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Lori Sorenson photo/0625 storm damage veldkamps

Straight-line winds destroyed a machine shed, enclosed cattle barn and grain bins and damaged the home on the LeRoy and Denise Veldkamp farm in northwest Rock County Monday.

## Straight-line wind up to 100 mph destroys property, trees

By Lori Sorenson

LeRoy Veldkamp woke up his wife, Denise, shortly before 5 a.m. Monday and told her they needed to get to the basement.

That was a good call.

Moments later straight-line winds hammered their home, damaging the roof and sending debris

through the south windows.

"A board came through and embedded itself in the north wall," Denise Veldkamp said. The board struck not far from where they'd been sleeping.

The Veldkamps and their two children, ages 15 and 12, were not hurt, but a good share of their farm

place in northeastern Rock County was destroyed.

A machine shed, a recently enclosed cattle barn and a grain bin were obliterated, damaging machinery stored inside.

Two grain bins had their tops torn off and one landed on Highway 23, temporarily blocking traffic on the

busy state road.

"I've said before to LeRoy when we've heard about tornadoes, 'We're not exempt,'" Veldkamp said.

This time they weren't. And neither were many other property owners in Rock County and the surrounding area.

The storm, which carried wind

speeds over 100 mph, started in South Dakota and caused Garretson to shut down Monday under a threat of a gas leak.

That same system continued east across Rock County, flattening buildings and toppling trees in its wake.

**Straight-line winds/see page 2A**

## Investigation into cause of pig nursery fire continues

By Mavis Fodness

More than a month after a fire at a New Horizon Farms facility east of Jasper killed two women, investigators gathered at the scene Tuesday, June 16, to determine a cause.

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office was joined by as many as 15 other private fire investigators from across the United States.

About a dozen vehicles with licenses plates from Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Idaho, Illinois, Wyoming and Washington State were parked near what is left of the former pig nursery.

"You don't know what you have until you have it," one out-of-state investigator said. "Nothing is being overlooked."

The May 11 blaze claimed the lives of two female employees whose bodies were later found in the rubble. New Horizon Farms employee Sharla Drew, 50, and independent pressure-washing contractor Kristy (VanSursum) Geisler, 32, were both from Jasper.

Investigators at the scene last week included representatives from insurance companies plus equip-

**Hog barn fire investigation/see 5A**



Mavis Fodness photo/0625 Fire Investigation

Using a 130-foot lift, fire investigators take pictures Tuesday, June 16, of the former hog production barn destroyed by fire on May 11. More than 15 investigators were working at the scene east of Jasper last week to determine the cause of the fire that killed two workers.

## Local land values level off, decline

By Mavis Fodness

For the first time in 15 years, tillable land in Rock County decreased in market value.

That was one finding reported by Rock County Land Records Office Director Tom Houselog during the county's Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting Tuesday night, June 16, in the Rock County Courthouse.

Rather than double-digit land value increases, which have occurred regularly in the past, tillable land values in Rock County decreased 6 to 8 percent.

Houselog said the largest decrease in tillable acre values was in Clinton and Martin townships where land values had previously reached \$14,000 to \$14,500 per acre. "The sales in that timeframe couldn't support it, so that had an 8 percent decrease" he said.

Assessors like Houselog used

**Land values/see page 3A**



Lori Sorenson photo.0625 highway 75 update

Southbound motorists are routed to the northbound lanes of Highway 75 in the middle of Luverne as road construction continues.

## Construction moves to Main Street intersection; Highway 75 to close again

By Jason Berghorst

Road construction and related detours along Highway 75 in Luverne expanded this week to include a portion of Main Street just west of the Highway 75 and Main Street intersection.

According to Luverne City Administrator John Call, one block of West Main Street was scheduled to be closed for two to four days while crews work on the water line under

the intersection.

This work is a continuation of the water line work that began near Hatting Street and has moved north throughout the project.

"It's kind of chaos down there now with the east/west being closed in addition to the north/south detour," Call said on Monday. "We just ask that motorists be patient and reduce

**Highway 75 update/see page 5A**

## Green Lantern Café & Bar's new owner makes debut during Hardwick's Jubilee Days

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick's Jubilee Days annual celebration brings people together for food, fun and fellowship.

New Green Lantern Café and Bar owner Jens "J.R." Jensen hopes to bring that same atmosphere to Hardwick year-round.

"Jubilee Days is my big introduction," he said.

Since taking over the business April 1 from Carrie Van Dyke and Ryan Bullerman, Jensen has been busy learning how to operate his own business and planning for this weekend.

"We are trying to liven things up here," Jensen said. "Bring the old Lantern back."

That includes reopening the steakhouse, an event Jensen is hoping to accomplish this fall.

His previous employment with Four-Way Insulation is helping him understand and care for the century-old building that included fixing the steakhouse's roof.

Becoming a business owner at age 31 is fulfilling a dream for the Luverne High School graduate.

"Ever since I was a kid I thought



Mavis Fodness photo/0625 Jubilee Days Green Lantern

Jens "J.R." Jensen purchased the Green Lantern Café & Bar in Hardwick on April 1 and will reintroduce patrons to the change during the town's Jubilee Days celebration this weekend.

it would be cool," Jensen said.

His dream didn't involve just operating any business, but one that appeals to anyone of any age at any time.

The café currently opens at 10 a.m., but Jensen plans to open

earlier to pull drivers on Highway 75 off the road for breakfast.

The breakfast and noon menus will continue to feature the home-cooked meals and

**Green Lantern/see page 3A**





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**TRIAD** will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, in the conference room at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

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

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Rock County Community Library. Call 605-321-4324.

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

### Register by June 25 for garden tour

Register by Thursday, June 25, for the Rock County Master Gardeners Garden Tour. This year the Worthington Garden Club will share some of their gardens on Monday, June 29. Fee is \$12. Call Luverne Community Ed at 283-4724 to reserve your spot.

### 'Capture the Prairie' at the Carnegie

The Carnegie is currently featuring a display by photographer Deb Leilani Parks, including photos taken at Blue Mounds State Park by her "Capture the Prairie" photography class. The exhibit is on display now until the end of July at the Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne.

### Henna tattoo demonstration at

#### Adrian Elementary June 25

The public, ages 12 and older, can learn the history of Henna tattoos, presented by Mehndi Moon Henna, and get a free tattoo from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Adrian Elementary School in Adrian.

This project is funded, in part or in whole, with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

### Steen outdoor concert set for June 28

The 19th annual outdoor community concert will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the Steen City Park. Musical guests are Armon "Fuzz" Floyd, East of Westerville and Praise to Him Ministries. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Enjoy free bars, juice and ice cream during the concert.

### East Eden Church annual service

The East Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church annual worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 28. Pastor Norman Omott (who served the congregation during the 1970s) will officiate. The church is located two miles east and one mile north of Jasper. A potluck dinner will follow the service. The tolling of the bell and a program will be at 1:30 p.m.

The church will be cleaned at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 27. Volunteers are needed. Call Bev Hunstad, 507-348-4126, with questions.

### Pint Size Polkas at library June 29

Mike Schneider and his Pint Size Polkas will be at the Rock County Community Library at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 29. Families and children of all ages can discover the fun of polka music. The program is free and is sponsored by the Minnesota Library Legacy grant.

### Community Ed

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724. Parents and grandparents can make memories on **June 29** for a trip to the **Omaha Zoo & Aquarium**. Fee per person is \$50, which covers the bus and zoo admission.

Build a mini roller-coaster, whip up a tasty snack, get wild with nature or let out your creative side at **Hands on Fun Project Day on June 29**. Students who attended grades 3-7 during the 14-15 school year should pre-register by June 15. Fee is \$15.

**Create on Canvas** class will take your skills up a notch as you bring a bouquet to paint at **Garden Flowers on June 30**. Fee is \$30. (for age 10 through adult)

Preschool children ages 3-5 years will learn about science, math and reading through fun activities at **Bug Count Up PS Fun Day on June 30**. Fee is \$10.

Kids who attended grades K-6 will have fun at **Wacky Watermelon Kids in the Kitchen** class on **Wednesday, July 1**. Fee is \$18.

# Connell to serve jail time, but felony kept off record

By Lori Sorenson

Charles "Chuck" Connell of Luverne appeared in Rock County District Court Monday morning on charges of criminal vehicular operation

— substantial bodily harm — and DWI.

The charges stem from a Sept. 27 crash east of Luverne on County Road 4 in which Connell attempted a left-hand

turn in front of an approaching pickup.

Injured in the pickup were then-16-year-old Stephanie Riggs and her passenger, Kari Hamann, 17. Both girls

were wearing their seatbelts and suffered scrapes and bruises. Riggs also had an ankle sprain.

Connell sentence/see 8A

# Straight-line winds destroy property, trees/continued from page 1A

The eye of the storm appeared to travel along County Road 20, the east-west blacktop that enters the Blue Mounds State Park at Highway 75. Many rural farm places along that route suffered severe damage.

In other parts of the county, peripheral damage was nearly as bad, but mostly limited to downed trees and wind damage.

Further east, between Hardwick and Kenneth, the J.R. Scott farm (where employee Cory Madson lives) had a downed silo, and other properties had caved-in overhead doors, gaping holes in barn rooftops and debris scattered across nearby soybean and corn fields.

In Luverne, traffic was diverted temporarily around a downed tree on Highway 75, and many Luverne area residents, like their rural Rock County counterparts, were busy Monday cleaning up downed trees and branches.

### Storm was straight line winds, not tornado

Todd Heitkamp of the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls said the winds were clearly in the "straight line" category, not a tornado.

"... mainly by looking at the damage and how the structures that were damaged were oriented," Heitkamp said, when asked how they know the difference.

"We also use the radar, and everything points to strong straight-line winds.

According to Luverne volunteer weather recorder Troy Thone, Monday morning's straight-line wind event brought wind gusts of nearly 50 mph. during the actual thunderstorms, with winds increasing significantly following the initial storm system.

"Winds actually peaked at the airport at 63 mph. with rainfall of 0.23 inches," Thone said.

"Keep in mind that severe thunderstorm criteria, as it



A portion of an estimated 60-foot-tall stove silo toppled and another silo leans to the southeast at the J.R. Scott farm east of Hardwick where employee Cory Madson lives. No people or livestock were injured. The damage was caused by a half hour of northwest winds in excess of 50 mph that went through the area early Monday morning. (Mavis Fodness photo/0625 storm2)

relates to wind speeds, means that winds need to be a minimum of 58 mph or greater."

### Farmers assess crop damage

Insurance agent Shirley Top said her office at Kozlowski Insurance was busy Monday fielding calls from clients about storm damage.

"We have had a lot of wind claims," Top said. "Trees falling on houses, machine sheds with roofs that came off them ..."

As of noon, she had handled nearly two-dozen such property damage claims.

