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County to hire help for damaged farmground

By Mavis Fodness

The message from Rock County landowners has been heard loud and clear: We want to fix our lands.

Action taken by the Rock County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 21, allows the county's Land Management Office (LMO) to hire a full-time technician and shift its focus to handle the more than 70 requests for soil conservation assistance and repairs.

The heavy rains and flooding events of June 2014 eroded numerous waterways, basins and stream banks in area fields. With an estimated \$3.5 million in damage, many landowners have turned to the LMO for the technical assistance.

"We are seeing a lot of damage out there we haven't seen in a long time," LMO Director Eric Hartman told commissioners.

Traditionally LMO worked with only three or four projects a year for the needed technical services. The LMO partnered with the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) or in collaboration with other soil and water conservation districts.

Currently the LMO office has about 600 potential projects. That number could grow as damage from this spring's heavy rains added to the existing damage.

Hartman said producers are urgently looking to his office for assistance to complete repairs or design new conservation measures before more damage can occur.

"With the storm events ... we've had a lot of farmers changing their opinion of conservation efforts," he said.

Over the next three years, Rock County will receive \$3 million in three grant phases for producers to repair damage to existing conservation practices or to create new ones.

The grant will also fund the new LMO technician position.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre explained that for the next several years LMO's focus won't be business as usual.

"The state has identified this as a disaster and so have we," he said.

Oldre, who is also the county's emergency management director, said highly erodible farmland would become the LMO's primary focus.

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Mavis Fodness photos/0730 Fair Preview

Johnnie Harrison Jr. (left) and Rodney Wainright with Action Painting Inc. of White Hall, Arkansas, paint the roof on the shed that will house the beer garden for this week's Rock County Fair. They were among dozens of workers readying the fairgrounds for the 2015 event.

Activity heats up at Rock County Fair

Monday was entry day for 4-H'ers exhibiting non-livestock items at this week's Rock County Fair. Judge Jerry Nelson (below, right) judges the pedal tractor Zach Uhl of the Springdell 4-H Club refinished as his fair project this year. The exhibition hall opens for public viewing today.

Pictured at far right, Shane Mueller (left) of the Springdell 4-H Club explains his Super M-TA restoration project to judge Jerry Nelson during Monday's pre-fair judging event.

The Rock County Fair finishes entry day on Wednesday, when the livestock judging events begin. Events run through Saturday night.

See this week's Luverne Announcer for a full listing of events and activities associated with the next three days of the Rock County Fair. Or visit the Rock County Fair Facebook page for last-minute changes or additions to the fair lineup for 2015.



Donors to fund training, seek sponsorships for Luverne schools

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School District is in line to receive gifts of \$3,500 for technical training and possibly \$20,000 in sponsorships.

The offers surfaced during the community input session prior to the July 23 meeting of Luverne School Board members — who were left speechless.

The silence was broken by a

simple "Thank you" from Board Chairman Dave Riphagen.

Exchange State Bank to sponsor training for plasma cutter

Speaking first were Don Bryan and Ryan DeBates with Exchange State Bank.

As a result of recent electrical upgrades, the high school shop and ag areas are able to accommodate

new equipment that includes a plasma cutter and computer-aided drafting system.

"We are here to see if you would let the Exchange State Bank sponsor the (plasma cutter) training," Bryan said.

Cost of the instructor training is \$3,500.

Contacted after the meeting, Bryan, a former School Board member, said the offer to pay for the training

was the direct result of a conversation with the district's news superintendent, Craig Oftedah.

The casual mention of the plasma cutter and training costs sparked Bryan to inquire if Exchange State Bank officials could sponsor the training.

"It's great for the ag and graphic

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Bars and Banana Seats III set for Aug. 8

By Lori Sorenson

What do darts, bananas, bicycles and pink flamingos all have in common?

Luverne's Theresa Latten is at the center of them all, coordinating next week's Bars and Banana Seats bike ride, which benefits Bottoms Up Pink Ladies.

Bars and Banana Seats is a local bike ride organized just for fun. This year it starts at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Howling Dog in Luverne.

"My friend and I were riding our bikes around town one night and ended up at the Howling Dog," Latten told the Star Herald prior to the first Bars and Banana Seats ride two years ago.

"We were saying how fun it would be to organize a ride that included all the local bars."

So they picked a date, set up a Facebook page, ordered T-shirts and put up posters around town. From there the event gained momentum.

That first ride attracted 25 bicyclists who pedaled from bar to

Bars and Banana Seats/see 3A



Lori Sorenson photo/0730 latten bars and banana seats

Theresa Latten, organizer of Bars and Banana Seats, is pictured with her bike, "Big Blue," Friday in her Luverne backyard. The bike is a Huffy Beach Cruiser that she accessorized with a custom color wicker basket and a vintage pedal-powered teardrop headlamp from the 1980s. Latten is also a member of Bottoms Up Pink Ladies, and proceeds from the Aug. 8 ride will benefit the group, which supports people with cancer and their families.

County sells bonds to fund fiber optic project

By Mavis Fodness

Three bids were received for Rock County's \$1.2 million general obligation bonds.

Proceeds from the bond purchase will fund the county's portion of the fiber optic infrastructure project as well as improvements approved in its 2015 capital improvement plan (CIP).

Commissioners approved selling the bond to the lowest bidder, Robert C. Baird & Co., from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Baird bid a true interest cost of 3.1771078 percent.

Other bids received included City Securities Corp., Indianapolis, Indiana, 3.1796983 percent, and United Bankers' Bank, Bloomington, Indiana, 3.1945771 percent.

George Eilertson with Northland Securities, Minneapolis, handled the sale of the 20-year bonds.

He told commissioners that several factors led to three companies bidding at the county's July 10 bond sale. Factors included the county's AA+ credit rating, history of good management and paying 85 percent of debt obligations within 10 years as contributing factors to attracting three bidders.

The county will receive the funds by mid-August. In the county CIP, commissioners have earmarked monies for the Rock County Community Library's remodeling project.

In other business, the board:

- approved a \$6,000 bid from Dakota Security, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to install security cameras in the court's administration area.

- agreed to a \$2,000 per month lease agreement for a transit bus. The county will receive an 85-percent reimbursement from the state.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, in the basement of the library.

Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

American Legion Post #123 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, in the Post Home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Weight Watchers meets every Monday at First Presbyterian Church, Luverne. Weigh-in is from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Call 800-651-6000.

Summer fifth-grade band lessons

Summer fifth grade band lessons will be in the Luverne High School band room Monday, Aug. 3, to Thursday, Aug. 6, and Monday, Aug. 10, to Thursday, Aug. 13. Lesson times are as follows: Flutes 1-1:30 p.m.; Clarinets 1:30-2 p.m.; Saxophones 2-2:30 p.m.; Trumpets 2:30-3 p.m.; Trombones 3-3:30 p.m.; Baritones/Tubas 3:30-4 p.m.; Percussion 4-4:30 p.m. Contact Angie Swenson at aswenson@isd2184.net or 507-290-0147.

Bank Nite movie 'Home' at Palace

The free Bank Nite movie, "Home," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win. Last month's \$50 cash winner was Maggie VanderBurg.

'Capture the Prairie' at the Carnegie

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

Community Ed

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

The Luverne Community Education office will be closed from July 17 through July 31.

Play Dates at the Park for parents and their children ages birth to 5 years meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the city park throughout the summer. Gather as a group to have fun and socialize. No fee, but registration required, please.

School Readiness Preschool program has openings for children ages 3-5 years. The program will meet once a week during the school year on Tuesday morning or Tuesday afternoon. Scholarship help is available. Call 283-4724 for more details.

New superintendent attends first meeting of school year

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's Board of Education conducted its first meeting of the 2015-16 school year Tuesday night, July 21.

It was also the first School Board meeting with new superintendent Craig Oftedahl in attendance.

Since his start on July 1, Oftedahl said his welcome in Luverne has been a warm one as he and his family transition from Warroad to Luverne.

"The community has been tremendous," he said. "I look forward to working with you for many, many years."

At the first meeting of the new school year, board members approved bids, renewed membership to the Minnesota School Board Association and made official designations.

Members awarded the bakery projects bid to Bimbo Bakeries USA, dairy projects to Deans Foods North Central and the vehicle fuel bid to ExpressWay Luverne BP.

The Star Herald was approved as the district's official newspaper.

Minnwest Bank of Luverne, Exchange State Bank, First Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Minnesota School District Liquid Asset



Mavis Fodness photo/0730 First Meeting School

Craig Oftedahl, who started as superintendent of Luverne Schools July 1, gives his first report to Luverne School Board members Tuesday, July 21, in the District Office meeting room.

Fund Plus and Smith Barney Inc. were named official depositories.

Two law firms were designated as school attorneys. They are Knutson, Flynn and Deans of Mendota Heights and Ratwick, Roszak, Maloney and Bartel, Minneapolis.

The board approved the elementary and middle/high school parent/student handbooks.

They also supported the administrators' recommendation to place the handbooks online with paper copies available upon request.

Board members increased their special meeting compensation from \$30 to \$50 per meeting.

They also approved a separate compensation of \$110 for meetings lasting more than six hours including travel time.

Regular scheduled School Board meeting compensation stayed at \$60 per meeting.

The board last raised its compensation rates for the 2013-2014 school year.

Substitute teacher rates stayed the same at \$110 per day.

Bus driver physical and license reimbursements were set at \$115 for the physicals and \$47 for licenses.

The board set the rate of \$345 per pupil for private/parochial school transportation, which was also increased last year.

In other business, the board also:

- approved a 3.5-percent salary increase to \$32,085 for Ann Rigney, food service director.

- accepted custodian Mark Ehlers' resignation effective July 22.

- approved Josh Crabtree and Dan Serie as volunteer football coaches and Cameron Blackwell as volunteer marching band adviser.

School Board approves coaches, advisers for 2015-16

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board approved \$181,058 in coaches' and advisers' compensation for the 2015-16 school year.

The 79 assignment amounts are based on the current teacher contract and may possibly increase once negotiations finish. Additional coaches and advisers could be added to the payment list as a result of the final contract.

Not all of the extra assignments have been filled, said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl at the board's regular Tuesday, July 21, meeting.

He said if the position cannot be filled within the school district, the position is then open for a community member to fill.

The School Board can determine how many coaches or advisers work with a program based on the number of participants and levels of competition. The payments encompass the entire season as well as pre-season practices.

Selection of volunteer coaches is subject to board approval.

The assignments, assigned coaches and advisers and payments are listed in the following charts. The payment amounts are the most each particular position can receive.

