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Park hires naturalist, bison tours coming soon

By Lori Sorenson

Blue Mounds State Park Naturalist Amber Brooks is passionate about bison, which makes her the perfect guide for the park's upcoming bison tours.

"I love bison — bison are the reason I got into wildlife conservation," said Brooks who earned her degree in fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology in 2012 from the U of M Twin Cities.

"I saw this position open up and I was pretty excited."

Brooks and her family used to make the three-hour drive from their Farmington home to the Blue Mounds at least twice a year.

"I've hiked all these trails and I know my way around," she said.

Bison tours could start as soon as this year

Brooks, who started her job June 19, heads up the naturalist programming at the Blue Mounds, but she's also developing plans for the long-awaited bison tours.

The Luverne Chamber and other community groups have been pushing for bison tours to connect with park tourists and encourage city residents and visitors to experience the park.



Amber Brooks

"Many visitors to the state park are unable to experience the bison because they are often too far away in the pasture," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"The opportunity to give visitors the chance to experience bison 'close-up' will certainly be a draw for the park and a draw to our community."

Brooks said there's a chance tours will start before the end of summer, and she's able to share a few details about the unfolding plan.

"I can say the vehicle is in production," she said.

"It's built on a truck chassis with a passenger compartment with seats and seatbelts that people will be required to wear," she said.

It will be handicap-accessible with seating for up to 12 people who will view bison and experience the prairie through open sides and a covered top.

"They'll be able to see, smell and hear the prairie," Brooks said.

"It will involve all their senses in the experience."

The tours will bring visitors close — but not too close — to the animals to observe them in their natural habitat.

"We'll respect the bison and respect that they're wild," she said.

"We want to be good stewards; we're in their homes."

The bison tours will run during the general summer season, depending on the condition of the prairie topsoil, which tends to retain moisture.

"I'm very concerned about protecting the resources we have," Brooks said.

"It's their home. We don't want to tear up their home."

She and other park officials

Park naturalist, bison tours/see 3A



Mavis Fodness photos/0803 RC Fair Friday

More than 1,000 spectators gather in the grandstand Friday night, July 28, for the Minnesota Extreme Bull Riding at the Rock County Fair.

Fair time was had by all

Events and activities associated with the 2017 Rock County Free Fair saw near record attendance as pleasant weather and more attractions drew bigger and more diverse crowds.

A full page of fair information and photos can be found on Page 1B.

Bull riding coverage is featured in Sports on page 4B.

Open Class competition winners are featured on page 2A, and Talent Show results are on page 3A.

Rock County 4-H winners will appear in a special section with the Star Herald on Aug. 10.

Meanwhile, dozens of additional fair photographs can be viewed online at www.star-herald.com.



At right, fair visitor Avah Oolman of Ashton, Iowa, makes friends with a quarter horse mare named Emma Thursday afternoon.

Below, taking a ride on the Scrambler Thursday evening, July 27, are (from left) Devon Dysthe, Cooper Gehrke and Calvin Erickson. All three are from Beaver Creek.



County seeks more input in bridge replacement

By Mavis Fodness

Options include waiting for the next state bonding bill, funding the replacement through sale of bonds, or reallocating funds from a project in Magnolia Township.

County Commissioners and officials from Magnolia, Martin and Beaver Creek townships will meet later this month to discuss bridge replacements.

In early July fire destroyed the wooden pile bridge over the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad. The bridge was located northwest of Hills.

County Road 52 is now detoured until commissioners decide how to pay for the bridge replacement and when the bridge can be rebuilt.

The project is expected to take a year or longer to complete.

Currently the county road and bridge budget funds are designated for another bridge project.

The budget does not contain the estimated $600,000-$700,000 to replaced the burned bridge.

At their July 25th meeting, commissioners considered various options but decided they needed input from the township officials.

"If there is a definite feeling that one or both bridges need to be replaced now, then we should approve replacing now," said Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

Options include waiting for the next state bonding bill, funding the replacement through the sale of bonds, or reallocating funds from a different bridge project in Magnolia Township.

For the past three years, weight limits have restricted the use of the bridge located south of Magnolia.

"The deck is good but everything holding up the bridge is deteriorating," said County Engineer Mark Sehr.

Traffic on the Magnolia Township road averages 50 vehicles a day with the Hills bridge averaging 85 vehicles a day, according to 2014 data from the county highway department.

Waiting for the next bonding bill could postpone one of the bridge replacement projects until 2019, Sehr added.

The county has also investigated changing the railroad crossing from a bridge to an at-grade crossing. The change would need approval from BNSF officials.

That approval, however, doesn't appear likely. "From a safety standpoint, they (BNSF) want to eliminate at-grade crossings rather than add more," Sehr said.

Borrowing money to replace one of the bridges is estimated to increase the county levy $78,000 for the next ten years, according to County Administrator Kyle Oldre. He cautioned the bonding would have added costs.

"We would need to be (credit) rated again," Oldre said. "We spent $4,000 to $5,000 two years ago."

"Past practice is to wait for the funding," Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum added.

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Article 31: Homecoming celebrations prompt memories of community roots, trials and tribulations

This is the 31st in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week features Part 3 in a series about the lives of Pioneer Daughters .

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann recently discovered this news story in the July 9, 1926, Star Herald following the 1926 Luverne homecoming celebration. It recounts a meeting of the Pioneer Daughters who share detailed memories of their early years in Luverne and Rock County.

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Pioneer Daughters/see page 8A

This week's moment in time is sponsored by:

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Community calendar

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, in the Rock County Library basement. Bring sewing projects, supplies, snacks and show and tell.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the American Reformed Church to carpool for a tour of several local gardens. Call 507-597-6378 with questions.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at St. Catherine's east parking lot in Luverne to carpool to the Rock Rapids Country Club for lunch and shopping. Call 283-8470 by Aug. 8 to RSVP.

Sanford Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, in the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Hospital. Call LaDell 283-4987.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Road closed from Manley to I-90

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

Organ recital, pork supper at St. John

The public is invited to an **organ recital at 4:30 p.m.** Saturday, Aug. 5, at St. John Lutheran Church at 803 N. Cedar St. in Luverne. Organist Tim Gabriel studied at Augustana University in Sioux Falls and received a Master of Church Music Degree from the University of Kansas. The Saturday **5:30 p.m. worship service** will follow the concert.

A **free pork loin and sweet corn supper** prepared and provided by Loren Forrest will be at 6:30 p.m. The events are free and open to the public and are in celebration of the 125th anniversay of St. John Lutheran Church.

Blood drive Aug. 7 at Sanford Luverne

The Community Blood Bank will accept donations from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, at Sanford Luverne. Call 283-2321 or see www.cbblifeblood.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Senior Citizens supper fundraiser Aug. 8

The Luverne Senior Citizens will serve their annual picnic supper fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the Luverne Senior Center at the corner of Lincoln and Spring streets. The menu is barbecues, baked beans, potato salad, pie and ice cream. Cost is $6 for adults, $3 for children under 12.

St. John event in the park Aug. 13

St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne invites the public to an outdoor worship service at the Luverne city park at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, followed by a short program, free picnic lunch and afternoon activities in commemoration of its yearlong 125th anniversary celebration. Reservations for the free picnic lunch are required by Aug. 11. Call the church at 507-283-2316, email stjohn@iw.net, or stop at the church office at 803 N. Cedar St. to sign up. In the event of stormy weather, the event will take place at the church.

Fifth-grade band lessons in August

Band lessons for students entering the fifth grade this school year will be offered for 30-minute sessions in Mrs. Capistran's elementary music room Mondays through Thursdays from Aug. 14-17 and from Aug. 21-24. Participants will need instruments and books for the lessons. The time schedule will be: flutes, 1 p.m.; clarinets, 1:30 p.m.; saxophones, 2 p.m.,; trumpets, 2:30 p.m.; trombones, 3 p.m.; French horns, baritones and tubas, 3:30 p.m., and percussion, 4 p.m. Contact Angie Swenson at a.swenson@isd2184.net or call 507-283-4491 ex. 2670.

City Hall, Post Office affected by Luverne Street construction

Because of construction on Luverne Street, the post office north drive-up drop box is closed to traffic. Patrons may walk to the box, but customer vehicles are not allowed in the north lot until the end of construction. Mail in drop boxes at Freeman and Main and Cedar and Main are picked up by 11:45 and on the mail truck the same day. The dropbox inside the post office lobby is also available.



Lori Sorenson photo/0803 open class winners

Grand and reserve grand champion winners in the Rock County Fair Open Class competition on hand for a photo Friday afternoon include (front, from left) Coy Thone, Coulter Thone, Andrew Luitgens, Maria Rops, (middle row) Stacey Thone, Wilma Van Der Linden, Mandie Petersen, Lori Witte, Linda Brady, Marge Baker, Shirley Connor, (back) Betty Leuthold, Barb Sandbulte, Eric Fick, Carol Goehle, Marcia Essman and Dorral Kramer Guzman.

Open class winners recognized at the fair

Following are the results reported for Open Class competition at the 2017 Rock County Fair. The information is accurate as best as Open Class officials can provide, however, some results may not have been recorded accurately.

Floral:

•Best of Show, Eileen Hemme; Reserve Best of Show, Shirley Connor.

•Champions of Subdivisions: Eileen Hemme (2), Marge Baker, Owen Sudenga, Shirley Connor, Lynette Jauert.

•Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Betty Leuthold, Eileen Hemme, Kelly Hellerud, August Jauert, Lois Petersen.

Baking:

•Best of Show: Linda Brady; Reserve Best of Show, Barb Sandbulte.

•Champions of Subdivisions: Linda Brady, Sarah Stegenga.

•Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Barb Sandbulte, Coy Thone.

Table Topper:

•Best of Show: Paulette Pronk; Reserve Best of Show: Deb Schandelmeier.

Gift basket:

Best of Show, Shirley Connor.

Photography:

•Best of Show: Mandie Petersen.

•Reserve Best of Show: Andrea Luitjens.

•Champions of Subdivisions: Andrea Luitjens, Mandie Petersen.

•Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Jacey Vandenhoek, Andrew Prekker.

Sewing:

•Junior Best of Show: Sarah deCesare; Reserve Best of Show, Anja Jarchow.

•Junior Champions of Subdivisions: Andrea Luitjens, Gemma Nelson.

•Junior Reserve champions of Subdivisions: Anja Jarchow, Austyn Pap.

•Adult Best of Show: Morgan Sauer; Reserve Best of Show: Hillary Amborn.

•Adult Champions of Subdivisions: Sarah DeCesare, Morgan Sauer, Deb Vanheerde, Hillary Amborn, Sharon Zinnel, Carol Geohle.

•Adult Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Hillary Amborn, Betty Leuthold, Barb Sandbulte (2), Stacy Thone.

Senior Citizens:

•Best of Show: Betty Leuthold; Reserve Best of show, Wilma Vanderlinden.

•Champions of Subdivisions: Marcia Essman, Henrietta Haak, Betty Leuthold, Wilma VanderLinden,

•Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: De Wiskur, Sharon Zinnel, Nancy Walgrave, Henrietta Bajema, Alvina Christoffels

Wood and Wood Carving:

•Best of Show: Daryl Hilfers; Reserve Best of Show: Margaret Vogel.

•Champion of subdivisions: Owen Sudenga, Margaret Vogel, Daryl Hilfers.

Reserve champion of subdivisions: Howard Kass, Roger Henderson.

Junior Arts and Crafts:

•Best of Show: Meagan Hanson; Reserve Best of Show: Aryanna Gorter.

•Champions of Subdivisions: Hanna Woodley, Haleah Soto, Mira Rops, Meagan Hanson.

•Reserve Champions of Subdividsions: Julia Ferguson, Gabrielle Porter (2), Ian Jauert.

Arts and Crafts:

•Best of Show: Annabelle Petronek; Reserve Best of Show: Verland Johnson.

•Champions of Subdivisions: Laura Richters, Lorna Boots.

•Professional Best of Show: Lori Witte.

Home Preservation:

•Best of Show: Jackie Gyberg; Reserve Best of Show:

Open class results/see 3A

Subway to build new restaurant on South Highway 75

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Subway franchisee Jeremy Jalas is making plans to build a new restaurant on South Highway 75 next to Ed Elbers' real estate office.

Details are still in the works but Jalas does have a pretty clear idea what it will look like.

"Subway is rolling out a whole new décor, so it will be a drastic change," Jalas said, adding that his new building will have drive-through service.

"Drive-up should be a real good deal; they've been doing well in other locations."

Luverne's Subway currently employs 16 people, four of them full time.

The drive-up service may require extra hires, Jalas said.

He purchased the 85-by-287-square-foot lot from Elbers, between the real estate office and Howling Dog.

The new building will include two office suites for lease. They'll be 700- to 1,000 square feet, with one on ground level and another upstairs.

Groundbreaking will be next spring with opening set for September 2018.

Jalas and his wife, Jennifer, took over the Luverne Subway in May 2016 in space that's been leased in the Holiday building.

That lease will be up for negotiation in a few years, so the two entities have been planning ahead.

"I think he wants to expand and remodel, so it's time," Jalas said.

Luverne Subway is one of nine franchises Jalas operates in Minnesota and Iowa.

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are charting the specific tour routes with an eye for minimal soil compaction.

Park programming in full swing this summer

Meanwhile, Brooks is churning out a regular schedule of park programming and special events. (See the sidebar information below.)

"It's been a lot of fun so far," she said, hinting at a special program for Labor Day — a brand new, never before seen in the Blue Mounds event.

She will also work closely with the new Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park to encourage community support of the park and its mission.

Brooks said her main goal in the position is to help the public better understand the American Plains Bison and their impact on the prairie.

"Bison without cattle genes are so rare and it's something we need to protect," she said.

