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Local farmers lose cattle in four-day heat wave

By Lori Sorenson

Hundreds of cattle perished last week in and around Rock County after four days of scorching temperatures and oppressive humidity.

Rendering trucks logged extra miles to keep up with mounting losses, according to Alan Klarenbeek. "We've got all four trucks running today," he said Friday. "And we'll run them all tomorrow, too."

He said killing heat waves are rare, but in more than 20 years of business he's seen tough times in cattle yards.

"I remember one year (2011) they had to close the plant because there were too many," he said. "We couldn't pick up at the farms, and those had to be buried."

Lethal conditions

According to Luverne volunteer weather recorder Troy Thone, last week's temperature spike wasn't a record-breaker, but the combination of heat and humidity — known as the heat index — was lethal.

The high on July 20 was 88 with a heat index of 100 degrees. On July 21 and 22 air temperatures reached 90 degrees with a heat index of 102. July 23 saw a high of 88 with a heat index of 100.

Thone's records show a dew point of 77 degrees all four days.

"We were nowhere near reaching the record high temperatures," he said.

"But any heat index temperature



Lori Sorenson photo/0728 cattle losses in heat

Nearly 200 Rock County cattle died in last week's four-day heat wave.

in the 100-degree range is extremely dangerous for anyone outside."

The real killer for livestock during

this time was that there was no relief overnight.

According to Dr. Erin de Koning

of Rock Veterinary Clinic, cattle don't perspire, and if they don't have access to adequate water and shade, prolonged heat exposure can be deadly.

"A hot day or two they can handle," she said Friday.

"But so many days in a row when the temperatures don't drop down overnight ... and then you get a day like (Friday) with no wind ..."

She said producers have been working hard to save their livestock. "They're sprinkling them," she said Friday.

"Some are welding the holes shut in the bottoms of cattle feeders and filling them with water."

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Rock County roads among worst in state

Conditions expected to worsen in next three years; New surface for Hwy. 75 not expected for another eight years

By Mavis Fodness

By 2019 road conditions in southwest Minnesota will be the state's worst.

That's according to Rhonda Allis of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Allis, a principal planner for MnDOT's District 7, presented that information and the district's 10-year road improvement plan to Rock County Commissioners at their July 19 meeting.

This is the first year a MnDOT representative visited each of the 13 counties in District 7, she said.

Previously representatives visited only counties with pending state road projects.

District 7 includes the counties of Rock, Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Fairbault, Jackson, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Nobles, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan.

There are eight MnDOT districts in the state.

Highway 75 slated for improvement in eight years

MnDOT releases its 10-year work plans each May. The plan's first four years are known projects with the final six years identifying proposed projects, Allis said.

From 2017 through 2020, there are about 40 projects scheduled for District 7.

For Rock County two state road projects are planned (both on Interstate 90) in 2017 and in 2018.

Interstate 90 will also see possible work projects in 2021, 2024 and 2026.

Road improvements on Rock County's main north-south thoroughfare (U.S. Highway 75) are not proposed until 2024.

Allis said all proposed projects could move forward or backward in the 10-year plan's timeline based on usage numbers and the state's annual budget dollars.

"Pavement conditions drive our dollars," she said. "They (state MnDOT officials) are going to filter more monies to that district and maybe less will come to our district."

District 7 currently receives about \$40 million annually in dedicated funds from the state legislature.

In recent years expansion of the district's highway corridors has taken the majority of district's annual budget allocations, Allis said. The expansion completions of highways 14 and 60 in the next couple of years means more monies for improving

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Mavis Fodness Photo/0728 Entry Day 2016

Bringing it all to the fair

Rock County 4-H'ers and parents gather in the exhibit building Monday afternoon at the fairgrounds in Luverne for the first of two entry days for general non-perishable projects. Entry day for perishable projects was Wednesday. The fair runs today through Saturday. **At right**, Blue Ribbon 4-H'er Sam Moser of Hills explains her craft project to judge Pam Soderholm Monday afternoon during conference judging for this week's Rock County Fair.



Aug. 9 primary to decide ballots for three local races

By Lori Sorenson

When the filing deadline closed on May 31, three local races emerged with three or more candidates.

Four candidates are seeking election to the open county commissioner seat in District 1 currently held by Ken Hoime, who opted not to seek re-election.

Candidates are Don Bryan,

Candidate profiles featured on pages 4-5

Hardwick; Mike Davis, rural Luverne; Kyle Hemme, rural Hardwick; and Gary Overgaard, rural Magnolia.

The District 3 county commission seat is being sought by incumbent Ron Boyenga, rural Ellsworth, and challengers Greg Burger, Luverne, and

Darrel Van Aartsen, rural Luverne.

Another three-way contested race is for the Luverne City Council Ward 1 seat currently held by Esther Frakes, who is not seeking re-election.

Seeking her seat on the council

are Lennis "Red" Arndt, Larry Lanphere and Daniel Nath.

Primary set for Aug. 9

The local offices that have three or more people that have filed will be on the primary ballot so that it's narrowed down to just two candidates

Primary set for Aug. 9/see page 4A



Mavis Fodness Photo/0728 Severson Family

The Severson family from Kenneth is the 2016 Rock County Farm Family of the Year. Pictured from left are Kristoffer, Andrea, Sterling and Denise.

Severtsons chosen as 2016 Rock County Farm Family

By Mavis Fodness

Living on a working Rock County farm often means long hours, dirty fingernails and a budget that never seems to stretch far enough.

But the Sterling and Denise Severtson family of rural Kenneth wouldn't live or work anywhere else.

The Rock County Extension Committee recently selected the Severtsons and their children, Andrea and Kristoffer, as the 2016 Rock County Farm Family of the Year.

They will be honored Thursday night along with the Schilling-Wessels-Bergman Century Farm of Ellsworth at 6:30 p.m. in the fairground

grandstand in Luverne.

Each year the University of Minnesota honors farm families who have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture and agriculture production.

For the Severtsons, promotion of their chosen career comes naturally.

"We promote agriculture by showing how much we love it," said 19-year-old Andrea, a junior at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

While peers think today's farms are owned by businessmen not directly involved with the raising

Severtsons farm family/see 2A



Hybrid position cut for full-time deputy

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved changing positions within the sheriff's office after recent resignations affected the current patrol schedules.

Earlier this year county officials developed and approved a hybrid position within the sheriff's department.

Lee Christians, who had been a part-time deputy, became full-time by filling that hybrid position as a part-time deputy and part-time dispatcher.

At their July 19 meeting commissioners accepted Sheriff Evan Verbrugge's request to replace the hybrid position with a full-time deputy.

Verbrugge cited issues of balancing the hours between the two positions and tracking the different pay schedules based on hours worked at each job.

"Most of the time he (Christians) has been a deputy," he said.

With the recent resignation of deputy Mike DeJong, who accepted a position with Jackson County, Christians will move to the full-time deputy position.

With the commissioners' approval, Christian's former position will be posted as a full-time deputy opening.

Filling this position would occur in-house before the

position is advertised.

Commissioners also approved additional funding for the full-time deputy position, because the hybrid position shared equipment with other deputies.

Leasing a new squad car costs \$6,000 per year, equipment costs \$3,500 to \$5,000, and the additional salary costs \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Verbrugge said the part-time deputy position won't be filled (for a savings of \$10,000) until after the county sets next year's budget.

In next year's budget Verbrugge requested two additional full-time deputies. He is also advocating not joining the Buffalo Ridge Task Force at this time.

"There is more value in putting on more line officers," he said.

In the past year the sheriff's office spent \$118,000 in overtime with one officer logging more than 400 hours of overtime, Verbrugge said.

He cited the lack of quality family time and sufficient rest for officers as additional reasons why two new officers are needed for the patrol schedule.

The officers are also seen as solutions to reducing time and money spent on overtime.

The commissioners will make the final budget decision later this year.

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existing roads.

"We have a lot of catch-up in District 7," Allis said.

More than 28 percent of roads rated 'poor' by 2019

State officials predict by 2019 District 7 will rank the highest on MnDOT's "poor" ride quality index (non-National Highway System funding) when compared to the other districts in the state.

The ride index also drives where state dollars are allocated each year.

"We are required statewide to have less than 10 percent of our pavements in poor condition," Allis said.

Currently, the state is at 10.2 percent.

In District 7 9.8 percent of the roads rated poor currently. Other districts' rankings range from 0.3 (District 4 — Moorhead) to 12.9 percent (District 1 — Duluth).

By 2019, however, based on transportation funding staying at the same level, 16.7 percent of the state's roads are predicted to be poor.

In the same time period, because District 7 has allocated monies toward expansions

for several years rather than repairs, its poor road index jumps to 28.4 percent.

This percentage is more than twice that of any other district and stays at a similar level (26 percent) through 2025 while the state's index drops to 11.2 percent.

North Hwy. 75 needs complete reconstruction

Allis said the state's materials office reviews the state's roadways and determines improvements and its costs.

"This (North Highway 75) project is interesting," she said.

While officials recommend a medium mill and overlay improvement on South Highway 75 from the I-90 south of Luverne to the Iowa border, North Highway 75 from Luverne to the county line is recommended for a total reconstruction.

Cost is estimated at \$73 million.

Allis said since the district's annual budget is only \$40 million, a less costly repair such as a bonded overlay project would be the recommendation on North Highway 75 instead.



Where does food come from?