Advisory positions, not included in the charts are: intramural bowling, Mike Wenninger, \$531; cheerleading (fall), Leah Radisewitz, \$1,358; school patrol, Jon Schomacker, \$1,274; music, vocal, Seana Graber, \$2,550; instrumental, Richard Owen, \$3,824; assistant marching band, Gavin Folkestad, \$1,915, and Julie Fettes, \$635; plays,

Activity	Coach/Adviser	Payment
Football (15 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Todd Oye	\$ 4750
"A" Assistant/Jr. Varsity	Mike Wenninger	2949
10th Head Coach	Jon Schomacker	2949
10th Assistant	TJ Newgard	2949
9th Head Coach	Tony Sandbulte	2102
9th Assistant	Brooks Maurer	1966
Middle School (4)	Tom Lanoue	1381
	Mark Lundgren	1381
	Tom Rops	1381
	Tony Johnson	1381
Basketball - Boys (18 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	John Sichmeller	\$ 5458
"A" Assistant/"B" Head	Derek Boeve	3167
9th Basketball	Ryan DeBates	2266
8th Basketball	Tom Rops	1699
7th Basketball	not filled	1699

Activity	Coach/Adviser	Payment
Hockey - Girls (17 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Tony Sandbulte	\$ 5155
"A" Assistant/Jr. Varsity	Phil Paquette	3167
Baseball (13 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Mike Wenninger	\$ 3943
"B" Assistant	Jon Schomacker	2191
9th Baseball	Tony Sandbulte	1430
8th Baseball	Mark Lundgren	1167
7th Baseball	Phil Paquette	1167
Golf (13 wks)		
Head Coach Boys	Chris Nowatzki	\$ 3943
	John	3943
	Corey Nelson	1167
Volleyball (13 wks)		
Head Coach	Staci Busse-Remme	\$ 4303
"A" Assistant/"B" Head	Sarah DeBeer	2439
9th Volleyball	April Wallace	2090
8th Volleyball	Derrick Brown	1391
9th Volleyball	Jessica VanBatavia	1391

Activity	Coach/Adviser	Payment
Wrestling (15 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Tony Johnson	\$ 4549
"A" Assistant/"B" Head	not filled	2713
Tennis - Boys (11 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Greg Antoine	\$ 3336
Middle School Coach	not filled	1002
Cross Country (12 wks)		
Girls/Boys Coach	Pete Janiszkeski	\$ 3640
Track (13 wks)		
Boys/Girls Head Coach	Craig Nelson	\$ 4606
"A" Assistants (4)	Marcus Walgrave	2167
	Al Stoakes	2167
	Pete Janiszkeski	2167
	not filled	2167
Hockey - Boys (17 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Derrick Brown	\$ 5155
"A" Assistant/Jr. Varsity	Kullen Schrocht	3167

Activity	Coach/Adviser	Payment
Tennis - Girls (15 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Greg Antoine	\$ 3336
Middle School	Hillary Neisteadt	1002
Basketball - Girls (18 wks)		
Head Coach	TJ Newgard	\$ 5458
"A" Assistant/"B" Head	Brooks Maurer	3167
9th Basketball	not filled	2266
8th Basketball	April Wallace	1699
7th Basketball	Corey Nelson	1699
Gymnastics (15 wks)		
Head Coach	Phoebe Flom	\$ 4549
Assistant Coach	Kari Lais	2266
Middle School Gymnastics	Chris Nowatzki	1625
Softball (13 wks)		
"A" Head Coach	Kerri Baker	\$ 3943
"B" Assistant	Brooks Maurer	2191
Middle School Softball	not filled	---
Middle School Softball	Stacey Olson	1167

spring play/musical and fall play, Sharon Boltjes, each \$1,633; one act play, Julie Fettes, \$1,417; musical, music director, not filled, \$824; math league, Hillary Neisteadt, \$736; speech, coach, Gavin Folkestad, \$2,483, assistant,

Caroline Thorson, \$1,841; prom advisers (4), Richard Owen, Caroline Thorson, Jennifer Radtke, Amy Cook, all \$459; student council, senior high, Mark Lundgren, \$1,660, middle school, Becky Rahm, \$1,133; mock trial, coaches

Deb Schandelmeier and Jeff Haubrich, each \$1,379; weight room, Todd Oye, \$834; peer helping, Elaine Harms, \$2,576; FFA, Dennis Mertz, \$1,226; FCCLA, Amy Cook, \$1,226; and BPA, Diana Erickson, \$1,226.



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Bars and Banana Seats/from 1A

bar in Luverne and played silly games involving bananas.

Last year's ride, which also included silly games involving bananas, drew almost 40 people. So far for this year's ride, Latten said she's expecting at least that many.

Amanda and Dave McDonald will be among them. They also rode in 2013 and 2014.

"It was something different and new in town," Amanda said about that first ride. "It was a lot of fun. It was fun to meet people and have a good time."

She said they didn't hesitate to sign up for the second ride in 2014.

"Dave and I had enough fun the year before, so we came back," she said.

McDonald credits Latten's effective use of social media to drive interest in the event and for creative originality.

"I don't know of an event like that even in Sioux Falls," McDonald said.

"It's a good way to get out on your bike and a fun way to experience Luverne."

The first year was free, and last year (and this year, too) Latten requested a \$5 registration fee per bicycle to help out local families affected by cancer.

That's where the Bottoms Up Pink Ladies come in.

Bottoms Up Pink Ladies

It's a dart league through the Bottoms Up bar in Corson, South Dakota, that raises money for people and families affected by cancer.

Latten and several other Banana Seat bicyclers are Pink Ladies members, so Latten decided to use the social bike ride as another creative fundraiser for the Pink Ladies, a group known for creative fundraisers.

For example, the Pink Ladies signature moneymaker is the "flocking" of area businesses, individuals and organizations with a yard full of pink flamingos.

Anyone can pay to have someone "flocked," at a cost of \$25 for 25 birds or \$50 for 50.

Other creative fundraisers include "Boobzie Koozies" sales and working in the VIP booth at Huset's Speedway in Brandon.

Dart league registrations bring in regular revenue, and the group regularly disperses \$500 donations to anyone with a cancer diagnosis.

"If you know anybody with cancer we'll hook them up," Latten said. "We raise it and get rid of it. It all stays local."

She admits she never threw a dart before joining the league.

"There are times I can't hit the board, but that's not what it's about. ... It's a non-competitive league."

She said the group has presented more than 50 donations in the past two years totaling \$27,500.

Most recipients use the money to pay for gas traveling to and from treatments, or for meals out or simple luxuries cancer gets in the way of.

In recent months the group has dispersed larger amounts over \$1,000 resulting

If you're going, here's what you need to know:

Bars and Banana Seats III will be Saturday, Aug. 8.

- The silent auction will be set up at the Howling Dog Saloon in Luverne from 4 to 10 p.m.

- The ride will start and end at the Howling Dog, and the silent auction will remain open for bidding while riders are gone.

- Registration is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (\$5 per bike)

- Kickstands up at 6 p.m.

from special fundraisers.

For example, they recently raffled off a 2015 Harley Davidson motorcycle that cost \$20,698. The group brought in \$50,000 in ticket sales, so there's more than \$29,000 in the bank about to be donated.

For the Aug. 8 Bars and Banana Seats event in Luverne, Latten has again organized a silent auction to benefit the Pink Ladies.

Already there are donations from dozens of businesses, organizations and individuals in the tri-state area, all of whom Latten calls on personally.

She agreed the process is time-consuming, but she said she doesn't think twice about her personal investment in a cause that helps so many people.

"It's so fulfilling. It really is," she said. "If it's something you believe in and makes you feel good, you're going to do it."

Latten's parents both died of cancer (Clark Latten had liver cancer and Patricia Latten had heart and lung cancer), and her grandmother, Margaret Mitchell, died of breast cancer.

"It touches everybody," Latten said about cancer. "If we can help somebody, that makes me feel good."

About the Aug. 8 event

The silent auction will be set up at the Howling Dog Saloon in Luverne from 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

The ride will start and end at the Howling Dog, and the silent auction will remain open for bidding while riders are gone.

Times for the event are as follows:

- Registration from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (\$5 per bike)
- Kickstands up at 6 p.m.
- Silent auction open from 4 to 10 p.m.

To donate to the cause, contact Latten through the Bars and Banana Seats Facebook page.

For more about the Pink Ladies, visit the Bottoms Up Pink Ladies Facebook page.

Financial donations to the Corson Pink Ladies may be mailed to:

Bottoms Up
25989 482nd Ave.
Brandon, SD 57005



Lori Sorenson photos/0730 southwestern mental health

Subcontractors with Design Craft, Luverne, are remodeling the former Lewis Family Drug building just off East Main Street for the Southwestern Mental Health Center, which purchased the building in 2013. Staff will move in October.

Southwestern Mental Health Center to move into former Lewis Family Drug building this fall

By Lori Sorenson

Remodel work continues this summer on the former Lewis Drug building on East Main Street in Luverne.

Southwestern Mental Health Center purchased the building in September 2013 for the purpose of expanding its operations from the current location on Luverne Street south of the courthouse.

According to SMHC management, the Lewis building will need extensive remodeling to retrofit the open retail floor plan to individual offices, but it has the right amount of space.

"The size of this building is what we were looking for, plus it has off-street parking and it's centrally located downtown close to other services," said Scott Johnson, SMHC executive director.

He said remodel work didn't begin immediately because of budget changes with the USDA, which is the funding source for SMHC.

"We had to scale the project back a bit and had to bid a couple of times," Johnson said. "For one thing, we won't have additional parking on the east side that we originally planned for."

Design Craft of Luverne was awarded the bid earlier this year for \$900,000, and its local workers and subcontractors have been working on the remodel job this summer.

Johnson said the building at 9,700 square feet will be 30 percent larger than its current 6,600 square feet of space.

"It's going to create some additional positions and more jobs in the community," he said, adding that some have already started and are sharing spaces in the Luverne Street location.

The remodel work will wrap up by late September, and the SMHC staff — about 20 full- and part-time people — will move into the new space in early October.

"It's going to be a very nice space and very nice project," Johnson said. "We hope to service the community for

decades to come."

Southwestern Mental Health is a private, non-profit organization that provides mental health services to community members regardless of insurance or ability to pay.

It is often mistaken as a government entity because Rock County contracts with SMHC to provide services for clients who receive other public benefits.

Some of those clients include children who are at risk for court-ordered out-of-home placement.

The Luverne office is part of a five-county Southwestern Mental Health system that also has offices in each of the other four counties. Luverne serves as the administrative hub for the five-county organization that is part of the Avera network.

