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Hot Diggity Dog!

More events join Hot Dog Night

Luverne's 54th annual Hot Dog Night celebration is set for Thursday night, July 14, with roughly 15,000 free hot dogs to be served by Luverne Area Chamber members.

"This is a great small town event that just keeps getting better every year," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

Hot dogs will be served from 5:30 until supplies are gone, and the rest of the evening promises all the traditions hot dog night has become famous for.

The sixth annual Wienerman World Championship triathlon will begin at 7 p.m. with four-person relay races featuring eating, swimming, biking and running.

Also at 7 will be the ninth annual Wiener Dog Beauty Pageant followed by the 13th annual Wiener Dog Races.

The Fine Art Hot Dog Contest will be from 4:40 to 5:45 with awards at 6 p.m. Fantasy Face Painting will begin at 5 p.m. at Main and Cedar.

New this year will be free inflatables between Estey and Freeman (sponsored by Grand Prairie Event Center, Hair LTD, Manitou Carpets, Quality Printing, Rock County Star Herald and Schomacker Cleaning).

"It continues to amaze me the number of businesses that step up to the plate to do new and unique things to help keep the night exciting," Wildung Lamphere said.

Free inflatables by the Ice Cream Guys will be between Cedar and McKenzie, and other vendors will have kettle corn, snow cones and cotton candy.

The seventh annual classic car show will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Poplar Creek Estates, where there will also be root beer floats, hot dogs and live music.

Tae Kwon Do demonstrations are at 6 p.m. on Main Street, and the ARC Youth Band will perform on North Freeman Avenue at 6 p.m. by the bleachers.

Spotlight Dancers will perform on Main Street between Cedar and McKenzie from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Live music will be provided on Main Street from 6 to 10 p.m. and the beer garden is open from 6 p.m.

See luvernechamber.com for details.



Chantel Connell Photo/Hail Storm

A thunderstorm front hovers in the distance Sunday morning, moving from west to east over Luverne.

Rain and hail strike area

'Training of thunderstorms' blamed for more than 4 inches of rainfall

By Mavis Fodness

Sunday's almost six-hour weather event is likened to a freight train, according to the National Weather Service.

In his 20 years with the Sioux Falls NWS Kyle Weisser said thunderstorms generally flow out of an area after a single event, but Sunday's storm fronts were stopped due to a more powerful storm front.

"It's called training of thunderstorms," he said. "It's not a real common event."

Derived from how a train and its cars travel along a track, Sunday's thunderstorms stacked up as they hit a boundary created by a stronger weather event occurring to the north of Rock County, Weisser said.

Training of thunderstorms results in a larger accumulation of rainfall amounts, he said.

For the Luverne area, unofficial rainfall amounts reached 4 inches or more in certain areas.

West of Luverne, however, one of those trainings developed hailstones.

John and Kathy Jarchow live four miles northwest of Luverne on 90th Avenue.

"It rained every hour on the hour," John Jarchow said.

Rain showers began around 5 a.m., and the last front coming through around 11:30 a.m. dropped hailstones that lasted for 10 to 15 minutes.

"We were right in the bull's eye," Jarchow said.

He said the hailstones started out pea-sized but quickly grew to the size of golf balls that dented vehicles and building siding and piled off his home's roof to create a mound of ice on his deck.

"It was coming off like crazy," he said. "The rain was absolutely perfect up until then."

Crop damage was limited to a small swatch, according to crop insurance agent Barb Anderson with Cattnach Insurance in Luverne, but the plant damage was extensive.

She said damage was limited to a couple of sections north and east of Beaver Creek where corn and soybeans were stripped of vegetation.

"It was bad where it hailed," Anderson said.



John Jarchow snapped this picture after Sunday morning's last thunderstorm contained golf ball-sized hail. Damage to personal property and crops (below) was extensive.



Mavis Fodness Photo/Hail Storm

Several "trainings of thunderstorms" traveled through Rock County Sunday morning flooding a hayfield east of Hardwick. Areas in Rock County received accumulated rainfall amounts of 4 inches or more from the weather event.



'Rumpelstiltskin'

Area children learn life skills through weekend performances

By Mavis Fodness

Fifty-five potential villagers, wizards, knights and a band of busy little bees gathered for a two-hour audition Monday morning in Doyle Hall at Saint Catherine Catholic Church for this weekend's production of "Rumpelstiltskin."

The Missoula Children's Theatre musical will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and again at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Palace Theatre in downtown Luverne.

Tickets are $5 per person.

Rehearsals take place over a five-day period with the assistance of MCT employees Jillian Mauro and Alice Gittins, who audition, cast and divide the participants into groups to learn life skills as they practice.

"I like the experience we have," said 15-year-old Julia Ferguson of Luverne. "I used to be a really quiet person. On stage you can be loud and I enjoy being someone else for awhile."

Ferguson, along with 14-year-old Jo-Hannah Ladd, also of Luverne, played stepsisters in last year's production of "Cinderella."

"It's fun," Ladd added.

MCT is the largest touring children's theater based in Missoula, Montana, whose focus is to further develop creativity, social skills, goal achievement, community skills and self-esteem through the performing arts.

The same goals are supported locally.

"The No. 1 thing is to have fun," said Shirley Connor with the local Blue Mound Area Theatre.

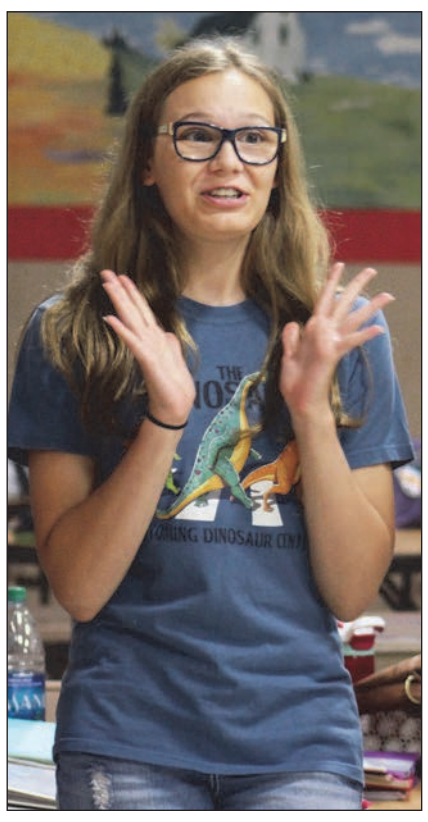
Development of friendships along with listening and following directions are the top three goals for bringing MCT to Luverne.

The Green Earth Players and Luverne Community Education joined BMAT in sponsoring MCT in Luverne.

"Rumpelstiltskin" is an original adaptation by MCT of the classic children's story. The musical was conceived and written by Don Kukla with music and staging by Michael McGill.

The musical focuses on a strange

Rumpelstiltskin/see 8A



Mavis Fodness Photo/0714 Childrens Theater

Julia Ferguson auditions for a part in the Missoula Children's Theatre production Monday morning in St. Catherine Church's Doyle Hall. She and 54 other young actors will perform "Rumpelstiltskin" Friday night and Saturday morning at the Palace Theatre in downtown Luverne.

City OKs eliminating two additional blighted properties

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their June 21 meeting to remove two more blighted properties in town.

They approved a $51,000 amendment to the 2016 budget to cover the purchase of a house on South McKenzie Street and an abandoned house on North Spring Street.

The city bought the McKenzie Street house from Mike Rogers for $35,000 on June 9.

According to city staff, the lot (directly east of Glen's Food Center) had been a constant source of nuisance complaints for junk and stored vehicles.

The occupants have moved out, and the city has mowed the lot.

The city bought the North Spring property (on the corner of Spring and Bishop) for $16,000 from Leon Pick. No one had been living in the residence.

The properties, set for demolition later this year, join a growing list of lots the city has improved for blight removal purposes.

The city acquired three blighted properties — 509, 501, and 409 E. Barck — in 2014 and 2015. The four contiguous lots on the north side of Barck Avenue, 150 feet deep, were sold in May 2015 to Cleveringa Construction to build two triplexes and one twin home. Two are already built and the others are underway.

•A century-old house north of Culligan at the corner of Highway 75 and Lincoln Street is in the process of being condemned and acquired through eminent domain.

•The city purchased the property between Remmedez and the liquor store last summer from Dale and Karen Bosch, Beaver Creek, for $70,000. It was demolished and the city is holding the lot for future development.

•Also demolished last summer was the pink house north of the Laundromat that the city had acquired in February. That lot is now being developed by Scott Heibult for a Computer Clinic store.

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Community calendar

Meetings

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.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964

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 Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Luverne Lions will meet at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Blue Mound Banquet Center.

Sound Cascade Sweet Adeline Chorus rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Washington Crossing Senior Living in Sioux Falls (east side of Sioux Falls). Call 507-597-6288 with questions.

Luverne Rotary meets at noon every Tuesday at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Call Emily Crabtree at 220-2424.

Luverne Optimist Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month in the Howling Dog Saloon, Luverne.

Denver Township meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Tuesday each month at the City Hall in Hardwick.

Luverne Township Board meets at 9 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month in the Rock County Community Library.

Mound Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday each month at the Rock County Highway Building, Luverne.

Southwest Minnesota Habitat for Humanity meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Habitat Office located in the alley entrance of 126 East Main Street. Visitors are Welcome. Call 507-215-2091 for further information.

Transfer Station open July 16

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.

Monthly Food Ministry July 21

The monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Fourth Wednesday free meal July 27

The Fourth Wednesday free community meal will be Wednesday, July 27, at the United Methodist Church. Food service begins at 5:30 p.m.

Baptist Church Bible school

First Baptist Church will host Ocean Commotion Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon July 18-22 for ages 3 through completed sixth grade. There is no cost. Call Barbie at (507) 227-4952 with questions or to pre-register.

Wood sculpture artist reception July 17

Self-taught sculptor Fred Cogelow has his work on exhibit at the Brandenburg Gallery at 213 East Luverne Street in Luverne from now until Aug. 19. An artist reception is planned for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 507-283-1884 with questions.

Luverne designated as Purple Heart City

Mayor made proclamation in support of veterans, their sacrifices to military service

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne is officially a Purple Heart City, thanks to a proclamation by Mayor Pat Baustian at the June 28 City Council meeting.

Vietnam veteran Buck Underwood, a Purple Heart recipient, had approached city officials about proclaiming Luverne a Purple Heart City.

"Thank you for taking the time to recognize our Purple Heart veterans," Underwood said at the meeting. "It's for all the veterans, past and present, who have earned a Purple Heart."

The words of the proclamation are as follows.

Be It Proclaimed:

Whereas, the City of Luverne in the state of Minnesota has always supported its military veteran population; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

Whereas, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and

Whereas, the Luverne area has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

Whereas, Luverne appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

Now, Therefore, I, Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor of the City of Luverne, do hereby proclaim the City of Luverne as a PURPLE HEART CITY and encourage the citizens of the City of Luverne to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.



Lori Sorenson photo/0714 purple heart underwood

Vietnam veteran Buck Underwood (left) requested that Luverne become a Purple Heart City, and Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian is pictured with him at the June 28 council meeting in city hall reading the proclamation to that effect.

Input sought for pool and fitness center through public meetings

Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness will host focus groups for public participation from 10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, in the Luverne Public School Elementary Commons.

The goal of these sessions is to receive input on appropriate programs and uses that could feasibly be provided at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Public input will be a vital aspect of planning an expansion and remodel project at the facility.

The Pool Commission has hosted public open houses at the facilitiy, and comment cards have been distributed to the public in order to gather more feedback.

The group has consulted with wellness experts and considered ideas for programs and offerings as well as possible structural improvements.

Community wellness has been identified as a priority by city officials and the facilty is city owned.





Lori Sorenson photos

The city bought the McKenzie Street house (left) from Mike Rogers for $35,000 and the property on the corner of Spring and Bishop (right) for $16,000 from Leon Pick. No one had been living in the residence. Both will be demolished later this year.

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•In July 2015 the dilapidated former turkey barns south of I-90 were demolished to make way for a new trailer business, Crossroads Trailer Sales and Service.

•In August the city approved a $3,000 residential demolition grant to John Oksness (on behalf of the Ed Wehler Estate) to demolish the substandard structures at 715 N. McKenzie. It was the third demolition grant awarded that year, bringing the total grant dollars to $13,000 for the program in 2015.

•The wheels are still in motion for the city to address its biggest blight so far — the former Sharkee's property on South Highway 75.