Ag United 'Farms After 5 Tour' stops in Rock County

By Lori Sorenson

Jay and Peter Bakken of Blac-X Farms near Beaver Creek hosted a stop on the 2016 Ag United South Dakota Farms After 5 Tour on Tuesday, July 19.

The event, which attracted 50 interested citizens from the tri-state area, was designed to provide basic farm information for those who were unfamiliar with modern farm methods and how their food arrives safely from the farm to their plates.

"People are curious about where their food comes from, and this is a really good way to have that conversation with the community," said Peter Bakken after the tour.



At left, Natalie Stange gets a feel for what cows eat. Above and at far left, Jay Bakken addresses the group on the Blac-X feedlot. Below left, Jenny Zhang photographs her son, Enwei Wong, in front of a tractor parked in the shop where the group ate burgers. Below, nutritionist Sheri Bundy (right) shows the Niederauer family the difference between wet and dry corn. They are Connie and Greg Niederauer with their children, Ainsley and George.

Apply by Aug. 19 for youth deer hunts in state park

Youth can apply to hunt deer in the Blue Mounds State Park during a special hunt in November.

"Parents or other adult mentors go with youth to the fields and forests during these annual hunting opportunities," said Mike Kurre, Department of Natural Resources mentoring coordinator.

"Time spent outdoors together is important and continued adult support can

shape youth into lifelong hunters."

Youth ages 12-17 have until Friday, Aug. 19, to apply for the hunt, which is Nov. 19-20.

Participation in other deer hunting seasons remains an option for youth who take part in the special youth deer hunts, but any deer harvested count against the youth's season bag limit.

An adult parent, guardian or mentor must accompany

the youth at all times while hunting, but only the youth may hunt.

Both youth and mentor must attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation clinic on Nov. 18. Only 10 either-sex permits are available for the Nov. 19-20 hunt in the Blue Mounds.

Participants must apply for the hunt of their choice, which can be done anywhere DNR licenses are sold or online at www.mndnr.gov/buyali-

cence.

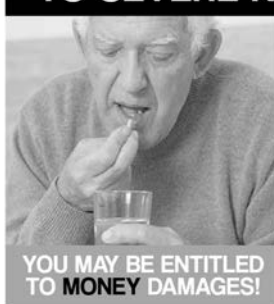
If the number of applications exceeds the number of permits, the DNR will randomly draw names to choose participants.

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Greg Burger

Greg Burger lives in Luverne and is challenging the incumbent for the District 3 County Board of Commissioner position.

1.) Current: president, Rock County Development Corporation; treasurer, Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow; board member, ATLAS of Rock County.

Past: president, Luverne Area Community Foundation; chairman, The Fund Drive for the new Sanford Hospital; chairman, The Fund Drive for The History Center; board member, Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce; chairman, the Minnesota Bankers Association; member, National American Bankers Association Community Banking Council; trustee, the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado.

2.) I have recently retired from 40+ years as a community banker. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, and received my degree from the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado. I've been married to Janet for 45 years and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

3.) I believe it's time for a fresh perspective for the District 3 commissioner seat. It seems to me that Rock County is in a unique position for growth and significant change in the coming years. I believe my experience in business and economic development can help the county move forward. This position would provide for opportunities to continue to stay involved and engaged in the progress of the county and community with which I am deeply attached.

4.) The role of commissioner is to provide overall guidance for the county and its citizens. I believe this involves an educated, conservative method for assessing existing programs as well as future opportunities. In order to perform the job well, the commissioner must approach



Greg Burger

each issue with an open mind and be willing to listen to the voices of his constituency before any decisions are made. Ultimately, the commissioner represents the citizens of the district and should attempt to move the county forward providing for the best interests of the people represented.

5.) I believe my past experiences in managing agricultural-based financial businesses will provide for a unique perspective for the commissioner position. I have been deeply involved in all aspects of the ag communities where the banks I managed were located. I have assisted a variety of people in their business and personal financial affairs. I have developed budgets and implemented expense control measures for multi-million dollar businesses during my years in banking. I have been directly involved in assisting farm operators with operating budgets as well as their decisions regarding marketing, operational changes, and future expansion. I've managed staffs of up to 40 individuals and dealt with all aspects of employer/employee interpersonal relationships. I believe I have the personal, business, and people skills necessary to handle the challenges of providing guidance for the future decisions for Rock County.

Rock County Commissioner District 3

The Star Herald asked candidates facing a primary election on Aug. 9 five questions to inform readers about themselves.

The five questions are:

- 3.) Community involvement
- 4.) Employment, education and family
- 5.) What made you decide to seek election/re-election to the County Board of Commissioners?
- 6.) How do you view the role of a commissioner in your community?
- 7.) What makes you the best candidate for the job?

Ron Boyenga



Ron Boyenga

Ron Boyenga is the incumbent District 4 County Commissioner. He lives in Kanaranzi Township.

1.) I was born on Nov. 11, 1940, in the Luverne hospital during the Armistice Day blizzard. I have lived in Kanaranzi Township all of my life. I am married with five children and 13 grandchildren. I help with harvest, hauling beans and running the combine for corn.

2.) I have served on many boards and committees: school, bank, church, elevator and various county committees.

3.) As long as I have been on the county board I have never voted to increase the levy and, if elected, I plan to do the same, as people are leaving Rock County for South Dakota due to high taxes. At the same time we (the county board) re-modeled the courthouse, built a new law enforcement center, new mental health center in Luverne, moved the library, kept the railroad going, and expanded the rural water system plus various other projects.

4.) One or more county commissioners serve on 59 various committees including budget, family service, rural water, planning and zoning, railroad, economic development, historical, and library to name a few. Some meetings are monthly and some as needed. Some are in various towns in Minnesota.

5.) Many people in Rock County would probably be a better commissioner than I, but don't have the time or interest. So I offer my experience and my time and let the voters decide.

Darrel Van Aartsen



Darrel Van Aartsen

Darrel Van Aartsen lives in Clinton Township and is a challenger for the District 3 county commissioner seat.

1.) I've lived in Rock county my entire life and have volunteered for a number of things over the years. Things such as deacon, elder, choir member and youth leader of my church, 4-H supporter, treasurer of Luverne Music Boosters, treasurer and board member of the Rock County Historical Society, volunteer of the Blue Mound Area Theatre/Palace Theatre, actor in plays with the Green Earth Players, assisted with Tri-State Band Festival, ATLAS, Luverne's Heritage Preservation Commission, etc.

2.) I am owner and employed by Van Aartsen Construction, Inc. I am a graduate of the Luverne High School. I've continued my education in the construction trade primarily through my dad along with continued education classes required by the state for my contractor's license. I am married to LaDonna Van Aartsen. Our children are Brent (32) married to Amanda, Jonathon (27), and Mark (25) married to Katelyn.

3.) Over the past few years when I've visited with people about things going on in the county and they said to me, "You should run for county commissioner." I thought about it some, but never went much farther. When the rural Internet possibility came up in the county it again was of great interest to me. I talked to a lot of people about it. I wondered what we needed to do to make this a reality. The importance of the Internet for all of us is vital. Most every business uses the Internet daily to function in their jobs and school students need it daily for homework. Again, I was told and encouraged to run for county commissioner. As I reviewed past Rock County board meeting minutes I realized that the decisions the board makes are important to me as well as my neighbors such as Lewis and Clark water supply and quality of life in Rock County. I've taken it more serious this time and decided to give

it my best effort and filed to run for county commissioner. I read a quote on a mission trip I was on recently, "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. - Author Unknown". Even though you don't necessarily volunteer to be county commissioner, you are elected. I do care about the kind of community I live in and I hope it can be the kind of community you want to live in too.

4.) A county commissioner plays an important role in our community to keep it strong and vital. They must do their best to control the budget and also know when it is important to spend money to advance and encourage growth in the community. They need to take a close look at the issue and listen to people within the community to make the best decision for all involved. It is not always an easy answer, but we must use all of the resources we have available to us to be well informed. I would take this responsibility very seriously.

5.) I am 57 years old. I was born here. I grew up only four miles from where I've lived the past 35 years. God willing, I plan to live right here for a number of years more. I live here, I work here, I play here, and I volunteer here. I want my community to thrive and will work hard to achieve it.

The primary election is Aug. 9, and the general election is Nov. 8. Visit the Minnesota Secretary of State website, www.sos.state.mn.us, for polling information, district maps and more.

Gary Overgaard, continued

Sheep Superintendent. Previously served on the Minnesota State Fair 4-H Livestock Committee and was a Minnesota State Fair 4-H Sheep Superintendent. I am a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne.

2.) A lifelong farmer involved in production agriculture since 1975. Between 1975 and 1977 worked as an instructor in the Lamb and Wool Program at the Pipestone Vo-Tech School. Was an assessor for the Kanaranzi Township between 1975 and 1980. From 1985 to 1987 I worked with the Rock County Extension Office doing farm financial analysis during the Farm Crisis and also filled in as county Extension director during the time when there was no permanent county agent. Between 1989 and 2002 I worked as a multi-peril and hail crop adjuster and for the last 36 years I have been a DeKalb/Asgrow seed dealer. I attended country school in Kanaranzi and am a 1970 graduate of Luverne High School. I obtained a bachelor of science degree in animal science from South Dakota State University in 1974. Have been married to my wife Emily, a professional opera singer, for 20 years.

