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## Input sought for pool and fitness center

*Open house set for  
July 12; focus groups  
set for July 13, July 20*

By Lori Sorenson

The city-owned Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness, built in 1978, is about to get some updates and improvements.

It could be a matter of new carpet and cardio equipment or as extensive as an outdoor splash park and indoor walking track.

The extent of those plans depends on the outcome of public forums planned for Wednesday, July 13, and Wednesday, July 20.

There will be two focus groups on each day, one from 10 to 11 a.m. and an evening forum from 7 to 8 p.m. All gatherings will be in the Luverne Elementary School commons.

Also, an open house to tour the facility will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 12.

The Pool Commission, which includes City Council members and interested citizens, has been meeting with wellness experts and gathering ideas for programs and offerings, as well as structural improvements.

Comment cards have been distributed to members and visitors to the facility and to those who attended an open house June 20.

In addition to praises and criticisms, comment cards asked for ideas on how the facility could be made better.

While there were many suggestions, the prevailing ideas included the following:

- Update and expand main desk area.
- Additional space for staff support.
- Update locker rooms and add a family room(s).
- Add floor space for more classes.
- Walking track.
- Drop-in day care.
- Social area.
- Outdoor splash park.
- 24/7 access.

The city hasn't said how much it would be willing to spend on pool and fitness improvements, but committee members say that's why it's so important that the public have a voice in the process.

"We don't have an estimate in mind until we know what the proposed plans are," said city finance director Barb Berg-horst, who also serves on the committee.

She said costs for improvements at the facility would not prompt an increase in the local tax levy, since payments on existing debt are about to expire.

Community wellness has been identified as a priority in the city's charter commission, and the pool and fitness center budget is already subsidized by city taxpayers \$300,000 per year.

The remainder of the facility's revenue comes from membership fees. The facility has more than 1,208 members and nearly 79,000 visits in 2015.



Brad Fransen paddles the kayak as young George Washington (Oliver Mead) entertains crowds in the Parade on the Pond. The entry won first place in the children's division. Oliver's brother, Gavin Mead, won second place in the children's division. (Lori Sorenson photos/0707 lake parade)

## Fourth of July at The Lake draws big crowds

By Lori Sorenson

The Fourth of July celebration at The Lake in Luverne was everything everyone had hoped for and more.

"It was an amazing day," was one comment on the Star Herald's Facebook post about the event. "We appreciate it a lot for everyone that made it possible."

Another said, "The fire works were wonderful; Luverne can be so proud of you."

According to Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, more than 2,000 people attended events throughout the day.

In addition to fireworks, the Fourth of July celebration in Luverne included a water parade, a log rolling contest, a triathlon, a bean bag tournament, a sand castle contest, live music, face painting, food and

Fourth of July at The Lake/see 8A



Eric Edstrom heads to the beach with patriotic flair in his stars and stripes shirt Monday afternoon at The Lake in Luverne.



The sun sets on The Lake during log rolling competition Monday.

## Blue Cross and Blue Shield drops individual insurance plans

By Lori Sorenson

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota announced last week that it will drop health insurance plans for individuals and families starting next year.

The insurers said medical claims far exceeded premium revenue for individual plans, resulting in a loss of more than \$500,000 over a three-year period in the individual area.

According to local insurance agents, that decision will have far-

reaching implications.

"This will really affect farmers," said Shirley Top, an agent for the Luverne office of Kozlowski Insurance. "I never dreamt I'd see this."

Affected policyholders were notified by mail Thursday and Friday, and agents are bracing for phone calls.

Kozlowski Insurance handles more than 800 individual policies for Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

"So there will be a lot of disruption," said Jon Kozlowski, owner of

Kozlowski Insurance, which also has offices in Pipestone.

The most important message at the moment?

"Don't panic," he said. "There will still be options for individual insurance."

For one thing, the decision won't affect those on small or large employer-based plans, and it won't affect anyone on Medicare.

For those who are affected, there will still be options to buy

individual coverage through Blue Cross and Blue Shield and other major insurers like Medica, Preferred One and Health Partners.

But, of course, that may require choices for different providers or different premium structures.

That, Kozlowski said, is something everyone should be accustomed to by now.

"Ever since the Affordable Care

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## Walgrave is LMO's newest technician

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Land Management Office's newest staff member has a unique perspective on soil and water conservation and a big goal for local citizens.

Mike Walgrave began his duties as an engineering technician at LMO in late May. He fills the position vacated by Mark Jensen.

He said his experiences have shown him that agriculture and caring for the land is vital for our area.

Walgrave was deployed to the Pakistan/Afghanistan border during his stint in the Army. There he saw the degradation of the land brought on by previous conflicts that wiped out forests and other vegetation. He has also witnessed firsthand the

downside of citizens not being able to grow their own food.

"They have paired their own liberties and freedoms to whether they can eat or not," he said. "Food security is important to every nation's security."

Reliance on a corrupt government to live makes residents less likely to experience the liberties and freedoms we have in the U.S. "They need agriculture in order to survive (away from the enemy)," Walgrave said.

After his military service Walgrave earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin — River Falls, in agribusiness management with an emphasis in sustainable studies in 2012.

He moved to Oregon where he worked with projects that help veterans find purpose and healing through agriculture.

Often these projects involved community sustainable agriculture, something he hopes to start again as he settles in Luverne.

His interest in farming was sparked by his childhood trips to Rock County from his childhood home in Wisconsin.

Walgrave's mom and dad, Randy and Gayle Walgrave, grew up in Rock County, and Anders Vatland and Arnold Walgrave were his grandfathers.

On vacations to Rock County to visit his grandparents, Walgrave said he often visited the Blue Mounds State

Walgrave at LMO/see page 2A

## County considers rejoining Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County may rejoin the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force.

However, membership costs have more than tripled to join the agency that prevents and deters drug and violent crimes in southwest Minnesota.

Information about BRDTF and associated costs was presented at the Rock County Board's June 21 meeting.

Rock County dropped out of the per-capita membership several years ago due to budget constraints.

The agency was originally established in 1989 as the Southwest

Minnesota Drug Task Force. It was in existence until 1996. Today's BRDTF was established in 2005.

Now, in order to rejoin, Rock County would pay the per capita membership (estimated at \$30,000) in addition to hiring a peace officer with a squad car (a \$100,000 estimate) to work full time with the task force.

The officer would report to the BRDTF commander in Worthington.

If Rock County joins, it would receive about \$46,000 in grants from BRDTF, according to Brian

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

**Beaver Creek Township** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7, in the township hall.

**Pink Ladies** will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 11, at Sanford Luverne Hopsital. Call Doris Tofteland at 290-0425 with questions.

**Rock County VFW Post #2757** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the Herreid Military Building. Call 449-0632 with questions.

**American Legion Post 123** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, in the Post home.

**Blue Mound Quilters** will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Rock County Library parking lot in Luverne to leave on a road trip.

**Lady Luverne Red Hats** will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the St. Catherine east parking lot to carpool to Brandon for dinner at the Brandon Steakhouse and attend the play, “Smokey Joe’s Café.” Call Donna, 283-8019.

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

**Al-Anon** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon** meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Respite care available for caregivers

Respite care is available for caregivers who need a break to maintain their own physical and emotional health. Respite services provide temporary comfort, supervision and care for loved ones to give caregivers time for other responsibilities. To arrange for respite care, call 283-5064, A.C.E of SW Minnesota, Rock County.

Bank Nite movie ‘Back to the Future’

The free Bank Nite movie, “Back to the Future,” rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 7, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for “Bank Nite” in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Wienerman Championships July 14

Registration is now open for the Wienerman World Championships set for July 14. Participants can register for this eating competition at [www.allsportcentral.com](http://www.allsportcentral.com). New this year are the one person solo division and the half-portion team division. Contact Dave at [dduffy@rconnect.com](mailto:dduffy@rconnect.com) or 507-920-3345 with questions.

Transfer Station open Saturdays

To accommodate those who don’t have enough time during the week, the Rock County Transfer Station will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 16, and Saturday, Aug. 20. Call Rock County Highway Engineer, Mark Sehr, at 507-283-5010 with questions.

Farmers Market open Thursdays

The Luverne Farmers Market is now open for business from 4-7 p.m. Thursdays at Redbird Field. Farmers Market continues Thursdays through October 26. Watch for the signs on Main Street.

Community Ed

For information or to register for these activities call Community Ed at 283-4724.

An **Amazing Race Day Camp** on Friday, July 8, is three hours of adventure and science fun. For students who attended grades 1-4 during the 2015-16 school year. Fee is \$15.

**Missoula Children’s Theatre** has a few openings left for children who would like to practice their acting skills and perform Rumpelstiltskin during the week of July 11-16. Children in kindergarten through age 7 are needed along with a director age 12-18.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0707 Loops New Front

Finishing touches

Tom Janssen with Fischbach Painting, Brandon, rolls a coat of paint on Loopy’s Dollar Store east wall to complement the new storefront Thursday morning, June 30. Curt and Marilyn Bloemendaal, Luverne, own the building and are participating in Luverne’s Historic Façade Improvement program, which offers technical assistance for architectural design services as well as financial assistance in the form of loans and grants. The Loopy’s business will continue to operate in the building as it has been.

‘American Pickers’ to film in Minnesota; seeking private collections to feature

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and the “American Pickers” team are returning to Minnesota to film episodes throughout the region in August.

“American Pickers” is a documentary series that explores the world of antique “picking” on the History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers on their hunt for valuable antiques.

In particular, the show features sizeable, unique

collections and interesting stories behind them.

“As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics,” producers said in a statement released last week.

“Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while

learning a thing or two about America’s past.”

The show producers are looking for leads and hidden treasures in Minnesota — particularly large, private collections or accumulations of antiques that the pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through.

Minnesotans with potential collections — or those who know someone who would qualify for the show — are

encouraged to send name, phone numbers, locations and descriptions of collections with photos to: [americanpickers@cinetflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cinetflix.com) or call 855-old-rust.

The Luverne Area Chamber is also assisting with the search. The Chamber can be reached at 507-283-4061 or email [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us).

The deadline to submit ideas for the show is July 10.

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Park and other outdoor sites.

His parents moved from Wisconsin to Luverne several years ago to be closer to family, sparking Walgrave to do the same this spring.