She said crop damage so far has also been wind related. As of noon Monday, she wasn't aware of any fields that were completely destroyed, but she said many Rock County farmers will likely be reminded of the June 22 storm this fall.

"Flat corn (stalks laid flat by wind) gets to be a pain in the butt at harvest time," she said. "They have to come at it all from the same direction or they have to get special equipment."

Monday's early morning



Storm clouds over Luverne turned ominous prior to the hail and rain that ushered in a weekend of wild weather.

storm came on the heels of a Friday deluge that included hail.

Top said hail reports were sporadic with some parts of the county reporting worse damage than others.

For example, western Rock County had limited pea-size hail Friday, while some

parts of southeastern Rock County reported golf ball-sized hailstones.

### Moisture tally ahead for June, still behind for the year

The weekend rainfall, counting Friday night, totaled nearly two inches in some parts of the county, while others had only a half inch.

Thone said his equipment in Luverne has measured 4.41 inches of rainfall in June as of noon Monday.

"That is already about one-half inch above normal through the end of the month with over a week to go," he said, adding that the area is still two inches below normal for the year.

Regardless, he said it's safe to say Rock County and most of southwest Minnesota is no longer under drought conditions.

The U.S. Drought Monitor has officially removed the county from being listed at any stage of drought including the weakest stage, "Abnormally Dry."



Lori Sorenson photo/0625 storm damage veldkamp

A grain bin from the LeRoy and Denise Veldkamp farm in northwestern Rock County landed on Highway 23 early Monday morning, temporarily blocking traffic.



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# Bloemendaal named 'Outstanding Chamber Member'

By Lori Sorenson

Curt Bloemendaal was honored Wednesday, June 24, as Luverne's Outstanding Chamber Member.

He was the guest of honor at a Chamber social and celebration at Sterling's Café and Grille in Luverne.

"Curt's life of service for the Luverne community and his professional success at Tri-State Mutual Insurance and Continental Western Group are legendary," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"We are honored and proud to have selected him as a recipient of this well-deserved honor."

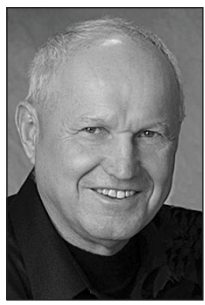
Bloemendaal said he was surprised to hear he'd been chosen for the award.

"I feel honored," he said.

"I have been blessed with a supportive family that encourages community involvement. I have had the good fortune of working for a company that supports and encourages giving back to the community."

Bloemendaal's honor was originally announced a year ago, but Lanphere said scheduling difficulties last summer prompted the celebration to be postponed until now.

She said it's appropriate



that the location was Sterling's, since Bloemendaal and his wife, Marilyn, were among a group of local investors who worked to transform the historic arcade building into a fine dining establishment.

A special guest at Wednesday's celebration in Bloemendaal's honor was W. R. Berkley Corporation CEO and founder William R. Berkley, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Bloemendaal's civic generosity stems, in part, from Berkley's influence, according to Nadine Schoep.

"That was something Berkley always said, 'You have to give back to your community,'" said Schoep, regional human resource manager at Continental Western Group, Luverne.

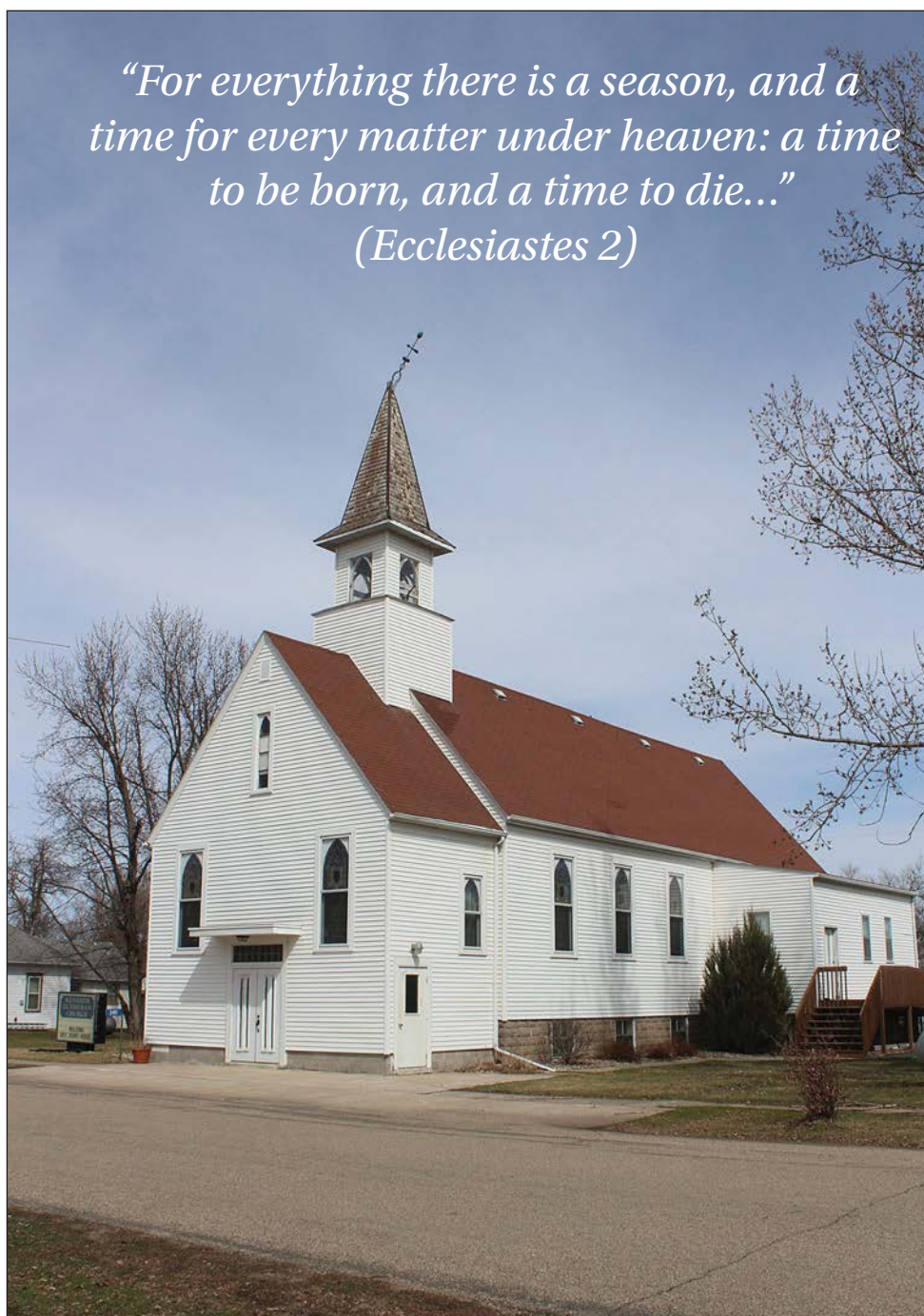
Wednesday's party highlighted Bloemendaal's accomplishments and community contributions.

### Curt Bloemendaal's story ...

In her monthly Chamber Chatter, Lanphere wrote a tribute to Bloemendaal as the Outstanding Chamber Member. Following is that writeup.

*Curt's story began in Volga, SD, where he was*

**Bloemendaal/see page 8A**



Stephanie Christensen photo/0625 kenneth church

The church in Kenneth dates back to 1894 when congregation members first organized worship services in the Battle Plain school house.

## Farewell service

### Kenneth Lutheran Church will host its final worship service Sunday, June 28

By Lori Sorenson

After more than 120 years of weddings, funerals and worship services, Kenneth Lutheran Church will close its doors at the end of the month.

A final worship service will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 28, followed by a catered meal.

The small building with a proud white steeple housed hundreds of summer vacation Bible school classes, cubed beef suppers, bridal showers and community gatherings.

Congregation members like Joyce Oldre will cherish these memories long after the empty building is someday gone.

She said most of the church's people accept the decision as a sign of the times.

"With our shrinking rural population, we just aren't attracting new families," Oldre said. "And everything costs the same — lights, water, maintenance — no matter how many people show up on Sunday."

According to church records, there are 105 baptized members in the church located in a town whose official population is 67 (in 2013).

But recent attendance averages show 20 to 25 regular attendees for Sunday services. Some days there are fewer than 15.

Consequently, there are fewer available congregation members to share the load of volunteer work and financial support to make a church function.

But accepting the inevitable doesn't mean it's easy to let go, especially for longtime members.

"LeRoy and I were married in this church in 1958, and all our children (Kyle, Keith and Kari) were baptized and confirmed there," Oldre said, noting that her own membership started prior to that.

LeRoy's grandfather, Nels Oldre, donated a corner of his farm for the church cemetery, and until the 1960s, his father, Paul, and uncle, Gust, maintained the

cemetery for the church.

Ken Hoime's family history dates back to the turn of the century before the church was built. His grandparents on both sides of his family — Isak and Kari Isakson and Knudt and Anna Hoime — were also early church leaders.

"I come from way back in the church," Ken said, adding that the recent decision to close the church wasn't easy.

"It's like a family. You get to know people you trust."

### Church history dates back to turn of century

According to the church history books, the Kenneth Lutheran congregation began meeting in 1894, several years before the town was incorporated.

It was first known as "Battle Plain Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church," and members gathered in the Battle Plain School House before the church was built in 1906.

The building cost \$350. Supplies were hauled by horse and wagon from Magnolia, and congregation members contributed time and labor.

Services and instruction were spoken in Norwegian until the 1920s, when English was used occasionally at Sunday evening services. The pastor and his family usually spent their evenings in the homes of congregation members.

At one time, its membership rolls were twice the current attendance, and in its prime, the Kenneth church hosted 30 to 40 children in Sunday school and hosted all-day, two-week-long summer vacation Bible school.

But the church, like the town, has lost people as neighboring farms have grown larger and farther apart.

In the past 20 years, the town bid farewell to its grocery store, bank, eleva-

**Kenneth church/continued on 5A**

## Green Lantern/from page 1A

burgers made popular by Van Dyke and Bullerman through two decades of ownership.

The bar opens at 3 p.m. and stays open for patrons until 2 a.m.

Jensen has constructed a stage on the west side of the building for small bands, and he has replaced the volleyball net for bar patrons to enjoy.

Three street dances are also planned for this year with the first conducted Saturday night during Jubilee Days.

Once opened, the steakhouse (located in the back of the café) will serve evening meals for those who want a quiet place to dine.

"I can see my vision starting to take shape," Jensen said. "We pretty much have it that everybody can come."

For the past two months he has been working with his staff to make changes that make sense and make their jobs easier.

The first change was to reconfigure customer seating in the café for a more open arrangement, and the salad bar has been moved between the two seating areas for easier access.

"I am quickly finding out you can't do everything right now," he said. "It will take time."

