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#Luv1LuvAll group recharges and refocuses efforts to end poverty

By Mavis Fodness

Two dozen participants of the end poverty group called #Luv1LuvAll gathered Thursday, Aug. 15, to celebrate their successes during the past year, say goodbye to one workgroup and recharge their energies for another year full of activities.

All five of #Luv1LuvAll task forces met at the American Reformed Church in Luverne for the recharge retreat.

Ed Zabinski and Mary Jo Wimmer, both of Grand Rapids, Minnesota,

facilitated the daylong event.

Each task force or issue group discussed answers to five questions:

- Did their focus still have a shared meaning to help people more out of poverty?

- What hurdles are there?

- Are more resources needed?

- Are the right stakeholders involved on the task force?

The retreat gave participants time to reflect on their efforts. "It seems we've done more than what we thought," said Dawn Anderson.

Each task force shared information about their efforts from the past year.

Dental access

The mission of the dental access group is to find solutions for the lack of local dental health access in Rock County and stress the importance of cavity prevention.

The Rock County Oral Task Force cooperated with Luverne Public Schools in a district-wide dental health screening and worked with an

Adrian dentist to complete follow-up examinations.

One barrier to expanding follow-up examinations has been state boundaries. A legislative change is necessary for oral health care to take place in South Dakota for eligible individuals and families.

As a solution, task force members have arranged a visit from Children Dental Services of Minneapolis to help fill the gap.

A mobile clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Rock Coun-

ty Health and Human Services Building, 2 Roundwind Road in Luverne. The clinic is open to all children ages 0-26 and pregnant women.

CDS accepts all forms of insurance and has discounts for income-eligible families. Call 866-543-6009 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

More funding will allow CDS to return to Rock County for future dental visits.

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Ag Tech Day expands broadband use on farm

By Lori Sorenson

Will farmers one day operate machinery from their offices?

Some already do, and the day is soon coming for farmers in Rock County.

That was the message shared Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Grand Prairie Events for Ag Tech Day that was designed to show how Rock County's high-speed broadband can create opportunities for precision ag.

Rural Jasper native Nic Uilk shared information about utilizing high-speed internet to improve productivity on the farm.

"Precision agriculture will drive us to feeding the world in 2050," he said, showing the progression of technology from early machine automation in the 1920s to 1954 when tractors outnumbered horses.

In 1997 John Deere introduced the first prototype autonomous tractors that are now being purchased for farm use.

Uilk, a 2003 Luverne High School graduate, is a precision ag instructor at South Dakota State University, Brookings, in the new Ag and Biosystems Engineering Department.

He said using all the data available on modern farm machinery enables farmers to apply only the amount of nitrogen and other inputs that are needed, which means less will run off into ground water.

Mapping software can collect yield data, create variable maps, track NPK, read sensors in soil, and on machines direct auto steer, create imagery and more.

All of it, Uilk said, has the potential to lower labor and input costs and increase production and revenues, provided farmers properly record and apply the data.

"The biggest challenge is assimilating all the data and interpreting

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Critters teach kindness

A bearded dragon named "Laverne" visits Jayden DeKam (right) and others in the Rock County Library in Luverne Friday morning with her reptile sister "Shirley" as part of a Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment program. Rachael Kroog from Bloomington (left with hat) led the interactive music and educational animal show in the library basement to 67 children and 22 adults who attended the special program. Kroog's message "Kid Power" demonstrated working with animals teaches how to get along with others by being kind and gentle persons. (Mavis Fodness photos)



In a rare demonstration, "Little Richard," a tarantula, spins a thick web. At right, Kloe Brockberg pets a very soft chinchilla named Winston.



Below, children react to the introduction of a chinchilla named "Winston." They are (from left) Kloe Brockberg, Nolan DeKam, Avery Van't Hof, Harlie DeKam, Renae DeKam and Ava DeKam.



Beaver Creek continues splash pad discussion

By Lori Sorenson

Beaver Creek City Council members discussed the finer points of splash pad entertainment at their Wednesday, Aug. 14, meeting.

In July the council agreed to explore options for a splash pad in the city park near the ball diamond on the southeast side of town, and last week they studied possible plans and costs.

Rough drawings call for a 20-by-40-foot oval splash pad surrounded by an 8-foot-wide observation deck attached to a wider cement deck between the splash pad and the picnic shelter.

Plans also call for cement decking along the north side of the shelter house.

A cement pad would house a fenced outdoor pump, which would save the expense of an equipment shed and prevent corrosion associated with trapped indoor moisture. Its fence would share the baseball diamond backfield fence.

The pump, which isn't much louder than an air conditioning unit, activates the water spray jets for 10, 15 or 20 minutes at a time with the press of a button, similar to a public hot tub.

The water jets would operate on a timer that allows their use between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

In their discussion about splash park costs to Beaver Creek taxpayers, council members considered that the impact of the project on 127 households in town would be nearly \$800 per household.

The exact cost to taxpayers would depend on grants and donations that could possibly offset expenses.

In July the council voted to proceed with plans for the splash park not to exceed \$100,000.

But Wednesday's discussion considered up to \$120,000 in decking,

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Airport fly-in set for Saturday; new fuel farm project complete

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne will host its annual pancake breakfast fly-in and drive-in at Quentin Aanenson Field municipal airport Saturday.

In addition to pancakes, aircraft models and classic cars, the event will feature Skydive Adventures skydiving, inflatables for kids and other entertainment.

People may also be interested in the airport's recently installed \$524,350 fuel system.

It has two 10,000-gallon tanks with one tank for aviation fuel and one tank for jet fuel.

The above-ground tanks, installed by Seneca Companies, Des Moines, Iowa, have double walls and a fuel spill retention

system.

The new fuel farm is now operational and serving the needs of the airport.

The project was financed with 90 percent FAA funding, 5 percent state funding, and 5 percent city funds.

The new system is operated by credit cards and has a computer system that is monitored by the fixed base operator on site, with the city of Luverne as the administrator.

The old underground system will be dug up and dismantled by Seneca under a separate contract.

More information about Saturday's Flyin Pancake event is on the city's website, cityofluverne.org.

Luverne hiker logs 2,700 miles cross country

By Lori Sorenson

A Luverne woman is en route from Mexico to Canada on a 2,700-mile hike via the Continental Divide Trail through the Rocky Mountains.

Berty (Elizabeth) Stearns embarked on the journey April 3 with her dog, Toolik, a 50-pound blue heeler mix.

They set out from the southern tip of New Mexico and plan to reach the northern border early in September, if all goes as planned.

And plan she did.

"I've worked really hard to get to this point," Stearns told the Star Herald on April 2 the day before departure.

"I feel like I'm ready ... as ready as I'll ever be."

She had to plan for the elements — desert heat, mountain blizzards, rocky terrain and long stretches between civilization and water sources.



On July 28, Berty Stearns posted that she and her dog, Toolik, had reached the 1,000-mile mark on her hike through the Continental Divide Trail.

divided into dozens of meals along with other dehydrated meats, sauces and vegetables. By the time she left home on

Berty Stearns hikes Continental Divide Trail/see page 14

Which means food and rations were major factors in survival planning.

Survival planning

Long before her departure date, she began making and preserving healthy foods that would pack light, stay fresh and provide optimum nutrition to support roughly 4,500 calories she'd need each day.

In addition to granola bars, tuna packets and trail mix, her daily rations include one "hot meal" per day prepared simply by adding water.

One day last winter she cooked a crowd-size batch of chili that she dehydrated and



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Town and Country garden club will meet at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the American Reformed Church parking lot in Luverne to car pool to Alford, Iowa, to visit a garden and shops. Call 507-597-6378 if interested.

Green Earth Players annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, in the GEP building on Main Street. Call 920-9861 with questions.

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

Commissioners meeting rescheduled

The Rock County Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 20, has been postponed to Tuesday, Sept. 3. The meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Register students new to Luverne

New residents to Luverne School District #2184 should register their children at the respective school offices for the 2019-2020 school year.

The **High School/Middle School Office** is open for new students to register. Call 507-283-4491 for middle school and high school grades 6-12.

The **Elementary School Office** is open for new students to register starting Monday, Aug. 12. Parents of elementary grades K-5 can call 507-283-4497.

First day of school is Monday, Sept. 16.

Plaza 'Night with the Zoo' Aug. 22

"Night with the Zoo" plaza event in Luverne is rescheduled for Thursday, Aug. 22. The Great Plains Zoomobile will be at the Plaza at the History Center (East Main Street) from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22. A History Center fundraiser supper for \$4 per person will be available. Some of the other attractions include an animal tracking scavenger hunt, Grand "A" Alpacas and Tracy Animal Rescue.

Optimist kids fishing derby set for Aug. 25

The Luverne Optimist Club will host the Kids Fishing Derby at the Minnesota Veterans Home pond Sunday, Aug. 25, for ages 3-15 accompanied by an adult chaperone. Fishing is from 3-5 p.m. with food and prizes at 5. Poles and bait will be available at no charge. Call Travis at 507-220-5191 or Stan at 507-227-0681 with questions.

Generations serves pork, beans Aug. 27

Generations will serve pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips and brownie sundaes from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the Generations building (formerly Senior Citizens). Proceeds will benefit the Generations organization and its building project.

Donations accepted for library book sale

The Friends of the Library are conducting their annual fundraising Book Sale Sept. 18-21.

Donations of books and other library materials may be dropped off at the Rock County Library on Main Street Luverne.

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Register by e-mailing C.Arends@isd2184.net or calling 507-283-4724.

Guys and Dolls Guthrie Theatre bus trip is Aug. 24. Fee is \$113. (Four tickets left)

Senior/Kids Day at State Fair Chartered Bus Trip on Aug. 29. Board the bus in Luverne or Worthington. Fee is \$75/person.

Melodious Mallets began at Luverne Street Music Tuesday, Aug. 20, for students ages 7-12 years. Fee is \$40 for the 19 weeks of class.

Introduction to Horsemanship will be at Rock Ranch on Aug. 26 for grades 3-6 (as attended during 18-19 school year) or for older students through adults on August 27. Fee is \$20.

Little Free Library appears near Cashin Drive

By Mavis Fodness

Cashin Drive has the latest Little Free Library, thanks to the residents at Moundsview Estates.

Residents Jack Cragoe and Gregg Gropel spent an hour Thursday afternoon, Aug. 15, mounting the gray-and-white house-shaped library along North Highway 75.

The Little Free Library is placed near the entrance of the Cashin Drive cul-de-sac along the North Highway 75 sidewalk.

The library is representative of Moundsview Estate residents, according to association president Jane Lanphere.

"Everyone in the association supports education and likes to read," she said.

Avid woodworker and retired farmer Cragoe stepped forward after the association's annual meeting July 1 to construct the 12-by-22-inch wooden structure. Retired educator Gregg Gropel helped Cragoe place the mounting post in the ground and secure the library on top.

Materials for the library's construction were repurposed.

"Most of the wood I reused from other projects," Cragoe said, including the shingles.



Mavis Fodness photos/0822 Cashin Drive Library

Jack Cragoe (left) measures the depth of the post hole with Gregg Gropel Thursday afternoon, Aug. 15, along North Highway 75 near Cashin Drive in Luverne. The two erected a Little Free Library in a little over an hour. **At right:** Jack Cragoe makes sure the Little Free Library he constructed is centered on the post.



Little Free Library is a national nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges,

according to its website.

Anyone may take a book from inside a Little Library or leave a book to share.

The Cashin Drive Little Free Library becomes the

fifth site to be registered in Luverne. Other locations include North Donaldson Street, the City Park, North Blue Mound Avenue and Blue Mounds State Park.



Mavis Fodness photo/0822 Luv1LuvAll Recharge

Facilitator Ed Zabinski (standing) leads members of the #Luv1LuvAll (Leaders Partnering to End Poverty) task force gathered Thursday, Aug. 15, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne to recharge their efforts to assist people out of poverty situations.