“I am looking forward to laying down roots,” he said.

His job with the local soil and water conservation office calls for helping landowners maintain the land’s fertility and keep water drinkable for the next generation.

“People undervalue things — homegrown food, the farming lifestyle — and take things for granted,” he said, referencing his appreciation for big blue skies, open places, low cost of living and a community with solid schools and health care facilities.

He encourages area farmers to stop in and see him. “I look forward to hearing from you concerning the challenges the land and agribusinesses face in these changing times,” he said.

“I look forward to helping solve the problems we face as a community for keeping Rock County green and prosperous.”

He can be reached at 507-283-8088, ext. 4.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0630 New LMO Employee

Engineering technician Mike Walgrave (front, second left) is the newest employee to join the Rock County Land Management Office in Luverne. Pictured (front, left) are director Eric Hartman, Mike Walgrave, office managers Mary Thompson and Lynette Jauert, technical services engineer Ray Hoogendoorn, (back) engineering technicians Arlyn Gehrke and Lance Wheeler, and assistant director Doug Bos.



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# Dragonfly owners buy Main Street building; plan store opening by yearend

**By Mavis Fodness**  
Luverne's Main Street will gain another business in time for Christmas. The popular home décor boutique Dragonfly will gain a sister business once Dragonfly owners Stacy and Dave Riphagen finish remodeling the former Lavish Designs building on East Main Street. The Riphagens opened Dragonfly three years ago in the former Renfro Variety building. "I knew I wanted to expand some day," Stacy Riphagen said Friday. Instead of expanding to online sales or opening a store in a different commu-

nity, the Riphagens decided to look a little closer to home. "I would rather invest in our own hometown," she said. Not yet ready to disclose what the new store will offer in the way of merchandize, Riphagen only said the store will be a different entity from the current business but offer the same personal customer service experience. Until the Christmas opening, remodeling will be on a small scale and will expand within the building's footprint as the business grows. "We hope to surprise everyone," Riphagen said.

# County denies resident's request to waive fee for late tax payment

**By Mavis Fodness**  
Standing firm in its practice of not abating tax penalties, the Rock County Commissioners denied a Luverne resident's request at their June 21 meeting. Patti Overgaard explained at the meeting that she wrote two personal checks and placed two payment stubs in an envelope May 15. No payment was recorded at the auditor-treasurer's office nor have the checks cleared the bank. She has since written different checks after receiving the late notice. Overgaard requested abatement of the \$23.70 in late penalties. "I know it's not a lot but it's the principle of the thing. We did drop off the payment," she said. Overgaard said her significant other, Frank Mongold, hand-delivered the tax payments to the auditor's office in the courthouse on May 16, the day the taxes were due. Overgaard said Mongold couldn't remember the name or a description of the employee who accepted the payment envelope. Mongold, who didn't attend the commissioners meeting, didn't receive a receipt for the hand-delivered payments.

Auditor-treasurer Ashley Kurtz said anyone presenting a payment to her office is asked if a receipt is needed. As is also standard practice, all payments are credited to accounts the day of receipt. "Even if it's 9 at night, nothing gets carried over to the next day," Kurtz said. No one in the auditor-treasurer's office recalled Mongold submitting a payment on May 16, and Kurtz's office staff have since checked garbage cans and payment envelopes, which are kept on file. The commissioners unanimously denied Overgaard's request. State statute provides tax penalty abatements in instances in which a penalty or interest has been 'erroneously or unjustly' levied. Commissioner Ken Hoime said if Overgaard's payments were discovered in the auditor-treasurer's office, they would reconsider a refund. In the past year the commissioners have denied two other late payment penalty abatement requests. Combined, those penalties totaled more than \$79,660. All tax penalties become property of the auditor-treasurer's office.



## Old gym floor gets new surface

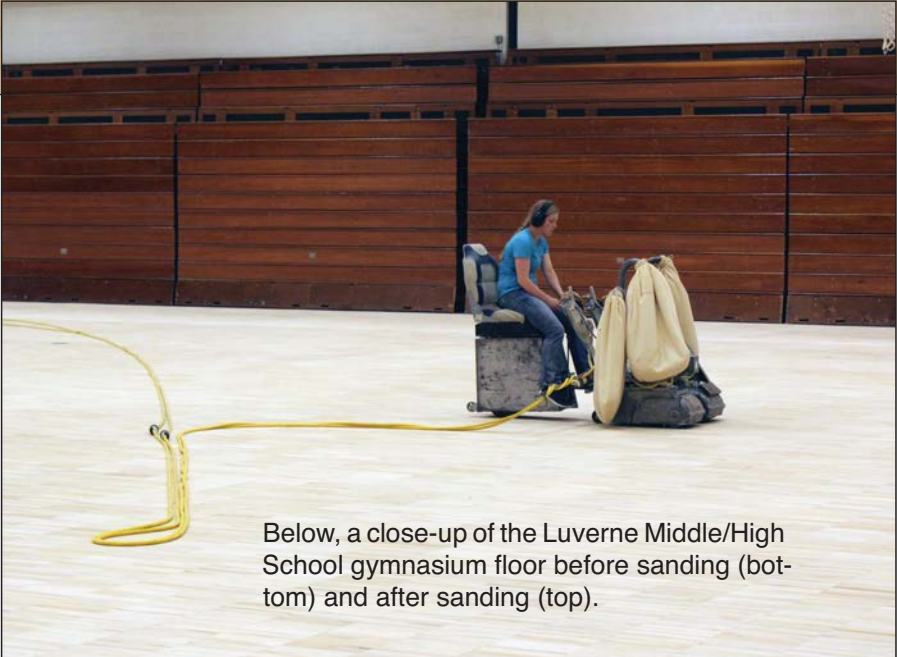
Workers from FLR Sanders of Princeton began sanding decades of sealer layers off the floor of the Luverne Middle/High School gymnasium Monday, June 22, in a \$40,000 refinishing project. More than three dozen large plastic garage bags were filled with sawdust from the weeklong project. Sanding was stopped once all the material layered on the floorboards (about an eighth of an inch) was removed. The floor was installed in 1956, the year the school was built.

Mavis Fodness Photo/0707 Gym Refinishing

Above, workers complete the second to last pass with fine grit sandpaper before the gymnasium floor is ready for the lines to be repainted.

At right, Sadie Sorenson with FLR Sanders operates the riding sander with two floor sanders attached.

Below, Kyla Matteson with FLR Sanders empties one of several bags filled with sawdust from industrial sanders during last week's work on the gymnasium floor.



Below, a close-up of the Luverne Middle/High School gymnasium floor before sanding (bottom) and after sanding (top).



# Blue Cross Blue Shield/continued from page 1A

Act went into effect in 2014, we haven't kept our policies the same from one year to the next," he said. But there will be options, even under Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Blue Plus, which has teamed up with Sanford Health under its accountable care option. "Those who doctor primarily in Luverne wouldn't be affected as much under this plan," Kozlowski said. Some analysts have said the Blue Cross and Blue Shield decision is a symptom of an unstable individual health insurance market. "The whole thing that has failed with the Affordable Care Act, in my opinion, is that younger healthier people aren't going to pay for premiums," Kozlowski said. "They'd rather pay the \$700 fine and not have health

insurance." The solution would be to encourage these decidedly uninsured to buy health insurance in order to strengthen the pool of those filing expensive claims. To do that might require higher penalties for those who opt out of insurance and provide more generous subsidies for those who are insured. Kozlowski said there is plenty of time to consider options. The Blue Cross Blue Shield changes go into effect Jan. 1, so Kozlowski advises affected policyholders to start looking at options as soon as open enrollment for 2017 begins in order to understand choices this fall. Open enrollment for Jan. 1 policies is Nov. 1 through Dec. 15. Policies enacted after

Dec. 15 won't be effective until Feb. 1. Although the main Blue Cross Blue Shield unit is leaving Minnesota's individual market, its much smaller subsidiary, Blue Plus, will continue to offer plans on the individual market, according to the company statement. Blue Cross and Blue Shield customers losing their coverage are encouraged to seek options on MNsure, the only place eligible applicants can receive federal tax credits for premiums. Either way, they should consult with their insurance agents.

# Drug Task Force/continued from page 1A

Marquardt, Minnesota State-wide Gang and Drug coordinator. He oversees the state's 23 task forces. "This is supposed to be a collaboration and building of resources," he said. "What you're putting into the pot you're going to get a multitude back by using the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force to come over here and help investigate those crimes." In the past four years, narcotics cases in Rock County have doubled from an average of 18 per year in 2011 and 2012 to 45 per year the past three years. There have been 22 narcotics arrests in the county,

primarily involving small amounts of marijuana. "Every town (in the county) has been affected," Verbrugge said, adding that more recent arrests have involved meth and heroin. Being a member of the task force would allow a dedicated officer to track criminal activity to the middle- and upper-level dealers, something Rock County doesn't have resources to do currently, Verbrugge said. The BRDTF covers 1,893 square miles. Members include the counties of Pipestone, Nobles and Murray and the cities of Fulda, Adrian, Slayton and Worthington.

BRDTF Commander Nate Grimmus said six full-time agents currently track violent crime and drug activity and in the past 10 years have made 1,128 arrests. The task force's success comes from a dedicated officer's constant contact with cases and his "inner knowledge of the community," he said. Earlier this year Verbrugge requested possibly adding three additional officers to his department. He is currently applying for various grants. Commissioners referred Verbrugge's request to the county budget and personnel committee.

## MOWING NOTICE: BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to all landowners or tenants to mow at least one swath along township road ditches, by July 15, 2016. If not done, the township may hire it done and assessed against the landowners taxes.

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### ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

*... disappointing report about the state of public health in southwest Minnesota.*

Rich DeSchepper and Verlyn Van Batavia are two 70-somethings in Luverne who are living proof that staying active allows for an active lifestyle.

I interviewed them last week for a lighthearted feature about how they're spending retirement.

The story will appear in a July 28 Star Herald special edition about senior living.

Verlyn is 73 and Rich is 72 (and a half) so it's appropriate they're featured in a "senior" edition, but they're not your typical senior citizens.

They're retired city employees who work part time for the city on an as-needed basis. The hours are sometimes long and the jobs can be demanding, but they don't complain. In fact, they "love to come to work," and you can tell they do.