The Blue Mounds State Park bison are a part of the Minnesota conservation herd in collaboration with the Minnesota Zoo and the DNR to strengthen the gene pool.

"Parks like this are so important. It's a cool opportunity and I'm excited to be part of it," she said.

"Protecting and preserving bison in their current state is extremely important to me."

Brooks' position is in place full time, year-round for three years.

It's funded by the Land and Legacy Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund through the Minnesota State Lottery.

Historic quarry hike Aug. 5 and Aug. 19

Learn the history behind man's relationship with the rocks of Blue Mounds with a slow-paced hike of less than a mile with some rocky areas and stepping down required. This guided tour will explore the Historic Quarry Trail on the south end of the park. Meet at the climbers' parking lot, (second parking lot on County Road 8) at 10 a.m. Aug. 5 or Aug. 19.

Build a Bison: Hooves to Horns on Aug. 11 and Aug. 25

Help a naturalist "build" a bison by transforming an audience member through dress-up. This program is for youth of all ages to learn the anatomy of a bison and what makes this animal perfect for the prairie. Meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, or Friday, Aug. 25, in the ampitheater at Blue Mounds State Park. Bring a chair or blanket.

Learn why Geology Rocks Aug. 12

Explore the forces that created the rocks at Blue Mounds State Park on a half-mile slow-paced hike for all ages. Meet at the Visitors Center parking lot off County Highway 8 at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

'I Can Climb' at Blue Mounds Aug. 12-13

The "I Can Climb" program at the Blue Mounds State Park is open to anyone age 5 or older.

Trained professionals from Vertical Endeavors Guided Adventures will provide equipment and instruction.

Climbing sessions will be Aug. 12 and 13. Cost is $10 per child or $20 per adult, including a park vehicle permit.

Register online at www.mndnr.gov/reservations or call 866-857-2757.

Learn about mammals of the Mounds Aug. 18

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

Bring a camp chair or blanket.

Prowling the Prairie Aug. 26

Join a park naturalist for a hike across the prairie to look for tracks, trails and other signs of wildlive.

This two-mile hike will take visitors out to the bison viewing area and back.

Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.



Mavis Fodness photo/0525 Dale Hanson

Luverne High School senior Layne Curtis (left) talks about the photovoltaic cannon for the SDSU Engineering Expo with physics instructor Dale Hanson. After 21 years Hanson is retiring at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Retirement allows LHS' Dale Hanson to return to his farming roots

By Mavis Fodness

There are times when life events significantly change the career course people have set for themselves.

Luverne High School chemistry/physics teacher Dale Hanson experienced one such event in 1995 when he was a dairy and crop farmer near Valley Springs.

Within a six-month period his farming partners — his dad and an uncle — died, followed by his mentor and former high school teacher.

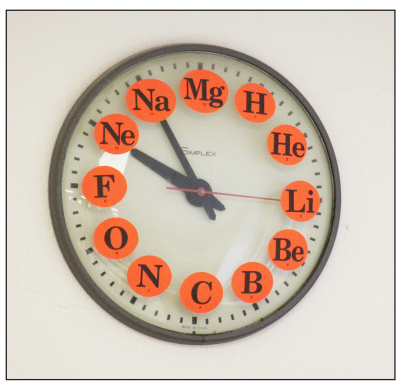
The heart-wrenching experience left Hanson questioning his future.

"Do I stay in farming and not really influence anybody or do I go on to do something else?" he said.

That something else turned out to be a return to college and the launch of a career as a high school chemistry teacher.

A year after making the decision, he was a licensed teacher and, at the age of 40, began working with young people.

Now after 21 years in the classroom (12 in Edgerton and nine in Luverne) Hanson has decided to put away the beakers and Bunsen burners one last time and retire after the current school year is complete.



Mavis Fodness photo/0525 Dale Hanson

Atomic numbers of the elements one through 12 replaced the customary numerals on the clock in former chemistry/physics teacher Dale Hanson's classroom.

"All the stars have lined up and it's time to call it a day," Hanson said.

The switch from dairying to teaching allowed Hanson to spend more time with his wife, Krista, and two sons, Derek and Isaac. His daily connection with students allowed him to pass on advice he learned as a young man growing up near Valley Springs.

"My parents knew you could go someplace with an education," he said. "It's a ticket — it is really worth something."

Hanson received his undergraduate degree from Augustana College (now University) before returning to the family farm.

For 27 years he used his college degree to improve dairy genetics and incorporate minimum tillage practices on the family farm.

After earning his teaching degree at the University of Sioux Falls in a year while working on the farm, Hanson launched his teaching profession full time in 1996 and left the milk parlor forever.

Hanson said he tried to instill a can-do and never-give-up attitude with students in his classroom. He encouraged all students to find activities and professions that interest them.

The interest in agriculture may become a bigger part of Hanson's days in retirement.

Up until a decade ago, Hanson kept in touch with his farming roots by planting and harvesting the portion of his family's cropland he purchased after the deaths of his father and uncle. He has since hired a nephew to complete those tasks.

In retirement, he is rethinking the task arrangement.

"I may start doing the planting again," Hanson said.



Chantel Connell photo/0803 fair talent show

Allie LaRock (at microphone), her dad, Dan LaRock, and accompanist Angie Johnson, all of Hills, won first place in the Open Division of the Rock County Talent Show Wednesday, July 26, in the Palace Theatre with their performance of "Hallelujah."

Rock County Talent Show winners advance to state competition

The Rock County Fair Board announced the winners of the 16th Annual Rock County Talent Show Wednesday, July 26, at the Historic Palace Theatre.

The first place winner in each class of the Rock County Fair competition will compete in the Amateur Talent Contest at the Minnesota State Fair the end of August/beginning of September.

The talent show is sponsored by the Rock County Fair Board and Sioux Valley Energy.

Seventeen acts performed on the stage of the Palace Theatre Wednesday night.

Three cash prizes were awarded in each category — $100 for first place, $75 for second place and $50 for third place.

Winners are as follows:

Preteen (12 and younger):

•First place: Spotlight Dance solo performance by Vivian Brockberg, "Get Back Up Again."

•Second place: Spotlight Dance's "Dear Future Husband."

•Third place: Spotlight Dance's "Here We Come … Back to School."

Teen (12 to 18):

•First place: Kianna Healy's vocal performance, "Think of Me," from Phantom of the Opera.

•Second place: Gabrielle Ferrell's ukulele and vocal performance, "Can't Help Falling in Love."

•Third place: Spotlight Dance's solo performance by Meghan Witte, "My New Philosophy."

Open Division:

•First place: Allie LaRock, Dan LaRock and Angie Johnson of Hills with a piano, guitar and vocal trio performance of "Hallelujah."

•Second place: Operatic solo by Lauren Senden of North Mankato singing an aria from "Romeo & Juliet," titled "Ah, Je Veux Vivre."

•Third place: Sub Par, a band from Tea, South Dakota, with performers Trevor Swenson, Ashley Tate, Jake Loof, Alexis McCarvel and Mason Schlunsen performing the cover song of "The Middle," by Jimmy Eat World.

The Rock County Talent Show is open to any and all contestants, and criteria for advancing to the state competition is that entries must have competed at a Minnesota county fair event.

Nov. 18-19 youth hunt signup by Aug. 18

The Blue Mounds State Park will again host 10 youth hunters for a firearms deer hunt on Nov. 18 and 19 with a mandatory pre-hunt meeting on the evening of Nov. 17.

Youth interested in participating must be 12-15 years of age at the time of the hunt, and must register for a lottery by Aug. 18, 2017.

Youth must have completed a hunter's safety course before participating in the hunt, and must be accompanied by an adult mentor at all times during the hunt.

Other state parks in our area holding youth hunts include Kilen Woods, Lake Shetek, and Camden.

Youth can register at any license vendor, or online at http://licenses.dnr.state.mn.us. Call the park at 507-283-6050 or email blue-mounds.statepark@state.mn.us .













Star Herald OPINION

Trip to D.C. mirrors story on students' experiences



In other words

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

In my opinion, all travel is educational, no matter how old you are.

Last week I crossed an item off my bucket list.

I finally traveled to Washington, D.C.

I've loved history and government since I was in middle school and have taught these subjects for years.

To say I have been wanting to get to our nation's capital for a long time is an understatement. It was great to finally get there.

Standing on the National Mall looking at the memorials, monuments and seats of government, and thinking about the influence those people and buildings have had on the history of the world, is pretty awe-inspiring.

My experiences during the week in D.C. provided plenty of topics for this column. I had expected to write about my trip in this space.

When I returned to the Star Herald office this week, I was given the assignment to write about the Washington, D.C., trip that Luverne students had taken just a few days before I was there.

The coincidence was not lost on me.

It was fun to hear about their experiences in many of the same places I had just visited. In fact, the school group saw even more sites in D.C. than I did.

And I couldn't help but think of how great it was for those students to have these experiences.

When I interviewed Ms. Wallace and Mr. Johnson about the trip, their comments echoed my thoughts exactly.

"It makes the things they learn about in school so much more real" and "the classroom really comes alive" were two quotes from my fellow educators that really resonated with me.

And I believe this is very true for all travel, not just to Washington, D.C.

Readers might notice there are four separate pictures in just this week's paper alone of local students traveling with school, community or church groups.

In the last couple of years, this paper has reported on students traveling to New York City, Puerto Rico, Germany, California, Colorado, Canada, Washington, D.C., and other places.

In my opinion, all travel is educational, no matter how old you are.

When young people get to experience different parts of their nation and world at the same time they are learning about them, it just makes it all that much better.

These trips provide a safe, easy and relatively affordable way for kids to learn about the world around them and see things they otherwise would not.

While travel is not cheap, fundraising, community or church support and payment plans over multiple months often make it a little more possible to participate.

That's how it's been for me.

Over the years, I've had a chance to travel to New York, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Detroit, London, Paris and Jamaica in high school, college or as an adult chaperone on similar trips.

Needless to say, I found value in all of these trips and was glad for the opportunity.

I'm equally glad today's young people have even more opportunities to travel, especially those who recently returned from Washington.

At least they didn't have to wait as long as I did to experience it.

Kudos to Rock County Fair Board

Star Herald Editorial

See the Aug. 10 edition of the Star Herald for a full section of 4-H fair winners

Last week we encouraged our readers to attend the Rock County Fair, and we think it was worth the journey.

The Minnesota State Fair is often dubbed as "The Great Minnesota Get-Together."

We think this year's Rock County Fair could set the stage of becoming "The Great Tri-State Get-Together."

We at the Star Herald spent four days taking in the fair event, and we noticed last week wasn't the same old event.

While the county's 4-H program continued to take center stage, new events appealed to a wide range of audiences.

There were clowns, bingo and karaoke during the day and sprint cars, bulls and endurance cars at night.

We noticed the fair board members working into the early morning hours in preparation for the next grandstand event.

We appreciated that the trash was picked up each morning.

The fairgrounds become a place to be and each evening the grounds filled with visitors.

They viewed the general and livestock projects of the 197 4-H'ers who exhibited this year. (See next week's edition for a full section of 4-H fair winners.)

They consumed 330 gallons of ice cream.

Each day we placed pictures online capturing each day's events.

We noticed the smiles, heard the laughter and witnessed the joy expressed as people enjoyed four days of perfect summer weather.

Rock County put out the welcome mat in several special ways.

We noticed the new welcome sign complete with a new American flag.

We watched as numerous visitors learned about livestock production, planted corn with a simulated tractor or received an up-close look at a great white owl.

Hats off to the Rock County Agricultural Society.

Thanks for taking a time-honored tradition and making it better. We can't wait for 2018.

Robinson: Don't destroy green space

To the Editor:

The city of Luverne recently announced plans to rezone commercial property on Roundwind Road and to build twin homes on the site. Destroying what has become the best green space in the city due to 40 years of care to make it a beautiful open area with mature trees that is home for many common birds and a family of hawks as well as butterflies. This is a space enjoyed by many in our community who walk, run and bike around the quiet Tri-State addition. It is a favorite spot of photographers to take wedding, family, and senior pictures. The city's plan will turn this into an area that only a few twin home owners will get to enjoy and of course some contractor will get to reap the profits of their easiest and most desired developments twin homes and the Home Owner Association fees that will continue to provide income for years to come on what the city claims is the cheapest and easiest space to develop. The city is likely correct, but just because its development provides the highest profit and it is the easiest doesn't mean that it is the right thing to do.

Of course the city would like you to believe that we are in dire need of this space to develop housing on. But we all know that if this space is not developed other solutions will be found. Are we to believe that if we don't build here our city will stop growing? If you agree that this space should remain green space and even developed into a space that everyone in our city and visitors will enjoy, don't just read this and think that would be nice, contact City Hall and members of the Council to let them know you want to enrich our city with a top destination spot. Imagine what this space could be. Using it as a quiet place to just relax and reflect on the moment, the day, or life. Maybe reading a book while lying in a hammock. If we were able to get 10 people to go out to Touch the Sky Prairie to do yoga on a nasty Saturday morning in June image how many would attend in this space weekly. What better location than next to the fitness center. We have many awesome parks for our children to go play, is it time we have a park for adults to enjoy?

Our city has done a great job rebuilding on blighted properties to make better use of them. But building twin homes on this site will not make better use of the property on Roundwind Road. Leadership can get caught up in making the easy decision while trying to sustain rapid development, please help them stay focused on doing what is right and support keeping and enriching the green space on Roundwind Road.

P.S. After we have saved this space be sure to take a walk through the evergreen trees in September to stir up the migrating monarch butterflies!. If you play a musical instrument bring it along, I hear they love music.

Wayne Robinson
Luverne

Voice of our readers

Scheidt: It's easy for others when they don't live here

To the Editor:

Well, it is easy for someone else to decide what's best for someone else's neighborhood when they don't live there.