SWMH purchased the Lewis property on Sept. 4, 2013, following a public auction.

According to Keith Elbers of Elbers Auction Service, Judi Sieperda sold the building to SMHC for \$165,000 in an agreement negotiated after the auction ended in a no-sale.

The building was constructed in 1997 and it housed Lewis Family Drug until the business moved to its new location on South Highway 75 in January 2009.



Lori Sorenson photos/0730 southwestern mental health

Kyle Rozeboom, Luverne (formerly of Beaver Creek), applies insulation in the future Southwestern Mental Health building for New Prairie Insulation. The insulation company is one of several local contractors working under Design Craft, Luverne, the primary contractor. Pictured below, Jonathan Ehde (back) and Derek Valnes of Design Craft work on the curb south of the building where a water line is being upgraded.



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Hepointed to the approach taken last year by the County Highway Department in making more than \$1 million in repairs due to the same June 2014 weather events.

Oldre said the highway department postponed many regularly scheduled projects in order for personnel to focus on timely disaster repairs.

"If we truly treat this as a disaster, we need to do the same at LMO," he said.

It has been at least a decade since the LMO office has had numerous producer requests for projects involving engineering designs. Because of the previous low demand, LMO was able to partner with other conservation agencies to complete the design work.

But last year's disaster has also increased the work demand for the partnering agencies, making them unable to provide complete technical services to LMO projects.

As a response, LMO officials have developed a plan that may help the agency handle and process

applications for the next six months.

"We might be able to piecemeal part of it — at least in this initial phase — because we cannot say (to producers) we cannot start this work," said Doug Bos, LMO's assistant director.

The piecemeal could involve collaborating with

private firms as well as reexamining existing duties of current staff members.

By next year LMO plans to be able to handle technical services in-house.

For the past decade feedlot compliance has been at the forefront of LMO's work. The local office completed the state-required project this

spring.

In addition to feedlots, LMO also handles the county's planning and zoning requests, solid waste and recycling programs, water quality, failing septic system oversight and financing as well as the promoting, facilitating and financing of conservation practices.

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Then there were two ...

Granddaughters arrive five weeks apart

The last time we met in this space I shared some thoughts about my first born grandchild



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

It's fun to see a 6-pound person as "head of the household." Evelyn makes the decisions now.

— a girl born to my son and his wife on June 1.

Well, believe it or not, this week's thoughts are about my second-born grandchild — a girl born to my daughter and her husband on July 5.

Evelyn Ann arrived four weeks early and weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce. We believe she arrived early because her mother is a "planner." You know, the sort that has all her ducks in an orderly row? (Heh heh — tiny little Evelyn is already putting THAT personality trait to the test.)

She also made her grand entrance just 30 minutes after her parents arrived at the hospital. I couldn't tell if Evelyn enjoyed the mad scramble she created in the delivery room, but I did.

And, with just a few hours of life under her belt, she began to hold some rather strong opinions.

For instance, she believes diaper changes are a crime against humanity, or at least against babies. Or, at least against her anyway.

For Evelyn, the routine maneuver of exchanging a damp diaper for a dry one includes a loud vocal performance and a prominent display of her tonsils. She turns beet red, too.

The adults in the room console each other by saying, "Well, I guess it's good for her to exercise her lungs ..."

It's fun to see a 6-pound person as "head of household." Evelyn makes the decisions now. Decisions about who gets to sleep and who doesn't. Who gets to eat and who has to wait for her to go first.

She has displaced Ernest, the cat.

Ernest, himself an odd creature, is trying to make sense of this new, loud, red creature in a blanket.

He's made a few surveillance passes near the baby, but

seems unable to determine what the fuss is about.

("If it can't reach the treats, of what use is it to me?" he wonders.)

He spends his nights staring at the baby hoping they don't plan to keep it.

Evelyn's parents stare at her by day.

My daughter, gazing into the face of her baby, said, "I always thought it was weird that people would sit there and just stare at a baby, but I get it now."

She continued gazing. I thought back 27 years when her dad and I stared at her for hours. We marveled at every little expression, every finger and toe.

And then we blinked. Now she has a baby of her own.

And I am the grandmother of two little girls. One arrived on time. One arrived early. One seems laid back. One seems ... to hold strong convictions.

One is plump as a pumpkin. One needs to get "a little meat on her bones." One lives on a farm by Luverne. One lives in a city in Nebraska.

Both are absolutely the most wonderful, precious gifts that a family could ever receive — especially at nearly the same time.

We are all looking forward to the many memories these two girl cousins will make together.

Who will be the ringleader? Who will be the sensible one? Who's the artist and who is the volleyball player?

Grandma can't wait to find out.

the leading cause of crashes in Minnesota, and this new law will hold distracted road users more accountable for their actions.

All too often crashes that result in injury or death are referred to as "accidents" when in

fact the vast majority are preventable crashes. We all need to hang up and drive, pay attention, look twice, and drive/ride in a safe and responsible manner. If we all work together, we can make Minnesota's roadways safer for

our friends and family to use and we can prevent these senseless tragic crashes.

Shelly Deutsch
formerly of Luverne
ABATE of MN-
River Valley State Rep

Why come to the fair?

There's nothing like the smell of fresh hay, fresh manure and corn dogs all wafting through the air at once

The 2015 version of the Rock County Fair is well underway this week, and those who haven't yet been to the fairgrounds on South Freeman Avenue should make a point to get there.

Why? We aren't going to offer a David Letterman "Top 10 Reasons," but we can come up with a few good arguments.

•**Agriculture is showcased at its best** — The county fair is the one event that showcases our ag community at its best. Where else can you meet and greet the farm families who have worked hard all year to put their best feet (hooves) forward this week? Plus, there's nothing quite like the smell of fresh hay, fresh manure and corn dogs all wafting through the air at once.

•**Local talent is showcased all week long** — It's not just ag talent showcased at the fair. In addition to the Wednesday night talent show, the fair offers an opportunity for all community members — not just 4-H families — to show off what they're good at.

4-H offers all kinds of ways for young people to develop interests and become better citizens. To see these thought-provoking projects, check out the 4-H exhibit hall.

Be sure to check out the Floral Hall at the fairgrounds to take in the myriad of Open Class entry categories ranging from wood carving,

to flowers, to photography, to foods.

•**Fair offers three nights of great entertainment** — For the first time in many years, there are three major events booked in the grandstands at the fairgrounds.

Thursday night features Rock County Speedway races, Friday is the big Arch Allies concert (which was wildly popular last year) and Saturday, of course, is the annual Enduro Races.

The extra grandstand entertainment meant the Thursday night Talent Show was moved to the Palace Theatre on Wednesday, but it was also an opportunity for the Fair Board to bring in more revenue — which is good news for all things fair-related.

•**Come for the food, obviously** — If there's no other reason to come to the fair, food should be reason enough. Our local pork, beef and dairy associations have fine-tuned their offerings, and the 4-H eat stand is always a good bet for a solid meal.

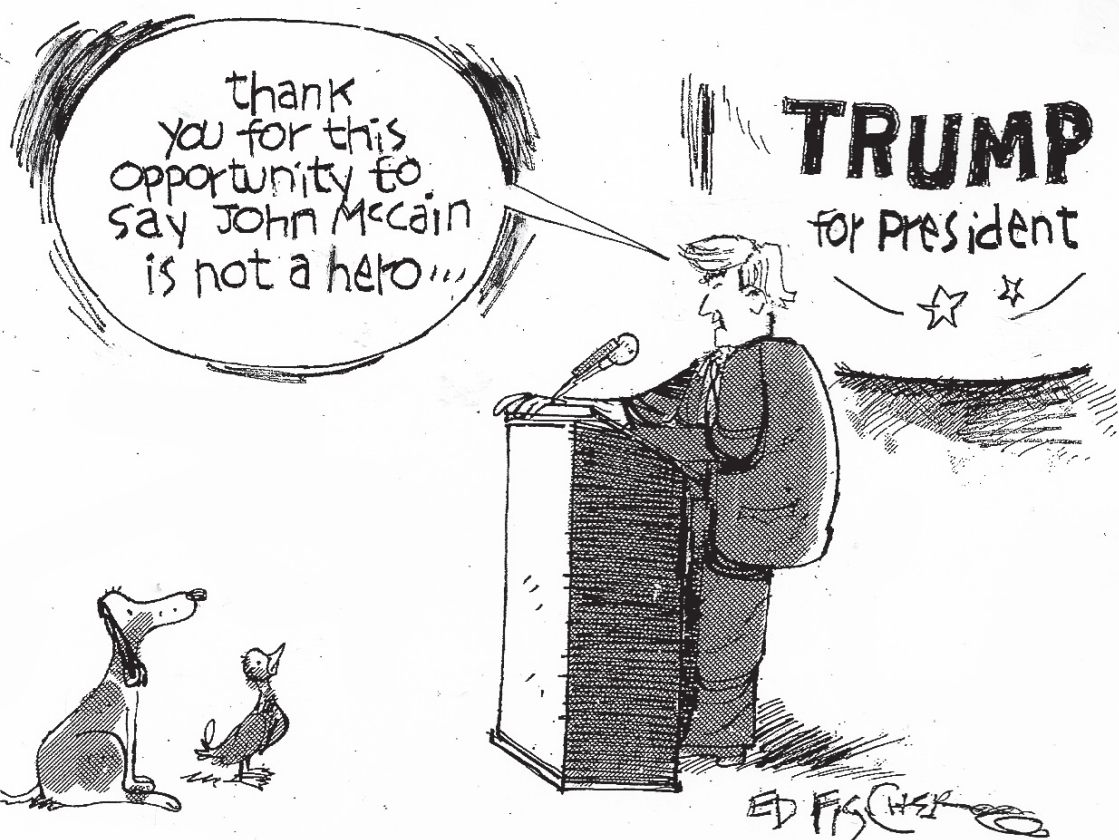
Don't forget to save room for midway food. Yes, it's unhealthy, but it's a once-in-a-summer time to splurge on funnel cakes, donut holes, cotton candy, corn dogs and other entrees on a stick.

•**It's the perfect community get-together** — Top the whole thing off with a stop at the beer gardens or an extra ice cream cone from the Dairy Booth and see who else you can bump into that you haven't seen in awhile.

The Rock County Fair draws people from all over the county and the tri-state area. Get out and mingle. Enjoy. There's a reason the Minnesota State Fair calls its event "The Great Minnesota Get-Together."

The fair will be in progress from now through Saturday night. Stop by the Star Herald booth in the commercial building for a chance to win Arch Allies tickets.