Unfinished for this weekend's Jubilee Days is work to the building's entrance, that will become handicap-accessible, and the removal of the garage in back of the building for more patron parking.

"Good food, good work-

ers, good location. I am just tweaking things," Jensen said.

The bar business is somewhat in his blood, as he grew up in Luverne.

His mom, Cherie, worked at the former VFW on Highway 75, continuing to work there when it reopened as Sharkee's Bar.

Before a fire closed the business in 2014, his mom had worked in the bar business for 35 years, four years before Jensen was born. He, himself, worked at Sharkee's for seven years.

Jensen likens his business approach to throwing a party every weekend. "Everybody knows about our food. Now we also have to show them a good time," he said.

### Activities scheduled for Jubilee Days

Hardwick's Jubilee Days begins Friday night and goes through Sunday. The list of planned activities include:

**Friday, June 26** — Fast pitch softball game at 8 p.m.

**Saturday, June 27** — Co-ed softball tournament starts at 9 a.m. The community meal will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. with music by Ron and Jane Cote. Face-painting and tattoos will be from 5 until 7 p.m. when the parade starts. Following the parade will be the pedal tractor pull for children ages 4 to 11. The street dance will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Sunday, June 28** — Outdoor community worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Zion Church parking lot.

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## This (year's) Father's Day picnic was (a little bit) different

It was just another Father's Day picnic. Except it wasn't. This year was different.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

... the special guest slept, stretched, yawned and slept some more.

A 7 pound, 10 ounce first-time guest made the difference. Wrapped in pink, dressed in a pink "Daddy's girl" T-shirt and actually looking a little pink, the special guest slept, stretched, yawned and slept some more.

Around her, those gathered ate their hot dogs and hamburgers. The men talked about horsepower, the women spoke of the diaper habits of small children. The teenagers snuck into the house to play video games. The 10-year-old took three cans of pop, and the 4-year-old skinned her knee — twice.

But along with all the familiar goings-on, there was something different.

For the first time, my son attended the Father's Day picnic as a father. For the first time, my husband attended as a grandpa and my dad as a great-grandpa. All these changes were caused by the arrival of 7-pound, 10-ounce Tenley Louise, who was born June 1 and celebrated her first family picnic by sleeping through it. (Except when she interrupted her mother's meal by demanding her own.)

My heart melted (and stopped) when my son arrived carrying the baby with one hand like a football. Trying really hard to be nonchalant, he sauntered in like — well — like a new dad who was bursting with pride about the arrival of his baby girl.

(And, of course, showing off his sweet baby-handling skills. Which he actually has.)

The women descended like vultures to admire the newest little one in all her glory, admiring her little nose and her little fingers and speculating about the possible color of her hair.

The men, being men, and especially since it was Father's Day, continued talking about horse power and greeted my son with a warm, congratulatory "Hey."

Looking across the picnic tables as I held the baby (of course I held the baby!), I wondered how being a father for three weeks had changed my son. He knows how to change a diaper. He knows what sleep deprivation feels like. He knows how to comfort a fussing baby and an exhausted wife. Most importantly he knows what it feels like to have a tiny little person steal your heart.

He's a different man. At the same time, he and his cousin still found time to threaten their 7-year-old cousin with a dip in the garden fountain. Two bulked-up power lifters dangling a screeching 7-year-old over a bubbling stream of cold water? Not everything is different.

I watched my son, my husband, my dad and the others laugh and talk. I observed that I was raised by a father who loves me. My son was raised by a father who loves him. Sweet Baby Tenley has landed in the arms of a father and mother who love her more than life itself.

In the life of a child, that makes the difference.

Happy first Father's Day, Joe.

## June is Dairy Month – drink milk, and hug a dairy farmer today

This month is National Dairy Month, so the Star Herald did some research on dairy and why we should care. Outside of the fact that dairy operations play a big role in our local ag economy, there are plenty of nutritional reasons we should stock milk and other dairy products in our fridges.

- Milk is the number one food source, in terms of consumption, for three of the four nutrients the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) identified as lacking in the American diet — calcium, vitamin D and potassium.

- Milk and other dairy foods provide nine essential nutrients required for healthy body functioning. Essential nutrients must come from the diet because the human body can't manufacture them in sufficient quantities to meet daily needs. From helping repair muscle tissue to maintaining healthy red blood cells, the nine nutrients in milk and other dairy foods work together to help keep the body in optimal health:

1. Calcium: Helps build and maintain healthy bones and teeth.
2. Potassium: Helps to regulate the body's fluid balance and maintain normal blood pressure. It's also needed for muscle activity.
3. Phosphorus: Helps strengthen bones and generate energy in the body's cells.
4. Protein: The protein in milk, yogurt and cheese builds and repairs muscle tissue, and serves as a source of energy and satiety.
5. Vitamin D: Promotes the absorption of calcium and enhances bone strength. It is one of the nutrients Americans lack most.

6. Vitamin A: Helps maintain normal vision and skin. It is also important for bone growth.

7. Vitamin B-12: Helps maintain healthy red blood cells and nerve cells.

8. Riboflavin: Helps convert food into energy the body can use. Also known as vitamin B2, it's important for normal eyesight and healthy skin.

9. Niacin: Helps bodies digest carbohydrates and fatty acids.

If these aren't reasons enough to drink milk and eat dairy, consider this:

Dairy helps prevent osteoporosis: Research has long shown that dairy's nutrients are vital to the development of strong bones, thus reducing the risk for developing osteoporosis. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Bone Health and Osteoporosis (2004) recognizes dairy foods as offering a unique combination of nutrients that work together to help protect bones.

Healthy weight: Milk and dairy foods may also play a positive role in maintaining a healthy weight. Researchers found that young, normal-weight women, ages 18 to 30 years, who consumed at least three servings of dairy foods a day (1,000 to 1,400 mg of dairy calcium) gained less body fat over 18 months than young, normal-

weight women who ate fewer than three servings of dairy foods a day. A new scientific review published in the International Journal of Obesity says that including dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt in a weight-loss diet can help accelerate fat loss.

Healthy blood pressure: A trifecta of minerals found in dairy foods — calcium, potassium and magnesium — may play an important role in maintaining healthy blood pressure. Hypertension, or uncontrolled high blood pressure, increases the risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke; this condition affects about 73 million people age 20 and older in the United States, or nearly one in three adults.

Still not convinced to drink milk? If you're frugal you should consider stopping at the dairy cooler.

At about 25 cents a glass, milk is a dietary and economic value, delivering incomparable nutrition and taste. When you compare dairy's nutritional value to other foods, you find that the calcium in 1 cup of milk is equal to 3 cups of cooked broccoli, and an 8-ounce serving of low-fat plain yogurt contains about the same amount of potassium (380 mg) as one banana.

Source: Midwest Dairy Council



## Grandpa's babysitting adventures take on a public flair with transforming stroller

You might not believe it given the Baby Brezza Formula Machine mess and the television volume debacle, but Grandma Mary and I got another chance to watch our granddaughter Brooke for a couple of hours Saturday morning.

Brooke's mom and dad were in the Jubilee Days parade in Hartford, South Dakota, Saturday morning, so they called and asked if we would take Brooke to the parade while they did their parade thing.

My guess is our invite to watch Brooke was considered once Brooke's mom and dad realized there wouldn't be any electronics involved in this short babysitting stint, so what could go wrong? I mean, really, all we had to do was drive a few blocks, get Brooke out of her car seat from the backseat of the car, put her into the stroller, walk



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
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over to curbside and enjoy the parade.

While this round of babysitting may have been free of electronic devices, we did have to deal with the car seat and the Super Hero Transformer Stroller.

Once again, apparently I wasn't listening as well as I should have been when Brooke's mom, Jenna, was giving us instructions on how

to release the car seat from the back seat of the car.

Just so you know, the car seat issues pale in comparison with the Transformer Stroller.

After a few tugs and some choice words uttered under my breath, the car seat was freed from the car and now ready to place in the stroller.

You wouldn't think unfolding the

three-wheeled stroller to set it upright would be that difficult, but you would be wrong. Grandma Mary was off to the side holding Brooke in the car seat that doubles as the seat for the stroller, waiting for me to transform this tangled mess of metal with three wheels into a functioning stroller. I have to tell you my concentration was thrown off a bit when Grandma Mary started laughing.

First the Brezza mess, then the television volume, now this. To make things worse, we were out in public.

Between Mary laughing and me looking over my shoulder to see how many looky-loos were enjoying the show, I somehow managed to get the stroller upright.

So you think we're ready to head to the parade now? Oh, no, don't get ahead of yourselves — we still have to

figure out how to mount the car seat/stroller seat to the stroller.

Poor Brooke was getting dizzy because we kept turning the seat back and forth trying to get it to snap into place. I was about to give up and just wrap a couple of bungee straps around Brooke, the seat, and the stroller to hold everything in place.

Safety police Grandma Mary didn't approve of my MacGyver solution to the stroller problem so she stepped in, and in no time we had ourselves a working stroller.

We finally made it to the curb to enjoy the parade. When Brooke's mom and dad drove by in the parade, we stood up, and Grandma Mary was holding Brooke, helping her wave at mom and dad.

All I could think of was — if they only knew.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**June 12**  
 •Complainant reported a verbal only domestic going on.  
 •Complainant reported a possible domestic in a vehicle in Luverne.

•Deputy cited subject for open container.  
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**June 13**  
 •Complainant reported someone broke into a locked shed and stole some four-wheelers.  
 •Complainant requested the ambulance for a subject who isn't waking up. Subject was deceased upon arrival.

**June 14**  
 •Dispatch received multiple 911 calls about a fight in Steen.

•Complainant reported four tires and a tarp on the side of 104th Avenue, 100 yards north of Steen.

•Complainant reported he found an old boat and trailer, registered out of South Dakota, on 40th Avenue and 51st Street.

•Complainant reported a vehicle came off the on ramp of I-90 in Luverne and ran them off the road.

**June 15**  
 •Deputy arrested subject and took him to jail for D.A.C. and contacted Erwin's to tow the vehicle.

•Complainant reported subject broke down 3 days ago and has a broken down RV. Subject is now becoming aggressive. He is possibly homeless.

•Complainant reported subject stole 13 doors from inside a residence that they took possession of.

•Reserved for Emergency Rescue Unit callout to Slayton.

•Complainant reported some missing money.

•Complainant reported problems with soon-to-be ex-wife.

•Complainant reported subject and his friends are shooting bow and arrows at rabbits in other people's yards on N. Linden Street.

•Complainant reported subjects are removing property from a house and they haven't included a brother in this. Property is part of an estate.

•Complainant reported an animal bite victim at the hospital that occurred in Nobles County.

•Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle.

**June 16**

•Complainant reported a fire alarm at 509 E. Main Street. Fire chief reported there is a guy cleaning the machine and he does not need the Fire Department.