I see that the city acquired some land on the western edge of town. What a much better place for twin homes. Their own little neighborhood like Mounds View and Blue Ridge. You could call it the Western Skies Estates and let Roundwind Road remain a green space. I call this a win-win.

Kenny Scheidt
Luverne

After stellar county fair, thoughts turn to USO shows



For what it's worth

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

Wow, another stellar weekend! The 2017 edition of the Rock County Fair is in the books. Great weather, large crowds, super entertainment in the grandstands, awesome food, free watermelon — what else could you ask for?

At our booth in the commercial building we had the charity spinning wheel — which, by the way, was a big hit with nearly 500 people stopping by and spinning the wheel.

Thursday's winner of the $100 donation from us is the Luverne Cardinal trap shooting team. Friday's winner was A.C.E (Advocate, Connect and Educate) and Saturday's winner was Luverne BackPack Program. All of those groups will receive $100 checks from us as well.

Now the next big thing on the entertainment docket is the USO Show.

There will be two shows, one at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, and the other at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27. Both shows are at the historic Palace Theatre.

Tickets are on sale now at the Palace ticket office located just east of the Palace. Reserved seats are $20 for adults; students 12 and under are $10.

Here's a little USO history for you. USO stands for United Service Organizations and was started in 1941.

USO shows became famous once Hollywood jumped on board. Hollywood celebrities would travel the world over to perform in what became known as camp shows on military bases around the world.

The one Hollywood star more than anyone else that became the face of the USO shows was Bob Hope.

In 1997 the U.S. Congress honored Bob Hope by declaring him the first and only honorary veteran of the United States armed forces. Hope entertained the troops for 50 years and during that time spent 48 of those years on the road at Christmastime doing USO shows for the troops.

And now in the spirit of the great Bob Hope, entertainer Bill Johnson is bringing his Bob Hope USO Tribute Show to Luverne.

This authentic USO re-enactment show also features appearances by Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra and The Andrew Sisters. The Fulda Big Band will present the "Big Sound of Real Swing."

As a kid growing up, I remember my dad didn't think much of the Hollywood types, but he felt differently about Bob Hope. I am not sure if he ever saw one of Hope's USO shows in person, but whenever there was one on television, it was must see TV in our house.

Tickets are selling so don't wait too long or you might miss out.



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FSA awards Harvest Recognition honors to Reitsma and Roemen

Rock County Program Technicians Julie Reitsma (left) and Stacey Roemen (right) recently received the Farm Service Agency's Harvest Recognition Award.

During program year 2017, Stacey and Julie demonstrated exceptional work commitment and outstanding customer service during the extended absence of a fellow staff member.

They not only went above and beyond their normal duties in support of FSA's mission, but also provided outstanding customer service, assisted other FSA offices, and together took responsibility for another one-third of the office workload for the absent team member.

Luverne schools encourage families, students to register for 2017-18 year

New residents to Luverne School District 2184 should come to respective school offices and register students for the 2017-2018 school year.

To register for the high school/middle school, call for an appointment at 507-283-4491 for students in grades six-12 this year.

The elementary school will be open for new students to register starting Monday, Aug. 7.

Parents with elementary students may call 507-283-4497. School starts Tuesday, Sept. 5.



Lori Sorenson/0803 street work

Construction crews install underground infrastructure Tuesday morning on Luverne Street, which is closed between Cedar and Blue Mound Avenue. It's among several local road projects underway in and around Luverne.

Road construction continues in and around Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Construction wrapped up last week on Cedar Street, which was milled off and overlayed from Lincoln Street to Barck Avenue.

This, along with the nearby Luverne Street project, has created tricky traveling for motorists navigating among City Hall, the Courthouse, the Post Office, St. Catherine Church and other points of heavy traffic.

Luverne Street from Cedar to Blue Mound Avenue is being completely rebuilt from the aggregate to the final asphalt lift. The street and its intersections are closed to through traffic for the rest of the summer.

The post office north drive-up drop box is closed to traffic.

Patrons may walk to the box, but customer vehicles are not allowed in the north lot until the end of construction. The dropbox inside the post office lobby is also available.

The City Hall front entrance along Luverne Street is closed, prompting a temporary rear access for the public. People can park in the north lot and use the entrance under the blue canopy.

Winter Bros. Underground, Sioux Falls, submitted the low bid — $755,000 — for the Luverne Street project.

It includes water lines, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, grading, aggregate base, bituminous pavement, curb and gutter, driveway approaches and sidewalks.

Luverne Street is a county state aid highway within the city of Luverne, and the Rock County Highway Department is managing the project.

Luverne and Cedar streets are among several county road improvements within the city this year.

Also in the works are mill-offs and overlays of:

•Nearly three-quarters of a mile of **West Main Street** from Highway 75 to Walnut Avenue,

•1½ miles of **North Blue Mound Avenue** from Fairview to County Road 8 (the T intersection at the Blue Mounds State Park)

Duininck Company, Prinsburg, was awarded the bid for Cedar, Blue Mound and Main Street at $848,800, which includes about $160,000 of work on the Luverne High School **north parking lot**.

It also includes a large **box culvert** under North Blue Mound Avenue between Christensen Drive and 131st Street to facilitate drainage during flood events.

On the record

Dispatch report

July 21

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding Frontier running fiber optics through his property.

•Southwest Health and Human Services requested deputy accompany them to residence.

•Complainant reported hay in roadway at 141st Street and 100th Avenue.

•Complainant reported hay rack missing.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding someone purchasing suspicious amounts of flea spray.

•Complainant requested deputy for custody exchange.

•Multiple complainants reported two small children at the corner of Main Street and Highway 75. Children are trying to cross the highway. A complainant stayed with the kids until parents were identified.

July 22

•Complainant reported leaking fire hydrant on Brown Street.

•Complainant reported he is flying his drone at the Luverne High School.

•Complainant reported a vehicle cut off another driver while traveling south from location. Transferred to state patrol.

•Complainant reported a violation of order for protection. Complainant requested to speak with a deputy.

•Complainant reported a 911 hang-up from subject. Subject was called back and was agitated that law enforcement was contacting her. Subject was in a verbal argument with her boyfriend and was leaving location. Subject refused to give any other information. Dispatched deputy to the area.

•Subject called and wanted to meet a deputy in Hills to see if she was sober enough to drive. Subject admitted to driving to location. Subject wants to leave town to get away from her boyfriend who has been verbally abusive.

July 23

•Complainant reported wood in roadway. Contacted state patrol.

•Complainant reported deputies searching for a vehicle they believe is traveling through Rock County. Subject in vehicle is wanted for beer theft. Unable to locate.

•Complainant reported man outside of Vinnie's Restaurant is holding a sign that says "help."

•Complainant reported child exchange was not completed.

•Deputy transported subject to residence from the Howling Dog.

•Extra patrol requested at Roundwind Drive.

•Complainant reported issues with a dog she bought.

•Caller reported a flat tire, looking for assistance.

July 24

•Complainant requested extra patrol on Crawford Street.

•Road at County Road 53, 1st mile north will be closed for approximately 2.5 days.

•Complainant requested information on what to do with an old gun.

•Complainant reported he got a scam call saying they were from a federal agency.

•Complainant reported he ran out of gas, will get his van out of there shortly.

•Received fax of drift issue from neighbors spraying field in Battle Plain Township.

•Complainant requested a deputy to Lincoln Street. There is a bunch of junk and a car with expired tabs. Deputy requested G&S to tow to their lot.

•Complainant reported two little girls and a baby in the yard on W. Warren St. without an adult around. She has seen them several times before, sometimes in the street.

•Complainant reported grass fire in the northeast corner of Section 1 right on the county line. Fire Department will have to drive through field to get to fire.

•Complainant reported two kids riding their bikes in the traffic lane. Transferred to patrol.

•Complainant reported an order for protection violation.

July 25

•Complainant reported suspicious activity on Lincoln Street. Cars coming and going, many people and people with flashlights.

•Deputy reported out with a stalled vehicle. Party has a flat tire, husband is on the way.

•Complainant requested a deputy accompany her to location in Beaver Creek for a home visit.

•Complainant reported a side dump ran over the curb and now the lights are flashing. Contacted Highway Department.

July 26

•Complainant reported lights on in Mead Court and nobody is living there currently.

•Complainant reported subject knocked on door and asked for help.

•Complainant reported daughter lost her wallet. Unable to give description.

•Complainant reported his brother told him their other brother is dead.

•Complainant requested ICR to document incidence of trespass.

•Complainant reported he will be flying his drone at the fairgrounds.

•Complainant reported that her brother (subject) is threatening to kill her with a knife. Complainant has had problems with subject in the past.

•Complainant requested residence check as he will be out of town.

July 27

•Complainant reported that subject is banging on her door and won't leave. Subject wants to speak to her ex about child custody.

•Complainant reported that subject is revving up a car engine in his garage.

•Complainant reported he cannot get home due to construction. Complainant requested to sign complaint about construction. Advised he would have to contact the city.

•Complainant reported that a man was peeping in the windows on E. State Street. Complainant chased the man into the grain bins in the middle of town.

•Complainant reported a vehicle change.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 transports, 10 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 2 driver's license checks, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 3 abandoned vehicle calls, 4 money escorts, 28 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 1 DWI, 2 driving complaints, 2 warrants, and issued 1 purchase/carry permit and 3 burn permits.





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White House visit



Photo by Greg Hoogeveen

Thirty-three Luverne students spent five days touring Washington, D.C., July 12-16. Pictured in front of the White House are (front row kneeling, from left) Elise Jarchow, Crystal Sayavong, Ainslie Robinson, Ellie Hodgen, Anna Huisman, Meghan Witte, Madigan Flom, Destiny Matthiesen, Brodi Oakley, (middle row) Rachel DenHerder, Elizabeth Kelm, Haleah Soto, Katarina Horn, Trevor Halverson, Kameron Keene, Gaven Hoogeveen, Cooper Arends, Alexa Chesley, Amelia Jarchow, Maddie Gebauer, (back) Leslie Van Engelenhoven, Paige Sandbulte, Genna Rolfs, Rebecca Austin, Jayson Rops, Brody DeBates, Marshal Dammann, Carlton Oftedahl, Noah Herman, Colton Schutz, Cade Wenninger, Peter Baustian and Quinn Buss.

Luverne Middle School offers first-ever educational trip to Washington, D.C.

By Jason Berghorst

"We were kept busy, that's for sure."

That's how Luverne Middle School social studies teacher April Wallace describes the recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Thirty-three eighth- and ninth-grade students, three school staff and twelve adults flew to the nation's capital July 12.

The group spent five busy days touring monuments, museums, memorials, the White House and other famous sites.

"This was a great opportunity for the students," Wallace said. "It makes the things they learn about in school so much more real."

The group toured three Smithsonian museums, the Holocaust Museum, the National Archives, the Arlington Cemetery, the U.S. Capitol and other sites.

The Luverne delegation was also able to meet with Senator Amy Klobuchar while on Capitol Hill.

Monuments and memorials visited included Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War.

"We really saw all the highlights," Wallace said. "The company we used organized a great trip."

This was the first trip to Washington, D.C., offered to Luverne students.

Wallace said she still remembers taking a similar trip to Washington when she was in middle school and wanted to give her current students the same opportunity.

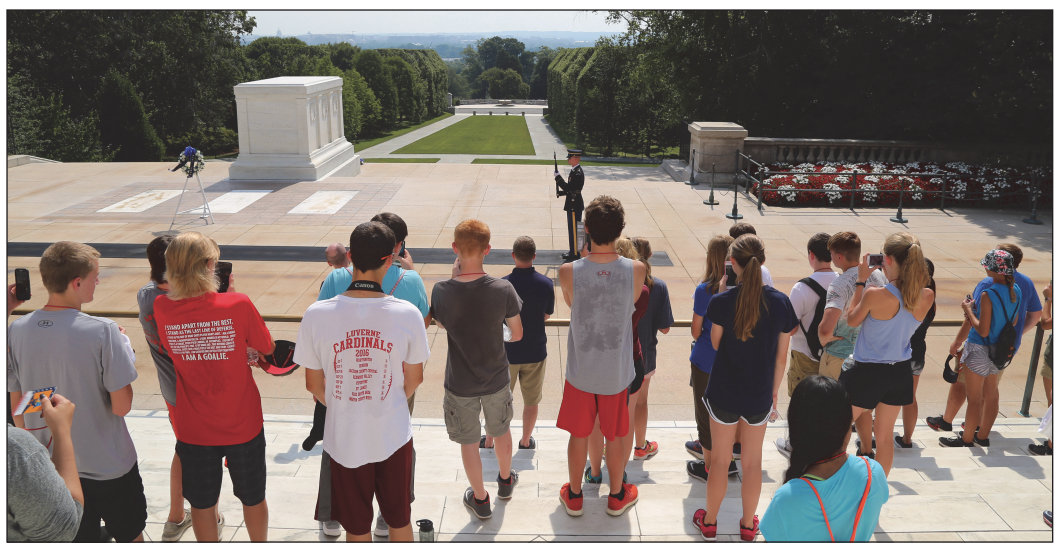


Photo by Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne middle-schoolers watch the Tomb of the Unknown ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery while on an educational trip to Washington, D.C., in July.

"That trip instilled in me a passion for social studies and is still one of the best trips I've been on," she said.

Wallace brought the idea to Middle School/High School Principal Ryan Johnson and he was supportive.

Johnson even traveled with the group as one of the chaperones.

"These trips are great for kids and we hope to continue to give students and families more opportunities for educational travel like this," Johnson said.

He pointed out that Luverne High School already offers opportunities for travel with foreign language, band and choir trips and Washington, D.C. is an especially appropriate new opportunity.

"The classroom really comes alive, especially when in the nation's capital," he added.

The school worked with a student travel company that took care of all of the logistics of the trip and provided a tour leader who traveled with the group the entire time.