For a full schedule of events and details, visit the Rock County Fair Facebook page or read Sunday's Announcer.



Deutsch: Increased penalties for reckless driving effective Aug. 1

To the Editor:

There is a new law on the books that will give prosecutors the ability to charge reckless drivers who cause great bodily harm or death with a gross misdemeanor. This new law is effective Aug. 1.

American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and, Education of Minnesota (ABATE of MN) would like to take this opportunity to encourage all road users to drive and ride in a safe and distraction-free manner. Distracted driving is

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Etrheim agrees with Kolsrud's assessment of uncooperative co-ops

To the Editor:

I agree with David Kolsrud's letter to the editor (July 16, 2015), but we should remember that when on TV ("Meet the Press") in the '80s, our president said, "The sooner we get more cooperative farms, we will be able to feed the whole world." He also said, "High interest is part of my Reagan recovery."

High interest put thousands of farmers out of business. I think this would add to uncooperative co-ops.

Harold Etrheim
Tuff Memorial Home, Hills

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 17

- Deputy stopped subject and had vehicle towed.
- Deputy stopped two subjects and transported them home to City Centre Apartments.
- Complainant reported they found a billfold last Thursday night at the Hills City Park. It is at the Hills City offices.
- Complainant reported she was in court on Monday and renters were told they needed to be out and they are not. Sent deputy.
- Complainant reported a mother had called in saying there was a black lab with no tags on W. Dodge Street. The dog came at her son.
- Deputy had a vehicle towed that was sitting on S. West Park Street with expired plates. Also contacted city hall because of furniture sitting on the front lawn.
- Complainant reported her sister is arguing with her mother. There was a language barrier. Daughter wanted to leave the house and mother wouldn't allow it.
- Reserved for POR update.
- Complainant requested the fire department. Her dryer is on fire.
- Dispatcher received a 911 call and could hear a person say they are not American but he would not speak after that.

July 18

- Complainant reported an archway and some potted plants were vandalized overnight in Hardwick.
- Complainant reported smoke coming from a residence near 140th Avenue and 111th Street.
- Complainant reported he was kicked out of the motel and doesn't have anywhere to live. It was suggested he go to the homeless shelter in Sioux Falls. This is the second motel he's been kicked out of in Luverne.
- Complainant reported a suicide. Paged ambulance. Contacted coroner and Dingmann Funeral Home.
- Complainant reported subject is driving without insurance.
- Complainant reported a big hay bale out on Hwy. 75 by 141st Street.
- Complainant reported a car pulled into his driveway and there is a man in the backseat who does not belong there. When deputies arrived, there was only one occupant and it was a woman who said she was short on gas. She was given gas and sent on her way.
- Complainant reported bags of salt in the road at E. Crawford St. and N. Freeman Ave.
- Complainant reported an intoxicated individual driving on County Rd. 4 into Luverne. Vehicle was home when deputies went looking for him.

July 19

- Deputy reported that someone stopped him and told him there is a suspicious person wearing all black and walking on Hwy. 75 near 161st Street.
- Complainant reported her sister ran away again. She left while everyone was sleeping. Complainant

believes subject may have gone to her boyfriend's house.

- Reserved for POR registration.
- Deputy conducted traffic stop. Driver slid into the ditch and tried to get out and the vehicle started to tip. Deputy requested a tow.
- Complainant reported her ex is posting things on Facebook about her.
- Deputy reported a hitchhiker at I-90 eastbound Luverne exit. Subject was given ride to Nobles County.
- Deputy received a report of subject driving around Hardwick with his three-wheeler and he doesn't have a valid license.
- Complainant reported child custody issues. Deputy found out there was no custody agreement and advised them to get it established through court.
- Complainant reported three little boys are at the creamery pond fishing without adult supervision. One little boy is swinging his hook around and it may be animal cruelty.
- Complainant reported a guy just assaulted her boyfriend.

July 20

- Complainant reported someone vandalized his son's vehicle overnight.
- Complainant reported kids are vandalizing the city park in Magnolia. They know who is doing it.
- Complainant brought a bank card that she found while walking her dog. Contacted owner.
- Complainant reported they had a trailer hauling hay bales, which lost a wheel on Hwy. 75. Complainant will be taking part of it home and coming back for the rest. A small section of the trailer is over the fog line. Notified State Patrol.
- Complainant reported an animal bite that occurred in the county.
- Complainant reported she was approached by subject at the gas station who told her to keep her kids off the street. She felt she was being harassed by this.
- Complainant reported she is a victim of identity theft.
- Complainant reported a trailer stolen from his place. Called back and said a friend had borrowed it.
- Complainant reported they had a vagrant at the gas station looking for a place to stay. No motel room available in Luverne. Met with Nobles County deputy to transport to Worthington.

July 21

- Complainant reported

an aluminum sheet in the road on I-90 westbound, mm 19.

- Dispatcher received a 911 call from the church and no one was on the line. Sent sheriff who said they were working on the elevator there and that's why dispatch could not call. They were advised to have that number changed to the regular number instead of 911.
- Complainant reported a burglary.
- Complainant reported his exchanged the amount on a check he had written to her.
- Complainant reported he was out in a field in his golf cart. He got hung up and can't get it to go. Transferred to Nobles County, as it was in his field.
- Complainant reported cars coming and going from a residence and it could be a drug deal going on. If the deputy doesn't take care of the problem, he will.
- Complainant reported she heard what sounded like two gunshots. Deputy reported subject lit fireworks on North Freeman Ave.

July 22

- Complainant reported subject is not following the agreed upon written custody schedule. She is not telling him where his children are.
- Complainant reported he had his debit card information stolen.
- Reserved for POR registration update.
- Complainant reported someone from Direct TV talked her elderly grandmother into switching her cable to them. Complainant is the POA for her grandmother and can't get anywhere with the company. They took out the previous cable equipment.
- Complainant reported possible child abuse/neglect.
- Complainant reported a car pulled into Glen's and a toddler was standing in the car seat not buckled in. Complainant is afraid they will leave the same way. Deputy observed the mother working in the backseat for some time and the child appeared to be buckled in.
- Complainant requested a welfare check on a suicidal individual in Luverne. Unknown weapons but subject said he would overdose. Located subject and he denied wanting to hurt himself. Family will stay with him through the night.

July 23

- Complainant reported a patron is harassing him and he would like it to stop. Deputy arrested man for disorderly conduct and took him to jail.
- Complainant reported

a blue pickup in front of his house and there is garbage in the street and on his yard. The kid won't listen to him when he tells him to pick it up. Sent deputy to check it out.

- Complainant reported vandalism to his vehicle overnight. Complainant believes he knows who did it, due to prior issues.
- Complainant reported his soon to be ex left the kids with her new boyfriend and the boyfriend is refusing to let him have them.
- Complainant reported that a resident was out past his four hour curfew, which was at 1:30 p.m. He is riding a white bike, wearing a blue shirt, dark blue jeans, and has glasses. She texted him to tell him to come back and he responded with "nope". Subject returned at 2:05 p.m.
- Complainant requested a welfare check on the neighbor who hasn't been seen in a while again. Subject was located and is fine.
- Complainant reported that there was a boat on the corner of McKenzie Street and Dodge Street that was sticking out into the intersection making it hard to see oncoming traffic. Also, there is a fish house at the same location making it hard to see from another direction. Complainant said he has reported this in the past and nothing has been done.
- Complainant requested a deputy come to the emergency room for a disruptive person.
- Complainant reported her daughter took off and went to her dad's. Requested deputy get the daughter and bring her home, as she has full custody.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 3 funerals/corpses, 22 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 2 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 7 log/alarm sheets, 4 drug court tests, and issued 5 purchase/carry permits and 14 burn permits.

Local office to assist farmers with buffer initiative

In June Gov. Mark Dayton signed into law a new buffer initiative to help protect the state's water resources from erosion and runoff pollution by establishing roughly 110,000 acres of buffer along waterways.

"The new law generated a significant amount of interest," said Arlyn Gehrke of the Rock County Land Management Office, "and landowners likely have many questions about how it will impact their property."

He said the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, which will oversee the process, is working to get program details underway.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is beginning to create the buffer protection maps that will determine what waters are subject to the new law. Completion of those

maps is expected by July 2016.

"Landowners may install buffers on their own at any time, or they can wait until those maps are complete in 2016," Gehrke said.

The new law specifies November 2017 as the deadline for establishment of 50-foot wide buffers on public waters and November 2018 for 16.5-foot wide buffers on public drainage systems.

Local staff with Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Land Management Office is preparing to provide technical assistance to county residents looking to install conservation practices on their land, Gehrke said. "We can help walk you through the process, apply for funding, and be an ongoing resource for establishing buffers and other conservation practices," he said.

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arts department to use it," Bryan said.

The plasma cutter applies skills in metal cutting, technology, art and agriculture skills necessary in a variety of jobs involving technical skills. "It's the wave of the future," said Bryan, also on the LSF board.

The monies could be directed through the Luverne School Foundation (LSF) to cover the training costs.

New sponsorships could bring in \$20,000

Cory Bloemendaal and Lisa Dinger, representing LSF at the board meeting, made the second offer to assist the school.

Bloemendaal said with the permission of the School Board the Foundation could establish a more secure source of funding, which has been a problem for the foundation.

"One big problem — we need money," Bloemendaal told the group. "We have come up with a terrific idea and we would like to pitch it to you."

The Foundation has relied on an endowment by the late

Harvey "Allie" Ordnung received in 2009 for projects or funding requests from Luverne Public School staff, Bloemendaal said.

About \$3,000 to \$4,000 is given out annually by the LSF. For larger projects, the group conducts special fundraisers.

Among the recent awards were five Chromebooks to an elementary teacher, the 3D printer for the high school graphic arts department, improved shot put and discuss throwing areas, and assistance in upgrades for the school's tennis courts.

Bloemendaal asked if the Foundation could sell sponsorships to events conducted at the football field. The sponsors' names would be broadcast on the District's scoreboard.

The preliminary plan has the Foundation offering about eight three-year sponsorships.

The sponsorships could sell for as much as \$2,500 each, potentially netting the Foundation \$20,000. "The more we build our general fund ... the more projects we can fund," added Dinger.

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Bell pedestal receives needed facelift

Jamie Rotert (above, left), Salem, South Dakota, finishes tuck-pointing with David Niessink last week in front of the Luverne Middle/High School. The duo placed stone caps on the brickwork before replacing the cast iron bell on top. The bell was originally refurbished and painted as a project by Luverne High School's Class of 1972. Above right is the completed project.