They're grateful to have been blessed with good health that allows an active lifestyle.

But there's also a lot to be said for good attitudes and motivation. They stay active because they know it's good for them and it has allowed them to maintain the lifestyle they want well into their 70s.

This week's Star Herald carries a disappointing report about the state of public health in southwest Minnesota.

A survey shows that nearly half of southwest Minnesotans think they're at a healthy weight, when in fact this is true for only 18 percent. More than 70 percent are overweight or even obese.

Also, many claim that they're trying to be active, but they face "too many barriers" to exercise. Among these barriers is "lack of motivation," and meanwhile, over half reported spending two or more hours at a screen (TV, computer or other

device).

This week's paper also carries a story about the exciting possibility of an expansion and improvement project at the city's pool and fitness center.

The facility is heavily subsidized by city taxpayers (about \$300,000 per year) in order to keep memberships and admissions affordable to all community members.

And the pending expansion and improvement shows the commitment of our city leaders to the health of the community.

That has been abundantly clear with the recent work on the LOOP biking and hiking path under construction around the city, in addition to the pool and fitness center improvements.

Also underway are improvements to The Lake and plans for a water trail on the Rock River, providing even more opportunity for active recreation.

Ultimately maintaining good health is as simple as putting on a good pair of walking shoes, even if it's only for a few blocks.

But the first step is the hardest, because choosing a walk instead of the couch takes a great deal of motivation.

In this community — with all these opportunities for active recreation — there are few true barriers to good health.

We just need to muster the motivation to enjoy them.

## Big — really big — thumbs up to Fourth of July at The Lake

People are still talking about it. Luverne's Fourth of July celebration was a big hit.

An out-of-the-park hit. Home run. Slam dunk.

Call it what you want — the event was undeniably spectacular.

Especially for a first-time effort by a group of enthusiastic volunteers, willing city workers and smart chamber organizers.

Please, please take a moment to scroll through the Star Herald's website and Facebook page. The photos really tell the story, and we can fit only a few of them on our print pages.

The day was well-planned and well-orchestrated from top to bottom.

And, perhaps, the most striking thing about the day was the fact that it attracted all walks of life — and mostly Luverne's own residents and their visitors and family.

Among the lawn chairs parked on the beach, we saw business owners and blue collar workers, young and old, leaders and followers, movers and shakers.

You name them, they were there. All of them enjoying the day and enjoying each other's company.

For a town that never had a Fourth of July celebration, it was a proud day.

In the course of a year, the eyesore in the middle of town transformed from a weedy gravel pit with questionable origins to a beautiful clean

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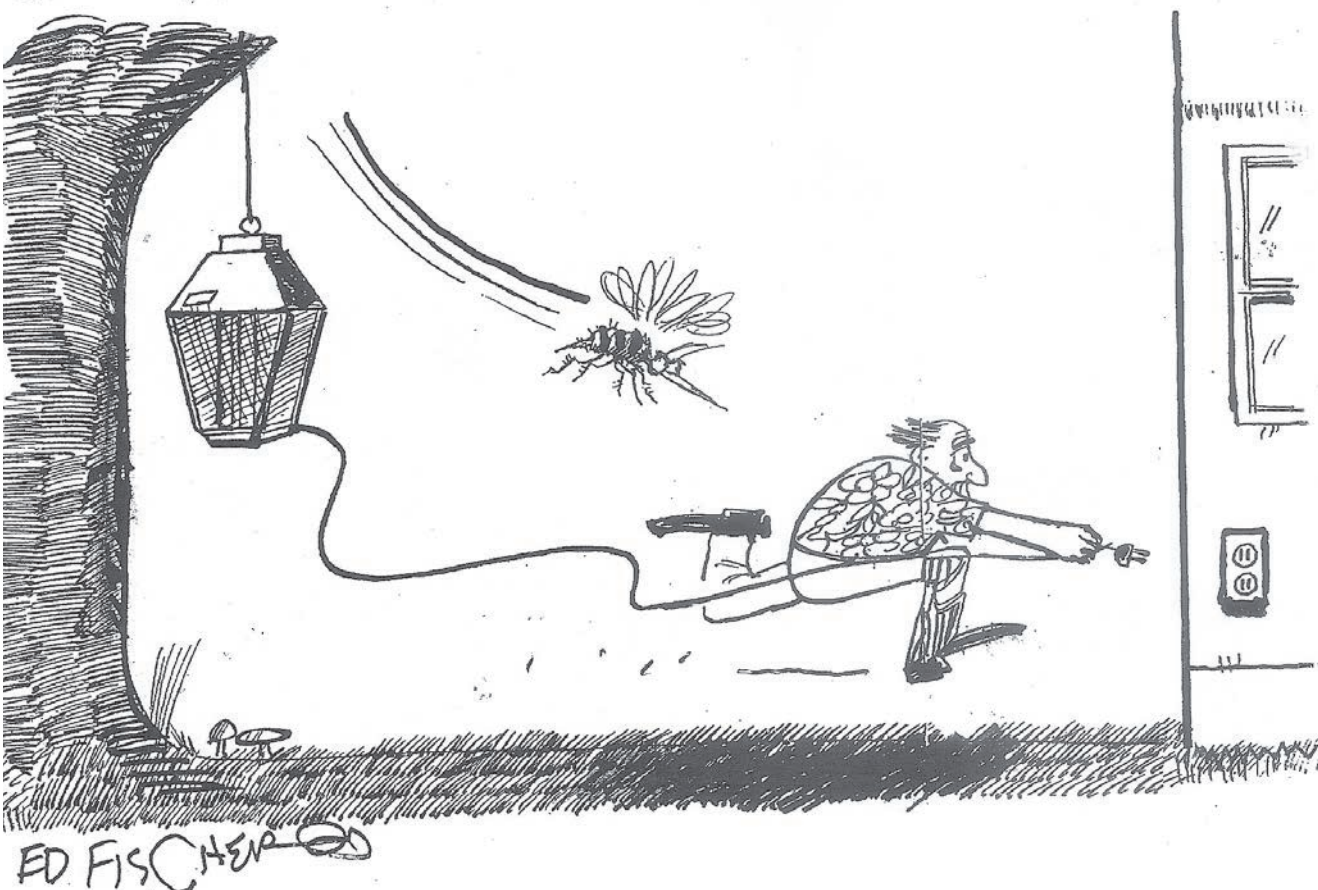
lake, complete with a sandy beach, fishing pier, dock and parking.

It was the classic case of "build it and they will come."

The site of all those people — many in patriotic red, white and blue — crowding the beach and

filling the stands was an impressive testimony to the fact that Luverne needed this.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who made it happen. We now have another really good reason to Love Luverne.



## Hundreds of pounds of concrete later, pole location keeps flag out of gutters

Just in time for the Fourth of July we installed a new flagpole in front of our house.

As with any project around our house, there is a certain amount of debate (argument) about the project. This time the debate (argument) was about the location of said flagpole.

Before the location debate surfaced, a number of other issues had to be worked out.

How high should the pole be? What color should the pole be? What size flag should we get?

We found out the size of the flag is pretty much determined by the circumference of the pole.

The reason for purchasing a stand-alone flagpole in the first place is the relentless prairie wind we have to endure.

Our flag was continually wrap-



## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
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ping around the pole attached to the front porch, or worse yet, tossing the flag up on the roof and getting it hung up on the gutter.

So in an effort to be an informed shopper, I went online to scope out flagpoles. I have come to the conclusion that if you only bought things based on customer reviews, you would never buy a thing.

Giving up on the Internet, I made my purchase the old-fashioned way and went to the store.

About the only decision I had to make at the store was whether to buy the 15-foot pole or the 20-footer. Based on the old adage, I went with the 20-footer.

That was a mistake. I was worried the taller version would inter-

fere with planes approaching the local airport from the north to land.

As the location debate continued, we finally settled on a location for the pole. Let's just say the pole is in a good spot and leave it at that.

Due to our wind, we all know if you are going to put something outside, you have to anchor it down, or soon rather than later the wind will have its way with it.

That said, 320 pounds of concrete was used for the base of the flagpole.

For those of you that have a flagpole in your yard, you'll know what I mean by this, but there is a patriotic feeling you get when you pull up to your house and you see our nation's flag blowing in the wind.

I would encourage you to consider flying the flag at your home.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

## Election season policy:

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report  
June 24

•Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle at County Road 17 and County Road 4. Tried to contact owner with no answer.

•Complainant in Hardwick reported damage to his vehicle.

•Complainant reported a train car blocking a roadway. Deputy reported it is being worked on.

•Complainant requested we test subject. He had been drinking, which is a violation of his release conditions. Subject was taken to jail.

•Complainant reported a domestic situation between family members, and they do not feel safe being there.

•Deputy reported a vehicle almost hit him while he was assisting a stalled motorist at County Road 4 and I-90 overpass. Deputy made contact with the vehicle on County Road 4.

•Complainant called and requested a welfare check on subject. She is on medication and is probably drinking.

•Complainant reported male in dark clothing walking on the side of the road, and he almost hit him. Deputy advised subject is going to wait in his vehicle tonight and see about getting it fixed in the morning. Vehicle is near Beaver Creek. Deputy gave subject a ride to it.

•Deputy advised car at park with no one around. Contacted owner. He was at a church function and forgot someone else had brought his car. He will be en route to move it.

•Complainant reported very loud music keeping her awake in the area of the ice arena.

•Complainant reported her van is on I-90 by Beaver Creek, but is not blocking. She will get it moved by morning.

June 25  
•Complainant reported subject is on Facebook trying to cause trouble by saying she's dating. Complaint wanted it noted. Complainant reported again at 1:03 p.m. that she feels this is a violation of her order for protection. She spoke with a deputy about this.

•Complainant reported that her sister is holding her hostage and she wants to go home. Complainant appears to be a vulnerable adult.

•Complainant reported subject is at location with a broken down vehicle that he slept in last night. Herman Motors cannot get the parts until Monday. Complainant would like to see the subject get a hotel voucher. Helped through Salvation Army.

•Dispatcher received a call from a belligerent person that we have dealt with numerous times. Subject was under the influence.

•Complainant reported the same trespass issues with the same subject happening again.

