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Dirt work starts on new housing subdivision

Fifteen twin homes, 30 residences platted for new Uithoven Addition

By Lori Sorenson

Dirt work started Monday on the west edge of town to develop the Uithoven Addition into Luverne's newest residential neighborhood.

At their July 9 meeting, City Council members completed zoning and platting requirements for the new housing subdivision addition along West Dodge Street.

The plat map approved at Tuesday's meeting shows the area divided into 15 lots to be served by city streets and utilities (water, sewer, electric, and storm sewer).

The plat also shows a planned street that will go to the west, but it's referred to as a "paper" street for future growth to the west that may or may not occur.

According to plans discussed at Tuesday's meeting, all housing on all 15 lots will be twin homes — a total of 30 residences.

The council also took action to amend the zoning map in that neighborhood to include rezoning the Uithoven Addition from Residential Reserve (R-R) to Single Family Residential (R-1).

With the R-1 zoning designation, the lots can be used for either single-family houses or twin homes.

The EDA will market most of the lots as twin homes, but there are several lots on the northeast side that may be suited for large "walk-out" style single-family homes.

Henning Construction submitted the low bid at \$851,744.15 for the project that calls for 1,200 linear feet of sanitary sewer line, 2,000 feet of water main, 2,200 linear feet of curb and gutter and 1,200 tons of paving.

Plans also call for a retention basin to control storm water toward the south end of the development.

In a June report to the council, City Administrator John Call said the location is ideal for a residential development.

"This beautiful rural-type hous-

Uithoven Addition/see page 2A



Ethan Olander of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and his wiener dog, Walter B. Wiener, portray the book characters of Harry Potter and his pet snowy owl Hedwig in front of a large crowd during the wiener dog beauty pageant Thursday, July 11. (Mavis Fodness photos/0718 Hot Dog Night 2019)

Dog days of summer

Hot dog night brings more dogs, spectators to annual event in 2019

By Mavis Fodness

If attendance at the Wiener Dog Races is any indication, the events of the July 11 Hot Dog Night drew big crowds.

Twenty dogs went head-to-head in the 16th Annual Wiener Dog Races. One dog withdrew before the race started.

Luverne Area Chamber organized the 57th annual event. "That's the most wiener dogs we've had in quite a while," said chamber director Jane Wildung-Lanphere.

A dachshund named "Romeo," owned by Karen Mulligan of Powder Springs, Georgia, took the "fastest dog" title.

Lanphere estimated about 600 people watched the race while sitting on the two moveable bleachers parked along the shade-tree-lined Freeman Avenue.

Hot Dog Night draws big crowds to 2019 event/see page 14A



Left, Owen St. James, Rock Rapids, gets Rodi ready to compete. Above, Morgan Dickmann enjoys a hotdog.

Final phase of Luverne Loop gets grant boost

Papik Motors donates bike repair station now available at trailhead on East Main Street

By Lori Sorenson

With two-thirds of the Luverne Loop finished, city leaders are making plans for the third and final phase of the trail that will close the loop where it connects with the Blue Mound Trail on East Main Street.

Funding is coming together with a recent grant approval of \$150,000 from the Minnesota DNR to cover a

third of the projected \$485,000 Phase 3 cost.

The Trail Connections grant is awarded to a project that connects residential areas to desirable locations, such as parks, open spaces or historical places in communities.

Phase 3 of the Loop will continue east along Hatting Street from Highway 75 where the paved trail currently

ends near Security Savings Bank on South Highway 75.

The 1.15-mile route of Phase 3 follows the south property line of conservation farmland the city recently purchased from Warren Baker.

It winds around the east side of the wastewater treatment plant near the Rock River along the west bank near the outfield of Redbird Field

ball diamond.

The Loop ultimately connects with the Blue Mound Trail at the intersection of Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue where city leaders are planning to develop a recreational trailhead for Loop users and Rock River paddlers.

Loop Phase 3/continued page 5A

Longtime local horseman honored with one last ride

By Mavis Fodness

Archie Bonnett received a tribute fitting a horseman Monday morning when his son, Marty, led a four-horse procession to Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

The riderless horse was Archie's 22-year-old Appaloosa mare, Hannah, which he raised from a foal.

On her back was Archie's saddle and she led the funeral procession from the United Methodist Church on Main Street Luverne to Maplewood Cemetery on Warren Street.

The horses entered the cemetery leading the hearse with ready attitudes and alert expressions.

Archie died July 11, three weeks after a multiple brain tumor diagnosis. He last rode his horse on a trail ride three weeks ago.

Monday's riderless horse honored the third generation of Bonnetts who breed and raise pleasure horses.

Marty's mom, Roxy, suggested that nephew Scott Wiertzema and friend Wyatt Fey accompany him on horseback on the 12-block ride to the cemetery.

The tribute brought traffic to a stop along the route with many stopping their work and removing their hats out of respect for the funeral procession.

"My dad would have been proud," Marty said. The full obituary appears on page 7A.



Mavis Fodness photo/0718 Archie Bonnett Funeral

Marty Bonnett (front, left) leads his father's horse, Hannah, to Maplewood Cemetery Monday in honor of Archie Bonnett who died Thursday. Accompanying Bonnett at the head of the funeral procession are friend Scott Wiertzema (back, left) and cousin Wyatt Fey.

Beaver Creek considers city splash pad

By Mavis Fodness

A splash pad may be coming to Beaver Creek if plans go as expected.

At their July 10 meeting, council members agreed to go forward with the possibility of building a public splash pad near the baseball fields.

They capped the project scope at \$100,000.

"We'll see where that money brings us," said Mayor Josh Teune.

Resident Jason Rauk brought the idea to the council last fall.

At Wednesday's meeting, Rauk researched several companies and proposed splash pad designs.

He suggested applying for grants to cover a portion of the amenities' cost.

"They could yield some decent funds if you choose to go forward," Rauk said.

Location of the possible splash

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 507-530-3307.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 25, at the Ida Reverts Memorial Hall on the Rock County Fairgrounds. Program topic will be "Why did the Judge choose that one?" Lunch will be at the home of Linda McGinty after the meeting.

Rock County homeschool group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, in the Rock County Library for "Homeschooling for High School." Call Katie Overvaag, 605-838-1501.

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. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the 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.

Kanaranzi Creek bridge

The Rock County Highway 1 (41st Street) bridge over Kanaranzi Creek is closed for structure repairs. The bridge is located 1/2 mile west of the Rock/Nobles county line on the highway to Ellsworth. Repairs are estimated to take 1-2 weeks. Call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions.

Fair open class information

The Rock County Fair Open Class premium information can be found online at www.rockcountyfair.org or at the Luverne Chamber and Rock County Library. Call Lynette Jauert 507-227-1526 with questions.

Sign up for soccer league, volunteer coaches needed

Soccer league for ages 4 through grade 4 (end of 2019 school year) begins Aug. 6 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Call Michelle Dekam at 227-6125 if you can coach. Training will be provided.

Free food July 18

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the Generations building (former Senior Center) on East Lincoln Street for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 283-4366.

Splish Splash Summer Bash at plaza July 18

The summer Thursday Night Plaza series continues with Splish Splash Summer Bash from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the History Center parking lot on East Main Street in Luverne. Supper will be available served by Sterling's Café and Grille, and there will be free water games and activities for all ages, sponsored by local businesses.

Defensive driving class

Save money on your car insurance premium if you are 55 or older by taking the 8-hour defensive driving class Aug. 13 and Aug. 20 through Luverne Community Education. Classes will be four hours each evening. Cost is \$25. Register by calling 507-283-4724. (The office will be closed from July 19 through Aug. 9.)