3.) Since my high school days I have had aspirations to run for political office. The community has given me a great deal over the past 50 years and I believe serving as a commissioner is the best way that I can repay my debt to the community. Many people have encouraged me to run and I believe that this is the right time for me to throw my hat into the ring.

4.) I see a commissioner's job as that of an overseer of all the functions of county government and, in particular, determining what is beneficial for all county residents and not just a few. It is very important to me that we make our decisions based upon what is best for all of Rock County. If given the opportunity to serve as the Commissioner for District 1, I realize that there will be a learning curve and I am more than willing to listen to my constituents to help me determine what precisely my role should be to best serve both the district and county.

5.) In order to be a successful commissioner, you need to be able to devote sufficient time and energy to the job. As such, my recent retirement from hog farming will afford me the necessary time to be an effective commissioner. I have learned from past and present commissioners, such as Bill Brakke, Milo Fodness, Wendell Erickson and Ken Hoime, on how best to serve as a commissioner. Having been involved in many local, county and state organizations, I have developed numerous personal connections that I will be able to utilize for the benefit of the residents of Rock County. Furthermore, having lived and worked in Rock County all of my life, I have a lifetime of experience and leadership to offer, which I believe makes me the best candidate for the job.

Kyle Hemme



Kyle Hemme

Kyle Hemme/lives in Denver Township and is running for the open District 1 County Commissioner seat.

1.) I am a supervisor for Denver Township. I served as chairman for Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick, Rock County Extension Committee, and I participate with the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers Association.

2.) I graduated from Luverne High School in 1995, after which I attended the University of Minnesota, Morris, for one year. I graduated from Southeast Technical Institute in 1999 with a diesel technology degree. I participated in Minnesota Agricultural and Rural Leadership, graduating in 2016. I currently farm full time with my parents west of Hardwick. I am married to Mica and we have four children, Tori (11), Kaleb (9), Ashlyn (3) and Micaela (16 months).

3.) I have a desire to serve my community. I ran four years ago and lost a close race, and I still desire to fill the position of commissioner. I am thoughtful

in the decisions that I come to while serving on boards. I listen to all sides and try to understand why someone may or may not have an issue with the decision that may be rendered. We need to have respect for everyone's opinion. However, we must also have accountability in the system and not just have a yes or no answer. Sometimes we need to do some research ourselves and not just take people's word for fact. I love being in this county and I want to help mold it for the future that we can all be proud of.

4.) A commissioner is someone who should be knowledgeable on a variety of subjects. They should also know when to use the resources around them. We have vast resources in this county that we should be consulting; however, we should double-check for accurate information. As a commissioner we should remember whom we represent and what those constituents want from us. Also a lot of the time commissioners are the first call from a resident. If we don't know the answer to their question or comment, we should put them in touch with the right person that can answer their concerns the best.

5.) I feel I am the best candidate for this job because of my recent experiences with the different organizations that I am with. I am definitely concerned with representing the rural northern and eastern tiers of the county. District 1 has the largest area to represent in the county, so there are some struggles to make sure that the entire district would be represented accurately. I believe that my

recent experiences in Denver Township have prepared me for the commissioner position, especially with road and government issues. I also believe that we owe it to the people of the county to ensure that we are getting the best bang for our dollar, meaning that we need to look at contracts individually and approve or disapprove them based on past performance. We can't just approve something just because we have always done it a certain way.

Farming information or facts aren't always the same from year to year, and therefore you need to be flexible and be prepared to attack an issue a different way to ensure that you are getting the best possible outcome for your decision. I feel that you need to use this same process with holding the commissioner job. We also need to remember that agriculture is the backbone for our economy in Rock County, and the county regulations should support that.

I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the support I have received.

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I can't help but feel a little like Kevin James' character in the movie sometimes.

In addition to my summer part-time job here at the newspaper, my other very-part-time gig is parking attendant at the Verne Drive-In Theatre.

On weekend nights when the drive-in is expected to be busy, I drive around on the golf cart helping people park in an orderly way that keeps lanes open and allows in as many cars as possible for people to see the movie.

This means I also end up answering questions from customers, enforcing drive-in rules and fielding complaints from customers about the people parked near them.

That's right ... I'm basically the "drive-in cop."

Like Blart patrolling the mall on his Segway, I've got my golf cart to keep the drive-in safe and clean.

Don't worry, I'm in on the joke. I realize I have little authority and a top speed of about 15 miles per hour.

In fact, about all I've got to serve and protect the drive-in public is a flashlight and a jump starter.

But that's what makes it fun.

I get to welcome people and find out where they are from. It's amazing how far some people travel to see movies at our drive-in.

Sometimes old college friends or former students I haven't seen in years flag me down and introduce me to their spouse and kids.

Toddlers sitting in their little lawn chairs in front of the family



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

I can't help but feel a little like Kevin James' character in the movie sometimes.

minivan wave as I go by as if I'm important.

Overall, I try to help make sure people have a good experience at — and want to come back to — one of Luverne's biggest tourist attractions.

Of course it's not all fun and games on the golf cart.

Some people have a hard time following the drive-in rules, especially on nights when the place is sold out.

People forget that when you have your hatch open, those behind you may not be able to see the screen.

Or they don't realize that when you park too far from the vehicle next to you on a busy night, others have to be turned away because the theater is full.

This is when my professional behavior management training and years of experience giving "the teacher look" come in handy.

Indeed, those few difficult drive-in citizens can make my four-hour-a-week career in pretend law enforcement a challenging one.

But overall, most people are just happy to be outside, under the stars, enjoying one of the few drive-in theaters left in the Upper Midwest.

To be honest, that's why this drive-in cop is there, too.

So next time you take the family to our local drive-in, make sure to be considerate of others, enjoy the experience and wave at the drive-in cop on patrol.

Need an attitude change?

A day at the fair viewing bunnies, eating ice cream, talking with neighbors can brighten anyone's day

Negative news events and extreme humid weather have taken their toll in recent weeks, leaving many of us in sour moods.

To get away from the national police shootings and negative political events, residents can use this week's Rock County Fair to step back, take a deep breath and enjoy a conversation with neighbors.

Today's Star Herald highlights some of the fair events taking place now through Saturday night.

Also in today's paper are the 10 residents who are seeking election to local offices.

These individuals have stepped forward indicating their willingness to lead our county and city for the next four years.

The Star Herald commends them for taking an active interest in where our governments should focus time and public monies.

Voters in the County Commission districts 1 and 3 and the city of Luverne's North Ward will chose two

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candidates in the Aug. 9 primary election to face off in the general election.

These 10 individuals are our friends and/or neighbors.

More than likely Red Arndt, Ron Boyenga, Greg Burger, Don Bryan, Mike Davis, Kyle Hemme, Larry Lanphere, Dan Nath, Gary Overgaard and Darrel Van Aartsen will attend the county fair. They should see this time as a great way to meet the public and their potential constituents.

As fairgoers we should take the time as we walk the midway, grab a bite to eat and view the 4-H and open class projects to talk with these potential leaders.

Polite conversations about politics, ideas or just less humid weather

are great ways to change negativity into a positive.

There's also no need to carry a bad mood to the fair due to the wide array of events it features.

- Watch one of a dozen livestock shows featuring the hard work of area youth.

- Attend an evening grandstand event.

- Walk through the commercial exhibit buildings.

- View the historical buildings and demonstrations.

- Take a ride on the midway.

Enjoy this week as an escape and a time to regroup — and to promote and enjoy the more positive things in life.



Law restricts use of collector vehicles; hoods not required on vehicles for roadway use

Question:

I own a 1994 BMW. Last time registration was due, I purchased a collector plate and joined the BMW club. I know you're not supposed to drive the car for everyday use, such as driving to the grocery store or running errands. I have a friend who told me I can only drive the car to club meetings or auto shows. True or not true? If not true, what are the restrictions to driving the car? If I'm going to sell the car, can I drive it to a mutual meeting point? Can I take it out every once in a while for a "spin?"

Answer: There are several requirements for "collector" license plates.



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

- The vehicle must be a minimum of 20 years old.

- The owner must prove that they have one or more vehicles with regular license plates.

- The vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item, and not for general transportation purposes.

What are general transportation purposes? To law enforcement, this means that you can drive it to fairs,

shows, etc., but it is not to be utilized for work, school, shopping and other everyday activities. It is a judgment call on the part of the officer, but the intent of the law is that the vehicle is not to be used as an additional vehicle for your family.

If you are in violation of one of the requirements listed above, you could be charged with:

- "Improper use of registration" — a misdemeanor (90 days and/or

\$1,000 fine).

- "Intent to escape tax" — a gross misdemeanor (up to one year and/or \$3,000 fine) depending on the situation.

These license plates are also subject to impoundment. As the owner, you are responsible for maintaining the proper registration on your vehicle. If you are going to use the vehicle for other purposes, have regular plates on it.

Question: I have two questions for you. Do I need a hood on my car to operate it legally? What is the law regarding vehicle fenders and tires sticking out beyond the sides of a vehicle?

Answer: There is nothing in Minnesota law requiring a hood on a motor vehicle while in transport.

Minnesota law states that "Every

passenger automobile shall have fenders, or other devices, that are designed to prevent, as far as practicable, water, dirt, or other material being thrown up and to the rear by the wheels of the vehicle."

