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2,400 graduates later ...

Gary Fisher retires as Luverne's superintendent

By Mavis Fodness

Amid packed boxes and empty shelves in his office, retiring Luverne Superintendent Gary Fisher joked last week that he should write a book.



"Let Me Tell You A Story" would be its title, taken from the phrase the 64-year-old often used to

preface lessons learned during his 40 years in public education.

If he did write a book, it would most likely be dedicated to the estimated 2,400 students who earned Luverne High School diplomas under Fisher's leadership — first as high school principal and later as superintendent.

It's the kids, he would say, that were the focus of both the popular and unpopular administrative decisions he made since moving to Luverne in the fall of 1991 with his wife, Peggy, and then three young children.

"This is how I look at what we (as administrators) do in school in general," Fisher said. "I am not here for me. We are not here for the teachers. Everything that we focus on is what we do for kids."

In their own way, students have shown their appreciation for Fisher's advocacy. It has become a tradition for Luverne students to hand something to the high school principal before receiving their diplomas.

As Fisher packed mementos received during 24 Luverne graduation ceremonies, he recalled some "unique" gifts.

There were the 100 bouncy balls, the 100 hacky sacks — and the recollection of goldfish handed to him as he presented graduating seniors their diplomas.

"I don't know how they got them in there," is how Fisher would start the story about his last year as

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Water bubbles up through the sidewalk and through cracks in the pavement on East Main Street Wednesday morning after a six-foot lateral split of an underground water main. The ordeal prompted the closure of that block for that day, and partially closed it for later that week and Monday morning as pavement was repaired.

(Lori Sorenson photo/0702 water break)



Stephanie Christensen photo/0702 street repair

Water woes

Major water main breaks send city crews scrambling; one break drains water tower in under two hours

By Lori Sorenson

It's been a rough week for the city of Luverne's Water and Wastewater Department.

On Wednesday, June 24, motorists and pedestrians noticed water bubbling up through the sidewalks and cracks in the pavement on East Main Street near Loopy's.

An 8-inch main had split open six to seven feet, sending thousands of gallons of water spilling under ground.

"Most of the time they just break off sharp, but this was a lateral break," said Al Lais, who supervises the city's water departments.

He said city crews were able to contain the leak and repair it before downtown busi-

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Berkley donates thousands to Luverne through employees

By Lori Sorenson

William R. Berkley of Berkley Corporation traveled from the East Coast to attend a recognition event for Curt Bloemendaal Wednesday, June 24, at Sterling's Cafe and Grille.

Bloemendaal was named Luverne's Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year for his leadership role in local business and for his civic contributions to the community.

His professional experience in the insurance industry dates back to 1963 when he started at Tri-State Insurance, Luverne, and more than 40 years later he retired as president of the local office.

By then it was known as Continental Western Group Tri-State Region, a member of the Berkley Corporation, and at Wednesday's event downtown CEO W.R. Berkley

praised Bloemendaal's work ethic and generosity.

He described Bloemendaal as someone who always gave 110 percent.

"It's rare that we have such a human being among us," he told the gathering of Berkley employees and community members. "I want to thank him myself."

Berkley also spoke of

Bloemendaal's dedication to his family and to his community, and at a company meeting that afternoon, he reminded employees of the importance of giving back.

He asked all employees who had been there 10 years or longer to stand up, and he told them they would each receive \$1,000 to give to a charitable

Berkley gift/see page 2A

Organ, tissue donation message comes to driver's ed

By Lori Sorenson

Former Hills resident Al Berdahl is a three-time tissue recipient, so his job with the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank comes easily.

"I'm a walking poster board," he admitted Wednesday after speaking to a driver's education class in Luverne High School. "I talk about it to anyone who will listen."

Minnesota now requires a portion of classroom driver's education to focus on education about organ and tissue donation.

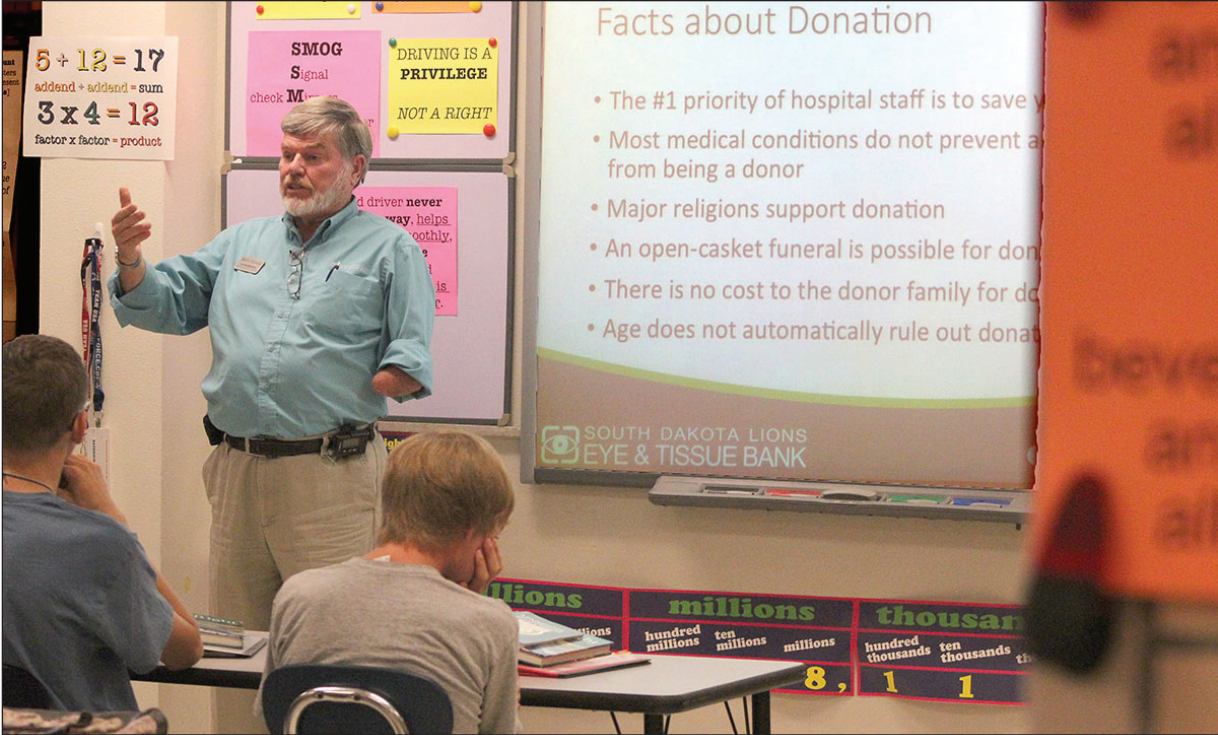
And for many local students, that means hearing from Berdahl, who is passionate about his message.

"It's a miraculous thing to do," he told the class gathered in Loel Olson's classroom Wednesday.

"You have the ability to save and enhance lives far beyond your ability to imagine ... and it's all because we check the box and have the conversation with our loved ones."

Soon-to-be drivers will need to decide "yes" or "no" to the organ and

Organ, tissue donation/see page 5A



Former Hills resident Al Berdahl is a three-time tissue recipient, so his job with the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank comes easily. He's an outreach coordinator and takes the message of organ and tissue donation to area driver's education classes. He's pictured in Luverne on Wednesday, June 24.

School approves trail easements

By Mavis Fodness

The proposed six-mile recreation trail around the city of Luverne took another step forward when Luverne School Board members approved an easement agreement with the city at their regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 25.

The perpetual and temporary construction easement cost was \$1.

The board agreed to have the 20-foot-wide trail constructed on the west side of the school campus with a 16-foot wide spur trail leading to the Nature Explore area connecting with the elementary parking lot.

Superintendent Gary Fisher said the 10-foot wide path with 5-foot clearance on each side for possible bench placement would not interfere with school activities including cross country, which uses the open grass area as a race course.

Called the Luverne Loop, the 1.61-mile trail through school property is the first of three construction phases for a proposed loop around the outskirts of Luverne.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Tourist Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, at Sterling's Café.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be in the back room of Orv and Sons' Plumbing in Ellsworth.

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

Luverne Rotary meets at noon every Tuesday at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Call Teresa Hup at 283-9590.

TOPS #698 Luverne (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets for weigh-in at 8 a.m. every Thursday at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. The meeting follows at 8:30 a.m.

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.

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

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

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

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

'Paddington' showing at Palace July 2

The free Bank Nite movie, "Paddington," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 2, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win. Last month's \$50 cash winner was Erika Egdorf.

'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.

Community Ed

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

The **July 13-18** weeklong **Cinderella Theatre Camp** has openings for students who attended kindergarten during 2014-15 through age 7. Register now. Fee is \$40.

Concerned about your **child's development** (ages 0-5 years)? Call 283-4724 for a private screening at no cost. Check out the **Community Education brochure** on the Luverne School website, the community Education link.

Register for 2016 **Discovery Time** preschool. There are openings for children ages 3, 4, or 5 years in the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon classes.

All 3-year-old children living in Minnesota will do an **Early Childhood Screening** as they near age 4. If your child is nearly 4 years old or already 4 and has not been screened, call 283-4724 to arrange an appointment.

Big Buddies seeks mentors

Rock County Big Buddies needs adult volunteers to mentor students in kindergarten through fifth grade. For more information contact Lisa J. Nath at 283-9165.

Little Lambs Preschool has openings

Little Lambs Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. Registration materials may be picked up at the preschool or at St. John Lutheran Church office, both at 803 N. Cedar Street in Luverne or online at www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org at Little Lambs link. Call 283-2316 with questions.

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organization of their choice in the community of Luverne.

According to Nadine Schoep, human resources manager for CWG, there are currently 114 employees between CWG and Berkley Technology Services who report to the Luverne office. Of them, more than 80 have been with the company 10 years or longer.

She pointed out that the company already has a program in place that allows each employee eight hours of paid time per year to volunteer in the community.

Schoep said she is working with employees to make sure their \$1,000 gifts are going to charitable organizations that are designated as 501(C)3, and a list will be released at a later date.

The Star Herald reached Berkley by phone on Monday to talk about the \$80,000-plus gift to Luverne.

"We think supporting your local community is important, and this was an opportunity to demonstrate that," he said. "It was a rare opportunity to see to it that people understood that message."

He further explained his rationale.

"We are a big company with \$20 billion in assets and 8,000 employees, but we're driven by the relationship of people to other people," Berkley said. "It's what differentiates us from other corporations."

He said he's particularly proud of Berkley's relationship with Luverne and its people.

"It's been a wonderful relationship; Luverne is a wonderful small town," he said. Time and time again we've had good employees come from Luverne. The people who have worked for us have been terrific employees, dedicated to the work they do."

He said his decision to give money to Luverne wasn't planned out in advance.

"It just felt like the right thing to do," Berkley said.



Lori Sorenson photos/0702 bloemendaal outstanding chamber member Chamber Board President Mike Smith (left) presents Curt Bloemendaal (center) with this plaque for being named "Outstanding Chamber Member." W.R. Berkley is pictured at right.

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— W.R. Berkley, Berkley Corp.



Curt Bloemendaal addresses friends, family, Berkley employees and community members at his recognition event Wednesday, June 24, at Sterling's Cafe and Grille.

School board to review FLY survey responses; to decide this summer on early start schedule

By Mavis Fodness

All 805 community survey responses on whether Luverne Public Schools should continue to start school before Labor Day will be considered at an upcoming school board work session.

Superintendent Gary Fisher, in his last board meeting before retirement, asked board members for direction at the Thursday, June 25, board meeting.

"The way I look at it, there were 160 (surveys) from multiple sites a number of times," he said.

Fisher asked board members if they wanted those 160 responses eliminated of the final result tabulations.

