30: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. Monday, July 1: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, July 2: 7 a.m. Youth leave for Valley Fair. 9 a.m. Staff Meeting. Wednesday, July 3: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. Thursday, July 4: Church office closed.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Sunday, June 30: 9:15 a.m. Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Friday, June 28: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, June 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, June 27: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, June 29: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, June 30: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 1: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, July 3: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, June 27: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, July 2: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 3: No meetings.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjhn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, June 27: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jess Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. Saturday, June 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 30: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, July 1: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 3: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Thursday, June 27: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, June 28: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, June 30: Jubilee Days. 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service. Meal will follow. Monday, July 1: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, July 2: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council. 10 a.m. July 8th bulletin deadline. Thursday, July 4: 3:30 p.m. Church office closed. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, June 30: 10 a.m. Combined Worship at First Lutheran Church.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Thursday, June 27: 1:30 p.m. WELCA Meeting at Palisade Lutheran Church. Sunday, June 30: 10 a.m. Combined Worship Service at First Lutheran Church.

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Pastor Nancy Manning
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, June 30: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 2: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Chapel. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village. Wednesday, July 3: 9 a.m. Quilting.

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

What will warm your heart?

In His book, "Growing Strong," Chuck Swindoll recalled an evening he spent in a large stone house on the west side of Houston, Texas. He and his wife enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship: "The smell of char-broiled T-bones drifted through the rooms. Ladies laughed in the kitchen as they fussed around with ranch-style baked beans, a variety of salads, and homemade pies. Everybody knew everybody. An easy, relaxing atmosphere made you want to kick off your shoes..."

As he listened to one of the guys sharing a fishing story about a big bass that got away ("It must have been ten to twelve pounds"), Swindoll noticed some writing on the face of a mantle, over a fireplace. Intrigued, he got up from where he was seated and walked over for a closer look. Here's what it said: "If your heart is cold, my fire cannot warm it."

How true. The glow of a crackling fireplace creates a mood that's warm and inviting, but if a person's heart is cold, a fireplace will not warm it. Nor is a cold heart warmed by many things that people pursue. A four-car garage filled with an SUV, a sports car, a pickup and a speedboat won't warm a cold heart. Winning the lottery and coming into millions of dollars won't do it. Not even landing a 10-pound bass will do it.

So what will warm a cold heart? The kindling of the Gospel of Jesus Christ ignited within us by the Holy Spirit. When we know and rely on God's sacrificial, eternal life-giving love, revealed supremely in the living, dying and rising of Jesus, His love warms our hearts.

On a small scale, we see this when we give presents on occasions like birthdays and weddings. Those who receive gifts are happy if they are given what they wanted. But it's not the gifts themselves but the love behind the gifts that warms hearts. It's cliché but true: it's the thought that counts.

On a cosmic scale, we

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Roger Sparks, Luverne Christian Reformed Church

see this in the Gospel. The Bible says that "God so loved the world..." So loved! So much that He gave His Son. So much that His Son became flesh and lived among us. So much that His Son came to seek and to save that which was lost. Though He despised the shame of the cross (Hebrews 12:2) Jesus prayed, "Thy will be done..." and took on Himself the punishment our sins deserve. That's love!

Imagine that you have a friend who has been convicted for a capital crime like murder. Your friend will spend the rest of his life behind bars. He might be executed. If it were possible, would you take your friend's punishment so he could go free? You might do so if you knew your friend was innocent. But what if you knew your friend was guilty as charged?

Look for yourself in these verses from Romans 5. "At just the right time, when we were powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

We were powerless to save ourselves. We were still sinners. But wonder of wonders: God demonstrated His love for guilty us, and reconciled us to Himself through the death of His Son. (Romans 5:10)

What about you? Is there room in your heart for this life-changing, hope-giving, love-revealing truth? I hope so! It will do for you something that no cozy fireplace or expensive present or bucket-list experience will do. It will warm your heart forever!