So every vehicle **MUST** have fenders. In reference to wheels sticking out, if the wheels go out beyond the outside of the vehicle, then they would **NOT** be in compliance with the law. If someone was to have wider wheels on their vehicle that stuck out past the fender, they would need some type of fender flare added on.

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 15
 •Complainant requested we check location for subject with felony warrants and possible stolen silver or gray Nissan Titan with dealer plates. Stolen vehicle was recovered and towed to impound by G&S. Notified South Dakota authorities.
 •Complainant reported he was assaulted on the 300 block of East Crawford Street.
 •Complainant reported her daughter is missing. She is 18, but no one has heard from her in days. Complainant was informed that she could enter her as a missing person if she feels that she is in danger.
 •Complainant reported that there is a blue Toyota vehicle sitting in the parking lot at location. The windows are down, and two children of unknown age are in the vehicle. She is unsure if the kids sit in the car all day long while the parents are at work. Would like a deputy to check on them. Deputy went to location. 10-2 There was an adult in the driver's seat with the engine running. They were waiting for someone to come out.
 •Deputy stopped to assist a motorist on Highway 75 at 91st Street.
 •Lifeline reported a medical alarm from location. No response. Called back to cancel.
 •Complainant brought in a US Bank Visa card he found on the 2200 block of East Luverne Street. Contacted owner, and he stated that he has cancelled the card and requested it be shredded.
 •Complainant reported subject is shooting off a gun again. The shots are going really fast.
 •Complainant reported the music across the street is so loud he can hear it in his living room. Deputy advised this is an ongoing neighborhood dispute. Music coming

from the garage is not that loud. Deputy will talk to complainant and monitor if it goes past 10 p.m. Complainant yelled at deputy while he was trying to talk to him.
 •Deputy was flagged down by someone who reported a vehicle stopped, but not quick enough, when he was crossing the street.
 •Deputy recovered a silver dirt bike from lot on the 300 block of East Lincoln Street. Put into sheriff's office impound.
 •Metro Communications in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, transferred 911 call from I-90 about a verbal domestic. Deputies transported subjects to the hospital for an evaluation.
July 16
 •Complainant reported the theft of a big planter along with an angel on a pole from her grandson's grave. It was there yesterday at noon.
 •Complainant reported a guy has been driving by his house. They had issues a couple of months ago, and now the guy has been driving past his house a few times in the last couple of months. His wife just saw him drive by.
 •Complainant reported a granary-type building on fire. Paged Kenneth Fire Department. Deputy requested Nobles Cooperative Electric be contacted for a downed power line.
 •Complainant reported a dog jumped on her car when she was at the drive-in last night. She looked at it this morning, and there are scratches in the clear coat, and it will need to be repainted.
 •Complainant in Hills reported he can't contact his neighbors, but they are shooting off fireworks, and there is a diesel leak about 10-15 feet away. He has contacted the city about the leak, and now he would like them warned about it. Deputy parked in a lot in an adjacent block and did not hear

any fireworks in the area.
 •Motel reported they told a group of people they don't have a room for them, and now they are hanging around outside and won't seem to leave. Deputy said parties were looking for a room somewhere else. Moved along.
 •Complainant reported hearing fireworks or gunshots on the south side of town. Deputy patrolled the area and did not see or hear anything.
July 17
 •Dispatch received severe thunderstorm warning until 2 a.m. for Rock County.
 •Complainant reported a heavy-set, possibly Hispanic male who appears intoxicated wearing a white T-shirt and lighter colored shorts breaking into a window on the north side of the City Centre apartments. Man was arrested and taken to jail.
 •Complainant reported he found a bike on his property this morning. Blue Kona bike with speedometer and light. Put into bike impound at Sheriff's Office. Bike picked up by owner.
 •Complainant reported the theft of a men's dark green Huffy bike and a boys' fluorescent green bike. Last seen last night. Men's bike was located at Cottage Grove and Lincoln by complainant.
 •Complainant reported a man came to the door with an orange, he cut a wedge out of it, and gave it to her son who ate it. They looked around Beaver Creek for the man and couldn't find him. She was very upset about it.
 •Complainant reported a light pole down and in the lane of traffic. Contacted city.
 •Deputy dealt with an individual who had some mental health issues.
 •Complainant reported possible domestic going on at her sister's house. Deputy reported contact was made

with both adult subjects at location, and all is OK.
 •Complainant reported her soon-to-be ex-husband came into her residence while nobody was home. Also he took some items that were not agreed upon in a divorce agreement. Deputy called complainant and advised that she contact her attorney.
July 18
 •Complainant reported they are getting harassing phone calls.
 •Complainant reported that she has hidden cameras in her apartment and on her electric meter in the building's utility room. Sheriff checked it out and there are no cameras in her building.
 •Complainant reported theft of some items from his garage.
 •Complainant reported possible sexual harassment that occurred a while ago.
 •Complainant reported that there was a golf cart on the park trail, and he would like a deputy to come out and speak to the subject, as he has been told before he was not to be on the trail.
 •Complainant reported that there were two white pickup trucks driving around the city soliciting for DTV Pros. She spoke with a man from one and asked to see his solicitor's license, and he showed her a peddler's license from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She told him that was no good here. He needed to stop and come in tomorrow to the city offices and get a license, and if he did not and there were complaints, they would be escorted out of town.
 •Complainant reported they were moving their daughter and grandchild out of a house in Rock County, and they are expecting problems. Deputy went to speak with them.

July 19
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a verbal agreement she made with an individual. She is wondering if she should file a report. Deputy advised this is a civil matter.
 •Complainant requested to speak to someone about accompaniment of a foreclosed property that his company has been hired to clean out. Complainant reported that there is evidence that someone may be living in it. Deputies accompanied him and found nothing there.
 •Complainant reported a lost iPhone with a gold sparkly case.
 •Complainant reported he lost his license plate and the chain link frame around it.
 •Complainant requested a residence check for two weeks.
 •Complainant reported male drivers on Bark Avenue in a silver Chevy, and it is very loud. Requested a deputy go speak to him about it, as complainant is filing a noise complaint.
 •Complainant reported some illegal dumping in Hills. Deputy reported some branches and grass were dumped.
 •Complainant reported her ex would not give her the kid's clothes back after being at his house. Deputy reported the male party would not allow either the complainant or deputy in the house. No property was exchanged, and he would not return the clothing for his own children.
July 20
 •Complainant reported 1-3 pedestrians walking on the interstate at eastbound mile marker 3.
 •Complainant reported DTV is in town soliciting without a license. Deputy spoke to the people in the van, and they will cease activity until

they get a license.
 •Reserved for predatory offender registration.
 •Reserved for emergency response unit callout to Windom.
 •Complainant requested extra patrol on a county road that kids are tearing up, among other things.
July 21
 •Complainant reported seeing lights on the north side of the house at the corner of Edgell gravel road and South Donaldson Street. Thought it was suspicious. Deputy reports people working on a pickup.
 •Complainant reported a back-up camera and a GPS were stolen from his pickup, and this morning his neighbor found them under his pickup seat.
 •Complainant reported he found something by the trashcan, and he is concerned it could be drug-related.
 •Complainant reported a truck all over the road. Deputy stopped vehicle at mile marker 20 and turned it over to State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported that her ex-boyfriend is on probation and making lewd and threatening comments to her via text messages and Facebook. She wants to make a report so subject's probation officer is made aware of the violations. Complainant is Spanish-speaking. Language Line was used to complete the call.
 In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 1 parking violation, 15 traffic stops, 16 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 3 false alarms, 1 driver's license check, 1 fingerprint request, 7 log/alarm sheets, 7 drug court tests, 2 money escorts, and issued 4 purchase/carry permits and 2 burn permits.

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CELEBRATIONS

Open House

MaryAnn Ackerman will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne.

Greetings may be sent to 201 Oak Drive, Room 114; Luverne, MN 56156.

Card Shower

LaVerle Colbeck Lorenzen will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday, Aug. 8. Greetings may be sent to 110 S. Walnut Ave., Room 108; Luverne, MN 56156.

Bridal Shower

An open house bridal shower for Jennifer Peterson, bride-to-be of Jordan Siebenahler, will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at the Luverne Fire Hall.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Aug. 1: Hamburger, oven-browned potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb sauce.

Program: Senior meeting.

Tuesday, Aug. 2: Taco salad (meat, cheese, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream), dinner roll, fresh fruit, bar.

Wednesday, Aug. 3: Chicken in cream sauce, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, peaches, cream puff dessert.

Thursday, Aug. 4: Pork loin, potatoes, creamed carrots, bread, poke cake.

Program: Show fair exhibits.

Friday, Aug. 5: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce, green beans, bread, ice cream.

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

Sanford Wellness Challenge coming in August

Sanford Luverne invites the public to participate in the "Step by Step Wellness Challenge" from Aug. 15 to Sept. 25.

Teams of three earn points for step totals each week and can also access tips and wellness information.

Register by Aug. 5 by calling 507-449-1229. Cost is \$10 without pedometer, \$20 with.



Mavis Fodness PhotoS/0728 Library Puppets

Puppets Jack the Dog and a diva chicken perform in "The On-Time Circus."

Left: Ms. Tock, played by Paulino Brener, opens "The On-Time Circus" performance by putting out the flags.

Original puppet presentation stops at city park

By Mavis Fodness

A specially designed trailer was used Friday morning to house an unusual puppet show at the Luverne City Park.