Board members (Eric

Hartman and Reva Sehr were not in attendance) indicated all responses will be considered, but the 160 will be tabulated separately.

"This helps me get a little more perspective," said board member Colleen Deutsch.

"What point are they trying to drive?"

Two months ago a district committee assembled questions and conducted an online survey for staff, parents, students and community members to complete.

The committee was seeking input into whether or not Luverne should continue starting classes two weeks before Labor Day.

The survey involved answering as many as 28 ques-

tions including demographic information.

Since the online survey closed, district staff have determined too many results came from certain computers outside the school district.

Fisher explained one such IP or Internet Protocol address had as many as 41 responses from one computer, indicating one person possibly completed the survey multiple times.

Each finished survey was automatically coded with an IP address, enabling the district to determine where the results originated.

The survey did allow multiple IP addresses in order for students and staff to use the district's computers. These results (as many as

three to four pages) are not being singled out.

"One site had three parents or guardians taking it from that site," Fisher said.

"There is (another) site that had two parents and a bunch of kids including two juniors. We don't have any junior twins."

While the FLY schedule continues for one more school year for Luverne and the 21 other partner districts, local board members need to decide if the district will extend the FLY for another three years or start classes after Labor Day, as the state mandates.

Board members set a workshop for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the school.



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Secretary of State Steven Simon (left) stopped in Rock County Monday to visit with Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz.

Secretary of State Simon discusses election initiatives in Rock County

By Lori Sorenson

State election policies can be burdensome for small counties with few resources.

In Rock County, Ashley Kurtz communicated these concerns Monday with Secretary of State Steve Simon who toured southwest Minnesota to discuss election reform.

Kurtz, who oversees elections in Rock County, urged Simon to keep the primary election in August, rather than move it to earlier in the year.

“This year in the legislative session there was talk about moving the primary to June and at one time, March was even discussed. This would be a huge burden on the non-metro counties as most of us don’t have staff designated specifically for elections,” said Kurtz, Rock County’s auditor-treasurer.

“In a normal election year the way it is, we start our training in May. If we talk about moving the primary up a couple of months, that would move training earlier and start to interfere with year-end processing, tax statement preparation and the spring tax collection.”

Another issue she took up with Simon was early voting.

“I feel that we need to continue to push for early voting,” Kurtz said. We essentially have early voting to a certain degree with absentee voting, and the amount of time it would take to process an early voter in comparison to an absentee voter is considerably less.”

She said costly new technology, however, would be necessary.

“We would be required to purchase a new voting machine, so it would be nice to see some grant funding put in place along with that,”

Kurtz said.

Another issue affecting Rock County will be the necessary purchase of new voting machines.

“There has been talk recently that in the next few years, the voting machines we currently have would become obsolete. The cost to replace them would be around \$100,000,” Kurtz said.

“For Rock County, that would be just over a 2-percent increase in our property tax levy for one year just to purchase new election machines. When the current machines were initially purchased, it was through some special grant funding, so it would be nice to see some money being set aside for grants to help afford these purchases in the future.”

During Monday’s visit, Simon listened to concerns like these in the southwest-ern counties of Cottonwood, Murray, Pipestone, Rock and Jackson.

He touted his own priorities that were recently signed into law, such as giving equal voting protections to all members of the National Guard and ensuring the right to paid time off from work to vote in all regularly scheduled elections.

He highlighted upcoming initiatives that he will be working closely with county officials on, including disaster preparedness.

Simon is working to convene an elections emergency planning task force created by the Minnesota Legislature to ensure that the state is prepared if a natural disaster, blizzard, or other large scale incident occurs affecting an election, as well as a formal working group to examine Minnesota’s aging election equipment.

More information is available on the Secretary of State website, www.sos.state.mn.us.

Gary Fisher retires as superintendent/continued from page 1A

Luverne High School principal in the spring of 2005.

The first graduate to walk across the stage to shake hands with administrators arrived carrying a large fish tank, Fisher said.

Every graduate after that handed Fisher a bottle of water for the tank, with the last four students each carrying a bag containing a gold fish.

Another year, graduates handed Fisher lottery tickets as they received their diplomas. He won enough from scratching the 100 tickets to purchase two fishing rods. He said he still uses both rods when he enjoys one of his favorite pastimes.

“It wasn’t that I expected anything,” he said as he ended the story.

What Fisher expected, however, was that the students come to school and complete the work necessary to receive a Minnesota high school diploma.

Expectations were clearly set during his first year in Luverne when he proposed no student walks across the stage for a diploma until he or she met all the requirements.

“If you didn’t graduate, you didn’t walk,” Fisher said. “I don’t want kids to think you can screw around all these years and (still) receive your diploma.”

Equally as unpopular was Fisher’s stance on open enrollment, where parents can choose to send their children to another public school of their choice. Students would have to finish classes at that school and not come back into Luverne until the next school year.

“If you’ve got a rule, you follow the rule,” Fisher would say telling this story. “You follow the rule until someone says it needs to be changed and then you make the change.”

The same rules would apply to staff members also, he said.

During the time of budget cutbacks, Luverne’s practice under Fisher has been to examine a particular position once a staff member resigned or retired, making changes according to student enrollment.

“I was very passionate about some of decisions,” he said looking back.

“Many look at it as a cut, but I look at it as we hire what we need. It isn’t all about money, but we still have a responsibility to the community for keeping our dollars at a point where we are doing some good things for kids.”

One of those good things for kids was the development of an alternative learning center in Luverne when Fisher was still high school principal.

Before the establishment of the alternative school, students who weren’t flourishing in the typical classroom setting were forced to receive their education out of town.

“Without that (the local alternative learning center) we would have had some of our kids who would not have graduated,” Fisher said.

Today many of those learning ideals developed at the alternative school have made their way into the high



Mavis Fodness photo/0702 Gary Fisher

Thursday, June 26, marked Luverne Superintendent Gary Fisher’s last school board meeting. He’s pictured here with board member Shelley Sandbulte (left).



Luverne High School yearbooks captured a fresh-faced Gary Fisher as the new high school principal in 1992. He’s pictured at left with Middle School Principal Jim Harner (left) and Superintendent Norm Miller (center)

Below, he is pictured with school secretary Diana Ouverson (center) and counselor Craig Nelson in 1998.



school setting, lowering the number of kids attending the alternative school.

One of those ideals is standards-based grading, which is currently making its way into the K-12 educational process.

“Now we have a clear picture of where we want kids to be and where we want to take them,” Fisher said, ending the story.

As he transitions from administrator to community supporter, Fisher also has a clear picture of what he would like to do in retirement.

“I have (five) grandkids, and I haven’t been able to go to their programs because of my work schedule, so now we are going to the grandparent thing,” he said.

Fisher also won’t forget the students in Luverne.

“Our kids go out and do some great things,” he would write in his story.

“If we want our kids to be good citizens, then we need to model some of those things.”

In his retirement, Fisher will model his dedication to the Luverne community by continuing to live in town, where Peggy currently operates a day care, a business she has done for the past 18 years. He also will be cheering from the bleachers during different school activities as he leaves the business of running the district in the hands of incoming superintendent Craig Uftedahl, who began his duties



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Birthday celebrations continue after boy's death

One benefit of being a reporter is the role of quiet observer in a community — following events but not interfering with the news as it unfolds.

A story assignment in Jasper two years ago is one such event. The experiences of one family have left a lasting impression, and I continue to follow their story.

Tayden Grohs was 4 years old when we first met.

He was throwing a football around with his various cousins on the lawn of his grandparents' Jasper home. I was walking to my vehicle parked nearby. The annual celebration parade had just finished and I was heading home.

Tayden, on the other hand, was a ball of energy that first week in August. He brought a smile to my face as he giggled and dashed around in the grass with his cousins.

Weeks later, Tayden was diagnosed with cancer.

My first story about his courageous fight was the announcement of a fundraiser for the family. A year's salary was raised for the family of four so Mom and Dad could spend time with Tayden and not worry about working to pay the household bills.

The fundraiser was also the topic of the second story a year later.

By then the cancer took Tayden's ability to walk, and talking was limited to a few words. It was a drastic change from the chatty ball of energy I first met.

He died Christmas Day last December. I attended his visitation in Jasper.

Poster boards filled with hundreds of pictures lined the hallway at the church. All the pictures showed a smiling Tayden, many with his little hand in the "thumbs-up" position.

June 25 marked Tayden's (or Tay as his family often called him) sixth birthday. His family



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

observed the day with an uplifting message of "Tay It Forward."

Patterned off the good deed idea of "pay it forward," the Grohs family encouraged people last Thursday to "go out and make someone smile in honor of our little Buddy."

Those who participated in Tay It Forward were also encouraged to share their gestures on social media.

The gestures ranged from buying donuts and breakfast pizza for co-workers to donating teddy bears to the social services office in Brookings in Tayden's name.

Donations were given to a local fire department for Tayden's love of fire trucks, ice cream cones were handed out along with cans of Sprite and M&M cookies, which were the little boy's favorite.

Included with each of the smile-making gestures was a piece of paper with a picture of a smiling Tayden giving a "thumbs up" and an explanation of Tay It Forward remembrance.

The message did travel thanks to social media with reports of smiles reaching residents in Texas and Arizona.

In Texas someone wrote they tipped the waitress 100 percent of the bill.

In Arizona smiles were evoked by both parties as D.J. Jewett wrote to the Groh family, "not real original but I bought Starbucks for the lady behind me today and asked her to 'Tay It Forward' in his memory. I think she thought I had a bad lisp, but it made me smile thinking about your family today."

D.J.'s story made me smile, too.

What a wonderful remembrance Tay It Forward turned out to be.

The power of one Organ donation is 'miraculous thing to do'

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. But despite continuing advances in medicine and technology, the need for organs and tissue is far greater than the availability.

The Star Herald this week features a story about Al Berdahl and his quest to educate the public about organ and issue donation.

Transplantation gives hope to thousands of people with organ failure and provides many others with active and renewed lives.

According to Donate Life America, nearly 124,000 men, women and children are awaiting organ transplants in the United States.

There were 29,532 organ transplants performed in 2014 and there were 14,414 organ donors. One person can provide organs for up to eight people and tissue grafts for over 100.

More than 47,000 corneas were transplanted in 2013.

More than 1 million tissue transplants are done each year and the surgical need for tissue has been

steadily rising.

Anyone can be a potential donor regardless of age, race, or medical history.

All major religions in the United States support organ, eye and tissue donation and see it as the final act of love and generosity toward others.

If you are sick or injured and admitted to the hospital, the No. 1 priority is to save your life. Organ, eye and tissue donation can only be considered after you are deceased.

When you are on the waiting list for an organ, what really counts is the severity of your illness, time spent waiting, blood type and other important medical information, not your financial status or celebrity status.

An open casket funeral is pos-

sible for organ, eye and tissue donors. Through the entire donation process the body is treated with care, respect and dignity.

There is no cost to the donor or the donor's family for organ or tissue donation.

Information about an organ donor is only released to the recipient if the family of the donor requests or agrees to it.

"It's a miraculous thing to do," Berdahl said. "You have the ability to save and enhance lives far beyond your ability to imagine ... and it's all because we check the box and have the conversation with our loved ones."

Read the story. Learn about organ and tissue donation. Check the box on your driver's license.



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Providing healthy foods to the 'species teenagerus' takes experimentation

In my extensive research on the subject of "species teenagerus" (with sub-species teenagerus grumpitus, teenagerus independentus, and the more elusive teenagerus agreeablitus), I have yet to identify all the factors associated with healthy eating. Exercise habits are largely dependent upon the habits of their friends. It seems that eating habits follow this line.