•Dispatch received a call from Sioux Falls metro regarding a missing person that was spotted near Adrian. Metro wanted Rock County aware of the situation in case he came west on I-90. Nobles County had received a teletype of the missing male. Subject has dementia.

•Complainant reported all Hardwick units will be out for the parade tonight in Hardwick.

•Complainant reported a vehicle on I-90 westbound over fog and center. Complainant says the vehicle is stopped on the shoulder of I-90 at mile marker 17.

•Complainant reported there was knocking on their house again, and this time they caught two boys and wanted a deputy to speak with them.

June 26

•Complainant reported a vehicle was sitting at 101<sup>st</sup> Street and 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When complainant approached the vehicle to ask what they were doing, the vehicle sped off west on 101<sup>st</sup> Street then north on County Road 6.

•Complainant reported that her ex won't let her see her child. Since the ex has full custody, according to paperwork, she was advised to get an attorney.

•Complainant reported that his son was being deprived of visitation rights by his grandson's mother. Complainant wanted a deputy to come and look at custody papers and to have the report documented. Child was turned over to the father.

•Complainant reported that when he was asked to leave a house, they only let him take his clothes, and he wants his bed at TV.

•Complainant reported that subject is threatening to take her to court if she gives an old roommate his personal property back. Complainant requested to speak to a deputy to make sure subject can't do anything about it legally.

•Dispatch has received six false 911 calls from this address in the past two days. Dispatch hears children playing in the background, music and TV. When the deputy arrived to speak with subject, he denied that his children were playing on the phone.

•Complainant reported that she received a picture message from subject, and it shows subject with a bloody lip. Complainant wants a welfare check done.

•Complainant requested that a deputy at location be a part of a property exchange with subject. Both parties exchanged property without incident.

•Complainant reported that she was arrested for DWI in Rock County, and she had issues with the arrest and was going to take it world wide. She was told that the deputy had everything documented and had a video of the arrest and she was given the deputy's voicemail.

•Complainant reported five kids on three four-wheelers just drove past her house and none of them are 16. One of them has a BB gun.

June 27  
•Complainant reported a homeless-looking man with lots of bags walking southbound on County Road 6 three miles north of Hills.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on her son. Would like a callback.

•Complainant reported a vagrant is at their office in Hills looking for assistance with food stamps. Came from Sioux Falls area. Deputy transported him to Adrian Rest Area and notified Nobles County.

•Complainant reported subject is going to be sleeping in north side of lot on the 600 block of South Kniss Avenue for the next few days. Complainant is OK with it.

•Complainant reported that his son is harassing him on Facebook. Advised to get a harassment restraining order.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy because neighbor kids who live in a white house by the alley ride their bikes and stand on the sidewalk in front of her house and her dog barks. She feels they are harassing her dogs.

•Dispatch received a pocket dial and had deputy check things out. Everything was OK.

•Complainant called to speak to a sergeant immediately. She said a deputy charged her with a DWI when she wasn't drunk. Complainant said she has a friend who is a reporter and is going to give the story to him.

•Dispatch received a 911

call and tracked it. When deputy spoke with subject, he denied making the call. Must have been a pocket dial.

June 28

•Complainant reported that her son went missing about an hour ago. Deputies helped them look for him, but the parents ended up finding him and bringing him home.

•Complainant reported a vagrant sleeping in the ditch on the south side of the road. Deputy transported him to the Minnesota/South Dakota line.

•Complainant requested traffic control at location while they do work on railroad tracks.

•Complainant requested a deputy arrest subject for a DWI. He drove to his appointment and was under the influence. Subject was taken to jail.

•Complainant reported a homeless guy riding a moped went around the elevators in Beaver Creek, and now she can't hear the moped any longer. She is not sure if he is going to sleep there and not cause trouble or if it is a concern. He was located at the ball field.

•Complainant reported a camper fire at the city park in Magnolia. Unknown if occupied. Paged Magnolia Fire Department and ambulance. Deputy made contact with owner. Unoccupied. Vehicle just purchased, not the owner not registered. Will not be able to pick it up until tomorrow.

•Complainant reported the neighbors were in front of her gate. She doesn't know if they threw something in her yard, but does think they are taunting her dog.

•Community Compliance Monitoring in Beaver Creek reported subject was supposed to test tonight, and he didn't. When asked about the situation, subject had trouble explaining why he didn't have his equipment and sounds intoxicated. Notified probation officer.

June 29  
•Complainant reported a person walking on I-90 near mile marker 10 westbound. Transferred to Patrol. Deputy located one male who ran off.

•Complainant reported damage to the rear quarter panel of vehicle.

•Complainant reported that she and her daughter's Facebook page are being

controlled by a man claiming to be a professional hacker employed by the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Complainant was informed that this is a scam and that she should have her computer serviced. Subject says his name is Manuel Alexis Garcia.

•Complainant reported a female subject walking alone west at location. Physical description: black skirt, gray shirt, long brown hair.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about her children and something that happened to her in another county.

•Complainant reported someone is shining a light around County Road 9 and 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Deputy checked area, but could not find anyone.

June 30

•Complainant came into the Rock County Sheriff's Office to speak with a deputy about a civil matter being the executor of a will.

•Complainant reported a woman is having problems getting her husband in his wheelchair at the motel. Deputy assisted.

•Complainant reported she bought some property on a sheriff's sale. The former owner sent her a certified letter that he is going to be there today to reclaim the property. Sent deputy to speak with her.

•Complainant reported possible child abuse with concerns about harming others.

•Complainant reported possible sexual abuse.

•Complainant reported a violation of her order for protection. Subject is contacting other people and posting things on Facebook.

•Complainant reported branches in the back of a truck hit the crosswalk lights at intersection location. City Hall was contacted to send someone to location to look at it.

•Complainant reported possible vandalism to her vehicle.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 2 transports, 3 funeral escorts, 2 traffic stops, 6 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 7 log/alarm sheets, 6 drug court tests, and issued 3 purchase/carry permits and 4 burn permits.

Input sought in Hardwick street improvement plan

By Mavis Fodness

Before the city of Hardwick invests a possible \$100,000 in street improvements, council members want to know what residents think of the planned project.

A public input meeting is scheduled Thursday, July 14, during the council's regular monthly meeting. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick City Hall.

Cost estimates and a timeline were discussed at the city's June 9 council meeting. "If we don't do anything in a year or two, we might as well take the top off and go back to gravel roads," said Mayor Jan Baustian.

Costs to remove, rebuild and/or replace 2,420 square yards of street surface with a 2- to 3-inch bituminous layer ranged from \$61,200 to \$80,900. DGR Engineering out of Rock Rapids, Iowa, also estimated an additional \$8,000 to repair problem frost boil areas.

In May city officials contacted DGR, who was a consultant for the city on previous street projects. DGR indicated the city's last major road project (sealcoating) was completed in 2007.

Project Engineer Gary

Kurth noted in his letter to the city that in the last decade street maintenance has been limited.

He noted the majority of Hardwick's streets are in poor condition.

"The pavement is alligator cracked and/or the pavement is missing," Kurth wrote.

He encouraged city leaders to put a long-term street improvement plan in place.

"The city of Hardwick should continue to patch areas that are showing distress and start planning for a project that could be performed with the future county project," Kurth added.

In 2020 the Rock County Highway Department plans to replace the bituminous surface on Summit, Main and Ross streets in Hardwick, according to its five-year road and bridge construction plan.

Those are county state aid roads under the county's jurisdiction.

Hardwick officials look to increase property taxes in preparation for the 2020 project.

Levy amounts, a timeline and the choice of improvement options will be detailed at the July 14 meeting.

Southwest Minnesotans not as healthy as they think they are

More than half of southwest Minnesota adults consider themselves to be about the right weight, when in reality 70 percent are overweight or obese.

That's according to a 2015 public health survey of 16 counties in southwest Minnesota to measure physical activity, nutrition, tobacco use, dental health and mental health.

Most survey respondents reported an increase in their physical activity since 2010 by utilizing walking paths and trails. But many report barriers to physical activity, including lack of will power and time.

According to survey results, 18 percent meet the recommendations of moderate physical activity and vigorous physical activity, while 60 percent do not.

Over half (51 percent) of the respondents reported over two hours of "screen time" per day.

Minnesota's Statewide Health Improvement Project (SHIP) is working to change these trends in order to help residents live healthier and reduce the burden of chronic disease, according to Judy Pitzl, SHIP Coordinator.

"This is where SHIP initiatives through workplace wellness, active living in communities and active school day encourage best practices for achieving the recommended amount of physical activity per day," Pitzl said.

She said the survey information will continue to build community support for the work in SHIP.

For example, work is underway to extend welfare benefits at farmers markets and encourage other healthy eating initiatives. Similar efforts are in place to encourage active living in schools and communities.



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ATTENTION FARMERS

**Michels Corporation,** a cable utility contractor, will be installing fiber optic cable for Alliance Communications in the right of way in the local roads. We will be moving into the area soon so those interested in haying ditches are encouraged to do so before digging begins - likely after Monday, July 4, 2016.  
Contact Gary Waas for more information at (414)333-7891.

# Woodcarver brings works to Brandenburg Gallery

Artwork will be on display through mid-August; artist reception scheduled for July 17

**By Lori Sorenson**  
Wood carving artist Fred Cogelow has his work on display at the Brandenburg Gallery in Luverne through Aug. 19.  
Cogelow, Willmar, is known for mezzo (“middle”) relief portraiture, which are are linear compositions enhanced by depth.  
His honors over 40 years include 17 Best of Show Awards at the International Woodcarvers Congress in Davenport, Iowa, and “Woodcarving Illustrated” named him 2013 Woodcarver of the Year.  
The majority of Cogelow’s carvings are in butternut, with some basswood and black walnut, and nearly all the wood he uses for carving is from timber that he harvested and dried himself.  
Among the woodcarving tools in his studio hangs a sign with a quote from Thomas Edison that reads, “To invent you need a good imagination and a pile of junk.”  
He describes carving as both an artistic and a logical endeavor, but he said he’s been carving for so long and works so intuitively that he finds it difficult to put the creative process into words.  
“Much of it is the practice



Fred Cogelow looks for a spot to hang this piece, “Dining with ‘Big Daddy Hum’ and Mum,” on a dividing wall in the Brandenburg Gallery.