Mavis Fodness photos/0730 School Bell

Originally placed in front of Luverne High School by the Class of 1972

By Mavis Fodness

More than 40 years after it was placed in front of Luverne High School, the cast iron bell pedestal received a needed facelift last week.

Since 1972 the pedestal has battled various weather elements while on display near the school's flagpole. Time had worn away some of the mortar, and the wooden platform was rotting.

Last week Luverne High School Class of 1985 graduate David Niessink worked at refurbishing the pedestal.

He admits he never knew there was a display on the high school's lawn.

"What bell?" was Niessink's question when school staff asked if he could repair the pedestal's brick-and-mortar base.

Owner of Superior Caulking, Niessink and Jamie Rotert from Salem, South Dakota, completed the task in a matter of days.

The result is a display that looks "more beefy," he said.

After tuck-pointing the brick base, Niessink and Rotert added stone cast caps

to seal out moisture. Niessink also replaced the 4-by-4-inch wood blocks that secured the bell to the platform with blocks of cedar. "It looks good," he said.

The bell display was a Luverne High School Class of 1972 project.

Fred Manfred Jr. of Luverne was class president at the time and led the project along with senior class officers Dick Iveland, Lynette Noll and Dennis Olson.

It was a school tradition for graduates to take on a class project. For the Class of '72 officers, they didn't have to look far for a project idea.

"There was this bell that sat under the south bleachers in the gymnasium," Manfred said. "We weren't sure what the bell was."

Markings on the bell do not indicate its original location.

Retired custodian Marv Doering said the bell possibly came from the former high school that was built on Fledging Field (currently Dingmann Funeral Home) in 1895.

Manfred said the old



From the Luverne High School Class of 1972 annual are class officers (from left) Fred Manfred Jr., Dick Iveland, Lynette Noll and Dennis Olson inspecting the old school bell as a possible class gift from the graduating class.

high school was torn down in the late 1950s, shortly after the current high school opened in 1956. His father purchased the brick from the former school to construct his home, which is now Blue Mounds State Park's interpretive center.

For their class project, the Class of '72 cleaned and painted the bell for display. The same finish is on the bell today.

A plaque reading "Class of 1972" was later added to the display.

Timing is important when harvesting garden items

My garden has excellent soil for growing melons, and the vines are loaded with fruit. Often I'm asked how to know when a melon is ready to pick. When the tendril opposite the stem to the fruit dries up, the melon is ripe. Then you want to harvest that melon soon or it will rot or be attacked by bugs ... the bugs always seem to know when to harvest! If you're buying a watermelon, look for a distinct yellow blotch where the melon rested on the ground.

When onions are finished growing, the tops fall over and dry. Once the tops are dry, it is extremely important to get the onions out of the ground or they will develop neck rot. I lay mine on a piece of cardboard in the garage and let them cure for about two weeks. Then I move them to a cool room in my basement.

This is a good time to take pictures of your perennial flower beds to help you remember next spring where what is planted if you want to change the position of plants or thin



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

clumps that are getting too big, or even rearrange color combinations. Taking pictures of your potted gardens is a good idea, too, if you did or didn't have success with certain plants or color combinations ... it is amazing how quickly we forget.

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

The city of Luverne is on its way to a more historic look downtown with the addition of stone light poles this summer. The poles are topped with antique-like globes and are shorter than the current lights. Planning ahead for aesthetics, the Luverne City Council is opting to remove other signage that may clutter the look of downtown.

25 years ago (1995)

When the Luverne School District upgrades its computer networking system this fall, it also needs to consider hiring someone who will know how the school can utilize that system to full capacity. Luverne School Board members discussed hiring a technology coordinator during their Thursday night meeting, July 27.

50 years ago (1965)

If you're living in north Luverne's affected area you are now on Rural Route No. 1. Despite petitions and pleas, the regional post office officials maintain an adamant attitude and refuse to soften their previous stand regarding "rural mail service" inside the city of Luverne.

75 years ago (1940)

The new 1940 telephone directory, containing 1,386 listings compared to 1,058 in the 1939 directory, was delivered this week to telephone subscribers serviced by the Luverne exchange. The new directory contains 20 pages, four more than last year.

100 years ago (1915)

The new triplex pump purchased for general use at the municipal power plant was installed the latter part of last week and has been in operation since Sunday afternoon, when final connections were completed. The pump has a capacity of 180 gallons of water per minute and is operated by a geared motor of 15 horse power.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mount Marty

Ryan Oye, a senior at Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, was recently honored as an All-American Scholar Athlete by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Ryan is the son of Steve and Andrea Oye, Luverne. To qualify, students must be juniors and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

ENGAGEMENT

John and Lori Stoffel, Luverne, announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Stoffel, Luverne, to Eric Harnack, Hills.

Eric is the son of Alan and Zoe Harnack, Beaver Creek.

Whitney graduated from Luverne High School in 2008 and from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2013. She is a special education teacher in the Pipestone Area School District.

Eric graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 2000 and from the University of Sioux Falls in 2005. He works for the city of Hills as the director of public works.

They are planning a Dec. 5,



Whitney Stoffel and Eric Harnack

2015, wedding at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Aug. 3: Hamburger, oven brown potatoes, creamed corn, bun, rhubarb sauce.

Program: 1 p.m. Senior Citizens meeting.

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Taco salad (taco meat, cheese, salsa, lettuce, chopped tomatoes, sour cream), dinner roll, fresh fruit, cookie.

Program: No Two Buck Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Senior Citizens pie and ice cream fundraiser.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Chicken in cream sauce on biscuit, peas and carrots, peaches, cream puff dessert. Program: 11:30 a.m. Mi-

chelle from Prairie Rehab; Peer Helpers visits.

Thursday, Aug. 6: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, green beans, garlic bread, ice cream.

Program: Peer Helpers visits.

Friday, Aug. 7: Pork roast, potatoes, creamed carrots, dinner roll, poke cake.

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It's not too late to check activities off the 'I'm Gonna' list

Summer is well under way, and the busyness is enough to make anyone's head spin. Whether you have kids or grandkids to chase around, are busy with seasonal work responsibilities, or just trying to keep up with making the most of summer's long, hot days while they are here, I bet that time is getting away from you as it is from me!



HEALTHY BYTES

By Mary Brown, RN, Luverne

I had big plans — I was going to run every morning, or at least three mornings a week. Morning, of course, because it is a bit cooler than the rest of the day. I was also going to

spend the afternoons with the kids at the pool when I wasn't working. I was going to ride bike everywhere, because why not? My "I'm Gonna" list was as long as my arm, whimsi-

cally spread before me like an endless summer day.

However, summer days do end. They don't usually end abruptly, of course. They meander their way into fall. We notice the progress of the crops in the field but often fail to relate the progress and nature's bounty with the farewell of a summer we hoped would last forever.

Currently, I'm canning nature's bounty and walking the dog for my exercise. So, the exercise does happen. The kids have had more time in

the yard with the sprinkler (placed under the trampoline — you should try it!) than at the pool. However, the vigor of my exercise and the plans of the summer have left me feeling a bit less productive than I'd like.

All is not lost. Maybe you have reached all or most of your goals this summer for exercise, diet, or both. Maybe you are busy defeating yourself for that which you wish you had gotten done already. However, while the long days of summer still loom before

us, know that autumn is also a great time to enjoy the outdoors for the exercise you had planned for summer. There is still plenty of time to start, and to continue.

Just remember, I'm Gonna never got nuttin' done. Before summer goes completely, get that summer "to do" list knocked out!

Brown is registered nurse with an interest in health promotion and fitness. She can be reached at unionjack524@gmail.com.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Rhyann Clare, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces, 19 inches long, was born to **J.J. and Amy VonHoltum**, Luverne, on Saturday, July 4, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne. Grandparents are Darwin and Darla Timmer, Ellsworth, and Jim and Lori VonHoltum, Lismore.

Agirl, Morgan Jean, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, 20 inches long, was born to **Eric and Mandy Van Grootheest**, Luverne, on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She joins a sister, Sydney, 3. Grandparents are Marcy Roscoe and Tim Roscoe both of Pipestone, and Ron and Linda

Van Grootheest, Edgerton. Great-grandparents are Delia Blom, Pipestone, Art and Mary Ann Zylstra, Edgerton and Gerald and Norma Van Grootheest, Doon, Iowa.

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Jana Hup** (bride-to-be of **Jay Schild**) will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Community Reformed Church, 6800 E. 41st St., Sioux Falls, SD 57110.

An open house bridal shower for **Melinda Mumme** (bride-to-be of **Nathan Knop**) will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Fellowship Hall at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick.



Lori Sorenson photo/0730 atlas redeemed remnants ribbon-cutting

Welcome to Luverne retail community

Atlas of Rock County Director Vicki Altena (left) and Redeemed Remnants thrift store manager Jeane Leslie man the oversized scissors at Thursday morning's ribbon-cutting in their new store on East Main Street. ATLAS purchased the former Computer Tutors building and accepts donations of gently used clothes, household items, furniture, and small kitchen appliances for resale to support ATLAS' non-profit mission. ATLAS is a nonprofit Christian ministry that offers support and assistance to "those struggling with life's difficult issues," according to its website. Call 449-6101 for store hours or information, or visit the Redeemed Remnants Facebook page.

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OBITUARIES

Marjorie Staeffler

Marjorie Ann Staeffler 89, Hardwick, died Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at the Sanford Hospital in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, July 28, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Marjorie Nece was born Sept. 1, 1925, to Claude and Helen (Williams) Nece on her grandparents' farm in rural Trosky. She was raised in the county near Trosky and attended countryside school District No. 42 through the eighth grade. She then attended high school in Edgerton and graduated in 1943.

On Dec. 6, 1944, she married Virgil Staeffler at the Methodist Church parsonage in Luverne. The couple made the farm east of Hardwick their lifelong residence. She was a farm wife and mother. After the children were grown, Marjorie went to work at Fey Industries in Edgerton. She retired from there in 2003, just short of 20 years. She also sold Avon and Shaklee for years.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. She became a confirmed member as an adult in 1951. She was part of the Ladies Circle and was a member of

the "Hi, Neighbor" Birthday Club. She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, flowers, raising chickens, word search books, solitaire, and playing bingo.