For the past two weeks Margo McCreary and Paulino Brener have been performing "The On-Time Circus" at 18 locations within the Plum Creek Library

System.

The event was free and open to audiences of all ages. The Rock County Library hosted the local event that lasted about 45 minutes.

McCreary said Luverne was the duo's 17th show and by far the most humid outdoor performance. The tour finished Friday afternoon

in Worthington with an indoor show.

Almost 50 people attended the Luverne event, sponsored by state Clean Water Land and Legacy funds.

McCreary created the "The On-Time Circus" story.

As the master puppeteer, she brought various characters to life. She also played

the peace officer whose demand for a performance permit threatened to delay the on-time circus.

Brener played the clown, Ms. Tock.

"Ms. Tock is the (circus) proprietor," McCreary said. "She loves time and loves to do things on time."

Besides teaching audience members about time,

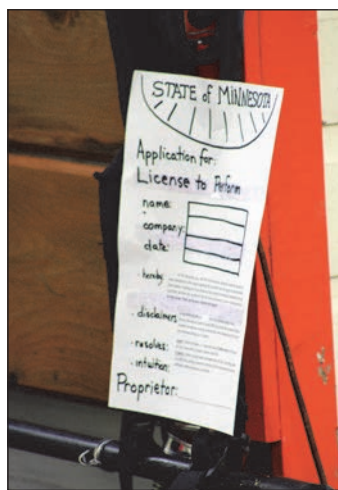
the event also involved other mathematical learning as Ms. Tock conversed with Grandfather Clock and the other circus characters.

The two-wheeled puppet wagon/trailer was made out of repurposed building supplies and featured a solar collector to provide electricity for the loud speakers and recorded music.



Margo McCreary plays the sheriff, asking audience members whose puppet trailer is parked at the Luverne City Park. She says the owners need a permit.

Right: "The On-Time Circus" is almost slowed down due to an unsigned License to Perform application.



A mobile puppet trailer was specially made for Margo McCreary's performance of "The On-Time Circus," which she performed with Paulino Brener (pictured above with McCreary's Jack the Dog) Friday morning at the Luverne City Park. The performance was the duo's 17th out of 18 shows in two weeks within the Plum Creek Library System.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

The Lewis and Clark Rural Water Board is allowing members to pre-pay their share of the project to get more money to spur the project along immediately. As the project is able to collect more money now, members are able to save money in the long run by avoiding inflation costs. Both the city of Luverne and Rock County are asking Lewis and Clark for permission to pay early.

25 years ago (1991)

Cuts and confusion describe the Department of Natural Resources and the state park system. According to a letter to park employees from Bill Morrissey, director of the Division of Parks and Recreation for the Department of Natural Resources, the Department received a \$523,200 increase in its operating fund appropriation. But because fixed costs such as property taxes, unemployment and workers' compensation increased by \$1,608,300, the department has a shortfall of \$789,600. Visitor services in all parks are being reduced, often by cutting seasonal employees.

50 years ago (1966)

If your grass needs trimming, hold it! Before you go out and mow that lawn, remember that every year an estimated 80,000 Americans are injured, permanently maimed or killed in rotary lawn mower accidents. "The incidence of injury last summer in Luverne and Rock county was quite high," notes Dr. A.C. Martin, county health officer. The majority of injuries are caused by two types of accidents - objects picked up and thrown by the blades and direct injury to the hands and feet by blades. Though the power mower adds greatly to the convenience of maintaining a lawn, it should

be treated as a potentially dangerous machine.

75 years ago (1941)

The first annual Soap Box Derby for members of the Cub Pack of the Luverne Boy Scouts organization, was held Monday night on Sherman hill in Luverne. The races were run on Crawford street between Kniss and Freeman avenues, those streets being blocked off so that traffic could not interfere with the event. Two speed races and one distance race made up the card of the classic. Nine Cubs between the ages of 9 and 12 years were entered and each contestant was required to use only coasters made by himself. ... The Cub Pack is a preparatory organization for the Boy Scouts of America, its purpose being to train boys between the ages of 9 and 12 years in the elementary principles of scouting. It is to the Boy Scouts what the DeMolay is to the Masonic orders and the Antlers is to the Elks lodge.

100 years ago (1916)

The same old story of a young lad severing home ties and going out into the world to see real life, only to make a serious misstep and be brought up in the shadows of a penal institution after a brief encounter with an unsympathetic public, was again told Wednesday afternoon in a local justice court. The narrator was R.L. Gaynor, of New York City, who had been arrested that day at Ellsworth, charged with robbing the E.F. Hills home on section 36, Magnolia township, the previous afternoon. He is accused of taking several dollars in change, two pairs of cuff links, a set ring, a boy's dollar watch, a razor, a pair of automobile glasses, a lavalier and a cap, said to represent a value of \$50. All of this property was found on his person when he was arrested, except the lavalier and the money.

Enjoy the glorious blooms while the color lasts

Today my flower gardens are absolutely glorious! This is the color I envision and plan for all through the cold, dark days of winter ... so enjoy every moment while it lasts.



If you are feeding your planters, they should be at their peak of color now. If you have one or two plants that seem to be determined to take over the space, prune them to keep them in bounds. Sweet potato vine is one that will often demand more than its share of room. Cutting some stems out will not hurt it but will give the other plants a chance to fill in ... don't worry about the sweet potato ... it will be right back demanding as much room as you will allow.

I noticed some dead basal leaves and small yellowish spots on the leaves of my German bearded iris and confirmed that the spots are caused by iris borers. This is not untreatable but means more work than I was planning for today. My iris clumps are not large so I will dig the clump, wash the soil off the rhizomes and remove the damaged tubers. Then I'll cut the leaves back to a 4-inch fan

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

and soak the rhizomes in a 10-percent bleach solution for an hour. After that, they get to dry in the sun for a few hours and then I'll replant them.

Iris borers are not new to our area, but I have not had to deal with them before. If left untreated, they will weaken the rhizome and you will end up with very few if any flowers. Total cleanup of all foliage in the fall is essential for control.

Iris borers spend the winter as eggs on old iris leaves and plant debris at the base of iris stalks. In early spring they hatch into tiny caterpillars and climb up new foliage. They chew pinprick-sized holes and tunnel inside leaves as they continue down toward the rhizome. Their feeding causes streaks that appear tan or water-soaked. Later the tips of infested iris turn brown and appear to senesce (age prematurely), although the entire plant seldom dies.

The caterpillar tunnels through the leaves, reaching the rhizome by midsummer (July in Minnesota). At that

point, caterpillars have grown to about 1½ to 2 inches in length. Iris borers do severe damage to iris by consuming the rhizome. Iris borer feeding can allow the entry of a bacterial soft rot. Rhizomes infected by soft rot are slimy, soft and foul-smelling.

There are several iris diseases with similar symptoms that can occur when iris borer is absent, including bacterial soft rot, iris scorch (probably caused by a phytoplasma), and fungal leaf spot (Didymella macrospora). All of these disease organisms will cause iris leaf tips to brown and iris plants to senesce, mimicking symptoms caused by iris borer.

In late July or early August, iris borer caterpillars move into the soil where they pupate. They emerge as moths in late summer or fall. Female moths complete the life cycle by laying eggs on old iris plants in August and September where eggs remain until next spring.

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



Ocean Commotion

First Baptist Church of Luverne hosted its Vacation Bible School the week of July 18 under the theme, "Ocean Commotion." Organizers said everyone had a "boatload" of fun learning about Noah and the great flood from the book of Genesis. Through songs, games, crafts and Bible time, children were taught how they can trust, obey and stand for God. Submitted photo

OBITUARIES

William Fay

William "Bill" Fay, 87, Plymouth, died June 20, 2016, at Trillium Woods Health Center in Plymouth due to complications from heart and lung disease.



A funeral will be Friday, Aug. 12, 2016, at St. Joseph Parish Center in New Hope. Interment of ashes will follow at Gethsemane Cemetery in New Hope.

Bill Fay was born Jan. 7, 1929, to Hubert L. and Gladys (Durocher) Fay in Luverne. Bill is a 1947 graduate of Luverne High School. He began his pre-engineering studies at the University of St. Thomas but eventually transferred to the University of Minnesota where he received his Bachelor of Architecture in 1953.

Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation, joined the Finance Corps and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Upon his return to the U.S., Bill began his architectural career in Minneapolis with the firm Thorshov & Cerny (1955-60), followed by Thorsen & Thorshov (1960-1987) and finally with Hammel, Green & Abrahamson (1987-98) where, during its 3-year construction, Bill was a lead onsite architect for the Mall of America. He retired in 1998 after being a registered architect and member of the American Institute of Architecture for 45 years. Bill was a lifelong member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Bill married JoAnn Kennedy on Dec. 29, 1956, at St

Catherines Catholic Church in Luverne. In 1959 Bill and JoAnn moved into their first home in Minnetonka. By 1973 the family had outgrown the home and moved to Plymouth where he resided until 2015.

Bill had a passion for fishing, and all Fay family summer vacations involved fishing and camping in Minnesota and Canada. He and JoAnn loved to golf, and in their retirement enjoyed travel to Europe, Mexico, Hawaii and Florida. Bill was meticulous with his yard and home.