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 18

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

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 31, 2005
MORTGAGOR: Pamela G. Den Herder, a married person
MORTGAGEE: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: September 12, 2005
Rock County Recorder
Document #: 162275

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
Said mortgage was assigned to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP on December 2, 2015 and said assignment was recorded on December 3, 2015 and given document number 187419 and subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust on December 21, 2015 and said assignment was recorded on January 19, 2016 and given document number 187696 and subsequently assigned to Mortgage Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC on September 6, 2018 and said assignment was recorded on November 1, 2018 and given document number 193737 and subsequently assigned to FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC on February 14, 2019 and said assignment was recorded on March 18, 2019 and given document number 194407.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The West 1/2 of Lots 2 and 3, Block 2 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
PARCEL ID #: 20-1323-0000
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 601 S. Donaldson St., Luverne, Minnesota 56156
TRANSACTION AGENT: N/A
TRANSACTION AGENT ID NO.: N/A
CURRENT MORTGAGE SERVICER: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage

Servicing
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$62,722.59

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgages have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclosure of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 18, 2019 at 10:00 am
PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriffs Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is January 18, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:
None

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Dated: May 20, 2019
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Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC
Mortgagee

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(05-30, 06-06, 06-13, 06-20, 06-27, 07-04)

Notice of sheriff's sale Aug. 8 under judgment and decree

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK**

First Farmers & Merchants National Bank,
Plaintiff,

v.
Craig L. Hawes and Katherine A. Hawes,
Defendants.

**DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

CASE TYPE: Other Civil/Misc.
Court File No. 67-CVC-18-180
Honorable Terry S. Vaigrt

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER
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.

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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)

HRA sets public hearing for Aug. 14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF LUVERNE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Housing & Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 in the Board Room of the HRA of Luverne, 216 North McKenzie Street, Luverne, Minnesota.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information and receive citizen's comments supporting a significant amendment to the PHA 5-Year Plan and the 5-Year Capital Fund Action Plan.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing to learn about the proposed significant amendment and provide comments. If you are unable to attend; or would like additional information prior to the hearing; materials pertaining to the plan amendments are available for review at the HRA of Luverne business office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tammy J. Johnson
Executive Director
(6-27)

Public hearing set for July 1 for GEVO

**Notice of Public Hearing for Variance Request
For Agri-Energy/GEVO**
Close Proximity Owners and Local Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 1st, 2019, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:00 pm to act on the following application:

1. A request for a variance to allow the placement of 2.5 megawatt wind turbine in the north portion of the East 100.56 acres of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W. Said property is owned by Kirk Gabrielson. The proposed turbine would encroach upon the required setback from the adjacent properties as allowed in the Rock County Zoning Ordinance.
2. A request for a variance to allow the placement of a 2.5 megawatt wind turbine in the northwest corner of the 116.46 acre portion of the Northeast Quarter Section of Section 17 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W. Said property is owned by Greg Gabrielson. The proposed turbine would encroach upon the required setback from the adjacent properties as allowed in the Rock County Zoning Ordinance.

The properties described are zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Dated: June 20, 2019
By Order of the Rock County Board of Adjustment
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
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(6/20, 6/27)

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Thank you to the family and friends that attended the Celebration of Life for Gary Lee. It was so good to see everyone. Thank you to all the contributions made this past winter to Harvest for Hunger in Gary's name. The more recent memorials were made to the Kenneth Cemetery and the Magnolia Fire Department, the two towns Gary lived. All of your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.
Vickie Lee
(6.27-6.30)

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County Board amends Zoning Ordinance Sec. 4

Resolution No. 15-19

WHEREAS, upon receiving the recommendation and report filed by the Rock County Planning & Zoning Board for the amendment of portions of Section 4 and Section 16 of the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, publication of Notice of Hearing and publication of Notice of Intent to Enact, the Rock County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on May 21, 2019. Upon considering of all the records and proceedings herein the Board of Commissioners unanimously passed the following Resolution, to wit:

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ROCK COUNTY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Rock County Zoning Ordinance, Section 4, Subdivision 2 is hereby amended by amending the definition of campground to read as follows:

Campground: Any area or property, whether privately or publicly owned, used on a daily, nightly, weekly, or longer basis for the accommodation of five or more tents, pickup campers, motorhomes, pop-up campers, trailer, or recreational camping vehicle as defined by the Minnesota Department of Health.

Section 2. Rock County Zoning Ordinance, Section 16, Subdivision 3, Conditional Uses, is amended as follows:

25. Campgrounds, provided:
- a) The area has obtained a license from the Minnesota Department of Health as a recreational camping area and specifically complying with, but not necessarily limited to, provisions stated therein as related to water supply, sewage disposal, toilets, and shower facilities; and garbage and refuse, insect and rodent control.
 - b) Each campsite shall be at least 2000 square feet in area.
 - c) Shall be located no closer than one-half mile from any feedlot as the same is defined in this ordinance.

Section 3. The ordinance shall be in full force and effective following its publication in accordance with Minnesota Statute § 375.51, as amended.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2019.