She survived by her husband, Virgil Staeffler, Hardwick; seven children, Geraldine (James) Haraldson and Gary (Jean) Staeffler, all of Luverne, Debra (Daniel) Nelson, Magnolia, Rhonda Edwards, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Rodney (Ruth) Staeffler, Ruthon, Carol (Lance) Stueven, Hudson, Wisconsin, Greg Staeffler, Hardwick, (friend Sheryl); a son-in-law, Arlyn (Rose) Vander Beek, Edgerton; 24 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Joan Lingbeck, Edina; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry Staeffler; a daughter, Sandra Vander Beek; two grandsons, Kelly Staeffler and Michael Vander Beek; a great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Haraldson; a sister, Karla Carroll; and two brothers-in-law, George Lingbeck and John Carroll.

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

(0730 F)

Lois Olson

Lois May Olson, 80, Luverne, died Friday, July 24, 2015, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, July 27, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Lois Roemeling was born Sept. 3, 1934, to Siebo and Frieda (Heiden) Roemeling in Luverne. She was baptized Sept. 7, 1943, at the First Methodist Church in Bingham Lake. On June 27, 1948, she was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1952.

On Oct. 24, 1954, Lois married Eldon "Woody" Olson. The couple made their home in Luverne where Lois worked at Tri-State for a short time. The couple was blessed with children, and Lois stayed home to raise them. After the children were in high school, Lois became employed at J.C. Penney and worked there until the store closed. Lois was a caregiver for Woody for several years after he was diagnosed with cancer. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1988. In 2002 Lois was diagnosed with lymphoma, which she fought

for 13 years.

She was a member of St. John Church where she was part of the prayer chain and circle. Lois was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota Vikings. She also enjoyed watching soap operas, game shows television dramas and playing bingo and cards.

Lois is survived by three children, Rhonda (John Williams) Olson, Boulder, Colorado, Darcy Carlson and Scott Olson, both of Luverne; a granddaughter, Serena Williams, Denver, Colorado; a sister, Sharon (Bob) Wegleitner, Billings, Montana; a sister-in-law, Ruth Roemeling, Luverne; a brother-in-law, Gene Olson, San Diego, California; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woody Olson; infant twins, Bryant and Bruce Olson; a sister, Shirley Maxwell; seven brothers, Anno, Harold, Maynard, Marvin, Donald, Frank and Merle Roemeling; and six sisters-in-law, Maude, Lillian, Vernice, Helen, Doris and Dorothy.

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

(0730 F)

Ramona Klooster

Ramona Joanne Klooster, 79, Adrian, died Wednesday, July 22, 2015, after a battle with multiple myeloma.

A funeral service was Monday, July 27, at the United Methodist Church in Adrian. Burial was at the Adrian Cemetery.

Ramona Peterson was born Sept. 20, 1935, to Marlin and Florence (Henning) Peterson in St. Peter. She grew up on a farm in rural St. Peter. She was a member of the Scandian Grove Lutheran Church where she was baptized and later confirmed. She graduated from St. Peter High School in 1953. She then attended Gale Institute in Minneapolis where she studied to become an airline attendant. After graduation she worked for Northwest Airlines where she learned to operate the Teletype. She later moved to Mankato to work in the registrar's office at Mankato State College.

In 1956 Ramona married Marvin Klooster. The couple moved to Adrian in 1956. In 1965 they began farming near Adrian.

Ramona enjoyed bowling with her church group, having coffee with friends and volunteering when the bloodmobile was in town. She also enjoyed reading and traveling.

Ramona is survived by her husband, Marvin Klooster, Adrian; two sons, Kevin Klooster (Gwen Mulder), Adrian, and Kenny (Jill) Klooster, Mankato; four grandchildren, Cody and Kory, Adrian, and Chandler and Cameron, Mankato; two sisters, Marlys (Ron) Howard of Merrifield, and Diane (Louis) Birr, St. Peter; two brothers, Marshall (Sandra) Peterson, Maple Grove, and Marlin (Mary) Peterson, Mountain Lake; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant nephew, Michael Birr.

Memorials may be directed to The Salvation Army, The American Cancer Society or Adrian United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by Adrian Funeral Home, adrianfuneralhome.com.

(0730 F)

Henrietta Mulder

Henrietta Mulder, 95, Luverne, died Thursday, July 23, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, July 27, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Henrietta Mieras was born May 12, 1920, to George and Dena (Raak) Mieras in Orange City, Iowa. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Maurice, Iowa. Henrietta graduated from high school in Maurice, Iowa, in 1938.

On Feb. 20, 1942, she married Peter J. Mulder at the First Reformed Church in Maurice. The couple moved to Struble, Iowa, and then to various other places before moving to a home northeast of Luverne in 1947. In 1960 Henrietta began working at the Blue Mound Turkey Farm, a catering business, which later became the Blue Mound Inn. She traveled many miles for the catering business. During her life Henrietta also baked pies and worked at the

Pantry in downtown Luverne.

In 2000 Henrietta retired when the Blue Mound Inn closed.

She was a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. She taught Sunday school and was involved with Ladies Aid. Her hobbies included sewing, crocheting and most recently making quilts. She was also involved with the Rock County Extension Club.

Henrietta is survived by five children, Darlene Prashar (friend Paul), Naples, Florida, Joan (Elwin) Unruh, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Jaclynn (Daryl) Gertz and Gordon (Lois) Mulder, all of Luverne, and Edyth Rodgers, Sioux Falls; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Mulder, on April 19, 2000; her parents; a sister, Marjorie; and sons-in-law, Paul Prashar and Dave Rodgers.

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

(0730 F)

Bonnie Ralph

Bonnie Ralph, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, formerly of Luverne, died Sunday, July 26, 2015, at her home.

Funeral arrangements

are pending through the Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0730 DN)

League honors Senator Bill Weber as a 2015 Legislator of Distinction

The League of Minnesota Cities has selected 28 state lawmakers, including Senator Bill Weber, as Legislators of Distinction for 2015. The honor recognizes legislators for specific actions that aided efforts of Minnesota cities during the past year's legislative session.

Legislators of Distinction are approved annually by the League's Board of Directors to recognize that in order to successfully serve shared constituents, state and city officials must work together to meet the unique needs of rural, suburban and urban residents all across Minnesota.

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Senator Weber, as former mayor and city council member, was cited specifically for co-authoring legislation creating a workforce housing grant program. Additionally, he was a strong advocate for cities on issues related to local government aid, water and solid waste policies, and infrastructure funding.

Recipients of the recognition received a letter of appreciation and a certificate. Additionally, a copy of the Legislator of Distinction acknowledgement letter was sent to the mayor of each city in the district of each award winner.

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Stephanie Christensen photos/0730 turkey barns demolition

Demolition makes way for new business

An Albert Lea semitrailer business owner, Darv Habben, recently purchased the 3-acre parcel south of I-90 on the east side of Highway 75 from Greg Gabrielson, who used to operate turkey barns there.

The city will provide up to \$50,000 for demolition and site preparation to develop the property, which will feature a sales building and trailers for sale parked in the lot.

The work is scheduled for completion in the 2015 construction season.



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Pat Ahrendt's favorite family photo of her children and grandchildren is the one taken in front of the family's John Deere tractor several years ago. Pictured from left are Dave and Lisa DeBoer, Greta and Gannon Ahrendt (inside wheel well), Brad and Angela Ahrendt (sitting on wheel), Andrew DeBoer and Griffin Ahrendt (standing on tractor), Erica DeBoer, Hunter Ahrendt and Kate DeBoer Hoiland (on top of tractor), Michelle Ahrendt (center), Pat and Lowell Ahrendt (on grass in center), Johnna and Jeff Ahrendt with Morgan and Melissa and James Powers with Christopher and Alex (all on right fender), and Kara and Troy Ahrendt holding Landon (on right). Not pictured is grandchild Delaney Ahrendt, who wasn't yet born.

All in the family

Ahrendt family chosen as 2015 Rock County Farm Family of the Year

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's Lowell and Pat Ahrendt will be honored the next two weeks as Rock County's 2015 Farm Family of the Year.

They'll first be recognized at the Rock County Fair and later by the University of Minnesota.

The Ahrendts are among 80 farm families throughout the state chosen by local Extension committees for their contributions to the agricultural industry and their local communities.

"The farm families receiving this year's honor exemplify what makes Minnesota agriculture strong," said Bev Durgan, dean of Extension.

"They care greatly about the land and delivering quality products to consumers worldwide. The University of Minnesota takes pride in honoring these families."

All the families will be recognized Aug. 6 at a Farm Fest program. Locally the Ahrendts were honored during Wednesday night's talent show.

The Ahrendts are responsible for four of their children's continued involvement in Rock County production agriculture as adults.

"It's kind of what I wanted to do," said Brad, who at 49 is the oldest of the Ahrendts' children.

However, starting to farm after graduating from Luverne High School in the 1980s wasn't the ideal time. Low crop prices and high debt were forcing many producers to sell their farmland and machinery and seek different professions.

"That's what we originally told them," Mom Pat said. "Go find something else."

Not phased by a little hard work, Brad said being single at the time, having limited expenses, an ability to rent farmland and the use of his parents' machinery were all he needed to start farming himself.

Joining him later in what has developed as a three-way partnership are brothers Troy, 44, and Jeff, 42.

"It's more in the blood," Jeff said about his choice to farm with his brothers.

Ahrendt family farming started in Iowa in 1940s

Besides Jeff's dad, Lowell, his grandfather, Albert, was a farmer along with his father, who originally began farming in Iowa. "I learned everything I know



Mavis Fodness photo/0730 Farm Family Ahrendt

The Lowell and Pat Ahrendt family is Rock County's 2015 Farm Family of the Year. The couple will be honored at the Rock County Fair and at next week's Farm Fest through the University of Minnesota program.

from my dad," Lowell added.

His advise: "Do a good job." As a young boy, Lowell helped his dad farm primarily with horses until the purchase of a tractor in 1945.

"That (the tractor) was great," he said. "You can jump on and go," instead of preparing and harnessing the horses first.

By 1951, at the age of 21, Lowell switched from helping his dad farm to farming himself. It was his dad who kept the farming operation going when Lowell served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954.

Eight years later, Lowell purchased 160 acres five miles north of Luverne in Mound Township. In 1965 he married Pat, who grew up in the town of Hardwick, and took an active role on the family farm.

"I love everything about farming," Pat said.

That appreciation of raising crops and livestock was instilled in the Ahrendt children as they helped their parents' operation progress from a cow/calf operation to feeder cattle. The children also helped with the farrow-to-finishing chores.

"They have loved it (farm life) since they were born," Pat said.

Daughter Lisa DeBoer, 48, farms with her husband, David,

northwest of Luverne. Only daughters Michelle Powers, who lives in Madison Lake, and Melissa in Mankato, are not directly involved with farming. A son, Todd, died at age 12 from cancer.