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As a prevention activity, the task force organized a tooth-brushing program for all second-graders at Luverne Elementary.

Resource guide

The Access to Resources task force (or Resource One) is working on removing barriers for easier access to services.

In the past year the group created a resource template guide and is working to create a website.

However, lack of manpower has prevented the website from launching.

A mentor program has also faced barriers.

Access group members realized more community engagement is necessary to move Resource One to the next step. A lack of male leadership is one barrier for the group, a concern for the other

groups whose membership is also predominantly female.

"We can't do this ourselves," Kim Rockman said.

Brain health

The Mindfulness Task Force works to educate about the importance of good mental health for all residents in Rock County.

Last year the group educated third- and sixth-graders about mental health and increasing students' resiliency to adversities.

The group is gearing up for a second year with students and will begin monthly community mental health sessions through Community Education.

The classes will be the first Monday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. for one hour at Luverne Public Schools.

Housing issues

Thursday's recharge retreat placed the Safe, Stable and Affordable Rental Housing task force on hold until a clearer mission statement materializes.

"Part of re-energizing is putting things on the back burner," facilitator Zabinski said.

One issue, however, moved from a task force issue to one that is well on its way of finding a permanent solution.

Senior nutrition

"One of the issue teams declared victory and moved on," Zabinski said.

A task force that started for the improvement of senior nutrition needs blossomed from a reinvigoration of an existing community organization.

Luverne Senior Citizens changed its name to Generations earlier this year and has increased membership from about 40 to more than 200.

They created a Facebook page and began to encourage 50- and 60-year-olds to participate in senior dining meal site.

"We all have the power to get the word out," said Generations member Mary Gehrke. "Just don't quit asking."

The group is currently engaged in integrating all age groups in activities and has kicked off a capital fundraising campaign to build a new Generations building.

As a wrap-up to the recharge retreat, many participants committed to solving poverty issues by primarily encouraging more people to join in the task force processes.



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No health plan mediation request coming from county

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County will not join with other Southwest Health and Human Services members to mediate a state health insurance plan decision.

Nancy Walker, SWHHS deputy director, informed commissioners Aug. 6 about the DHS decision to give income-eligible Rock County residents three possible choices for health care coverage.

SWHHS and other member counties preferred to have one or two options.

"Our executive team is a little taken back — typically we have two plans," Walker said. "Interesting that is what they are recommending for children and families but for adult programs, they are recommending three plans."

Walker was uncertain how many Rock County residents are eligible for the state programs but was concerned about how SWHHS staff would cope with the extra workload that a third insurance option could generate.

"We are not sure that just having a couple of workers (two in Rock County) doing the program will work if we have to expand to additional plans," she said.

The state will not release the names of the possible plan offerings in Rock County until after the mediation process.

The state conducts its health plan procurement process every five years.

In 2012 Rock County joined other SWHHS counties to form Southern Prairie Community Care, an integrated health partnership that sought to improve health care delivery services to income-

eligible residents.

Last year projected financial shortfalls forced the joint-powers partnership to dissolve, a move that is expected to be complete in 2020.

Of the SWHHS members, Rock and Murray counties chose not to join PrimeWest Health Services, an existing 13-county managed health care insurance provider, earlier this year due to the almost \$950,000 necessary to join the organization.

SWHHS member counties of Nobles, Redwood, Lincoln and Lyon voted to become PrimeWest members. Pipestone County is already a member.

All SWHHS members except Rock County filed for mediation with DHS officials over the selected health plan options.

Commissioners saw no need to talk about options they advocated for on behalf of eligible residents.

"We are finally getting what we have asked for a long, long time," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

"There was a big beef that rural Minnesota has limited choices. So DHS has worked very hard on our behalf along with Rep. (Joe) Schomacker sitting on the board saying, 'Look, insurance companies, you guys need to work hard to make sure outstate Minnesota or Greater Minnesota, whatever we are called this week, is covered.'"

"Is it really appropriate for those same counties to go back and say, 'We really didn't mean that?'"

Counties had until Aug. 15 to request mediation with a three-member panel.



Mavis Fodness photos/0822 Aug. 16 Fire



Fire destroys commodity shed near Kenneth

The Hardwick Fire Department was paged at 6:58 Friday night to the Aaron and Dawn Sandbulte farm, one mile west of Kenneth on 190th Avenue, for a commodity shed reported on fire. Mutual aid for water transportation was reportedly provided by Magnolia and Edgerton fire departments, according to the Rock County Sheriffs Office dispatch center. Firefighters were on scene until midnight removing the silage stored in the metal shed. A payloader was also stored in the shed, which was a total loss.

Beaver Creek splash pad discussion/continued from page 1

equipment and amenities, including a \$25,000 elevated dump bucket that slowly fills with water and then spills out onto children below.

"Kids really love it," said Beaver Creek maintenance worker Travis Helgeson. He's been working with Jason Rauk researching splash park options and potential grant funding sources.

Rauk and Helgeson had visited the \$250,000 splash park in Larchwood, Iowa, as a basis for some of their ideas.

The council took no action on the project, awaiting further grant information.

Tax abatements

Council members also discussed Rock County's housing tax abatement program, which Beaver Creek will participate in.

Mayor Josh Teune attended the Aug. 6 County Board meeting to express interest in joining the county in tax abatement.

The tax abatement would apply to new construction only and be limited to five years commencing with occupancy.

Tax percentages vary between taxing districts.

In Beaver Creek the county's portion of the property taxes is 10 percent, the city's portion is nearly 75 percent and the school district is 15 percent.

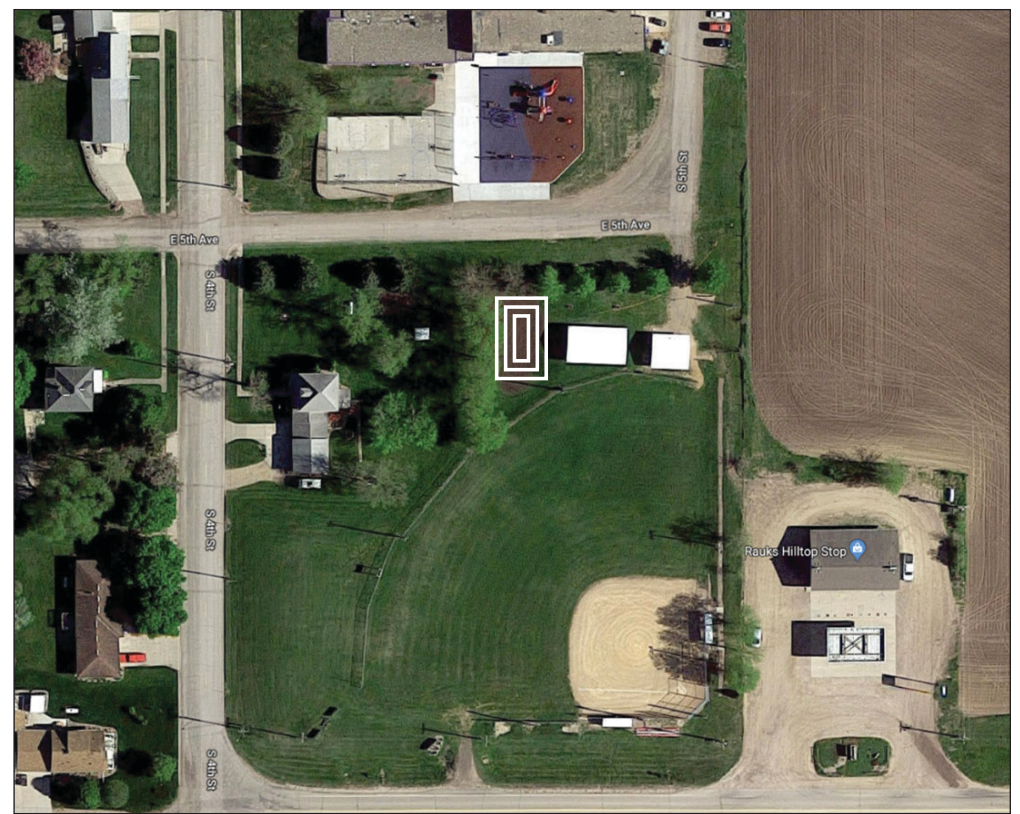
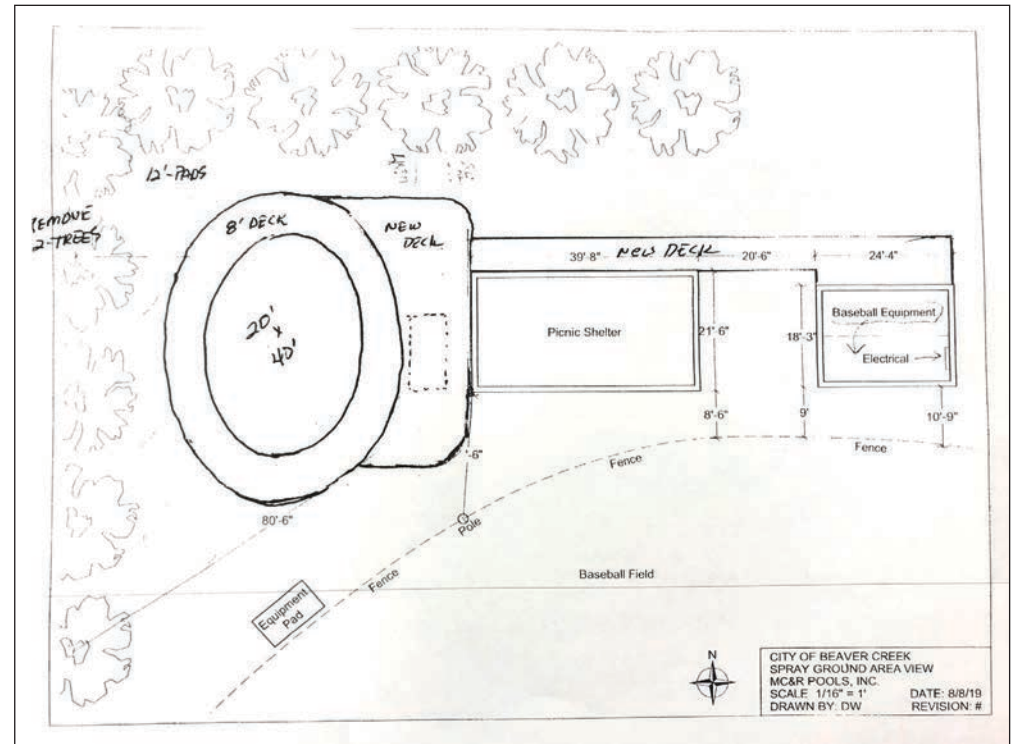
By joining with the county, Teune hopes the incentive will boost interest in the new housing developments near the developing golf course in Beaver Creek.

One of the first residents to potentially benefit from the tax abatement would be Chad Rauk who submitted a building permit request to the council for a \$498,000 home to be built in Beaver Creek.

An abatement could save this homeowner upwards of \$6,000 per year depending on taxable value.

If adopted, the new housing tax abatement program would be offered to anyone interested in building a new house in Rock County.

A draft of the county's new housing incentive program is on the agenda for discussion and possible adoption at the Sept. 3 commissioners meeting.



Location of the proposed splash pad (top graphic) is on city property in Beaver Creek, near an existing park shelter and equipment storage buildings (outlined above).

Banking Barns moves to new Hills location

By Glenda McGaffee

Banking Barns has moved to its new location on Main Street in Hills in the former Around the Clock Fitness Center.

The business, which opened April 1, 2018, specializes in tearing down old barns and repurposing the materials.

"It was a hobby and now has become full time," owner Kris Gagnon said. "Generally we tear down four to five barns a year. The business will sell old barn wood and create items out of the wood to sell,"

He mentioned using the barn wood for tables, mirrors, accent walls, flooring, custom fireplace mantels and more.

Gagnon first opened his business at Brandon in 2015. Justin Kerkhove-Brandt joined Gagnon in the business as shop manager and furniture builder.