Documented code violations on the building include a leaky roof, structural damage, inoperable fire alarm and sprinkler systems, sanitary sewer backups, HVAC and electrical systems in disrepair, extensive mold and more.

Health code violations, primarily the basement sewage backup, led to the business shutdown in April 2014. Then on May 26, 2014, the building suffered damage from a fire reportedly set by arsonists. The arson remains under investigation, but is essentially considered a cold case.

Meanwhile, the property has fallen into further disrepair, and property owner Dave Halverson has reportedly ignored notices of building code violations in April 2014 and April 2015.

As such, city charter and state law allows the city to acquire the property through condemnation proceedings.

A public hearing is set for July 26 as part of that process.



Special education program compliant

School board approves employee contracts, hirings

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public School's special education program underwent a financial and programming review during the 2015-16 school year.

Recently the school received the results from the compliance check: No corrective actions.

"Clean. Compliant. Everything was rock solid and we were real happy about that," reported Superintendent Craig Oftedahl at the June 28 board meeting. "Hats off to our staff."

In other business, school board members:

•increased bus driver compensation rates by $3 per day for regular and Sioux Falls route drivers to $84 per day; increased preschool/kindergarten route by $2.50 to $39 per day; and activity trips increased 50 cents per hour to $13.50.

•increased the two-hour food service hourly rate by 50 cents to $10.50.

•approved a 3.5 percent increase in salary to supervisory and exempt employees salaries: Business Manager Marlene Mann to $73,030; technology coordinator Wade Hiller $66,880; Brenda Teal $46,849; transportation supervisor Brad Goembel $56,925; and food service director Ann Rigney $33,208.

•approved hiring Gabrielle Bright as special education teacher at a salary of $45,129 and Caylee Tennis as physical education teacher, assistant softball coach and eighth-grade volleyball coach, $41,067.

•ratified a 3-percent increase for the 2016-2018 agreements for custodial and support staff. Support staff also received Good Friday as a paid holiday.

•accepted the retirement of two-hour food service worker Antonia VanWyhe effective June 1.

License renewals increase $10 beginning in 2017

By Mavis Fodness

An extra $10 will be charged to Rock County vehicle owners during their annual license renewals beginning in 2017.

Rock County Commissioners voted unanimously July 5 to implement the wheelage tax as an annual funding source to maintain the county's roads and bridges.

The tax is a local revenue source allowed by state statute and is estimated to generate about $100,000 a year for the local highway department's road and bridge fund.

County Engineer Mark Sehr told commissioners his budget has been tight and became even tighter when state legislators failed to pass a transportation bill for road repairs this year.

"We have had cash flow issues the past couple of years," he said. "Basically since the 2014 flood."

Instead of increasing the county share of property taxes by 2 percent, commissioners decided it was better to tax those who use the roads.

Commissioner Ken Hoime made the motion to implement the wheelage tax beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

"There's more pluses for it than against it," he said. "Originally I thought I would never vote for it."

"I didn't either," said Commissioner Stan Williamson, who seconded the motion.

Motorcycles, motorized bikes and motorized foot scooters are exempt from the $10 annual tax along with vehicles such as farm implements where a license is not needed.

The tax stays in place until commissioners vote to repeal the tax.

In 2018 commissioners have the option to increase the tax to $20.

In other business, commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding with Western Community Action to jointly administer and operate the Heartland Express, Rock County's public transit system.

The agreement is effective from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016.

Farm operators face important FSA deadlines

2016 crop certification due Friday

Farm operators throughout Minnesota and the United States are facing two very important deadlines in the coming weeks at local USDA Farm Service Agency Offices.

Friday, July 15, is the final date for farm operators to report, or certify, their 2016 crop acres at local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. Also contact local FSA offices for questions on certifying late planted or replanted crop acres.

Aug. 1, 2016, is the final date to enroll in the 2016 farm program at local FSA offices. Farm operators must enroll in the farm program each year to be eligible for farm program payments for that crop year. Aug. 1 is also the deadline for farm operators to combine or separate farm units, or to make changes in their FSA Administrative County for the 2016 crop year.

Failure to certify their crop acres by Friday, or to enroll in the 2016 farm program by Aug. 1, could lead to farm operators being ineligible for potential 2016 farm program payments, which will be paid in October 2017.

In Minnesota, and in most other midwestern states, over 90 percent of corn and soybean crop base acres are enrolled in the ARC-CO program, which is based on county crop yields and national average commodity prices. If 2016 corn and soybean yields are close to county benchmark yields, or slightly above, farm operators are likely to earn a fairly substantial ARC-CO payment on their 2016 corn and soybean base acres, based on current market year average (MYA) price projections for 2016-17. The 2016 ARC-CO payment levels will not be finalized until after Sept. 1, 2017, so a lot can change on the payment projections.

At current 2016-17 MYA crop price projections, farm operators that are in the price loss coverage (PLC) program option, which is based on price only, could also be likely to earn a 2016 farm program payment for some crops, including corn. The 2016 PLC payments will also be paid in October 2017.

For more details on 2016 acreage certification or 2016 farm program enrollment or farm program payments, farm operators should contact their local FSA office, or go to the FSA web site at http://www.fsa.usda.gov



Mavis Fodness Photo/0714 Schomacker Appliance

Derek Valnes (left) and Curt Valnes with Design Craft of Luverne remove flashing from the former Luverne Style Shop's awning at the corner of Main and Cedar Friday afternoon. The awning will be replaced for the new home of Schomacker Flooring and Appliance. The store will open for business this fall.

Schomackers expanding into appliance sales, service

By Jason Berghorst

Schomacker Cleaning and Flooring is expanding to the former Luverne Style Shop building in downtown Luverne.

The local company plans to open a retail store on the corner of Main and Cedar and will add the sales and service of major household appliances to its offerings.

Schomacker Flooring and Appliance is expected to have a soft opening in mid-August and be fully open for business in early September.

"We saw a void in Luverne in the area of major appliance sales and service and hope to meet those needs for our community," said Joe Schomacker.

The company is currently working on agreements to offer a full line of household appliances from at least three major brands.

While the cleaning business will continue to operate from the original location at the corner of Main and Estey, the current flooring operations will join the appliances at the new store.

"We will have carpet, tile and hardwood flooring together with appliances at the new retail location," Schomacker said.

The expansion into appliances was a natural growth area for the family business.

"We are already in local homes for cleaning and flooring, so it just made sense to provide appliance services locally as well," he said.

Service and repair of appliances will be available in addition to the sales and service of new inventory.

Schomacker said the business has the potential to add additional employees with the new store in the future.

"We aren't sure yet what the demands will be," he said. "But there could be the opportunity in the near future for additional employees."

June 2016 Monthly Weather Summary
Luverne, MN

Date	High Temp (°F)	Low Temp (°F)	Avg Wind Speed (mph)	High Wind Gust (mph)	Significant Weather	Total Precip (in)	Snow (in)
1	68	52	16	35			
2	79	43	6	17			
3	70	55	8	41	Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.82	
4	68	54	12	33			
5	81	54	13	39			
6	70	52	12	31			
7	73	48	5				
8	86	55	11	23	Rain, Tstorm	0.08	
9	93	64	10	21			
10	93	70	9	23	Tstorm		
11	95	70	7	17			
12	95	72	11	28			
13	79	66	7	24	Haze, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.08	
14	81	64	9	29	Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	1.14	
15	82	61	8	17	Lgt Rain, Tstorm	0.03	
16	84	57	10	23			
17	90	64	13	52	Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.52	
18	81	64	7	28	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain	0.02	
19	90	64	16	36			
20	79	63	8	20			
21	82	52	7		Tstorm		
22	84	63	10	33	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.08	
23	77	55	6				
24	84	59	10	24			
25	86	64	12	27	Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm	0.01	
26	86	52	9	21			
27	79	61	6	17	Lgt Rain	Trace	
28	77	55	4		Tstorm		
29	79	61	5	12	Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm	0.75	
30	77	57	9	23	Fog, Mist		
TOTAL						3.53	0.0
AVERAGE	81.6	59.1					

Temperature Summary
Warmest High Temperature 95 (11th, 12th)
Coolest Low Temperature 43 (2nd)

Wind Summary
Peak Wind Gust 52 (17th)

Precip Summary

	Month	Year	Season
Total Precip	3.53	11.42	
Snowfall Summary			
Total Snowfall	0.0	31.9	62.7

June brings back above-normal temperatures

By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

After a brief respite of cooler-than-normal weather in May, June returned to this year's pattern of above-normal temperatures with average highs breaking the 80-degree barrier and average lows nearing the 60-degree mark.

Overall, temperatures were nearly 3 degrees above normal with one particular stretch of four days where the mercury breached 90 degrees, rising as high as 95 on a couple of them.

Humidity was also a factor during several of those days with dew points rising into the 70s, producing nasty heat indexes making any strenuous outdoor activity dangerous.

Precipitation continued the trend of just below to near normal with over 3 1/2 inches of rain for the month.

Adding to the beneficial rainfall was the fact that the moderate to heavy rains fell, for the most part, evenly throughout the month with no official reports of severe weather.

We are still below normal for total precipitation this year, but just slightly below with the latest drought monitor showing normal conditions for our area and the nearest "abnormally dry conditions" still nearly 100 miles away near Sioux City and in northeast portions of South Dakota.

July usually brings our warmest temperatures of the year with average highs solidly in the 80s and overnight lows averaging above 60. July marks the official start of a decreasing trend in total monthly precipitation, but still averages over 3 inches for the month.

A blog of daily summary and other interesting weather events for the Luverne area is at http://luvernemnweather.blogspot.com. Thone can be reached at tathone@gmail.com.

Legend behind state park's rock formations explained

By Jason Berghorst

One of the things Blue Mounds State Park is known for is the "Stone Fence", a mysterious rock formation aligned perfectly in an east-west line.

Each year on the first day of spring and fall, the sun sets directly in line with the rocks.

No one knows the origin of the rock formation for sure and the mystery is part of the legend.

Bud Johnston, from the Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers in Pipestone, will share his insight and research on the Stone Fence Saturday, July 16, and Friday, Aug. 5.

Johnston will discuss how Native Americans used this site as a trading ground centuries ago and how they survived on the vast prairies.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. both evenings at the Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center. The rain location is the Brandenburg Gallery in Luverne.

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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.

Kathy King, Beaver Creek Township Clerk

VIENNA TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Filing for Township Supervisor for a four-year term and a Clerk for a four-year position. Filing will be open on August 2, 2016 and will close August 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. File with the Vienna Township Clerk.

Doug Eeten, Clerk
Vienna Township

Star Herald OPINION

Bank Nite movie brings back memories, creates new one



Ruminations

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Back in 1985 a year in the 2000s seemed far into the future. But when you thought about it, the futuristic year placed us college kids only in our 50s.

"Back to the Future" is one of those movies I have watched again, again and again.

Despite its futuristic title, it's a movie that brings me back to the past.

I was a college sophomore when the film debuted in theaters July 1985. I didn't see the movie during its first release. I purchased the VHS years later for my first viewing.

At the time of the movie's release, my fellow college students raved about BTTF. Even the college newspaper got into the act by featuring a picture of the campus pastor's car, a DeLorean, on the front page.

The silver car with gull wing doors was used as the time machine in BTTF. It allowed people to travel between the past, present and future.

Today, however, the future date in the movie – Oct. 21, 2015, is now a past date.

Back in 1985 a year in the 2000s seemed far into the future. But when you thought about it, the futuristic year placed us college kids only in our 50s.

Back in 1985, age 50 was considered old.

Thanks to Thursday's Luverne Bank Nite at the Palace Theatre, I was able to watch the movie in a theater 30 years after its premiere.

I still enjoy the story.

Michael J. Fox plays the main character, the son named Marty, of a dysfunctional family (the McFlys). Marty is friends with an inventor/scientist Doc Brown, who develops a time machine out of a DeLorean.

In fleeing terrorists, Marty is accidently catapulted back to the year 1955.

While in the 1955 time period, Marty meets his father and mother as high schoolers and that meeting changes their lives and ultimately Marty's family life for the better.

Thursday's show in Luverne was the first time my 18-year-old son has seen the movie. (He isn't into watching movies on VHS.)

Adam laughed at the funny parts and rooted for Marty as Doc found a way to get him back to the future.

I will remember my time watching BTTF in the theater for the first time with a child who wasn't born until 1997. Hopefully Adam has the same positive memories of watching the movie for the first time by accompanying his mom.

Thank you, Bank Nite organizers, for bringing a classic to the screen. I enjoyed my journey back in time.