Wood carving artist Fred Cogelow unpacks one of his newer pieces, “Swedish Inquisition,” a wall-hung relief of a Swedish diner, Tuesday afternoon, June 28, in the Brandenburg Gallery. **Right:** This piece, titled “Greatest Generation, a.k.a. Bill and the Boys,” was the public vote winner in the 3-D division of the 2015 ArtPrize event in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lori Sorenson photos/0707 cogelow art

of learning to see — to see what you actually wish to do, and to see what you’ve actually done to that point — rather than believing what your brain tells you you’re

seeing,” he said. “A lot of it boils down to simple engineering.”  
An artist’s reception will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17, in the Brandenburg

Gallery at 213 East Luverne Street (located east of the courthouse). Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Bridal Shower

An open house bridal shower for **Krista Klaassen**, bride-to-be of **Andrew Hoyme**, will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

### Card Shower

**Gladys Siebenahler** will celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, July 11. Greetings may be sent to her at 1007 N. Cedar, Luverne, MN 56156

## MENU

### Senior Citizens

**Monday, July 11:** Stuffed baked potato with ham, cheese and broccoli, bread, pudding.  
Program: Pinochle.  
**Tuesday, July 12:** Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed corn, bread, rosy applesauce.  
Program: Two Buck Tuesday.  
**Wednesday, July 13:** Salmon, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, fruit cobbler.  
**Thursday, July 14:** Oven crispy chick-

en, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, cake.  
**Friday, July 15:** Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears.  
Program: July Birthday Party.  
Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.  
Bring a friend or make new ones.  
Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Cheryl Thacker named executive director of New Life Treatment Center

Cheryl Thacker, Luverne, was selected as executive director of New Life Treatment Center, a Christian residential drug and alcohol treatment program in Woodstock.  
Thacker was appointed to her position by the Board of Directors of the New Life Treatment Center at their June 15 meeting.  
According to board president Duane Bonnema, Thacker was chosen for the leadership position from a pool of candidates in a multi-state search conducted by the board.  
“Cheryl is a tested and experienced communicator, who excels at problem solving,” he said, adding that Thacker is a proven leader.  
“Cheryl is the right person



Cheryl Thacker

to build on NLTC’s core values, strengths and principles to successfully lead the organi-

zation to the next level of high quality treatment and care for our clients and their families.”  
Thacker joined the board of directors in 2014 and recently served in an acting leadership role for the center. Prior to that, she held positions as a director at Georgia Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministry in Georgia and Family Services in South Dakota.  
She has experience in public relations, fund development at the University of Sioux Falls, KELO Television and Radio in Sioux Falls, and KLQL/KQAD Radio in Luverne.  
She has a major in social science and English from the University of Sioux Falls

and completed training in clinical pastoral education through Bethesda Christian Counseling.  
“I am truly honored to have the opportunity to lead New Life Treatment Center and look forward to working with the dedicated, caring staff in continuing the long-standing tradition of excellent service to our clients on their journey to a New Life of recovery,” Thacker said.  
“New Life Treatment Center has built a strong reputation for excellence in helping our clients find freedom and change in their lives, in a joy-filled, Christ-centered environment. I am delighted to work with the team to build on those achievements.”

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2006)

•Luverne juveniles were among five 15- and 16-year-olds arrested in Sioux Falls after stealing five cars from a Sioux Falls repossession lot.  
The boys, including some from Sioux Falls, reportedly jumped a fence at Dakota Adjusters and drove away with five vehicles.  
They smashed through a locked gate using a pickup truck.

### 25 years ago (1991)

•State budget cuts are causing ripples at Blue Mounds State Park’s swimming beach.  
Beginning July 16, the park will not employ the two lifeguards who guard the beach for about 65 hours each week. The park received notice last Friday that state budget cuts required employee layoffs.  
Beginning wage for the guards was \$7.92 per hour.

### 50 years ago (1966)

•Fourth of July was one of the most quiet in years in Rock county.  
Although fireworks have been outlawed in Minnesota for a number of years, there has always been a certain amount of the noisemakers brought in from South Dakota. But this year, judging from the noise (or lack of it) on Sunday and Monday, the old-

fashioned way of celebrating the holiday is dwindling to almost nothing.  
As a result, no fireworks injuries were reported.

### 75 years ago (1941)

•With big crowds in attendance all day, the first annual Sports and Field Day staged last Sunday by the Rock County Chapter of the Sportsmen’s Club, proved one of the most successful and enjoyable sporting events ever held in this community. More than a thousand people thronged the grounds during the day, many coming from Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska, as well as from numerous places in this state. A great many in attendance participated in the trap and skeet shooting tournaments, mo-skeet and moving target shooting, bait casting, retriever trails and other events offered.

### 100 years ago (1916)

•The value of all real estate in the city of Luverne is \$2,035,200, of which \$1,366,480 is for structures and improvements thereon, and the value of personal property is \$816,137, exclusive of money and credits aggregating \$608,182, according to the returns for 1916 made by Assessors S.A.D. Kennedy and S.C. Rea. ...  
According to the latest assessment there are 222 automobiles in the city as against 149 for the previous year.

## 1924: State’s per pupil funding raised to \$4.20

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on October 24, 1924:

**COUNTY SCHOOLS RECEIVE STATE AID APPROPRIATION**  
County Auditor Olaf Skyberg this week received notice from State Auditor Chase as to the amount of state appropriation as school aid which Rock county will receive. This sum is \$11,113.20 which makes \$4 for each of the 2,640 pupils in Rock county schools.

In addition to this, the funds derived from fines and penalties makes the aid 20 cents more per pupil, or the combined amount, \$4.20. This will be paid to the various school districts in connection with the regular November settlement.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County His-



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

torical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.  
Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iuv.net.

## OBITUARIES

### Harold Forsberg

Harold E. Forsberg, 91, Luverne. Hardwick, died Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center in Luverne.



A funeral service was Saturday, July 2, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial with military honors provided by the Hardwick American Legion followed at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Harold Forsberg was born April 23, 1925, to Emil and Gertrude (Peterson) Forsberg in Harrington, Nebraska. He attended school in Harrington. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II as a dental laboratory technician.

Harold married Eline Naef on Jan. 31, 1950, in Wausau, Wisconsin.

The couple farmed east of Hardwick for 46 years before retiring in 1996. After they retired, they built a new home on an acreage south of the farm place. Harold was also an amateur carpenter. He built kitchen cupboards for his children. Harold loved farming and feeding cattle. He raised kosher meat for IBP in

Harold is survived by his wife, Eline Forsberg, Hardwick; three sons, Rodney (Aleta) Forsberg, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Duane (Linda) Forsberg, White Salmon, Washington; and Keith (Sherry) Forsberg, Luverne; two daughters, Jeanette (Dean) Rictor, Rochester, and Joyce (Kevin) Jacobson, Wannamingo; a daughter-in-law, Dianne Forsberg, Almira, Washington; twelve grandchildren, Tela (David) Richardson, Lance Forsberg, Kimberly Forsberg, Zachary Forsberg, Zoe Forsberg, Lauren (Brent) Robertson, Rachel Forsberg, Bryce (Starla) Rictor, Andrea (Chad) Ruttan, Kent Rictor, Brent (Tara) Jacobson and Traci Morris; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Myrtle Forsberg, Columbus, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ken Forsberg, in 2000; a great-grandson, Jacob Morris; and two brothers, Melvin and David Forsberg.

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

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### Karen Holst

Karen Ardis Holst, 73, Spicer, died unexpectedly Saturday morning, July 2, at her home in Spicer.



A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar. Interment will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 8, at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Steen. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Karen Schiro was born March 31, 1943, to Marvin and Ardis (Trapp) Schiro in Hutchinson. She grew up in Hector and attended Hector schools, graduating in 1961. She then worked for Citizens State Bank in Olivia and later moved to Willmar, where she worked at Citizens National Bank.

On May 13, 1967, she married Edwin Holst at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hector. They made their home in the Spicer area. Karen ended her banking career after 28 years and worked for FSMC of Lake Lillian. She later worked in the accounting department of Walmart in Willmar until her

retirement in 2009.

Karen was active in her community, serving as president of the Senior Citizens Club in Spicer, a member of the Spicer American Legion Auxiliary, and a 20-year active member of the Spicer Sunrise Lions Club. She served as president and as a tail twister in the Lions Club. Karen enjoyed reading, visiting with family and friends, going to lunch and sending greeting cards for all occasions.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Holst, Spicer; a son, Kevin (Sarah) Holst, Lafayette, Colorado; two granddaughters, Ella and Margaret Holst; a brother, Gerald (Sue) Schiro, Willmar; and other relatives and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and a sister-in-law, Jolene Schiro.

Memorials are preferred to the Lions Eye Bank in Minneapolis or Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar.

Arrangements were by Peterson Brothers Funeral Home of Spicer, [www.petersonbrothers.com](http://www.petersonbrothers.com).

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### Gail Smiens

Gail Janet Smiens, 80, Luverne, died Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.



A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. A time of fellowship will be from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

Burial of cremains will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Gail Stuckenbroker was born Sept. 21, 1935, to Herman and Erna (Christensen) Stuckenbroker in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1953.

Gail married Lowell Smiens on Feb. 9, 1956, in Luverne. Except for four years in Rapid City, South Dakota, the couple lived in Luverne. Gail worked at Orey's Café in Luverne before her retirement. She also volunteered at the Carnegie Cultural Center in

Luverne after her retirement.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. She enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle, and bingo. She also enjoyed doing puzzles, word finds and volunteering in the area.

Gail is survived by three sons, Bryce Smiens, Luverne; Kevin Smiens, Mankato; and Timothy Smiens, Mankato; several nieces and nephews, including Tanya (Leicher) Light, Luverne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lowell Smiens; an infant son, Allen; a son, Scott; and three sisters, Myrtle Leicher, Dorothy Krogmann and Lois Hanson.

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

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## Special Remember Rally, time capsule ceremony scheduled for Sept. 11

### By Mavis Fodness

The 15-year anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers that killed nearly 3,000 people will be observed locally on Sept. 11 with a special Blue Light Beam Memorial ceremony.

Diane Sherwood, president of the Remember Rally group, approached county officials last month about conducting the lighting ceremony in a public location in Luverne.

County officials approved her request to use the Kahler Terrace at the Courthouse Plaza for the event.