Bill is survived by his children, Terri (Tom) Cohn, Maple Grove, Steve (Cathy) Fay, Roselle, Illinois, Mary Fay, Roselle, Illinois, Ruth (Ruth) Fay, Maple Plain; eight grandchildren, Angela (Jake), David (Heather), Sarah, Benjamin, Geoffrey, Daniel, Rebecca, Rachel and Abigail; four great-grandchildren, Dylan, Nora, Evan and Caden; a brother, Tom (Sharon) Fay, Lake Mills, Wisconsin; and a sister-in-law, Marlee (Kennedy) Kenney, Redwood Falls;

He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn; his parents; his parents-in-law, Leo and Laura (Appel) Kennedy; a brother-in-law, Robert Kenney; and a nephew, Michael Fay.

Arrangements were by Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Funeral Chapel, Crystal, www.Washburn-McReavy.com. (0728 F)

Katherine McBride

Katherine McBride, 57, retiring in 2016. Some of Kathy's favorite activities included packing up the kids and heading to the lake on the weekends. You could always find Kathy with dirty hands in the garden, shooting birdies on the golf course, water skiing behind the boat, or building a bonfire.



Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at George Boom Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Sioux Falls. Family present visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at the funeral home with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m.

Katherine Ann McBride (Haper) was born on June 27, 1959, in Pipestone, Minnesota, to Francis and Loretta (O'Toole) Haper. The Hapers raised their family in Luverne, Minnesota. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1977. Kathy enjoyed getting into trouble with her four siblings, cruising Main Street in her Volkswagen Bug, working at JJ's Tasty Freeze, and venturing to Hatfield to dance the night away.

In 1980 Kathy moved to Granite Falls, Minnesota, where she obtained her clerical degree. She married Tom Austin and had two sons, Ben (1982) and Charlie (1986). Kathy later remarried Dave McBride and had one daughter, Molly (1990). She devoted 25 years of her life to selling home, auto, and life insurance.

Larona Elbers

Larona June Elbers, 76, sang with her sisters, played flute solos, taught Sunday school and was the church treasurer. When the church closed in 1968, she became a member of the State Line Presbyterian Church in rural Ellsworth. When that church closed, she joined the American Reformed Church in Luverne and then the Steen Reformed Church where she was a member until her death.



A funeral service was Monday, July 25, at the Reformed Church of Steen. Burial followed at the Eastside Cemetery, Steen.

Larona Aukes was born June 28, 1940, to Harvey and Alice (Dunn) Aukes in Luverne. As an infant she lived on a farm northeast of Luverne. When she was 4, her family moved to a farm north of Steen and later to another farm northwest of Steen. She attended school at District 61 until the eighth grade, at which time the school was closed and consolidated with the Hills School District. Upon graduation from Hills High School she attended and graduated from Nettleton College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in accounting.

Larona married James Elbers on Sept. 7, 1962, at the Steen Reformed Church. She worked at the Blue Ribbon Hatchery in Hills for two years and at a law firm and finance company in Sioux Falls until the birth of her daughter. She then stayed at home and raised her children for eight years. Upon reentering the workforce she worked at A.R. Wood Manufacturing in Luverne until they closed. She returned to Sioux Falls and worked at Western Surety Company (CNA Surety) for 27 years in the claim and accounting departments until retiring in March of 2012. Her husband, James, died in March of 2010.

She was baptized, confirmed, and was a member of the Steen Evangelical United Brethren Church of Steen where she sang in the choir,

Some of Kathy's favorite activities included packing up the kids and heading to the lake on the weekends. You could always find Kathy with dirty hands in the garden, shooting birdies on the golf course, water skiing behind the boat, or building a bonfire.

Katherine is survived by her children, Benjamin Austin, Charles (Stephanie) Austin, Molly (Keith Fox) McBride all of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; grandchildren, Kyla Austin and William Fox; parents, Francis and Loretta Haper, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; brother, Steven (Glenda) Haper, Luverne, Minnesota; sisters, Deb Smith, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Diane Haper, Adrian, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Deb Haper, Fulda, Minnesota, and many more family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gary Haper.

Family requests that everyone dress in colorful summer attire for Katherine's service.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Katherine's memory to the Prairie Center at Avera McKennan.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Iowa Lakes releases spring Honors List

Iowa Lakes Community College, Estherville, Iowa, has named Tara Sudenga, Luverne, to the Spring 2016 honors list. To earn this honor, students must be enrolled full time and earn a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

Thier graduates from Clarke University

Austyn Thier, Adrian, graduated from Clarke University, Dubuque, Iowa, on May 7, 2016, with a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training.

The Star Herald strives to recognize all academic accomplishments of students from its coverage areas, and our news department relies on multiple sources (colleges, students, parents, etc.) for that information. Send school news to editor@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.

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Audrey Faber

Audrey Arlene Faber, 88, Luverne, died Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.



A funeral service was Tuesday, July 26, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Audrey Hop was born Feb. 11, 1928, to Gerrit and Gertrude (Vander Tuig) Hop in Hawarden, Iowa. At age 10, Audrey moved with her family to Artesia, California, and attended Belflower Christian High School, graduating in 1944.

On July 26, 1945, Audrey married Francis Faber. The couple lived in Artesia. In 1951 they moved to a farm northeast of Inwood, Iowa. Five years later they moved to a farm in Iowa near the Minnesota border south of Luverne. The family later moved to the Hills area. As their children became older, Audrey pursued a career as an LPN by attending school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She then worked at the community hospital in Rock Rapids, Iowa. In 1967 the family moved to a farm west of Luverne. Audrey then worked at the Donohoe Clinic on Main Street in Luverne for a short time before becoming employed at the Luverne Community Hospital. Later in her working years, Audrey worked a part-time schedule. She and Francis then began spending winters in Mesa, Arizona. In 2012 Audrey and Francis moved to the Crown Point Senior Living Facility

in Sioux Center, Iowa. Audrey lived for a short time in the Lyon Manor in Rock Rapids, Iowa, before moving to the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

Audrey was a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. She was a charter member of Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Mesa. She enjoyed cooking and baking. She also enjoyed making trips to the farm fields to bring the men their meals. She enjoyed her family and made each of her grandchildren an afghan as a graduation gift.

Audrey is survived by her husband, Francis; two children, William "Butch" (Catherine) Faber, Pacific Grove, California, and Judi (Ed) Boersma, Minneapolis; a daughter-in-law, Darla Faber, Luverne; a son-in-law, Dennis Vander Plaats, Sioux Center, Iowa; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three children, Crystal Faber, Robert Faber and Gloria Ackerman Vander Plaats; a son-in-law, Barney "Bud" Ackerman Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Breiton Ackerman and Kyle Faber; a great-great-granddaughter, Paige Punt; and three siblings, Harry Hop, Bud Hop and Sadie Vos.

Memorials may be directed to Hope Haven or the Luke's Society.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0728 F)

Nearly 200 Rock County cattle perish in four-day heat wave/continued from page 1A

Life-saving water

Luverne cattlemen Mike Feikema said watering his cattleyards became a full-time job for three days in a row.

"I was very fortunate," he said. "We started hosing cattle down Thursday morning and continued through Saturday... I would guess we went through 20,000 gallons of water per day."

He said the goal was to cool off the surface of the pens, but the cattle themselves enjoyed the water.

"I've never seen cattle running toward the water like that," he said. "They'd follow you through the whole pen."

The problem for some with private wells is that pumps don't always keep up with demand, and an equipment malfunction could become a major disaster.

For example, swine operations can withstand a heat wave, but they depend heavily on mechanics.

"You have to keep the fans running," de Koning said, noting a couple of instances this summer when 600 and 800 head of swine were lost due to equipment failure. "And even then, you still have to babysit."

Firemen were also popular among livestock producers. "If you know someone in the fire department, one of our clients had the fire department come out and spray the cattle yards," de Koning said.

Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia said it's true that the fire equipment has been used to help save cattle.

"We don't treat it like a regular fire call where we send out the page," he said, "but we coordinate among ourselves to help someone out."

Hardwick and Hills fire departments also reportedly assisted farmers in their areas.

Keeping up with demand

According to Rock County Rural Water Director Brent Hoffmann, a heat wave can prompt heavy spikes in water use among livestock producers on the pipeline.

"It is always higher this time of year when it's hot," he said Friday. "Basically double what we do in the winter."

Summer average use (especially when farmers are mixing spray for their fields) is nearly 900,000 gallons per day compared with roughly 600,000 in the winter.

But during last week's heat wave, water use spiked to more than 1.2 million gallons per day.

He added that the rural system is designed to handle these peak demands.

"Our plant is designed for up to 2 million gallons per day, plus we can offset some of that with Lewis and Clark water," Hoffmann said.

In cases where farmers couldn't get enough pressure from their Rural Water connection, Hoffmann said it's because their service lines weren't designed for that kind of demand.

"Their lines were built for what was there at the time,"



Cattle farmers resorted to a steady spray of water to cool the surface of their pens. Pictured at left is Blac-X Farms. At right, Luverne firefighters spray the Reisch feedlot.

he said.

Rock County is home to more than 300 commercial cattle operations with another 150 that are considered smaller operations.

Not all of these are rural water customers, but Hoffmann said more than three quarters of Rock County Rural Water is used for livestock purposes.

"That's why we did this big expansion," he said referring to Rural Water's northwest expansion project. "We're trying to keep the pressure as good as we can for as long as we can."

Comfort in numbers

Feikema's water efforts paid off; he lost only two animals.

Others in the county reported losses of 50 or more.