The building in their new location has been remodeled with new siding, windows and door in the front of the building. Community members can look in the windows and watch Kerkhove-Brandt



Justin Kerkhove-Brandt is the shop manager and furniture builder for Banking Barns, which recently moved to the former Around the Clock Fitness Center in Hills.

at work.

Since 2009 Gagnon has owned and operated SS-Performance on Main Street in Hills where he sells rebuilt transmissions for European and Japanese sport cars.

For more information check their website at www.bankingbarns.com, Facebook or contact Justin at 605-595-8147.

Luverne man arrested for stalking using GPS device

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is investigating a stalking complaint stemming from an incident involving a GPS tracking device.

Nathan C. Dunn, 46, Luverne, is charged with gross misdemeanor stalking after reportedly admitting to law enforcement that he installed a tracking device on the car belonging to the victim.

According to Rock Coun-




ty Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, the victim is a Rock County woman and Dunn was arrested in Rock County.

She reported to authorities that she found tracking devices in her vehicle and in her home, and that Dunn had sent repeated unwanted messages, copies of which she

provided for law enforcement.

The maximum penalty for a gross misdemeanor stalking charge is one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. Dunn was ordered to have no contact with the victim.

He is scheduled to appear in Rock County District Court at 9 a.m. Monday.



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What's sound got to do with it?

Plenty, if you count personal satisfaction

I got a new keyboard for my Mac at the Star Herald last week, and in addition to being shiny and new (and clean), it has a new sound.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Words read the same regardless of how they sound during composition.

A satisfying sound. ... Almost like a typewriter, minus the ding of the return cartridge.

Clickety clackety clickety clackety ...

"It sounds very productive," a fellow news writer observed.

My previous keyboard arrived quietly. With little ado. Its plastic casing with rubbery keys made words appear in a document silently. As if no work was being done at my desk.

My fingers were moving over the keyboard, and words appeared in the document on the screen in front of me. But if words are typed and no one is able to hear them, is real work being accomplished?

That's a silly question, obviously. Words read the same regardless of how they sound during composition.

But there's something satisfying about the sound of a keyboard when someone is furiously hammering out a story on deadline.

Why is that so satisfying?

Maybe it's related to the lack of sound my kitchen drawers and cupboards have.

The "quiet close" feature lets you give the drawer or cupboard door a push, and it will hesitate just before closing.

It makes for peaceful kitchen work, but what if the kitchen worker is trying to send a passive-aggressive message to the person on the couch nearby?

Like, "That's OK. I don't need any help. You just stay there on the couch."

To slam a cupboard door or shove a drawer shut would certainly help drive home that message (or at least make it difficult for someone to hear the TV).

And it would certainly be more satisfying.

The same person might also miss the satisfaction of slamming the phone onto a receiver to "hang up" on a conversation without saying good-bye.

Pressing the red button on our touch screen smart phone lacks the intended message, "This conversation is over, because I decided it's over."

Did we lose a connection? Should the person try to call back?

With a real phone and a real receiver, there wasn't a doubt. Sometimes the slam was loud enough to hurt ears on the other end of the line.

I wonder if there's an app for that. ...

In researching that notion, I discovered there is indeed an app for recreating a typewriter sound on your smart phone keyboard.

I also discovered I'm not the only one who enjoys the clatter of a well-constructed keyboard, some of which are designed with keystroke sounds that "click" both on the way down, and on the way up, at identical volumes.

And there are YouTube videos of keyboard "white noise," keyboard clicking, for those who enjoy falling asleep to the pleasant sound of work.

Or ... maybe I'll key it up in the office to inspire productivity.

'Thumbs' returns for a look around our communities

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

The Star Herald recently stepped back for a look around our communities and found a lot to be proud, but other areas were more worthy of "thumbs down" notations.

Thumbs up — to the smooth ride on North Highway 75 through Luverne with the mill-off and overlay completed last week. After so many years of bone-rattling bumps, the fresh asphalt is truly a luxury.

Thumbs down — however, to the decades of delay on the Highway 75 resurfacing project. Consequently taxpayers had to pay for this summer's "band-aid" to preserve the road's crumbling base until the 2025 scheduled rebuild.

Thumbs up — to the brighter Palace Theater marquee and its replaced bulbs. Also thumbs up to the public-private effort of the city and Blue Mound Area Theater Board in restoring and maintaining this cultural gem in our community. In case you're wondering, there are 291 bulbs circling the marquee.

Thumbs up — to the Beaver Creek City Council's proposed tax abatement for new housing construction in the city. Two thumbs up

to the Rock County commissioners for dusting off their proposed housing tax abatement for implementation this fall.

Thumbs up — to the Farmers Market and vegetable stands along Highway 75 offering fresh produce. It's like having your own garden without all the work.

Thumbs down — to all those who park cars, campers and trailers across sidewalks.

Thumbs up — to all those involved that keep the ball rolling for campgrounds in Luverne and in the county.

Thumbs up — for those of us who have put down the cell phone while driving. A different finger for those who haven't.

Thumbs up — to supporters of literacy and Little Free Libraries in Rock County, like the one recently approved by Mounds View Estates housing association on Cashin

Drive. Thumbs up especially to Jack Cragoe for building the structure and Gregg Gropel for helping to put it up (see page 2).

Thumbs up — to the flashing pedestrian crossing lights upgrades, but ...

Thumbs down — for the weeks when the lights were not working to provide safe crossing across a very busy roadway.

Thumbs up — to the recent "recharge" retreat offered through the Leaders Partnering to End Poverty or #Luv1LuvAll group as it celebrates successes focuses on further removing poverty barriers in our community.

Thumbs down — for the lack of a male presence with the #Luv1LuvAll initiative. Come on, guys.

Thumbs up — to the Magnolia City Council who adopted a new nuisance policy and began steps to rid bright in this small community.



If you're traveling under the posted speed limit, drive in the right lane

Question: Can you please explain the new law that requires drivers to move to the right lane if they are impeding traffic by traveling under the posted speed limit?

Answer: Modernized language regarding left lane usage was added to Minnesota state statute for those drivers that drive in the left lane below the posted speed limit and are impeding traffic.

The new law, started Aug. 1, requires drivers to move out of the left lane when traveling on interstates or multi-lane roads after they have finished passing slower-moving traffic. If you are traveling under the posted speed limit, move to the right when safe to do so. Remember to signal each time you change lanes.

Nothing allows a driver to exceed the speed limit. The posted speed limit is the law and the maximum speed drivers should be going. We are always on alert for violators that



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

choose to speed.

Motorists should keep a three-second following distance to allow for safe stopping and reaction to other vehicles. Aggressive driving, speeding and weaving through traffic give drivers less room for error and may

Question: I have a 2018 Jeep Wrangler which has a windshield that has the ability to fold down from the factory. I am just wondering if the windshield is properly folded down

and strapped as per the factory design if this is then legal to drive on highway, county or state roads in Minnesota.

While I doubt I'll ever be zipping down I-94 with the windshield down, it would make it a lot easier driving between off road trails to not put it up and down, but don't want to break the law.

I could only find the statute that indicates that if you do have a windshield you need to have wipers. So it sounds like there isn't a law per se

that says "Shall have a windshield on all on road vehicles," so I am assuming if the vehicle wasn't designed to have one (like a motorcycle) it's not required.

However, it doesn't appear to specify what the rule is when you have a windshield, but the factory designed it to fold down. So the law is kind of gray in my mind and I hoped you could advise how the State Patrol approaches this law or rules for highway use.

Thanks in advance for any information or understanding of the statute you would be able to share.

Answer: We get this question fairly often, and it brings out some good discussion. When it comes to a windshield in a passenger vehicle, you are required to have one. Under Minnesota State Statute 169.468 it states, the commissioner has adopted federal motor vehicle safety standards, which is where it

states a windshield is required (in the federal law.)

For the purposes of your windshield being a "fold down from the factory" this is for "off road use."

Motorcycles may or may not have windshields, but even when they do, they do not meet legal requirements, and a rider must wear eye protection: face shield, goggles, or glasses.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

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LEDA approves commercial demolition grant for Viessman project on Edg Hill

By Lori Sorenson

Members of the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved a commercial demolition request at their Aug. 12 meeting for Scott and Tricia Viessman to improve the property at 401 W. Edg Hill Street. (Pictured at right.)

The Viessmans, who own Moadic Properties LLC, acquired the property for commercial business development and applied for funds to offset demolition costs associated with redeveloping the property.

The scope of work includes tearing down a partially demolished structure and removing the dilapidated foundation and associated concrete remnants located on the west side of the property.

The LEDA noted Viessman's project meets the goals of removing blight and preparing the area for construction and new tax base.

Moadic Properties, a holding company, was approved for a commercial demolition grant for up to \$3,700, based on estimates.



Ag technology/continued from page 1

it," said Rock County farmer Dean Tofteland who attended Wednesday's event. "The data's not doing any good unless you're able to apply it."

He said he's not afraid to seek guidance from other ag professionals like implement dealers, the Land Management Office, FSA and others.

"It takes a team," Tofteland said. "These kids coming out of school today are sharp, and they can help."

While he may not be as techno-savvy as he'd like to be, he has managed to incorporate data-driven practices into his operation, which uses field mapping to identify weak or strong spots as well as pest infestations and fungus.

"It's a lot of information," he said. "And you have to know how to use it."

Tofteland was among roughly 50 people at the event seeking information. Many of them were farmers in their mid- to late 60s.

"Nobody wants to admit their 520s and 40s are worthless now," said Don Arends, 66, who is incorporating new technology into his farming operation in northwestern Rock County.

"If you're not getting into precision technology you're going to get left behind.... But I'm at a point where I may never buy another planter because I'm not going to farm another 20 years."

He said investments in technology do pay over time, especially for larger operations.

"If you're farming 10,000 acres, it's a no-brainer, but

if you're farming only a half section, you're a hobby farmer," Arends said.

"The problem is with \$3 corn, it's pretty hard to update technology. ... You have to be able to pay for it."

He said he's learning to adapt his older equipment to new technology. For example, his 24-row 22-inch corn planter with individual seed boxes is equipped with precision monitors to adjust for variations in his fields.

"The hard part is learning how to run the stuff, especially when you use it only four or five days a year," Arends said.

"You have to input all the information, and nobody taught me how to do that, and you have to save it in the computer, which nobody told me to do."

Dispatch report

- Aug. 9**
- Complainant on North Kniss Avenue reported a possible runaway.
 - Complainant in Beaver Creek requested to speak with a deputy.
 - Complainant in Hardwick reported bad checks.
 - Complainant reported drug use and suicidal behavior.
 - Complainant on West Mead Court reported drug activity.
 - Complainant in Hardwick reported a disturbing phone call.
 - Complainant requested a background check for solicitor's license.
 - Complainant requested background check for employment.
 - Property exchange was conducted in Hardwick.
 - Complainant on North Freeman Avenue reported vehicle parked for two months.
 - Complainant on West Hatting Street reported a fight.
 - Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a woman trespassing.
 - Complainant on West Main Street reported subject is driving with a revoked license.
- Aug. 10**
- Complainant reported a person walking on the road south of Manley.
 - Complainant on West Brown Street reported a subject with warrant.
 - Complainant on County Road 8 and 70th Avenue reported hazard on roadway.
 - Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported an accident.
- Aug. 11**
- Complainant on North Kniss Avenue requested a parked vehicle be moved.
 - Complainant on Pine

ON THE RECORD

- Drive reported vehicle parked at location for 2.5 days.
- A property check was conducted at location on West Interstate Drive.
 - Complainant reported accident at location on Kniss Avenue and Main Street with no injuries.
- Aug. 12**
- Report of road closure on 201st Street between 10th Avenue and 20th.
 - Complainant on East Luverne Street reported a theft.
 - Complainant on Manfred Drive reported a missing/stolen license plate.
 - Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant.
 - Deputy conducted a warrant check on 131st Street.
 - Property was found at location on North Blue Mound Avenue.
- Aug. 13**
- Complainant reported identity theft.
 - Complainant requested a breath test for CDL.
 - Complainant on 121st Street and 110th Avenue reported an accident.
 - Complainant in Rushmore reported an accident.
 - Complainant on East Dodge Street reported theft.
 - Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, near Beaver Creek reported cars racing.
- Aug. 14**
- Complainant on West Fairview Drive reported a parking problem.
 - Complainant on West Hatting Street requested a deputy for assault.
 - Complainant near Hard-

- wick requested a deputy for property exchange.
- Complainant near Steen reported a possible bale fire.
 - Assistance from other department was requested.
 - Deputy conducted curfew check on East Adams Avenue.
- Aug. 15**
- Complainant on North Spring Street conducted a warrant check.
 - Complainant on Elm Street conducted a property exchange.
 - Complainant on East Lincoln Street reported a 4-year-old child was left alone in store.
 - Complainant on North East Park Street reported a stolen bike.
 - Complainant on North Spring Street reported there is an offensive odor coming from downstairs.
 - Complainant in Worthington reported subject with Rock County warrant.
 - A severe thunderstorm warning was issued for Rock County.
- In addition, officers responded to 1 complaint of cattle out, 4 transports, 2 welfare checks, 7 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 2 background checks, 9 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 1 alarm, 2 drug court tests, 7 purchase/carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 19 traffic stops, 12 abandoned 911 calls, 1 vehicle from impound and 3 follow-ups.