Special lights will be

installed on the terrace for the event, sponsored by Remember Rally.

"We are very excited about it," said Sherwood. "I think it's going to be very beautiful, very touching."

At dusk on Sept. 11, two blue beams (representing the Twin Towers) will shine 150-200 feet into the air. Sherwood said the beams are to show honor and respect for those affected by the tragedy our country endured.

A short ceremony will precede the lighting ceremony where a moment of silence will be observed and attendees are invited to stay to contemplate the meaning

of what happened on Sept. 11, 2001.

Sherwood said Remember Rally organizers are also working on a community time capsule that will be dedicated on Sept. 11 at a location to be determined.

The time capsule will include photos and information about 9-11 and many items telling the story of Luverne that represent 2016.

The time capsule will be opened in 10 years, on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 Al Qaeda terrorists hijacked four U.S. airplanes and flew two of the passenger jets into the World Trade Center office towers in New York City.

The impacts caused the Twin Towers to catch fire and collapse. Another plane crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the last plane hit a portion of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Remember Rally is a nonprofit organization that was initially formed to raised funds for the 9-11 rescue workers. The group is expanding its mission by creating a specialized health facility for anyone affected by chemical or toxin exposure.

For more information or to donate to the time capsule, contact Sherwood at 283-4194.



Submitted photos

## Library patrons learn firsthand with published authors

Rock County Community Library wrapped up June with visits by two regional authors about their published works

**Above:** Patrick "Packy" Mader talked with library visitors June 23 about his book "Minnesota Gold: Conversations with Northland Athletes Competing on the World Stage" by showing where the athletes he interviewed live in Minnesota. Mader is from Northfield.

**Right:** Phil Hamman spoke June 25 about the book "Gitchee Girl: The Survivor's Inside Story of the Mass Murder that Shocked the Heartland" with his wife, Sandy. Hamman told the story Sandra Cheskey, 13, who witnessed the 1973 murders at Gitchee Manitou State Park in Lyon County, Iowa. The couple lives in Sioux City, Iowa.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### MSU releases Spring 2016 dean's list

Minnesota State Mankato has released the Spring 2016 dean's list. Students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 are named to the Honors List. Students earning a 4.0 GPA receive High Honors.

Named to the Honors List are Carly Wolf, senior, Adrian; Jacob Kreun, sophomore, Edgerton; Cheyenne Hemme, senior, Hardwick; Joshua Friedrichsen, senior, Luverne; and Adam Gruis, senior, Luverne.

### SMSU announces recent graduates

Several area students graduated May 7, 2016, following spring semester at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.

Graduates from Luverne were Cole Johnson, Bachelor of Arts, Hanna Hemme, Bachelor of Science, Jennifer Huisman, Bachelor of Science, and Kelsey Noerenberg, Bachelor of Arts.

Matthew Arends, Hardwick, earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

Leslie Stover, Adrian, received a Master of Business Administration degree.

Katlyn Sandbulte, Hills, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts. Graduates from Edgerton include Brittani Roskamp, Bachelor of Science, and Megan Wendroff, Master of Science.

Graduates following fall semester were Brenda Parsley, Adrian, Bachelor of Science; Caci Lingen, Edgerton, Bachelor of

Science; Devin Jouvstra, Edgerton, Bachelor of Science; Kayla Van Grootheest, Edgerton, Bachelor of Science.

### Henning graduates from Iowa Lakes

Benjamin Henning, Adrian, graduated Friday, May 13, from Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, Iowa, with an Associate in Arts degree.

### Tofteland makes dean's list at St. Mary's

The College of St. Mary at Omaha, Nebraska, has named Anna Tofteland, Luverne, to the Spring 2016 dean's list. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 GPA with at least 12 graded credits.

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beer vendors, and more.  
Parade winners in the children's division were Oliver Mead as George Washington in first place and Gavin Mead as George Washington in second.

In the adult division first place went to the Ykema Family (Darrel, Jill and Michael) for their "Living the Dream - Redneck Yacht Club."

Pat Scheidt and Tom Nelson won second place with "Flowers of Freedom — Love the Lake in My Backyard."

Third place went to Walter and Ed Stearns with "Berty at the Helm - 1964 Oday Javelin Sail Boat."

Log rolling winners (combined time of two rolls in winners' bracket of five participants) were as follows:

In the adult division, Tom Anderson of Chandler, Arizona, won with a total time of 11.30 seconds. Second place went to Brandon Oakley, Luverne, with 8.62 seconds. Will Natte, Luverne, was third with 4.50 seconds

In the 18-and-under division, Luverne's Carson Davis lasted 35.83 seconds for first place.

In second was Mason Smith, Ivanhoe, with 28.93 seconds. Third place honors went to Inesita Rust, Cabot, Arizona, with 23.07 seconds.

See page 2B for results of the triathlon. Also see the Star Herald website, [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com), and the Star Herald Facebook page.

The all-day event was free and open to the public, thanks to donations from individuals and local sponsors. "We have some changes that we know we have to make, and we found out we need to raise additional money," Lanphere said.

"To make the day essentially free, it cost more than we estimated, and we really need to have a zero-based budget or at least earn some to put in a fund for the following year."

She praised those who put effort into the event. "It wouldn't have happened without the passionate support of the city of Luverne, Fourth of July Committee, city Public Works, Mike and Traci Davis and all their friends who worked so hard," Lanphere said.

"We also can't thank enough the wonderful businesses who did pledge and support the event. They made us able to put a plan together."

To support the cause, tax-deductible donations can be made to the Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow at 213 E. Luverne St., Luverne, MN 56156.



Mike Davis gets the trainers out for log rolling practice at The Lake. The paddles help to slow the spinning of the log for beginners.



Grace Steensma (left) and Michelle Kramer help out with sandcastle contest entries. At left is Gavin Mead.



Patricia Scheidt and Tom Nelson decorate their paddleboat for the Parade on the Pond. They called their entry "Flowers of Freedom."

At right are (from left) Jordyn Reisch, Regan Mehlhaff and Inesita Rust.



At left, Aaron Altman and 4-year-old Braylynn Altman work on their sandcastle entry.



Kay Madsen, Adrian, applies paint on Axel Scarset's forehead. Krista Kurtz puts a kitty design on Rhiannon Bartels' face.



The fireworks drew the biggest crowds of the day.  
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Duane Pike and Tanya Stroh take aim in the beanbag tournament. Below, Hailey Boll (left) and Veronica West bury their toes in the sand.



# Peace Corps cultural program takes Christensen to China

By Jason Berghorst

A 2009 Luverne High School graduate is spending 27 months in China serving as a Peace Corps volunteer and immersing himself in traditional Chinese culture.

Matt Christensen, 25, is teaching English at Longnan University of Science and Technology in the city of Chengxuan.

Chengxuan is located in Gansu province, which is in north central China.

Christensen, son of Tim and Pam Christensen of Luverne, began his Peace Corps experience in June of 2015 and will return to the United States near the end of 2017.

"I chose China because of its diverse culture, ownership of a language spoken by nearly twenty percent of the world, and the opportunity to learn how to teach at a university level," he wrote in an email to the Star Herald.

While in China, Christensen is writing a blog to share his experiences with friends.

"One of the goals of the Peace Corps is sharing the culture of your country of service with Americans back home," Christensen wrote.

"My blog is my primary way of doing that," he wrote.

## World Traveler

China is not the first experience Christensen has had living in a foreign country.

While a student at Luther College, he traveled to Tanzania in 2012 and spent four months studying in the east African country.

"I studied abroad in Tanzania with the intent of seeing if I could survive in a setting completely different from my own," Christensen wrote.

He said that experience filled him with "a travelers confidence more than any class on culture ever did."

"After leaving Tanzania, I knew that I wanted to see more of the world and began brainstorming ways to do just that," Christensen wrote.

## Life in China

His experiences in China began with three months of training in the city of Chengdu in Sichuan province to prepare him for his teaching duties.

The training included extensive classes in Mandarin Chinese,

cultural awareness, security and other topics.

In China, Peace Corps volunteers are called U.S.-China Friendship Volunteers.

There are currently 143 American Peace Corps volunteers teaching English at universities throughout China.

Christensen teaches English to six different classes composed of nearly fifty students each.

Three of his classes are university freshmen along with one class each of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"I can kind of relate to my freshmen. They are in a new place with a new group of people," he wrote in his blog.

Christensen was assigned to work in a city of about 10,000 people, a location considered extremely small and rural by Chinese standards.

"Most Peace Corps volunteers in China are in small-sized cities, which in China means one to two million people," he wrote.

"My site is much smaller than that, with only two other non-Chinese 'foreigners' besides me in the whole city."

Christensen said his minority status brings him a lot of attention from the locals and takes some getting used to.

Some days he has to "duck away from camera-wielding groups of local middle-schoolers," he wrote.

Overall, he enjoys the rural setting of Chengxuan.

"It provides for intense cultural immersion," Christensen wrote. "Living here feels like stepping back in time."

That cultural immersion has included hiking near mountaintop monasteries, eating coagulated duck blood and running on the Great Wall of China.

## Great Wall Marathon

In late May, Christensen experienced what surely was a highlight of his time in China thus far.

He completed the full Great Wall Marathon in Tianjin Province, China.

The Chinese race was the first official marathon Christensen has ever run.

"Every step of the course was beautiful and challenging," he wrote.