Red Cross drive July 29

The American Red Cross is facing a blood shortage and has issued an emergency call for donations. They will host a blood drive at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne from 1-7 p.m. Monday, July 29.

Donors can make an appointment by using the Blood Donor App, going to RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. Completing a RapidPass online health history questionnaire can reduce the time it takes to donate.

Donors are reminded to bring along identification.

AG Tech Day Aug. 14

At AG Tech Day Aug. 14 at Grand Prairie Events, participants will have access to experts skilled in better use of high speed broadband. Speaker Chip Flory, market analyst/AgriTalk radio host, and other experts will share technology resources.

A free lunch will be served, compliments of Rock County Pork Producers, Corn and Soybean Growers, Cattlemen, and Dairy Producers. Register online at www.isd2184.net under the Community Education link. (The Community Education office will be closed from July 19 through Aug. 9.) The event is made possible through the Rock County Blandin Broadband Grant.

Discovery Time openings

Openings in the Discovery Time Preschool are available for 3-4-year-olds in the MWF morning class and the T/Th afternoon class. Children who are 3 by Sept. 1, 2019, are eligible, and scholarships are available if income guidelines can be met. Call Luverne Community Education at 507-283-4724 for more details. (Note: The office will be closed from July 19-Aug. 9.)

Free Medicare classes

Free classes for people who are new to Medicare are offered the second and third Mondays every month at the Minnesota River Area on Aging, 1939 Engebretson Ave., Slayton. In the first class, participants will learn basics of Medicare and their options. The second class teaches how to research these options using non-biased tools, such as the Medicare website and Medicare Plan Finder Tool.

Call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 to register.

Register for classes before Community Ed closes office July 19-Aug. 9

Register by e-mailing C.Arends@isd2184.net or calling 507-283-4724 prior to July 17 to register for the following classes because **Community Ed will be closed July 19-Aug. 9:**

Exquisite Corpse Painting, the surrealist drawing game that pairs artists who each do half of a drawing, will be **July 30**. Fee \$15.

Human Board Game Fun Adventure Day Camp is **Aug. 2** for grades completed 1 - 4. Fee is \$15.

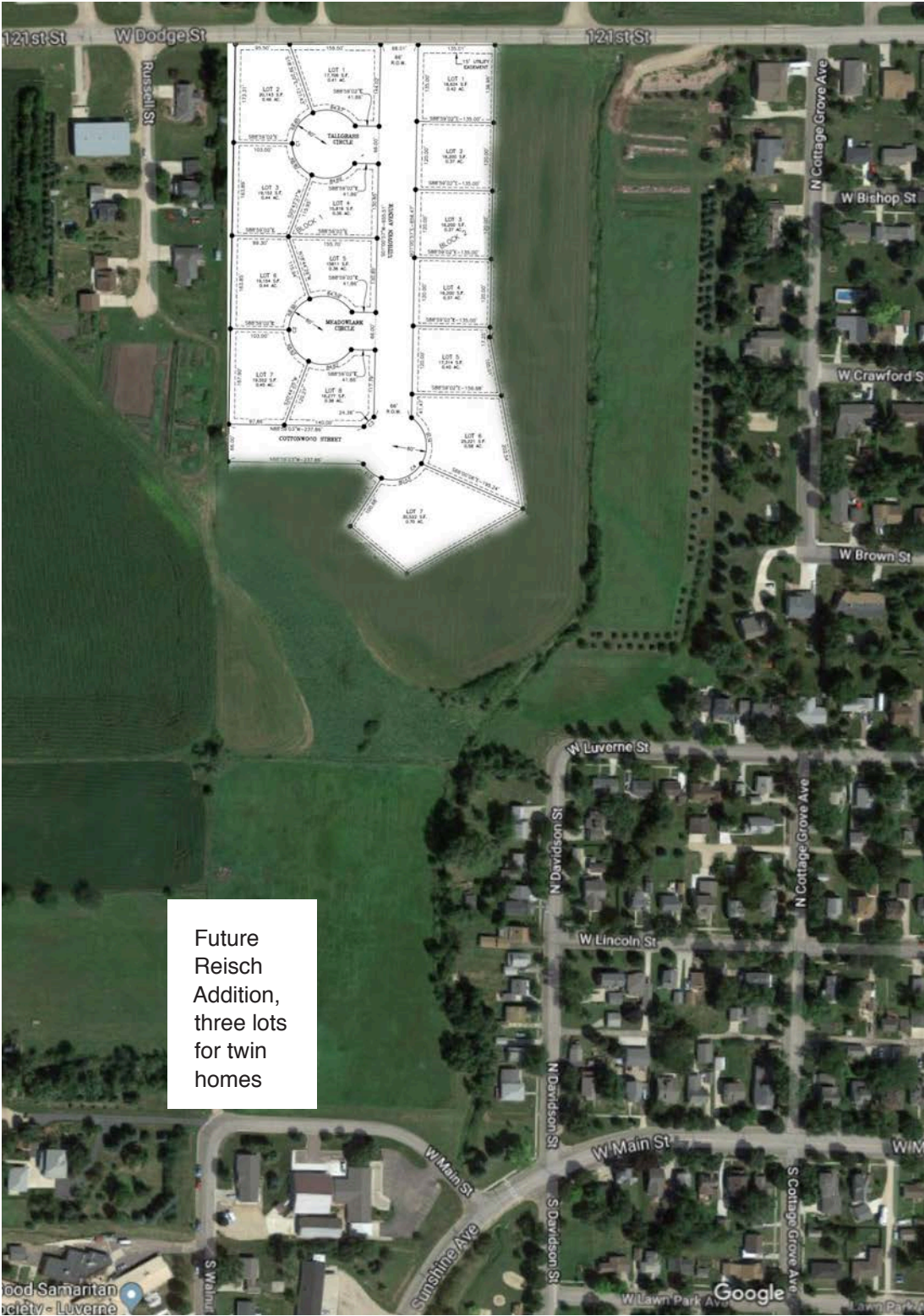
Suzuki Violin and Cello Lessons week of **Aug. 5** for ages 4 to 10 and parent or adult. Fee is \$85.

Guys and Dolls Guthrie Theatre bus trip is **Aug. 24**. Fee is \$113.

Pottery Wheel Throwing for grades 9 through adult starts **Aug. 5**. Fee is \$40 plus \$10 for materials.

Art Camp for completed grades 4 through 6 will be **Aug. 6, 7, 8**. Fee is \$25.

Little School House on the Prairie for completed grades 3 through adult is **Aug. 12**. Fee is \$10 per person or \$16 per adult-child pair.



Future Reisch Addition, three lots for twin homes

The plat map approved at Tuesday's meeting shows the area (at the top of the image) divided into 15 lots to be served by city streets and utilities (water, sewer, electric, and storm sewer).

Uithoven Addition plat/continued from page 1A

ing area will be close to the Luverne Loop and the Luverne School complex," he said.

Once the lots are prepared (connected to city water, sewer, electric, etc.) this summer, the city intends to seek bids this fall from developers interested in building homes next year.

Housing background

Responding to calls for needed residential property, the city has been investing in land acquisitions on the west side of Luverne south of Dodge Street.

•In September of 2016 the city purchased 18 acres

from the Ed and Julie Mueller estate for \$155,000.

•This piece is next to the 6.59-acre stretch along Poplar Creek in the Hawkinson Park area that the city bought in 2015 from the late Burdell Kruse for \$80,000.