•Complainant reported a young man at Manley asking for a ride to his car. Complainant feels there is something wrong with him and would like a deputy to speak to him.

•Complainant reported a domestic with her husband and she's sick of it.

•Complainant reported subject was living in Beaver Creek and was given a 30-day notice to move and she has not moved or paid rent. They are not allowing her in the house.

•Complainant reported he found an empty wallet in his garden.

•Complainant reported CO2 detector alarm on the fire panel. Paged Fire Department.

**June 17**  
 •Complainant reported a break-in.

•Complainant reported that his glasses fell off and he can't find them. Deputy assisted him in locating his glasses.

•Complainant reported possible criminal sex conduct.

•Dispatch received several calls about a semi hung up on the median at S. Kniss Avenue and I-90 ramp. It is blocking traffic.

•Deputy cited subject for driving after revocation.

•Dispatcher received a 911 hang-up call from Steen. Sent deputy to check and everything was OK.

•Complainant reported subject is shooting guns on 20th Avenue and complainant does not feel safe.

**June 18**  
 •Deputy arrested subject on a probation violation and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported someone rang doorbells and stood outside people's houses around midnight on N. Spring Street. Some kids were jumping on the trampoline and subject came and was watching them. When asked what he wanted he asked what street he was on. He then went around the Baptist church and rang a doorbell cross the street and then went back to the kids, who went inside. They were asked to call in when things actually happen.

•Complainant reported that she got some calls about her ex being on the roof of her house trying to get in. Complainant is not home but the children are. Dispatch contacted Pipestone and Minnehaha County to help out with the situation.

•Complainant reported a missing person from a group home. He was allowed to ride his bike for two hours and then was supposed to come back. He left at 11 a.m. and has not returned. Called back later and said he showed up.

•Complainant reported possible criminal sex conduct.

•Complainant reported there will be an adult baptism at Schoeneman pond on June 21 from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding legal issues.

•Complainant reported a car on N. Spring Street has been parked with flashers on for a long time. Deputy had no contact. Dispatch left voicemail for owner.

•Complainant requested a welfare check from SWHHS for subject.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 deer accident, 1 funeral escort, 18 ambulance runs, 2 parking violations, 7 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 4 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 5 drug court tests, issued 3 purchase/carry permits and 13 burn permits.

## Hog barn fire investigation/continued from page 1A



Mavis Fodness photo/0625 Fire Investigation



Fire investigators use an excavator to get a better look at debris left behind by the fire.

Using a 130-foot lift, fire investigators take pictures of the former hog production barn destroyed by fire on May 11 east of Jasper.

More than 15 investigators were working at the scene last week to determine the cause of the fire that killed two workers.

ment and building manufacturers. Since Monday, the group has photographed and examined the rubble from the 41-by-228-foot single-story, wood-frame and steel-sided structure.

Some investigators used an excavator to move metal debris to examine the concrete footings and look inside the slated concrete flooring.

Others used to a lift to get an overhead view of the fire scene.

Another investigator spray painted lines and numbers on the concrete footings to indicate where hog pens were located.

"In any investigation once you have your pictures, you start to move things," the investigator explained.

Some investigators took samples that may have a bearing in their final determination. The samples will be examined in a laboratory versus completing the tests at the scene.

The process could take some investigators days to complete.

Four nursery barns are located at the investigation site four miles east of Jasper at the intersection of 70th Avenue and 251st Street in Rock County.

The fire was contained to a single structure, located to the far west of the remaining three.

Two vehicles were also damaged in the blaze.

The barn had just been emptied of 2,500 pigs, so there were no animals in the building at the time of the fire.

## Highway 75 construction update/continued from page 1A

their speeds while in the construction areas."

Call said that Main Street is expected to reopen by the end of this week.

Meanwhile, on south Highway 75, concrete work for new sidewalks and driveways on the east side of the road began on Monday near Hatting Street and will move north.

While the official detour between

Warren and Hatting streets continues, all of Highway 75 has temporarily been reopened to local traffic. About 400 feet of the road surface is unpaved and unmarked with motorists driving on a granular material at this time.

On Monday Call said work will begin soon on the curb and gutter on that section of the road, which includes the bridge over Poplar Creek and about 150 additional feet in each direction.

Once the curb work is completed, that section of Highway 75 will close to all traffic again while construction crews reconstruct the road and place concrete on the bridge deck.

Call said once the bridge deck is completed, the detour will be permanently lifted and all traffic will travel on Highway 75 with lane restrictions continuing.

The detour is expected to be finished in early July, depending on the weather.

## Kenneth Lutheran farewell service/continued from page 3A

tor, hardware store and other longtime businesses that have been periodically replaced and closed.

### Letting go

In recent years congregation leaders have been grappling with the notion of closing the Kenneth church, and in February congregation members voted to approve a plan toward "dissolution."

In a letter to church members, Pastor Kerry Boese explained the transition process and upholding congregational duties during the closing of the church.

"Let's not allow our kind concern and generosity to waiver, for that generosity and spirit has been the legacy of our forefathers and foremothers, including those who first established Kenneth Lutheran Church," Boese said.

He reminded worshippers of the words on the parish website, "We at Kenneth Lutheran Church



Kenneth's 1937 confirmation class included (back, from left) Conrad Halverson, June Jorgenson, Vernon Oldre, Helen Jordahl, Roger Mork; middle: Duane Erickson, Alma Bentson, Marion Orloske, Jennie Birkland, George Hedermark; front, Ellen Aanenson, Marjorie Naley, Norma Oldre, Rev. Lund, Eileen Sunde and Delores Vande Velde.

seek to continue the legacy initiated by our forefathers and foremothers: to establish a home, that is, to ever grow in the midst of changes so that we can 'bring the Gospel home' to new hearts in new times and under new circumstances."

He admitted this growth is approaching a "kind of death," but he said God's word will live on in church members who continue to believe.

"Your faith, talents and willingness to serve will go on ... though under new circumstances, in relationship to new associations, in a continuing faith-life with

its new dynamics," Boese wrote in his letter.

"Let's end well. Let's end strong. Kenneth Lutheran strong. For, in faith, it is not an end, really, but a new beginning."

### June 28 farewell service to be followed by catered meal

Those interested in attending the June 28 farewell service at Kenneth Lutheran are asked to contact Marilyn, 220-1115, or Vicky, 920-9141, so they can plan numbers for the meal.

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## CELEBRATIONS

### Births

A boy, Ralph Minai, weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces, 18 3/4 inches long, was born to **Isaac and Amanda Crawford**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Sunday, June 7, 2015, in Coon Rapids. He joins a brother, Beau, almost 10, and a sister, Rubie, 3. Grandparents are Clair and Mary Crawford, Beaver Creek, Joe and Kim Minai, Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, and Shane Siege, Maurice, Iowa. Great-grandmother is Bernice Aukes, Hills.

A girl, Jaelyn Julie, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and 21 inches long, was born to **Nathan and Danielle Fick**, Beaver Creek, Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Grandparents are David and Darlene Fick, Brandon, South Dakota, and Gene Bouw, Trosky, Minnesota.

### Open houses

**James and Geraldine Haraldson** will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at the Luverne Senior Center, 319 E. Lincoln St., Luverne. They

request no gifts.

**Gordon and Elaine (Meyer) Meester** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 5, at the Ivanhoe VFW.

### Card showers

**Louise Kiebach** celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on Tuesday, June 23. Greetings may be sent to her at Parkview Manor, 308 Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, MN 56129.

**Marion Swenson** will celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, June 27. Greetings may be sent to her at 215 N. Cottage Grove Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

**Lucille Fick** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, June 30. Greetings may be sent to her at 203 Oak Dr. Apt. 114, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Cleo and Ellen Kjenslee** will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, June 30. Greetings may be sent to them at 124 Gull Path, Mankato, MN 56001.

## MENU

### Senior Citizens

**Monday, June 29:** Beef tips with gravy, noodles, peaches, Country blend vegetables, bread, cookie.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle.

**Tuesday, June 23:** Parmesan chicken, potato, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cocktail.

Program: Two buck Tuesday sponsored by W&N Construction. 9 a.m. Citizens Board meeting.

**Wednesday, July 1:** Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberry

sauce, garnish, frosted cake.

**Thursday, July 2:** Country steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, squash, bread, pudding.

**Friday, July 3:** Closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.



Photo by Deb Leilani

Stephanie Christensen photos/0625 carnegie deb parks exhibit

"Prairie Smoke" by Heather Johnson

## 'Capture the Prairie' photo exhibit at the Carnegie

The Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne is currently featuring a display by professional photographer Deb Leilani Parks, including student photos taken at Blue Mounds State Park by her "Capture the Prairie" photography class. The exhibit is on display now until the end of July at the Carnegie on North Freeman Avenue. Carnegie hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The phone number is 507-283-8294.

## Sterilize cutting tools when working with infected plants, shrubs

Each new growing season brings its own unique set of circumstances that determine which



pests and diseases will be evident in our gardens. This year I am seeing a lot of fire blight in fruit trees and cotoneaster hedges. This virus is devastating to plants and attacks. As bees travel from flower to flower during the blooming season, they can move the virus, and the blossom is an open door for the disease to move into the vascular system

## KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

of the host plant.

At some point the disease will lodge in the cambium layer of the stem and will girdle that branch. Because the sap stops flowing beyond that point, the leaves suddenly wilt and dry up, giving the appearance of being singed by fire, and thus the name fire blight. The percent

of damage determines the chance of survival. If just a few branches are infected, prune them back to healthy wood. The diseased bark will have a sunken appearance so it is usually apparent where the damage starts. It is absolutely necessary to sterilize your cutting tool with a 10-percent bleach solution so you do not

transfer the virus from cut to cut. After removing the infected branches I recommend a spray application of Agri-strep. Spray late in the evening so the chemical is absorbed by the leaves rather than evaporating.

This is also the time to prevent squash bug damage to squash and pumpkin vines. The bug lays its eggs at the base of the stem; the larva hatch and bore into the stem where they continue to feed and move farther up the vine, causing the vine to wilt and slowly die. I read about using dill at the base of the plants to deter the damage ... I'm giving it a try, but still

will use a preventative spray.

I am also seeing tomato blight. The symptoms are lower leaves beginning to turn yellow and developing black spots. Remove those leaves immediately and dispose of them away from the garden. A thorough spray of Maneb or Daconil will prevent the disease from spreading. The disease will spread rapidly because at this point in summer, the plants have often grown dense, so older leaves in the interior of the plant stay wet and give the blight spores an ideal environment to attack. Our high humidity produces dew beginning at dusk and

remaining until midmorning, creating perfect conditions for blight. Not controlling the blight will result in total loss of foliage and eventual death of the plant.

Ok, I've given you the bad news ... the good news is that we don't have to haul water or drag hoses around to keep the gardens growing and looking good. My gardens are looking excellent and the vegetable garden is rewarding us with wonderful produce and for that I am grateful!

*Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at [flowersgb@iw.net](mailto:flowersgb@iw.net).*

## BUSINESS NEWS

Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company (Midwest Fire) announced today that the company has hired Tyler LeBrun as a new manufacturing engineer.



Tyler LeBrun

LeBrun is a graduate of South Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in manufacturing engineering technologies. He also has five years of experience in lean manufacturing with Bobcat Company in Gwinner, North Dakota. In addition to a manufacturing background, LeBrun has served on the Gwinner Volunteer Fire Department since 2010.

"We are very fortunate to welcome an engineer to the team with manufacturing and firefighting experience," said President and Chief Executive Officer of Midwest Fire Sarah Atchison. "LeBrun will assist in production by leading continuous improvement efforts with our manufacturing procedures and processes as well as assisting with design and innovation. We are confident with his experience he will be a great asset to the company."

## 1902: Church representatives meet, decide fate of future union meetings

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on June 19, 1902:

### Union Services at the Park

A meeting of representatives from the different churches was held in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church last Monday evening and the question of holding union meetings in the park similar to those held last year was considered. After a thorough discussion it was decided that union meetings be held during July and August. The services will be held on the Sabbath at 4 o'clock. Committees on program, music, grounds, finance and advertising were appointed, also an executive committee consisting of the pastors of the churches, and the following L.C. Hodgson, J.D. Kibbee, R.H. Holcombe and Rev. E.H. Bronson to have a general supervision of the work. It was the earnest wish of the meeting that these services should prove a source of much blessing to the citizens of Luverne



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

and surrounding country. The first service will be held Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> of which special announcement will be made later.

*Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [mannmade@iw.net](mailto:mannmade@iw.net).*

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2005)

•Rock County's fifth Relay for Life raises \$74,000 for cancer.

### 25 years ago (1990)

•Taco John's fast food franchise opened in Luverne Tuesday to a large lunch crowd. The Luverne Taco John's offers seating for 52 and drive-up service.

### 50 years ago (1965)

•There has been a report that the Postal Department is planning to make a serious cut in the postal service out of Luverne at night. The night mail pickup, which goes thru Luverne at 11:20 p.m., headed east would drop Luverne's postoffice as a stop altho the truck would continue to run straight thru Luverne. About 200 letters are mailed each night, after 6:30 p.m., which go east on this pickup truck. With the last mail being dispatched then with a 6:30 p.m. deadline no mail would go out of Luverne, east, until noon of the following day.

### 75 years ago (1940)

•The annual Rock county 4-H club picnic will be held at the Luverne park, next Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are 12 clubs in the county with a membership of 355.

### 100 years ago (1915)

•The property owners on the west side of Cedar street between Main and Lincoln streets, are making some extensive improvements in front of their properties. New concrete curbs and gutters have been installed and the sidewalks have been widened to thirteen feet to conform to the walks on Main street.



## Luverne native featured in Calumet Players' production of 'Into the Woods'



Submitted photo

Nathan Sparks of Luverne (left) plays Jack in the Pipestone theater production of "Into the Woods" with Milky White (center) played by Katie Scotting of Pipestone and Jack's mother played by Katie Roberts of Tyler at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center.

### By Mavis Fodness

A Pipestone theater production of "Into the Woods" will feature a Luverne native playing one of its primarily characters.

Nathan Sparks, 24, plays Jack from the fairy tale, "Jack and the Beanstalk."

The Dordt College theatre arts graduate said he wants to build a career in acting and had just wrapped up the Green Earth Players' Production of "Moon Over Buffalo," when the Calumet Players announced they were going to perform the musical in June in Pipestone.

This is the first time Sparks has performed with the Calumet Players.

"They are a very good group, very passionate about theatre," he said.

A fan of the musical, Sparks cautioned audience members not to expect a youthful Jack, something that pushes the normal baritone/bass singer's ability to sing the upper tenor range.

"It's kind of a challenge," he said.

Sparks' character opens the "Into the Woods" storyline that takes popular fairy tale characters and places

them together in the fun, yet dark musical.

There is an ambivalent Cinderella, a philandering Prince Charming, a not-so-innocent Red Riding Hood and a witch, among other fairy tale characters.

"They will swindle, lie and steal to gain all the items," said producer Mark Thode of Pipestone. "Everyone is granted their wishes at the end of Act One but sometimes there are consequences to those actions."

The final week of performances will be Thursday, June 25, through Saturday,

June 27, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the box office at the Pipestone County Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling (507) 825-2020 and until 7 p.m. on performance nights.

The performances are conducted at the Pipestone Area Performing Arts Center at 104 E. Main St. in Pipestone.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and younger. Family packages can be purchased for \$35.

The production is rated PG-13.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### St. Olaf College

Jonathon Vajgrt, Luverne, was named to St. Olaf College, Northfield, dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

Vajgrt, a 2014 Luverne High School graduate, is the son of Terry and Michelle Vajgrt, Luverne.

In order to qualify for the dean's list students must earn a 3.75 GPA or higher

### MSU, Moorhead

Bryan Stanley, Luverne, and Jake Tiede, Adrian, were recently named to Minnesota State University, Moorhead, dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

Students must maintain a 3.25 GPA or higher and be enrolled in 12 credit hours to qualify for the dean's list.

### Iowa State

Rebekah Fluit, Larchwood, Iowa, was recently named to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

Students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in 12 credit hours to qualify for the dean's list.

### School of Mines

Dalton Meester, Beaver Creek, a chemical engineering student, was named to the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology dean's list for the 2015 Spring semester.

In order to be named to the dean's list, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher and be enrolled in 12 credit hours.

### Gustavus Adolphus

Joseph Vajgrt, Luverne, son of Terry and Michelle Vajgrt, was recently named to the Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, dean's list for the 2015 Spring semester.

The list includes students who have earned a 3.7 or higher GPA.

### Mount Marty College

Shaina Lonneman, Adrian, and Ryan Oye, Luverne, were named to Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, Spring 2015 dean's list.

In order to be included in the dean's list, students must be enrolled as full time and have a 3.5 or higher GPA.

### NDSU, Fargo

Savanna Thielbar, women and gender studies, and Sydney Thielbar, accounting, both of Luverne, were named to the North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, students must earn a 3.5 or higher GPA and be enrolled in nine credit hours.

### Northern State University

Alicia Shelling, Beaver Creek, was recently named to the Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota, dean's list for earning a perfect 4.0 GPA.

## Ideal Weigh opens in Luverne

Recently purchased HealthStyles in Creeger Building

### By Lori Sorenson

Jaime Vincent, Sioux Falls, is opening a new weight loss business in Luverne, The Ideal Weigh, which will offer the Ideal Protein health protocol.

"I have been with The Ideal Weigh, Inc in Sioux Falls since we opened in 2008," Vincent said.

"The Ideal Weigh in Sioux Falls was the first Ideal Protein center in South Dakota, and since 2008 has expanded to also have locations in Yankton and Brookings, South Dakota, and now in Luverne."

The Ideal Weigh recently bought HealthStyles in Luverne, located at 211 E. Main Street in Suite 106 in the Creeger Building downtown.



Jamie Vincent

"I will continue to bring the Ideal Protein weight loss and health protocol to those seeking to lose weight, improve health and feel better," Vincent said.

Her office is open by appointment on Thursdays. She can be reached at [idealweighcenters.com](mailto:idealweighcenters.com) or by calling 507-449-2140.

## Sioux Valley announces EmPOWER Youth Leadership Scholarships

Scholarship winners from the 2014-15 Class of EmPOWER Youth Leadership students were announced at Sioux Valley Energy's annual meeting June 2.

This was the culminating event of a yearlong leadership and development training program involving 32 area sophomore and junior students.

Twelve students received \$5,350 worth of scholarship awards.

Thea Richards of Hills-Beaver Creek High School was awarded \$750.

During the yearlong program, Thea took on many leadership roles. She was selected to serve on the Advisory Committee that will

assist with program development for the incoming youth leadership students.

She was also selected by a group of her peers to the Co-ops Yes! Youth Board and will be traveling to educational events in Wisconsin and Virginia over the next few weeks.

Sioux Valley Energy also sponsored three students

who joined over 1,700 other high school students from across the country on the Washington, D.C., Youth Tour on June 13-18. Thea was one of the selected students.

Among other scholarship recipients were Luverne High School's Hannah Hoogland, \$400, and Ryleigh Beers and Samantha Ykema, \$250 each.

## Sign-up for Rock County Fair Talent Contest underway; event will take place on July 29

Singers, musicians, comedians and entertainers of all ages are encouraged to sign up for the 14th annual Rock County Fair Amateur Talent Contest.

The event will be Wednesday night, July 29, at the historic Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 are awarded to the top three winners in each category.

Divisions include open (any age), ages 13-18 and ages 12 and under.

Registration deadline is Thursday, July 24.

Entry forms are available at the Luverne Area Chamber office located at 213 E. Luverne St., by calling 507-283-2061 or on the Chamber's website at [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com)

All first place winners at the county fair level advance to the Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest.

The Rock County Fair will be from July 29 through Aug. 1 at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Luverne.

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

## GrandStay earns TripAdvisor excellence

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# Marching band performs at Disneyland

*Local family surprises son in last-minute trip to watch band perform*

**By Mavis Fodness**

After six days on the road, the Luverne High School marching band returned home full of stories, experiences, and for director Richard Owen the one and only copy of the group's studio performance.

"I signed a whole lot of paperwork stating I can't make a copy," Owen said. "I have the one-and-only copy on a flash drive."

During the group's six-day trip, two days were spent at Disneyland in Anaheim, California, where they marched down Main Street U.S.A. and later recorded four Disney songs in a sound studio. A clinician directed the pieces, which were selected for the group when they arrived.

The group played songs from the movies of "The Emperor's New Groove," "Tangled," "Frozen" and Disney's theme song, "When You Wish Upon a Star."

The two chartered buses with 63 students and nine chaperones left Luverne at midnight June 7 and returned June 13.

Along the 60-hour round trip, the group visited sites such as Kings Canyon National Park, Huntington Beach, Glenwood Springs, Sequoia



Luverne High School marching band performs down Main Street, U.S.A., during their trip earlier this month to California.

Chris Holmberg photo/0625 Band at Disney

National Park, Los Angeles farmers markets and the California Space Museum, home of the space shuttle Endeavor.

"It's just cool that it's been to space," said 15-year-old mellophone player Oscar Holmberg.

Director Owen said each student had a different favorite trip experience, from picking oranges, to watching fireworks at Disneyland to swimming at the beach.

For Holmberg and his family, the band trip took on an extra meaning when his dad and his sister surprised

him by being at the parade route at Disneyland.

Chris Holmberg and 11-year-old Sophie drove to Disneyland, arranging to arrive there for the band's two-day stay.