Keep your summer company safe

Follow four simple steps to keep foodborne illnesses away from family gatherings

Star Herald Editorial

Summer months in Rock County are filled with dozens of special events, most of which feature food and beverages.

Also common in the summer is foodborne illness or food poisoning.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in six Americans (that's 48 million people) suffer from foodborne illness each year, resulting in roughly 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths.

"Because foodborne bacteria thrive and multiply in warmer temperatures, foodborne illness can spike during the summer," said USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Food Safety Al Almanza.

"This is likely because people are spending more time outside away from the sink and equipment in the kitchen that help consumers keep food safe."

The USDA recommends four simple steps — clean, separate, cook and chill — to keep food safe at outdoor get-togethers.

•Clean: Wash hands and surfaces often. Unwashed hands are a prime cause of foodborne illness.

Wash hands with warm, soapy water before handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers and handling pets.

When eating away from home, find out if there's a source of potable (safe to drink) water. If not, bring water for preparation and cleaning. Or pack clean, wet, disposable washcloths or towelettes and paper towels for cleaning hands and surfaces.

•Separate: Don't cross-contaminate. Cross-contamination during preparation, grilling and serving food is a prime cause of foodborne illness.

When packing the cooler chest for an outing, wrap raw meats securely; avoid raw meat juices from coming into contact with ready-to-eat food.

Always keep cold food cold, at or below 40 degrees, in coolers or in containers with a cold source such as ice or frozen gel packs. Keep hot food hot, at or above 140 degrees, on the grill or in insulated containers, warming trays or slow cookers.

Wash plates, utensils and cutting boards that held raw meat or poultry before using the item again for cooked food.

•Cook to safe temperatures. Food experts agree that food is safely cooked when it is heated long enough and at a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness.

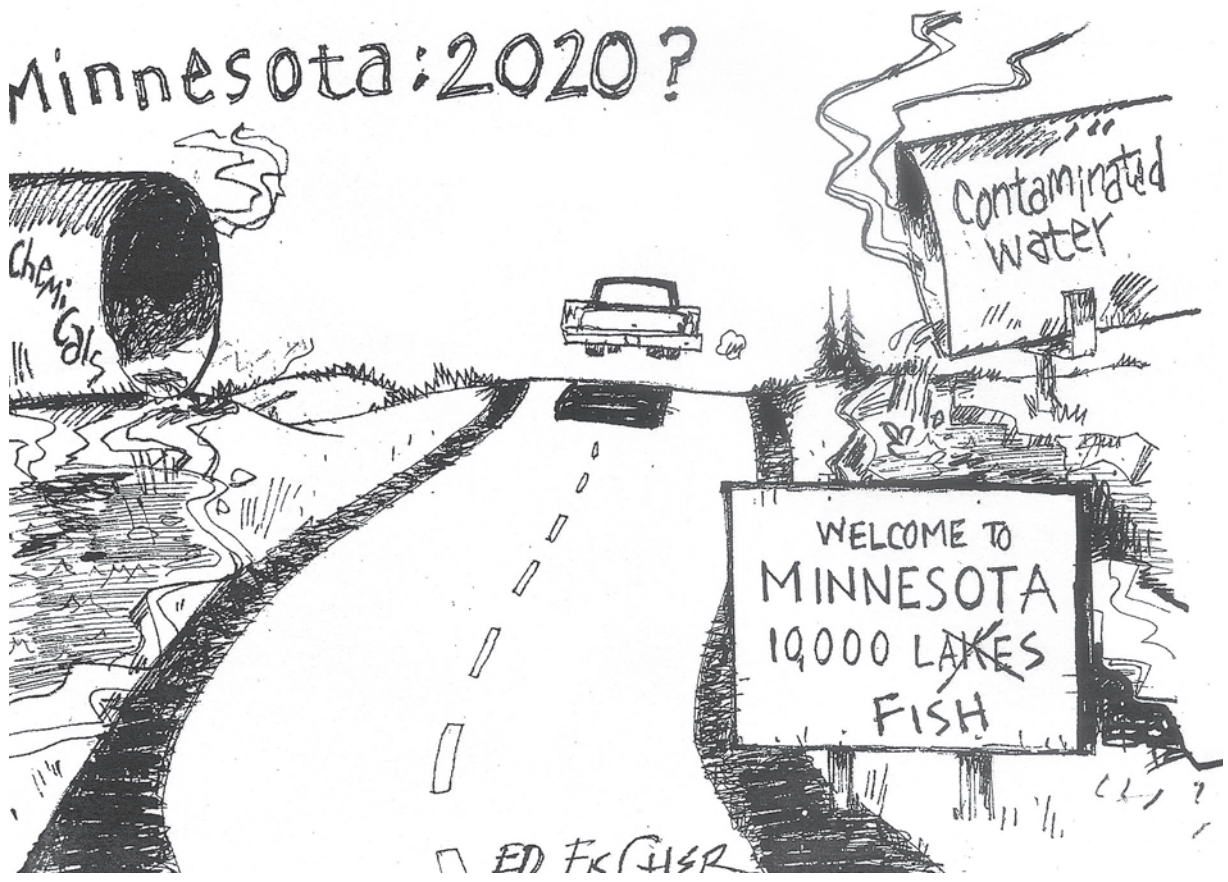
Take your food thermometer along. Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often browns very fast on the outside, so be sure that meats are cooked thoroughly. Check them with a food thermometer.

•Chill or refrigerate promptly. Holding food at an unsafe temperature is a prime cause of foodborne illness. Keep cold food cold.

Consider packing beverages in one cooler and perishable food in another cooler because the beverage cooler will probably be opened frequently.

Food left out for more than two hours may not be safe to eat. With outdoor temperatures above 90 degrees, food should not be left out for over one hour. Play it safe; put leftover perishables back on ice once you finish eating so they do not spoil or become unsafe to eat.

If you have any doubts, throw it out.



Drivers should remain at collision scenes, assist if necessary



Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: There was a story in the news about a recent hit and run fatal crash where the State Patrol was looking for the public's help in locating the vehicle that fled. How many hit and run incidents are there in Minnesota and what is the law that covers this?

Answer: As a State Patrol public information officer, I will ask the media to assist us in identifying a driver or vehicle in a hit and run type incident.

Below are "Hit and Run" crash statistics from the past two years.

2014 Hit-and-Run Crashes
8 fatal crashes
1,096 personal injury crashes
5,972 property damage crashes
7,078 total crashes
8 fatalities
1,407 injuries

2015 Hit-and-Run Crashes
12 fatal crashes
1,295 personal injury crashes
6,118 property damage crashes
7,425 total crashes
12 fatalities
1,722 injuries

As you can see, there are more than 7,000 reported hit and run crashes in Minnesota each year.

If you are involved in a hit and run crash and the other vehicle leaves the scene, try to get a license plate number, make, model and color of the vehicle, driver description and direction of travel. Report this information as soon as possible to law enforcement, and we will attempt to locate that vehicle.

Minnesota state statue 169.09 says that the driver involved in a collision shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the collision or as close to the scene as possible and investigate what was struck. If the driver knows or has reason to know the collision resulted in injury or death or damage to another vehicle, the driver shall remain at the scene of the collision and give information. The driver of any motor vehicle shall give the driver's name, address, and date of birth and the registration plate number of the vehicle being driven. The driver shall, upon request and if available, exhibit the driver's license or permit to drive to the individual struck or the driver or occupant of or individual attending any vehicle collided with. The driver also shall give the information and upon request exhibit the license or permit to any peace officer at the scene of the collision or who is investigating the collision. The driver shall render reasonable assistance to any individual injured in the collision.

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

Voice of our readers

Boese thanks Kenneth church

Letter to Kenneth:

A note from Kerry Boese to those who once made up Kenneth Lutheran Church:

On July 13, 1986, I was ordained as a pastor in what was then the American Lutheran Church. On this, the 30th anniversary of my ordination, I find myself reflecting on my faith walk and remember those who have been a significant part of that walk.

I want you to know how thankful I am for the years your congregation made space for my faith to be nurtured, even as the church struggled with the pressures and realities of having grown roots in a once bustling community which, like so many others, had lost so much.

You nevertheless continued to serve Christ amid the shadowy valley. Kenneth Lutheran lived well — and came to its end well — in Christ. I trust your forgiveness for what I might not have done well.

May God continue to encourage you to be "little Christs" in the world as you love and serve those Christ would have you call "neighbor."

It makes a difference. You made a difference for me.

Kerry Boese, pastor, Kenneth Lutheran Church, 2004-2015

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On the record

Dispatch report

June 30

•Complainant requested to speak with the sheriff about an impounded vehicle.

•Complainant reported that there are two windows broken out of his neighbor's home.

•Complainant reported she is concerned for her daughter who is homeless in Luverne. Subject was last seen wearing gray stretch pants, white T-shirt, brown bandanna and glasses and carrying a paper sack. All squads were notified.

•Complainant reported that she wants an order for protection against her ex. Deputy directed them to the crisis center.

•Complainant requested a deputy to control traffic at North Kniss Avenue and Veterans Drive. Complainant is having vehicle troubles and is calling G&S. Dispatch phoned Erwin's as a courtesy because G&S was busy.

•Complainant reported during an exchange of children, her friend's ex wife's friend hit her window with her hand. Deputy spoke with complainant via phone and advised a harassment order.

•Complainant reported that some kids were driving a vehicle of some kind around South Cedar Street and the fairgrounds lot. Nobody is hurt at this time. Complainant thinks there will be someone hurt soon. Deputy spoke with subject.

•Complainant reported a drunk man on the sidewalk at location stumbling toward Warren Street. Deputies investigated and found the man in the Casey's bathroom on Highway 75. He was taken to jail.

July 1

•Complainant reported that they put the wrong size tires on the vehicle. It is now up on blocks at location, and they are running to Manley to get the right size. Green Dodge Ram pickup will be on the 400 block of West Warren Street.

•Complainant reported a possible sex offense.

•Complainant reported possible abuse and misconduct.

•Complainant reported a counterfeit $20 bill.

•Complainant reported she thinks the shoplifters from earlier in the year may be back. They left the store. They didn't see them take anything, but the one's purse seemed fuller than it did when she came in.

•Complainant reported family and child issues. Unfounded.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about ex husband having people stalk her.

July 2

•Dispatcher received a 911 call that sounded like a pocket dial. Deputy checked the area that the call came from. No sound of distress, and it was a pocket dial.

•Complainant reported subject is traveling to Vermont, but is sick and the doctor doesn't want them to travel. They are not sick enough to admit to hospital. Complainant advised subject said they did not have any money, so complainant is checking to see if we have any resources to help.

•Complainant reported a small fire along the side of the road. Not sure it will spread. Deputy put fire out.

•Complainant requested a residence check for the week.

•Metro Communications reported South Dakota Highway Patrol was in pursuit with a vehicle in Rock County.

•Complainant reported a store is open, but no one is there. The door was not locked.

•Complainant reported a vehicle driving out of control. Transferred to Minnesota Highway Patrol.

•Complainant reported they received a medical alarm. Complainant could not understand subject. Deputy advised no ambulance needed.

•Complainant reported a white four-door pickup with a trailer full of garbage going into the dump, and the dump is normally locked. Deputy advised it was the office manager for the transfer station.

•Complainant reported some teens shooting bottle rockets at kids on the beach.

•Deputy stopped at Mead Court to advise of fireworks statutes. Subject has a warrant out of Roseau County. Confirmed warrant, and subject came to Rock County Sheriff's Office to bond out.

•Deputies searched a house that is supposed to be vacant. Had reports of power being on. House is owned by the bank and suspected of being used for something.

July 3

•Complainant reported theft of money.

•Dispatch received a 911 call from the Centennial Apartments with no one on the line. They dialed the wrong number.

•Complainant requested to have a deputy come in reference to an incident that just occurred.

•Complainant reported someone broke a window out of the back of a building on the 900 block of South Kniss Avenue.

•Hospital requested a deputy take subject back to her house.

•Dispatcher received an abandoned 911 call from a 911 only number.

•Complainant reported fireworks going off at location and near her residence.

•Complainant reported fireworks going off on West Luverne Street and West Brown Street.

•Complainant reported people walking around her backyard and looking under vehicles. Complainant's husband spoke with them. They were looking for a lost dog. All is OK.

July 4

•Complainant called 911 and reported a domestic and hung up. On the map, it showed that it was not in Rock County. Notified Pipestone County, and they pinged the phone to see where it was. It was in Pipestone County, and they took care of it.

•Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported a small fire in the alley close to Ace Hardware. Deputy advised a tarp was on fire, and he put it out with his extinguisher.

•Complainant reported there is a lady in distress outside, but he's not sure what's going on. Woman was brought to the Rock County Sheriff's Office and then taken over to the South Dakota line. Minnehaha County picked her up and took her to Behavioral Health.

•Complainant reported that she and her mother are not getting along, and she wants to stay at a motel but doesn't have any money.

•Complainant reported a fire north of location. Complainant said he could see some people out by it, but not sure how big it was or if it's controlled. Deputy went to check and advised it was a controlled burn and subject was putting it out.

•Dispatch received a 911 call from a 911 only cell. Could hear a group of people in a public place, but no response.

•Complainant dropped off a pair of glasses she found on the bench in front of the County Highway Department next to the sidewalk.

•Complainant reported via 911 that someone was outside her house banging on it below her bathroom window. Dispatch questioned if it may be fireworks, and complainant said she was sure it was a person. Deputy entered residence and listened with complainant. It was fireworks. All is OK.

•Complainant reported while driving from Jackson to Beaver Creek, she lost a go-cart off a trailer. Complainant has contacted Jackson and Nobles counties as well. Description: white racing go-cart with orange letters that read Anderson #29.

July 5

•Dispatch received abandon 911 from 911 only number.

•Complainant reported hearing bottle rockets at location. Warned all present at location to leave the city property.

•Complainant reported they found a bunch of clothes and medication by their building that belong to a woman we took to Sioux Falls earlier. They were taken to Behavioral Health.

•Complainant reported that something flew off a vehicle and smashed her windshield.

•Complainant reported a little girl's purple and white Magna Misty bike has been next to her yard for a couple days now, and no one has claimed it. Complainant would like it picked up.

•Complainant reported a small grass fire by Highway 75 and County Road 20. Complainant advised he did not have anything with him to put it out. Someone from the park service put it out.

•Deputy cited subject for possession of a small amount of marijuana.

•Dispatch received 911. Could hear men talking in the background like they were working. Attempted call back with no answer. No signs of distress.

•Complainant requested to speak with someone about a gas voucher for a customer.

•Complainant reported some very small kids lighting fireworks on the porch across the street from him. He was concerned for the kids' safety.

•Complainant reported someone tried to break into his place. No entry and nothing taken.

•Complainant reported someone stole her debit card number and used it at Walmart in Brookings.

•Complainant reported a small boy on a green ATV riding all over Magnolia. She said he is very small, and a couple days ago he was driving kids as small as him around and revving the engine. Subject allowed a couple of juveniles to drive four-wheeler through town. All parties were warned.

•Complainant reported a suicidal male. Deputy made contact with him, and he was fine and not feeling suicidal.

•Complainant reported kids setting off fireworks in a brown house on the south end of Third Street in Beaver Creek.

July 6

•Deputy reported he was flagged down and reported that subject's daughter snuck out of the house.

•Complainant reported suspected sexual abuse.

•Complainant reported theft of a Matthew's Creed limited edition bow valued at $1,400.

•Complainant brought in a couple of license plates that came off in the car wash on Highway 75. Contacted owners.

•Complainant reported the theft of a Playstation and three games. Approximate value $2,000.

•Complainant reported she was assaulted last night by her live-in boyfriend.

•Complainant reported her renter told her that her ladder was stolen from location along with $3,000 of his tools last week.

•Complainant reported a driver is driving around parking lots yelling at people and almost hitting people. There are kids in the back seat. Last seen at Glen's.

•Pipestone County reported a 911 hangup from Rock County. Deputy found subject, and everything was OK.

•Complainant reported vehicle with fogged up windows in parking lot on the 300 block of North Summit Avenue in Hills. Complainant thought it was suspicious. Gone upon deputy's arrival.

July 7

•Minnehaha County requested help in locating a subject who may be in Rock County.

•Complainant, who is an employee at Poplar Creek, requested help lifting up a resident who can't get up. No injuries. Deputy assisted.

•Complainant reported a tractor on fire. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

•Reserved for entering of e-citations.

•Complainant reported subject wrote a bad check to Glen's in the amount of $147.81.

•Complainant reported that some little kids were throwing rocks at her car while it was parked in the alleyway. No real damage; just chips from the rocks.

•Complainant reported that he is on the overpass at Luverne and has a flat tire. He would like some help, but doesn't have AAA. Sent deputy to help out.

•Deputies arrested subject on a felony warrant out of Minnehaha County. He was taken to jail.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 2 transports, 5 traffic stops, 21 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 5 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 fingerprint requests, 2 driver's license checks, 7 log/alarm sheets, 10 drug court tests, 4 money escorts, and issued 3 purchase/carry permits and 11 burn permits.

USDA unveils improvement to streamline crop reporting

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that farmers and ranchers filing crop acreage reports with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and participating insurance providers approved by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) now can provide the common information from their acreage reports at one office and the information will be electronically shared with the other location.

This new process is part of the USDA Acreage Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI). This interagency collaboration also includes participating private crop insurance agents and insurance companies, all working to streamline the information collected from farmers and ranchers who participate in USDA programs.

"If you file your report at one location, the data that's important to both FSA and RMA will be securely and electronically shared with the other location," said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. "This will avoid redundant and duplicative reporting, and we expect this to save farmers and ranchers time."

"Accuracy in crop reporting is a key component for crop insurance, because an error in this information can affect premiums or claims. This is going to greatly improve efficiencies and reduce mistakes," said RMA Administrator Brandon Willis.

The new customer self-service portal, known as FSAFarm+, gives farmers and ranchers online access to securely view, print or export their personal farm data.

To enroll in the online service, producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for details. To find a local FSA office in your area, visit http://offices.usda.gov.



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Luverne High School German students (from left) Matthew Schmuck, Ashton Krueger, Ryleigh Beers, Lexi Henrichs and Dalton Schoeneman spent 10 days traveling in central Europe. Here they are pictured in Dresden, Germany

Students learn to navigate new territories while conversing in German

By Jason Berghorst

Five Luverne High School German students experienced the trip of a lifetime June 20-29.

The group, along with LHS German teacher Angie Swenson, traveled to six countries and used three different currencies while in central Europe.

"We stepped out of our comfort zone to use our German language skills," Swenson said.

"Our tour was packed full of great things to see," she added.

The LHS group's trip began in the German capital of Berlin where they visited many historic sites including Berlin Wall and Holocaust memorials.

Next on the tour was a visit to Prague, the capital and largest city in the Czech Republic.

While there, in addition to sightseeing, the group was treated to a folk evening where they enjoyed traditional Czech foods, folk music and dancing.

Munich, a beautiful city in southern Germany, included an especially large number of interesting sites, according to Swenson.

"In Munich we had an amazing tour including many historical sites," she said.

The Luverne group also visited the Dachau concentration camp near Munich.

A visit to Switzerland, with a short stop in the principality of Liechtenstein along the way, followed their time in Germany.

Swenson said the city of Lucerne, Switzerland, was a highlight for the group.

"Lucerne is a picturesque city on its own, but when combined with the beauty of the Alps and Lake Lucerne, it was absolutely breathtaking!"

'We stepped out of our comfort zone to use our German language skills.'

-- LHS teacher Angie Swenson

In Lucerne the Luverne travelers enjoyed a panoramic boat tour of the area on their last day in Europe.

"What a great way to end a fantastic trip," Swenson said.

In summary, Swenson highlighted the many educational aspects of the foreign language trips offered at LHS.

"Students gained confidence in their abilities to navigate new territories with maps, experienced public transportation, enjoyed the excitement of watching German soccer and created some amazing memories of a great trip."



Lexi Henrichs (from left), Ryleigh Beers and Ashton Krueger found the graffiti written in English "Life is good" in Prague, the Czech Republic, to be quite appropriate to their trip.



Submitted photo

Monies received for appreciation meal

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota was recently awarded a $250 grant from the Shopko Foundation to help fund the organization's 2016 volunteer appreciation meal. Pictured above is Jeanne Vande Hoef from the Luverne Shopko store presenting the check to Norma Brands, Rock County Coordinator for A.C.E.

1924: Looking back 50 years to life in Rock County



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on July 18, 1924:

ROCK COUNTY AS IT WAS FIFTY ODD YEARS AGO

Being a Paper on Pioneer Life as Read by Representative J.N. Jacobson at Hills Old Settler's Re-Union

Permanent settlement began in the southwest corner of the county in 1876. A few years before that time, trappers had operated in the county, visiting streams for the taking of pelts of the fur-bearing animals which were then to be found. We have data concerning the operations of only a few of these.

Of those who later became residents of the county, one of the first white men who looked upon the soil was Robert Douglas, who passed through Rock county with the soldiers in pursuit of the Redskins, after the Indian uprising of the early '60s. He reported many elk and deer in the county and was responsible for naming Elk Slough in Magnolia township.

James A. Rice, later sheriff of Rock county, in company with G. M. Scott, tramped along Rock river and traded with the Indians in the fall of 1866 and spent over a month within the county's boundaries. During their stay on the river in 1866, Rice and Scott saw an occasional elk, deer and antelope and one day they saw two buffalo which had come back once more to their stamping grounds before bidding adieu forever.

The trappers liked the looks of the country, and Mr. Rice in after years told of his and his companions' speculations as to the length of time before the country would be settled. "We knew it was as nice a country as ever laid outdoors," he said, "but we had no idea that it would be settled in fifty years."

(This article will continue next week.)

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Senior Menu

Monday, July 18: Swiss steak, potatoes, corn, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, July 19: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cranberry garnish, bread, fruit shortcake.

Program: $2 Tuesday sponsored by Rock County Corn and Soybean Assn.

Wednesday, July 20: Honey mustard chicken breast, fresh fruit, cucumber salad, bun.

Program: Mary Lou Mulligan birthday; Site Council meeting.

Thursday, July 21: Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Friday, July 22: Lasagna, country blend vegetables, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, bar.

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.

School News

USF releases Spring 2016 dean's list

The University of Sioux Falls has released its dean's list for Spring 2016 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

The following students made the list:

From Luverne were Heather Doerr, elementary education; Elijah Dooyema, sports management; Naomi Dooyema, business administration; Alicia Kontz, biology; and Tracy Yorek, social work.

From Hills were Kendra Doerr, music education and elementary education; and Meghan Leuthold, elementary education.

Briar Cliff publishes dean's list

Abigail Blanchard, Luverne, attained a 4.0 grade point average for the Spring 2016 semester at Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, Iowa. Blanchard was among 88 students to achieve a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Springman is UW-L graduate

Sydne Springman, Luverne, graduated from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse – on May 14, 2016, with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science.

SDSU announces spring graduates

A number of area students graduated from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, after the Spring 2016 semester.

From Ellsworth were Stacy Lorenzen, Bachelor of Science in nursing, and Ashleigh Peters, Bachelor of General Studies, Arts and Sciences.

From Hardwick was Hayden Bauman, Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences.

From Hills were Colton Bass, Doctor of Pharmacy; Natalie Leuthold, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Meagan Stueven, Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences; and Haley Van Wyhe, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science in education and human services.

From Jasper was Matthew Haraldson, Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences.

From Kenneth was Arica Tweet, Bachelor of Science in education and human sciences.

From Lismore were Alisha Boomgaarden, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Nathan Lynn, Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences; and Brandon Weidert, Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences.

From Luverne were Brady Dinger, Bachelor of Science in education and human sciences, and Austin Van Santen, Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences.

From Magnolia was Erin Doherty, cum laude, Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences.

From Steen was Caleb Schroer, cum laude, Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Heronimus makes U of M dean's list

Brett Heronimus, Ellsworth, earned a spot on the Spring 2016 dean's list at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Heronimus is a senior in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Science.

Celebrations

Birth

A girl, Anna Elise, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and 18 1/2 inches long, was born Saturday, June 25, 2016, to **Jamie and Jennifer Beyer**, Luverne, at Sanford Luverne Hospital. She joins siblings Ethan, 13, Emma, 11, Julia, 8, and Allison, 5. Grandparents are Mike and Diane Belseth, Breckenridge, and Joe and Carolyn Beyer, Kent. Great-grandparent is Elaine Beyer, Ottertail.

Bridal Shower

An open house bridal shower for **Justine Hubbling-Hanson,** bride-to-be of **Andrew Miller,** will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 17, in the Luverne United Methodist Church Upper Room.