"With the tour company taking care of all the travel details, we as chaperones were able to do what we do best, which is take care of the kids," Johnson said.

Preparations for the trip began in the fall of 2015 when then-current seventh- and eighth-graders and their parents were invited to an interest meeting.

The travelers were able to make payments over 18 months in order to make the trip more affordable.

Wallace, who has taught at Luverne Middle School for three years, said there are many benefits to students having the opportunity to travel, especially to Washington, D.C., as teenagers.

"It was clear the students were more interested because they were actually seeing our history and government in person," she said.

"There were some students who are not as passionate about social studies in the classroom who were fully engaged and asking questions."

Wallace said it is likely another trip to Washington, D.C., will be planned for 2019 for those students entering seventh and eighth grade this fall.

"Overall this was a great educational experience and a lot of fun," she said. "I'm hoping they will look back in five or ten years like I did at that age and appreciate it even more," she said.

Celebrations

Births

A girl, Jocelyn Marie, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and 19 1/2 inches long, was born Thursday, July 27, 2017, at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, to **Brent and Mallory Chapman**, Hillsboro, Oregon. She joins a sister, Jacquelyn, 3. Grandparents are Doug and Deanna Chapman, Hills, and Garry and Stephanie Stewart, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Adria Sherwood**, bride-to-be of **Eric Benson**, will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at The Bean at 309 W. Edgehill in Luverne.

A bridal shower for **Jody Bombeck**, bride-to-be of **Derick Richters**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Melissa Christiansen**, bride-to-be of **Aaron Sandager**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 12, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Senior Menu

Monday, Aug. 7: Hamburger, oven-browned potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb sauce.

Tuesday, Aug. 8: Pork loin, buttered boiled potatoes, carrots, bread, poke cake.

Program: Senior Citizens fundraiser 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9: Scalloped chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, cream puff dessert.

Program: Cards with Alyce; "Two-buck Tuesday" sponsored by Home Delivered Meals.

Thursday, Aug. 10: Taco salad (taco meat, cheese, shredded lettuce, chipped tomatoes, salsa, sour cream), dinner roll, fresh fruit, bar.

Friday, Aug. 11: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, green beans, garlic bread, ice cream.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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

School News

Stroeh on Ridgewater College graduate list

Spencer Stroeh, Luverne, graduated from Ridgewater College in Willmar at the Srping 2017 commencement ceremony May 12, 2017.

Stroeh earned his diploma in Farm Operation Management.

Area students receive scholarships at SDSU

Three area students will receive scholarships for the upcoming academic year at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Jed Burgers, son of Stacen and Donna Burgers, Hills, will receive the Yellow and Blue Scholarship. He plans to major in wildlife and fisheries sciences, and natural resource law enforcement.

Zayna Hustoft, daughter of Shawn Hustoft and Brad Hustoft, Luverne, will also receive a Yellow and Blue Scholarship. She is undecided on a major.

Tanner Wiese, son of Dan and Lisa Wiese, Luverne, will receive the Yellow and Blue Scholarship. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Area students graduate from SDSU

Several area students received degrees at the Spring 2017 graduation ceremony at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Hilary Deragisch, Luverne, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy and allied health professions.

Alyssa Hoff, Luverne, received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

D'Shaun Herman, Ellsworth, earned a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree.

Tracy Schultz, Ellsworth, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Brandon Vander Ziel, Hardwick, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and biological sciences.

Nicholas Lorang, Lismore, received a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biological sciences.

McClure named to U of M dean's list

Montana McClure, Magnolia, was named to the Spring 2017 dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To make the list, students must complete 12 or more graded credits with at least a 3.66 GPA.

McClure is a senior in Medical School at the university.

Remember when

10 years ago (2007)

•The Luverne City Council is planning ahead for next year's budget and met to discuss the capital budget last week.

City Administrator John Call said, "I think we'll be able to balance the budget and be on solid ground without a huge tax increase."

The estimation is after the city found out it will receive about $80,000 less than this year in state aid. ...

One of the largest new expenses in the 2008 capital budget is the extension of Koehn Avenue in the Industrial Park ... behind Papik Motors and into the former Marty Mayes property.

25 years ago (1992)

•No cheap miracles are on the horizon for the Rock County Community Swimming Pool.

Concerned about a July 7 report indicating improvements to the facility will cost the city and county $670,000, the Luverne City Council and the Rock County Board approached Spitznagel Architects, Sioux Falls, for a second opinion. Spitznagel designed the pool, which was built by Henry Carlson Company, Sioux Falls, in 1974 and 1975. ...

While no specific costs were mentioned, they cautioned the group not to get their hopes up. A solution will not come in at $200,000.

50 years ago (1967)

•A Lincoln, Nebraska pilot ground looped his plane at the Luverne Municipal Airport at 10 a.m. Friday morning. He was identified as M.L. Waters who landed in the runway ditch. The airstrip was closed. The nose wheel of the Cherokee C 150 was twisted when the plane's left wing caught in the corn growing adjacent to the ditch on the west side of the field. The field was marked closed in the approved manner Thursday by Alan Anderson who tuned off lights and installed two 36 by 36 feet white cloth-paper markers at each end of the strip. A new seal coat of asphalt and gravel was being applied to the strip and runways by Hiway Surfacing Co. of Minnesota. The strip was opened again early this week. The plane was rented by Waters from Lincoln Aviation in Lincoln. A replacement wheel was flown up from Lincoln and the plane was in the air bound for Omaha Friday afternoon. Waters was here on business with Frakes Water Treatment.

75 years ago (1942)

•Announcement that there will be absolutely no extension of the 1938-39 corn loans, which matured Aug. 1, was made this week by the county ACA officials.

Officials expect that with the present price of corn ranging around 70 cents, all farmers who have 1938 or 1939 corn will be only too glad to redeem their loans and sell the corn, or use it for feeding purposes. Sales will be profitable, it was pointed out, as the corn can be redeemed at 61 cents per bushel plus the payment of interest on the loan Aug. 1, 1942. There are approximately 500,000 bushels of 1938-1939 corn in the county, it was estimated.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will accept payment at any time during the 90 day period immediately following the maturity date of note, thereby providing all farmers affected with ample time to make payment.

100 years ago (1917)

•The plant of the McCracken Concrete Pipe Co., which has been in course of remodeling and reconstruction since early spring is now completed and in operation. It fully justifies the expectation that it will not only be Luverne's largest manufacturing industry, but is the largest and most modernly equipped plant of its kind to be found anywhere in the Northwest.

The McCracken company took over the Luverne Concrete Co.'s plant early last spring and since then it has been rebuilt throughout on a greatly enlarged scale. Two large additions have been erected to the factory building, new equipment installed, including tile making machines, a 200 horse-power automatic steam engine, two larger boilers and a drag-line sand elevator and washer. In addition1.600 feet of railroad track has been put in, as well as innumerable lesser improvements made.

Ben Franklin Lodge organizes youth programs

By Mavis Fodness

Two new youth leadership options are open to Rock County families as the Ben Franklin Lodge No. 114 in Luverne begins local girls' and boys' chapters.

"We are actually starting local chapters of international parts of the Masonic Family," said lodge leader Bryce Stoltenberg.

Called "Cornerstone Job's Daughters" and "Cornerstone DeMolay," both programs focus on leadership, public speaking and event planning.

The girls' group is for ages 11 to 20 and takes its name from a story in the Biblical book of Job. The group places special emphasis on community service, according to the Masonic Service Association of North America.

The boys' group is for ages 12 to 21 and takes the last name of Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Templars who was martyred in the Middle Ages for refusing to compromise his honor.

"Also through these programs the members get to make decisions collectively as to what their specific objectives will be," Stoltenberg said. "As long as they're having fun, being responsible and having a positive impact on those around."

The groups meet in the Masonic Temple at 123 N. Freeman St. in Luverne.

Stoltenberg said with the formation of the youth groups, the local lodge will also offer scholarships to its graduating high school seniors through a matching scholarship program.

Lodge members sold raffle tickets at their fair booth to raise money for scholarship and activities.

The prizes are a 2017 VIP moped and $100.

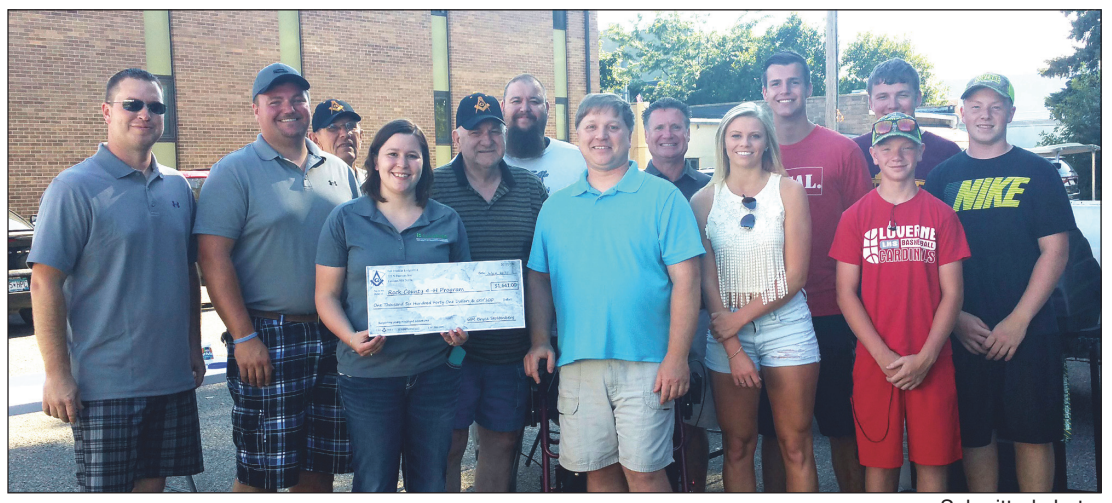
Winners were announced at the Rock County Fair's Enduro race on Saturday.

Pat Baustian, Luverne, won the VIP scooter and Annie Opitz, also of Luverne, won the $100.

The Lodge's graduating seniors include Kayla Rud, Kristin Ziegler, Samantha Ykema, Chris Jelken, Dylan Thorson and Knute Oldre.

The BFL is part of the world's oldest fraternity, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, organized in the early 1700s as a way to share and pass on philosophies of the Masons to future generations.

Through the centuries the Masons moved away from teaching stonemason skills to emphasis and demonstrate the morals of tolerance, respect, kindness and charity within their communities.



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Rock County 4-H Program received a matching check from the Ben Franklin Lodge for $1,614, the amount raised at the program's waffle fundraiser in June. Pictured from left are Justin Kemp, Lee Sells and Larry Willis, 4-H program coordinator Chelsey Asche, Roger Hansen, Adam Kinsinger, Bryce Stoltenberg, Dan Dingmann and Ben Franklin Lodge youth members Kristin Ziegler, Chris Jelken, Knute Oldre (back) and Elliot and Cole Stoltenberg.

For more information about the Masons organization, contact Stoltenberg at 507-283-4999.

Local scouts test survival skills

Luverne and Adrian Boy Scouts Troop 32 traveled through the primitive Boundary Waters area of Northern Minnesota and Canada July 10-18. Pictured are (from left) Tyler DeCesare, Mason Wieneke, Blake Madison, Les Madison, guide Fred Marks, Miki Loosbrock, Mason Wenzel, Beau Loosbrock and Brody Loosbrock. The Northern Tier High Adventure Camping/Canoe Trip took scouts through remote wilderness areas where they portaged their canoes and traveled with bare necessities.

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Local youth attend Rocky Mountain High

The Luverne American Reformed Church youth and counselors attended the national Rocky Mountain High event July 22-26 in Estes Park, Colorado. Pictured are (from left) Josh Ossefoort, Becky Ossefoort, Dean Baker, Chandler Eitreim, Tracy Baker, Eli Haugom, Matt Sandbulte, Justine Sandbulte, Cade Ver Steeg, Nicole Aanenson, Chris Jelken, Kaylie Ossefoort, Riley Baker, Hannah Kruse, Cody Sasker, Whitney Elbers, Dylan Mente, Cassidy Teunissen, Joe Guy, Tia Hadler, Matthew Jelken, Emilie Staeffler, Tom Brown, Michaella Sandbulte, Joel Thacker, Michaela Van Grootheest, Autumn Olson, Trevor Mente, LaDonna Van Aartsen and Darrel Van Aartsen. Rocky Mountain High is a youth conference held every three years geared toward high school students organized by the Synod of the Heartland Youth Ministry Office.

LaDonna VanAartsen described the impact of the trip as "life changing" for both students and adults. "We had the privilege of going to the Rocky Mountains and listening to awesome speakers, experiencing exciting worship and spending 24-7 with our youth group," she said. "It's time for us to share our faith with our students and a time for them to share their struggles and joys with us. Together we grow in our love for Christ. That's a great way to spend a week."



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Grace Lutheran youth 'Ascend to New Heights'

"Ascending to New Heights" was the theme of the 2017 Grace Lutheran youth mission trip to Estes Park, Colorado. Thirty-six high school students and seven adults from Grace Lutheran in Luverne traveled to the YMCA of the Rocky Mountains July 16-20. Mission work included helping with vegetation preservation in Rocky Mountain National Park and serving at a homeless shelter. The students also put on a carnival using games they created and brought to Colorado and prizes that were donated by members of GLC. Participants were (front row, from left) Isaac Eidem, Solveig Tofteland, Sophie Holmberg, Samantha Wieneke, Sadie Reisdorfer, Kaitlyn Anderson, Jadyn Anderson, Mackenzie Petersen, Jennifer Bakken, Rachel Oftedahl, (middle) Courtney Wendland, Tucker Wieneke, Nicole Hoogland, Greta Ahrendt, Jacinda Hustoft, Jessica Anderson, Madison Reisdorfer, Reva Sehr, Hanna Honerman, Sierra Schmuck, Sage VerSteeg, Jordan Winter, (back) Carrie Overgaard, Hans Bakken, Anika Gust, Gunnar Oldre, Austin Winter, Julia Ferguson, Ben Wagner, Cole Stoltenberg, Terry Hoogland, Eric Thorson, Andrew Wagner, Derek Lundgren, Matt Sehr, Nathan Overgaard, Chad Overgaard, Jon Gacke, Jaxon Nelson, Coy Gonnerman, Tyler Fick, Daniel Tofteland and John Thorson.