"We wanted to keep our visit secret," Chris said. "But by 9 a.m. (the first day), we already saw Oscar."

They were successful in keeping their visit secret, taking Oscar by surprise "for a split second" while he marched. Oscar said his family talked about making the trip to watch the band. His mother, Diane, stayed



Richard Owen photo/0625 Band at Disney

Huntington Beach was one of the places the Luverne High School marching band visited during their California trip.

home for the last-minute trip.

Chris' favorite memory is of Oscar and the Luverne band marching down Main Street U.S.A.

"We are such a Disneyland and Disneyworld kind

of family," he said. "We love traveling there. It's so fun to go."

The Luverne High School marching band organizes a large trip every four years, Owen said.

## Say 'Cheese'

### Dairy princess focuses on promoting products made from milk

**By Mavis Fodness**

The milk used to make the cheese sticks given out by 2015 Rock County Dairy Princess Calissa Lubben at area parades could have come from the 16-year-old's family dairy farm in north-east Rock County.

After all, 8 million pounds of fluid milk from the Lubben dairy farm is produced yearly for Agropur Inc. in Hull, Iowa. The plant primarily makes cheese.

It's also a plant Lubben said she has personally toured since it began manufacturing cheese more than five years ago.

In Hull, Agropur processes the raw fluid milk into 40- or 640-pound cheese blocks for manufacturers such as Kraft Foods and other store brand companies to process into the final sliced, shredded, chunk or block products sold in grocery stores.

"Milk (from the Lubben farm) is used within 24 hours," said Deeann Bylsma, Agropur's distribution supervisor.

"In 12 to 14 days it (the cheese) is shipped out."

Besides 15 different cheese varieties, Agropur also produces dried whey protein concentrate used in baby formulas and dried permeate, a sweetener.

At 16, Lubben may be too young to know what she will do for the rest of her life, but the daughter of Cal and

Char Lubben knows working at a dairy farm has been shaping her future.

"Dairy has always had a big impact in my life," said the soon-to-be junior at Southwest Minnesota Christian High School in Edgerton.

One early impact was watching her sister, Tina (now 24) represent Rock County as its dairy princess. Lubben is the youngest of four children.

Typically she viewed princesses as wearing glittery gowns and not associating with the grim and hard work of dairy farming.

"I always thought it was kind of cute to be a princess," Lubben said.

Cute is used only to describe the outfits she wears for public events such as parade appearances and serving ice cream at area fairs and events.

For the rest of the time, Lubben dons blue jeans and tall rubber boots as she helps out at the dairy farm, a 27-year-old family business.

Lubben sees her duty as dairy princesses to inform the public on one message.

"Farmers work very hard to produce milk for the food industry," she said.

Lubben should know, as she has firsthand experience doing chores for the 175-cow milking herd, 50 dry cows and 200 heifers.

The care of animals is leading her to consider a



Mavis Fodness photo/0625 Dairy Princess

Rock County Dairy Princess Calissa Lubben (above) waves to crowds during the Buffalo Days Parade in Luverne earlier this month when she handed out cheese sticks.

career in the medical field, possibly as a nurse.

Lubben represented Rock County in the Princess Kay of the Milky Way program. The Midwest Dairy Association-sponsored event names an official goodwill ambassador for the dairy industry as the Minnesota State Fair opens.



Mavis Fodness photo/0625 Dairy Princess

Calissa Lubben cleans the teats of cows before attaching milkers.

### Connell sentence order/continued from page 2A

Connell, 57, was airlifted from the scene, and spent some time recovering in a Sioux Falls hospital from his injuries.

Meanwhile, his blood sample was sent to BCA labs in St. Paul to test for blood-alcohol content.

Those results on Oct. 23 revealed Connell's blood alcohol level at the time of the crash was .215, nearly three times the legal driving limit of .08.

Charges were filed on Nov. 5, 2014, of felony criminal vehicular operation, a felony,



and gross misdemeanor DWI.

The felony charge carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, \$10,000 fine or both.

The maximum penalty for the gross misdemeanor or charge is one year and or \$3,000.

**Jail time ordered, but felony kept off record**

In a plea agreement arranged last week, Connell entered a guilty plea to both charges on a "staying of adjudication."

This means if he successfully completes probation, only the DWI would remain on his record — not the felony charge of criminal vehicular operation.

In court Monday, Judge Christina Wietzema sentenced Connell to 60 days in jail, staggered.

He'll start the first 30 days now and serve the final 30 days a year from now.

He'll pay a \$1,000 fine and restitution, be on three years of probation and complete a MADD impact panel and chemical dependency assessment.

Connell has one prior DWI, but it's been roughly 20 years ago.

### Bloemendaal/ from page 3A

born. The Bloemendaal family moved to Edgerton where Curt graduated from Southwest Christian High School.

He went on to attend Dordt College before graduating from Nettleton Commercial College in Sioux Falls. While attending Nettleton, Curt met his future wife Marilyn. Shortly after graduation Curt accepted a position at Tri-State Mutual Insurance Company of MN in Luverne on July 31, 1963.

Charles Norelius was president of the company at that time and Curt was one of the 20 employees. He worked at Tri-State in various capacities. Within 4-5 years he became an underwriter under his mentor Ed Nekali. He moved into work comp and general liability/casualty. Curt was involved in the development of homeowner and personal auto lines in the early 1970s.

In August 1978 Curt and his family moved to Rapid City when he joined in partnership as an independent insurance agent.

By December 1979 Curt was enticed to return to Luverne to accept a management position in which he served in various capacities for the remainder of his career, including company president.

Although officially retiring in 2008, Curt was called out of retirement to serve as temporary region manager for the Tri-State Region of Continental Western from March 2011 through December 31, 2012.

During his 46-year career in the insurance industry in Luverne, Curt volunteered and served his community in many capacities.

His service includes active membership in the Optimist Club, Luverne Rotary, Rotary International and Luverne Area Chamber; member of the Sanford Luverne Hospice and Sanford Luverne Hospital boards; retired member of the Luverne Volunteer Fire Department; and secretary of the Relief Association.

He also has served as a board member/past president of the Chamber of Commerce and member/first president of the Luverne Hockey Association Board of Directors.

Bloemendaal has also served on the board of directors for many organizations such as LEDA, North Central High School Activity, Rock County Park and Recreation Board, Luverne Community Education Board and South Dakota Underwriters Group, to name a few.

Throughout his life Curt was involved in Grace Lutheran Church as Sunday School teacher, congregational president, property ministry, pastor transition team and chair of the call committee.

In selecting Curt as Outstanding Chamber Member, the Chamber recognizes that his service to the community did not end with his retirement. Curt's passion, pride and dedication to Luverne continue to bless us through his insightful support and involvement in many community-led and -driven initiatives.

Today Curt continues his active work for the Rock County History Center and the Blandin Community Steering & Selection Committee, among many others.

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## Buffalos complete 3-4 regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Tri-State Buffalos wrapped up a 3-4 regular season Saturday in Worthington.

Taking on the unbeaten Southwest Huskerz on their home field, the Buffalos had an opportunity to build some momentum heading into the upcoming Southern Plains Football League Playoffs.

T-S was in a position to register an upset when it trailed 14-6 with 3:18 remaining in the first half.

The Huskerz, however, scored two touchdowns late in the second quarter to open a 28-6 lead at the intermission and matched the Buffalos' scoring output of six points in the second half to nail down a 34-12 victory.

Southwest turned its first offensive possession of the game into an 8-0 lead by registering a one-yard rushing touchdown and a successful conversion pass at the 9:13

mark of the first quarter.

The score remained 8-0 until the 5:55 mark of the second quarter, when the Huskerz took advantage of an interception by the Buffalos by recording a three-yard touchdown run to make it a 14-0 game.

T-S climbed back into contention when Derrick Singleton fired a 10-yard touchdown pass to Stan Jennings with 3:18 remaining in the first half to trim the difference to eight points (14-6).

The Huskerz answered the challenge by scoring 14 points in the final 2:01 of the second quarter to settle the issue.

Three plays after the Buffalos produced their first touchdown, Southwest scored a 75-yard touchdown run and a successful conversion run to make it a 22-6 game.

The Huskerz picked off a

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John Rittenhouse photo/0625 redbirds 13

Luverne's Gunnar Olson begins a successful slide to home plate during a 13-9 win in Pipestone June 17.

## Redbirds post ninth-straight win

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds reeled off their ninth consecutive victory in Pipestone Wednesday, June 17.

Taking on the A's on their home field, Luverne exploded for seven runs in the second inning and withstood a late challenge by Pipestone to secure a 13-9 win.

The Redbirds were in a position to win the game by the 10-run rule when they sported an 11-1 advantage after five and one-half innings of play.

Pipestone, however, climbed back into contention by plating four runs in the sixth and seventh frames to make it an 11-9 game.

The Redbirds responded by plating single runs in the eighth and ninth innings and blanked Pipestone in the same innings to prevail by four runs.

Luverne opened the scoring in the second with a seven-run outburst that featured a two-run single by Codie Zeutenhorst.

Josh Slieter doubled home one run and Tony Sandbulte, Joey Slieter, Gunnar Olson and Tanner Skattum added run-scoring singles to the rally.

Pipestone scored once in the bottom of the second, but the Redbirds put together two-run rallies in the fourth and fifth innings to open a 10-run (11-1) cushion.

Skattum received an RBI for a fielder's choice in the fourth.

Josh Slieter drew a bases-loaded walk and Brooks Mauer registered a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

The A's grabbed the momentum by scoring the next eight runs before the Redbirds iced the win by recording insurance runs in the eighth and ninth frames.

Joey Slieter drilled an RBI triple in the eighth and Skattum capped a three-RBI effort with a run-scoring single in the ninth.

Zeutenhorst pitched six and two-thirds innings to record the win. He limited Pipestone to one run through five innings,

but yielded nine runs and 10 hits before being lifted with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

Josh Slieter tossed the next inning and two-thirds, surrendering two hits.

Skylar Wenninger replaced Slieter with two runners on and one out in the ninth and fanned both batters he faced.

| Box score   | AB | R | H | BI |
|-------------|----|---|---|----|
| Wenninger   | 5  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Jy. Slieter | 6  | 1 | 3 | 2  |
| Faquette    | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Crabtree    | 0  | 1 | 0 | 0  |
| Zeutenhorst | 4  | 1 | 2 | 2  |
| Kor         | 0  | 2 | 0 | 0  |
| Olson       | 3  | 3 | 1 | 1  |
| Js. Slieter | 3  | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Fitzer      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Skattum     | 5  | 1 | 3 | 3  |
| Pick        | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Norman      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Mauer       | 2  | 1 | 0 | 1  |
| Sandbulte   | 5  | 1 | 2 | 1  |



John Rittenhouse photo/0625 buffalos 9

Tri-State Buffalos quarterback Derrick Singleton releases a pass under pressure during Saturday's 34-12 loss in Worthington.