Many of those producers are friends and colleagues of Feikema, who said cattle producers often lean on each other in a crisis.

"This ranks up there with one of the worst heat waves I can remember," he said. "You don't necessarily plan for these

things. ... But cattle feeders are a really resourceful bunch."

He said they shared ideas about what works and what doesn't and how to improve methods for the next heat wave.

Beaver Creek cattle producer Peter Bakken said this network of support helps in more ways than one.

"It really takes a mental toll," he said. "There's just nothing like watching something die because it's too hot."

Peter and his brother, Jay Bakken, own Blac-X Farms, which lost more than a dozen cattle to last week's heat.

"Mother Nature always wins," Peter said. "I think we managed really well, considering."

Economic loss

For livestock producers already operating in a depressed cattle market, the heat losses are a tough economic hardship.

Finished cattle are currently worth about \$1 per pound, and the heavier cattle are most vulnerable to the

heat. So, many producers are seeing their 1,000- to 1,500-pound animals perish, totaling \$1,000 to \$1,500 in losses for each one.

And Minnesota is one of the few states in the nation where heat insurance isn't available. Farmers can insure against blizzard losses, but not for heat.

Rock County FSA Director Fraser Norton has been fielding calls from cattle producers about tools available to lessen the blow.

"The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather, such as last week's extreme heat event," Norton said.

"The normal mortality rate for cattle 800 pounds or more is 1.5 percent; thereafter LIP will pay 75 percent of the fair market value of the livestock on the day before the date of death, which in the case of beef cattle 800 pounds or more is \$1,120.38 per head."

He said nearly 200 cattle succumbed to last week's

deadly heat wave, and it was worse in neighboring counties in Iowa.

Norton said a notice of loss must be filed at his office within 30 days of livestock loss.

In addition, an application for payment must be filed no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the weather event occurred.

When an application is submitted, verifiable evidence must be provided identifying the name of the producer, the date, the quantity, the kind/type and weight range of the livestock.

"Rendering truck receipts that contain this information are by far the best form of verifiable evidence," Norton said.

'Take care of humans first'

De Koning said she fields plenty of questions about caring for animals in the heat, but she said too often people forget the obvious.

"Take care of the humans first," she said. "It's dangerous. I talked to a few people yesterday who got too much heat. You've got to take care of yourself first."

According to Dr. Zach Nolz at Sanford Luverne, the local emergency room had its share of heat-related cases.

"We had a few where they had been working outside and came in just not feeling right," Nolz said.

In most cases, these patients were fine after fluids and rest, but Nolz said it's important to take the heat seriously and stay hydrated and out of direct sun.

"The most important thing is cooling down," he said about those who think they might have heat exhaustion. "Drink fluids and find shade."

He said those who become confused or have seizures should receive immediate medical attention.

Those with questions about heat-related symptoms can call the Sanford clinic phone number, 283-4476.

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Luverne VFW team qualifies for state play

Cardinals to compete in Fergus Falls August 11-14

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team punched its ticket to the state tournament by winning the Third District Championship over the weekend at Legion Field in Marshall.

Luverne faced all three teams remaining in the Final Four of the Third District.

The Cardinals won all three games it played by nine or more runs and by a combined score of 33-4 to claim Luverne's first district title since 2011.

Luverne, 20-1 overall, competes at the state tournament in Fergus Falls slated for Aug. 11-14. The Cards play the District 1 champion to open the event at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 11.

Luverne 12, RWC 2

The Cardinals completed their trek to the tournament title by beating Redwood County by 10 runs Sunday.

Jake Haugen pitched a five-inning complete game and drove in six runs at the plate to lead Luverne to the title.

Haugen limited RWC to two runs, four hits and one walk during his five-inning stint on the mound.

Luverne raced to a 6-0 lead with three-run rallies in the first and second innings.

Haugen clubbed a two-run double and Tyler Reisdorfer doubled home a run in the first inning.

Haugen tripled home two runs and Declan Beers added an RBI single in the second.

After RWC scored twice in the top of the third to make it a 6-2 game, Luverne countered with a five-run rally in the bottom of the frame and added one run in the fourth to set the stage for a 10-run win.

Reisdorfer doubled home three runs and Haugen added a two-run single during the third inning.

Gaige Nath chipped in an RBI single and Beers was hit by a pitch with the bases-loaded to account for two more third-inning runs.

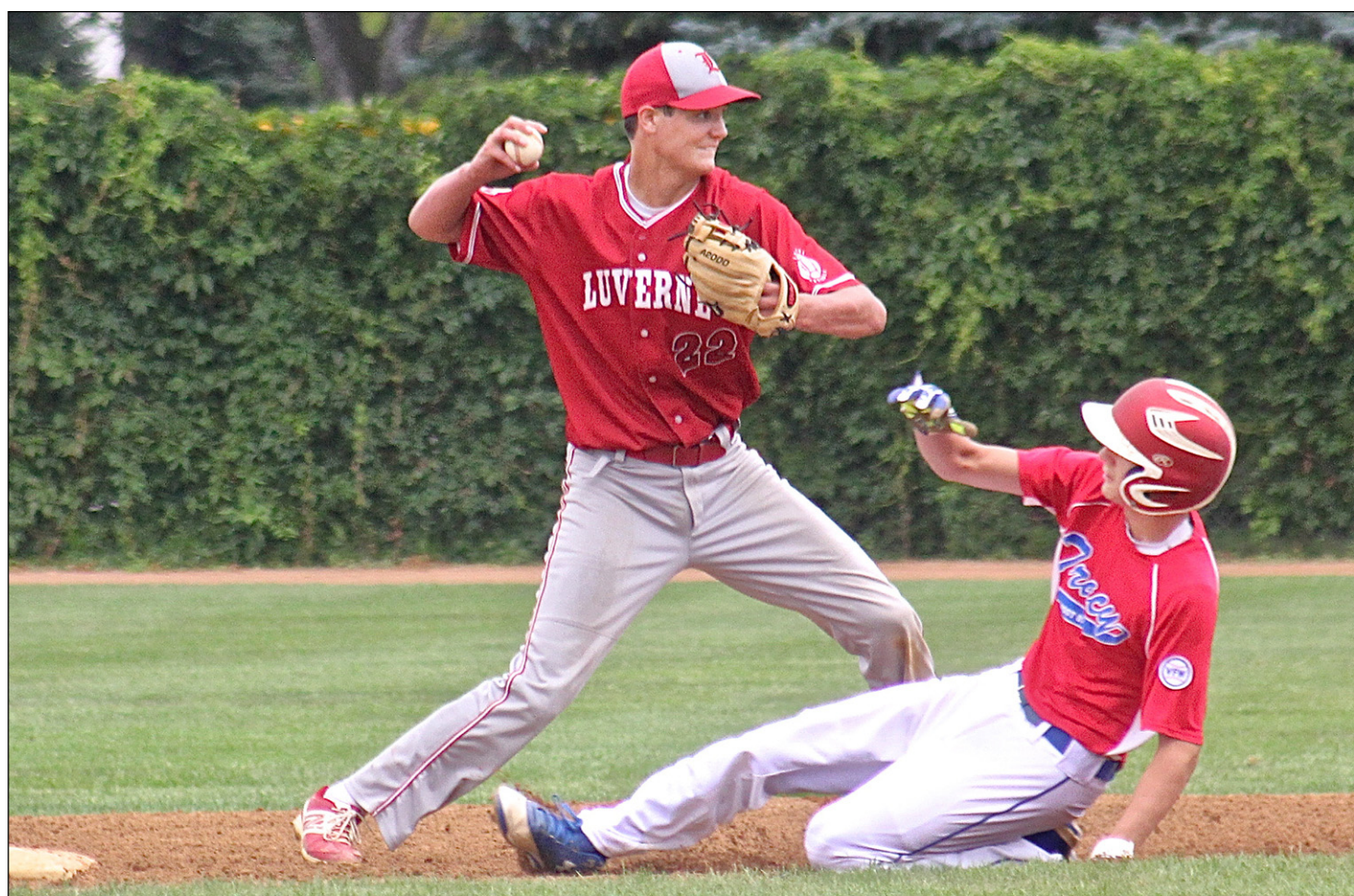
Mark Sterrett capped the scoring with an RBI single in the fourth.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	3	3	1
Beers	1	3	2	2
Haugen	3	2	3	6
Reisdorfer	3	0	2	4
Mumme	3	1	1	0
Serie	3	0	1	0
Sterrett	2	1	1	1
Roberts	3	2	2	0
Lundgren	2	0	1	0

Luverne 12, Pipestone 0

The Cardinals emerged as the tournament's lone undefeated team when they bested Pipestone by 12 runs during Saturday's second round.

Reisdorfer helped the Cards clinch a berth in the championship round by driving in three runs at the plate and pitching a five-inning shutout on the mound.



Luverne VFW shortstop Jake Haugen delivers a throw in front of a sliding Tracy runner during Saturday's Third District Final Four opener at Legion Field in Marshall. Luverne went 3-0 to win the championship.

Reisdorfer fanned nine batters and limited Pipestone to one hit in the contest.

Luverne scored runs in three innings and Reisdorfer played a role in each rally.

He drew a bases-loaded walk during a seven-run rally in the bottom of the first that included a two-run single by Beers and RBI singles from Ben Serie and Sterrett.

Will Mumme was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the first, and Trey Roberts drew a bases-loaded walk.