However, sometimes the members of the species are at home. Not as often as before, but it does happen. When it does happen, I have found that if there is no healthy option, the teenagerus will go looking for anything to fill the gnawing pit of emptiness within their gut. This is not usually what is best for their



HEALTHY BYTES

By Mary Brown, RN, Luverne

growing bodies.

In previous experiments, I have found that a bowl of fruit on the countertop is instant snack material. However, as the teenagerus species arrived, their busy schedule became my busy schedule. Suddenly, the opportunities they have come across required more financial input from their parents, (known as adultus reasonablitus). When the fruit bowl is out, all goes according to plan. When work hours get long, the fruit bowl can disappear without being refilled in a timely fashion.

I have found that a bowl of fruit on the countertop is instant snack material.

I have found through experimentation that the teenagerus species is very capable of learning to prepare convenient meals, even if they are less handy than grabbing an apple. Additionally, an apple, while nutritious, doesn't always fill the gnawing empty pit in their stomach. In these instances, lessons in resourcefulness have proven fruitful.

Imagine my delight when I came home to the smell of cilantro. Yes, you read that right. Cilantro. One of my teenagerus had sautéed cilantro and summer vegetables including squash. I regularly encounter the youngest of

my teenagerus preparing a grilled cheese sandwich for himself. This resourcefulness makes me proud. Even if they do forget to clean up after their resourcefulness.

For extra kick, a bowl of hard-boiled eggs in the refrigerator is handy finger food. A cooked chicken in the fridge will be picked clean. The fruit bowl will also be revered by the teenagerus.

It seems that moms and dads are all scientists. It's true. Every day we make decisions based on what works or reveals a new level of understanding of some aspect of our children's lives. Observation — otherwise known as paying attention — may show us all new ways to help our families become healthier every day.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 19
•Complainant reported that she knew the subject that has been tearing around on his dirt bike or 4-wheeler in Hardwick. She owns the house that he lives in and when she went to talk to him, he took off and threatened to have her charged with stalking.
•Complainant requested we do a random alcohol test on subject. Tested negative.
•Complainant reported they have a person at their motel that refuses to leave. Sent deputy who found another spot for her.
•Complainant reported that he took his vehicle to have a new clutch put in and after doing so, he found out that it was put in wrong. Car dealership is claiming it's his fault not theirs. He requested a deputy come immediately.
•National Weather Service reported a severe thunderstorm warning until 7:45 p.m.
•Complainant reported someone punched him in the face. Parties were separated and then someone else reported that after deputies left, complainant came back outside trying to fight with neighbors. Complainant's mother threatened subject saying she was going to kick his butt and they shouldn't mess with her.
•Deputy cited subject for no Minnesota driver's license and no insurance. Requested G&S to tow to their lot.
June 20
•Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took her to jail.
•Complainant reported a branch down at W. Lincoln Street and N. Donaldson Street. Complainant moved it as much as he could but she couldn't get it over the curb. Deputy moved it off the road onto the boulevard. Also reported other branches broken off and a tree snapped on S. Donaldson Street. Will contact city later in the morning.
•Complainant turned in a purple wallet that was found in South Dakota and turned in at the rest stop. Contacted owner and she is going to have her friend pick it up.
•Complainant reported power line down in the alley behind W. Luverne Street. City reported it was a cable line and not a hazard.
•Complainant reported they had a man that was bitten by a raccoon in Magnolia. Subject has several baby raccoons that he has been keeping.
•Complainant reported a road sign down at County Rd. 8 and 141st Street.
•Complainant reported a woman and young child walking on N. Cedar Street and the child's pants are around his ankles. Complainant thought this was weird and requested they be checked on.
•Pipestone County reported a suicidal person in Rock County. They were sending a deputy and requested we send one also. Male was taken to the hospital for an evaluation.
June 21
•Complainant reported

some kids are moving the traffic cones and blocking off all lanes of Hwy. 75. Complainant moved them once and they got moved back.
•Complainant reported that subject was driving his tractor through Beaver Creek a lot and going to Rauk's. Complainant asked him to slow down but he just gets angry and says he is only doing 25 mph. Complainant says he's going too fast to stop for a child running into the street.
•Complainant reported there is a 3-wheeler with no muffler driving up and down through Hardwick and out of town on a gravel road. Complainant asked that a deputy speak with him.
•Reserved for narcotics laws.
June 22
•The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm watch effective until 9 a.m.
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•Complainant reported there is a large branch blocking the southbound lane of Hwy. 75 by the Veterans Home. Notified Minnesota DOT.
•Complainant reported a tree blocking the road around the curve on Fairway Drive. City of Luverne was notified and they will be out to move it.
•Deputy reported all detour signs directing traffic to County Rd. 20 are down because of the storm.
•Complainant reported subject broke into her home and stole a 32" Plasma TV and XBOX 360.
•Complainant reported there is a telelift behind his house on Rapp Street. He wants to find out who it belongs to and have it moved because people are dropping kids off for day care and he is concerned someone will back into it.
•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about an eviction matter.
•Dispatcher received a 911 hang-up call with no answer on callback. Sent deputy to check.
•Deputy stopped a vehicle and driver had no Minnesota driver's license. ID only.
•Complainant brought 3 empty DVD cases to the Rock County Sheriff's Office that she found in her yard.
•Complainant reported loud music for the last three hours at E. Dodge Street and N. Spring Street.
•Complainant reported a possible drunk driver in the Hills area.
June 23
•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject who has not shown up for work for a few days and is not answering the phone. Deputy made contact and advised her to call her workplace.
•Dispatch received a 911 hang-up call with no answer on callback. Sent deputy to Hills to check.
•Complainant requested we interview subject on a criminal sex case.
June 24
•Complainant reported two to four younger guys walking around the trains with flashlights and tripod. Got into a cross-over type vehicle, maybe gray in color, and headed eastbound.
•Complainant reported her granddaughter has a warrant from

Pennington County. She is with a man that drives a white Chevy pickup with a camper/topper with Minnesota plate. They are headed to Luverne.
•Complainant reported something about the size of 5-gallon bucket is on fire in the road. Doesn't need the Fire Department but wants a deputy to check it out.
•Complainant reported that last night he got threatening phone calls from the ex-boyfriend of an employee that just quit.
•Sheriff cited subject for D.A.R.
•Complainant requested extra patrol for loud parties at night.
•Complainant reported subject went flying past her house well over the speed limit in his tractor. Willing to sign a complaint.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding assistance in Rock County.
•Complainant reported subject flew by her house again in his tractor.
•Complainant reported there is a group of kids walking toward the ball diamonds behind the school and they're shooting some kind of rifle.
June 25
•Complainant reported a door kicked in.
•Complainant reported a broken water main at S. McKenzie Street and E. Warren Street. Contacted the city.
•Complainant reported a wrong way driver on I-90 going eastbound in the westbound lane. Sent deputies and notified state patrol and Nobles County as subject is from Adrian. Deputy escorted elderly female driver to the Beaver Creek exit. She was looking for the berry farm.
•Complainant reported a fire alarm at the Oaks. Officer personnel said maintenance is working on it.
•Complainant brought in three license plates that he found at the car wash. They came off during the power wash. Contacted owners.
•Complainant reported he wants subject off his property. His motorhome broke down and complainant has tried to help him out but he now wants him gone.
•Complainant reported he fired subject and she will not return things for the office.
•Complainant reported trucks flying through the stop sign at County Rd. 11 and County Rd. 5.
•Complainant reported subject isn't supposed to be there. Deputy spoke with several people who said that subject was moving his property to a storage unit and did not go to the residence.
•Complainant reported a dog in a vehicle and the windows are barely rolled down.
•Complainant reported smoke coming from the ceiling. Paged Luverne Fire Department. In addition, officers responded to 7 motor vehicle accidents, 17 ambulance runs, 3 parking violations, 4 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 7 log/alarm sheets, 5 drug court tests, and issued 2 purchase/carry permits and 6 burn permits.

Berdahl organ, tissue donation/ from 1A

tissue donor question on their driver's license.
For teenagers the concept of morbidity is hard to grasp, but Berdahl delivers the message in a format they can understand.
"We want you to live a long, healthy and prosperous life," he told them. "We don't want you to be donors. We want you to be designated donors. If tragedy strikes, we hope you're a donor."
And he reminds them to talk to their parents about their decision, because drivers younger than 18 need to have their parents' signatures in order to check the donor box.
Berdahl points out all designated donors need to communicate their wishes with loved ones to assure that the family is aware and can help facilitate their loved one's wishes.

‘Otherwise I’d be in a wheelchair’

Berdahl was born without his left forearm, but he talks at great length about his physical impairments that were corrected by organ and tissue donation.
He tells students he wouldn't be able to walk or see if it hadn't been for the individuals who decided to be donors.
"The only reason I'm standing in front of you right now is because there was a donor who donated bone tissue," he told them. "Otherwise I'd be in a wheel chair."
A 1992 crash in Sioux Falls sent his vehicle into oncoming traffic at more than 60 mph.
"The top of my tibia, where the knee rests, was shattered," he said. "I asked the doctor if I'd ever walk again."
His doctor explained that donated bone would be used to rebuild the shattered limb and he'd be fine.
"These things allow people to walk again, live pain free and become productive in society again," Berdahl said.
He also talks about his cornea transplant surgeries, which were performed by his son, Dr. John Berdahl, an ophthalmologist with Vance Thompson Vision, Sioux Falls.

‘A miracle by any definition’

Alan's eyes began failing around 2010 due to Fuch's dystrophy, a degenerative condition that often causes blindness, usually in both eyes.
At the time, Alan's job at the eye and tissue bank was to evaluate donated corneas for potential transplant quality, and it was becoming difficult to see to perform his work.
He switched his duties to outreach coordinator, but his son meanwhile suggested he go through with the cornea transplant surgery, the only viable treatment for the disorder.
"I could see immediately, and there was no discomfort," Alan raved about the procedures last summer.
"I'm now 20-20 uncorrected. I'm no longer going blind. It's a miracle to me by any definition."
Berdahl is clearly proud of his son, whom he calls a gifted surgeon, but he tells students, "It's not about me; it's not about my son; it's about organ and tissue donation."
"It's only possible because two people donated corneas; and I'm seeing now because of it."

Saying ‘thank you’

He said organ and tissue recipients are given the chance to write thank-you letters to families of donors.
"Oh, you should read some of those letters ..." Berdahl said.
He said recipients and donors aren't allowed to know each other, because the system strictly protects

“It’s an amazing thing we can do. What a legacy! How many lives can one person touch? ... To be able to see again, to be pain free, to be walking again, to solve abnormalities ...”

— Al Berdahl, outreach coordinator for the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank

privacy, but he said there is therapeutic value in the correspondence.
As a recipient himself, Berdahl also wrote a letter.
"There are not words in the English language to adequately say thank you for something like this," he said.
"Yet we try."
And he said it helps grieving families to know the death of the their loved one resulted in a new lease on life for someone else.
He tells the story about one family who asked, "What happened to the tissue that was donated?"
Berdahl said this family's loved one had helped 407 people with tissue grafts. "Just think ... 407 people were helped by one person deciding to be a donor."
He calls it "the power of one," and said 723 grafts is the most his organization has ever seen from one person, but more commonly, one person can contribute up to eight organs and often over 100 eye and tissue grafts.
"It's an amazing thing we can do," Berdahl said.
"What a legacy! How many lives can one person touch?" he said. "To be able to see again, to be pain free, to be walking again, to solve abnormalities ..."
In his closing remarks to students, Berdahl used another personal experience to drive home the importance of driving without distractions.
In 1951 his parents died in a crash caused by a drunk driver. "The guy ran a stop sign and plowed into our family's car," Berdahl said.
He was 2 years old, and he and his brother were thrown from the vehicle and survived, but his parents did not.
"He did one year in prison, and I got a lifetime without my parents," he said.
"Why do I tell this story? Because things can happen in an instant. This guy didn't decide he was going to kill someone that day."
He urged the young drivers to avoid all distractions behind the wheel, including cell phones.
"Leave the cell phone out of reach in the car," he said.
More information about organ donation is available on the Minnesota Department of Motor Vehicles website, dmvm.org, and the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank website, sdletb.org.
About Alan Berdahl:
Berdahl and his wife, Joan, lived in Hills for 25 years, moving to Sioux Falls in December 2012.
They have two children, John, an ophthalmologist with Vance Thompson, Sioux Falls, and Jim, a critical care nurse with Sanford Sioux Falls.
He taught high school band in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District from 1989 through 1991, and he is a tuba player and chairman of Tuba Christmas in Sioux Falls.