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PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 22 2 p.m. Movie "The Sun Is Also A Star"

Aug. 23-25 7 p.m. Movie "Yesterday"

Aug. 31 7 p.m. FREE Movie "Star Wars Episode IV: A NEW HOPE"

Saturday, Sept. 14 7:30 p.m. "Coming Home" Concert
Tickets are \$15 and are on sale August 19 for season subscribers/business underwriters and August 23 for the public. This concert will feature four professional artists/groups who grew up in Luverne and are now pursuing their musical careers. We're excited to welcome John David & The Jerks (John Paquette), Chris Vogoi, Bill Kettel, and Paul Vande Velde.

Friday, Oct. 4 7:30 p.m. Superstar: The Songs, The Stories, The Carpenters
Tickets are \$25 and are on sale August 28 for season subscribers/business underwriters and September 4 for the public. Joie Hinton Welch and her amazing group of musicians as they celebrate the songs of the famous brother-sister duo. The Carpenters had 16 consecutive top 20 hits and were one of the most successful groups of the 1970's. Hinton shares some rare and fascinating back-stage stories that are woven in between the songs that made Karen and Richard so popular.

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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Erna Jessen will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in the assembly hall at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Card showers

Bill and Pauline Martin are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 20. Greetings may be sent to them at 504 West Luverne Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Aug. 26: Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce, cucumber, tomato, dressing), muffin, bar.

Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Aug. 27: Meatballs with gravy, potatoes, creamed spinach, bread, ice cream.

Program: 9 a.m. Half-price day in memory of Loretta Baker Generations Fundraiser.

Wednesday, Aug. 28: Creamed chicken with biscuit, oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, cookie.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Aug. 29: Cubed roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding dessert.

Friday, Aug. 30: Liver or pepper steak, butter boiled potatoes, peas, bread, peaches.

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

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

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

SUMMER BAND

Free band lessons are being offered for fifth-grade beginning band students starting Monday, Aug. 26. The lessons are not mandatory but offer a good opportunity for beginners to get instrumental experience before school begins. All lessons will be in Mrs. Capistran's elementary music room.

The half-hour lesson dates are Aug. 26-29 and Sept. 3-4 as follows: flutes 1 p.m.; clarinets 1:30 p.m.; saxophones 2 p.m.; trumpets 3 p.m.; French horns, baritones and tubas 3:30 p.m.; percussion 4 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 6, one-hour lessons are as follows: flutes 9 a.m.; clarinets 10 a.m.; saxophones 11 a.m.; trumpets 12:30 p.m.; trombones 1:30 p.m.; French horns, baritones and tubas 2:30 p.m.; percussion 3:30 p.m.

Students will need to bring instruments and books for summer lessons. Items that have been ordered from Schmitt Music will be on hand at school on the first day of summer lessons.

Contact Angie Swenson at a.swenson@isd2184.net or at 507-283-4491 x2670 with questions.

Free 'Star Wars' movie coming to Palace Theatre, complete with character portrayals

By Mavis Fodness

Moviegoers to Friday night's feature at the Palace Theatre in downtown Luverne received a preview to the upcoming Aug. 31st viewing of "Star Wars," thanks to a visit from members of the 501st Legion.

The Legion is a volunteer organization of costumed enthusiasts who dress as villains from the epic 1977 movie, according to the group's website.

They will be back in Luverne Saturday, Aug. 31, for the free showing of the first space opera written by director George Lucas.

Shown at 7 p.m. will be the 20th anniversary edition, where many of the space fight scenes have been digitally enhanced.

Palace executive director Shawn Kinsinger said he's looking forward to hosting the science fiction event in the historic vaudeville-style theater with the costumed characters.

"It's 25 percent (theater) promotion and 75 percent of 'Star Wars' is just awesome," he said.

The movie grossed \$775 million when it opened in 1977 and stayed at the No. 1 spot until 1982, when "E.T. the Extra Terrestrial" took over the top movie spot.

The 501st Legion is a fictional unit of the Imperial Stormtroopers. Since the initial movie debuted 42 years ago, the 501st Legion has been mentioned in several of the seven movies that make up the Star Wars saga.

Since its 1977 debut, Star Wars was renamed "Star Wars: A New Hope." In the saga lineup, the first movie's plot line makes it the fourth movie in the saga lineup.

Its plot surrounds the stealing of the Galactic Empire's Death Star plans. The Death Star is a moon-sized space station capable of destroying entire planets.

Main characters include Princess Leia who steals the plans, a robot named R2-D2 in which the plans are hid, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Luke Skywalker and Hans Solo who team up to destroy the Death Star before Darth Vader can activate the weapon.

Darth Vader is a popular costume among members of the 501st Legion.

"He has a real cool helmet," said Derrick Demers from Thief



Mavis Fodness photos/0822 Star Wars

Palace Theatre volunteer Bill Stegemann (above, left) hands a bag of Skittles to Boba Fett to fulfill R2-D2's movie theater order Friday night as Boushh points to more candy and Darth Vader (far right) waits.

At right: Costumed villains (from left) R2-D2, Boushh, Darth Vader and Boba Fett, fictional characters from the Star Wars movie franchise, will be in Luverne Aug. 31 for pictures with fans and a free viewing of the movie "Star Wars: A New Hope" at the Palace Theatre. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. The movie begins at 7 p.m.

River Falls.

Demers and his wife, Deanne, were in Luverne Friday night. Deanne dressed as bounty hunter Boushh.

Also in Luverne Friday were Damian Woelfel from Seaforth

dressed as another bounty hunter, and Boba Fett and Robert Schubert from Kasson brought the full-size replica of the droid R2-D2 that took 18 months to construct.

All are members of the 501st Legion's Central Garrison, encom-

passing Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota.

Members from the Legion will return to Luverne Aug. 31 to pose for pictures beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the free movie showing beginning at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre.

Cutting off cucumber vines is more effective than spray

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

Driving in the county on Saturday, I was surprised to see so much wild cucumber vine.

It was growing on fences, through trees — especially evergreens — and along creek banks. I even saw it climbing up on corn stalks.

Now that it has started blooming, the airy white flowers make it very visible. Yes, it is attractive but realizing its potential to become extremely invasive quickly takes away that attractiveness.

The damage from this annual vine is caused by its canopy blocking sunlight to the plant it is covering. I have



had people ask if they could spray it with weed spray and the answer is it depends on if the plant that it is climbing on will tolerate that chemical.

I've read that it is highly resistant to 2-4D, and Roundup is non-selective, meaning it will kill most anything it is sprayed on, the weed as well as the host plant it is growing on.

Cutting it off at the base is the

most effective means of control where that is possible. That needs to be done prior to the vine setting seed, which means now.

August is the month to move or divide peonies, bearded iris, daylilies and other perennials where the clumps have either become too large or just need to be re-energized.

Getting that chore done now allows the plant to become established prior to winter, and next season it will be ready to bloom without interruption.

Dividing in early spring is safe, too, but often will result in diminished or no flowers for the first season.

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

Tractor ride Aug. 30

The 50-mile Luverne fourth-annual Tractor Ride begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at the Luverne City Park. Registration is at 8 a.m., and cost is \$25 including breakfast and lunch.

Tractors need to be able to travel at 10 mph and must be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign on the back. No dual wheels are permitted. Riders must be provided with properly mounted seats. Drivers must be licensed and are responsible for their own insurance. No alcohol will be allowed on the ride.

Contact Rodger Ossendorf at 507-920-0036, Jerold Mann at 507-220-8293, or Ken Vos at 507-220-7673 with questions.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Lieutenant Commander James Bond has a life story that's interesting on many levels.

Not only does his name match the famous Hollywood character, he himself is an intelligence officer for a U.S. Navy Carrier Air Wing.

What separates him from the big screen character, though, is that Bond completes real-life Naval missions. ...

Most recently, he served nine months in Afghanistan ... as part of the U.S. Army, even though he's a Naval officer.

Earlier this month, Bond returned from Afghanistan to family members in Luverne.

Bond is the son-in-law of the Rev. Terry and Martha Morse. Terry is the (retired) pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

Bond and his wife, Alyssa, have two children, Evelyn "Evvie," 5, and Alexander "Alex," almost 3.

As quickly as he said "hello," he had to bid them farewell ... for now.

This weekend, Bond traveled from Luverne to his home station in Virginia Beach, Va. to resume Naval duties until January, when he will pursue a Master's degree at The Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

25 years ago (1994)

•Speeders, beware. A speed bump will be replaced in the

alley serving the block bounded by Kniss, Main, Lincoln and Estey streets.

Luverne City Council on Monday that drivers using the alley in their block need more than signs to make them slow down.

Karen Radisewitz, representing the neighborhood, said that without speed bumps, the 5 mph speed limit signs are ineffective. "Five miles per hour is walking speed. About 5 percent of the vehicles go that speed," she said.

50 years ago (1969)

•One hundred and forty seven sheep, valued at approximately \$4,500, were stolen last weekend from the August Hamann farm in Martin Township. The farm is located 2 3/4 miles southeast of Hills on the Iowa-Minnesota line in Minnesota.

"The sheep were stolen by someone who knew my yard and knew what they were doing," Hamann told The Star Herald Tuesday evening. "After the animals were loaded the thieves took a broom and covered their tracks. It's about 10 rods from the loading chute to the traveled part of the yard. However, Hamann said they left enough evidence in the sorting yard to prove that the sheep were stolen."

The animals were stolen sometime between Friday noon and Monday morning. "We wormed and marked all of the lambs with orange chalk Friday morning. I returned to Luverne about noon and didn't come back to the farm until Monday morning because I have enough feed and water to last the weekend."

"When I first drove into the yard Monday morning I noticed most of lambs were gone. This is when I reported the thievery to the sheriff."

75 years ago (1944)

•A new gymnasium in the local school, which for a long time has been the expressed desire of Luverne sports fans, is being considered as a postwar project.

This fact was revealed in the third annual report of Supt. M. C. Munson, which was recently submitted to the school board and accepted by them. No definite steps have been taken, but under the list of future plans for the school, included in Supt. Munson's 53-page bound report, it appears as the No. 1 plan for the 1948-49 school year. Whether or not circumstances will permit going ahead with plans at that time remains to be seen.

100 years ago (1919)

•The history of Rock county's participation in the world war, which has been in course of compilation for several months under the direction of E. R. Trebon, president of the Leader Publishing Co., of Pipestone, will be off the presses within a few days, and ready for distribution within a few weeks.