John Rittenhouse photo/0625 take 16

Four men representing the Take 16 Brewing Company won the Luverne Chamber of Commerce Golf Scrambler at the Luverne County Club Monday. Team members include (from left) Chad Dubisar, Kirk Bloemendaal, Verlyn Hoff and Tim Gust.

## Take 16 wins golf scrambler

By John Rittenhouse

A foursome representing Take 16 Brewing Company took top honors during the Luverne Chamber of Commerce Golf Scrambler Monday at the Luverne Country Club.

Competing in a 16-team field, the Take 16 squad fired a five-under-par 31 to win what

was a tight competition for the team title.

Four teams finished with four-under-par 32 tallies at tournament's end, but it wasn't enough to knock off Take 16.

Tim Gust, Verlyn Hoff, Kirk Bloemendaal and Chad Dubisar formed the

championship team.

A team representing Beck and Hoffer Construction earned second place based on its performance on handicap holes.

Jeff Sehr, Josh Gangestad, Ryan Fick and Tyler Morris played with the second-place-finishing squad.

## VFW plates 27 runs in Monday rout

By John Rittenhouse

An offensive eruption by the Luverne VFW baseball team resulted in a season-high scoring output Monday at Redbird Field.

Luverne batters registered 19 hits and scored 27 runs during a 27-3 victory over Marshall Orange.

The game was moved from Marshall to Luverne due to a wet field in Marshall.

Luverne played the game as the visiting team and seemed to enjoy the role as the Cardinals scored at least two runs in all five innings of the contest.

The Cards put together

nine-run rallies in the first and second innings, a three-run showing in the third and scored four runs in the fourth inning to open a 25-0 lead.

Marshall Orange scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth before Luverne capped the scoring with a two-run fifth frame.

Jason Nelson, Nick Harder, Tyler Reisdorfer and Trenton Bass tossed one scoreless inning each for the Cards, with Reisdorfer being credited with victory.

Layne Curtis yielded three runs in the fourth inning.

Reisdorfer and Nelson led the Cards at the plate with four

hits each, while Declan Beers chipped in three hits.

Harder, Trey Roberts and Kaden Erickson added two hits each to the winning cause.

The 6-3 Cardinals play at the Junior Upper Midwest Classic in New Ulm Friday and Saturday.

| Box score    | AB | R | H |
|--------------|----|---|---|
| Beers        | 3  | 3 | 3 |
| Berndt       | 1  | 1 | 0 |
| Reisdorfer   | 5  | 4 | 4 |
| Nelson       | 4  | 3 | 4 |
| Z. Loosbrock | 2  | 0 | 0 |
| Reed         | 3  | 2 | 1 |
| Bass         | 1  | 1 | 0 |
| Harder       | 3  | 1 | 2 |
| A. Loosbrock | 5  | 3 | 1 |
| Roberts      | 3  | 2 | 2 |
| Curtis       | 1  | 0 | 0 |
| Lonneman     | 1  | 2 | 0 |
| Forshey      | 0  | 1 | 0 |
| Erickson     | 3  | 4 | 2 |

## Legion sweeps home set

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team took both ends of a doubleheader against Dell Rapids Thursday at Redbird Field.

The Cardinals pulled out a 4-3 win in the opener before posting a 10-5 victory in the finale.

Luverne sported an 8-3 record at set's end.

### Luverne 4, DR 3

The Cardinals produced a run in the bottom half of the sixth inning of a scheduled six-inning game to win the opener Thursday.

After Luverne scored three runs in the home half of the first inning, Dell Rapids battled back to knot the score by plating one run in the third inning and two in the top of the sixth.

Tommy Vajgrt drew a walk in the bottom of the sixth and advanced to third base before scoring the decisive run when Cole Bosch registered a two-out infield single.

Connor Hoffman, who pitched all six innings to get the win, reached base on an error and scored Luverne's first run in the first inning on an error.

Andrew Verhey drove in a run with a ground out and Bosch singled home a run before the first inning was complete.

Hoffman limited DR to four hits and fanned six batters in the game.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Hoffman   | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0  |
| Sandbulte | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Vajgrt    | 2  | 2 | 0 | 0  |
| Crabtree  | 3  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Verhey    | 3  | 0 | 1 | 1  |
| Bosch     | 3  | 0 | 2 | 2  |
| Gonzalez  | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Overgaard | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Harder    | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  |

### Luverne 10, DR 5

The Cardinals staged a late rally to complete their sweep of DR.

Trailing 4-1 after three innings of play, Luverne tied the game with a three-run rally in the fourth inning and scored



John Rittenhouse photo/0625 legion 4

Cole Bosch dives to the bag as Dell Rapids' shortstop fields a high throw during Thursday's twin bill at Redbird Field.

six times in the top of the sixth to settle the issue.

Connor Sandbulte gave the Cards a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the top half of the first inning, but DR scored three times in the bottom of the first and once in the third to open a three-run (4-1) advantage.

Verhey doubled home a run and scored on a balk in the fourth inning and Bosch reached base on an error and scored on a passed ball to tie the game in the fourth.

The Cardinals took advantage of DR's pitching woes to score six runs in the sixth inning.

Sandbulte, Vajgrt, Verhey and Bosch drew bases-loaded

walks to force home runs and Connor Crabtree was hit by a pitch with the sacks full to force home another counter.

Ryan Gonzalez capped the rally with a run-scoring infield single.

Vajgrt pitched six innings of five-run ball to secure the win.

Vajgrt issued three walks, surrendered eight hits and recorded six strikeouts.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Hoffman   | 3  | 2 | 0 | 0  |
| Sandbulte | 2  | 1 | 2 | 2  |
| Vajgrt    | 2  | 2 | 1 | 2  |
| Crabtree  | 3  | 1 | 0 | 1  |
| Verhey    | 3  | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Bosch     | 3  | 2 | 1 | 1  |
| Gonzalez  | 4  | 0 | 2 | 1  |
| Beers     | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0  |
| Harder    | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Overgaard | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  |





John Rittenhouse photo/0625 vfw 4

Luverne's Declan Beers slides across home plate to score the VFW baseball team's lone run during a 7-1 loss in Pipestone June 17. Beers recorded one of Luverne's two hits in the contest.

## Pipestone saddles Luverne VFW with a pair of setbacks June 17

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team took a pair of losses in Pipestone Wednesday, June 17. The Cardinals competed in a regularly scheduled game and completed a contest that was suspended due to rain in Luverne June 4.

Unfortunately for Luverne, it dropped both contests.

The night started with the teams picking up where they left off on June 4, with Pipestone sporting a 3-1 advantage with

Luverne batting in the bottom half of the fifth inning.

The teams proceeded to play two and one-half innings of scoreless ball, leaving the Arrows with a two-run victory.

Game 2 started in a positive way for Luverne, which plated one run in the top half of the first inning.

Pipestone, however, outscored LHS 7-0 the rest of the way to secure a 7-1 win.

The Arrows put together two-run rallies in the first and

third innings before scoring three runs in the fifth.

Declan Beers registered an infield single and scored Luverne's run when Jesse Reed singled sharply to right field in the first.

Trey Roberts pitched the first three innings for Luverne and took the loss after surrendering four runs.

Beers pitched one scoreless inning before giving way to Alex Loosbrock, who yielded three runs in two innings.

Trenton Bass tossed one scoreless frame for the Cards.

No box score was available from the suspended contest between the Cards and Arrows.

| Box score    | AB | R | H | BI |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|
| Beers        | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Reisdorfer   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Reed         | 3  | 0 | 1 | 1  |
| A. Loosbrock | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Bass         | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Erickson     | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Roberts      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Lonneman     | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Z. Loosbrock | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Mente        | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |

## West Central upends Luverne Legion Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team fell behind early and couldn't recover when the Cardinals challenged West Central Monday in Humboldt, South Dakota.

West Central plated six runs in the bottom half of the second inning to open the scoring in the game and never lost the lead during a 12-9 victory.

Luverne put together two-

run rallies in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings and scored one run in the seventh to make the game respectable.

WC, however, scored once in the bottom of the third and five times in the fourth to remain in control of the contest.

Connor Hoffman, who drove in four runs at the plate, doubled home one run and Connor Sandbulte singled home another when Luverne scored its first two runs in the

third inning.

Hoffman slapped a two-run single in fourth inning, and Cole Bosch delivered a run-scoring double before scoring on an error in the fifth.

Joe Sommers belted a two-run home run in the sixth inning before Hoffman capped his four-RBI effort with a run-scoring single in the seventh.

Hoffman was charged with the pitching loss after yielding seven runs (one was earned)

during a three-inning stint on the mound.

Nick Overgaard surrendered five earned runs in the final three innings.

The 8-4 Cards play in Edgerton Thursday.

| Box score | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Hoffman   | 5  | 1 | 4 | 4  |
| Sandbulte | 3  | 1 | 1 | 1  |
| Crabtree  | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0  |
| Sommers   | 4  | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Olson     | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Bosch     | 3  | 3 | 2 | 1  |
| Gonzalez  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Overgaard | 1  | 1 | 0 | 1  |
| Rops      | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0  |

## Buffalos/continued from page 1B

T-S pass moments later and capped the scoring with a 20-yard touchdown pass with 23 seconds remaining in the second stanza.

Southwest upped its lead to 28 points (34-6) with a 64-yard touchdown run with 1:08 left

in the third quarter.

The Buffalos scored the game's final six points when Alex Toupal tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Tyrel Kool with 7:51 remaining in the fourth quarter.

## New league expands schedule for Legion

The "powers that be" in charge of running the Luverne American Legion



### FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

baseball program made what I deem to be a positive move heading into the 2015 season.

I didn't know about the decision until recently, but choosing to join seven other programs as first-year members of the Minnesota-South Dakota League is a positive thing.

It gives the Cardinals a chance to play more games, which, in turn, is helping the Luverne Legion play a better brand of baseball.

"I think it has kept our boys more sharp," admits Luverne coach Barry Shelton.

"It has given our kids a chance to play more games (compared with recent years)."

The decision to join the new league, which consists of Minnesota entries Worthington, Edgerton, Pipestone and Luverne, along with South Dakota programs from Madison, Dell Rapids, Garretson and West Central, has padded the schedules of all the teams.

Last year Luverne was limited to 13 regular season games before entering the Sub-District Playoffs in July.

The Cardinals will match that 13-game total after they play their schedule game in Edgerton Thursday, and they will surpass it by playing three games in

league tournament in coming weeks.

"We had to do something because of the dwindling numbers of Legion teams in Southwest Minnesota," Shelton said.

"We always have played South Dakota teams like Garretson before, but Garretson and the other South Dakota teams didn't have a league to play in like they do now. Everyone seems to like it."