Obituary

LaVaye Dubro



LaVaye Dubro, 84, Iroquois, South Dakota, died Friday, July 14, 2017, at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the result of an accident.

A funeral service was Thursday, July 20, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Iroquois. Burial was at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

LaVaye Tibbetts was born in Huron, South Dakota, on Jan. 26, 1933, to Donald and Ruth (Clement) Tibbetts, Bancroft, South Dakota. She attended grade school and high school at Bancroft Independent School District, graduating in 1951. Upon graduation, LaVaye moved to De Smet, South Dakota, where she was employed at Peschel Lockers.

Lavaye married Lowell Dubro of rural Iroquois on Dec. 27, 1951, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bancroft. Lowell was in the U.S. Airforce and was still training, so LaVaye continued to work for Fred Peschel until she joined her husband at Andrews Airforce Base in Washington, D.C., from 1953 until 1955. In April of 1955 the couple returned to the family farm.

LaVaye was baptized into the Presbyterian faith. She joined the Lutheran faith when she was married. LaVaye was a very active member in the church, serving on the church council, Sunday school teacher superintendent, and president of the church women. LaVaye also served as the church lector and treasurer of the parish (Carthage, Artesian, and rural Iroquois) for ten years. In 2002 she was recognized by the parish for her work.

In 1968 LaVaye was chosen as one of the Top Ten Women in South Dakota. From 1972 until 1980 she owned and operated L & L Catering Service. In 1982 she became the National Pre-Teen and Petite State Director for the South Dakota Pageant system. LaVaye started her own pageant system in 1985 and trained over 700 young women.

LaVaye served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, president of the Parent Teachers Association, state secretary for the South Dakota American Agriculture Movement, and lobbied in Washington, D.C., for farmers in the early 1980s.

In 1970 LaVaye and her husband hosted exchange student Rosario Vilchez from Nicaragua for 13 months.

In 2009 LaVaye received the Spirit of South Dakota Award.

She is survived by her husband, Lowell; two daughters, Lonna (Mike) Wilson, Tea, South Dakota, and Leah (Mark) Gath, Luverne; five grandsons, Darrin TeBeest (fiancée Darcie Sauer), Sioux Falls, Jason (Shelley) TeBeest, Brandon, South Dakota, Adam Wilson, Sioux Falls, Dalton Gath and Stetson Gath, Luverne; a granddaughter, Ashley Wilson, Tea; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; special family member Rosario Torres; twin brother LaVerne (Twila) Tibbetts of Blue Earth; sister Charlene Danilko, De Smet; a sister-in-law, Brenda Tibbetts, Sioux Falls; several nieces and nephews; and special friend of the family Dwayne LaFave of De Smet.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Laurie; her parents; a sister, Marjorie Tibbetts; two brothers, Donald and Craig Tibbetts; two brothers-in-law, Harvey Hoffer and Ed Danilko; and her parents-in-law, Herman and Mary Dubro.

Arrangements were by Welter Funeral Home, Huron, South Dakota, welterfuneralhome.com.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0803 water tower work

Workers remove shroud equipment atop the Luverne water tower Tuesday afternoon. The photograph below was taken last week when the shroud was still in use.

Wraps removed as water tower work wraps up

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 300,000-gallon water tower in the center of town now bears the new "Love the Life" logo as workers continue their work to refurbish the tank.

The tower is getting a cleaning, safety check, interior and exterior painting, exterior balcony replacement, new lighting and an updated (and illuminated) city of Luverne logo for a total cost of $434,000.

Utility Service Co. from Perry, Georgia, was awarded the bid, which includes the $92,000 encapsulation shroud.

A 1989 tower painting project without the shroud resulted in 77 overspray complaints turned in to the city's insurance.

The new high performance coating inside and outside the tank has a service life of roughly 30 years.



The tank has been drained and will be out of service for the next several weeks. During that time city water will run on pressure through plants and ground storage.



Mavis Fodness photo/0803 water tower work

An oversized ghost costume appears to rise out of the center of town as work continues on the 300,000-gallon water tower in Luverne. This photo was taken July 13. The shroud protected surrounding neighborhoods from blasting debris and paint overspray.

Luverne Pioneer Girls share memories of hardship during settling early days

This is the third in a series about a 1929 Pioneer Girls reunion that appeared in the Rock County Herald on July 9, 1926. At the meeting, Effie Grout-Lindsey pays tribute to the mothers and wives of early day settlers.



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

LUVERNE PIONEER GIRLS HOLD ANNUAL RE-UNION

Effie Grout-Lindsey Pays Tribute to the Mothers and Wives of Early Day Settlers.

... Nowhere (in the pages of local history) are the names of such community builders as Mrs. M. A. Crawford, Mrs. A. C. Croft, Mrs. I. I. Smith and a host of others, who through long years made almost unequaled contribution to all moral and religious causes.

In vain one searches for a roster of that group of Luverne women, who before the days of Women's Christian Temperance Union, became convinced that victory over the legalized liquor traffic could only come through sacrificial prayer and personal effort, and true to the vision that was theirs, left their quiet, well ordered homes and together presented themselves at the door of Luverne's one saloon to plead with its owner to dispose of his unrighteous business and engage in something that would bless instead of curse humanity!

Gentlewomen these, not militant Amazons!

But their names are unnoted, no one remembers today just who formed that historic group nor how many there wer4 in the party, but though in the then far West, they were one in spirit and purpose with the dauntless band of Crusaders, who in Ohio wrote their names large in the nation's history.

It was the unprecedented devotion of such women as these to unrighteousness, in countless others of their sex, such opposition to unrighteousness as could end in but one way, the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution!

And since all these names and facts are unrecorded, and since very many of those who participated in the activities of those early days are gone. I cannot now do them the homage they deserve. In general terms only can I bring my meed of appreciation and praise.

And so I turn to my own memories and strive to reconstruct the blurred impressions of my early childhood. So near to babyhood was I in the memorable days of 1873 and '74 that had I been even a very few months younger, I could not now from first-hand knowledge pass on either experiences or impressions. In stirring the embers of the fires that burned a half century ago I want, if possible, to discover some of the traits and characteristics that give poise and persistence and power to those pioneer women and made of them triumphant builders they were destined to become. May I allude very briefly to a few incidents that stand out in my mind?

The earliest is my memory of my first night in Rock county. The prairie schooners, which had brought us and a part of our household goods the long journey from eastern Wisconsin to this new land, had been brought to a stop near the sod dwellings of near and dear kinsmen, who had "come out West" a year in advance. In the middle of the night, as I lay asleep in the bed on the floor of the wagon, I was awakened by the light from a lantern flashing in my eyes. Over me bent the tender, solicitous face of my young mother, who a few weeks before had turned her back upon a beautiful home where she had been surrounded by every comfort.

There was the big white house, the generous barns and granaries, the windmill and cisterns, the overarching shade trees, the rich pastures, and fenced fields; and now, after a four weeks' tiresome journey, she had come into this new land, this treeless wilderness, with her three young children, to make for them and her husband a home.

And this, the first night in the new land, her little ones were being literally devoured by that pest of the prairies, the always hungry flea. Though sleep was impossible, no irritation was manifested and no complaint passed her lips.

Again, it was a July day in 1873. The new schoolhouse was completed and Miss Jennie Grout was conducting the first public school in the village. Thirty children responded to roll call! The first "all-frame" dwelling in Rock county, erected by my father, about a block from the schoolhouse, was ready for occupancy and our family had taken possession.

One lovely morning I was walking from the schoolhouse with my hand held tightly in the teacher's when she gave an exclamation of surprise and directed my wondering, childish gaze upward to and through the silk sunshade she carried. She told me to see the great circle around the sun and then called my attention to the peculiar, hazy look of the sky.

"The sun seemed to shine through clouds of fine specks, floating high above us, that resembled fluff from cottonwood seed. Presently, this fluff began to "fall," and the plague of grasshoppers was upon us! Raiding hordes of the insect, in countless millions, spread out over the country and are ravenously of every green thing before them.

More next week about the grasshoppers ...



Open Class winners/from 2A

Eileen Hemme.

•Champions of Subdivisions: Maria Rops, Jackie Gyberg, Katie Walgrave.

*Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Eileen Hemme, Sherri Ladd.

Fruits and Vegetables:

•Best of Show: Larry Gielen; Reserve Best of Show: Dorral Kramer Guzman.

•Champions of Subdivisons: Larry Gielen, Coulter Thone.

•Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Dorral Kramer Guzman, Chloe Schoeneman.

Place Settings:

•Best of Show: Patty Kienholz; Reserve Best of Show: Annabell Petronek.

Crops:

•Best of Show: Eric Fick; Reserve Best of Show: Eric Fick.

•Tallest Corn: Emilee Sandbulte; Reserve tallest corn stalk: Lucas Sandager.

Bucket of Flowers:

•Best of Show (5 gallon buckets): Olive Greve.

•Reserve Best of show (5 gallon buckets): Ruth Chovancek.

•Best of Show (3 gallon buckets): Shirley Honken.



Mavis Fodness photo/0803 Open Class Gabriella Porter

Gabriella Porter displays the ribbons she won in Open Class competition at the fair.

•Reserve Best of Show (3 gallon buckets): Evelyn Stueven.

Needlework:

•Best of Show: Dawn Vanderbeek; Reserve Best of Show: Deb VanHeerde.

•Champions: Dawn Vanderbeek, Sandy Loose, Becky Anderson.

•Reserves: Doral Kramer Gusman, Deb VanHeerde, Sandy Loose.



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2017 Rock County Fair



Above: Poultry judge Wayne Fischer (center) comments on the high quality of poultry brought to the Rock County Fair to 4-H'ers and audience members Wednesday night, July 26.

Right: Denver Go-Getters 4-H Club member Cassie Flanagan gives her red-and-white winter calf a bath Wednesday as her mother, Mary Flanagan, lends a hand holding the calf.





Judge Mark Schoenfeld (left) checks the top line of Riley Baker's ewe lamb Thursday during the 4-H sheep show.



Teal's Market employees in Luverne handed out 900 free watermelon wedges Thursday night to fair visitors, including Jaxen Lohrenz, 5, of Sioux Falls. Teal's Market purchased Glen's Food Center in Luverne late last year. "We're new to the neighborhood and wanted to connect with the community," said store manager Sherri Thompson.



Above: Children as well as adults donned air-filled armor Thursday afternoon for a game of X-treme Balls, where participants purposely run into each other toppling each other over while inside the clear plastic balls.

Stegemann marks 40 years of giving 4-H award

By Mavis Fodness

Between spoonfuls of ice cream, 98-year-old Louise Stegemann reflected on the 4-H award she has given away to young dairy handlers since 1977.

"Honored" is how she described giving first-year dairy exhibitor Ella Sammons the champion junior dairy award.

Son Bill Stegemann and daughter Linda Wenzel escorted their mother into the livestock show arena at the Rock County Fairgrounds, where the Fred Stegemann family has sponsored and presented the award to the youngest of dairy exhibitors each year.

The late Fred Stegemann began sponsoring the award in honor of his nephew, Todd, who also worked hard preparing dairy animals for show but didn't receive any recognition.

"The older ones seem to get the trophies," Wenzel recalled. "He thought these other (younger) kids needed an award."

Fred and Louise Stegemann milked cows for 45 years. Each year the family spent their vacation time showing dairy animals at the Rock County Fair.

"It was the highlight of our year along with the State Fair," Wenzel recalled.

Louise Stegemann is currently a resident at the Tuff Home in Hills.



Bill Stegemann (left) ushers his mom, Louise Stegemann, into the livestock arena Saturday night during the 4-H Parade of Champions event to present the champion junior dairy award to 4-H'er Ella Sammons. The Fred Stegemann Family have presented the award annually since 1977.



Rollie Crawford of Beaver Creek draws his 2-year-old granddaughter Elise's attention to the hogs in the show arena Thursday morning, July 27.

More events, nice weather boost fair attendance

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

The 2017 Rock County Fair featured more events than previous years, and that combined with warm summer days helped the Rock County Ag Society's efforts to renew people's interest in the decades-old event.

"The weather impacted the attendance to make it the best fair attendance we have ever had since I have been involved (for the past 17 years)," said society president Isaac DeBoer.

"We tried to provide more free activities on the grounds than in previous years."

Some of those activities included the Ag Cab Lab, bingo, face-painting and pioneer photography. These activities were made possible by more sponsorships and cooperation between the volunteer fair board members and the 4-H Extension.

Four days of sunshine after a day of needed rain in the area also helped boost attendance for the July 26-29 event.

Free admission to the fairgrounds prevents the ag society from tracking exact attendance, but more than 3,000 people appeared at the four evening activities.

He said the talent show at the Palace Theater drew 300 people followed by 800 at the Thursday's speedway races.

Friday's Minnesota Xtreme Bull Riding drew the largest crowd with 1,100 attending followed by 900 at Saturday night's Enduro Race in front of the grandstands.

While the dry weather was good for attendance, it wasn't good for the Open Class vegetable and flower entries, which saw a decline from the previous fair.

"Everything else was pretty consistent with previous years," said superintendent Lynette Jauret.

Also the same consistency was experienced in the youth events.

The 4-H program featured 197 youth participating in the general and livestock project areas.