A corps of solicitors will start work next Monday canvassing the county for the sale of the histories, and will endeavor to see everyone during the next few weeks.

OBITUARIES

Lillian Willers

Lillian LaVonne Willers, 86, Luverne, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage. A funeral Mass was Monday, Aug. 19, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was in the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.



celebrations and local Pleasant View Player picnics. She cherished her family.

Lillian is survived by her husband, Allen, Luverne; four children Mark (Karen) Willers, Beaver Creek, Sharon (Tom) Wieneke, Jackson, Michael (Kristy) Willers, Beaver Creek, and

Barbara (Regg) Glawe, Peoria, Illinois; 11 grandchildren, Brad (Cate) Willers, Sandra (Tom) Bosch, Patricia Willers, Patrick (Kaisa) Wieneke, Nathan (Abbigale) Glawe, Anthony (Alison) Willers, Maria (Matthew) Bezdicek, Nicole (Kyle) Woodley, Alyssa (Auger) Goma, Natalie Willers, and Rebecca Glawe; 23 great-grandchildren Dexter, Chandler, Hugo and Atlas Bosch, Madelyn, Makayla, Marie, Makenna, Matthew, Malachi, Margaret and Malister Glawe, Hannah, Emmett and Felicity Woodley, Reagan Willers, Lilly and Owen Willers, Clare and Lila Wieneke, Karli and Rebekah Bezdicek, and Aveline Goma; one exchange student, David Tamez; a foster daughter, Tammy Eugenius; and friends Sharon DeVries and Harveen and Bruce Gluf.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Cheryl Ann; and seven siblings.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, dingmannsons.com.

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Lillian Deitermann was born on July 30, 1933, to Henry and Anna (Kirpes) Deitermann in Luverne. She grew up on a farm near Beaver Creek and attended country school north of Beaver Creek. The family later moved to Luverne, where she graduated from Luverne High School in 1951.

Lillian married Allen Willers on Jan. 23, 1952, and they lived most of their lives on a farm near Beaver Creek. They moved to Luverne in 1996. While her husband was stationed in San Diego, California, she owned and operated a malt shop in San Diego. During her lifetime she also worked in a soda shop in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as a grocery checker in Luverne, and remained an active farm wife and homemaker.

Lillian was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, where she served as a Eucharistic minister and an active LCCW member. She enjoyed playing cards, square dancing, and spent many hours creatively writing plays for anniversary

Retirement means start of Olson's second career

By Mavis Fodness

Retirement for Luverne Middle School teacher Loel Olson means taking another full-time job.

The 37-year classroom veteran announced the 2018-19 school year was his last at LMS.

This fall the 60-year-old will be one of the "superhero" teachers in the Cook County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"It's a really smart financial decision," Olson said.

Olson met the Rule of 90, an option for public employees to retire with full benefits if their years of service plus their age equals 90.

In addition to retirement benefits, Olson will receive a full-time salary as a fifth-grade teacher in Las Vegas.

The extra money will go toward helping his children pay down their college debts, he said.

His wife, Jan, will continue to teach at Luverne Middle School.

The two met in 1982 as first-year teachers in Luverne. They married in 1986 and have three grown children: Zach, Paige and Gunnar.

Olson grew up in Karlstad, where school and sports inspired him to work hard.

"I always loved school," he said. "I grew up in a church-oriented, smart family, but poor as heck."

He found he had a flair for writing, and teachers like Jim Musberger encouraged Olson to become a teacher.

"You're going to make more impact as an elementary teacher," Olson recalled Musberger advising him.

"Education has changed my life," Olson said.

He attended college at the Crookston College and "changed majors at least five different times."

Olson earned his elementary education degree from Concordia College in Moorhead.

It was during his student teaching placement that his biggest lesson was learned — don't waste the students' academic time.



Mavis Fodness photo/0718 Loel Olson Retirement

A red freezer used to be located near Loel Olson's classroom. Inside were dozens of Freeze Pops, a reward to middle school students who excelled at learning.

For more than three decades, Olson's classes started on time, contained no elaborate lectures and students were expected to work until the bell rang.

In the classroom students were challenged and lessons were reinforced through math games Olson created, including one called "CSI Luverne" that used math problems to solve the make-believe criminal cases.

Freeze Pops, kept in a freezer he garnered from his mom, inspired students to work hard.

"It's not about math or English — do what you do as well as you can," Olson said. "That kind of stuff (development of games) has been fun and interesting to do."

For his dedication to challenge

students to learn, Olson has received dozens of notes over his teaching tenure thanking him for the skills they learned in his classroom. The notes fill a three-ring binder.

With the binder now packed away, Olson is ready for his next role in Nevada.

"It's like a Golden Opportunity that I am thrilled about," he said.

Clark County School District is the largest public school district in the city of Las Vegas. The district has more than 320,000 students in 374 schools.

Olson will teach fifth-grade social studies.

At LMS he taught math for the past nine years. He also instructed hundreds of Luverne students as the district driver's education instructor.

The one-year job in Las Vegas will also allow Olson to experience living like a "snowbird," while returning to Luverne during school vacations to pheasant hunt, work on woodworking projects and to hike.

He first noticed Las Vegas needed teachers when passing through the airport. "Be a Superhero" was boldly written on the teacher recruitment poster that lined the airport walls.

His daughter, Paige, first considered teaching in Las Vegas until she accepted a position with Teach For America in New Orleans.

"She really feels she is making a difference," Olson said. "She is an inspirational kid."

Clark County wants its teachers to also make a difference and help the district increase its educational standards achievement scores.

Olson has experience in bringing the best out of students. His students' math scores have met or exceeded state standards for several years.

"I have always been one that doesn't mind stepping out of my comfort zone," he said. "I've asked kids to step out of their comfort zones, too."



Pink Ladies Jennifer Luitjens, Heather Loehr and Harli Mulder organized a 50/50 raffle at the Rock County Speedway Fair Race when donations were given to Stacie Dohlmann of Magnolia and Roxy Taylor as they battle breast cancer. Pictured (from left) includes Abraham Lane, Roxy Taylor, Amber Taylor, Dohlmann family members Lucas, Shania, Stacie, Zachery, Alonna, Sophia, Scott, Cheyenne, Hailey and Pink Ladies Luitjens, Loehr and Mulder.



Pink Ladies conduct two local presentations

Representatives from the Bottoms Up Pink Ladies made two surprise presentations during the Rock County Fair. One was to the Dohlmann family of Magnolia and Taylor family of Sioux Falls (pictured above). The second presentation was to the Roxy Bonnett family (pictured left) in memory of Archie, who died July 11 from brain tumors.

The Pink Ladies dart league raises money for people and family fighting cancer. Since 2014 the group has given more than \$200,000 to 350 families.

1965: First National Bank opens in new location

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on July 8, 1965

First National Bank To Open In New Location On Monday

Moving day for the First National Bank of Luverne is this weekend.

First National will move to its new building at Main and McKenzie over the July 10 weekend and will be open for business as usual at the new location Monday morning.

The Grand Opening is scheduled for July 16 and 17. On Friday morning a colorful ribbon cutting ceremony is planned to officially open the bank.

Area residents will receive in the mail "mystery teller cards." The cards can be read only by the mystery teller in a booth at the bank. The public can present their cards at the mystery teller window on either side of the open house days.

Prizes include a 16-piece set of stainless flatware, an electric hostess server, a set of stainless mixing bowls and a blanket.

Pleasing change from the architecture along Luverne's Main Street, the new First National Bank is unique in its round design.

It has a diameter of 74 feet. The dome at the apex is 21 feet above the bank floor. A row of clear and red glass celestial windows add a flair of color



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

and brightness to the interior immediately beneath the dome.

With entrances on both Main and McKenzie streets, the parking area has room enough for 19 cars. The bank offers drive-up teller service with the entrance on Main and exit on McKenzie.

First National Bank of Luverne is an affiliate of First Bank Stock Corporation and was organized and chartered on April 21, 1931, as the Luverne National Bank. Capitalization at the time was \$65,000.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156. Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuw.net.

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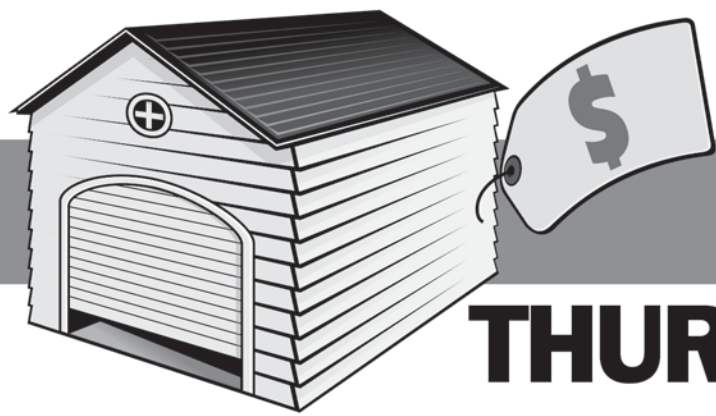


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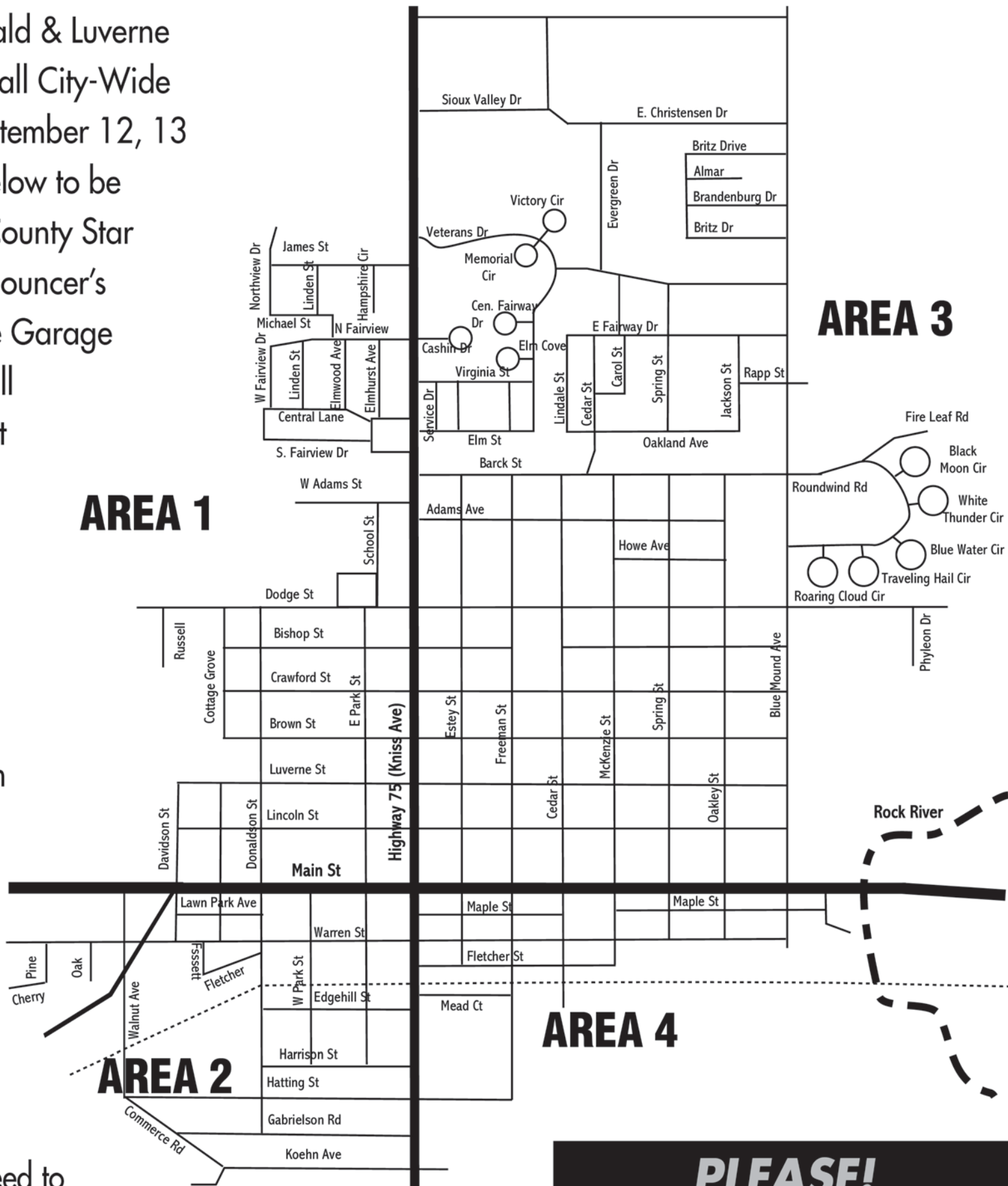
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Connell captures first club title

By John Rittenhouse

A first-time champion emerged from the field during the 81st Men's Club Tournament at the Luverne Country Club Saturday and Sunday.