BY:
/s/ Greg S. Burger
Rock County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ Kyle J. Oldre
Rock County Administrator
Introduced: May 21, 2019
Passed: May 21, 2019
Published: June 27, 2019
Effective: June 27, 2019

(06-27)

Gruber probate

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK**

**FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION**

Estate of **Court File No. 67-PR-19-171**

**Betty G. Gruber, a/k/a Betty Gruber,
Decedent** **NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated August 30, 2010, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Jane Wildung-Lanphere, whose address is 206 Cashin Drive, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 6/17/2019 /s/ Sharon L. Tellinghuisen
Registrar

Dated: 6/17/2019
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative
Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated: 6-17-19

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(06-20, 06-27)

CARDS OF THANKS

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family members, friends, neighbors and care-givers for all the acts of kindness and support that you gave our dear sister, Betty G. Gruber. We would like to say a special thank you to the staff & residents of Poplar Creek and Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home for the care and love you shared with Betty. Thank you to Betty's special friends who filled her days with visits and outings over these last years. Thank you to Pastor Gary Klatt and the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church for the spiritual care and many words of comfort. Thank you to Dingmann Funeral Home for their professional arrangements. Betty will always be remembered for the kind, caring and loving person she was. We will miss her.

Marlene Goetsch Dagel and Family
Dale & Millie Goetsch and Family
Carol Goetsch and Family
(6.23-6.27)

Thank you so much to all of our families and friends from the surrounding communities for all the very generous gifts and donations for our benefit! So thankful to all the doctors, nurses, ambulance, fire departments and emergency services from Pipestone, Jasper, and Sioux Falls. To all those special people who donated the use of ramps, walkers, electric scooter, hand rails, commodes, etc. And for providing transportation to doctor appointments! Thank you to the Jasper Lions Club for putting on the benefit, Pheasants Forever raffle, and all those that donated food and drinks and helped in any way. A special thank you to Neil Johnson for taking care of Evan and keeping him safe until family could get there! Your love, support, and generosity have helped us more than you can imagine! We so appreciate all the visits, texts and phone calls to help us make it through some of our roughest days!

Sincerely,
Terry and Jacki Skyberg & Evan
(6.23-6.27)

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Alpha Sigma Health Group, a home health agency, is now open! We value our employees as individuals and respect your need for flexibility. Our company is growing, and we recently opened an office in Luverne to serve the surrounding communities. We are currently seeking compassionate Caregivers for Luverne, Worthington, and surrounding communities. If you share in our vision to touch the lives of others while making a difference every day, please call 507-449-6131, or apply on our website at www.alphasigmahg.com. We are excited to meet and hire valuable individuals just like you! (6.20-7.7)

LSS Meals at Generations is hiring and willing to train for a Cook (Assistant) for M-F, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Willing to learn Head Cook position for subbing in as needed. Assist in preparing and cleaning up for 125+ noon meals. 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 Cook in Luverne #17744 at www.lssmn.org/careers. EOE. (6.20-7.7)

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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)

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)

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Mavis Fodness photo/0627 School Demo June 19
Demolition June 19 exposes the vast amount of steel reinforcement used in the cement framing of the middle-high school.

School district hosts June 20 groundbreaking/ from page 1

years to come.”
Long-range facility planning began in early 2016 with a focus on improving the now 63-year-old middle-high school facility. Board members approved an \$8 million levy for health and safety improvements in November 2017, followed by a voter-approved \$22 million referendum.
The levy focuses on improving the building’s safety and security and creating a centralized commons, collaborative learning environments and a new performing arts center.
In addition, work will be done to refresh, refurbish and remodel the entire building that was constructed in three 10-year segments in 1955, 1965 and 1975.
The new construction will wrap up by summer 2020.
The project was delayed



Mavis Fodness photo/0627 School Groundbreaking
Student council members Regan Feit, Jordan Winter, Rozilyn Oye, Ross Bergman and Eli Radtke pose for the June 20 groundbreaking on the south side of school.

in late 2018 when bids came in over budget. Board members decided at that time to

reject all bids and try again.
The second bid process resulted with bids within budget.
Oftedahl acknowledged the public’s role in the project at the groundbreaking.
“Thanks to our community for their tremendous support and recognizing that strengthening the school as a community asset was something they felt strongly in to invest in the future generations of students and to keep learning as a fundamental core value of this great community,” he said.
Also thanked were the companies who were hired by the district for the project: ICS Consulting, JLG Architects and Gil Haugan Construction.
Oftedahl also expressed appreciation to the board of education and the students (five student council members participated in the groundbreaking ceremony).
“They are the reason we are here,” he said. “They have had a hand in helping shape what this project will become. They are also the future and why this investment is made.”