•In July 2017 the city purchased seven acres just north of Rock County Opportunities from the Good Samaritan Society for \$133,500.

It was previously home to the Marcel Reisch farm and last year was developed into the start of North Walnut Street.

•In March of 2018 the city paid \$170,000 for the Uithoven residence (two acres), and crews have worked over the

past year to remove trees and structures to prepare it for development.

The city had considered extending Walnut Street from West Main Street to West Dodge through the Uithoven Addition, but engineers determined that bridges and culverts would be too costly through the wetland area.

The stub street of Walnut Avenue on the south end near RCO will be developed to accommodate three residential lots.

With these combined parcels, the city owns more than 30 contiguous acres from West Main Street up to Dodge Street.

Beaver Creek splash pad/continued from 1A

pad would be near the city's current shelterhouse, located northeast of the baseball field.

City officials visited a similar splash pad built eight years ago in Larchwood, Iowa.

A water collection system keeps water usage and utility costs at a minimum, Rauksaid.

The city would operate and maintain the splash pad.

"It's a good thing for the town," said city maintenance supervisor Travis Helgeson. "It's not much work."

As a splash pad or splash park is a water play park with little or no standing water.

Various amenities such as play areas ground nozzles or overhead pipe showers mist and/or dump water on the pad.

After water is splashed on the pad, it is recollected for use through the amenities again.

The pad would be open to all ages.

City clerk Jane Blank used the city's social media page to gauge residents' interest in the

city pursuing the construction of a splash pad.

The June 24 posting overwhelming encouraged council members to explore the idea.

Population in Beaver Creek is 285 in 2017.

"We put a survey on our Facebook page and got 80 responses: 93 percent 'yes' and 7 percent 'no' to pursue a park," she said.

The council's next meeting is Aug. 14.



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Luverne students travel to Washington, D.C.

Group of 67 travelers spends five days visiting nearly 30 different sites in nation’s capital as part of learning experience for Luverne Middle School students

By Jason Berghorst

“My favorite part was seeing all the different memorials representing so many major events in our history.”

That’s how Luverne High School student Brooklynn Ver Steeg summarized her recent trip to Washington, D.C., July 5 - 9.

“Being able to stand in front of these structures and listen to our guide helped me retain more information than just reading from a history book,” she added.

Ver Steeg, an incoming sophomore, was one of 51 Luverne incoming freshmen and sophomores to travel to the nation’s capital. Twelve parents and four teachers also traveled with the group.

The trip was organized by World Classrooms, an educational travel company based in Aberdeen, South Dakota, that specializes in school trips to Washington.

The company arranged all tours, transportation, meals and accommodations for the 67 Luverne travelers.

The group spent five days visiting nearly 30 different sites including the U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, the White House, Supreme Court, Mount Vernon and Ford’s Theater.

Smithsonian museums on their itinerary included Natural History, American History, Air and Space, American Indian and the National Portrait Gallery.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was a highlight for many in the group.

“The Holocaust Memorial Museum was so powerful that I was overwhelmed with emotion,” said Hunter Ahrendt, an incoming sophomore.

“I could have spent all day there walking through the exhibits. It’s a sad and



Luverne students traveled to Washington, D.C., July 5-9. Pictured on the steps of the U.S. Capitol are (front, from left) Hunter Gaffaney, Ashton Sandbulte, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Madee Schmuck, Kayetlin Huiskes, Grace Sandbulte, Hunter Ahrendt, Casey Sehr, Connor Overgaard, Eli Radtke, Tanner Terrio, Mallory Nelson, Kaylee Voorhees, (second row) Kyle Ferguson, Logan Ommen, Ayden Bonnett, Matthew McClure, Kendall Buss, Cheyenne Schutz, Mia Wenzel, Olivia Huisman, Rylee Anderson, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Tenley Nelson, Ross Bergman, Lauren Hansen, Anja Jarchow, Tiana Lais, (third row) Jordyn Cleaveland, Honor Hough, Lauren Buss, Brenn Siebenahler, Griffen Jarchow, Gavin Reisch, Ashton Eitreim, Camden Hoven, Sam Emery, Kaleb Hein, Ava Vortherms, Carly Olson, (back) Tanner Terrio, Heath Austin, Jacob Hansen, Chance Tunnissen, Tyler Gebauer, Michael Soto, Jaden Hoag, Gavin Boll and Kaden Anderson. Not pictured is Dawson Wicks.

“Being able to stand in front of these structures and listen to our guide helped me retain more information than just reading from a history book.”

— Brooklynn Ver Steeg, student

horrible part of history,” he added.

Students also experienced nearly all of the monuments and memorials along the National Mall including Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Franklin D. Roosevelt along with the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War memorials.

“I really enjoyed seeing the size of the buildings and learning about the memorials,” said Casey Sehr, another incoming sophomore.

Sehr said he enjoyed the balance between learning and fun that comes with student trips.

“I went on the Washington, D.C., trip because I wanted to see the things we learned about in our history classes through the years,” he said.

“I’ll remember the cool balance between learning and having fun with friends.”

April Wallace teaches social studies at Luverne Middle School and helps organize and chaperone the D.C. trips.

She said she believes there are many benefits to the annual trip.

“On top of making classroom material more real, this trip helps expose students to a love of travel that will hopefully stick with them for the rest of their lives,” she said.

“Students come home with new perspectives, increased curiosity about the world and a sense of personal growth,” Wallace said.

Ahrendt agreed with his former teacher. “Learning from textbooks does not compare to what I experienced and learned while in D.C.,” he said.

USDA offers options to re-enroll or extend expiring CRP contracts

Farmers and ranchers with expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts may now re-enroll in certain CRP continuous signup practices or, if eligible, select a one-year contract extension.

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is also accepting offers from landowners who want to enroll for the first time in one of the country’s largest conservation programs. FSA’s 52nd signup for CRP runs continues to Aug. 23.

This year’s CRP continuous signup includes practices such as grass waterways, filter strips, riparian

buffers, wetland restoration and others.

Continuous signup contracts last for 10 to 15 years. Soil rental rates are set at 90 percent of 2018 rates. Incentive payments are not offered for these practices.

Producers interested in applying for CRP continuous practices, including those under existing CREP agreements, or who want to extend their contract, should contact their USDA service center by Aug. 23.

To locate your local FSA office, visit www.farmers.gov. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Rock County Library announces summer activities

Contact the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register for events.

Story Hour, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays through July 25 for ages 4, 5 and kindergarten.

Laptime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays through July 26.

Story & Art, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through July 24 for children in first- through fifth-grade.

Teen Group book club, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursdays through July 25.

Peaceful Park Summer Book Club, 10 a.m. Wednesdays, July 3-31, at various parks. The July 3 session is at the Luverne City Park. Bring your own chair and a beverage. No pressure and no discussion required.

Trivia Night at Take 16, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11.

Juggler Luke Winger, 3 p.m. Monday, July 15, Luverne City Park.

Interactive Movie, “The Wizard of Oz,” is 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

USDA extends deadline to report spring-seeded crops in Minnesota

Producers in states impacted by floods and heavy moisture must report by July 22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline to file crop acreage reports for agricultural producers in Minnesota impacted by flooding and heavy moisture.

The new July 22 deadline applies to reporting spring-seeded crops to USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices and federal crop insurance agents.

“Agriculture operations throughout the state have been hit hard by heavy rains and flooding that have affected their operations,” said Joe Martin, FSA State Executive Director in Minnesota.