After watching his father, Tim Connell, win eight club titles between 1993 and 2010, Pete Connell finally celebrated his own conquest by edging Mark Iveland in a tightly contested battle on Sunday.

With the final shot of the tournament settling the issue, Connell came out on the winning end of a 153-154 decision.

"It was a lot of fun," said Connell, when summing up his one-stroke victory.

"I've come close to winning (club tournaments) before, but it was nice to finally get that first one out of the way. It took too long to happen."

Connell had to fight hard for his initial title.

He shared the lead with three-time champion Cory Norman by carding a two-over-par 74 on Saturday.

Iveland, a four-time champion, was one shot off the pace with a 75, while Mike Gonnerman was four shots back after posting a 78.

Connell actually had to overcome some adversity to gain a share of the lead Saturday.

"I cracked the face of my driver on the range Saturday morning," he said.

"As my dad said, it might have been a blessing in disguise. I borrowed a driver (from Dan McGuire), but I only used it four or five times. I mostly used my 3-wood on the tee box. I was just trying to hit fairways and greens."

Connell was unable to regain the swagger he had on Saturday during Sunday's opening round.

Both Connell and Norman fired 41s during the opening round, which left them facing a one-stroke deficit.

Iveland turned in a 39 during Sunday's first round to take the lead into the final round of play.

Norman slipped out of con-



Pete Connell (middle) won the Luverne Country Club Men's Club Tournament for the first time over the weekend. Mark Iveland (right) and Cody Hemme (left) placed second and third respectively.

tenion by carding a 45 during the final nine holes, setting up a showdown between Connell and Iveland.

Iveland maintained his one-stroke edge after two holes of play in the final round, but his luck changed on the par-3 12th hole.

After dubbing a tee shot down the fairway, Iveland's second shot found the water on the left side of the green.

Iveland ended up taking a triple bogey, while Connell made par to take a two-shot lead.

"I really didn't see what happened to Mark, but it was really unfortunate because he was playing really well," Connell said.

"He continued to play well

after that, but that hole got away from him."

Connell maintained his two-shot advantage by matching Iveland's scores over the next five holes.

As fate would have it, Connell was put through a test on the par-4 18th hole.

His errant drive found the rough on the right side of the fairway, where he was hoping he could punch a 5-iron shot to get the ball rolling toward the green.

That didn't happen.

"The ball went high on me. It ended up hitting branches and landed right behind a tree," he said.

By that point Iveland had his second shot in front of the green, where he had an

opportunity to make a birdie.

"I was talking with Dan (Serie) and knew I needed to shoot at least a (bogey) five," Connell said.

With his ball directly behind a tree, Connell punched his third shot to the left side of the fairway.

At that point, he made a fantastic shot and a clutch putt to clinch the tournament title.

"I was about 58 yards away from the pin, and I hit a 56-degree sand wedge," he said.

"It's a shot I hit a lot, but it can roll a long way if you don't hit it right. I needed to get a five, so I just trusted my swing and hit it, and it stuck on the green."

It stuck about four feet away from the hole, where Connell faced a must-make putt to

avoid a playoff after Iveland made par.

"It was a four-footer, which is a pretty normal putt under normal circumstances," he said.

"I did not want to get into a playoff, so I had to take a couple of deep breaths before hitting that putt."

Connell's putt found the cup, giving him the bogey he needed to win his first club championship.

Cody Hemme rallied on Sunday to place third in the field with a 158-stroke tally.

Championship flight scores: Connell 74-79-153, Iveland 75-79-154, Hemme 82-76-158, Norman 74-86-160, Mike Smith 82-80-162, Gonnerman 78-85-163, Corey Stratton 83-81-164, Ryan Elfering 80-84-164, Brad Van Santen 82-88-170.

Redbirds win opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds pulled out a victory during the opening round of the Minnesota State Class C Amateur Baseball Tournament in Maple Lake Saturday.

Playing in their first state game since 2015, the Redbirds overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat Carver 4-3.

The win sends the 21-9 Redbirds back to Maple Lake Sunday, where they take on New Market at 4:30 p.m.

A four-run rally in the top half of the seventh inning lifted the Redbirds to victory over the Black Sox Saturday.

Carver plated a pair of runs in the sixth inning to take a 2-0 lead, but the Redbirds countered with a big seventh inning.

Skyler Wenninger and Tyler Reisdorfer ignited the rally by drawing consecutive walks before advancing to second and third when Logan Norman laid down a sacrifice bunt.

Jake Haugen chased home the first run with a ground out before Jaxon Nelson and Derek Lundgren slapped RBI singles to give Luverne a 3-2 lead.

A fielding error by Carver allowed the Redbirds to score the final run of the rally.

Carver scored once in the bottom of the seventh before Milroy draftee Kenny Morris slammed the door on the Black Sox the rest of the game.

Morris tossed 2 2/3 innings of hitless, scoreless relief to earn a save. Morris walked two batters and recorded three strikeouts.

Reisdorfer secured the pitching win by tossing 6 1/3 innings. He walked five batters, yielded five hits, registered five strikeouts and surrendered three earned runs.

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Beers	5	0	0	0
Paquette	4	0	0	0
Wenninger	1	1	1	0
Reisdorfer	2	1	0	0
Norman	3	0	0	0
Haugen	4	0	0	1
Nelson	4	1	1	1
Lundgren	4	1	1	1
Morris	0	0	0	0



John Rittenhouse photo/0822 tennis 7

Luverne's Brynn Thier strikes a forehand during Saturday's home tennis triangular. The Cards won twice in their 2019 debut.

Girls top two teams

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls produced the initial victories for first-year head tennis coach Jon Beers during a season-opening triangular Saturday in Luverne.

The Cardinals entertained United South Central and Lac qui Parle Valley to open the 2019 regular season.

LHS handed both opponents 5-2 setbacks.

Three LHS singles players and one doubles team experienced perfect 2-0 showings.

Elise Jarchow, Ainslie Robinson and Liz Kelm went 2-0 at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles respectively, while Jacey Smith and Olivia Wieneke went 2-0 at third doubles.

Jarchow notched a pair of 6-2 wins over USC's Trinity Seedorf and bested LQPV's Addi Oie by the same scores.

Robinson upended USC's Sarah Mantor by 6-2 and 6-3 tallies before besting LQPV's Madi Matthies 6-3, 6-1.

Kelm prevailed 7-5, 6-2 over USC's Olivia Schwartz before posting a 6-0, 6-4 victory over LQPV's Kali Borman.

Smith and Wieneke produced a 1-6, 6-2 10-4 win over USC's Maya Zebro and Kelsie Chapman in the opening round.

The Luverne team notched 6-2 and 6-4 victories over LQPV's Kylie Wendinga and Sarah Halverson in the second match.

Luverne's Rozilyn Oye went 1-1 for the day at first singles. She bested USC's Daylyn Huper (7-5, 6-1) before falling 2-6, 6-4, 6-10 to LQPV's Anna Hacker.

Playing at second doubles, Luverne's Lauren Ver Steeg and Solveig Tofteland lost a 6-7, 3-6 match to USC's Alyson Swanson and Maya Zebro before securing a 3-6, 6-0, 10-5 victory over LQPV's Bree Kallhoff and Veda Mahavaj.

Luverne's Brynn Thier and Mela Jarchow went 0-2 at first doubles.

USC's Delaney Weber and Lauren Zebro handed the LHS squad a 4-6, 6-2, 10-3 setback. LQPV's Rachel Halverson and Jessica Sigdahl topped Thier and Jarchow by 6-3 and 7-5 scores.

By John Rittenhouse

It appears the days of waiting are over for Luverne's Mary Jo Graphenteen.

Graphenteen, who won her second Women's Club Tournament title last year (her first championship in 26 years), turned in a repeat performance during the 68th version of the tournament staged Saturday at the Luverne Country Club.

Graphenteen fired a two-over-par 74, which happens to be her lowest score ever in a club tournament, to win the event's championship flight by five strokes.

"I think I played a really satisfying round of golf," Graphenteen stated.

"I putted really well and, for the most part, put my ball in good positions throughout the day. I think that's what makes winning this tournament a little more satisfying."

Graphenteen had good reason to be enthusiastic about her performance on Saturday.

The 74 she posted is eight strokes better than the 82 she used to claim the 2018 title and 12 shots better than the 86 that secured her first championship in 1992.

All things considered, Graphenteen needed to play well in order to fight off 10-time club champion Melissa Sandbulte Saturday.

Sandbulte remained within striking distance most of the day, but Graphenteen was able to thwart any challenges Sandbulte had to offer.

"Melissa shot a 79, so I had to play well," Graphenteen said.

"She is a great competitor who benefits from great length from her shots off the tee box. If I miss a put here and she makes one there, it would have changed everything."

Graphenteen repeats as champion



John Rittenhouse photo/0822 women's champ flight

Mary Jo Graphenteen (middle) captured her second consecutive Women's Club Tournament title at the Luverne Country Club Saturday. Melissa Sandbulte (left) and Pat Rieck (right) placed second and third respectively. It was Graphenteen's third club title overall.

Graphenteen set the course for victory by shooting an even-par 36 during the opening round.

She made par five times and recorded two birdies in the opening round.

It was a birdie on the par-4 ninth hole that gave Graphenteen some separation.

Sandbulte trailed by two shots entering the final hole of the first round, but an errant tee shot led to a bogey that

capped a 40-stroke round.

Sandbulte did trim Graphenteen's lead to three strokes at two different occasions in the final round, but that was as close as she would come to catching the champion.

Sandbulte missed a 10-foot putt for birdie on the 10th hole before sinking a par putt.

An excellent chip by Graphenteen on the same hole, followed by a two-putt bogey,

made the difference three strokes.

Graphenteen regained a four-shot cushion on the par-5 11th hole, where she placed her second shot on the green and completed a two-putt birdie.

"It seems like I was in defensive, downhill putting situations all day," Graphenteen said.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0822 men's flight photo

Four men captured flight titles during the 81st version of the Men's Club Tournament over the weekend. They are (from left) Joe Dorhout, Adam Finke, Adam Hansen and Jeff Wieneke.

Four men celebrate Sunday wins

By John Rittenhouse

Four more players joined club champion Pete Connell as flight winners during the 81st Men's Club Tournament staged Saturday and Sunday at the Luverne Country Club.

While Connell claimed his first title of the championship flight, Joe Dorhout, Adam Hansen, Adam Finke and Jeff Wieneke celebrated championships as well.

Dorhout secured a four-shot victory in the president's flight.

Dorhout posted an 83-stroke tally during Saturday's opening round to sport a one-shot lead over Aaron Moerke and Darwin Elbers (84s) and a two-shot cushion over Greg Stratton (85).

The eventual flight champion fired a 38 during the opening round Sunday to extend his lead to five strokes over Moerke.

Tim Knoll slipped past Stratton by posting a 43, which left him tied with Moerke and five strokes behind Dorhout.

Knoll fired a flight-low 38 in the final round to secure second place in the flight (84-81-165), but it wasn't enough to knock off Dorhout.