Rock County youth earned 90 trips to upcoming state 4-H events.



Goat show judge Mary Nelson (left) takes a closer look at Moriah Flanagan's entry Thursday afternoon.



Willing Workers 4-H Club member Gavin Johnson balances an egg on a spoon Saturday afternoon, July 29, during the horse games show.



Submitted photo

LHS Class of 1962 celebrates 55th reunion

The Class of 1962 got together for their 55th reunion at the Luverne Country Club on July 14. Attending the event were (front, left) Bea Olson Maxwell, Joan Dibbern Mayer, Stephanie Anderson Frackman, Susie Carter VanBatavia, Linda Bowman Moeller, Sandy Miller Murphy, Joyce Raschke Forrest, Carol Godfrey Lundholm, Darlene Hitch Woolsey, (back, left) Loren Forrest, Bill Mohr, Bob Alink, Larry Rolfs, Ardell Bowman, Virgil Smit, Barb Mulvihill Priesz, Keith Brooks, Vikki Golla Joseph, Tom Arends, Lyle Nelson, Stan Gyberg, Carlos Meinerts and Paul Schmaltz.



Submitted photo

Magnolia classes of '72 and '73 meet for reunion

The Magnolia High School classes of 1972 and 1973 gathered for a reunion Saturday, July 15, at the home of Randy and Vicky Smook, rural Luverne. Pictured are (front, left) Dennis Smook, John Kopp, Bob Aanenson, Marilyn (Olson) Bergman, Laurie (Graphenteen) Van Klei, Lynna (Tofteland) Christiansen, Duane Klein, (middle) Colette Cauwels, Colleen (Cauwels) Anderson, Diane (Thompson) Schullo, Steve Van Klei, Jack Klein, Judy (Schmidt) Wiese, (back) Duane Nieuwboer, Donn Anderson, Tom Kopp, Jerry McClure, Doug Eaten, Jay Cauwels, Dan Lais and Randy Smook.



Submitted photo

Luverne High School Class of '72 meets for reunion

The Luverne High School Class of 1972 gathered for a reunion Saturday, July 15, at the home of Randy and Vicky Smook, Luverne. Pictured are (front, left) Pat Connell, Sallie Frahm Smith, Sally (Nelson) Frahm, Marcia (Huiskes) Bork, Vicky (Birkeland) Smook, Jeanne (Murphy) Watson, Martha (Vegge) Nelson, Becky (Gangestad) Keller, Diane (Foerster) Jauert, Kay (Sandbo) Mafer, Twyla Strassburg, (back) Randy Remme, Fred Boll, Pat Pelstring, Zane Birky, Roger Tollefson, Tony Miller, John Smith, Steve Sehr, Brenda (Boelman) Hurley, Max Jensen, Judy (Schmidt) Wiese, Dennis Oehlerts, Barb (Obermoller) Oye, Joel Christensen and Paula (Wendt) Joyce. Not pictured are Julie Hermann, Jeannine (Clark) Vastenhout, Kathe (Braa) Stearns, Lori Boelman, Rick Wenzel, Jack Hommen, Paula (Bentson) Scheidt and Mary (O'Toole) Hemme.

Container gardening requires frequent feedings, pruning of dominant plants



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

The container gardens that are happy because they have had the attention they demand are doing what we want them to do. The color is great and they are lush and full.

However, an occasional plant will decide to dominate the scene, and some pruning is required to keep the beast controlled. Sweet potato vine is one of those dominators, and I encourage you to thin the plant enough to allow its companions to have a little room too. Believe me, it will come right back, but you are the boss.

And with the need for much and many waterings, the necessity of feeding becomes important to maintain energy for the plants. Frequent watering will often leech nutrients from the soil, so replenishing and maintaining that available food for the plants is vital to keep the color coming.

Using a water-soluble fertilizer makes the nutrients available to the plants immediately, and I try to feed every fourth or fifth watering.

On the fertilizer package, the analysis will give a set of three numbers. A good product to use for blooming plants will have the highest number in the middle. That number represents phosphorus which is the nutrient that promotes flower development. The first number is nitrogen, which gives plants the lush green color and stem growth. Excess nitrogen inhibits flower development ... that explains the reason for a higher percentage of phosphorus in the recommended analysis.

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned spider mite symptoms showing up on my bush beans, and I recommended a blast of water to wash them from the underside of the leaves.

Well, nature has not given us any assistance in the form of rain, and the water treatment needs to be repeated every couple of days. So if you are dealing with the mite problem, a spray application of neem oil will knock off the mites. That spray will have to be repeated in about five days. But it is effective in getting the mites under control.

Neem oil is an organic insecticide/ miticide/ fungicide because of its mode of action. The product is totally safe to use right up to harvest. Interesting to me was the fact that neem oil is being tested as a possible treatment for cancer because of its antioxidant properties.

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

CRP routine grazing, managed harvesting expires next month

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants can utilize routine grazing and managed harvesting as outlined in their conservation plan. Managed harvesting and routine grazing are authorized under certain conditions to improve the quality and performance of the CRP cover.

Routine grazing is authorized every other year. Contracts approved prior to July 28, 2010, and still considered managed grazing can only participate in grazing one out of every three years.

Managed harvesting for hay is authorized no more frequently than one in three years.

Under normal conditions, managed harvesting and routine grazing can be requested at the local FSA office by the landowner or producer on the CRP contract. The same acreage cannot be hayed and grazed.

CRP acres must be considered fully established before haying or grazing can be authorized. In addition, haying or grazing CRP acres is not authorized during the primary nesting season May 15 through Aug. 1 in southern Minnesota.

Producers must request approval before haying or grazing the acreage. It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that includes haying and grazing requirements.

For routine grazing, the authorization expires Sept. 30 and all livestock must be removed immediately. CRP participants are not permitted to graze any acreage hayed or grazed under managed or emergency provisions.

Participants must report the number of acres routine grazed by Oct. 10.

For haying, the authorization expires Sept. 15 and all hay bales must be completely removed from CRP contract acres by that date. CRP participants must report the number of acres hayed to FSA by no later than Sept. 25. Haying is limited to one cutting.

Routine grazing and managed harvesting will result in an annual rental payment reduction of no less than 25 percent based on the number of acres actually grazed or harvested. Producers who qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher will not be assessed a payment reduction.

All hayed and grazed acres are subject to FSA spot-check at any time during or after the authorization period.

It is important to contact the local FSA office, 283-2369, prior to any haying or grazing activities on CRP acres to ensure the contract remains in compliance.



VFW repeats as Third District champs

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne won its second consecutive VFW Third District title by winning three consecutive games in the event's Final Four Tournament staged at Redbird Field Saturday and Sunday.

The Cardinals posted wins over Worthington and Marshall Black on Saturday before defeating Pipestone by seven runs during Sunday's championship game.

Luverne takes a 15-3 record to the Minnesota State VFW Baseball Tournament in Willmar August 10-13.



John Rittenhouse photo/0803 vfw 9

Luverne's Matthew Sehr begins to slide before registering one of the VFW team's 12 runs during Saturday's Final Four game against Worthington at Redbird Field Saturday. The Cards captured the Third District title.

Luverne 11, Pipestone 4

Luverne clinched the District title by putting together an 8-0 run during Sunday's championship game with Pipestone.

Pipestone put together a three-run rally in the top of the third to knot the score at three, but Luverne scored eight unanswered runs over the next four innings to put the game out of reach.

Quinn Buss ignited the rally with an RBI single in the bottom of the third to make it a 4-3 game.

Charlie Reisch singled home a run in the fourth to up the lead to 5-3 before Luverne settled the issue with a six-run rally in the sixth inning.

Ben Serie doubled home one run in the sixth, while Tyler Roberts, Colby Crabtree and Matthew Sehr drew bases-loaded walks during the frame.

One more run scored on an error and another on a passed ball in the sixth, which ended with Luverne sporting an 11-3 advantage before Pipestone scored the game's final run in the seventh inning.

Luverne opened the scoring with a three-run first inning featuring Mark Sterrett drawing a bases-loaded walk, Reisch registering a sacrifice fly and another run scoring on an error.

Declan Beers pitched six and one-third innings of four-run, seven-hit, five-strikeout ball to earn the win.

Isaiah Bartels fanned two batters and yielded one walk in relief to Beers.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	1	2	0
Lundgren	3	2	1	0
Sehr	0	1	0	1
Beers	5	0	1	0
Serie	4	0	2	1
Von Tersch	0	2	0	0
Sterrett	2	1	0	1
Reisch	2	1	1	2
Bartels	2	1	0	0
Buss	3	0	1	1
Knips	0	0	0	0
Roberts	0	1	0	1
Crabtree	1	1	1	1
Nekali	1	0	0	0

Luverne 4, MB 1

The Cardinals ended the first day of tournament play with a 2-0 record after topping Marshall Black by three runs Saturday night.

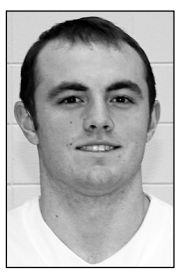
Luverne scored the game's first four runs and blanked

Champs/continued on page 5B

Alex Weis competes in Turkey

By John Rittenhouse

Although Alex Weis was unable to meet his preset goals for the competitions, his appearance at the 23rd version of the Deaflympic Games was a rousing success overall.



Weis

Weis, a 2013 Luverne High School graduate, competed in three throwing events at the spectacle staged in Samsun, Turkey.

The Luverne and Southwest Minnesota State University track standout had hopes of bringing back a couple of medals, including one gold medal, when he returned to the United States on Monday.

Unfortunately that didn't happen.

Weis was pinning his hopes on securing medals on his throwing distances compared with the top finishers in the shot put, discus and hammer throws during the 2013 Games in Bulgaria.

What he didn't know going into the 2017 Games was the fact that the competition would be a lot stronger.

He did turn in a pair of fifth-place performances and finished in sixth place in another event, but earning a medal for placing third or better in any event eluded Weis.

Weis/continued on page 5B

Ninth-inning losses end 2017 season for Luverne Redbirds

By John Rittenhouse

The 2017 amateur baseball season came to an end for the Luverne Redbirds at the end of a quarterfinal-round series of the Region 13C Playoffs last week.

Luverne opened the series with a six-run win over Milroy at Redbird Field July 25, but the Irish bounced back to post one-run wins Friday and Sunday to sideline the Redbirds for the rest of the summer.

Luverne ends the season with an 18-9 record.

Milroy 6, Luverne 5

A fantastic finish by the Irish proved to be the difference in decisive Game 3 at Redbird Field Sunday.

Trailing 5-0 after three innings of play, Milroy trimmed the difference to three runs (5-2) by plating a pair of runs in the top half of the fifth inning.

Luverne pitchers blanked the Irish over the next three frames to maintain the three-run advantage, but the situation changed in the ninth inning when Milroy exploded for six hits and four runs.

A double and consecutive singles by Milroy made it a 5-3 game, but Luverne relief pitcher Skyler Wenninger fanned the next batter and induced the next hitter to ground into a fielder's choice for the second out of the inning.

The fielder's choice did produce a run for Milroy, and the Irish plated two more runs on consecutive singles to gain a 6-5 edge.

When Milroy retired the side in order in the bottom of the ninth, Luverne's season was complete.

Luverne plated a pair of runs on errors and received an RBI single from Phil Paquette and a sacrifice fly from Wenninger during a four-run rally in the bottom of the second.

The Redbirds upped the lead to 5-0 when Connor Crabtree walked and scored on a single by Logan Norman in the third.

Wenninger was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing two innings of four-strikeout, seven-hit, four-run ball.

Codie Zeutenhorst worked seven innings of two-run ball as the starting pitcher. He hit five batters, walked three, yielded three hits and fanned four batters.

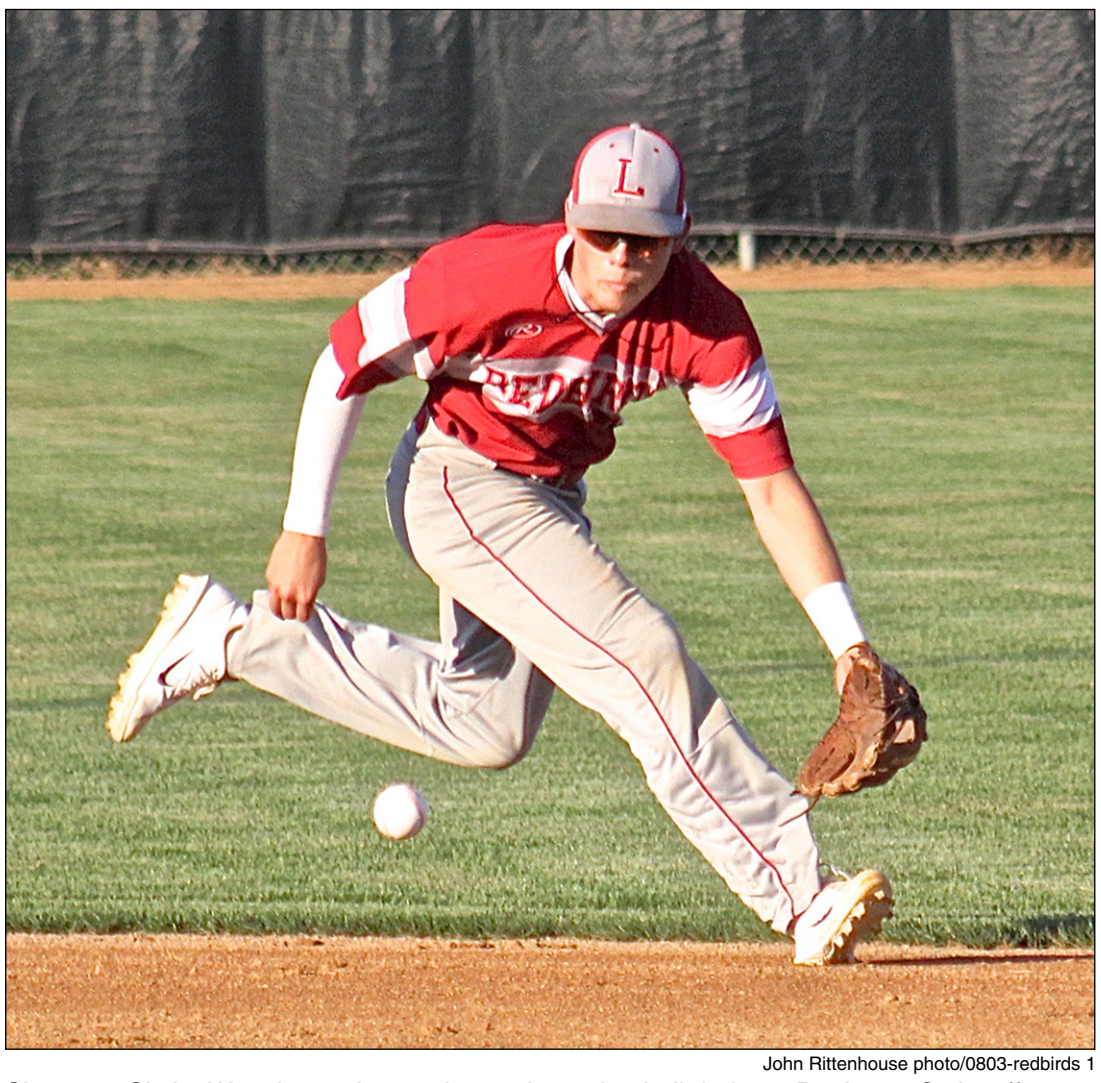
Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	3	0	0	0
Wenninger	4	0	1	1
Paquette	4	0	3	1
Zeutenhorst	5	0	0	0
Christensen	5	1	3	0
Overgaard	0	0	0	0
Crabtree	4	2	2	0
Mauer	2	1	0	0
Bosch	1	0	0	0
Vajgrt	4	1	1	0
Norman	4	0	1	1