Remember When

10 years ago (2006)

•With roughly $30,000 in grants and donations already paid for the hospital's healing garden, some are wondering why nothing's growing there yet.

"Many people are concerned about why their donations have not been used and why the garden has not been started," said Lynette Jauert, a member of the Master Gardeners, who are heading up the project.

According to Sioux Valley CEO Mark Henke, the delay is due to "several details coming together at the same time."

25 years ago (1991)

•Customers who stopped to fill up at Luverne's Farmers Union Station on June 27 got a lesson on ethanol from the E-Team.

Four Moorhead State University students representing the American Coalition for Ethanol have been on the road since June 3. The group, known as the E-Team, is visiting service stations in Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota promoting the use of ethanol.

50 years ago (1966)

•Everybody loves hot dogs, especially when they're free!

Luverne merchants will cater to this taste next Wednesday night, July 20, serving from 6:00 p.m.

The popular Hot Dog Nite will also feature additional goodies in the form of merchandise specials the same evening. These specials will be outlined in a special edition of the Luverne Shopper which will "hit the street" on Monday.

75 years ago (1941)

•Two midget auto race drivers, Charlie Little and Tuffy Seely, were hurt during the races on the Luverne track Thursday night of last week, but neither was seriously injured.

Little had the ligaments in a knee torn loose when his car got mixed up with another racer, plunged through the fence and overturned. ...

Seeley had his legs badly scalded during the feature race when a hose connection in the water line of his car broke. Although painful, his injuries were not serious and he was able to drive at Sioux City last Sunday.

100 years ago (1916)

•Assurance that the people of Luverne will enjoy at least another season of Chautauqua was given on the last day of the Chautauqua that has just closed when the necessary guaranty of the required advance sale of season tickets was reported. The Chautauqua system asked that the people of Luverne guarantee the sale of 750 season tickets, and this guaranty was given by about sixty of the business and professional men of the city. The individual subscriptions totaled about 350 tickets, leaving about 400 tickets up for sale.

4-H'ers kick off fair season with Presentation Night

Rock County 4-H conducted their annual Presentation Night on Thursday, July 7, with members participating in performing arts, demonstrations, foods review and club banner judging.

This year performances included piano, clarinet solos, a clarinet and guitar duet and a drum solo piece.

Participants receiving red ribbons were Krista Burkman with her performance on the piano and Michaela Abels' clarinet solo. Dean Fuerstenberg received a reserve champion ribbon for his drum performance, and Hannah Kruse received a grand champion for her clarinet solo and guitar duet.

Foods review participants receiving blue ribbons included Cassi Chesley, Michaela Abels, Drew Leenderts, Sarah Stegenga and Samantha Moser. Alexa Chesley and Gretchen Jacobsma received purple ribbons. Elisabeth Kelm received reserve champion on her "Farm to Market," and Danette Leenderts received grand champion on her "Candy Land" themed meal and table setting.

In demonstrations Hannah Kruse participated in livestock demonstrations by presenting to members and the judge the proper methods of vaccinating cattle with her "Give It A Shot" theme. She received a grand champion ribbon.

Club banners were also judged that evening with blue ribbons being given to the Livewires, Denver Go-Getters and County K-9s.

The Blue Ribbon Club received a purple ribbon. Springdell received reserve champion and Magnolia Juniors received the grand champion ribbon. Both clubs will represent Rock County at the Minnesota State Fair this coming August/September in the Twin Cities.

Club banners and food review table settings will be displayed at the Rock County Fair July 27-30.

See you at the fair!



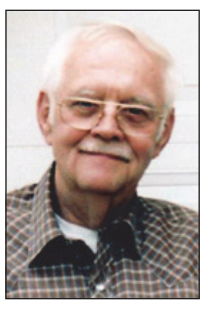


Above: Members of the Springdell 4-H Club show their idea for a club banner promoting 4-H. Their theme is "Show Your Super Power with 4-H." The club received a reserve champion ribbon for their idea. **Right:** Danette Leenderts receives champion foods review.

Submitted photos

Obituaries

Glenn Vos



Glenn Leroy Vos, 77, Montevideo, formerly of Luverne, died Friday, July 8, 2016, at his home in Montevideo.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 15, with visitation at 10 a.m., all at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Glenn Vos was born June 7, 1939, to Michael and Anna (Aardema) Vos in Matlock, Iowa. In 1940 the family moved to a farm near Hardwick, where he spent his childhood. He attended elementary school in Harwick and high school in Luverne. Following his education, he drove milk truck for his older brother, Nelson, for several years. He then worked for Sioux Valley Milk Producers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as a boiler technician.

Glenn later attended Granite Falls Technical School and earned a degree in the tool and die program. He became a machinist at Warner Manufacturing in Sacred Heart, eventually becoming their head machinist. Upon his retirement from the company, he worked part time driving milk truck for Viessman's Trucking.

Glenn had a strong love of animals, the Colorado mountains, mechanical things of all sorts, and driving trucks. He was very well read and enjoyed time with family and friends.

He is survived by two siblings, Kenneth (Francie) Vos and Linda Vos; two sisters-in-law, Fran Vos and Betty Vos; eight nephews and nieces; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Homer Vos and Nelson Vos.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Henry Hanson Jr.



Henry Albert Hanson Jr., 79, Adrian, died Friday, July 8, 2016, at his home.

A funeral was Wednesday, July 13, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors was at Little Rock Lutheran Cemetery in Little Rock Township, Minnesota.

Henry Hanson Jr. was born April 28, 1937, to Henry and Ella (Petersen) Hanson in Adrian. Henry graduated from Adrian High School and from the University of Minnesota. He served his country in the United States Army National Guard.

Henry married Alice Shove on July 3, 1962. They made their home on the family farm southeast of Adrian. Henry enjoyed the life and community of farming and raised a variety of livestock over the years. His real love, second only to Alice, was horses. He looked forward to caring for them every day and loved sharing time at shows and races with friends and family. He also loved time spent hunting and fishing with friends and each summer took his children and grandchildren on memorable fishing trips.

Henry was very active in the Rural Electric Association and served as chairman of the board of Nobles Cooperative Electric and of Great River Energy. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne and also served as caretaker of the Little Rock Lutheran Cemetery.

Henry is survived by a daughter, Julia (Mark) Lewis, Clinton, Connecticut; a son, Jim Hanson, Ames, Iowa; two grandchildren, Adam Lewis, Clinton, Connecticut, and Elaine Hanson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two sisters, Judy Christian, Edina, and LaVonne Hatting, Rochester; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Alice, on Aug. 29, 2014; and two sisters, Elaine Myers and Evelyn Gladhill.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Kevin Martens



Kevin Dwayne Martens, 56, Steen, died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at his residence near Steen.

A funeral service was Monday, July 11, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed at Flowerfield Cemetery near Hills.

Kevin Martens was born April 29, 1960, to James J. and Gertie (Vanden Brink) Martens in Luverne. He was raised on a family farm located on the Iowa/Minnesota border near Steen. He attended Central Lyon Elementary School in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1978. After his education Kevin continued farming with his father.

On Aug. 27, 1983, he married Coleen Bush at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. They lived and farmed near Steen. He later worked at Hills Elevator for several years and Ferrell Gas in Luverne. He then worked for Sanford Home Medical in Sioux Falls and most recently worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Magnolia.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. He enjoyed playing billiards, golfing and was an avid sports fan. He loved being a father and especially a grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Coleen Martens, Steen; two children, Jessica (Scott) Boelman, Luverne, and Jason (Jessica) Martens, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a granddaughter, Emry Grace Boelman; two sisters, Carole (Roger) Bosch, Steen, and Marlys (Steve) Dirks, Luverne; a brother, Merle Martens, Valley Springs; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother-in-law, Mike Hanson; and his parents-in-law, Berdell and Ione Bush.

Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

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Death Notice

Harold Orvis

Harold L. Orvis, 82, Luverne, formerly of Slayton, died Saturday, July 9, 2016, at his home.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 Friday, July 15, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Slayton. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at the funeral home.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Mavis Fodness Photo/0714 Childrens Theater

Missoula Children's Theatre facilitators Alice Gittins (left) and Jillian Mauro address the 55 potential performers gathered in Doyle Hall at St. Catherine Church Monday morning. After five days of rehearsals, the group will present "Rumpelstiltskin" Friday evening and Saturday morning at the Palace Theatre.



Mavis Fodness Photos

Sam Connell (above) auditions Monday for a part in the children's musical by acting surprised as he says his name. Also completing the exercise are (below, left) Allison LaRock, Sophie Holmberg, Hannah Ehlers and Jo-Hannah Ladd.

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little gnome (played by Gunnar Oldre) who can spin straw into gold for a price. Since his price is so steep, the gnome challenges anyone to guess his name.

Clara (Allison LaRock plays the older Clara and Rylee Anderson, younger Clara) sets out to guess the gnome's name. She encounters a jester (Donald Ray), wizards (Tori Hemme, Julia Ferguson, Sophie Holmberg, Reilly Wulf, Erika Dysthe and Mekiah Kremin), a queen (Jo-Hannah Ladd), a king (Britton McKenzie), knights (Xavier Carbonneau and Xander Walgrave) and a band of busy bees, villagers and gnomes.

The gnomes include Josie Scholten, Anna Warntjes, Josie Golla, Maria Rops, Griffin Jarchow, Kyle Ferguson, Parker Carbonneau, Leif Tollefson, Hallie Bork and Ben Hartquist.

Villagers are Scarlett Xiong Velasquez, Joelia Lopez, Marie Nath, Matt Gangestad, Kaleb Hemme, Leigha Ehlers, David Lopez, Lydia Talsma, Elisabeth Kelm, Rachel Den Herder, Camden Hoven, Lydia Schuld, Katharine Kelm, Xavier McKenzie, Zander Carbonneau, Zoe Perkins, Josie Anderson, Finn McDonald, Elijah McLendon, Katia Jarchow and Janica Oechsle.

The cast of bees are Sam Connell, Kate Sexton, Elaine Nath, Kloe Brockberg, Claire Talsma, Khloe Viskar, Aaron Nath and Dylan Hoff.

Student directors are Hannah Ehlers and Sophie Gutkoski.





Zoe Perkins was cast as one of the villagers in the production of "Rumpelstiltskin."

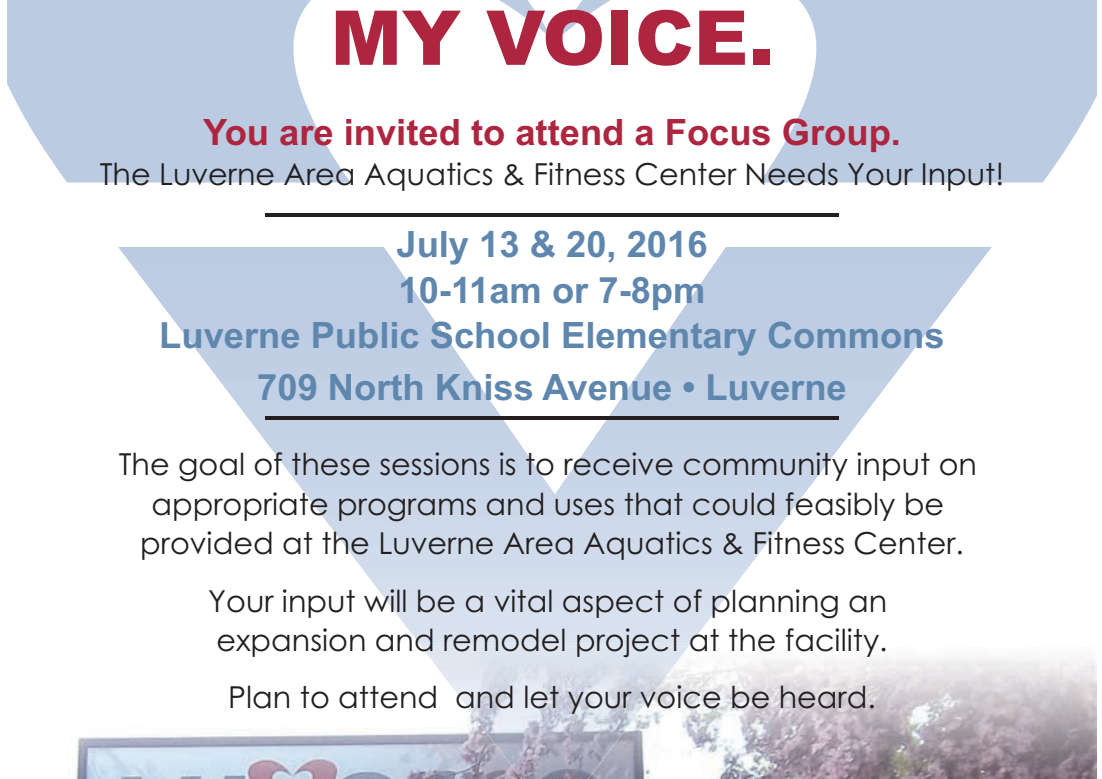


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Donald Ray was selected to play the role of the jester.