Dorhout posted a 40 in the final round to complete the tournament with an 83-78-161 effort.

Moerke (84-82-166) placed

third.

Hansen rolled to a 10-stroke victory in the first flight.

Hansen posted an 86 Saturday to sport a one-stroke lead over Jared Pick (87) and a three-shot cushion over Cory Bloemendaal (89).

Hansen opened play on Sunday by registering a 41, which extended his lead to five shots over Bloemendaal and seven shots over Pick.

Hansen iced his win by shooting a flight-low 43 in the final round to complete the tournament with an 86-84-170 tally.

Pick (87-93-180) and George McDonald (91-89-180) shared second place in the flight.

Finke and Wieneke prevailed in playoffs to capture the second and third flight titles respectively.

In what was a wild tournament for three members of the second flight, Don Klosterbuer posted an 81 on Saturday to sport a two-shot lead over Finke (83) and a six-shot advantage over Dave Iverson (87).

Iverson came out strong by shooting a flight-low 43 during Sunday's opening round.

His effort left him trailing Klosterbuer by two strokes and Finke by one shot.

After Iverson recorded a 42, Finke a 43 and Klosterbuer a

44 in the final round, that stage was set for a three-way playoff for the title.

Klosterbuer (81-91-172) was eliminated from the playoff by taking a double bogey during the first hole of extra play.

Finke (83-89-172) made par and Iverson (87-85-172) registered a bogey during the second playoff hole, giving Finke the flight title.

Wieneke survived a three-hole playoff to win the third flight.

Josh Gangestad and Joey Pick shot 93s on Saturday to sport a one-stroke edge over Wieneke (94).

While Pick slipped out of contention on Sunday, Wieneke shot a flight-low 47 during the opening round to gain a one-stroke lead over Gangestad (49).

Gangestad bounced back to edge Wieneke 47-48 in the second round, setting up a playoff that started with both men registering bogeys during the first two holes of extra play.

Wieneke (94-95-189) made par on the third playoff hole, while Gangestad (93-96-189) was on the receiving end of a bad break.

Gangestad's shot from the tee on the par-3 hole landed on a sprinkler head and caromed over the green, which resulted in him bogeying the hole.

Adam Siebenahler (99-96-195) placed third in the flight.

Skattum, Kooiker take flight championships Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

Three champions were crowned during the 68th version of the Women's Club Tournament staged Saturday at the Luverne Country Club.

Along with Mary Jo Graphenteen's repeat performance as club champion, Susan Skattum and Debbie Kooiker claimed flight titles.

In what proved to be the tournament's most competitive flight, Susan Skattum pulled out a one-stroke victory over Sharla Reisch to secure the first flight title.

Skattum made par three times during the opening round, which ended with her posting her first of two 47-stroke tallies for the day.

Reisch played equally well, posting a 49 in the opening round to trail by two strokes.

Reisch found herself sporting a one-shot lead when Skattum played the first two holes of the final round at four-over-par.

Reisch upped the lead to three shots with four holes remaining, but Skattum was able to answer the challenge.

Skattum trimmed the difference to two shots after making par on the 16th hole.

She completed the comeback on the 18th hole, where Skattum made birdie to com-



John Rittenhouse photo/0822 women's flight photo

Susan Skattum (left) and Debbie Kooiker (right) won flight titles during the Women's Club Tournament Saturday.

plete a 47-47-94 day.

A double bogey on No. 18 left Reisch one-shot (49-46-95) off the pace.

Susan Schneekloth (54-51-105) placed third in the flight.

Kooiker posted a four-shot win over Jennifer Stratton to capture the title in the second flight.

Kooiker registered a 58 dur-

ing the opening round to sport a five-shot cushion over Stratton, who posted a 63.

Stratton sported a 59-60 scoring edge over Kooiker in the final round, but it wasn't enough to keep Kooiker from winning the flight by four strokes.

Shari Moerke (91-106-198) placed third in the flight.

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"Fortunately I was able to put myself in position to have tap-in second putts."

Although Sandbulte nearly aced the par-3 12th hole, the same hole Graphenteen nearly aced in the first round, both players made par to keep the difference at four strokes.

Sandbulte closed the gap to three strokes for a second time after competing a two-putt par on the 13th hole.

It looked like Sandbulte might close the gap even more on the 14th hole after striking a perfect drive, but her second shot caromed off the left side of the putting surface.

Graphenteen's tee shot on the 15th hole carried the fairway and placed her into the rough, but she avoided tree trouble by striking a low shot that came to rest on the putting surface.

"I was lucky and Melissa was unlucky on the 15th hole," Graphenteen said.

"She hit a great second shot, but the wind caught her ball and it missed the green. I was in a position where I had to shoot over or under trees. I wanted to go over, but I ended up going under and it worked out."

Graphenteen proceeded to complete the hole with a two-putt par to regain a four-shot

cushion with four holes left to play.

The players proceeded to match scores on three of the final four holes, but an excellent shot off the tee box on the par-3 16th hole led to a two-putt par that gave Graphenteen a five-shot advantage.

"I was happy with my play. I guess you could say my swing was in the slot Saturday," Graphenteen said.

"I probably only had about three or four sloppy or chunky shots all day. When I did have them, I was able to come up with a good recovery shot."

Roadside counts matter

It won't be long until the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources releases their August roadside counts. Just what are these reports and why are they important?



Since about 1954 the DNR has conducted roadside counts primarily to count pheasants. They have individuals from all over the pheasant range in Minnesota drive exactly the same routes during the first 15 days in August.

These drivers for the most part hardly ever change. The longer the same person does the route, the better consistency the resulting data is.

Many are wildlife managers or their staff. Others are conservation officers who patrol a station. I was on a list of volunteers to do this job for over 10 years before the opportunity to do the Nobles County routes became available.

Each driver proceeds at 10 to 15 mph in 25-mile-long routes looking for pheasants, Hungarian partridge, doves, deer, cottontail rabbits, jackrabbits and sand hill cranes.

Many of the miles on my routes record no sighting of any kind. In ag country there are many miles of row crops with mowed and hayed road ditches with little cover for wildlife. Where there is grass, there is wildlife.

When you see a pheasant hen you stop, get out of

OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

the truck and try to flush her brood. This requires you to run around in the ditch until they flush. You count the chicks, estimate their age and record the data in the proper mile of the data sheet.

The first year I did not anticipate how wet the grass would be. I ran in the ditch to flush a brood and spent the next 23 miles soaked to the bone and quite miserable. That didn't happen again. Rain bibs are the apparel of the day since then.

So the counting is completed and the data compiled and then the 2019 pheasant forecast can be made. Hunters use these reports to see where pheasant densities are the highest and plan their fall hunting trips to those areas of the state.

They will report the percent higher or lower than the previous year's count and how the current numbers compare to the 10-year average. You might be up 35 percent over last year and still be 50 percent below the 10-year average.

The up or down number in any one year is less important to me than the longer-term population comparisons. A color-coded map is later released showing pheasant densities all over the pheasant range in the state.

It is amazing how some bird hunters will use these

forecasts in deciding if they are even going to purchase a pheasant license for that fall. If counts are low, fewer licenses will be sold and vice versa. I look at it very differently.

Pheasant hunting is my very favorite outdoor experience. The three labs in my living room are testament to that. A fourth is on the way in December.

My take on pheasant numbers goes like this: If there are lots of birds, there will be lots of hunters. Fewer birds means fewer hunters. In the end my tiny slice of the pheasant population pie never really changes.

The hunting season opens on Oct. 12, and I am attending the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener in Austin, Minnesota, that weekend. Just about any other free time I have will be spent walking around in the tall grass with three labs, and it matters very little how many actual pheasants there are.

You should join me.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.

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

Sunday, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

First Baptist Church

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

Thursday, Aug. 22: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 25: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Aug. 28: 7 p.m. Awana Leader Meeting. Thursday, Aug. 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 22: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. Naomi Circle. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at The Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Shirley Harrison. Friday, Aug. 23: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Aug. 25: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. Monday, Aug. 26: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Aug. 27: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Grace Notes assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Grace Lutheran with potluck. Wednesday, Aug. 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, Aug. 29: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Sunday, Aug. 25: 9:15 a.m. Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, Aug. 23: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 8 a.m. Justice for All. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting. Tuesday, Aug. 27: Noon staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 28: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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

Thursday, Aug. 22: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Aug. 24: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Aug. 25: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship service with Communion. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. Family Fun Night; Outdoor movie/picnic and water games. Monday, Aug. 26: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 28: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Aug. 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

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

Thursday, Aug. 22: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Potluck. Monday, Aug. 26: 9 a.m. Quilting group. Tuesday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Aug. 28: 7:30 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Aug. 29: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Saturday, Aug. 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Aug. 25: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Tuesday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Aug. 28: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter. Thursday, Aug. 29: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 23: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 6-7:30 p.m. Hardwick Firemen's pork chop fundraiser. Sunday, Aug. 25: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Aug. 26: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, Aug. 29: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 25: 10 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Monday, Aug. 26: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Preschool open house.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 22: 1:30 p.m. WELCA at Palisade Lutheran Church. Sunday, Aug. 25: 10 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Pastor Nancy Manning
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Aug. 25: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Aug. 27: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Aug. 28: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Love one another

August is here. It can be hot. "I'm bored. There's nothing to do. How come we never do anything fun?" Maybe that's what we hear after we got back from vacation and broke the bank to go to the amusement park. Maybe the kids had a meltdown with the Mickey ears on, right there in the midway.

We were so looking forward to summer. We couldn't wait to get out of school, or for things to lighten up at work. We were excited for the busy seasons to give way to a time for barbecues and camping out. Now though, maybe whining starts. Parents start longing for the fall. Maybe we need a break from the kids!

Even if it's not as bad as all that, is that how we think sometimes? Is that what we focus on and talk about? Maybe we dwell on it because we're upset or ungrateful. Maybe we dwell on it and talk about it for a laugh. Maybe that's good! Laughter — especially being able to laugh at ourselves — is a healthy thing. But maybe laughter isn't good if it sends the message to our loved ones that they're a burden.

The truth is, our life takes its shape, meaning and purpose through these callings of ours. Without the people in our life and our callings to serve them, our life would be pretty empty. As it is, like the rain greens up the lawn and causes flowers and vegetables (and weeds) to grow, and then the rabbits come to eat things and test your patience, everything works together in a wonderful plan from our gracious God that gives life direction. Life has a focus, because of the people God has placed in it. We're here to help and serve them. They in turn are there for us, helping and encouraging us.

And it's good! Even when life gets messy.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Andrew Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

Even when we bought ice cream and it landed cone-side up on the pavement. Even when the tears come because that ice cream cone was ours. We don't live this life all that gracefully. We certainly don't do it perfectly.

Thankfully the salvation of the whole messy thing is Jesus, who brings his perfection and grace to our life. He did all things well. Though he did nothing wrong, he offered himself to pay for the sins we somehow can't stop committing — even if we want to. He forgives us the wrongs we have done — all of them. That is what we need to hear, and what we gather to receive, Sunday after Sunday.

Then he sends us back, giving us the blessing of work that he wants us to do: in our families and groups, neighborhoods and workplaces, churches and homes. There, the Lord Jesus says, "Love one another ... as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

"Love one another." That command we had from the start. "... as I have loved you." That part brings Jesus into it, where the amazing, selfless love He has for people extends to them through you. All this is by grace, through faith, another one of the reasons for His welcome call, "Come unto Me." Join us in God's House this Sunday as we hear more about our loving Savior.