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Safety Survivors Day Camp participants and Rock County 4-H ambassadors pose with Hardwick volunteer firefighters (sitting in front) Chelsey Javner and Lowell Schelhaas. Pictured behind the firefighters (first row, left) are Erica Lysne, Mary Christians, Jaycee Chapa, Thea Richards, Blake Sauer, Jaydon Johnson, Maddox Miller, Ava Steinhoff, Lydia Schuld, Rachel Graves; (second row, behind volunteers) Anja Jarchow, Larissa Steinhoff, Layke Miller, Mitchell Sauer; (third row) Kris Severtson, Coulter Thone, Terran Siebenahler, Kaleb Hemme, Elijah Hendricks, Makayla Oechsle, Aiden Worsheck, Spencer Kracht, Joanna Westphal, McKenna Westphal, Machaella Sandbulte Moriah Flanagan; (back row, on truck) Andrea Luitjens, Max Schulke and Brody Goemmel.

Youth learn safety during day camp activity



By Natalie Stueven
4-H Summer Intern

On Friday morning, June 12, 21 children in first through fourth grade attended the "Safety Survivor Day Camp" hosted by Rock County 4-H.

Children participated in several activities to learn about four basic areas of safety.

Activities included learning about germs and proper hand-washing techniques, making a first-aid kit and practicing the basics about cardio pulmonary resuscitation or CPR, finding common safety hazards on a farm, making a healthy snack and learning about fire safety from local volunteer firefighters.

Left: Moriah Flanagan, Rock County 4-H ambassador, uses a black light to show "germs" on participants' hands before proper washing.



Right: Makayla Oechsle, Ava Steinhoff and Maddox Miller spot safety hazards on the farm.

Amateur Talent Contest sign-up now open

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.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Kelsey Haarsma** (bride-to-be of **Shane Kramer**) will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 11, at the Magnolia United Methodist Church.

Card showers

Dick Visker celebrated his 90th birthday on Wednesday, July 1. Greetings may be sent to him at 310 W. 4th Ave., Ellsworth, MN 56129.

Joan Chesley will celebrate her 80th birthday Sunday, July 12. Greetings may be sent to her at 120 N. Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156.

Adoption

Ruth and Randy Gunnink, Brandon, South Dakota, announce the adoption of Isaiah Michael, 7, Izak Richard, 4, and Tyli Jo Grace, 2, on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at the Minnehaha County Courthouse in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They join two brothers, Robert, 13, and Zeke, 11. Grandparents are Bernie and Karen Gunnink, Hardwick, Nan Hoffenkamp, Adrian, and the late Marvin Hoffenkamp.

An adoption celebration will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at Celebration United Methodist Church in Brandon, S.D. Contact Ruth at ruthgunnink@yahoo.com for more information.



Submitted photo

Henna artists in Adrian

A group of Rock County teens traveled to the Adrian Elementary School last week as part of the Rock County Library teen programming to attend the Henna Body Art program, sponsored by the Adrian Branch Library. Pictured at the June 25 event are (front row, from left) Brandy Pilaczynski, Annabell Petronek, Reka Meinerts, Sophia Lanoue, Noah Meyer (hat), Andrew Prekker, Jacob Sheppard, (back) Kaitlin Petronek, Tina Petronek, Julia Ferguson, Evan Prekker and Ali Prekker.

BUSINESS IN THE NEWS

Fey Industries observes 50 years

Fey Industries, Edgerton, will celebrate 50 years in business Friday, July 10.

The public is invited to attend an open house event between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The event includes tours of the facility, cake and refreshments.

Fey Industries is a light manufacturing company that was started in 1965 by John Fey.

It now has more than 225 associates involved in the manufacturing and decorating of branded promotional advertising products and product packaging.

Fey Industries is a third-generation business with John Fey at the helm from 1965 to 1981, Norman Fey from 1966 to 2004 and Michael Fey from 1993 to present.



John Fey (left), Norman Fey (center) and Michael Fey (right).

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, July 6: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach, bread, ice cream.

Program: 11:30 a.m. Music with the Karaoke Crooner; 1 p.m. Senior citizens' meeting.

Tuesday, July 7: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, cream puff dessert.

Program: Two buck Tuesday in memory of Bill Nath.

Wednesday, July 8: Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce with salad dressing), tomato and

cucumber slices, muffin, cookies.

Program: 1 p.m. Cards with Alyce.

Thursday, July 9: Liver or pepper steak, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread, apricots.

Friday, July 10: Chicken chow mein, rice, noodles, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, cake.

Program: 11:30 a.m. Monthly birthday party with Kitchen Kut-ups.

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

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 for reservations.

Harvest gardens every few days to keep plants in vegetable production

I have never seen die-back in spirea like I observed this spring. However, most have recovered and are blooming beautifully. I want to remind you to shear those flower heads off after that first flush of blooms and the new growth will give them a fresh look for the rest of the season.

If you have noticed medium-sized white butterflies floating around in your garden, they are the source of the green worms in broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and similar brassica crops. Rotenone dust has been the common treatment for years; however, I recommend diatomaceous earth as a dust or spray because it is both organic and nontoxic to bees and anything we can do to protect our bees is imperative.

Broccoli has been a very happy grower in my garden this year. Cool and wet conditions have given us a great



harvest. I need to remind you to check the plants every few days to harvest the heads, large or small, to keep those plants in production. If the buds develop into yellow flowers, the plants will soon stop producing. If you keep at it, you will have fresh broccoli until hard frost.

Summer squash and zucchini are another crop to keep up harvesting. The fruits seem to grow to huge overnight. Six to eight inches long is the ideal size for zucchini.

If you are growing cauliflower, tie the tips of the largest leaves together to cover the head so it stays white. If exposed to the sun, the head will turn yellow and have a bitter flavor.

Roses are just finishing

their first flush of bloom for the season. If the variety you have is labeled self-cleaning, you can ignore the old flower heads because the plant will abort them and redevelop new buds without any pruning. The Nearly Wild and Knockout series are in that category. Usually it is obvious because the stems don't develop rose hips (seed heads). However, if your variety does have the rose hips, cut the stem back to the first or second five-leaflet leaf to encourage a new stem of flower buds. Often the three-leaflet stem will just produce a blind stem of leaves.

This is also a good time to give those rose bushes another shot of systemic fertilizer/insecticide to encourage and protect that new growth.

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

1922: Grocery giveaway between shows at the Palace

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on September 1, 1922:

GROCERY PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY TONIGHT AT PALACE

The following prizes will be given between the first and second show Friday evening, featuring the County Grocery. The groceries to be given are purchased of Snook's Grocery, and are all of superior quality:

1 sack Eaco flour, 1 pound Atwood coffee, 1 can peas, 11 pounds sugar, 1 can sardines, 1 package Quaker oats, 1 pound package Palace tea, 1 pound crackers, 1 peck potatoes, 1 can Three Star brand corn, 1 can Sunkist peaches,



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

1 can Del Monte pineapple, 1 can salmon, 1 pound mixed

cookies, 10 bars Crystal White laundry soap and 1 bar toilet soap, 3 bars Palm Olive soap, 1 high grade broom, 1 carton matches, 1 pound peanuts, 1 pound mixed candy.

Don't miss the opportunity to see if you are lucky in winning one of the above prizes. There will be no increase in prices for the show and the above articles are Given Away Free if you hold the right number.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.



Submitted photo

First Baptist Church hosts Vacation Bible School under the theme of ‘Camp Kilimanjaro’

During the week of June 22, attendance at First Baptist Church-sponsored Vacation Bible School averaged 100 children, ages 3 through sixth grade. Under the direction of Barbie Meinerts, the theme “Camp Kilimanjaro,” focused on choices asking the children to choose wisely or foolishly. Participants trekked up Mount Kilimanjaro and through the Book of Proverbs.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

•Family Dollar will occupy the 11,200-square-foot building recently vacated by Luverne True Value and Country Store. Gary and Nate Golla finalized the sale of the building on June 16 to Minneapolis developer Anxon Inc., which in turn is leasing it to Family Dollar.

25 years ago (1995)

•When the U.S. Open Golf Championship comes to the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Don and Betty Cashin will be working the tournament in what he likes to refer to as the finance department. Don and Betty will be selling food and drink tickets in the Hazeltine club house.

50 years ago (1965)

•“It’s been so wet this spring that I have to get up every morning at 3 o’clock to pump out my well, or it gets too full,” says Mrs. Elsie Herschberger, Kenneth. It’s no joke for Mrs. Herschberger. She’s hoping for some dry weather, and so are a lot of other people in Kenneth and Hardwick who have

water in their basements.

75 years ago (1940)

•Residents of Rock county this week began digging down into their jeans to help Uncle Sam raise \$5,6661,910,337 for national defense. At the stroke of 12 last Sunday night, new federal taxes went into effect throughout the United States on items considered as luxuries. ...On cigarets, the price on all ten cent brands rose to 13 cents per package, while the other brands are now 15 cents straight. Three costlier brands, ordinarily selling at 15 cents have been raised to 18 cents in most places in Luverne.

100 years ago (1915)

•The Luverne Gun club’s annual tournament will start this morning for a two days’ shoot, the program for which calls for a total of twenty-five events. The club will offer \$150 in added money, and all amateur trap shooters are invited to participate in the tournament. Each day’s program provides for two 15-target events and one special 25-target event.

OBITUARIES

Doris Hickman

Doris Elaine Hickman, 81, Ellsworth, died Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A funeral service was Saturday, June 27, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. Burial followed at Grand Prairie Cemetery near Ellsworth.

Doris Newquist was born May 22, 1934, to Alfred and Mary (Meinking) Newquist in Iowa. As a child she lived in various places near Everly, May City, and Hartley, Iowa. She graduated from Hartley High School in 1953. She then attended Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa, and graduated in 1955. For the next few years she taught in one-room schoolhouses throughout northwest Iowa. Doris also partner-taught for a short time with her sister, Inez.

On Oct. 1, 1961, she married Duane Hickman at St. John’s Lutheran Church in May City, Iowa. The couple built their home on Duane’s family farmstead near Ellsworth where they raised their two daughters. Doris continued substitute teaching.

In February 2010 Doris and Duane moved to Hartford, South Dakota, to be closer

to family. Duane preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 2013. Two years later Doris moved to the Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls.

She was a member of Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. She taught Sunday school and confirmation class, served as Sunday school superintendent and directed the church Christmas programs for many years. Doris loved doing craft work, sewing, creating her daughter’s school classroom boards, cooking, baking and gardening.

Doris is survived by two daughters, Deanne Vortherms, Sioux Falls, and Kristie (Jim) Vortherms, Hartford; five grandchildren, Connor and McKenzie Vortherms, Serena (John) Slatinsky, and Luke and Matthew Vortherms; and a sister, Alice Brockshus, Sanborn, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane Hickman; a son-in-law, Jeff Vortherms; her parents; and a sister, Inez Smith.