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M-G tourney turns into 'rags to riches' story

After placing last in 2015, Fick, Steffes take top honors

By John Rittenhouse

An amazing transformation took place during the 35th version of the Member-Guest Tournament staged at the Luverne Country Club Friday and Saturday.

One year after capping a 36-team event during their initial appearance at the tournament, member Ryan Fick and his guest, Ivanhoe's Adam Steffes, turned the table on the entire field.

In what was a true "from the cellar to the penthouse" reversal of fortune, Fick and Steffes turned in a 12-point performance to win the 2016 tournament.

"There will be a lot of people out here who won't be able to deal with me for a while," said Fick, who seemed amazed with what he and Steffes accomplished over the weekend.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet, so I can't explain what I'm feeling. All I know is that it's pretty cool."

Fick and Steffes had to be cool customers in order to win one of the LCC's biggest tournaments of the year by a total of one point.

The eventual champions produced all 12 of their points during the first 18 holes of play Friday and met their quota of 44 points on Saturday to remain at 12 plus points at tournament's end.

Both Fick (a nine-over-par 81) and Steffes (a 17-over-par 89) played solid golf for themselves during the opening round, but they were facing a deficit when play was complete on Friday.

Member Mike Smith and his guest, Travis Garms, Houston, Texas, played extremely well during their initial appearance in the tournament.

Smith and Garms compiled 15 points to sport a three-point lead over the eventual tournament champions as well as member Gary Golla and his guest, Dave Steel, Lakeville.

According to Fick, the champs registered three points during Friday's first round and exploded for nine points in the second round.

"I played OK," Fick offered.

"Adam made par and birdie on the final two holes (Friday) to

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John Rittenhouse photo/0714 MG champs

Luverne Country Club member Ryan Fick (left) and his guest, Ivanhoe's Adam Steffes, won the 35th version of the LCC Member-Guest Tournament Friday and Saturday. They are first-time champions.

Legion wins Area A title Saturday



John Rittenhouse photo/0714 legion 10

Luverne's Connor Sandbulte slides safely to third base during Saturday's win over Edgerton.

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team won a pair of games at Redbird Field Saturday to capture the Area A Tournament championship.

Luverne bested Edgerton by 10 runs Saturday morning before beating Adrian by 10 runs in the championship game in the afternoon.

The Cardinals, who have won six consecutive contests, compete at the Second District American Legion Baseball Tournament in Springfield Friday.

Luverne 10, Adrian 0

The Cardinals secured the Area A title by besting Adrian by 10 runs in six innings.

Connor Crabtree tossed a four-hit shutout and Luverne scored runs in four of the game's six innings to highlight the win.

Crabtree fanned nine batters during a commanding pitching performance.

Luverne, which was limited to four hits as well, put together three-run rallies in the first and fourth innings and plated two runs in the third and sixth frames.

Connor Sandbulte walked and scored on a wild pitch, Crabtree walked and scored on a throwing error and courtesy runner Mark Sterrett scored on a wild pitch to make it a 3-0 game in the first.

Kaden Ericson upped the lead to 5-0 with a two-run double in the third inning, and Jakob Olson slapped a run-scoring single to highlight Luverne's three-run fourth inning.

Sandbulte walked and scored on a wild pitch and Declan Beers walked and scored on a passed ball in the fourth, which ended with the hosts sporting an 8-0 advantage.

Sterrett singled and scored on an error and Jade Smith recorded a sacrifice fly when Luverne ended the game by scoring twice in the sixth.

Adrian's Alex Loosbrock yielded eight runs in four innings and took the pitching loss.

Logan Rogers, Zach Loosbrock, Michael Preuss and Mitchell Wagner recorded singles for the Dragons.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	1	2	0	0
Sterrett	1	3	1	0
Beers	1	1	0	0
Reisdorfer	1	1	1	0
Crabtree	2	1	0	0
Olson	1	0	1	1
Bosch	1	1	0	0
Smith	0	1	0	1
Ericson	1	0	1	2
Overgaard	1	0	0	0
Nath	1	0	0	0
Harder	1	0	0	0
Haugen	1	0	0	0

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Redbirds split games with A's, Buttermakers

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds split a pair of games heading into the final week of the regular season.

Luverne nipped Pipestone by one run at Redbird Field July 6 before dropping a five-run decision in Hadley Sunday.

The 9-8 Redbirds play five games between Wednesday (July 13) and Sunday to wrap up the regular season.

Hadley 5, Luverne 0

A run of two wins came to an end when the Redbirds lost a five-run decision to the Buttermakers Sunday in Hadley.

Hadley limited Luverne to seven hits without allowing the Redbirds to score during a game that was delayed for two hours due to heavy rain in the area.

The Buttermakers scored three runs in the home half of the third inning and added single runs during the fourth and seventh frames.

Phil Paquette, who doubled once, and Connor Hoffman led Luverne at the plate with two hits each.

Joey Slieter, Codie Zeutenhorst and James Fisher registered one single each.

Zeutenhorst tossed all eight innings and took the pitching loss.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Slieter	4	0	1	0
Hoffman	4	0	2	0
Paquette	3	0	2	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	1	0
Pick	4	0	0	0
Wenninger	3	0	0	0
Fisher	3	0	1	0
Mauer	3	0	0	0
Sandbulte	3	0	0	0

Luverne 5, Pipestone 4

The Redbirds racked up their second consecutive win by nipping the A's by one run July 6 in Luverne.

Luverne fell behind 4-0 after three and one-half innings of play only to score the final five runs of the contest.

A three-run rally featuring a two-run home run by Zeutenhorst and a run-scoring double by Hoffman trimmed the difference to one (4-3) in the bottom of the fourth.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0714 kawasaki

Luverne Kawasaki captured the Luverne Community Education Major League Baseball Tournament title last week. Team members include (front row, from left) Tyler Gebauer, Conner Connell, Gavin Reisch, Camden Hoven, Kester Grimm, Kai Buss, Austin Ossefoort, (back) Brock Behrend, Anyuon Atem, Jayson Delfs, Ashton Sandbulte, Kaden Anderson, Owen Sudenga and Seth Bose. Not pictured are Gavyn Boll and Aidan Dozark.



John Rittenhouse photo/0714 K101

K101 placed second in the Luverne Community Education Major League Baseball Tournament last week. Team members include (front row, from left) Levi Thielbar, Kyle Ferguson, Colin Schoeneman, Gavin Gregory, Ashton Eitreim, Riley Reese, Samuel Honerman, Elliot Domagala, Luke Thielbar, (back) coach Jason Bosch, Harley Wendland, Zach DeBoer, Hunter Gaffaney, Luke Bosch, Casey Sehr, Harrison Uithoven and coach Cole Bosch.

Luverne Kawasaki claims Major League championship as No. 1 seed

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne Kawasaki completed a successful summer by winning the championship of the Luverne Community Education Major League Baseball Tournament July 6.

Kawasaki, the tournament's No. 1 seed after completing the regular season with a 4-1-1 record, won both of its postseason games to finish the year with a lofty 6-1-1 record for the summer.

The tournament opened June 29 with a pair of semifinal-round clashes.

Top-seeded Kawasaki ended Lewis Family Drug's 1-5-1 campaign with an 8-3 win in one game.

The other semifinal pitted No. 2 K101 against No. 3 McClure Electric.

K101 reached the championship game and ended McClure's 1-4-2 season by securing a 3-1 victory.

The July 6 championship game pitted the tournament's top-seeded teams against each other.

K101 got off to a good start when Casey Sehr belted a three-run home run to open the scoring in the top half of the first inning.

Kawasaki, however, answered the challenge by scoring the game's next eight runs to open a five-run (8-3) cushion after three innings of play.

Brock Behrend tripled home one run and scored on an error to make it a 3-2 game in the bottom of the third, and Anyuon Atem tripled home one run, Kai Buss recorded an RBI double and Jayson Delfs added an RBI ground out during a three-run second inning that put Kawasaki in front 5-2.

Another three-run rally featuring an RBI double by Kester Grimm and a two-run, inside-the-park home run by Behrend upped Kawasaki's lead to 8-3 in the third inning.

K101 did receive RBI singles from Colin Schoeneman and Sehr in the fourth inning to make it an 8-5 game, but Kawasaki scored twice (Grimm delivered a two-run triple) in the bottom of the fifth to ice a 10-5 victory.

K101 ends the year with a 5-3 record.



Submitted photo

The Salon 75 10-and-Under softball team completed a 17-0 season over the weekend. Team members include (front row, from left) Josie Anderson, Kierra Binford, Makena Nelson, Morgan Jonas, (back) coach Corey Nelson, Cassi Chesley, Averill Sehr, Tori Serie, Emma Beyer, Addison Huiskes and coach Jamie Beyer. Missing is Anika Boll.

Salon 75 completes spectacular summer season with 17-0 mark



From the sidelines

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Based on a dominating performance turned in by a youth team this summer, it looks as if the Luverne softball program has a promising future.

I have to offer my congratulations to coaches Corey Nelson and Jamie Beyer and the members of the Salon 75 10-and-Under softball team for what they accomplished together over the past couple of months.

Not only did they experience a successful campaign, they put together a perfect season.

That's right.

This group of fourth- and fifth-graders went from early June through last weekend without dropping a single contest.

When all was said and done, the young Cardinals finished their 2016 summer slate with a perfect 17-0 record.

The way I see it, that's a pretty impressive accomplishment.

As a member of the Little Sioux 10-and-Under Softball League, Salon 75 reeled off 13 consecutive victories (one against every team in the 14-squad league) during a regular season.

It only got better for this team last weekend, when Salon 75 registered four more victories to win the annual league tournament staged in Luverne and complete their path to perfection.

According to coach Nelson, winning the league tournament was the result of a total team effort.

"Each one of these kids came up with at least one critical play, either a key hit or a key defensive play last weekend," he said.

"Every one of our girls contributed something to help us win one of the four games. That was the most rewarding thing about this tournament for me."

Based on its unblemished regular season, Salon 75 earned the No. 1 seed for the league tourney and lived up to the billing.

With Averill Sehr and Emma Beyer handling the pitching duties to lead the way, Luverne defeated Garretson Pink (3-1) and Hills-Beaver Creek (7-4) in the first two rounds of the double-elimination tournament.

The young Cards received a stiff challenge from Garretson Blue in the third round, but they passed the test with Makena Nelson and Josie Anderson leading the way.

Anderson made a catch in left field that coach Nelson said kept Blue from scoring at least three runs.

Anderson's defensive gem proved to be crucial in a game that was tied at four entering the final inning, and she drew a walk to ignite what proved to be the game-winning rally before advancing to third on a single by Beyer.

Makena Nelson settled the issue by delivering a single to left field that plated Anderson with the decisive run in a 5-4 win.

After winning a narrow decision against Garretson Blue, the two teams met again when Blue emerged out of the tournament loser's bracket.

Salon 75 regained its dominant form by topping Blue 8-2 in the finale.

All I can say now is, "Way to go, champions!"

The only other team I can recall finishing a season with a 17-0 record is the 1972 Miami Dolphins, so you are in good company.



Photo courtesy Cory Schmuck

Luverne rules

The Luverne 12-and-Under softball teams made a strong showing during the Little Sioux League Tournament staged Friday and Saturday in Jasper. The Herman Motors team entered the event as the No. 1 seed and won the tournament. The M-L Electric squad entered the event as the fourth seed and placed second after losing to Herman Motors in the championship game. Members of both teams include (front row, from left) Olivia Huisman, Jacey Smith, Morgan Gonnerman, Anna Boltjes, Trista Baustian, Makenna Moss, Reghan Bork, Brooklyn VerSteeg, Sara Fongemie, (back) Billi Connell, Paris Van Dyke, Sadie Reisdorfer, Rozilyn Oye, Kendall Buss, Brodi Oakley, Katelin Huiskes, Cheyenne Schutz, Ellie Hodgen, Madeleine Schmuck, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Jadyn Hart, Lauren Hansen and Emma Nibbelink.