Hills United Reformed Church

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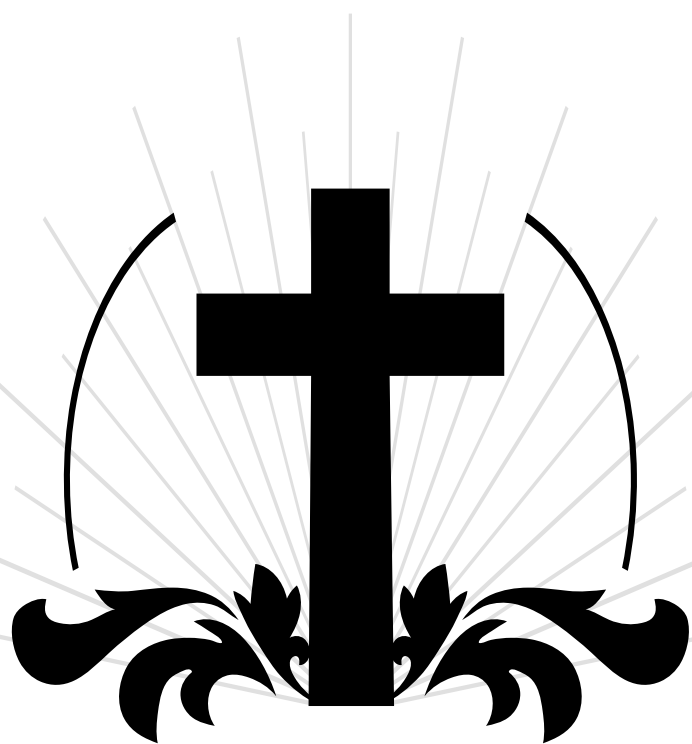
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Moss probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Estate of
**Iola M. Moss, a/k/a Iola Moss,
Decedent**

Court File No. 67-PR-19-262

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on Sept. 16, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, April 21, 1986, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Carl Moss, whose address is 906 Valley View Drive, Valley Springs, SD 57068 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: 8/15/2019
COURT SEAL
Dated: 8/15/2019

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

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Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated: 8-15-19

(08-22,08-29)

Public hearing set for Aug. 26 for GEVO

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit For Agri-Energy/GEVO

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning Commission that a public hearing shall be held on Monday, August 26th, 2019, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments on the applications for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

1. The placement and operation of a 2.49 megawatt wind turbine in the north portion of the East 100.56 acres of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W. Said property is owned by Kirk Gabrielson.
2. The placement and operation of a 2.49 megawatt wind turbine in the northwest corner of the 116.46 acre portion of the Northeast Quarter Section of Section 17 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W. Said property is owned by Greg Gabrielson.

The properties described are zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Dated: August 15, 2019

By Order of the Rock County Planning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(08-15, 08-22)

DBA Deuschle Studio assumes name

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PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

1294 131st Street Luverne, MN 56156

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Jerome H Deuschle dba Deuschle Studio**

Address: **1294 131st Street Luverne, MN 56156**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ **Jerome H Deuschle, Owner** DATE: 8-5-2019

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **jkdeuschle@yahoo.com**

(08-15, 08-22)

H-BC School Board meets July 22

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
July 22, 2019

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the High School Conference room. Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, LaRock, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus and Business Manager Kuehl were also in attendance. Board members Knobloch and Rauk were absent.

Motion by Wysong, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitor to the meeting was Glenda McGaffee of the Hills Crescent. *Statement regarding closed session for the evaluation of District Superintendent Todd Holthaus.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve minutes of last meeting, 7/8/2019 and special meeting 7/16/2019 as sent out. Motion by Bosch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve bills. Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Student Accounts. Motion by Wysong, second by Bosch, and carried to approve second reading Handbooks for the 2019-2020 School Year: Preschool Handbook Employee/Staff Handbook Secondary Student Handbook Elementary Student Handbook Crisis Management Plan Handbook Classified Staff Handbook.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve second reading of the E-Learning Procedures and Policy for up to five school cancellation days. Motion by Wysong, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve first reading of Communication Policy 2016 revised 2019.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by LaRock, and carried to approve first reading of Revised Policy 713 - Student Activity Accounting.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve requesting Quotes for Heating Fuel Oil -13,000 gallons and Liquid Propane - 25,000 gallons. Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve high quote for sale of suburban and plow of \$3,000.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve resolution regarding

Board Control of Extracurricular Activities Student Accounts.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve assigning Dan Ellingson as District Assessment Coordinator.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve assigning Rex Metzger on a teaching overload to fulfill lead teacher duties at the Elementary School.

Motion by Wysong, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve hiring Valerie Meinerts as Special Needs Paraprofessional.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to accept resignation of Chris Harnack as assistant football coach.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Superintendent/Principal Report given by Mr. Holthaus
- Committee Reports: Personnel/Finance 07/16

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Negotiations Update

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting: Monday, August 12
 - Regular Board Meeting: Monday, August 26 (early start—buildings walkthrough)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Dan LaRock, Acting Clerk
(08-22)

Beukema probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
**Myron James Beukema, a/k/a Myron J. Beukema,
a/k/a Myron Beukema, Deceased**

Court File No. 67-PR-19-246

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of September, 2019, at 3:30 O'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated June 12, 2019, and for the appointment of Amanda Eisenschen, whose address is 104 5th Street SE, Watford City, North Dakota 58854, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: August 8, 2019

/s/ Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #389457

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise M. Brandel
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Friday, August 23
Saturday, August 24
A list of addresses and items will be available online August 19
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The family of Denny Cauwels would like to sincerely thank everyone who has reached out to us with prayers, cards, gifts and other acts of kindness during our recent loss. These words of thanks can not express how grateful we are. **Family of Denny Cauwels** (8.22-8.25)

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Applications will be accepted until the vacancies are filled with those received by September 6, 2019 earning priority consideration. Application packets are available at www.cityofluverne.org/employment or from City Clerk Jessica Mead at City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156 (507)449-9898. EOE.

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- District Application:** Submit a completed and signed copy of the district's employment application found at this link: <https://ill.com/isd671> or on the district website (www.hbc Patriots.com)

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Berty Stearns hikes 2,700 miles of Continental Divide Trail/continued from page 1

her 26-week journey, she had 26 boxes of rations — for herself and for Toolik — stacked against the wall in their basement.

They were packaged in U.S. Postal Service uniform-size priority mail packages ready to be shipped to various post offices along her planned route.

“Sending all your food to yourself is a pretty big logistical project, especially when you’re trying to have good nutrition too,” Berty said.

Her husband Joseph Stearns, a Luverne High School teacher, has been mailing the weekly provisions and tracking her progress.

“I think it’s a pretty awesome accomplishment that she’s able to do it,” Joseph said. “... to plan for it and to have the motivation to actually do it.”

He joined her in late May to visit friends in New Mexico. “I’m glad to support her, but at the same time I miss her,” he said.

He recently joined her for a weeklong hike when she reached Yellowstone National Park.

Meanwhile he follows her route via a GPS tracking device that pings her live location.

And, he continues mailing



On July 22 this was Berty’s view of the southern Wind River Range facing east toward the Cirque of the Towers. At right, is Toolik outfitted with his backpacks and protective booties on his paws. After restocking at mail drops, his pack weighs 18 pounds and Berty’s weighs 30 pounds.

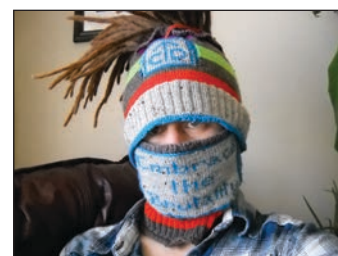
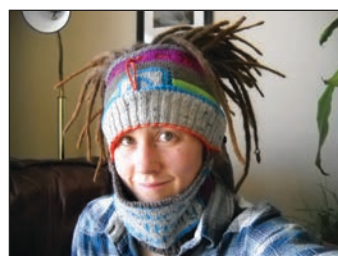
her weekly packages.

After restocking at the mail drops, Berty’s backpack weighs roughly 30 pounds. Toolik’s backpack weighs nearly six pounds fully loaded.

The 18 pounds of food and

water join camping supplies that include a tent, clothing (for both extreme heat and extreme cold) and miscellaneous tools, including a shovel and cookware.

Joseph mails new shoes



Berty knitted her hat and gloves of superwash Merino wool and nylon with drawstrings to tighten the opening around her dreadlocks and face to protect against the elements.

of Minnesota’s North Shore, and she grew up in Wyoming and worked as a trail guide in Colorado when she was in high school.

“I’m fascinated with walking and with walking extremely long distances,” Berty said, calling the Continental Divide Trail her ultimate walking goal.

“Ever since high school I’ve said I’m going to do a really epic long trail walk, and I decided that when I’m free of student loan debt that would be the time.”

Three years ago, she cleared her loan debt, and this year the timing was right.

The Continental Divide Trail includes Glacier National Park, the Great Divide Basin, Rocky Mountain National Park, the San Juan Mountains and other scenic highlights.

“Usually folks hike it after they have hiked the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail to accomplish the long-distance hiker’s ‘Triple Crown.’ I am taking on this one first,” her home page states.

“I want this one the most, and I may not have time with all my other life plans to do the others. Or, they will be fun retirement trails ... don’t have to work as hard at those ones when I’m 75.”

Updates from the trail ...

“I’m loving it,” she told the Star Herald on May 10 when she was 430 miles into the journey. “I’ve never hiked the desert before ... seeing it live and in person ... it’s beautiful.”

She described an immense flat terrain with stark mountains rising sharply on the horizon.

“The rocks, the colors, the blooming cactus ... how do all these jack rabbits and plants survive out here?”

At that point she was two thirds of the way through New Mexico and had recently crossed a 700-year-old lava flow field at the base of the Oscura Mountains.

“It was so cool with the waves and ripples and the huge cracks to look down through,” Berty said.

“There’s no way to see any of this stuff except on foot.”

She also described her route along the Gila River, which flows through deep canyon walls, requiring dozens of river crossings.

“We had to swim most of it, but the alternative would be to climb out of the canyon and hike along the highway,” she said. “But how lame would that be?”

It would have been her only alternative, however, had she not encountered hikers to help her and Toolik manage the strong river currents.

“I’ve met some amazing people,” she said. “I have been

so well taken care of.”

She said a retiree in Silver City took her in for three days to recover from a sprained ankle (ironically caused by a miss-step off a street curb).

“She let me borrow her car for errands, and she loved my dog,” Berty said. “She was so kind.”

Shin splints and other ailments have been challenges she said she hadn’t planned for, and the physical setbacks slowed her pace.

“There’s been a learning curve of what my body — and Toolik — can handle,” she said. “But we’re taking it slow.”

Toolik left from the trail in July with what Berty thought was an ACL injury, but it turned out to be a cut in his paw. He’s been staying with Berty’s parents in Wyoming.

Leaving her dog was hard, as was meeting and parting with other hikers on the trail, meaning that loneliness has been a real challenge.

“I’ll meet other hikers, but we aren’t moving as fast, so eventually they leave,” Berty said. “I meet these cool people then they’re gone. ... It’s mentally challenging.”

Backtracking for the Rockies

While the hike has been generally manageable, Berty worried the Rocky Mountains would be a different story.

“I’m very nervous about cold and keeping myself and the dog warm through the snowcaps and the possibility of avalanches ...”

As it turns out, hiking the Rocky Mountains hasn’t so far been possible, due to snowy weather, so Berty and other hikers skipped that 300-mile portion and continued north.

Meanwhile, she’s been enjoying the Wind River Mountain Range in Wyoming, which is familiar territory for Berty.

“The views are amazing,” she told the Star Herald during a phone update Saturday, when she reported that the CDT hike was all she hoped it would be.

“I think of all the places I’ve seen that so few people will ever see,” she said. “It really is so amazing.”

Mostly, though, she said she’s glad to still be on the trail. “I’m seeing fewer women,” she said.

“A lot of people drop out for different reasons — either from injury or mentally they can’t take it anymore.”

She anticipates reaching the Canadian border in two weeks, and then she’ll return to Colorado to finish the Rockies in September.

Berty maintains a Facebook page called Trail Dog that she posts to when online connection allows.



Berty posted this image of her trail along a ridge last week. “Lots of up-and-down today,” she wrote. “And steep!”

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