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

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Lori Sorenson photo/0702 pint size polka

Pint Size Polkas at the library

Mike Schneider and his Pint Size Polkas perform at the Rock County Community Library Monday night. Families and children of all ages discovered the fun of polka music in the program, which was free, thanks to a Minnesota Library Legacy grant.

Beaver Creek Class of 1965 gathers for all-school reunion

This past weekend Beaver Creek High School hosted an all-school reunion that included the Class of ’65, the year of the final high school graduation at BCHS. The Beaver Creek and Hills schools consolidated the next year.

Since the school’s last graduation was in 1965, the youngest graduates are 68 years old. Classmates joked whether it was a reunion or a Senior Citizens convention.

Saturday, June 27, the past graduates of BCHS had a reunion at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Festivities included a video showing pictures of the school and graduates “back in the day,” trivia quizzes about the school and the village of Beaver Creek.

A silent slide show featured main street Beaver Creek businesses in the late 1950s and as it is now.

For many the fun highlight of the evening was the crowning of “Reunion Royalty.” Frances Cragoe Sandager, Class of 1935, was crowned queen of the reunion. Janet Sandstede Harnack, from the last graduating Class of 1965, crowned the queen with a gold tiara. A special connection was the



Submitted photo

The Beaver Creek High School Class of 1965 gathered at the fire hall in Beaver Creek while attending the burger and brat feed hosted by the Beaver Creek Fire Department on Sunday, June 28. This was the last class to graduate from Beaver Creek. Pictured are (from left) Eunice Dunn, Chuck Robison, Margaret (Eleeson) Ellefson, Ron Harnack, Joel Tofteland, Lynn (Lundstra) Crawford, Marlys Rauk, Janet (Sandstede) Harnack and Rollie Crawford.

Sonja Luitjens

Margarete Sonja Luitjens, 91, Luverne, died Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne.



A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 2, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Worthington. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Margarete Prem was born May 13, 1924, to Johann and Hermine (Filustek) Prem in Unterretzbach, Austria. In 1946 Sonja met her future husband, LeRoy William Luitjens, in Hallein, Austria, where he was serving with the U.S. Army 42nd Rainbow Division.

On July 9, 1947, she married LeRoy Luitjens at the Salem Presbyterian Church in Reading. After their marriage they moved to Graettinger, Iowa, and later to Worthington, where Sonja worked as a waitress at several restaurants.

In 1961 they moved to Luverne where she worked as

a sales clerk at Nelson’s Department Store and Leuthold Clothiers.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne, where she had served as a deacon; the Luverne American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; life member of the Luverne VFW Ladies Auxiliary; and a flag bearer for the Department of Americanism Committee. She enjoyed flowers and baking cookies.

Sonja is survived by her husband, LeRoy Luitjens, Luverne; two sons, Guenther Peter Luitjens, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Roy Henry (Rosemary) Luitjens, Bloomington, Illinois; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elisabeth Landmann, St. Pantaleon, Austria.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Johann Hansel Prem; and two sisters, Antonia Thaller and Hermine Linke.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rotary Club welcomes new members

The Luverne Rotary Club recently welcomed new members Beth Callahan (left), director at MJB Good Samaritan Home, and Michelle Schumann, physical therapist at



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Lori Sorenson photo/0702 water main break at highway 75

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Water parade entries under construction

Luverne will host its first-ever Fourth of July Water Parade at the creamery pond in southwest Luverne on Saturday. Anyone is welcome to decorate and enter any non-motorized boats, canoes, pontoons, kayaks or floaties in the parade. Prizes for best-decorated entries will be awarded in three categories: 12 and under, 13-18, and adult. Ice cream will be served at 1 p.m. and the parade will begin at 2. Pictured above is a patriotic parade entry created by Traci Davis and Jennifer Weibe and their children.



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Photos
by
Mavis Fodness

The Arthur Moeller American Legion Colorguard (right) starts off the 32-unit parade Saturday, June 27, down Main Street in Hardwick. Missing from this year's parade is the Legion's 1938 Buick called "The Old Limo," replaced by a John Deere tractor driven by Marlow Roskamp. Colorguard members (front row, from left) are Lowell Ahrendt, Don Bryan, Wayne Holmgren, Bill DeBates; (second row) Bruce Wilson and Marv Laackman.



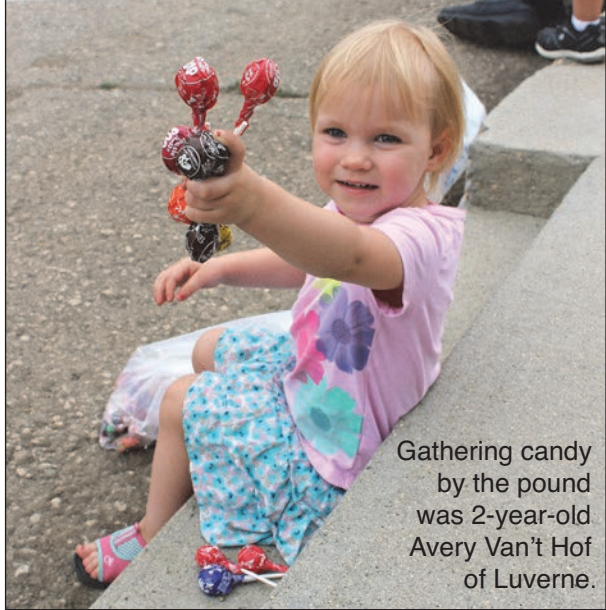
Hardwick Jubilee Days 2015



Jane (left) and Ron Cote provide the music during Hardwick's Jubilee Days community supper.



Left: Hardwick Community Club Member Deb Herrick hands Rodney Hoffenkamp of Beaver Creek a bun at the club's community dinner fundraiser during Jubilee Days Saturday, June 27, in the fire hall. The group raised \$660, which helps fund Santa Claus Day as well as Jubilee Days, the town's annual summer celebration.



Gathering candy by the pound was 2-year-old Avery Van't Hof of Luverne.

Left: "I really love living in Hardwick," said 87-year-old Marcella Scott, Jubilee Days parade marshal. She has lived in town for 68 years.



Above: Waiting for the parade to start are Hannah Kruse of Ellsworth and her grandfather Tony VanGrootheest of Hardwick. The pair drove a 1943 Farmall.



Children and adults scramble to gather up candy dropped by Exchange State Bank employees Kelly Kramer and Don Bryan (driving the four-wheeler) during Saturday's Hardwick Jubilee Days parade.



Left: Sahara Bullerman, 4, of Adrian gives the pedal tractor pull a try after the parade.



Hayden Kurtz, 3, is all smiles after an image of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle is painted on his cheek.

The Old Limo takes its place behind the Arthur Moeller American Legion Post 478 color guard at a recent Jubilee Days parade in Hardwick.



On Saturday, June 27, instead of participating in the annual Hardwick celebration parade, the 1938 Buick owned by the local American Legion Post was being auctioned for sale.

'The Old Limo' missing from Hardwick's annual celebration

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick kicked off its annual summer celebration last weekend with softball games, a community meal and its annual parade.

This year's parade, however, was missing one of its usual parade entrants.

On Saturday, June 27, instead of being washed and polished for a drive down Hardwick's Main Street, the 1938 Buick owned by the Arthur

Moeller American Legion Post #478 was being sold at a Brandon, South Dakota, car auction.

"The Old Limo" had been a traditional parade entrant since 1960, recalled Legion member Paul Aukes.

"We had no interest in keeping it," he said.

For years the former hearse was housed and cared for by fellow Legion member and Hardwick native Don Hansen. Since his death last year, finding a

place to house and someone to maintain the large vehicle has been difficult.

Equally as difficult was affording the insurance and repairs for the 77-year-old vehicle.

"You had to be a mathematician to run it," said Wes Pierson, who is also a Legion member.

Various switches operated the starter and fuel pump, with multiple batteries providing power throughout the vehicle.

When the Legion re-

ceived the car 55 years ago, it was remodeled, repainted and benches added to the former casket area in the rear of the vehicle, seating up to eight people.

"If you would go to another town, it would overheat," Pierson added.

However, recent repairs had it starting and running more smoothly. Legion members thought it was a to good time to sell the car while it was still in good running condition.

"It's pretty rare," said

auctioneer Yvette Vander Brink.

The Buick was one of 110 cars she sold at the sale.

Vander Brink said it was common back in the 1930s to take a passenger car and send it to a coach manufacturer for conversion into a hearse. The converted cars, however, were normally Cadillac models, not Buicks.

The car's uniqueness wasn't lost on its new owner. Toby Shine with Okoboji Classic Cars of West

Okoboji, Iowa, purchased the Buick.

"I have no idea what I am going to do with it," he said when contacted Monday.

When he learned the proceeds from its sale would benefit the Hardwick American Legion, Shine began bidding.

He purchased the vehicle for \$4,000.

"I like the colors," the military veteran said. "I thought it was a unique vehicle."

Luverne VFW goes 3-1 at weekend event

By John Rittenhouse
A positive start led to a disappointing finish when the Luverne VFW baseball team participated at the Junior Upper Midwest Baseball Classic in New Ulm and Essig Friday and Saturday. Luverne opened the tournament with a win Friday, but the victory was followed by three consecutive losses. The Cardinals sport a 6-6 record at tournament's end.

NU Gold 11, Luverne 0
The Cardinals wrapped up their tournament appearance by losing an 11-run decision to New Ulm Gold at Johnson Park Saturday night.

The tournament hosts got off to a great start by scoring eight runs in the home half of the first inning and added three more runs (two in the third and one in the fourth) to win the game by the 10-run rule after four and one-half innings of play.

Kaden Erickson was saddled with the pitching loss after yielding eight runs in the first inning.

Tyler Reisdorfer worked the final three frames, surrendering three runs.

Declan Beers recorded Luverne's lone hit.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nelson	0	0	0	0
Bass	1	0	0	0
Berndt	1	0	0	0
Beers	2	0	1	0
Reed	2	0	0	0
Harder	1	0	0	0
Forshey	1	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	2	0	0	0
A.Loosbrock	2	0	0	0
Roberts	2	0	0	0
Z.Loosbrock	2	0	0	0

Osseo 6, Luverne 4
The Cardinals opened play Saturday by dropping a two-run decision to Osseo in Essig. Osseo scored four runs in the game's first three innings and withstood a late challenge by Luverne to win the contest. Luverne trimmed the difference to three runs (4-1) when Jared Berndt delivered an RBI single in the bottom half of the fifth inning, but Osseo scored twice in the top of the sixth to make it 6-1. Luverne capped the scoring

by plating two runs in the bottom of the sixth and one in the seventh. Beers and Dylan Forshey delivered RBI singles in the sixth inning, and Beers doubled home a run in the seventh. Jaxon Nelson tossed three innings of four-run ball and took the loss. Beers and Nick Harder also pitched for Luverne.

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

Mankato 10, Luverne 0
The Cardinals dropped their first game of the tournament in Friday's second round at Mueller Park.

After Mankato took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, the game was delayed for two-plus hours in the third inning.

Mankato returned from the delay to score six runs in the fourth inning and three in the fifth to win the game by the 10-run rule.

Alex Loosbrock yielded one run in three innings of work on the mound and took the loss. Trey Roberts and Nelson also pitched for the Cards.

Beers registered Luverne's lone hit in the contest.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Beers	2	0	1	0
Forshey	1	0	0	0
Bass	2	0	0	0
Nelson	2	0	0	0
Reed	1	0	0	0
Harder	2	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	1	0	0	0
Lonneman	1	0	0	0
Roberts	2	0	0	0
Z.Loosbrock	1	0	0	0
Erickson	1	0	0	0

Luverne 11, Renner 6
The Cards opened the tournament by topping the Renner Kings by five runs Friday at Mueller Park.