Reisdorfer singled home a run to make it an 8-0 game in the third inning and contributed an RBI single to a four-run rally in the fourth.

Haugen recorded a sacrifice fly, Nath received an RBI for a fielder's choice and Charlie

Reisch drew a walk with the sacks full in the fourth as well.

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

Luverne 9, Tracy 2

The Cardinals opened the tournament by topping Tracy by seven runs in Saturday's opening game.

Tracy plated one earned run in the top half of the first inning to gain an early advantage, but Luverne outscored the challengers 9-1 the rest

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Lakers eliminate Redbirds

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds bowed out of the Region 13C Playoffs after taking a pair of setbacks from Heron Lake.

The Lakers edged Luverne by one run at Redbird Field July 20 before sweeping the best-of-three-games series with a 10-run victory in Heron Lake Saturday.

Luverne ends the year with a 13-10 record.

Heron Lake 12, Luverne 2

The Lakers completed their sweep of the series by saddling the Redbirds with a 10-run setback in Heron Lake Saturday.

HL scored the first 12 runs of the game and prevailed by the 10-run rule after six and one-half innings of play.

The hosts led 5-0 after plating three runs in the first inning and two in the second.

A seven-run outburst in the fourth frame iced the win for the Lakers.

Luverne scored twice in the top of the seventh inning.

James Fisher singled and Dominic Nibbelink walked to ignite the rally.

Josh Slieter singled home Fisher and Nibbelink scored when Cole Johnson bounced out to the shortstop.

Slieter pitched three-plus innings and took the loss before giving way to Codie Zeutenhorst, who finished the



Phillip Paquette leaves the infield to complete a relay throw to first base during a home playoff game July 20.

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World stage

Thirty-six members of the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club are slated to represent southwest Minnesota at the ISI World Team Championships set for July 25-30 at the Schwan's Super Rink in Blaine. A total of 66 teams from around the world are expected to be on hand for the event, which includes an opening ceremony Wednesday night. The local entries will compete in individual, doubles and team events. Representing the BMFSC in Blaine are (front row, from left) Emma Baker, Brooke Nattress, Mara Thier, Riley Severtson, Brylee Zebe, Lexie Severtson, Anisa Vanden Bosch, (second row) Grace Schneekloth, Emma Schneekloth, Rylee Kurtz, Marisa Thier, Augusta Papik, (third row) Kendall Buss, Alyssa Nattress, Josee Mendel, Sydney Maciej, Jayden Zebe, Brielle Watters, Liz Spiegelhoff, (fourth row), Brooke Thompson, Makayla Huisman, Hannah Hofer, Haley Patrick, Ciana Vanden Bosch, Maranda Thier and Alysha Wieneke. Not pictured are Morgan Bain, Alexis Dunn, Cloe Dunn, Hannah Henning, Ashley Hohn, Kendal Koziatek, Matthew Koziatek, Tommy McCarthy, Olivia Saville and Bailey Weg. Katie Kopp, Sarah Nuffer, Cathy Shearer, Sabrina Sowles, Katie Shearer, Courtney DeBoer and June Warta serve as the coaches for the local skaters.

Racing events on slate for Thursday, Saturday at Rock County Fair

By John Rittenhouse

Two nights of racing action are on slate for the 2016 Rock County Fair.

The action begins Thursday with the Rock County Speedway Races sponsored by Papik Motors, R & S Seeds, Jaycox Implement and the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers Association.

Saturday night brings the annual Connell Car Care Enduro Race to the local oval.

According to race director Josh Klay, the Rock County Speedway Races include four classes of competition.

More than 50 cars are expected to take the track in either the front-wheel drive, hobby stock, pure stock or micro sprint class.

Klay expects 12 to 14 cars to mix it up in the front-wheel drive, hobby stock and pure stock divisions.

He believes 15 to 20 entries will compete in the micro sprint division.

Depending on the number of entries, he will field two to three heat races as well as feature races.

A number of local drivers are expected to race in the pure stock, hobby stock and micro sprint divisions.

Gates open at 5 p.m., hot laps begin at 6:30 p.m. and the races are set to start at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 for children eight and under and \$10 for everyone else.

"We made a lot of improvements down there (the racing



Star Herald file photo

Adam Kinsinger (left) delivers the championship trophy to Heath Peterson after last year's Connell Car Care Enduro Race.

facility), including more lights and repairs to the track," Klay

said. "It keeps on getting better

and better, and I think we'll be putting on a pretty good show."

The always-popular Enduro Race takes center stage on Saturday night.

According to race director Adam Kinsinger, a total of 32 drivers had preregistered for the race as of last Thursday night.

Kinsinger expects the field to swell to between 45 to 50 cars by race time as registration is open up to the night of the race.

As usual, the event will be staged under the 200-lap, two-hour time limit, whichever happens first.

Among the preregistered entries is Hardwick's Heath Peterson, who won the 2015 title.

Pits open at 4 p.m., gates open at 6 p.m. with the race set to begin at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are the same (\$2 for children eight and under and \$10 for everyone else) as Thursday night's races.

"Expect a sloppy track at the beginning of the race, so expect a lot of bumping and banging," Kinsinger said.

"Once the track gets worked in, the race will get fast."

Kinsinger said W & N Construction will be giving away one boys' and one girls' bike at the Enduro Race and the Rock County Speedway races.

Children will be given a raffle ticket with the purchase of their \$2 tickets to enter the races.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
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St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, July 28: 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Friday, July 29: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, July 30: 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Catherine. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, July 31: 8 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Mary. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Tuesday, Aug. 2: 9 a.m. Mass. 4 p.m. Mass at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, Aug. 4: 9 a.m. Mass; Grades 6-12 volunteers at Bishop Dudley House meet at St. Catherine.

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

Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship.

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 28: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, July 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, July 31: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Aug. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 7 p.m. Summer Youth Program. Thursday, Aug. 4: Noon senior focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor
Thursday, July 28: 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle at Grace; Rachel Circle at Donna Landsman. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, July 29: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, July 30: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 31: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, Aug. 2: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, Aug. 4: 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church
Thursday, July 28: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 31: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle. Thursday, Aug. 4: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Friday, July 29: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF.

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.

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United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luvernumc@iw.net
Thursday, July 28: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. Saturday, July 30: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard; Adult Sunday School. Monday, Aug 1: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Thursday, Aug. 4: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open.

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

Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 2: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Thursday, July 28: 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild. Friday, July 29: 6 p.m. Oldre/Ellingson wedding rehearsal. Saturday, July 30: 3 p.m. Macy Oldre and Caleb Ellingson wedding. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 31: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 11:30 a.m. Potluck picnic for Allie at City Park.

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

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

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

Thursday, July 28: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, July 29: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 1, to Thursday, Aug. 4: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Monday, Aug. 1: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, Aug. 4: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662

Sunday, July 31: 10 a.m. Joint Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Thursday, Aug. 4: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at Palisade Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Thursday, July 28: 1:30 p.m. Regular WELCA meeting. Sunday, July 31: 10 a.m. Joint Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Thursday, Aug. 4: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at Palisade Lutheran. 8 p.m. Palisade Church Council.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School starts fall 2016.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Child abuse



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Dick Lauger,
First Baptist Church

Most churches love working with kids. They drink in Bible truth readily. They thoroughly enjoy adults who spend time with them and frequently offer smiles and hugs to these representatives of Jesus. Whether in the church building or somewhere around town, children light up when they see a Vacation Bible School leader or Sunday school teacher. They may even break away from Mom or Dad to hug their spiritual friend. How often do we hear testimonies by an adult who came to Christ early in life through just such a person!

Yet we hear also from society-at-large of the dangers of showing affection to children not our own. Insurance companies, teacher organizations, and government agencies warn about the dangers of hugs, reading a book to a child on your lap, or taking a child home in your car without another person (preferably an adult) along. Things can happen. Misunderstanding takes place. Accusations can be made even if the abuse never occurred. The best advice is to be guarded.

More recently a psychological "minority report" has been filed. Secular counselors observe that fear of unhealthy touching can actually set up children to become victims of that very thing. Kids need healthy physical affection. When they do not get it, they become vulnerable to predators skilled at picking off the most vulnerable. So pushing away children who want to be hugged

can have negative consequences. Children already abused need to know that all adults do not treat them in the same fashion. They need to see a different model, one that can be trusted.

The challenge for a church is great with many potential dangers. The challenge for a church is also incredible with the potential to heal. As we welcome damaged children (and adults) into our fellowship, we will be irritated by their behavior. They do not know how to act appropriately. Our wisdom will be stretched to find ways to correct them without burdening them further. Our patience will be strengthened as we try to accomplish some simple task with a child clinging to us. Yet all this effort and much more is worth the eternal fruit in showing a kid the safety that is in Jesus and his people.

We know the verses: the warning about causing "one of these little ones... to stumble" (Matt. 18:6) and the entreaty to "let the little children come to me" (19:14). Is there anything better than being trusted by these rug rats, crumb crunchers, curtain climbers, and, yes, even teens? After all, it has been said that a child is the best judge of character. May we continue to welcome them, carefully hug them to fill their emotional tanks, and gently point them to Jesus.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, July 31: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran. Tuesday, Aug. 2: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The County of Rock will test the electronic voting machine to be used for the vote tabulation in the Primary Election to be held **August 9, 2016.**

The test will be held on, **Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

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