Portions of the mountainous 42-kilometer marathon route in-

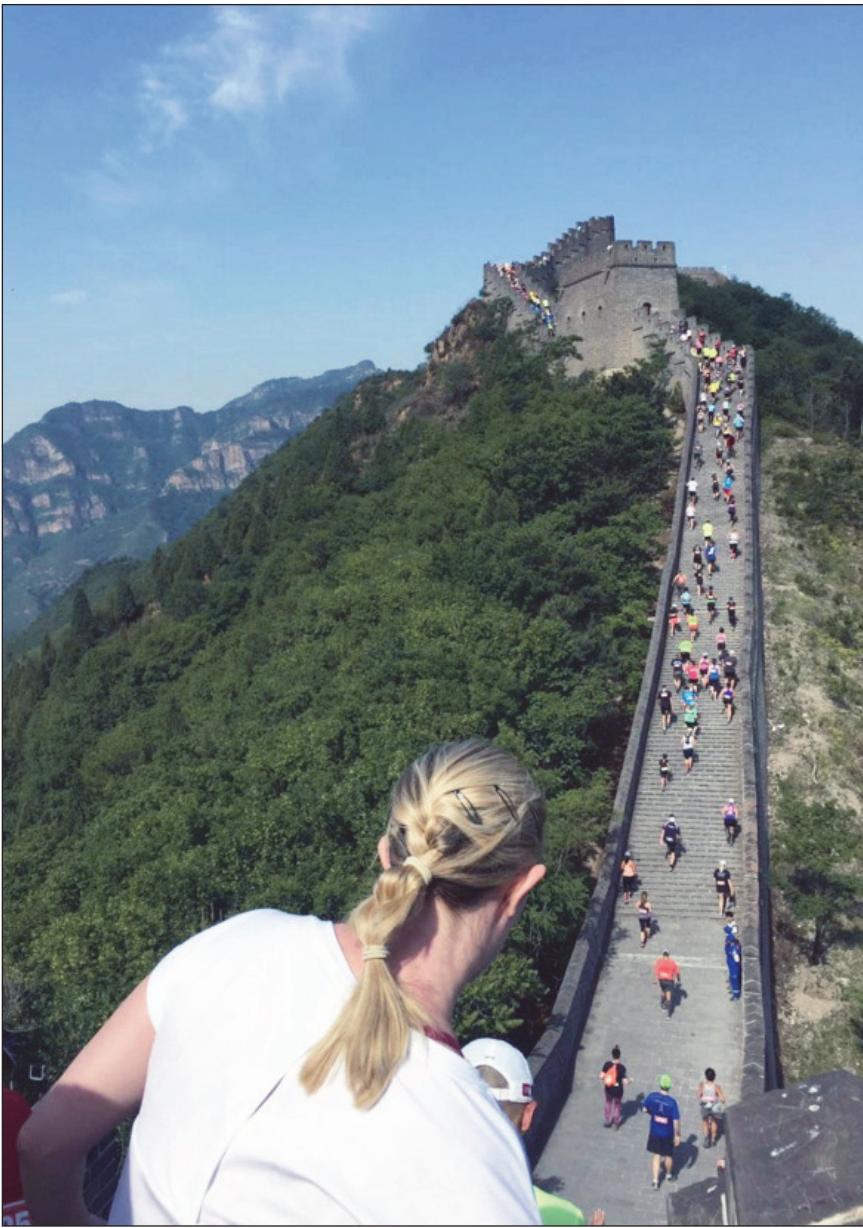


Submitted photos

Matt Christensen, a 2009 Luverne High School graduate, is spending more than two years in China as a Peace Corps volunteer. **Below, middle:** Christensen shares many pictures and observations from China in his blog. Here he shows that meeting people in coffee houses is a universal experience. **Below:** Matt Christensen competed in his first "official" marathon in May at the Great Wall of China.



Sampling the authentic Chinese cuisine has been one of Christensen's favorite activities so far during his time in China.



Christensen was invited by a Chinese friend to attend a Chinese wedding in order to help him experience authentic Chinese culture. As the only non-Chinese person attending the wedding, Christensen said he felt like somewhat of a celebrity at the special event uniting the couple.

# Redbirds snap streak against Ruthton

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Luverne Redbirds snapped a five-game losing skid by posting a 10-run home win over Ruthton Sunday.  
The skid reached five games with a five-run loss in Lakefield June 29.  
Luverne, 8-7 overall, plays in Hadley Sunday.

**Luverne 13, Ruthton 3**  
The Redbirds secured their first win since June 11 when they topped the Royals by 10 runs Sunday in Luverne.  
Luverne trailed 3-2 after three and one-half innings of play before reeling off 11 unanswered runs to win by the 10-run rule in seven innings.  
Phillip Paquette, who turned in a five-RBI effort at the plate, doubled home two runs to give the hosts a 4-3 edge in the bottom of the fourth.  
Luverne went on to score five runs in the fifth inning and four

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Connor Sandbulte delivers a throw to record an out at first base during Sunday's 13-3 home win over Ruthton.



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Luverne's Mike Flom wraps up the kayak leg of the triathlon for the Flying Floms squad, which placed second as a team.

# Triathlon debuts on Fourth of July

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Davis Lake Triathlon kicked off the Fourth of July celebration at The Lake Monday in Luverne.  
A total of 31 individuals participated in the first edition of the event, competing as members of teams or individually.  
Twenty-eight athletes mixed it up in the adult version of the triathlon, which consisted of a six-tenths-of-a-mile kayak race, a 9.5-mile bike race and a 2.5-mile run.  
Fourteen women and two men competed individually, while four three-member teams tested their skills in the big triathlon.  
Local talent fared well both individually and as members of teams.  
Team Air Force, consisting of Luverne's Trey Davis, Dalton DeSollar and LHS graduate Justin Rust (Omaha, Nebraska) emerged as the team champions.  
Team Air Force produced a time of 58:45.  
The Flying Floms, consisting of Luverne's Mike and Bergin Flom and Madison Schandemeier, placed second in 61:40.  
Placing third with a time



Laura Leenderts



Brent Hokeness

of 61:55 were Mike's All-Stars, consisting of Luverne's Mike Davis, Kraig Rust, (Kenneth) and Peggy Nelson, Luverne.  
Brianna's Guppies placed fourth in team competition



John Rittenhouse photo/0707 triathlon 15 cut

Justin Rust (left) tags off with Dalton DeSollar after Rust completes the biking portion of the Davis Lake Triathlon for Team Air Force. The Air Force squad won the team title.

with a 73:45 effort.  
Luverne's Jarrod Sandbulte and Pipestone's Jason and Brianna Rieck formed the squad.  
A Hills woman won the overall individual championship.  
Competing in the 30-39 division for female competitors, Debut/continued on page 3B

# Legion evens record at 5-5 with three victories

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Luverne American Legion baseball team is riding a four-game winning streak after registering three home victories last week.  
The Cardinals topped Heron Lake-Okabena by three runs June 28 before securing one-run wins over Adrian and St. James Friday.  
Luverne, 5-5 overall, hosts the Sub-District Playoffs this weekend.

**Luverne 5, St. James 4**  
The Cardinals extended their run of wins to four games with their second walk-off win of the day Friday against St. James.

After falling behind 4-0 after two and one-half innings of play, Luverne battled back to knot the score at four in the sixth inning before producing the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Nick Harder laid down a bunt single in the bottom of the seventh before advancing to second base when Jesse Reed executed a sacrifice bunt.  
Connor Sandbulte settled the issue by lining a single down the right-field line to plate Harder.

Luverne plated single runs in the third and sixth innings and scored twice in the fifth to knot the score at four.  
Nick Overgaard slapped an RBI single in the bottom of the third, while Cole Bosch singled and scored on a wild pitch and Overgaard reached base on an error and scored on an error in the fifth.  
Declan Beers singled, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored the tying run when Connor Crabtree laid down a sacrifice bunt in the sixth.  
The play was designed to



John Rittenhouse photo/0707 legion 4

Cole Bosch concentrates on the ball before completing a successful pickoff play during a home win against HL-O June 28. Luverne also downed Adrian and St. James at Redbird Field Friday to end the regular season with a 5-5 record.

move Beers to third base, but he raced home when no St. James player covered home plate.  
Reed pitched four innings of scoreless, two-hit relief to secure the victory.  
Reed replaced Harder, who yielded four runs (three were earned), three hits and six walks in the first three innings.

**Luverne 1, Adrian 0**  
The Cardinals and Dragons battled for 10 and one-half innings before the hosts plated the lone run of the game in the bottom of the 11<sup>th</sup> frame.  
Kaden Ericson reached base on an outfield error, Overgaard singled and Harder walked to load the sacks for Luverne in the 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Reed ended the game when he delivered a single to plate Ericson.  
Reed earned the pitching win by tossing one inning of scoreless relief.  
Overgaard tossed the first 10 innings, fanning 12 batters

and yielding two hits (singles to Jacob Stamer and Logan Rogers in the seventh inning).  
Rogers pitched 10-plus innings for Adrian and took the loss.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Sandbulte | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Beers     | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Crabtree  | 4  | 0 | 1 | 0  |
| Olson     | 5  | 0 | 3 | 0  |
| Bosch     | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Ericson   | 2  | 1 | 0 | 0  |
| Overgaard | 4  | 0 | 3 | 0  |
| Harder    | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Reed      | 5  | 0 | 2 | 1  |

**Luverne 6, HL-O 3**  
The Cardinals won consecutive games for the first time this summer when

they doubled up Heron Lake-Okabena June 28 in Luverne.  
After opening a 3-0 lead four innings into the game, Luverne appeared to be on the verge of being challenged when HL-O put together a three-run rally in the top half of the fifth inning to knot the score.  
The Cardinals, however, bounced back to score three times in the bottom of the fifth to set the stage for a three-run victory.  
After surrendering a three-run lead in the top of the fifth,

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Matt Reverts

# Reverts aces hole

**By John Rittenhouse**  
A Luverne man recorded the first hole-in-one of the 2016 season at the Luverne Country Club Thursday.  
Matt Reverts, who never had a hole in his career, broke the ice at the LCC during 18-hole league play that day.  
Playing the LCC's third hole during his first of two loops around the course, Reverts selected a 4-iron to attack the par-3 challenge.  
The hole was playing at 186 yards and players were hitting into the wind that day.  
"My shot landed on the green, bounced once and then rolled 10-feet into the hole. I was pretty lucky," Reverts said.  
Reverts was playing with his partner, Jeff Haubrich.  
Their opponents, Luverne's Steve Dierks and Scott Olson, witnessed the ace as well.

# VFW blanks Pipestone on road Thursday

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne VFW baseball team ran its record to 14-1 with a convincing win in Pipestone Thursday.

Squaring off against a Pipestone squad that is considered one of the top teams in the Third District's Southern Division, the Cardinals expected to be challenged by the hosts.

Luverne, however, made short work of their regional rivals by handing them an 11-0 setback in five innings.

The Cardinals scored runs in four of the five innings of the game to win handily.

Jake Haugen led the Cardinals to victory.

Along with slapping three hits and driving in three runs at the plate, Haugen tossed a five-inning shutout. He limited the hosts to three hits.