Luverne fell behind 3-0 in the first inning but rallied

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John Rittenhouse photo/0702 wild 6

Current Minnesota Wild players Keith Ballard (left) and Ryan Carter (middle), along with former Minnesota North Star and Wild radio broadcaster Tom Reid (right), made a stop at the Blue Mound Ice Arena June 24.

Wild pay visit to BMIA June 24



John Rittenhouse photo/0702 wild 2

Luverne girls' hockey coach Tony Sandbulte holds one son (Hobey) while the other (Krosby) leads the trio through the autograph line at the BMIA June 24.

By John Rittenhouse
The Wells Fargo Minnesota Wild Road Tour made a stop at the Blue Mound Ice Arena June 24.

Two current members of Minnesota's National Hockey League team and one former NHL player who serves as a member of KFAN Radio broadcast team were on hand to sign autographs and talk hockey in the BMIA lobby.

Current members of the Wild squad appearing in the BMIA include defenseman Keith Ballard and center Ryan Carter, who have compiled a combined 18 seasons of NHL experience.

Ballard, a native of Baudette who has played 49 regular season games for the Wild over the past two seasons, is a 10-year veteran of the NHL.

He also has skated for the Arizona Coyotes, Florida Panthers and the Vancouver Canucks.

Carter, a native of White Bear Lake, has eight seasons of NHL experience.

The 2014-15 season was the first campaign as a member of the Wild.

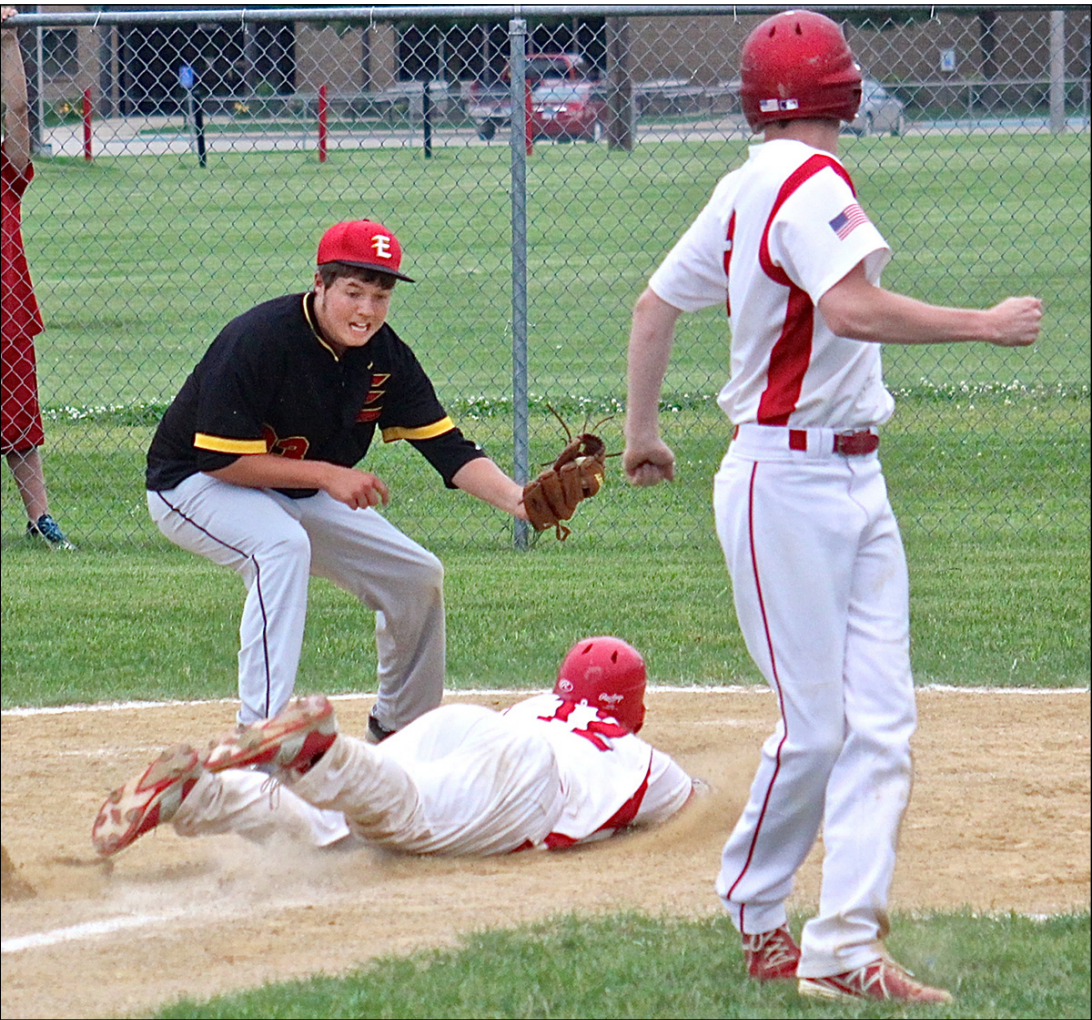
He also has skated for the Anaheim Ducks, Carolina Hurricanes, Florida and the New Jersey Devils.

Joining Carter and Ballard is Tom Reid, a 12-year NHL veteran and member of the Wild radio broadcast team.

Along with playing two seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks, Reid, a defenseman, skated for the Minnesota North Stars for 10 seasons.

Reid hails from Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

After leaving Luverne, the hockey trio made an appearance in Fairmont later in the day and made stops in Waseca and New Prague Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0702 legion 13

Luverne's Jakob Olson slides across home plate to score a fifth-inning run in Edgerton Thursday. Olson belted a three-run home run in the game's sixth inning.

Legion goes 2-1 during outings

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne American Legion baseball teams went 2-1 during a pair of outings. The Cardinals rolled to a 10-run victory in Edgerton Thursday before splitting a home doubleheader Monday with Garretson, South Dakota. Luverne, 10-4 overall, hosts Heron Lake Tuesday.

Garretson 5, Luverne 1
Game 1 of Monday's set at Redbird Field went to visiting

Garretson. The Blue Dragons opened a 4-0 lead after three and one-half innings of play and went on to win the game by four runs.

Luverne did trim the difference to three runs (4-1) when Connor Crabtree singled and scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the fourth.

Garretson, however, scored the final run in a scheduled six-inning game in the top of

the sixth. Tommy Vajgrt took the pitching loss after tossing six innings of eight-hit, three-walk, five-strikeout ball.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Vajgrt	3	0	1	0
Sandbulte	3	0	0	0
Crabtree	3	1	1	0
Verhey	1	0	0	0
Beers	2	0	1	0
Sommers	3	0	1	0
Overgaard	0	0	0	0
Olson	2	0	0	0

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Panic eliminate Buffalos Saturday

By John Rittenhouse
The Tri-State Buffalos bowed out of the Southern Plains Football League Playoffs Saturday in Cleveland.

The Buffalos turned in a competitive performance against The Panic, but it wasn't enough to keep their 3-5 season from coming to an end.

The Panic sported a 21-19 lead after 24 minutes of play and outscored the Buffalos 14-6 in the second half to

secure a 35-25 victory.

Tri-State fell behind 9-0 early in the game before quarterback Alex Toupal threw his first of three touchdown passes of the game to make it 9-6.

Toupal hooked up with Richard Gonzalez for a 15-yard strike.

The Buffalos trailed by two (15-13) when Toupal tossed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Weston Petersen, and the

difference remained at two points (21-19) when Wyatt Stepka scored on a 10-yard touchdown run late in the first half.

The Buffalos made it a two-point game (27-25) when Petersen hauled in a 30-yard touchdown pass from Toupal with four minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, but The Panic added a late touchdown and a two-point conversion to ice a 10-point victory.

Luverne golfers help decide titles of Peg Hoiland-Anderson tourney

By John Rittenhouse
Luverne players helped capture some of the team championships during the 25th annual Peg Hoiland-Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament Monday at the Luverne Country Club.

Two Luverne players were members of the team that won the overall and women's divisions of the event, and one Luverne couple helped win the mixed division of the tournament.

Luverne's Mary Jo Graphenteen and Jerilyn Britz, along with Amy Dulaney (Brandon, South Dakota) and Carol Ludvigson (Norman, Oklahoma), turned in a pair of title-earning efforts.

They won the overall and women's division of the 18-hole scramble with a 13-under-par 59-stroke performance.

Luverne's Jere and Suanne Ohme, along with Pam Hoiland (Sioux Falls) and Brian Anderson (Pine Hurst, North Carolina), took top



John Rittenhouse photo/0702 golf cut

Amy Dulaney (left), Carol Ludvigson (second left), Jerilyn Britz (second right) and Mary Jo Graphenteen (right) won the women's and overall titles during the Peg Hoiland-Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament staged Monday at the Luverne Country Club. It was the 25th version of the event.

honors in the mixed division of competition.

They shot a nine-under-par 63.

Winning the men's division were Sioux Falls players Tom Van Wyhe, Darwin Viet, Mike Wild and Lee Andersen.

They fired a 10-under-par 62.

A total of 13 teams participated in the event, which raises funds for Sanford Hospice, the Luverne Dollars for Scholars Chapter and the Augustana College women's golf program.



John Rittenhouse photo/0702 redbirds 4

Luverne’s Phillip Paquette slides safely to third base during a June 24 home game against Heron Lake. Paquette drove in three runs at the plate in the game, but the Redbirds dropped a 10-6 decision to the Lakers.

Lakers snap Redbirds' streak

By John Rittenhouse

An nine-game winning streak came to an end when the Luverne Redbirds fell 10-6 to Heron Lake June 24 at Redbird Field. The Redbirds took a 1-0 lead when Phillip Paquette delivered an RBI double in the bottom half of the first inning. The Lakers, however, scored seven times in the third inning and never lost the lead the rest of the night. Luverne did trim the difference to two runs (7-5) by

plating single runs in the third and fourth innings before registering two counters in the fifth. Paquette, who led the Redbirds with three RBIs, recorded a sacrifice fly in the third inning before Josh Slieter slapped a run-scoring double in the fourth. Skyler Wenninger reached base on an error and scored on an error in the fifth, which included an RBI single from Gunnar Olson. The Lakers regained control

by scoring twice in the top of the sixth to make it a 9-5 game, and both teams scored once in the final three frames. Paquette capped his three-RBI effort by chasing home a run with a ground out in the seventh. Slieter was tagged with the pitching loss after surrendering nine runs, seven hits and four walks in five innings. Brooks Mauer tossed the final four innings, allowing one run and two hits and issuing four walks.

The Redbirds sport a 9-2 record at game's end. Luverne plays a pair of road games Sunday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Wenninger	4	4	2	0
Jy.Slieter	4	1	1	0
Paquette	2	0	1	3
Zeutenhorst	3	0	0	0
Norman	0	0	0	0
Olson	4	0	1	1
Pick	4	1	1	0
Mauer	0	0	0	0
Ja.Slieter	3	0	1	1
Kor	0	0	0	0
Fitzer	1	0	0	0
Skattum	4	0	0	0
Sandbulte	4	0	0	0

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Bosch	2	0	0	0
Rops	2	0	0	0
Erickson	2	0	1	0

Luverne 8, Garretson 1
The Cardinals earned a split of the twin bill by coasting to a seven-run victory in the finale. Luverne scored three runs in the top half of the first inning and never trailed in the contest. Crabtree singled home a pair of runs and his courtesy runner, Declan Beers, scored on a wild pitch to make it a 3-0 game in the first.