Lowell admits it was his sons' hard work that took the single-family farm to an operation that sustains three families.

Ahrendt sons launch their own operation

The elder Ahrendts officially retired from farming in 1995. The couple moved into Luverne in 2001.

In the 20 years of farming on their own, the Ahrendt brothers have divided their farming operation into three different focuses. Brad focuses on the crops. Troy works on the equipment and

Jeff handles the livestock. Large decisions are discussed as a group.

"We are proud of them," Lowell said. "What they built they built themselves."

The brothers farm around 2,000 acres with the majority of the crops invested back into the 3,000-head feeder cattle operation.

Still helping and advising the brothers' farming endeavor are their mom and dad.

Lowell at age 85 continues to lend his hand in completing spring and fall fieldwork along with occasional assistance with baling hay.

Earlier this month he was mowing hay with Jeff and grandson Hunter, 12, one of 14 grandchildren. They also have one great-granddaughter.

"It's kind of neat," Jeff recalled. "I told my wife (Johnna) of the three of us cutting hay, that's how it gets passed down."

While machinery has made farming today easier, there are some things only a seasoned farmer like Lowell can pass on to the next generation.

"Early on, I went with dad to the co-op to look at inputs," Brad said. "He slowly groomed me in."

Today all three sons often ask their father about crop conditions and when is the best time to harvest small grains as feed.

The hands-on advice is also being passed down to Hunter, who is beginning to raise and sell his own livestock.

As Jeff heard from Hunter, the next generation of Ahrendt farmers, "I can't believe I get paid for what I love to do."



Pat and Lowell Ahrendt (front row center), Rock County's 2015 Farm Family of the Year, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their six children earlier this year.

Pictured in front from left are Melissa, Pat, Lowell, Lisa DeBoer, (back) Jeff, Michelle, Troy and Brad.

Adrian welcomes new coach in 2015

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons will be playing for a new volleyball coach during the upcoming 2015 season.

Briana (Niebuhr) Reker, who will begin her second year as a teacher in District 511 when classes begin later in August, is the school's new volleyball mentor.

Reker replaces Brianne Einck, who compiled a 13-32 record as the program's head coach the past two seasons.

Reker is a 2008 graduate of Adrian High School.

She played volleyball and softball for the Dragons during her high school days.

After graduating from AHS in 2008, Reker continued her education at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Reker graduated with a bachelor's degree in 2012.

After graduating from SDSU, Reker served as a middle school/high school English teacher at Edgerton High School during the 2013-14 school year.

She accepted an opportunity to serve as a middle school/high school English teacher at AHS prior to the 2014-15 school year and will do so again this year.

Along with her teaching duties, Reker also serves as the coach of the One Act Play.

Reker has some prior coaching experience.

She worked with the Junior Olympics volleyball programs at Edgerton and Adrian in the past.

This will be Reker's first year of coaching at the varsity level.

"I'm very much looking forward to the volleyball season," she offered.

"I'm ready to get started coaching here, and hopefully improve the program here. I've been talking with my assistant and we want to make our program more competitive and improve the skill level of our girls."

Reker married another 2008 AHS graduate, Jordan Reker, last summer.

The couple reside near Wilmont.



Star Herald file photo

The 2015 Rock County Fair will crown a new Enduro Race Champion as 2014 winner Jason Friedrich will not defend his title.

Fair lineup features two nights of racing action

By John Rittenhouse

The grandstand lineup for the 2015 version of the Rock County Fair includes two nights of racing action.

Thursday night brings the Rock County Speedway Races to the oval on the Fairgrounds.

The annual Enduro Race, sponsored by Connell Car Care, is set for Saturday night.

The 2014 RCF included a racing event staged by Wilke Promotions, an out-of-county entity.

Thursday's Rock County Speedway Races will be overseen by local men, with Josh Klay being the race night director.

"No one guy is running this. It's a big group of guys," Klay said.

"There was a race like this last year, but all of the money left town when it was over. We have a bunch of local guys helping out with this event and all of the money will stay here."

Klay expects more than 50 cars to compete on the track in four different classes Thursday.

The hobby stock, pure stock and front-wheel drive classes are expected to draw between 10-15 cars each.

More than 20 cars are expected to compete in the micro sprint class.

"We ran a race in June (for Buffalo Days in June) and it



Star Herald file photo

More than 20 micro sprints are expected to compete at the Rock County Speedway Races Thursday night.

really went well," Klay said. "We had 21 micro sprints show up and should get more drivers than that this time. We're expecting 10 to 15 cars in each of the other classes."

Heat races will be staged in all four classes and will be followed by feature events.

With more than 20 micro sprints in the field, a trophy dash could precede the feature race.

Pits open at 5 p.m. for the RCSR with the gate opening at 6:30.

Hot laps are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. with the races to begin at 7:30.

"It should be a good, exciting, fast-paced night," Klay offered. "The car count should be high and we have a good facility here with concessions available for the fans and in the infield. It should be a good show."

With a number of local drivers expected to compete, Saturday's Enduro Race always has been the top draw in the RCF grandstand lineup.

That's not expected to change in 2014.

Adam Kinsinger, Brent Hulstein and Derek Sandbulte are sharing the responsibilities of coordinating the 2015

version of the event.

Other than having new coordinators, nothing else will change.

"We'll stick with the same format. It will be a 200-lap race or a two-hour race, whichever comes first," Kinsinger said.

"We have 30 cars preregistered right now (late last week), but were expecting to have 40 or 50 on the track for the race."

It appears the 2015 race will end with a new champion.

Jason Friedrich, Sioux Falls driver who won the fair race and the Late Season Enduro Race at the fairgrounds last September, is not projected to be in the field Saturday.

"I heard Friedrich sold his car and is done racing," Kinsinger offered.

Pits open for the Enduro Race at 4:30 p.m. with the gates opening at 6 p.m.

Race time is 7 p.m.

"We always have a good time at the fair and people should come to the grandstands Saturday and support their buddies who are racing," Kinsinger said.

"We've been doing a lot of preparation work on the track like putting up new lights, working on the walls around the track and the track's corners. The Enduro Race has been a part of the fair for years and it's always been a lot of fun."



Briana Reker

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Brian Boll

Individual scores:
25x25

Cardinal gridders need to be game-ready in two weeks

A season of change is in store for the Luverne Cardinals and every other football program in the state of Minnesota.

Not only will the Cardinals be moving up one class (from Class AA to AAA), they no longer will be competing for a conference championship during the regular season.

Under the Minnesota State High School League's decision to incorporate district scheduling, LHS and seven other schools will vie for the South Central District White Division title during the regular season.

Along with LHS, Blue Earth Area, Jackson County Central, Martin County West, Redwood Valley, Pipestone, St. James and Windom are members of the White

Division.

The Cards will play a non-district game against Worthington during the regular season.

Along with LHS moving up one class and competing for a district title in 2015, preparation for the upcoming season will be tweaked as well.

After receiving three weeks to prepare for the season opener for as long as I can remember, LHS and the other teams will play their first games after two weeks of practice this year.

With TFC Bank Stadium booked over Thanksgiving weekend (the same weekend the Prep Bowl is traditionally staged), the state's football programs will move everything up



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

by one week for this year alone.

That means the Cardinals will open football practice Aug. 10, one week before the LHS volleyball, cross country and tennis teams begin preparation for the upcoming season.

Twelve days later (Aug. 22), Luverne hosts Worthington at Cardinal Field for the 2015 debut for both teams.

To his credit, Cardinal coach Todd Oye doesn't seem to be bothered by the fact he'll be losing a full week of preparation before playing Game 1.

In fact, he appears to be

embracing the change.

"Everyone is in the same boat so we're not going to be making any excuses (for losing a week of practice time)," he said.

"Having two weeks to prepare for the first game would be tough for a new coach and a new coaching staff. Fortunately for us, we're not in that kind of situation."

It's safe to say it will be business as usual when practice begins for LHS on Aug. 10.

Luverne's first practice will feature the Cardinal Pride competition in the morning followed by a second conditioning type

of practice later in the day.

Another statewide rule change prohibits teams from having two-a-day practice sessions on consecutive days, so Oye will stage single practices on Tuesday and Thursday with double doses of practice sessions set for Wednesday and Friday.

The Cardinal mentor must believe his staff can get the athletes game-ready in two weeks, otherwise he may have tweaked summer activities for his charges.

Football coaches are allowed to have 11 contact days with their players in the months of June and July.

As in the past, the only time the LHS coaching staff will have contact with the players will be at the two-day Dakota State University Team Camp that ends today in

Madison, South Dakota.

"Football is the only sport that is limited to 11 contact days with the kids, and I think that's a good thing," Oye said.

"In fact, I think the MSHSL should limit the contact days kids have with their coaches in every sport. Basketball, cross country, gymnastics, wrestling, hockey, tennis and volleyball have no limitations on contact days. I think we should get back to letting the kids enjoy summer with their families."

It's hard for me to challenge Oye's line of thinking.

Summer seems to grow shorter for me with every passing year and will definitely be one week shorter for the members of the LHS football program in 2015.

St. Catherine Catholic Church

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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thomas Jennings, Pastor

Thursday, July 30, to Saturday, Aug. 1: Rock County Fair booth. Thursday, July 30: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. Friday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, Aug. 1: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Aug. 2: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

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

First Baptist Church

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

Thursday, July 30, to Saturday, Aug. 1: 3 to 9 p.m. FBC booth at the Rock County Fair. Thursday, July 30: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 31: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, Aug. 2: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 4: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Trustee meeting. Thursday, Aug. 6: Noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, July 30: 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, July 31: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 2: 8:15 a.m. Prerecorded Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 3: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Wednesday, Aug. 5: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, Aug. 6: 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, July 30: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 2: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Aug. 5: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle. Thursday, Aug. 6: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
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Thursday, July 30: 6:30 a.m. Renaissance Group (55+). Friday, July 31: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; Pulpit Supply: Kevin Klay. 10:45 a.m. Klay Presentation. 2 to 4 p.m. Nellie Smith birthday open house. Monday, Aug. 3: 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, Aug. 4: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. Wednesday, Aug. 5: 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. Thursday, Aug. 6: 6:30 a.m. Ladies Night Out.