“The deadline extension provides more flexibility for producers who experienced planting and field work delays.”

Filing a timely crop acreage report is important to maintaining eligibility for USDA conservation, disaster assistance, safety net, crop insurance and farm loan programs. A crop acreage report documents all crops and their intended uses and is an important part of record-keeping for your farm or ranch.

Producers filing reports with FSA county offices are encouraged to set up an appointment before visiting the office. Acreage reports from producers in Minnesota who set up appointments before the July 22 deadline are considered timely filed, even if the appointment occurs after the

deadline.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting:

- If the crop has not been planted by the reporting date, the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchasing or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

“Even though the deadline has been extended, I encourage producers to contact their local FSA office today to schedule an appointment to report acreage,” Martin said.

Other USDA efforts to help

USDA is taking additional steps to help producers across the country, including:

- updating the haying and grazing date for producers who have planted cover crops on prevented plant acres.

- offering special signups through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for assistance to plant cover crops.

- extending the deadline to report prevented plant acres in certain places.

For more information, visit our Prevented or Delayed Planting webpage, contact your FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov or farmers.gov/prevented-planting.



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‘Do as I say, not as I do’
Trip proves one should listen
and heed the old sayings

“Do as I say, not as I do” is an old saying that most adults can relate to once in a while.



We find ourselves giving advice to young people but not always following that wisdom ourselves. I had such an experience last week while chaperoning a school trip to Washington, D.C. We had a great trip and we saw and learned so much. Some of what we learned was planned. Some was not.

On our last night, we had the opportunity to explore the neighborhood around our hotel.

When we teachers went to a candy store, we noticed some of our students in a store next door that offered “the world’s hottest hot sauce.”

We shook our heads, hoped for the best and headed for our much safer candy samples instead.

Later that night I was returning to my room when I was met by a group of our students offering me a sample of “the world’s hottest hot sauce.”

My first thought was no way.

“Come on, Mr. B, you gotta try it,” they said. “Just a little bit. You gotta see how hot it is.”

I’m not sure if it was the exhaustion, the adventurous spirit that comes with travel, my own curiosity, or just plain stupidity, but I found myself with my finger in the little container ready to give it a try.

How hot could such a small amount of sauce really be?

As it turns out, incredibly, unbelievably hot.

IN OTHER
WORDS

By Jason Berghorst,
reporter

I was smart enough to wipe my finger on the side of the container to make sure my sample size was very small. Not small enough, however.

As soon as the sauce hit my tongue, I knew I was in trouble.

My physical, and social, survival skills immediately kicked in.

I turned around and frantically tried to get my key card to work to get into my room ... and away from my students.

They must not see my pain.

I began to sweat, my ears turned red, my nose began to run, my eyes teared up, I couldn’t feel my teeth and my entire lower face, both inside and outside, was in some pretty serious pain.

I ran for the sink and washed out my mouth over and over. I put my tongue in cold water. I brushed my teeth, then buried my face in a cold washcloth.

I don’t want to exaggerate and say I thought I was going to die, but I wasn’t sure I was going to survive.

Finally, after about 15 minutes of intense, private self-care and self-doubt, I began to return to normal.

Then I began to ask questions.

How could I be so foolish? How can such a small amount of sauce do so much damage? How is it even legal to sell that stuff?

In the end, I survived. I came away with a column topic and a story that students will bring up for years.

I also learned to do as I say, and to be careful of what I buy in the state of Maryland.

Teen vaping is becoming an epidemic
What do we need to know and what can we do?

We are seeing a new national epidemic in our teenagers regarding E-cigarettes and vaping, and they are starting at earlier ages than even with cigarettes.

Statistics show that many start at 13 or even younger and that since 2014 the number of teenagers using e-cigarettes has increased over 50 percent, according to the Minnesota Department of Health.

Even though the legal age to buy them is 18 (or 21 in some cities and states), teens access them from older friends and family or online.

So why are they so dangerous and how does it affect us in Minnesota and in Rock County?

What are e-cigarettes and why are they dangerous?

Vaping is inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette, a battery-powered device that converts liquid into a vapor.

They deliver nicotine like a regular cigarette without the tobacco, burning, or carcinogen-laden smoke — which is why they are considered a safer alternative.

E-cigarettes also cost less than traditional cigarettes, as the initial cost for the unit is \$30-\$50 and then a set of four pods runs about \$16, creating an average of \$4, compared with \$7 or more for a pack of traditional cigarettes.

Studies are proving that vaping is not safer than smoking.

E-cigarettes contain nicotine, glycerin, propylene glycol, natural oils, extracts and flavor. The non-nicotine ingredients are considered safe when eaten but the effect on lungs when they’re inhaled is the concern.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Julia Silvrants, respiratory therapist, Sanford Luverne

As the liquid heats, it forms formaldehyde and other cancer-causing agents. It also delivers a higher concentration of nicotine, making it more addicting.

One pod contains as much nicotine as 200 puffs of cigarettes (a pack), and there is no control over the amount of nicotine that gets inhaled in just one puff.

Research continues into the content of these products and their effect on humans.

Juul and Blu

The two most popular vaping devices are Juul and Blu because of their creatively named flavors, such as cool mint, fruit medley, piña colada, crème brûlée, mint chocolate and other exotic-sounding flavors.

But the flavoring has been found to cause a form of emphysema or COPD called “Popcorn Lung,” named for popcorn factory workers who developed lung issues after inhaling butter flavoring vapors.

The chemical diacetyl in the flavoring causes severe scarring of tiny airways in the lung, which interferes with the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide.

The chemical is no longer used in popcorn flavoring and it’s banned in Europe. Yet, it’s still used in some flavored e-cigarettes.

So how does it affect teens?

Because their brains are still developing, nicotine can cause teenagers to become quickly addicted and can lead to more serious addictions, like cigarettes, binge drinking and the use of other drugs such as marijuana or cocaine. It can also disrupt attention and learning.

There is no amount of nicotine that is considered safe for teenagers. A recent study in Kansas and Miami found that young users were at increased risk of developing chronic bronchitis, which is also seen in tobacco smokers.

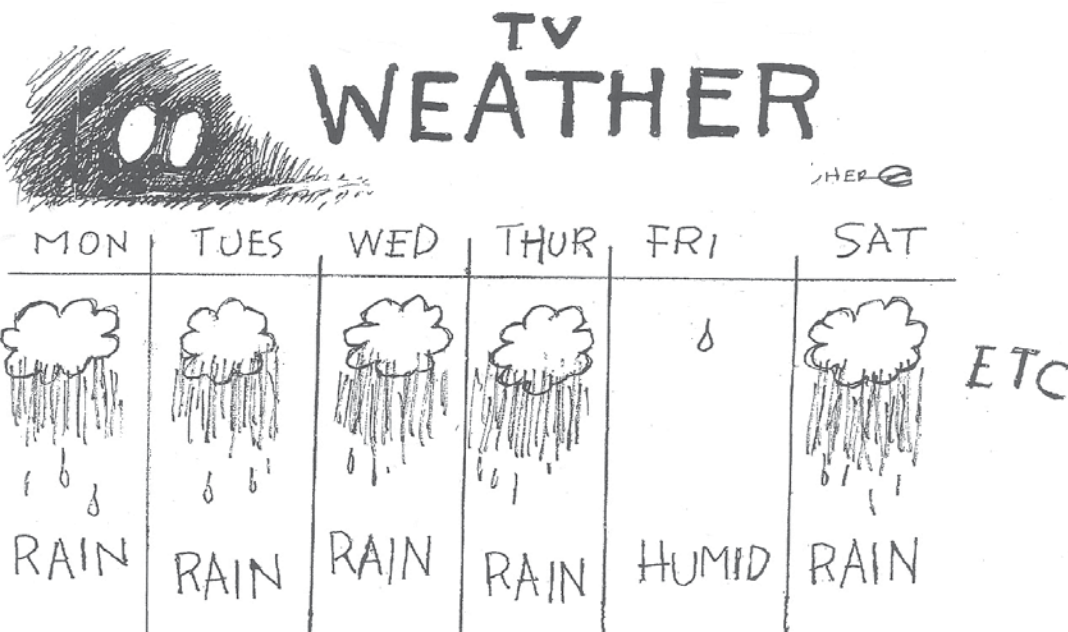
How do I know if my child is vaping or ‘juuling’?