John Rittenhouse photo/0702 legion 6

Garretson plated its lone run of the game in the bottom of the third, but the Cards scored single runs in the fourth and sixth innings and three in the fifth to ice the win. Nick Overgaard, Luverne's winning pitcher, walked and scored the fourth-inning run on a throwing error. Jakob Olson doubled home two runs and scored the third run in the fifth when Ryan Gonzalez laid down a bunt. Vajrt tripled and scored in the sixth on a wild pitch. Overgaard threw four innings of two-hit, six-strikeout relief to secure the victory. He yielded one unearned run. Crabtree tossed two scoreless innings to start the game, fanning four batters and surrendering one hit.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Vajrt	4	2	2	0
Sandbulte	3	2	2	0
Beers	1	1	0	0
Crabtree	2	1	1	2
Sommers	3	0	0	0
Erickson	0	0	0	0
Olson	3	1	2	2
Bosch	3	0	1	0
Gonzalez	2	0	0	1
Rops	2	0	0	0
Harder	1	0	0	0
Overgaard	1	1	0	0

Luverne 12, Edgerton 2
The Cardinals used three big offensive innings to dispose of Edgerton by 10 runs Thursday in Edgerton. After falling behind by one run in the first inning, Luverne put up crooked numbers in the second, fifth and sixth frames

to win the game by the 10-run rule after six innings of play. Luverne scored four runs in the top half of the second inning and remained in front of Edgerton the rest of the night. The rally featured a two-run single by Kaden Erickson, an RBI single by Connor Hoffman and a sacrifice fly by Connor Sandbulte. Edgerton trimmed the difference to two runs (4-2) in the bottom of the third, but the Cardinals scored three runs in the fifth and five in the sixth to ice the win. Trenton Rops singled home two runs and Olson, who singled, scored the third run in the fifth on a throwing error. Sandbulte and Crabtree drew walks and scored the first two runs in the sixth inning on errors. Olson capped the scoring by belting a three-run home run over the right-center field fence. Crabtree tossed six innings of four-hit ball to earn the win. He fanned 11 batters.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	4	0	1	1
Sandbulte	2	1	0	1
Crabtree	3	2	1	0
Vajrt	4	2	1	0
Bosch	4	1	2	0
Olson	4	3	3	3
Overgaard	0	0	0	0
Rops	4	1	2	2
Beers	2	1	0	0
Erickson	3	1	1	2

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to take a 9-3 advantage after scoring three runs in the bottom of the second and six runs in the fourth. Beers doubled home two runs and Erickson recorded an RBI single in the second inning. Jesse Reed and Beers

delivered two-run doubles and Reisdorfer and Trenton Bass slapped RBI singles in the fourth. Luverne led 11-4 when Erickson singled and scored on a wild pitch and Nelson singled home a run in the fifth

inning, but the Kings capped the scoring with a two-run rally in the seventh. Harder tossed one inning of three-run ball before giving way to Bass, who tossed six innings of three-run ball to secure the win.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Beers	4	1	2	4
Reisdorfer	4	2	2	1
Nelson	4	0	2	1
Harder	3	1	0	0
Reed	4	1	2	2
Bass	4	1	3	1
A.Loosbrock	4	2	2	0
Roberts	3	2	1	0
Erickson	3	1	2	1

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Young martial artists are achieving success beyond their years

Wes Grieme has been in the business of instructing tae kwon do in Luverne for a long time.



His instruction has spanned 34 years, to be exact.

Needless to say, Grieme has witnessed a lot of great things over the past three-plus decades.

However, when it comes to belt-testing sessions at the local club, Grieme experienced a couple of career firsts recently.

“We had 10 people test for black belts that day,” Grieme stated.

“I can’t remember ever having 10 test for black belts on the same day.”

All 10 obtained one of the two initial levels of black belts (First Recommended Black Belt and First Dan Black Belt) during the session, which is a pretty impressive showing.

Even more impressive is the fact that three of the athletes who passed their tests are under the age of 10.

Considering these individuals earned all of the levels of the six different colors of belts (white, yellow, orange, green, blue, brown and red) before reaching double figures in terms of age is a great accomplishment.

With two of them being the age of nine and another checking in at the whopping total of seven years of age, what happened at the local club on East Main Street on June 12 is a program first.

In the early 1990s Dustin Donth became a Black Belt at the age of nine. Until three weeks ago, he was the lone club member who

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

could make that claim.

Now Perceyis Trieweiler and Brendan Eidem can say the same thing.

Eidem earned his first recommended black belt at the age of nine.

Trieweiler, who earned her First Recommended Black Belt earlier in the year, made program history by obtaining her First Dan Black Belt at the age of nine during the same testing session.

In terms of age, Zach Brown raised the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club bar by grabbing his First Recommended Black Belt at the age of seven.

Grieme takes pride in the fact that 10 members of his club passed their black belt tests on June 12.

He is especially proud of the youngsters, who have displayed a desire to succeed beyond their years.

“It all comes down to the dedication of the students, and these kids have the drive for it,” Grieme said.

“They are internally motivated and they have focus. It’s amazing to see these kids so focused at a young age. It’s easy for kids and adults to lose their focus. There were a couple of times when they needed a little more motivation. They came back around and did what they needed to do in order to accomplish what they did.”

That’s lofty praise coming from a long-time instructor, who is serving the youth in our community very well.

SPORTS CLIPBOARD

Rock County Sportsman's Club June 23

Team Scores:
Freedom Ranch Firearms – 112
Agri-Energy LLC – 110
Minnwest Bank – 107
Slocum Taxidermy 1 – 105
Big Orv's Bar – 100
Howling Dog – 100
Slocum Taxidermy 2 – 98
Main Street Financial – 97
Woody's Bar – 96
Luverne Body Shop – 95

Bill's Water Conditioning – 76, 76

Individual scores:
25x25
Doug Deutsch
Clint Metz – 2
Jim Slocum
Chris Balster

24 x 25
Clint Metz – 2
Mike Gangestad
Doug Deutsch

SPORTS BRIEF

Gophers in Sioux Falls
The University of Minnesota Golden Gophers men's basketball team will play a game at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls Dec. 12.

The Gophers will take on Oklahoma State University in a regular-season game. Tickets for the contest can be purchased at ticketmaster.com starting at 11 a.m. July 3.

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St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thomas Jennings, Pastor

Thursday, July 2: 9 a.m. Communion at St. Catherine. Friday, July 3: Office closed. 9:30 a.m. Communion at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, July 4: 3 p.m. Steerman/Woodcock wedding. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine with Fair Trade and Vouchers; Fortnight for Freedom. Sunday, July 5: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Fair Trade and Vouchers. No Bulletin. Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10: Music Camp. Tuesday, July 7: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine FC. Wednesday, July 8: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 5:30 p.m. St. Mary FC. Thursday, July 9: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — luvernecrc@gmail.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne

Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, July 2: Noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 3: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, July 5: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, July 6, through Saturday, July 11: 2:30 p.m. Shetek Camp #2 (grades 8-9). Tuesday, July 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, July 9: 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, July 2: 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, July 3: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, July 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 5: 8:15 a.m. Prerecorded Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, July 6: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 8: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, July 9: 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, July 2: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 5: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, July 9: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

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

Thursday, July 2: 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out; Rehearsal. Friday, July 3: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 5:30 p.m. Halma/Jacobsma wedding. Sunday, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, July 6: 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, July 7: 1 p.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. Wednesday, July 8: 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

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

New Life Celebration Church

211 E. Main St., Luverne

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

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

First Assembly of God Church

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

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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

Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, July 2: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, July 5: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. Come as you are Worship Service. Tuesday, July 7: 7 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee meeting. Wednesday, July 8: 1 to 3 p.m. Sewing Day. Thursday, July 9: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpccluverne.com

Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. Monday, July 6: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, July 7: 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, July 2: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Friday, July 3: Church office closed. Saturday, July 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 5: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Monday, July 6: 7:30 p.m. Elders' meeting. Tuesday, July 7: 1 and 6 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, July 8: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, July 9: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

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

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, July 2: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 3: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, July 6: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, July 9: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, July 5: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

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

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, July 5: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Thursday, July 9: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., Beaver Creek

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

Be courageous

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of these My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

the cruelty of the birds.

Sadly, people can be just as mean. It is often the healthy, strong ones who peck away at those who are vulnerable or have special needs. Co-workers can verbally rip at each other. Sometimes even spouses and family members are viciously cruel to each other.

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Dear Lord, at great cost You lovingly saved us from the power of sin and death. Help us to courageously help those who need us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Kenneth Lutheran Church

340 Church St., Kenneth

Office Ph. 283-4804; Home Ph. 879-3216

www.hkz.lutheranweb.net

Kerry Boese, Pastor

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

Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, July 5: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Pastor

Thursday, July 2: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Sunday, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Pulpit Supply: Reuben Sinnema. No Evening Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCFE. Thursday, July 9: Volunteer Day at the Thrift Store in Worthington.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

112 N. Main St., Hills

507-962-3270

Friday, July 3: Office closed. Sunday, July 5: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 7: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Wednesday, July 8: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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ISD #2184 seeks bakery quotes by July 17

REQUEST FOR QUOTES LIVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for bakery products will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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

Jodi Bosch
Clerk
(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

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(6-11, 6-18, 6-25, 7-2, 7-9, 7-16)

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 by searching project #3968079 and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway.

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. 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.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(6-18, 6-25, 7-2, 7-9)

ISD #2184 seeks dairy bids by July 17

REQUEST FOR BIDS LIVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

A. Dairy Products

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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

Jodi Bosch
Clerk
(7-2, 7-9)

ISD #2184 seeks fuel quotes by July 17

REQUEST FOR QUOTES LIVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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

Jodi Bosch
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Huiskes probate

PROBATE COURT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**In Re: Estate of
Darrell A. Huiskes, a/k/a Darrell Alvin Huiskes
Deceased**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th of July, 2015, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Anna M. Huiskes, whose address is 305 E. Christensen Drive, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and if no objections are filed, said personal administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

BY THE COURT

Date: June 23, 2015

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Denise Brandel
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for: Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main, Box 625
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507-283-4828
I.D. #158343

(7-2, 7-9)

ISD #2184 School Board meets May 28

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LIVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on May 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Eric Hartman, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Also present: Gary Fisher, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Vice-Chairperson Katie Baustian called the meeting to order. It was noted that Susan Beers, Technology Integration Specialist, will present her showcase at the June 25 school board meeting. Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda with the removal of the showcase item. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to approve the school board minutes from April 23, 2015, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Hartman, second by Sandbulte, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,251,866.30. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of April 30, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the school board meeting schedule for 2015-16 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sandbulte, to approve the annual Seasonal Layoff Resolution as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to approve the 2015-16 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Sehr, second by Hartman, to approve the Community Education Summer Recreation contracts as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to approve Student Assurance Services for student accident insurance for the 2015-16 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the Southwest Minnesota State University Student Teaching Agreement for July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Fisher reviewed the Literacy Plan. Motion by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to approve the plan as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Ann Robinson as Special Education teacher for a salary of \$47,183.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to approve a request from Southwest Minnesota State University for Jessica Chapman to complete her student teaching with Chris Nowatzki, art teacher, from August through November 6, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to approve the request from St. Mary's University for Christine Golombiesky to complete a 40-50 hour internship with Ryan Johnson, Middle/High School Principal Ryan Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: May 28, 2015

Jodi Bosch, Clerk
(7-2)

Rock County Commissioners meet April 7

Herreid Board Room

Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.