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
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, July 30: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, Aug. 2: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Worship. Thursday, Aug. 6: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday, Aug. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. Monday, Aug. 3: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Aug. 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Friday, July 31: Church office closed. Saturday, Aug. 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 2: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, Aug. 5: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
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New Life Celebration Church

211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
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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 30: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 31: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, Aug. 3, to Thursday, Aug. 6: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Monday, Aug. 3: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, Aug. 6: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
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First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

201 S. 3rd St., Beaver Creek

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6 p.m. Evening Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

God's creation

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 ESV



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Mission Effectiveness, National Campus, Evangelical Good Samaritan Society

This morning I woke to the rat-a-tat of a woodpecker forcefully pecking out a tune on the metal chimney cap on top of the roof of our house. Woodpeckers drum their music on resonant objects to scavenge for food, to attract mates, to establish territories or to just plain communicate. A woodpecker doesn't peck because he or she is forced to do it. With reinforced skulls that protect their brains, and tails that help stabilize their position, they peck (up to 20 times per second) because it is their nature. That is the way God created them.

The Bible tells us that we've been created by God to do good things. It is supposed to be our nature, but is it? Sadly, because of sin in the world, we have strayed from the path that God intended for us to walk. While the woodpecker was created to peck, we weren't, but we often do. The Bible tells us, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and

clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32 ESV

We weren't created to climb the corporate ladder stepping on people's toes along the way, or to use our talents to glorify ourselves, or to use our gifts merely to support ourselves. God made us to be the body of Christ, to care about each other, to use our talents and lives to glorify Him and His ways — not because we have to — but because we want to — because in Him, it is our nature. That is the way that God created us.

Thank you, Lord, for Your amazing workmanship. Every bird, every animal, every plant, every person was created unique and precious in your sight. Help us put away our selfish human nature and let the beauty of your workmanship be revealed in us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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
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507-962-3270
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S.A.P. 067-599-170 / Bridge No. 67K25; & S.A.P. 067-599-172 / Bridge No. 67K29
Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota, until 10:00 A.M. on Friday August 14th, 2015.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 166 Lin. Ft. of 16'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 8 End Sections; 92 Lin. Ft. of 12'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 76 Lin. Ft. of 10'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 1,704 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill; 528 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Bedding; 633 Tons Rock Bedding; & 320 Tons Random Riprap, Class 2.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be **\$30.00**. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

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Rock County Highway Engineer
(7-16, 7-23, 7-30)

ISD #2184 school board meets June 25

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on June 25, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Dave Riphagen, and Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Eric Hartman and Reva Sehr. Also present: Gary Fisher, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Susan Beers, Travis Kriens - K101/KQAD Radio, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Dave Riphagen called the meeting to order. Motion by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Deutsch, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,205,848.36. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of May 31, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the following bus driver compensation rates for 2015-2016 as follows:

Regular Route	\$81.00 per day
Sioux Falls Route	\$81.00 per day
Preschool/Kdgn Route	\$37.50 per day
Activities Trips	\$13.00 per hour

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to adopt the following annual resolution: The local Board of Education of Luverne Public Schools has authorized Craig Oftedahl, at a monthly meeting on June 25, 2015, to act as the LEA (local education agency) Representative in filing an application for funds provided under Public Law 103-382 for the school year 2015-16. The LEA Representative will ensure that the school district maintains compliance with the appropriate Federal statutes, regulations, and State procedures currently in effect and will act as the responsible authority in all matters relating to the administration of this application. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to request vehicle fuel quotations for 2015-2016 to be received by July 17, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to request bakery products quotations for 2015-2016 to be received by July 17, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Deutsch, to set the bid date for dairy products for 2015-2016 as July 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Baustian, second by Bosch, to have Jim Gilman with Conway, Deuth and Schmiessing, PLLP, conduct the audit of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to allow the auditor to make those final transfers and adjustments, when they audit the books, that are necessary and according to general accounting principles, resolutions, and standards. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to roll-over the current 2014-15 budget as the preliminary 2015-16 budget to allow the district to continue financial business beyond June 30, 2015. A revised final budget will be presented at a later date. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Fisher reviewed the trail easement with the City of Luverne. Motion by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the easement as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to set the two-hour food service worker rate of pay for 2015-16 at \$10.00 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Brian Pick as grounds worker beginning June 29 for a salary of \$14.35 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the following Supervisory and Exempt Employees salaries for 2015-16 which reflects a 3.5% increase: Marlene Mann, Business Manager - \$70,569.00; Wade Hiller, Technology Coordinator - \$64,618.00; and, Brenda Teal, Administrative Assistant/Payroll - \$45,265.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion by Sandbulte, second by Baustian, to change the July meeting date from July 23 to Tuesday, July 21. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding a school board retreat date. It will be held on July 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: June 25, 2015

Jodi Bosch, Clerk
(7-30)

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Lila Lee would like to express our thanks to all family and friends who sent cards and memorials and offered their condolences. We also want to thank Dingmann Funeral Home for their professional guidance in the arrangements.

The family of Lila Lee
(7.26-7.30)

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EMPLOYMENT

COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION opening with SW/WC Service Cooperative with placement in the Pipestone, MN area. Coordinator assists in planning, assessing, developing, and implementing special education due process procedures and/or special education programs in districts directly participating in this service. Position requires a Bachelor's Degree, Minnesota licensure in Special Education, and considerable experience in job related field. 200-day contract starting with the 2015-16 school year. Complete online application at www.swsc.org/application and include cover letter, application form, copies of licenses, college transcripts, resume, and two letters of reference. For questions about position, contact Diane McCarron, Director of Special Education at 320-290-3489 or diane.mccarron@swsc.org. Position will remain open until filled. EOE. (7.30-8.2)

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Adrian Public School is seeking applications for a classroom/special education paraprofessionals at the Elementary School for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. Candidates will work with teachers providing academic and behavioral support to students. Candidates must hold an associates degree, or have certification via the Para Pro assessment. If interested, please submit a letter of application, resume, current letters of reference, and a completed district application found at www.isd511.net. Send application materials to: Roger Graff, Superintendent, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information on the Para Pro assessment, please contact Russell Lofthus at r.lofthus@isd511.net. Positions open until filled. (7.19-8.6)

Part-time cleaner needed in Luverne. Starting pay is \$15/hr. Background check required. One day per week/four hours per day. Call 612-208-3441. (7.12-7.30)

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- High school diploma/GED required, bachelors degree preferred
- Ability to work a flexible schedule (nights and weekends)
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Job applications will be accepted until Friday, July 31. Applications can be faxed to 507 283-2558 or by email to Gordon@culliganswmn.com or Lorna@culliganswmn.com or by mail to Culligan Water 114 N Kniss Avenue Luverne MN 56156.

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WORK SITE SUPERVISOR ROCK/NOBLES COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Rock County Administrator's Office is currently accepting applications for Work Site Supervisor for the Rock/Nobles Community Corrections organization until August 5, 2015. This is a full time position that coordinates community service work site opportunities and schedules and supervises clients at assigned work sites.

Job qualifications for this position are a High School diploma or GED, a valid State of Minnesota driver's license with 6-months experience in carpentry, painting and supervision or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this position. Starting hourly wage range is \$16.67 - \$18.03 DOQ.

To obtain a full job description and an application for this position, please visit county's web site at <http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html> or contact the Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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56156. EOE.
www.isd2184.net

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Swift County in Benson, MN is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

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- Social Worker
- Deputy Assessor or Appraiser
- Maintenance Worker III

Swift County offers competitive pay with an excellent benefit package. Additional information & application packets available at <http://www.swiftcounty.com/jobs>. Swift County is an equal opportunity employer.

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday - July 31, 2015

4:30-6:30pm Whopper Feed at City Park, Jasper Blowhards
 4:30-6:30pm Ice Cream Social, Sponsored by Progress Study Club
 6pm Parade Lineup on Roberts Ave. East side of Jasper
 7pm Parade on Wall Street
 7:45pm Jasper Blowhards Concert, City Park
 9pm-1am FREE Street Dance - Hicktown Mafia, Wall Street.
 Sponsored by Stonewall Bar & Grill
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Saturday - August 1

7:30am 5k Run/Walk - Memorial Hall; registration at 7:30 am; RACE TIME 8am
 Early registration at www.allsportcentral.com
 Contact Karie Johnson 507-690-8330; Sponsored by the Jasper Wellness Center
 All school Memorabilia room, Kenny Grocery Store (Wall St/Sherman Ave)
 Open House Jasper Wellness Center located at the old 3 Straw Cafe, Wall St.
-Peoples Bank Family Day - at Jasper City Park & Main Street Jasper-
 9:30am Turtle Races, Contact Lois Leslie at 507-820-0122 for more info
 10am-2pm Craft show, sponsored by the Quarry Lions; contact Susan Eitrem 507-348-9841
 or Deb Plahn 507-348-8605
 10am-2pm EMS Rollover Simulator, Sponsored by Jasper Ambulance Association
 10am-2pm Quarry Tours - meet west side of Jasper Historical Museum
 10am-2pm Jasper Museum & Christensen House Open to the Public
 10am-2pm Water Fun, Sponsored by Quartziter Club (bring your swimsuit)
 10am-2pm DJ O Productions, Sponsored by Peoples Bank
 10am-2pm Face Painting by Fantasy Face Painters and Temp. Tattoos
 10am Kids Pedal Pull, by Little Scrapper Pedal Pull
 12pm Buried Coin Hunt - located at the sand volleyball court (immediately following pedal pull)
 Sponsored by JAKL Machine and Peoples Bank
 11:30am-1:30 BBO Luncheon at Memorial Hall, served by the Historical Society
 12-2pm Fire Truck Rides, City Park, Sponsored by the Jasper Rural Fire Department
 1:30pm-3pm Pet Parade**, City Park Band Shell, Sponsored by Pipestone Vet Services
 **Register your pet at 1pm by the band shell
 5pm Great Plains Tractor Pull, at Athletic Fields - Concessions by Quartziter Club
 \$6 Admission; for information www.gtp.org or call Dan Bryan 507-820-0775
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Sunday - August 2

7:30am-10:30 Breakfast served at Memorial Hall, by Jasper Citizens Scholarship Committee
 10:30am Community Church Service at City Park with Hallelujah Hooligans (Bring lawn chairs - will be held at Memorial Hall if inclement weather)
 11:30 Community Potluck Meal at Jasper City Park; Lisa 507-820-9006
 1pm Hot Foot Antique Tractor Pull***at Athletic Fields; Mark Shellum 605-940-6666
 \$5 Admission ***Sponsored by Simplot Grower Solutions of Hatfield
 1pm Bean Bag Tournament at Athletic Fields; Shannon 507-215-2241 or Maggie 605-553-1160 -- Concessions by Jasper ELC

EVENTS INFO CONTACT: Cathy 507-348-3052; Lisa 507-820-9006

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