Do you notice a sweet or fruity smell around your kids? Do you see strange pens or pencils or a new flash drive and different-looking battery chargers? Is your child suddenly thirstier and skipping caffeine? Do they have a “smoker’s cough,” sores in their mouths or nosebleeds that are not explainable?

Is your athletic child performing great for the first half of the game but by the second half is having trouble with breathing and endurance?

Is this a problem in Rock County

Teen vaping/continue on page 7A



Hauled items signify seasonal changes

As you are probably aware of, there are a number of ways you can tell when we are about to embark on a change of seasons — the calendar being the most obvious, but there are other signs as well.

When spring is just around the corner, you start to see more boats being trailered down the highway and fewer snowmobiles. You probably make a mental note when you see your first robin of the year, and I also bet you do the same when you see a motorcycle tooling down the road for the first time each spring.

So what I’m getting at here is that you can kind of get an idea of what events might be taking place in Luverne just by what you see being trailered around town.

For example, if you were paying attention to your surroundings last week, you probably noticed a few grills being transported around town. That is a sure sign that Hot Dog Night is coming up.



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

Back in June you might have noticed a number of cool cars crisscrossing the streets of Luverne. Those cars could have meant one of two things — or maybe both — they were in town for the Friday night cruise-in for Buffalo Days or maybe for the Papik Motor Classic car show.

A few weeks back darn near everywhere you looked you saw a car or truck toting a brightly colored kayak, a sure sign Rock The River was underway.

It won’t be long and the roar of

motorcycles will be filling the air, tipping us off that it must be mid-August and the Sturgis rally is in full swing.

Locally keep your eyes open for the uptick in livestock trailers traversing Rock County roads next week. Those trailers mean it’s fair time.

I hate to be a summertime buzz killer but sorry, kids, not far down the road we’ll start to see those big yellow vehicles that seat 54. That’s right — it will be back to school time.

Can the snowmobile trailer be far behind?

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Family appreciates kindness, help

To the Editor:

My family and I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the genuine kindness and support we received by Herman Motor Company.

When our rental RV transmission chose to fail on us, and we tried every Ford dealer from Austin to Luverne, it was Kelly Herman and her team (Amy Kroon, Travis Dunn, and several others) that treated us

with compassion and went above and beyond their commitment to a random family passing through on their way west.

Thank you for adopting our family for the afternoon and demonstrating the goodness that is in people, small-town America, and the town of Luverne.

Andrew, Stefanie, Jaxon and Payton Haines
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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report July 5

•Complainant reported a two-vehicle accident at County Highway 6 and 71st Street. No injuries were reported.

•Report of vehicle on fire on 151st Street near Luverne.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Report of a possibly impaired driver on South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant requested deputy on North Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant reported fireworks at location in Steen.

July 6

•Vehicle on fire while driving westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9 near Luverne.

•Complainant on West Bishop Street reported harassing communication.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on South Oakley Street.

•Complainant on North Freeman Avenue reported fireworks.

July 7

•Complainant reported a driver speeding eastbound on Interstate 90; possibly exited at Luverne.

•Deputies served a search warrant on East 1st Street in Hardwick.

•Complainant reported a person was almost run over at location on North Kniss Avenue.

July 8

•Complainant reported driving conduct on South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant reported missing items from yard on West Warren Street.

•A follow-up was conducted on West Hatting Street.

•Out for training.

•Complainant reported two people yelling on South Kniss Avenue and West Warren Street.

•Complainant reported harassment on East

Warren Street.

July 9

•Parking complaint at location on West Warren Street.

•Complainant reported a theft on North Freeman Avenue.

•Complainant requested a check on individual with mental health concerns.

•Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on East Lincoln Street.

•Report of an abandoned vehicle on County Road 4 and 150th Avenue near Luverne.

•Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant in Minot, North Dakota.

•Complainant reported a runaway eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1 near Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on North Kniss Avenue requested a deputy for a combative patient.

•Complainant reported a semi all over the road westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 21 near Magnolia.

July 10

•City of Steen reported bypass of wastewater.

•Extra patrol was requested at East 1st Street in Hills.

•Pedestrian was reported eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8 near Luverne.

•An abandoned vehicle was reported on South 3rd Street in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on 140th Avenue near Hardwick reported a black pickup drove by, and complainant feels it is suspicious.

•Complainant requested driver's history check.

•Deputy conducted a warrant check in Hardwick.

July 11

•Deputy reported suspicious activity in Hardwick.

•Complainant reported transient at location on

South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant reported an assault on Luverne Street.

•Deputy checked address on West Brown Street for possible order for protection violation.

•Missing cattle reported at location on 110th Avenue near Hardwick.

•Abandoned vehicle was reported on North Cottage Grove.

•Welfare check requested on subject on Commerce Road.

•An accident was reported at fire hall.

•Welfare check was requested on subject on Carol Street.

•Complainant on East Lincoln Street reported that his wallet was stolen.

•Deputy conducted follow-up on prior Commerce Road.

•Alarm reported at location on East Main Street.

•Deputies patrolling on foot at location on Main Street.

•Complainant conducted warrant check at location on East Park Street.

•Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Virginia Street reported loud music coming from location.

•Several calls about the loud music this late from location.

July 12

•Complainant reported a burglary alarm on Kniss Avenue.

•Subject is being held on Rock County warrant at location in Marshall.

In addition, officers responded to 1 transport, 8 escorts, 25 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 3 fingerprint requests, 4 burn permits, 3 driver's license checks, 5 drug court tests, 4 purchase/carry permits, 20 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, and 2 tests.

Hills man injured by distracted driver

By Lori Sorenson

Pete Hoff, Hills, is recovering from injuries he sustained July 3 when the golf cart he was driving was rear-ended by a distracted driver.

Hoff, 82, said he'd been on his golf cart in front of Orv's Station near the curb on Highway 270 in Hills when he noticed in his mirror that a vehicle was quickly approaching from behind.

"I could see he was coming at me," Hoff said. "He plowed right into the back of the golf

cart. ... It knocked the rear seat right off."

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, the accident happened at around 3:45 p.m. near the intersection of Main Avenue on County Road 13.

The report states that an eastbound 2005 Honda Accord, driven by 18-year-old Noah Hellerud, Hills, struck the back of Hoff's 1995 golf cart.

The report stated that Hellerud had been texting and didn't see the golf cart

and struck its rear end.

Hoff said he's grateful the rear seat was there to absorb some impact or his injuries would have been worse.

As it is, he spent six hours in the emergency room and suffered a broken pelvis, three broken bones in his spine and needed stitches in his lip.