Luverne took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first.

Jade Smith, who scored four runs as a courtesy runner for Declan Beers, crossed home plate after a fielding error by the Arrows before Will Mumme delivered an RBI single in the first frame.

Smith scored again in the third inning on a wild pitch to up the lead to 3-0.

A three-run rally in the fourth inning left the Cards sporting a 6-0 cushion.

Haugen singled home a pair of runs and Beers added an RBI single in the fourth.

Luverne added five runs in the fifth inning to cap the



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Luverne shortstop Ben Serie snares the ball before tagging out a Pipestone runner at second base during Thursday's VFW baseball game in Pipestone. Luverne secured an 11-0 victory.

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| scoring in the game.                                                                                                                            |  | fifth with the help of an error in the outfield by the Arrows. |  | Haugen     |  | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Trey Roberts recorded a sacrifice fly, Haugen doubled home one run and Tyler Reisdorfer chipped in a run-scoring single to highlight the rally. |  | Luverne plays in Slayton Thursday.                             |  | Hernandez  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Two more runs scored in the                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                |  | Reisdorfer |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                |  | Mumme      |  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                |  | Reisch     |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                |  | Serie      |  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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|                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                |  | Roberts    |  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
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# Star Herald CHURCH

## St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

### St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, July 7: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Grades 6-12 volunteers meet at 9 a.m. at church. Friday, July 8: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, July 9: 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Catherine. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, July 10: 8 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Mary. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Noon to 3 p.m. St. Mary Knights of Columbus picnic. Tuesday, July 12: 9 a.m. Mass. Wednesday, July 13: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, July 14: 9 a.m. Mass.

## Luverne Christian Reformed Church 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luvernecrc.com — luvernecrc@gmail.com Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, July 11: 9 a.m. PERK\_UP in Hills. Wednesday, July 13: 6:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 5 p.m. Church directory pictures.

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

### Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, July 7: Noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, July 8: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, July 10: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, July 11: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Tuesday, July 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, July 13: 7 p.m. Summer Youth Program. Thursday, July 14: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

## Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com

### Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, July 7: 7:30 a.m. Bible Study. 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 Coffee. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 6-9 p.m. 4-H Presentation Night in Fellowship Hall. Friday, July 8: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, July 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 10: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KQAD. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, July 11: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, July 12: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW executive meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC. Wednesday, July 13: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, July 14: 7:30 a.m. Bible Study. 2 p.m. GLCW in Fellowship Hall. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 6:30 p.m. Go's Work Our Hands meeting.

## Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Thursday, July 7: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 10: 10:15 a.m. Worship. (No Bible Class.) Thursday, July 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

## American Reformed Church 304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Thursday, July 7: 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out; Let's Ride. Friday, July 8: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, July 11: Ridder Team meeting. Tuesday, July 12: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, July 13: 7 p.m. Praise Team.

## Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

## First Assembly of God Church

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4  
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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

Thursday, June 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. Saturday, July 9: AA in Upper Room. Sunday, July 10: Worship with Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard; Adult Sunday School. 4:30 p.m. Angels Bible Study. Monday, July 11: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Wednesday, July 13: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Thursday, July 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. 7 p.m. Coloring/Crafting event.

## First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, July 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, July 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

## St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005

email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, July 7: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, July 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, July 10: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 7-9 p.m. NYG students. Monday, July 11: 7 p.m. Elders meeting; Centennial History Committee meeting. Tuesday, July 12: 1:15 p.m. Communion at Lyon Manor. 2:15 p.m. Communion in Hills. 3:15 p.m. Communion in Sioux Falls. Wednesday, July 13: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, July 14: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

## 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

211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, July 7, and Friday July 8: Youth Group attends Youth Conference in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Thursday, July 7: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Ch. 3. Friday, July 8: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, July 11: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, July 12: 6:30 p.m. Elder's meeting. 7:45 p.m. Church Council meeting. Thursday, July 14: 4 p.m. Zion 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

Sunday, July 10: 10 a.m. Valley Springs Booster Days community worship at ball field. Please bring lawn chair.

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliance.com.net

Saturday, July 9: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Klaassen/Hoyme Bridal Shower. Sunday, July 10: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran. Sunday, July 10, through Thursday, July 14: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Tuesday, July 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village.

# Free for what?

This month our nation celebrates Independence Day on July 4th. Not everyone has a deep understanding of this celebration, but almost all people get the significance of this day.



We in the United States make clear we live in a land that affords us freedom: free from taxation without representation, freedom to determine our own affairs, freedom to pursue happiness, and a whole host of other freedoms. We are free FROM a number of oppressive things, but we are also free FOR a great many precious things. We are free FOR the pursuit of liberty and justice for all.

We also have freedoms as believers in Christ. Jesus says in John 8:36 "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." We are free FROM the consequences of sin,

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By Pastor Ron Nichols,  
Grace Lutheran  
Church

death, and the devil. We are also free FOR serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. To be free to serve Christ is not a contradiction like some may think. These are precious freedoms we have in Christ: free to hear His Word, free to follow Him, and free to serve Him.

Freedom is a sacred trust we share in this country of ours. Freedom is also a sacred trust we share with Christ. Our freedoms contain many freedoms FROM a great many things that harm us, but also freedoms FOR a great many things that bring us abundant life, happiness, and joy.

## Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Thursday, July 7: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, July 10: 10 a.m. Valley Springs Booster Days community worship at ball field. Please bring lawn chair.

## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

## Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; Adrian Sunday School.

## Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sunday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

## 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.

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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 30

**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:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 4, 2009  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$51,020.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Joshua DePypier, an unmarried man  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
MIN#: 1003109-0000616275-8  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: GSF Mortgage Corporation  
SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 4, 2009, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 172688

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: February 16, 2016 filed: February 23, 2016, recorded as document number 187859

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
W.80 feet of Lot 4, in Block 3, in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 702 N McKenzie St, Luverne, MN 56156  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20.0252.000  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$47,604.28

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 30, 2016, 10:00am  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on December 30, 2016, or the next business day if December 30, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 6, 2016  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Assignee of Mortgagee  
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP  
Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559  
Diane F. Mach - 273788  
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778  
Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X  
Gary J. Evers - 0134764  
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Attorneys for Mortgagee  
12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
(952) 831-4060

**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR**

## NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for June 30, 2016, at 10:00 AM, has been postponed to August 4, 2016, at 10:00 AM, and will be held at West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156, said County and State.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by February 4, 2017. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Dated: July 5, 2016.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Assignee of Mortgagee

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Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee

**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

(07-07)

## Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks bakery quotes

**REQUEST FOR QUOTES**  
**LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Notice is hereby given that quotes for bakery products will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.  
The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Shelley Sandbulte  
Clerk  
(07-07, 07-14)

## ISD #2184 School Board meets May 31

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on May 31, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, and Dave Riphagen. Absent: Jodi Bosch, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Ryan Johnson, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Camden Hoven, and Anja Jarchow.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. It was noted that there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Elementary Counselor Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Camden Hoven and Anja Jarchow presented information about the elementary counseling program.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Riphagen, to approve the May 12, 2016, school board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented the district bills. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,276,297.17. Motion unanimously carried.

The 2016-17 School Board meeting/work session schedule was presented as follows:

### BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE

Community Input will be held at 6:30 p.m. (if requested)

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| July 21, 2016               | 7:00 p.m. |
| August 25, 2016             | 7:00 p.m. |
| September 22, 2016          | 7:00 p.m. |
| October 27, 2016            | 7:00 p.m. |
| November 22, 2016 (Tuesday) | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 15, 2016 includes: | 7:00 p.m. |

Truth-in Taxation Hearing

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| January 26, 2017  | 7:00 p.m. |
| February 23, 2017 | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 23, 2017    | 7:00 p.m. |
| April 27, 2017    | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 11, 2017      | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 25, 2017      | 7:00 p.m. |
| June 29, 2017     | 7:00 p.m. |

### SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSIONS

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

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| August 11, 2016   | 7:00 p.m. |
| September 8, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. |
| November 10, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. |
| February 9, 2017  | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 9, 2017     | 7:00 p.m. |
| June 8, 2017      | 7:00 p.m. |

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Deutsch, to approve this schedule. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Hartman, to approve the annual layoff resolution. Motion unanimously carried.

Elementary Principal Stacy Gillette reviewed the 2016-17 Literacy Plan. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the plan as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to accept the retirement of Mary Jo Graphenteen, physical education teacher, effective May 20, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve Jessica Quissell to volunteer in the summer special education classroom with Lucinda Rotshus. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Hartman, to approve a medical leave of absence for Rod Rosin, custodian, for approximately six weeks beginning May 18, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Kerri Baker as softball coach effective at the end of the 2015-16 season. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the retirement of Randy Walgrave, Elementary Custodian, effective July 31, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports given. The upcoming dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: May 31, 2016

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk  
(07-07)

## Doug's Truck Service assumes name

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Name: **Doug Hoogeveen**

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Doug Hoogeveen 507-227-9985.

(0630, 0707)

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

A. Dairy Products

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

Shelley Sandbulte  
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(07-07, 07-14)

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**REQUEST FOR QUOTES**  
**LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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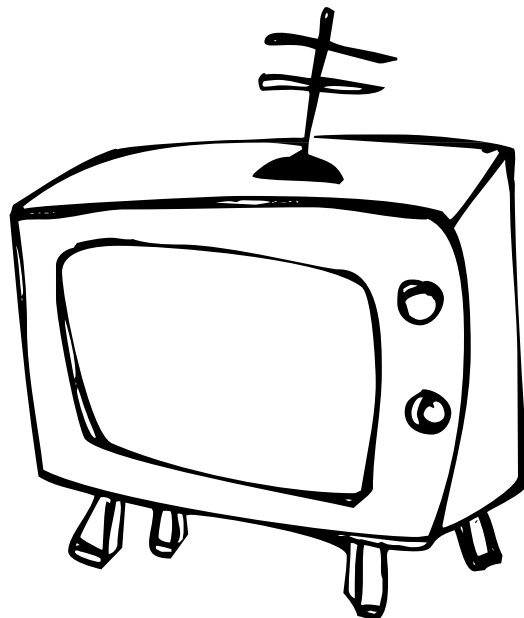
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