April 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve the April 07, 2015, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the March 17, 2015, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 07-15, Proclamation Designating April 7th as National Service Recognition Day

2. Rock County Snowmasters Snowmobile Club Trail Agreement

Rhonda Lorang, Luverne Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) Regional Director, introduced Janice Fick, the new site manager at the Luverne Senior Dining facility and together they provided a program update. Fick also stated they are organizing the annual Spelling Bee event and requested \$100 to help with the prize awards; motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the \$100 expenditure, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Clint Wolthuisen, Rock County Community Library Director, has submitted his resignation effective April 30, 2015; motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to direct the Personnel Committee of the County Board to review the job description and review options in filling the vacant position, declared carried on a voice vote.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, introduced newly hired PT Intermittent Deputy Kyle Watkins and conducted a "Swearing In" ceremony; the County Board welcomed Mr. Watkins.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to authorize payment of the claims, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$58,616.19
General Reserves	\$1,117.00
Library	\$7,346.23
Road and Bridge	\$66,354.64
Transfer Station	\$7,717.54
Land Management	\$5,532.10
TOTAL	\$146,683.70

Claims over \$2,000:

Computer Professionals Unlimited	15,787.00
Emergency Automotive Technologies	2,614.45
Fleet Services	5,310.79
Kustom Signals Inc.	4,068.00
Nobles County Aud./Treas.	6,965.00
Rock County Highway	2,310.65
American Van Equipment	2,003.67
Contech Construction Products	4,521.51
Erickson Engineering Co LLC	10,581.00
Midstates Equipment & Supply	29,708.91
Sanders, Inc.	3,426.83
Ketterlings Services	5,654.34
Minnesota Counties Inter-governmental Trust	2,500.00

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve a liquor license for the Luverne Country Club, declared carried on a voice vote; the liquor license fee is \$500.00.

The Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer reviewed a listing summarizing the each jurisdiction's tax capacity rates for 2015; presented as information only.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented a conditional use permit (CUP) to expand an existing feedlot of 70 animal units to 670 animal units within 1/4 mile of a nearby dwelling located in the NW 1/4 of Section 33 of Mound Township; there was no opposition at the public hearing. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The LMO Director presented the following (9) conditional use permits (CUP) for gravel extraction, stockpiling and associated processing:

- Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Buffalo Ridge Concrete located in the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 28 of Battle Plain Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve CUP with conditions that include expanded hours of operation identified on the permit for Buffalo Ridge Concrete located in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4, E 1/2 of the NW 1/4, and W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 10 of Battle Plain Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Buffalo Ridge Concrete located in the SE 1/4 of Section 3 of Battle Plain Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Northern Con-Agg located in the NW 1/4 and the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1 of Luverne Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Northern Con-Agg located in the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 19 of Vienna Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Northern Con-Agg located in the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, W 1/2 of the SE 1/4, and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36 of Mound Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Henning Construction located in the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Henning Construction located in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 36 of Clinton Township
- Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve CUP with conditions identified on the permit for Paulette Pronk located in the SW 1/4 of Section 16 of Battle Plain Township, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board thanked the Planning & Zoning Board and Land Management Office for their diligent work in the conditional use permitting process.

Clint Wolthuisen, Rock County Community Library Director, and Marcia Bork, Library Board member, discussed building renovation plans drafted by a library consultant. The consultant's review indicated several deficiencies, some with potential security risks and ADA non-compliance. The initial draft had an estimated renovated cost of \$234,557, however the Director and Library Board members have recommended some changes resulting in a \$20,000 savings bringing the project cost to \$215,557.00; the Library has \$40,000 in contingency funds to be applied to the project. After a considerable discussion regarding how to finance the remain estimated cost of \$175,557.00, motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to confer

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with the Budget Committee regarding the expenditure and to schedule a building/facility walk through at the next County Board meeting on April 21st beginning at 8:00AM, declared carried on a voice vote; Wolthuizen also stated that the consultant indicated that the overall condition of the building was excellent.

Mr. Wolthuizen also expressed his appreciation in being given the opportunity for work to Rock County the past five years and the County Board's consideration in moving forward with the building renovation project.

Dan Serie, Luverne Baseball Association President, requested authorization to make improvements at the Joe Roberts Field, property owned by the Rock County Highway Department. First improvement would be to move the outfield fencing back to make the fields regulation and the second improvement would be to install outdoor lights; total cost of the improvement project are estimated at \$35,000 - \$40,000. The reasons for the improvements are due to the increase in participation of program activities. Serie also stated the Luverne Baseball Association is currently organizing a fundraiser campaign to pay for the improvements and requested some type of financial commitment or pledge from the county toward the project; if authorization is given and the fundraising campaign falls short, the project will not move forward. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the field improvements pending City of Luverne approval and defer the financial commitment/pledge to the Budget Committee, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented bid results for SP 067-611-007, a bridge replacement on CSAH 11:

Prahm Construction	\$372,815.00
M-K Bridge Construction	\$390,074.00
Duininck Inc	\$468,270.50

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to accept the low bid from Prahm Construction for \$372,815.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an update regarding the safe pedestrian crossing on Highway 75 and that a compromise solution has been drafted that uses (2) overhead mounted Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons; this solution would be used in place of (1) Hawk Light system. A Memorandum of Agreement between the Luverne School District, City of Luverne and Rock County indicates the following: The (2) Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons would be located at the intersections of Highway 75 and Dodge Street and Highway 75 and Barck Street; the lights will eliminate the Crossing Guards at those intersections and also at Adams Ave and the removal of the speed zone and radars; the cost of the (2) Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons will be paid by the City of Luverne and the Luverne School District with the County Engineer being responsible for the maintenance. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Luverne and the Luverne School District, declared carried on a voice vote. The County Board recognized Commissioner Thompson for her efforts in brining resolution to this long debated safety issue with the Department of Transportation.

The County Board was in receipt of a Public Hearing Notice for a Condition Use Permit scheduled for April 13, 2015.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve Resolution No. 08-15, calling for a Public Hearing on May 5th @ 9:00AM to hear public comments regarding a proposed Property Tax Abatement bond for the Rock County Fiber/Broadband project, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator provided a brief FEMA update; nothing new to report.

The County Board was informed the H5N2 Avian Influenza outbreak in Minnesota; presented as information only.

The County Board was informed of an AMC District VIII meeting scheduled for May 28th at Southwest State University in Marshall, Minnesota.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter from Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water thanking Rock County and the Rock County Rural Water Board for the cooperation in allowing LPRW access to the Lewis & Clark system to be conducted jointly with the RCRW connection.

The Administrator discussed agenda details regarding Senator Klochubar's visit schedule later in the afternoon.

The Administrator provided an update regarding a recent presentation entitled "Be Bloomin'", an internet based service tailored for senior citizens that involves community participation and support; presented as information only.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended a Regional Solid Waste and Regional Energy Taskforce meeting in addition to a Community Corrections and Regional Extension meetings.

Commissioners Thompson and Reisch indicated they plan to attend the Southwest MN Crisis Center Annual Banquet scheduled for April 17th in Worthington.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Rock County Commissioners meet April 21

Herreid Board Room **9:00 A.M.**
Rock County Courthouse **April 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the April 21, 2015, County Board agenda, declared on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the April 7, 2015, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Mid States Coop contract amendment

The Administrator presented a BRRRA meeting update; as to date, the stockpiles behind Redbird Field in Luverne have been relocated to MSRW property west of town; the County Board thanked the City of Luverne for their assistance with the cleanup effort. Railroad tie cleanup efforts will also include collecting existing stockpiles in Nobles County to be ground and burned as a test project, if successful, all old ties will be disposed of by grinding and burning at an ethanol site in South Dakota.

The Administrator presented an update regarding the Highway 75 Pedestrian crossing issue; all entities – Luverne school, City of Luverne and Rock County have signed an agreement in a joint effort to install (2) overhead mounted Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons.

The Administrator also reported that a tentative agreement has been reached between Rock County and City of Luverne for a contract renewal for law enforcement services; the overall contract reflects a 13 % increase over a period of five years and also has a provision regarding Joint Dispatch if the project moves forward and becomes effective.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to recess, declared carried on a voice vote.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:05 A.M. to present details of the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan; the final draft included the addition of the Library building project. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to close the Public Hearing at 9:20 A.M., declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, adopt the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and Per Diems of \$900.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$167,322.46
General Reserves	\$9,746.20
Library	\$13,179.63
Road and Bridge	\$28,672.06
Transfer Station	\$27,326.44
Land Management	\$1,622.13
Veterans Memorial Care	\$227.02
Total	\$248,095.94

Claims over \$2,000:

A.C.E.	\$3,632.75
American Communications Inc.	2,757.00
Computer Professionals	6,033.00
Expressway- Luverne	2,976.19
City of Luverne	5,864.19
MN Counties Computer	2,886.00
MN State Treasurer	4,672.50
North Central Bus & Equipment Inc.	76,268.00

Regents of the U of MN	16,882.50
Rock County Opportunities	2,511.55
SWHHS	17,695.17
Element Materials Technology	4,750.00
Erickson Engineering Co LLC	9,656.00
Expressway – Luverne	2,393.90
Ketterling Services	8,973.34
Lyon County Landfill	14,932.32

The Fund Balance report reflected incoming tax revenue of the first half collection; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to re-issue lost warrant #80721 for \$332.64, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that (2) vacant job positions have been filled; the Deputy Auditor/Treasurer – Accountant begins on May 4 and the Assistant County Engineer begins on June 4th.

Tom Houselog, Land Records Director, requested approval of the following tax abatements

- Parcel 20-1915-000, Disaster Credit \$373.30 and Disaster Abatement of \$379.30 due to extensive fire damage; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared.
- Parcel 10-0061-000, Disaster Credit \$1,802.04 and Disaster Abatement of \$2,082.52; motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Parcel 05-0061-100, a general property tax abatement for \$638.00 due to a homestead classification error; motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Parcel 20-0325-000, a general property tax abatement for \$212.00 due to a homestead classification error; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 09-15, a transfer of County Municipal funds to the Regular Construction Funds Account; motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented the following updates:

- Demolition began on the hoist project at the Highway Shop, installed in scheduled for May 1
- Highway 75 project is scheduled to begin the second week of May
- Currently working on price quotes for the scale replacement at the Transfer Station

The County Board briefly discussed the light project at Joe Roberts Field; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter from DHS acknowledging the excellence in Human Service financial reporting.

The Administrator presented a FEMA update; currently they are reviewing disaster estimates and comparing those to the actual expense.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the SW Minnesota Crisis Center annual banquet and a Plum Creek Library meeting and a County/City of Luverne meeting to negotiate the law enforcement contract.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended an SWCD meeting where they are following special legislation regarding new and repair conservation projects.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended a District VIII Land Use meeting. Commissioner Thompson also attended the SW Minnesota Crisis Center annual banquet and a Regional Development Commission retreat.

Commissioner Boyenga attended an SWMN Adult Consortium meeting and also stated that Southwest Mental Health has a re-bid opening scheduled this week.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the Avian Flu has spread from turkeys to chickens and has moved into northwest Iowa.

The Administrator also stated that he is watching proposed legislation in the Senate that would adjust the wind production tax; more updates will be presented at the next County Board meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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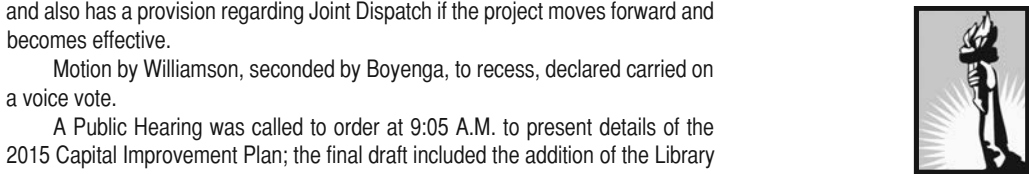
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A heartfelt thank you to our children who hosted our open house, the HBCS Friendship Days Committee who helped plan and set up our event, and to all who attended that made Wendell's 90th birthday party a success. Thanks for the many personal visits, cards and letters. We enjoyed meeting so many friends during the events of the day. It is great to live in a community that is blessed by so many wonderful and caring people.

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