EARLY DEADLINE

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For additional information, contact City Clerk Jessica Mead at (507) 449-9898. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled with those received by July 5, 2019 earning priority consideration. For additional information and application packet visit www.cityofluverne.org/employment or Jessica Mead, City Clerk, 305 E. Luverne St., P O Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156 ph. (507) 449-9898. EOE.

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State Groundwater Protection Rule begins

Rule limits use of nitrogen fertilizer in areas with vulnerable soils

The state’s new Groundwater Protection Rule (GPR) became effective June 24 to reduce the risk of nitrate from fertilizer impacting groundwater in areas of the state where soils are prone to leaching and where drinking water supplies are threatened.
Nitrate is one of the most common contaminants in Minnesota’s groundwater; elevated nitrate levels in drinking water can pose serious health concerns for humans.
“Implementation of the Groundwater Protection Rule is a major milestone in protecting the state’s groundwater and ensuring all Minnesotans have safe drinking water,” said Governor Walz.
“I want to commend the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for their commitment to making Minnesota a leader in addressing nitrate contamination and for their collaborative approach with farmers in doing so. The MDA went above and beyond in their duty to gather public comments and respond to feedback as they developed these important regulations.”
The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) will oversee implementation of the rule. Beginning in 2020, use of nitrogen fertilizer in the

fall and on frozen soils will be restricted in areas of the state with vulnerable groundwater, such as areas with coarse textured soil, shallow bedrock, or karst geology, and in public wellhead areas — known as Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMAs) — with elevated nitrate levels.
The GPR outlines a multi-level approach involving local farmers and agronomists working to mitigate nitrate losses in DWSMAs with high nitrate in groundwater.
Farmers in a DWSMA would be subject to four levels of mitigation which move from voluntary to regulatory. A local advisory team, consisting primarily of producers and agriculture professionals, will advise the MDA regarding appropriate response activities for the area and support implementation of these activities.
The Groundwater Protection Rule is part of the state’s overall Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan (NFMP) which was developed with broad stakeholder input over a five year period and implemented in 2015. More information on the rule and the NFMP is available at www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr.

USDA offers options to re-enroll in or extend expiring CRP contracts

By Kristiina Fast, agricultural program specialist, USDA
Farmers and ranchers with expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts may now re-enroll in certain CRP continuous signup practices or, if eligible, select a one-year contract extension.
USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) also is accepting offers from those who want to enroll for the first time in one of the country’s largest conservation programs.
FSA’s 52nd signup for CRP runs from June 3 to Aug. 23.
“Agricultural producers with expiring CRP contracts have set aside land to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and boost soil health for at least a decade,” said U.S. Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation Bill Northey.
“We want to make sure they — and their neighbors who may not have a CRP contract — know they have opportunities within CRP to continue their valuable contribution to our country’s conservation successes.”
FSA stopped accepting offers last fall for the CRP

continuous signup when 2014 Farm Bill authority expired. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized the program this past December, and FSA has carefully analyzed the bill’s language and determined that a limited signup prioritizing water-quality practices furthers conservation goals and makes sense for producers as FSA works to fully implement the program.
This year’s CRP continuous signup includes such practices as grass waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others.
View a full list of practices approved for this signup. Continuous signup enrollment contracts last for 10 to 15 years. Soil rental rates are set at 90 percent of 2018 rates. Incentive payments are not offered for these practices.
Producers with expiring CRP contracts
Letters are in the mail to all producers with expiring CRP contracts, describing possible options.
A one-year extension is being offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less that have practices not eligible for re-enrollment under this CRP signup.
Alternatively, producers with expiring contracts may have the option to enroll in the Transition Incentives Program, which provides two additional annual rental payments on the condition the land is sold or rented to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

CRP continuous CREP signup
This signup also enables producers to sign up under existing Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) agreements.
CREP is part of CRP and targets high-priority conservation concerns identified by a state, and federal funds are supplemented with non-federal funds to address those concerns.
Download the webpage fact sheet to learn more.
Future CRP signup options
FSA is still planning a CRP general signup in December 2019, with a CRP Grasslands signup to follow.
Those that extend their contracts may be eligible for one of these signup types or another continuous signup in the future.