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John Rittenhouse photo/0803 enduro champ

Luverne's Chris Hoogland completed 119 laps to win an abbreviated version of the Enduro Race at the Rock County Fair Saturday. It was Hoogland's first title in four attempts.



John Rittenhouse photo/0803-redbirds 1

Shortstop Skyler Wenninger chases down a bouncing ball during a Region 13C playoff game against Milroy at Redbird Field July 25. Wenninger belted a two-run home run during the contest.

Hoogland takes top honors at abbreviated Enduro Race

By John Rittenhouse

A first-time champion emerged from the pack as the winner of an abbreviated version of the annual Enduro Race at the Rock County Fair Saturday.

With an antenna problem hampering the track's lap-counting system, race officials called the 43 drivers on hand for the event off the track shortly after the race began at 7 p.m.

When the electronics malfunction could not be corrected, racing action started at 8:50 p.m. and continued until 10:10.

Although 40 minutes were shaved off the race's two-hour time limit, Luverne's Chris Hoogland didn't seem to mind.

Hoogland completed 119 laps in the 1:20 event to emerge as the champion of the 2017 event.

"When they told me that I won, I thought they were joking," Hoogland said shortly after the event.

"I'm still in shock," he continued.

"I didn't expect it (win the race) to happen, but it feels amazing."

Hoogland has raced in the last four Enduro Races at the fair, and he turned in a top-10 effort during his second year as an entry in 2015.

Hoogland has driven the same car with the help of basically the same pit crew for the past four years.

This time the driver and crew were the toast of the track when the 80-minute event was complete.

"I didn't even know the race was 40 minutes shorter than it has been," he admitted.

"Once they called us back on the track, I just thought I was going to be out there the rest of the night."

Hoogland highlighted what was a pretty good night for Luverne drivers Saturday.

With Hoogland leading the charge, Luverne entries claimed five positions in the top 10 finishers at event's end.

Luverne's Dave Niessink and Tanner Baustian both completed 116 laps to finish fourth and fifth respectively, while Jacinda Walker finished 114 laps to place sixth.

Luverne's Jasmine Kalass placed 10th after completing 110 laps.

A pair of South Dakota drivers from Lennox proved to be Hoogland's nearest challengers.

Dana Hood finished 117 laps to place second, while James Steinfurth placed fourth with 116 laps.

Justyn Bolluyt (address unknown) finished seventh after completing 13 laps.

Hadley's Brett Staab and Tracy's Mike Bents finished 112 laps to place eighth and ninth respectively.

Although Hoogland is the reigning fair champion, he wouldn't commit to making an appearance at the Late Season Endurance Race in September.

"The way I see it right now, I'm thinking this would be a good time to retire," he said.

Redbird Field was place to be on Super Sunday



From the sidelines

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Redbird Field was the place to be on Sunday, and I had a great time taking in the proceedings.

Although the day included mixed results for the Luverne teams playing meaningful games within the city limits, it probably was the single most important day at the field since Aug. 1 of 2014.

If you don't recall, the summer of 2014 was a trying one for Luverne baseball teams.

Redbird Field was to be the site of the Minnesota State Division II American Legion Baseball Tournament, but the heavy June rains flooded our gem of a field twice, and it looked as if the highly anticipated state tournament might have to be relocated.

Thanks to the hard work of city workers and members of the Luverne Baseball Association, that didn't happen.

They beat the odds by getting the field ready for play for what I recall as the most meaningful day of baseball in my tenure in Luverne.

The first three games of the state legion tournament proved to be the first games played at Redbird Field since early June of 2014, and the host team got to take the field for the first-round finale.

The Legion squad took advantage of an emotional return of baseball to Redbird Field by defeating defending state champion La Crescent 5-2 that night.

With the first four games of the Legion Tournament in the books, the Redbirds received the opportunity to play their first home game since June later that night.

The Redbirds nipped Wilmont 6-5 to sweep a Region 13C Playoff series in the finale, which clinched a berth in the state tournament for our local amateur team.

Sunday's slate of games may not have been as intriguing to local baseball fans as they were back in 2014, but I was looking forward to watching the set of games on the verge of being staged as I drove to the ball field.

I was especially excited to watch the VFW squad play because the Cardinals had an opportunity to repeat Third District Champions for the first time since 1987. (Luverne actually won three District titles between 1986-88.)

The 2017 Cardinals didn't disappoint the large crowd on hand for the game when they squared off against Pipestone.

The score was knotted at three two and one-half innings into the game, but Luverne scored the next eight runs to win their ninth District title in program history.

Unfortunately, things didn't end so happily for the Redbirds in the final game of the day.

After upending the Milroy Irish by six runs in the first game of a Region 13C Playoff series on July 26, the Redbirds were faced with a do-or-die situation on Sunday when the Irish nipped Luverne 9-8 during the second game of the series Friday near Milroy.

It looked as if the Redbirds would avenge Friday's loss when they scored the first five runs of decisive Game 3 on Sunday.

Milroy, however, staged one of the most stunning comebacks I've ever witnessed.

Trailing by three runs (5-2) entering the ninth inning, the Irish stunned the crowd by scoring four runs (two came with two outs in the inning) to pull out a 6-5 win.

The day may not have ended the way Luverne fans may have liked, but baseball can be a humbling sport.

Regardless of the results, most fans would have to admit that Sunday was a pretty entertaining day at our local ballpark.



John Rittenhouse photo/0803 bull 5 cut

Sioux Falls entry Cody Moore takes a wild bull ride during Friday's grandstand show at the 2017 Rock County Fair.

Spillover crowd takes in new grandstand show at Rock County Fairgrounds

Minnesota Xtreme Bull Riding is big hit Friday night

By John Rittenhouse

A new addition to the 2017 grandstand lineup at the Rock County Fair proved to be a big hit Friday night.

More than a thousand fans showed up for the Minnesota Xtreme Bull Riding event, filling the stands and even forcing fair officials to set up a make-shift seating area to accommodate more spectators around the arena.

The popularity of the event even caught Barb Kraph, the chairperson of the event, by surprise.

"I heard we had approximately 1,150 people to attend the show, which was way beyond my wildest expectations," she said.

A total of 26 members of the Minnesota Extreme Bull Riding Tour showed up to compete for Rock County fans.

When the riding was complete, two of the competitors managed to complete eight-second rides to produce scores.

Trevor Easton, of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, emerged as the lone rider in the professional division to complete an eight-second stint on a bull.

Devin Roering, of Long Prairie, was the lone rider in the rookie class to complete an eight-second ride.

However, Uncle Si, the bounty bull for the event, kept his perfect run of not being ridden for eight seconds during the event.

Uncle Si comes from the stock of former Minnesota Viking Jared Allen.

Since the bounty bull wasn't ridden for eight seconds by the lucky cowboy who received the opportunity, the $500 purse donated by Minnwest Bank goes to Allen's Minnesota Homes for Wounded Warriors Foundation.

Along with the bull riding, 50 children from the area tested their skills during the mutton busting competition that night.



John Rittenhouse photo/0803 bull 6

Trevor Easton, of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, emerged as one of two entries to complete an eight-second ride during the Minnesota Xtreme Bull Riding competition at the Rock County Fairgrounds Friday.

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Milroy 9, Luverne 8

The Redbirds took their first setback of the playoffs when they took on Milroy at Irish Field near Milroy Friday.

Luverne sported 3-0 and 5-4 advantages in the contest, but Milroy scored five runs in the late innings to pull out a one-run victory.

The Redbirds took a 3-0 lead when Brooks Mauer delivered a three-run double in the fourth inning, but Milroy rallied to score four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Zeutenhorst tied the game at four with an RBI double in the sixth inning and Luverne moved in front 5-4 with a run-scoring double from Logan Norman in the seventh.

Milroy countered with a two-run rally in the bottom of the seventh to gain a 6-5 edge that was erased when Cole Bosch doubled home a run in the top of the eighth.

The Irish regained the lead at 8-6 after scoring twice in the bottom of the eighth, but the Redbirds tied the score at eight when Crabtree registered a sacrifice fly and Mauer recorded an RBI for a fielder's choice in the top of the ninth.

Milroy produced the decisive run with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

Rob Fodness was saddled with the pitching loss after tossing two innings of relief.

Crabtree worked the first six and one-third innings on the mound.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Norman	5	1	2	1
Vajgrt	5	1	0	0
Wenninger	1	3	0	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	1	1
Crabtree	4	2	0	1
Mauer	5	0	2	4
Bosch	5	0	1	1
Overgaard	3	0	0	0
Fodness	1	0	0	0
L.Nibbelink	4	1	1	0

Luverne 10, Milroy 4

The Redbirds opened their quarterfinal round series by besting the Irish by six runs July 25 in Luverne.

With Connor Hoffman driving in three runs and Zeutenhorst pitching a complete game to lead the way, Luverne raised its postseason record to 3-0.

Luverne scored four runs in the home half of the first inning and never trailed in the game.

Zeutenhorst helped his own cause by delivering a two-run double and Cody Christensen added a sacrifice fly to highlight the four-run first frame.

Milroy produced a run in the top of the second to make it a 4-1 game, but Luverne regained (5-1) a four-run advantage when Phil Paquette launched a solo home run in the bottom of the second.

The Irish climbed back into contention by plating single runs in the third, fourth and sixth innings to trim the difference to one run (5-4).

Luverne settled the issue by scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth and adding one run in the seventh.

Hoffman singled home a pair of runs and scored when Wenninger ripped a two-run home run in the sixth.

Hoffman capped his three-RBI effort with a run-scoring single in the seventh.

Zeutenhorst limited Milroy to four runs and eight hits in nine innings.

He fanned five batters, walked five and hit two players with pitches.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	4	2	3	3
Gonzalez	0	0	0	0
Wenninger	5	2	2	2
Paquette	5	2	4	1
Zeutenhorst	5	1	2	2
Christensen	4	0	0	1
Crabtree	4	0	0	0
Mauer	3	0	0	0
Overgaard	0	1	0	0
Vajgrt	2	2	1	0
Norman	3	0	1	0

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Out-of-area drivers thrive at Rock County Speedway Fair Races

By John Rittenhouse

The 2017 Rock County Speedway Fair Races turned into a good Thursday night for drivers who reside outside of Rock County.

The four-class competition yielded feature titles to a pair of drivers from Sioux Falls and one title each to competitors from Dundee and Windom.

A total of 47 cars competed in an event that included three rollovers during the course of the evening.

A total of 15 drivers tested their skills in the factory stock competition.

South Dakota driver James Steinfurth, Lennox, won the first heat race in the factory class, while Luverne's Tom Walker took the title in the second heat race.

Dundee's Cody Koster emerged from the pack to win the factory stock feature event.

Fulda's Heath Mitchell placed second, while Luverne's Greg Vande Velde finished third.

Adrian driver Bryant Klaassen won the first of two heat races in the nine-car sportsman class.

Iowa competitor Brian Kroon, Rock Rapids, won the second heat event.

Klaassen ended up finishing second to champion Andy Wieczorek, Sioux Falls, in the feature race.

Iowa entry Marni DeBoer, Little Rock, placed third in the sportsman feature.

Luverne's Tom Kracht won the first of two heat races in the 10-car hobby stock class.

Worthington's Dan Strandberg won the second heat race.

Sioux Falls driver Jason Bradley drew the checkered flag hobby stock feature race.

Luverne's Kracht and Jesse Connell placed second and third in the feature race.

Iowa entry Chad Nachtigal of Little Rock won the first heat race in the 12-car micro sprints class.

Luverne's Shane Fick claimed the title in the second heat race.

Windom's Brooke Wegener walked away with the micro sprints feature title.

Porter's Rick Wilke placed second in the feature event, while Fick finished third.

A local team did take top honors in a special event for the factory stock class.