"I'm black and blue all over," Hoff said Friday, July 12. "The golf cart is done for."

The Rock County Sheriff's Office and Hills Fire and Rescue assisted at the scene.

Luverne Loop Phase 3/continued from page 1A

Bike repair station at trailhead

Meanwhile, Papik Motors and Heartland Chevrolet donated a bike repair station for the cycling public at the corner of Blue Mound Avenue and East Main Street.

The equipment is located on the former Casey's lot and includes air for flat tires, tire repair kits and a station to prop a bike upside down in order to replace a tire or perform some other type of maintenance.

"We've had the equipment for quite some time and decided to get it set up so people could use it," Gary Papik said.

The city owns the former Casey's lot, and city staff installed the equipment and set it up for public use.

The location will someday serve as a trailhead for bicyclists, kayakers and canoers, with rental equipment and other services.

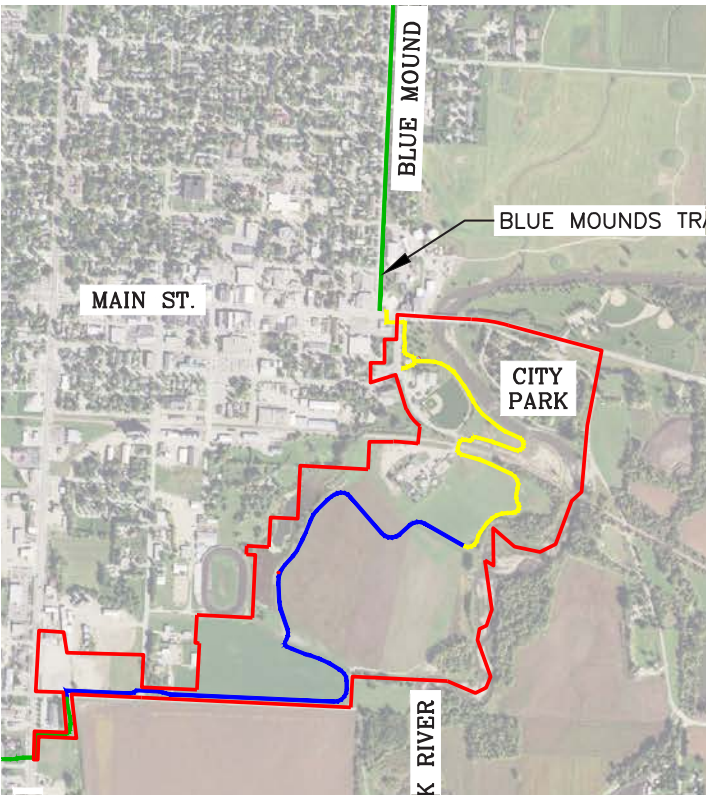
Phase 3 construction, set to start in 2020, will be broken into two segments focusing first on the .75-mile north segment between Main Street and the south edge of the waste water treatment plant.

The city owns all the property along the proposed trail, which will speed up the easement process.

Loop background

In early planning sessions several years ago, city leaders discussed ways that a bike path can improve a community — both in economic ways and in ways that enhance quality of life.

For one thing, city planners hope the route will expose users



Phase 3 is indicated by the lighter heavy line. The thin line encircling the area indicates city-owned property.

to community gems like The Lake, pocket parks and local businesses.

Also, communities with lengthy trails — 13 miles or longer — are often destinations for bicyclists, so the Loop would be another reason to draw people to town.

The Luverne Loop, when complete, will be 7 miles long, and it connects to the 6-mile Blue Mound Trail that carries hikers and bikers to the Blue Mounds State Park.

Phases 1 and 2 circle the city's northwest and west side, currently ending at the intersection of Gabrielson Road at South Highway 75.

Phase 3 will complete the Loop and connect with the Blue Mound Trail at the intersection of East Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue.

Total Loop construction is estimated at more than \$1.5 million, with a good share of the costs being covered by state and federal grants.

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Isley Smith (left) and Emersyn Klosterbuer, both 7, pose underneath their artistic contributions to the “Expression is Elementary” exhibit at Lord Grizzly Gallery in Luverne Thursday, July 11. They submitted drawings related to the book, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar,” by Eric Carle.

Lori Sorenson photos/0718 coffey art

‘Expression’ opens at the Gallery

By Lori Sorenson

Hot Dog Night crowds enjoyed a bonus art exhibit Thursday night at Coffey Contemporary Arts when its new display, “Expression is Elementary,” opened to the public.

This spring the gallery teamed up with the Luverne Elementary School and the PPIE booster club to create the exhibit and generate support for the Cardinal Dash fundraiser.

Students in grades K-5 drew pictures based on different books, and their artwork was converted into large-scale paintings, one for each grade and each book.

Coffey Contemporary Arts is a non-profit arts exhibition and education facility headed up by artists Cody and Nicole Henrichs, Luverne.

The facility includes shop workspace and Lord Grizzly Gallery, the large open studio that is currently hosting the “Expression is Elementary” exhibit.

PPIE provided artists and supplies, and any funds raised over the amount needed to cover costs is designated to an art month for each elementary grade level.

Any donations during the show will also benefit the art month effort.



Right: Kinser Klosterbuer shows his mom, Tasha, his framed drawing from the book, “Where the Wild Things Are,” by Maurice Sendak (also pictured in the inset photo above).

Below, right: Students in grades K-5 drew pictures based on different books, and their artwork was converted into large-scale paintings and sculptures, one for each grade and each book.

Below: Some of the student drawings are artfully displayed on geometric shapes like this cube at Lord Grizzly Gallery.



CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Jessica Sandbulte**, bride-to-be of **Carter Taubert**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen.

Arnold and Lorraine Stael, Luverne, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Greetings may also be sent to them at 119 E. Fairway Drive, Luverne.

Dick and Dolly Remme will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Greetings may be sent to them at 1401 Evergreen Drive, Luverne, MN 56156. They request no gifts.

Arden and Mary Ellen Sorenson's 65th wedding anniversary is July 17, and they'll celebrate with family at a later date. Greetings may be sent to them at 164 201st Street, Jasper, MN 56144.

Card showers

Joyce Oldre will celebrate her 80th birthday on Tuesday, July 23. Greetings may be sent to her at 206 Oak Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Arlene Kooistra will celebrate her 85th birthday on Friday, July 26. Greetings may be sent to her at 413 S. Elizabeth Ave. #3, Hills, MN 56138.

Ramona Vlastuin will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, July 27. Greetings may be sent to her at 210 E. Veterans Drive #9, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mary Gonnerman will celebrate his 85th birthday on Sunday, July 28. Greetings may be sent to him at 1414 Evergreen Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

BISTRO MENU

Monday, July 22: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, pineapple.

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

Tuesday, July 23: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, cranberry garnish, bread, fruit shortcake.

Program: 9 a.m. Generations Board meeting. Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

Wednesday, July 24: Mandarin chicken salad, fresh fruit, cucumber salad, muffin.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, July 25: Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, green

bean bake, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Rock County Ministerial Association.

Friday, July 26: Lasagna, country blend vegetables, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, bar.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

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Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

SCHOOL NEWS

Gerloff earns degree from WGU

Samantha Gerloff, Beaver Creek, has earned a Bachelor of Science in business management degree online from Western Governors University.

1965: Odd Jobs Club opens for business

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on June 17, 1965.

Odd Jobs Club Now Open From 9-11 On Week Days

A plan to operate the Odd Jobs Club from the Luverne Community Center was announced this week by Rev. Wayne Hoffman, chairman of the Center.