While Shelton does like the idea of giving his players a chance to play in more games, the new league does have one drawback.

He isn't particularly fond of playing doubleheaders that start at 6 p.m. on weeknights.

"A lot of our kids have jobs and it's hard on them when we have road games that start at 6 p.m.," he said.

That's a legitimate gripe, and I can offer no solutions to address the problem.

Ultimately, I think playing an expanded summer schedule will benefit the Luverne High School baseball program in the long run.

Summer ball is designed to help develop future varsity players, and there is no better way for kids to learn the game than by being exposed to game situations.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Team member

Ashley Olson, a 2014 Luverne High School graduate, will join the Dakota State University women's softball program next season.

She is a projected pitcher/shortstop for the Trojans next spring.

Olson, the daughter of Jeremy and Stacy Olson, Luverne, is a sophomore majoring in health information administration at DSU in Madison.

University standout and current Detroit Lion Zach Zenner will host a running back clinic at the Sanford Field House in Sioux Falls July 21.

The Zach Zenner Running Back Clinic runs from 1-3 p.m. and is open to athletes in Grades 2-12.

The camp will cover stance, footwork, drill work and blocking techniques for running backs.

Contact Tim Gerzewski (605-366-4232) for more information.

### Backs clinic

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Thomas Jennings, Pastor

Friday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. Communion at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, June 27: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, June 28: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Bulletin. Monday, June 29: 7 p.m. Divorce Recovery. Tuesday, June 30: 4 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, June 24: 10 a.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home.

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

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

Thursday, June 25, and Friday, June 26: 9 a.m. to noon Camp Kilimanjaro VBS at FBC. Thursday, June 25: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, June 26: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Camp Kilimanjaro VBS program at FBC. Sunday, June 28: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2: 2:30 p.m. Shetek Camp #1 (grades 10-12). Tuesday, June 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, July 2: Noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. Rachel and Naomi circles. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home; Lydia Circle at Poplar Creek. 4:30 p.m. Book Study; Youth Canaries game. 7:30 p.m. Pricilla/Elizabeth Circle. Friday, June 26: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, June 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 28: 8:15 a.m. Prerecorded Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, June 29: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Tuesday, June 30: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Wednesday, July 1: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, July 2: 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew M. Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, June 25: ELS Synod Convention in Mankato. 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, June 28: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, July 2: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Friday, June 26: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Rehearsal. Saturday, June 27: Dorhout/Wheeler wedding. Sunday, June 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF; Junior RCYF. Monday, June 29: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 50s Night Fundraiser. Tuesday, June 30: 1 p.m. Staff meeting.

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
507-962-3270

Saturday, June 27: 8:30 a.m. Shetek Quilt Auction in Slayton. Sunday, June 28: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, June 30: 10:30 a.m. Text study. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Wednesday, July 1: 9 a.m. Quilting. No board or council meeting.

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

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net  
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Sunday, June 28: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee. 11 a.m. Come as you are Worship Service. Monday, June 29: Noon to 6 p.m. Rock County 4-H Project Day. Tuesday, June 30: 9 a.m. Newsletter folding team.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com  
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Saturday, June 27: Mission Trip. Sunday, June 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. Monday, June 29: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, June 30: 9 a.m. Kitchen Cleaning. 5:30 p.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: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, June 25, to Sunday, June 28: National LWML Convention, Des Moines, Iowa. Friday, June 26: Church office closed. Saturday, June 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, June 28: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, July 1: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, July 2: 2 p.m. Women's Society.

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

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

**New Life Celebration Church**  
211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, June 25, through Sunday, June 28: LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Thursday, June 25: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, June 26: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Saturday, June 27: 5 to 8 p.m. Hardwick Jubilee Days Community Meal at the fire hall. Ice cream served by Zion Youth Group. 7 p.m. Hardwick Parade. Sunday, June 28: 10:30 a.m. Hardwick Jubilee Days Community Outdoor Service at Zion. Meal by Zion Youth Group to follow service. 3 p.m. Pastor leads Worship at Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton. Monday, June 29: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, July 2: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church**  
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
igtwb@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  
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, June 28: 9 a.m. Sound of the Trumpet Worship Service.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, June 25: 1:30 p.m. WELCA meeting. Sunday, June 28: 10:30 a.m. Sound of the Trumpet Worship Service.

## Get 'er done

The phrase "get 'er done" is one we've heard often over the last few years.



This phrase has gained popularity over the years by actor Daniel Lawrence "Larry" Whitney, better known as "The Cable Guy." You can buy clothing and baseball caps sporting this phrase. Whitney has even written a book by the same title. If I'm right, Larry the Cable Guy uses this phrase as motivation to simply go about the business at hand. Don't procrastinate! "Get 'er done."

In essence this is the message of our Gospel text from Mark 4:26-29. Yes, we should "get 'er done."

In this parable Jesus points out that the seed sower notices the obvious: the seed sprouts and grows, but does not know how the seed does this. It's not necessary to understand how the seed grows. It just does.

Next comes the harvest, and the "get 'er done" part. The harvest has come now, get to it. This is what the sower does when the grain is ripe.

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Ron Nichols, pastor,  
Grace Lutheran Church,  
Luverne

This parable, like all parables, has significant symbolic references. The "Good News" of Jesus is the seed. This seed grows in believers and develops faith. The harvest is the gathering of souls to build and develop the Kingdom of God on earth.

Jesus scatters the seed of the "Good News." We do the same with our words and deeds. What if no one scatters the seeds? There will be no harvest.

I believe Jesus simply uses this parable to give incentive to all his believers to sow the seed. Simply, "get 'er done." We don't know how God grows the seed in each person. We don't need to know. We just need to know the seed grows when planted.

Let us always be sowers of the Gospel seed with our words and deeds. Let us always "get 'er done."

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**Kenneth Lutheran Church**  
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Office Ph. 283-4804; Home Ph. 879-3216  
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Kerry Boese, Pastor

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m. Worship Service.

**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

Sunday, June 28: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
Reuben Sinnema, Pastor

Sunday, June 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Pulpit Supply: Armond Floyd; Annual concert in the park.

**Hills United Reformed Church**  
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## SRDC public hearing set for July 9

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) will hold a public hearing on its budget for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016) on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at the Heron Lake Community Center, 312 10th Street, Heron Lake MN. The Hearing will begin at 3:00 p.m. and continue until all persons wishing to offer testimony have been heard. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Southwest Regional Development Commission Office, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, Minnesota. Copies of the proposed budget are also on file with each county auditor, county coordinator, city clerk and township association chairs in Region 8. (6-25)

## Craig Hawes applies for livestock feedlot permit

### NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Craig Hawes has made application to the County of Rock for a permit to modify a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19 in Mound Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of open lots and partial confinement to house 20 head of cow calf pairs. The proposed modification will be a 100'x300' open lot, a 50'x120' open lot, both with runoff controls, and a 50'x120' partial confinement to house 500 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the cattle lot will be stored in pack on lot. Finished site will house 500 head of finishing cattle and 20 cow calf pairs equaling 524 animal units.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law. (6-25)

## Spykerboer applies for livestock feedlot permit

### NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Devin Spykerboer has made application to the County of Rock for a permit to modify a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28 in Mound Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of open lots to house 75 head of finishing cattle. Manure is stored in a 65'x100'x12' earthen lagoon. The proposed modification will be expanding to 500 head of finishing cattle. Finished site will house 500 head of finishing cattle equaling 500 animal units.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law. (6-25)

## County seeks pavement marking bids by July 17

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS C.P. 067-401-015

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 17th, 2015.

**READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.**

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the 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 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota, immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, July 21st, 2015, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

**The Quantities of Work are:** 1,980 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint – White & 1,597 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Centerline Pavement Marking Paint – Yellow.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) by searching project #3968079 and at the Rock County Highway Department website, [www.co.rock.mn.us/highway](http://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. SAP 067-401-015."**  
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  
(6-18, 6-25, 7-2, 7-9)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Aug. 6

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 22, 2007  
MORTGAGOR: Joshua D. Christensen, a single person.  
MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded May 23, 2007 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 166658.  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated May 22, 2007 Recorded May 23, 2007, as Document No. 166659.  
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 713 South Donaldson Street, Luverne, MN 56156  
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1337.000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
The W 130 feet of Lot 4 and the N 10 feet of the W 130 feet of Lot 5, all in Block 3 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne,

Rock County, Minnesota  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,800.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$49,530.42

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: August 6, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.  
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 February 8, 2016, 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: May 26, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency  
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

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

Document version 1.1 December 11, 2013 (6-11, 6-18, 6-25, 7-2, 7-9, 7-16)

## Tinklenberg probate

### FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

#### NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ROCK Estate of

#### Helen Tinklenberg, Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated October 23, 2008, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed William V. Weber, whose address is 704 Traveling Hail Circle, Luverne, MN 56156, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

Notice is also given that (subject to 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: June 10, 2015

/s/ Terry S. Vajrnt  
Terry S. Vajrnt  
Judge

/s/ Denise Brandel  
Denise Brandel  
Court Administrator

Dated: June 10, 2015

Attorney For Personal Representative  
Jeffrey L. Haubrich  
Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP

120 N. McKenzie  
Luverne, MN 56156

Attorney License No.: 300020  
(507) 283-9111

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## CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to all of our family, friends and relatives for all the cards, gifts and well wishes on our 60th anniversary.

**Harvey and Carol Taubert**  
(6.25-6.28)

A heartfelt thank you to our children who hosted an Open House for our 60th Anniversary; to all who attended, for cards and gifts that keep coming our way. Thanks to our church family and the community for support and friendship over the years. Again we have seen "Among God's best gifts to us are people who love us". God truly gives us more than we can thank Him for. Amen.

**Love, Art and Donna Dahlen**  
(6.21-6.25)

The family of Martha Bakken would like to thank the community and members of Palisade Lutheran for the kindnesses shown to Martha's family, the Tuff Home and Village administration and staff for providing a wonderful place to live, and Hospice people who made the end of a 104 year life as comfortable as possible. For the final celebration of life, thanks to the Minnehaha Funeral Home, Pastor Ray, the Palisade WEL-CA and Makayla, Howard and Doreen for sharing their music.

**Howard and Mary Ann Bakken**  
**Richard and Linda Bakken**  
(6.21-6.25)

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and memorials in honor of Jerry. A special thanks to Dr. Morgan, Tuff Home and staff for the wonderful care given to him. Thanks to Pastor Ron Nichols and the church ladies for the wonderful lunch. Also, thanks to Jeff Hartquist for all you do!

**The family of Jerry Binford**  
(6.21-6.25)

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**Kathy King, Beaver Creek Township Clerk**

## Clinton Township

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## MOWING NOTICE: DENVER TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to all landowners or tenants to mow at least one swath along township road ditches, by June 30, 2015. If not done, the township may hire it done and have it assessed against the landowners taxes.

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