Fifteen cars entered the factory stock competition that night, but only three cars were able to compete in the crew challenge, which was the final event of the night.

Tom Walker's crew consisting of Colter Deutsch and Steven Walker won the challenge.



John Rittenhouse photo/0803 race 16

Luverne's Tom Kracht (16) turned in the top effort by local drivers during the Rock County Speedway Fair Races Thursday night. Kracht won a heat race and placed second in the feature event in the hobby stock class. A total of 47 drivers competed in one of four classes at the event.



John Rittenhouse photo/0807 race 27

Luverne's Shane Fick placed third in the micro sprints feature race Thursday night.

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Marshall until surrendering one unearned run in the top half of the seventh inning.

The Cards opened a 2-0 lead in the bottom half of the third inning when Beers delivered an RBI triple and Serie slapped a run-scoring single.

Gaige Nath walked and scored on a throwing error to make it a 3-0 game in the fourth inning.

Crabtree walked and scored Luverne's final run in the sixth on a wild pitch.

Derek Lundgren pitched six-innings of one-run ball to earn the win. He yielded five hits and fanned four batters.

Serie recorded the final three outs of the game, registering two strikeouts and walking two batters.

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

Luverne 12, Worthington 0

The Cardinals opened the tournament by strolling to a 12-run victory over Worthington Saturday.

Luverne's Serie and Isaiah Bartels tossed a combined shutout and the Cardinals scored all 12 of their runs in the first four innings to win by the 10-run rule.

Serie pitched three innings of hitless ball to secure the win.

Bartels surrendered one hit over the final two innings.

Luverne gained control of the game by putting together a seven-run first inning featuring a two-run double by Bartels, two-run singles from Reisch and Lundgren and an RBI fielder's choice by Serie.

The Cards upped the lead to 9-0 in the second inning when Bartels drew a bases-loaded walk and Crabtree picked up an RBI for a fielder's choice.

Courtesy runner Sehr scored on a passed ball to make it a 10-game lead in the third inning, and Luverne scored two more runs on Worthington errors in the fourth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	1	1	0
Lundgren	2	1	1	2
Roberts	0	0	0	0
Buss	1	1	1	0
Beers	4	1	2	0
Sehr	0	1	0	0
Serie	3	0	1	1
Sterrett	2	1	0	0
Reisch	2	2	1	2
Von Tersch	1	2	0	0
Nekali	0	1	0	0
Knips	0	0	0	0
Bartels	2	1	1	3
Crabtree	2	0	0	1



John Rittenhouse photo/0803 vfw 12

Declan Beers leaps into the air to snap a throw from catcher Colby Crabtree during Saturday's 12-0 victory over Worthington. Beers earned the pitching win against Pipestone Sunday.

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The games began for Weis on July 23, when he won his group with a toss of 15.32 meters to advance to the shot put finals the following day.

Weis did improve his distance with a toss of 15.75 meters, which was good enough for fifth place overall.

Weis was ranked second entering the hammer throw competition on July 25, but he claimed to have an off day during the event.

He ultimately unleashed a toss that covered 50.88 meters, which left him in sixth place at the end of the event.

Weis entered the discus competition on July 26 and qualified for the finals with a distance of 46.75 meters.

He bettered his distance with an effort that covered 47.92 meters during the finals on July 27, which gave Weis a fifth-place finish in the final standings.

Clipboard

Rock County Sportsman's Club
July 25

Team Scores:
Slocum Taxidermy 1 – 115
Blue Mound Auto Glass – 110
Pizza Ranch – 105
Agri-Energy LLC – 103
Luverne Body Shop – 101
Slocum Taxidermy 2 – 99
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Nergaard Construction – 96
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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
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Sunday, Aug. 6: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Thursday, Aug. 10: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 3: 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. 6:30 p.m. Motorcycle Ride. Friday, Aug. 4: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 6 p.m. Commons Reserved. Sunday Aug. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 7: 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, Aug. 8: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 9: 7 p.m. Praise Team. Thursday, Aug. 10: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salad Luncheon.

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
Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 3: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salad Luncheon. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School – Presbyterian Church. Saturday, Aug. 5: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Aug. 6: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Aug. 7: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Aug. 8: 10 a.m. Work Group Meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 9: Noon Balaton UMC Indoor Picnic. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Aug. 10: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Aug. 3: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee meeting. Tuesday, Aug. 8: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Aug. 9: 7:30 p.m. Session meeting. Thursday, Aug. 10: 10 a.m. Worship service 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
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Saturday, Aug. 5: 4:30 p.m. Organ concert. 5:30 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Pork/sweet corn supper. Sunday, Aug. 6: 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 7: 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. Tuesday Aug. 8: 1:15 p.m. Communion in Ellsworth. 2:15 p.m. Communion in Hills. 6 p.m. Missionary Guild at Pizza Ranch. Wednesday, Aug. 9: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Senior Choir, Senior LYF. Thursday, Aug. 10: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown. 2:15 Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
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Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 3: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 4: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 5: Baustian/Contreras Wedding at Zion. Sunday, Aug. 6: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, Aug. 7: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Aug. 8: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:45 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Thursday, Aug. 10: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Aug. 6: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship with Communion at First Lutheran. Monday, Aug. 7: 7 p.m. Internship Committee Meeting at First Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Thursday, Aug. 3: No Church Council meeting. Sunday, Aug. 6: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at First Lutheran with Communion. Monday, Aug. 7: 7 p.m. Internship Committee Meeting at First Lutheran.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
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Sunday, Aug. 6: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Aug. 8: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Aug.9: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council.

Employee engagement



"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)

The CEO of the corporation was touring a local production plant. Stopping for a moment at a desk he said, "I see you are the office manager."

"Yah, sure you betcha," answered Lars. "I am de office manager."

"How many people work in this office?" inquired the CEO.

"Vell," responded Lars, "on a good day I would say about half of dem."

While some people work in jobs that they love and find very fulfilling, many people are employed in positions that are a poor fit. Some folks work hard at whatever tasks they are given, taking pride in a job well done. Others do what they have to do, no more and no less.

As followers of Christ our working motivation is much more than what we will get in return for the job that we do. Romans 12:1 says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Our inspiration and enthusiasm should not come from how much money we might make or the prestige of our job, but rather we are to do all things to honor and serve our God who loves us and has given Himself for us.

Lord, God, when we become followers of you, everything in our lives changes. Instead of living to please ourselves, we learn to live for you and trust in you. Show us how to serve you with all of our might. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Built on a Rock

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan chaplain, retired

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service with Sunday School following service. 10:30 a.m. Adrian Worship Service with Sunday School Wednesday night at 6:30 in the fall.

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

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
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Buys probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA — PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK — PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
Dorothy Mae Buys,
Deceased — COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-212

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of August, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated December 3, 2012, and for the appointment of Herman L. Buys whose address is 2136 140th Avenue, Hardwick, Minnesota 56134, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: July 20, 2017

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main, Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156
(507)283-4828
I.D. #158343

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Sharon L. Tellinghuisen
Deputy Court Administrator
(COURT SEAL)

(07-27, 08-03)

Nash probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO._____

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of Constance Nash,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 8/21/2017 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in the Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Kathleen A. Palm, whose address is 5335 Birchmont Drive NE, Bemidji, MN 56601, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: July 26, 2017

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Denise A. Brandel
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner
Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr.
Vander Kooi Law Offices, P.A.
127 E. Main, PO Box 746
Luverne, MN 56156
Attorney License No: 112124
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(08-03, 08-10)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 355

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 355, THIRD SERIES
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO MEDIACOM MINNESOTA LLC ("MEDIACOM") TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN.

On July 25, 2017, the City of Luverne, Minnesota ("City") adopted an Ordinance granting a Cable Television Franchise to Mediacom. The Ordinance serves two purposes. First, it is intended to provide for and specify the means to attain the best possible cable service for the public by providing requirements for cable with respect to technical standards, customer service obligations, and related matters. Second, it grants a non-exclusive cable franchise to Mediacom to operate, construct and maintain a cable system within the City and contains specific requirements for Mediacom to do so.

The Ordinance includes the following: 1) imposes on Mediacom a franchise fee of five percent (5%) of Mediacom's annual gross revenues; 2) establishes a franchise term of ten (10) years; 3) provides a list of public buildings entitled to receive complimentary cable service; 4) requires Mediacom to dedicate channel capacity for public, educational and governmental programming and provides capital support of such channels; 5) mandates customer service standards regarding Mediacom's provision of cable services; and 6) requires a security fund to enforce Mediacom's compliance with the Ordinance.

It is hereby determined that publication of this title and summary will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance No. 355, Third Series. A copy of the entire Ordinance shall be posted at the Luverne City Offices.

It is hereby directed that only the above title and summary of Ordinance No. 355, Third Series be published, conforming to Minn. Stat. §331A.01, with the following:

NOTICE

Persons interested in reviewing a complete copy of the Ordinance may do so at the Luverne City Offices at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN 56156 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(08-03)

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 28

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 26, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Jamil A. Davis, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100052217005069633

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

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

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

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $71,354.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $141,175.98

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

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

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

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

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

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 28, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

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

Dated: July 25, 2017

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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

County seeks bike trail proposals by Aug. 18

CONSTRUCTION OF THE LUVERNE LOOP BIKE TRAIL / S.P. 067 – 591 - 005
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. AUGUST 18, 2017
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, **AUGUST 18, 2017.**

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SEPCIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

The Minnesota department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpar A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all person without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 an Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contraction agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

There is a minimum goal of ****7.4% Good Faith Effort**** to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Opportunity Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in this Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at ll20 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, August 22ND, 2017, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Type of Work: The construction of the Luverne Loop Bike Trail (Phase II). This project is located within the city limits of Luverne, Minnesota.

The major items of work are: 2,650 Cu. Yds. Common Excavation; 1,200 Cu. Yds. Common Borrow; 8,477 Lin. Ft. Sub-grade Preparation; 11,303 Sq. Yds. Aggregate Base (Class 5); 1,345 Tons Bituminous Wear Course Mixture; 200 Lin. Ft. 18" R.C. Pipe Culvert; 60 Lin. Ft. 48" R.C. Pipe Culvert; 17,343 Sq. Ft. 5" Concrete Walk; 3,390 Sq. Ft. 6" Concrete Walk and 2,157 Sq. ft. 8" Concrete Walk.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be $30.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. S.P. 067 – 591 - 005"**

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(07-20, 07-27, 08-03)

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EMPLOYMENT

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Sioux Falls, SD 57105
mlanda@prairierehab.com
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EMPLOYMENT

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Help wanted: experienced carpenters needed. Some travel. Please call for more details at 507-920-7553. (7.16-8.3)

Dietary Aide: Parkview Manor is looking for part-time Dietary Aides! Benefits include vacation, PERA retirement plan, and holiday pay. Training is available on-site. Wages are based on experience level. If interested, contact Sam or Arlys at 507-967-2482, or come visit us to pick up an application! (tc)

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EMPLOYMENT

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CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Lena Rust extends our sincere Thank you to family, friends and neighbors for all acts of kindness and sympathy: cards, flowers, food, memorials and support during the recent passing of our wife, mother and grandmother. We express special appreciation to Pastor Kristi Franken for her words of comfort and to the DIngmann Funeral Home for their professional arrangements and caring service. We thank the members of the Adrian United Methodist Church who assisted with serving the funeral lunch. We also thank Dr. Ceynowa and Dr. Crabtree and the Sanford Luverne Medical Center staff for the compassionate care they gave Lena during her hospitalization.
Marvin Rust
Diane and Paul Boyenga and family
Mike and Kandy Rust and family
(8.3-8.6)

Thank you for the cars, memorials, and food at the time of our mother, Irma Dreckman's passing.
Loren and Shirley Fick and family
Richard and Arlene Dreckman and family
(8.3-8.6)

Thank you for the cards, memorials, calls and visits during our dads short bout with cancer. Also, thanks to the Home Health gals.
Cheryl Edstrom
Larry and Pam Franken
Bryon and Kristi Franken and families
(8.3-8.6)

Thank you to our family and friends for the nice cards and messages for our 60th Anniversary. It was a joy for us. God Bless you,
Sidney & Lorraine Jiskoot
(7.30-8.3)

Thank you to all the special volunteers that worked and to the special blood donors who gave and also to Grace Lutheran Church for the facilities.
American Red Cross
(7.30-8.3)

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Mae Top would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, memorials, food, thought and prayers. Thank you to Pastor Maggie for your visit and to Pastor Nichols for helping with the funeral. We would like to thank Jurrens Funeral Home for your guidance and to everyone who helped with Mae's Service. Thank you to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church women and girls for serving lunch. A special thank you to the Tuff Memorial Home staff for their loving care and to Sanford Luverne Hospital and Sanford Hospice staff.
Geraldine and James Sandstede and family
Allan and Judy Top and family
Bill and Judy Top and family
(7.30-8.3)

Thank you to my family, coworkers, friends and customers for attending my retirement party. It was greatly appreciated.
Clifford Boom
(7.30-8.3)

Thank you to all my terrific family and friends who came out on July 22nd to help celebrate my 95th birthday. Thank you as well, for all the birthday greetings, cards and presents sent in the mail or given in person.
Sincerely,
Gib Smedsrud
(7.30-8.3)

The family of Dorothy Ann Koens would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support, cards of sympathy, memorials, flowers and plants in the loss of our mother/grandmother/great grandmother. Special thanks to all at Mary Jane Brown home for their loving care the past three years, to Sanford Hospice Luverne for the peace they gave her the last few weeks and to Pastor Klatt and the St. John Church for the memorable funeral and luncheon. Finally to Dr. Ceynowa who always treated her with such dignity. Linda and
Jim Barnhart
Rickard Koens and families
(7.30-8.3)

EMPLOYMENT

Sanford Luverne Medical Center
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