A telephone and desk, to be manned by volunteer help, has been installed for coordinating work with employers and members of the Odd Jobs Club. The telephone number is 283-4088. Anyone desiring help from Odd Jobs Club members may call beginning today from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The phone for the Odd Jobs Club will be manned Monday through Friday at these hours.

A total of 55 boys and girls registered at the school and are available for employment now.

Ages 12-18 Eligible

Anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 may register at the Community Center to be available for employment.

Employers should call the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
President Rock County
Historical Society

number listed above to obtain help. Pay should be predetermined by the employer. Additional information may be obtained while the Odd Jobs club phone is being manned at their number.

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 mannmad@iwi.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•A highlight of the reunion weekend was Saturday morning's dedication ceremony of the old jail at the Rock County Courthouse Square.

After 18 months and \$4 million worth of construction, the former Rock County Jail was dedicated Saturday and officially named the “Rock County Veterans Memorial Building.”

Former Luverne Mayor Bill Weber emceed the dedication ceremony, attended by roughly 750 people.

25 years ago (1994)

•The Amoco Food Shop, South Highway 75, Luverne, reported a theft last week by what police are calling “a band of gypsies.” About 10 people in four cars pulled up to the Amoco gas station off Interstate-90 at about 9 a.m. Thursday, July 14.

One of them distracted the cashier with a pricing question in the back of the store while others stole about \$1,400 cash from a bank bag behind the counter, according to Assistant Police Chief Mike Winkels.

“It's a pretty common ploy,” he said.

Groups such as these generally travel from town to town along the interstate using a similar scam, Winkels said.

50 years ago (1969)

•Additional information was received here last week from Minnesota State Sen. John L. Olson on the proposed South Dakota Information Center and Rest Area on Interstate 90.

According to Sen. Olson, the area will be located approximately one-half mile west of the state line, in South Dakota, and will be approximately 26 acres in size.

The information and restroom building will contain about 2,650 square feet of floor space and will be equipped with flush-type toilet facilities, hot and cold running water, a large bulletin board, and a space for informational literature and an informational representative. ...

The complete rest area will be scheduled for official opening sometime during the late fall of 1970.

75 years ago (1944)

•Better lock the chicken coop — thieves are evidently working in the county according to Sheriff Roberts. John Henriksen reported Sunday night that he had lost 200 leghorn pullets, weighing about 3 1/2 pounds apiece. Henriksen believes the theft took place about June 27th when he left the farm to bring his wife home from Rochester but he didn't discover his loss until Sunday when he made a count of his flock preparatory to having them vaccinated.

100 years ago (1919)

•Genuine hand grenades, that would have played their part in the world war but for the signing of the armistice, are to be distributed soon by the banks of Rock county as receptacles for funds to be used in purchasing thrift and war savings stamps. Arrangements to this end have been completed by Wm. Jacobsen, county chairman of war savings activities.

The primary purpose of securing the grenades is to promote to children, in particular, and individually to give them opportunity to win these war trophies free of cost through the purchase of war savings stamps.

The grenades will be distributed by banks among the children who desire to secure them for receptacles for saving funds to be used in the purchase of war savings stamps, with the understanding that the grenades are the property of the bank distributing them. However, as soon as a child under seventeen years old saves enough and purchases one \$5.00 war savings stamp, the bank will relinquish ownership of the war trophy, and the grenade becomes the property of the war savings stamp purchaser.

Adults will also be provided with grenades, but in order for them to secure these receptacles as souvenirs they will be required to purchase two \$5.00 savings stamps before the grenades become their own.

Redbirds cap 16-6 regular season with three victories

By John Rittenhouse

A scorching hot Luverne Redbird baseball team wrapped up a 16-6 regular season by playing three foes by decisive margins.

Luverne topped Worthington by 10 runs July 9 at Redbird Field before nailing down 14- and 16-run road wins against Pipestone and Adrian July 10 and Sunday respectively.

The Redbirds take a 10-game winning streak into the Region 13C Playoffs and will open the event at home July 24.

Luverne 20, Adrian 4

The Redbirds wrapped up the regular season by rolling to a 16-run conquest in Adrian Sunday.

Luverne plated runs in four of the game's five innings to register its 10th consecutive win.

Logan Norman doubled and scored on an error in the second inning to make it 1-0, and the lead increased to four runs when Jake Haugen singled home a pair of runs

and Skyler Wenninger added an RBI single.

The Redbirds put the game away with a 13-run rally in the fourth inning.

Conner Crabtree ignited the rally with his first of two solo homeruns.

Crabtree belted another homerun in a three-run fifth inning that included an RBI single by Norman.

Crabtree and Haugen led the Redbirds with three RBIs in the game, while Tyler Reisdorfer, Phil Paquette, Wenninger, Norman and Zane Hiller chipped in two RBIs each.

Crabtree earned the pitching win by tossing four innings of four-hit, four-earned run, six-strikeout ball.

Declan Beers tossed a scoreless fifth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	4	4	2	2
Beers	4	1	1	1
Paquette	4	2	2	2
Wenninger	3	2	2	2
Nath	1	2	1	0
Norman	3	3	2	2

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John Rittenhouse photo/0718 redbirds 4

Luverne's Zach Loosbrock is unable to beat a throw from the outfield to second base as the Redbird designated hitter is forced out during a home game against Worthington July 9.



John Rittenhouse photo/0718 mg champs

Luverne Country Club member Dave Gangestad (right) and Pat Boland emerged as champions of the LCC's Member-Guest Tournament staged Friday and Saturday. Gangestad and Boland claimed the title with 14.5 quota points.

Gangestad, Boland win Member-Guest Tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Country Club has hosted 38 Member-Guest tournaments.

Luverne's Dave Gangestad has played in all of them.

Gangestad will tell you he has experienced little success at the annual July event, but that all changed over the weekend.

Gangestad and his partner, Pat Boland (Rochester), came up big during Saturday's final 18-hole round of play to claim the 2019 championship by three quota points.

It took a dramatic come-from-behind effort to break through during the second round.

Although Gangestad and

Boland played well to record seven points during Friday's opening round, they found themselves facing a five-point deficit and sharing fifth place in the standings with three other teams at day's end.

Member Adam Siebenahler and Perry Winter (Alexandria) paced the 39-team field with 12 points when play was complete on Friday.

Member Rick Serie and his son Alex (Mound) tallied nine points to end Friday in second place.

Members Ryan Fick (and Adam Steffes, Lake Benton) and Jeremy Sudenga (and Jason Sudenga, Sioux Falls, South Dakota,) shared third place with eight-point efforts

during the opening round.

Along with Gangestad and Boland, members Mike Smith (and J.C. Smith, Sioux Falls) and Eric Sandbulte (and Brad Bergman, Brandon, South Dakota) posted seven-point showings to share fifth place in a field that featured 21 teams scoring positive points during the first day of play.

While five of the teams that finished among the top eight squads on Friday dropped out of the top 10 finishers on Saturday, Gangestad and Boland continued to play well.

They added 7.5 points to their tally during the final round, ending the tournament with 14.5 points.

After recording 12 points on

Friday, Sandbulte and Bergman lost one-half of one point on Saturday.

Regardless of that, their two-day point tally of 11.5 points was good for second place.

The Sudengas, who entered the tournament as the defending champions, registered three points on Saturday to finish in third place with 11 points for the tournament.

Six-time LCC men's club champion Tim Connell and his guest, Pat Sexton (Rochester), placed fourth in the field with 10 points.