Sudenga captures tourney title with upset over REMAX

By John Rittenhouse

Sudenga Communications emerged as champion of the Luverne Community Education Minor League Softball Tournament July 6.

Sudenga, the tournament's second seed, went 2-0 and knocked off top-seeded REMAX Land and Home in the championship game to wrap up a 6-2 season.

The tournament opened June 29 with a pair of semifinal-round games.

Top-seeded REMAX reached the title tilt by ending Franken Construction's 2-5 season with an 18-17 win in one semifinal.

Sudenga ended Blue Stem's 2-5 campaign by posting an 18-17 win in the semifinals as well.

In what was a tight championship game on July 6, Sudenga plated 15 runs in the final two innings to knock off REMAX 23-18.

The score was tied at four after one inning of play and REMAX sported a 9-8 edge when the second inning was complete.

Sudenga battled back to knot the score at 13 when the third inning was complete before outscoring REMAX 10-5 in the final inning to prevail by five runs.

REMAX finished the season with a 5-3 record.



John Rittenhouse photo/0714 sudenga

Sudenga Communications captured the Luverne Community Education Minor League Softball Tournament title last week. Team members include (front row, from left) Rhiannon Bartels, Lucy Smith, Julia Beyer, Janica Oechsle, Jordyn Swyter, (back) coach Jim Bartels, Jovienne Dilly, Ella Reisdorfer and Kendra Thorson.



John Rittenhouse photo/0714 REMAX

REMAX Land and Home placed second in the Luverne Community Education Minor League Softball Tournament last week. Team members include (front row, from left) Zoey Smeins, Nora Louwagie, Amira Cowell, Emma Saarloos, (back) Jaycee Chapa, Cathryn Feikema, coach Tom Rops, Maria Rops and Jana Reed.

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give us some crucial points."

Friday's late surge served as redemption for Steffes.

"I lost my game in last year's tournament. This year I came into the tournament hot," he said.

Both Fick (86) and Steffes (92) registered higher scores on Saturday, but they played enough quality holes to reach their quota and not lose points from their Friday tally.

The teams of Smith and Garms and Golla and Steele experienced different fates on Saturday.

Smith and Garms lost 5 1/2 points to earn a share of fourth place with 9 1/2 points in the final standings along with member Scott Remme and his guest, Adrian's Dallas Bullerman.

Member Nate Golla and guest John Kvamme, St. Louis Park, and member Dave Halverson and guest Brad Haak, Steen, emerged as the top title-contenders Saturday.

Nate Golla and Kvamme scored seven points on Saturday and finished the tournament with 11 points, placing second overall by one point.

Halverson and Haak scored six points on Saturday and finished third overall with 10 points.

Member Dave Gangestad and Doug Hart, Spencer, Iowa, placed sixth with nine points, member Jeremy Sudenga and Jason Sudenga, Sioux Falls, finished seventh with eight points and member Roger Tollefson and Jack Davis, Richmond, placed eighth with six and one-half points.

Jason Sudenga emerged as the tournament's low gross champion after carding a 143, while Smith was the low net champion with a 137.

The M-G weekend also included The Derby competition on Friday.

The Derby field is made up of 10 two-player teams consisting of 10 members and 10 guests who registered the lowest gross scores during the first 18 holes of play.

The members are paired with guests, and the teams compete in a nine-hole, alternate-shot event with one team being eliminated after each hole.

Member Pete Connell and Adrian's Dallas Bullerman, the guest of Scott Remme, won The Derby title.

Connell and Bullerman were pitted against Remme and Kvamme for the event's final hole.

Connell and Bullerman made par to win the title.



John Rittenhouse photo/0714 MG derby

LCC member Pete Connell (left) and Adrian's Dallas Bullerman, the guest of Scott Remme, won The Derby title Friday.

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Luverne completed the rally with a two-run seventh inning.

Andrew Verhey and Fisher recorded run-scoring singles in the decisive seventh frame.

Connor Crabtree tossed nine innings of three-strikeout ball to earn the pitching victory.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Slieter	4	0	0	0
Pick	4	0	0	0
Paquette	3	2	3	0
Zeutenhorst	3	2	2	2
Verhey	3	0	1	1
Fisher	3	1	2	1
Nibbelink	2	0	0	0
Mauer	4	0	0	0
Hoffman	4	0	2	1

Do you suppose he is contemplating running for County Commissioner some day?



REGARDLESS, YOUR VOTE WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Ron Boyenga
AUGUST 9, 2016

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John Rittenhouse photo/0714 McClure

McClure Plumbing and Heating won the Minor League Baseball Tournament title Thursday. Team members include (front row, from left) Tucker Banck, Cameron Fenske, Marcus Vortherms, Franklin Uithoven, Rayden Johnson, Tucker Remme, Caleb Thom, Kasey Buss, Ben Buss, (middle), Keaton Ahrendt, Connor Connell, Jaden Reisch, Kai Buss, Caden Kruger, (back) coaches Troy Buss and Mike Buss. Not pictured are Ryan Fick and Layke Miller.



John Rittenhouse photo/0717 community education

Luverne Community Education placed second in the Minor League Baseball Tournament last week. Team members include (front row, from left) Elijah McLendon, Jude Hoven, Maddux Domagala, Jacob Madison, Jaydon Johnson, Jackson Ganun, Connor Bose, (middle) Gabriel Vis, Jack Gangestad, Jacob Stroh, Elliot Domagala, Owen Janiszeski, Jaxon Lais, (back) coaches Scott Overgaard and Mike Stroeh. Not pictured are Holden Overgaard and Gavin DeBeer.

Second-seeded McClure Plumbing and Heating captures title

By John Rittenhouse

McClure Plumbing and Heating posted a pair of wins to claim the Luverne Community Education Minor League Baseball Tournament title Thursday.

McClure, the tournament's second seed, won two games by a total of three runs to take top honors in the postseason event.

The tournament started on July 5 with a pair of opening round clashes.

Third-seeded Exchange State Bank ended a 1-9-1 season for First Farmers & Merchants Bank by handing it a 26-23 setback.

Papik Motors, the fourth seed, eliminated Print Express (3-8) by a 21-18 margin the same night.

Thursday's semifinals pitted No. 1 Luverne Community Education against Papik Motors and second-seeded McClure against Exchange State Bank, and both games were settled by one run.

Community Education ended Papik Motor's 5-7 season with a 22-21 victory, while McClure nipped Exchange State Bank (5-6-1) by a 19-18 tally.

Both of the tournament's top seeds had their moments during the title tilt.

McClure sported 6-5 and 15-13 advantages when the first two innings were complete, but Community Education rallied to outscore McClure 10-5 in the third inning to gain a 23-20 cushion.

McClure regained the lead at 26-23 after plating six runs in the top half of the fourth inning.

Community Education scored once in the bottom of the fourth to make it a 26-24 game before the final out was recorded.

Both McClure Plumbing and Heating and Luverne Community Education ended the season with 10-2 records.



John Rittenhouse photo/0714 vfw 9

Luverne VFW third baseman Derek Lundgren chases down a bouncing ball during Monday's 7-6 home win over Worthington. The victory over Worthington caps a 15-1 regular season for the Cardinals.

Luverne VFW wins regular season finale Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team capped a 15-1 regular season by securing a come-from-behind victory at Redbird Field Monday.

The Cardinals trailed 4-0 after surrendering a pair of runs to Worthington in the first and second innings.

Luverne, however, rallied to outscore the Trojans 7-2 the rest of the game to clinch a 7-6 win.

The rally started in the bottom of the third inning when Jake Haugen singled and scored on a ground out by Will Mumme.

Luverne knotted the score at four with a three-run uprising in the fourth featuring RBI singles from Haugen and Gaige Nath and a counter from Mark Sterrett, who walked and scored on a passed ball.

Worthington regained the lead (5-4) in the top of the fifth, but Luverne received a successful squeeze bunt by Nath and a bunt single for an RBI by Declan Beers to move in front 6-5 in the bottom half of the frame.

The visitors knotted the score at six in the top of the sixth only to surrender the game's decisive seventh run in the bottom of the sixth.

Mumme singled and scored the winning run when a pop up put in play by Sterrett was dropped by Worthington's shortstop.

Tyler Reisdorfer pitched one inning of one-run relief to earn the win, while Haugen registered a save by tossing a scoreless seventh frame.

Beers (two runs and two hits in one inning), Jade Smith (two runs and three hits in one inning), Derek Lundgren (one hit in two scoreless innings) and Trey Roberts (one run and three hits in one inning) also pitched for the Cards.

Luverne hosts the Southern Division Playoffs Saturday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	1	2	2
Beers	3	0	1	1
Haugen	4	1	3	1
Reisdorfer	1	0	0	0
Mumme	4	1	1	1
Lundgren	2	0	0	0
Roberts	0	1	0	0
Ziegler	1	1	0	0
Reisch	3	0	0	0
Sterrett	2	2	0	0
Reed	2	0	0	0
Reisch	1	0	0	0

Luverne 13, Edgerton 3

The Cardinals opened the playoffs by posting a 10-run, five-inning victory over Edgerton.

Luverne faced a pair of two-run deficits (2-0 and 3-1) in the early stages of the contest before plating 12 unanswered runs to win the game by the 10-run rule.

The Cards moved in front to stay with a four-run rally in the home half of the second inning.

Nick Harder ripped a two-run double and scored on a throwing error in the second. Jesse Reed singled and scored on an error to make it a 5-3 contest.

Luverne proceeded to plate four runs in the fourth and fifth innings to ice the victory.

Declan Beers, who received an RBI single for a ground out in the game's first inning, delivered a run-scoring single during the fourth inning rally.

Reed doubled and scored on a wild pitch, Connor Crabtree walked and scored on a wild pitch and Kaden Ericson received an RBI for a ground out in the fourth frame, which ended with the Cards sporting a 9-3 cushion.

Luverne ended the game in the bottom of the fifth when Jakob Olson and Cole Bosch delivered RBI singles before the final two runs of the game crossed home plate with the help of an error on a ball put in play by Ericson.

Nick Overgaard pitched five innings of two-hit ball to secure the win.

He fanned eight batters, walked seven and hit one batter with a pitch.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sandbulte	3	3	2	0
Beers	3	0	1	2
Reisdorfer	0	2	0	0
Crabtree	3	1	0	0
Olson	3	0	1	1
Nath	0	1	0	0
Bosch	4	1	1	1
Ericson	3	1	0	1
Overgaard	0	0	0	0
Sterrett	0	0	0	0
Harder	3	1	1	2
Haugen	0	0	0	0
Reed	3	3	3	0

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Rock County Sportsman's Club
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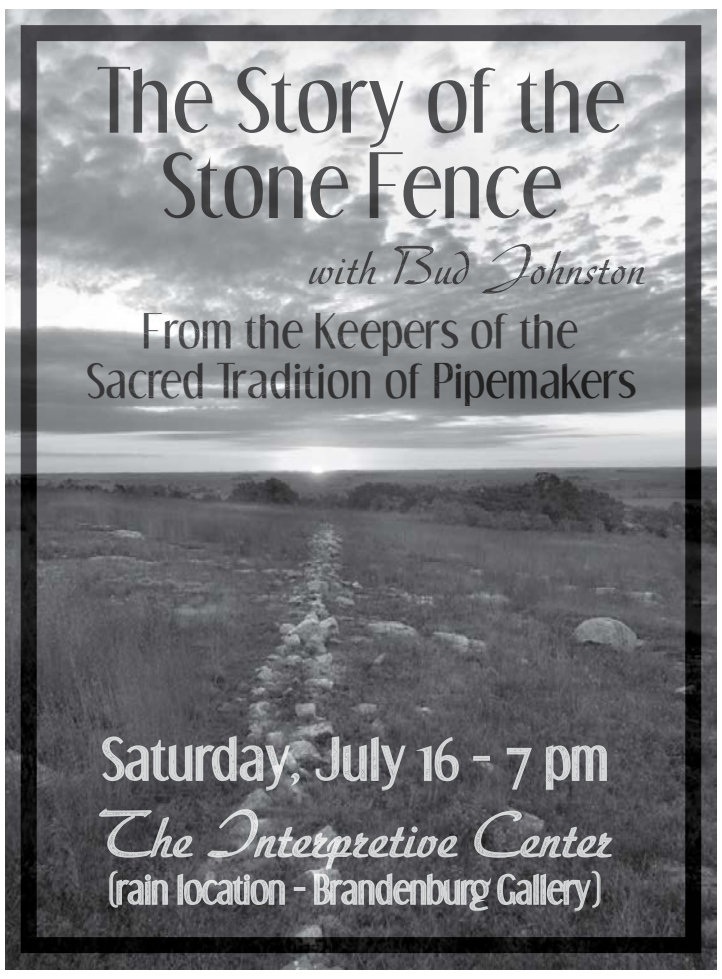
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CITY OF HARDWICK
NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2016 ELECTION
HARDWICK CITY OFFICES

The following is the notice of Hardwick city offices that will be voted for at the general election held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The first date for filing affidavits for candidacy for the November general election is August 2, 2016. Filing closes at 5:00 PM, Tuesday August 16, 2016. The Clerk's office will be open between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM Tuesday, August 16 to receive filings. There is a $2/filing fee.
You may contact the Hardwick City Clerk at 507-227-5470 to receive an affidavit.

MAYOR	**2-Year Term**
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COUNCIL	**4-Year Term**
COUNCIL	**4-Year Term**

Dated: July 1, 2016
Tammy Johnson
Hardwick City Clerk





Star Herald
CHURCH

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

Thursday, July 14: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Friday, July 15: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, July 16: 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Catherine. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, July 17: 8 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Mary. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Tuesday, July 19: 9 a.m. Mass. Wednesday, July 20: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, July 21: 9 a.m. Mass. 6-12 grade volunteers meet at the church at 9 a.m. to volunteer at Bishop Dudley House.

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

Sunday, July 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, July 18: 9 a.m. PERK-UP at Mary Jane Brown Home. Tuesday, July 19: 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 14: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, July 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, July 17: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Noon potluck with the Bottorffs. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, July 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, July 20: 7 p.m. Summer Youth Program. Thursday, July 21: 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 14: 7:30 a.m. Bible Study. 2 p.m. GLCW in Fellowship Hall. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 6:30 p.m. God's Work Our Hands meeting. Friday, July 15: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, July 16: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, July 17: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Exaltation Team Sunday. Monday, July 18: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, July 19: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, July 20: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, July 21: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace Lutheran.

Bethany Lutheran Church

Thursday, July 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 17: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, July 19: 7 p.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Thursday, July 21: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, July 15: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, July 16: Hup/Tilstra wedding. Sunday, July 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, July 19: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, July 20: 7 p.m. Praise Team; Adult Discipleship Team. Thursday, July 21: 6:30 p.m. Let's Ride.

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 110th 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
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, July 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. 7 p.m. Coloring/Crafting event. Saturday, July 16: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Sunday, July 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard; Adult Sunday School. 4:30 p.m. Angels Bible Study. Monday, July 18: 8 a.m. Messenger newsletter deadline. 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Tuesday, July 19: 3 p.m. Sewing day. Wednesday, July 20: 8 p.m. AA in the Upper Room. Thursday, July 21: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, July 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, July 19: 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: stjohn@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

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. Saturday, July 16: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 17: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Monday, July 18: 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, July 19: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, July 20: 9:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church
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. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, July 14: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, July 15: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 5:15 p.m. Zion serves at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, July 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, July 18: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, July 20: Newsletter deadline. Thursday, July 21: 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 17: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Palisade. Tuesday, July 19: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Sunday, July 17: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Palisade..

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd 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: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School starts fall 2016.

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

Sunday, July 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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

Thursday, July 14: Last day of VBS. Sunday, July 17: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran with Communion. Tuesday, July 19: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, July 20: 2 p.m. Combined Circles at Tuff Village. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at the home of Marilyn Nelson.

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.

Where are they?

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Kristi Franken, United Methodist Church of Adrian and Magnolia



Churches are struggling — and not just one denomination — it is across the board in all churches. They struggle with attendance, with getting people to help and with finances. All this is really heightened in small churches with fewer than 100 members.

I am a pastor of a small congregation. Our greatest struggle is the battle cry of "Where are they?" I am talking about the future leaders of the church ... the youth. They seem to be more apt to blend into the society around them than in the local church, especially when the church is ready to pass the baton of leadership unto them.

As I mentioned to my two congregations today, no wonder the youth are disappearing from the church. They are like the man in the story of the Good Samaritan who was robbed, beaten and left to die alongside the road. When the man was in his pain, two other people walked beside him and offered no help. Our greatest resources in the church, our youth, are being left alongside the road just waiting for help.

From my eyes, church has become a place where the youth are not always shown "radical hospitality." I hear members' laments about what these youth are like in church. The music they play is too loud. The words to their songs keep repeating themselves over and over again. Their ideas need to go to committees, and they are worn out from all the politics which took place just because of a suggestion.

A couple of weeks ago I took a 15-year-old with me to our annual church convention in St. Cloud. The convention was geared to those raised in the millennial generation. This was a great idea! Know what the big problem was? How are we going to get them there? After all, church conference seems to be very institutional in their eyes and who wants to give up three days of the life of a youth to sit around a table with a bunch of old people.

So I did the only thing I know how to do — I made a personal invite to this youth, told her the church would pay her way and we would have enough food to keep her happy. And to my surprise she went. Her eyes were open and her heart was stirred. She commented later at times it was really boring but she stuck with us "old people" (even said we were fun) and she would go again. And as the "old people," we were amazed at the deep insights these youth have for the church and the world around them.

In this scripture text, a Samaritan stopped and took pity on the man beside the road. The Samaritan invested some of his own personal resources to help the man survive. He cleaned and bandaged the man's wounds, put him on his only means of transportation, paid for care and employed the innkeeper for additional help.

The church should be the Samaritan to the youth. The whole church needs to tend to their wounds when they have been beaten down in life. They need to have the church come to their side and support them, and they need the "whole" church to be employed around them as a community, not just a few people who have a heart for them.

The youth is the future of the church, but as the church, we need to help them lead the future. We are going to have to give them the time, the care, the stability and finances to help each of them as they begin their journey.

The Samaritan changed the life of the dying man. As the church, let's change the life of our youth so we do not need to ask the question "Where are they?" They are right in front of us, but like the Samaritan we need to invest some valuable and personal resources into them so they can lead the church.

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Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 2

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: June 16, 2004

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $55,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): James R. Workman and Melanie M. Workman, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 23, 2004, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 159153

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Two (2) in the Unrecorded Dries Bosch Addition to the City of Steen, Rock County, Minnesota, also known as a tract of land in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township One Hundred One (101) North, of Range Forty-five (45) West, of the 5th P.M., described as follows: Starting at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 32, thence due South on the Quarter section line 666.5 feet; thence due East 252 feet to a point of beginning; thence due North 119 feet; thence due East 96 feet; thence due South 119 feet; thence due West 96 feet to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 310 E Minnesota Ave, Steen, MN 56173

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 19.0085.000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $48,151.87

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: September 2, 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 March 2, 2017, or the next business day if March 2, 2017 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: July 7, 2016

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(07-14, 07-21, 07-28, 08-04, 08-11, 08-18)

City of Luverne sets primary election date

Notice of Primary Election
Luverne, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election for the office of North Ward Alderman for the City of Luverne will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The names of individuals whose candidacy has been filed for the office of North Ward Alderman will appear on the State Partisan Primary Ballot. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of North Ward Alderman shall be placed as nominees on the November 8, 2016, State General Election Ballot.

All polling places will be at the Luverne High School Gymnasium, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne, Minnestoa.

Qualified voters planning to be absent on election day may obtain ballots from the office of the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota through August 8, 2016.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(07-14, 07-21)

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)

Request for dairy bids

REQUEST FOR BIDS
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on 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

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)

Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks fuel quotes

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on 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)

Filing dates set for election to Dist. 2184 School Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2184 shall begin on August 2, 2016, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2016.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for a term of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN. The filing fee for this office is $2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2016.

Dated: June 28, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/S/ Shelley Sandbulte
School District Clerk.
(07-14, 07-21)

Versteeg applies for conditional use permit

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit for Harold Versteeg

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Harold Versteeg
Location: NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 32 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing swine feedlot to 1440 animal units.
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of 2000 head of grow to finish swine between 55 and 300 pounds (600 animal units) housed in two total confinement barns with under-floor deep put liquid manure storage.

The proposed expansion shall consist of an additional total confinement barn with under-floor deep pit liquid manure storage. The proposed expansion would allow the addition of 2800 head of grow to finish swine between 55 and 300 pounds (840 animal units), for a total of 4800 head of grow to finish swine. The site, after expansion, shall have a permitted capacity of 1440 animal units.

Dated: July 14, 2016

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(07-14, 07-21)

G&A Farms Inc applies for conditional use permit

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit for G&A Farms Inc.

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:10 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: G&A Farms, Inc.
Locations: SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota.
Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing feedlot to 2990 animal units.
Zoning District: A-2,General Agriculture

The conditional use is for the combining of two existing feedlots and expanding those existing feedlots on the property described above. The existing feedlots consist of 1085 head of finishing cattle, 145 head of backgrounding cattle, and 145 calves housed in open lots, along with 1100 head of nursery swine and 2400 head of finishing swine housed in total confinement barns with under-floor manure storage for a total of 1990.5 animal units.

The proposed expansion will take place within both facilities by increasing stocking density. The proposed expansion will consist of eliminating 900 head of finishing swine, 145 head of backgrounding cattle and 145 calves, with the addition of 1390 head of finishing cattle between the two facilities. After the expansion the combined sites will have a total of 2475 head of finishing cattle, 1100 head of nursery swine, and 1500 head of finishing swine for a total of 2980 animal units.

All manure will be stored in under-floor concrete pits and earthen basins. The solid manure will be stored in manure packs and/or stockpile and the process wastewater from the feed storage area will be stored in an earthen basin.

Dated: July 14, 2016

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
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(07-14, 07-21)



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For Rent: Three-bedroom one-bath house with garage and fenced in yard in Hardwick. $400/month plus all utilities available July 20th. Call 605-202-0413 for more details. (7.14-7.31)

For Rent: One-bedroom, partially furnished, upstairs apartment with car port. Call 283-9720. (tc)

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Daycare: Licensed daycare has openings available for ages ranging from 12 months to 11 years of age. Please call 507-920-8449 for more details. (tc)

WANTED

Buying old cars, trucks, scrap iron, old farm equipment, tin, wire. Ericksen Salvage, Charlie Ericksen, 605-254-4654. (tc)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you so much to all who made our 50th Anniversary celebration on July 4th such a special and fun time. ALL the memory letters, cards, and gifts are so appreciated. Thanks be to God who has so richly blessed us with family and friends.

Rev. Gail and Anita Johnson
(7.14-7.17)

We would like to thank our awesome family and friends for the cards, gifts, calls, texts, and congratulations and many memories for our 50th Anniversary. It was appreciated.

Bernie and Karen Gunnik
(7.14-7.17)

The family of Frederick Manfred Jr. wants to thank everyone for their kind, beautiful cards and Memorial gifts. (7.10-7.14)

Thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, and attendance for my 95th Birthday. God Bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Meta Fick
(7.10-7.14)

GARAGE SALES

Large House/ Garage Sale. Friday July 15 4pm-7pm and Saturday July 16 8am-7pm. Located at 410 E. Dodge. Too many items to mention. Lots of furniture misc. Please come check out our treasures. (7.14-7.17)

Rummage Sale: 301 Oak Drive. Thursday, July 14 4pm-8pm and Friday, July 15 8am-12pm. Clothing, books, games, toys, shoes, and much more. (7.10-7.14)

Garage Sale: 314 W. Hatting Street. W&S Storage. Friday, July 15 5pm-7pm Saturday, July 16 8am-11am. Clothes, tools, tires, Jeff Gordon, Vikings memorabilia, cooler and more. (7.10-7.14)

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Help wanted, Design Craft in Luverne is seeking Summer construction help carpenters & labors with Wages Based on Experience must be 18 years or older. Contact Design Craft at 904 Commerce Road Luverne or call 507-283-2600. (7.3-7.21)

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ROCK COUNTY LAND RECORDS OFFICE

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of a Technician for the Rock County Land Records Office until July 28, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Responsibilities include assisting in the execution of all functions of the Land Records Office to include: property assessments and appraisals, completing and maintaining GIS data, document recording and vital statistics records; work consists of both physical (field work) and office environment work. Minimum qualifications include a High School diploma or equivalent with a minimum of a 2-year degree in business administration or a field relating to real estate appraisal; additional certification is required upon employment offer. Starting hourly wage will be $15.72 - $17.00 per hour DOQ and includes a full benefit package.
A job description and an application form for this position are available at http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html; or by emailing susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's office 507-283-5065.
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