Sexton won the tournament's low net award with a net 134 (10 under par) for

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Luverne Legion take Sub Sub-State A championship

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team clinched a No. 1 seed for the Sub-State Tournament by winning a pair of games during the Sub Sub-State A Playoffs over the weekend at Redbird Field.

Luverne topped Minneota by four runs in Friday's opener before posting a 10-run win over Adrian in the championship game.

The 10-6 Cardinals host the Sub-State Tournament starting with a 7:30 p.m. game Thursday.

Luverne 11, Adrian 1

The Cards captured the Sub Sub-State A playoff title by rolling to a 10-run win over Adrian Saturday.

The score was knotted at one after 2 1/2 innings of play, but Luverne plated 10 runs over the next three innings to win by the 10-run rule.

Adrian tied the score at one when Ryan Wieneke reached base on an error before scoring on a single by Ian Stamer in the top of the third inning.

Luverne, however, scored five runs in the bottom of the third, four in the fourth and one in the fifth to end the game early.

Luverne's five-run rally in the third featured a two-run single by Mark Sterrett and RBI singles from Jake Haugen and Derek Lundgren.

Ethan Beyer also recorded an RBI in the third after getting hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Beyer singled home one run and Gaige Nath delivered a three-run triple when the Cards upped the lead to 10-1 in the fourth inning.



John Rittenhouse photo/0718 legion 14

Luverne's Derek Lundgren fields a ball before flipping it to second base to register an out during Friday's win over Minneota. Luverne defeated Adrian Saturday, giving the Cardinals the Sub Sub-State A tournament title.

Declan Beers drew a walk and scored the game-ending run when Jade Smith singled.

Luverne scored the game's first run in the bottom of

the second when Jacob Von Tersch registered an RBI single.

Isaiah Bartels pitched four innings of one-run, three-hit, four-strikeout ball to secure

the win for the Cards.

Quinn Buss fanned two batters in one inning of hitless relief.

Lance Luettel took the

pitching loss for Adrian after surrendering 10 runs in 3 2/3 innings. Nathan Rahe yielded one run and registered one out. Logan Taylor doubled and

Noah Reyne singled for Adrian.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	0	1	3
Lundgren	2	1	1	1
Beers	3	1	0	0
Haugen	4	1	2	1
Bartels	2	1	0	0
Buss	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	1	1
Crabtree	1	0	1	0
Van Dam	0	1	0	0
Sterrett	2	1	1	2
Wenninger	1	2	1	0
Von Tersch	2	1	2	1
Nekali	0	1	0	0
Beyer	1	1	1	2

Luverne 5, Minneota 1

The Cardinals opened the tournament by besting Minneota by four runs Friday at Redbird Field.

Colby Crabtree drove in four runs with two hits at the plate and Jake Haugen tossed a complete game to pave the way to victory for Luverne.

The teams battled to a scoreless draw through three innings of play before Luverne broke through for the game's first run in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Bartels reached base on a two-out error and scored when Crabtree recorded his first of two doubles in the game.

Minneota answered the challenge by stringing together one double and two singles in the top of the fifth to knot the score at one.

Luverne settled the issue by plating four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Nath doubled before scoring the first run of the inning after Lundgren, Beers and Haugen were hit by pitches.

One out later, Crabtree lifted a double down the right-field line to chase home the final three runs of the game.

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Junior Legion posts 6-2 win in Ruthton

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Junior Legion baseball team registered a 6-2 victory Thursday in Ruthton. Taking on Russell-Tyler-Ruthton on its home field, the young Cardinals scored the first five runs of the game to set the stage for a four-run win. Three Luverne pitchers logged innings on the mound, and Ethan Beyer and Riley Anderson drove in two runs each at the plate during the contest. Luverne plated single runs in the first three innings of the game to gain a 3-0 advantage. Bailey Cowell singled and scored when Casey Sehr delivered an RBI single in the first inning, and Jacob Von Tersch was hit by a pitch and scored when Anderson recorded a sacrifice fly in the second inning. Sehr singled and crossed home plate in the third when Beyer doubled. Luverne upped the lead to 5-0 with a two-run fifth inning. Sehr drew a walk and Jaime Palmquist and Beyer singled to load the sacks in the fifth.

Baker and Anderson capped the rally with run-scoring singles. R-T-R scored twice in the bottom of the fifth before Luverne capped the scoring in the sixth when Sehr reached based on an error before racing home when Beyer doubled. Cade Wenninger tossed four innings of scoreless, six-strikeout, one-hit ball to earn the win. Sehr relieved Wenninger and surrendered a pair of runs in the fifth inning. Cowell blanked R-T-R over the final two frames. The 13-5 Cardinals wrapped up the regular season with a game against Marshall Black in Marshall Tuesday (July 16).

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	3	1	3	0
Wenninger	3	0	1	0
Sehr	3	3	2	1
Palmquist	1	1	1	0
Beyer	4	0	3	2
Von Tersch	3	1	0	0
Baker	3	0	2	1
K.Anderson	1	0	0	0
R.Anderson	3	0	1	2
Shearer	3	0	0	0
Overgaard	1	0	0	0



John Rittenhouse photo/0718 redbirds 1

Luverne catcher Declan Beers drove in two runs and recorded two hits during a home win over Worthington July 9.

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Crabtree earned the pitching win by tossing four innings of four-hit, four-earned run, six-strikeout ball. Declan Beers tossed a scoreless fifth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	4	4	2	2
Beers	4	1	1	1
Paquette	4	2	2	2
Wenninger	3	2	2	2
Nath	1	2	1	0
Norman	3	3	2	2
Loosbrock	3	1	2	1
Haugen	3	1	2	3
Hiller	3	1	1	2
Crabtree	3	3	2	3

Luverne 18, Pipestone 4

The Redbirds locked up their 15th win of the season with a commanding effort in Pipestone July 10. Luverne batters racked up 21 hits and scored 18 runs during a 14-run conquest over the A's.

The Redbirds fell behind 1-0 in the game's first inning before bouncing back to outscore Pipestone 18-3 the rest of the way.

Luverne put together a seven-run second inning and scored eight runs in the ninth to highlight the win.

Wenninger, who had five hits and drove in six runs in the game, delivered the key blow in the seven-run second inning when he belted a grand slam home run.

Ben Serie doubled home three runs and Haugen chipped in a two-run double to highlight Luverne's eight-run ninth inning.

Codie Zeutenhorst slapped a two-run double in the fifth inning for the Redbirds.

Beers, Zach Loosbrock and Derek Lundgren registered two hits and drove in one run each.

Reisdorfer nailed down the pitching win by tossing eight innings for six-hit, four-run (three were earned runs) ball. He recorded five strikeouts and walked five batters.

Haugen pitched a score-

less ninth inning without allowing a Pipestone batter to reach base.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Serie	7	2	2	3
Beers	3	3	2	1
Wenninger	6	3	5	6
Zeutenhorst	4	0	2	2
Norman	5	2	2	0
Reisdorfer	5	1	2	0
Haugen	1	1	1	2
Loosbrock	4	2	2	1
Crabtree	5	0	1	0
Nath	0	1	0	0
Lundgren	5	2	2	1
Hiller	0	1	0	0

Luverne 11, Worthington 1

The Redbirds continued their winning ways when they entertained the Cubs in Luverne July 9.

The hosts scored 11 runs in the game's first two innings and went on to win by the 10-run rule after 6 1/2 innings of play.

Luverne took advantage of seven Worthington errors to build an 11-run lead early in the game.

Zeutenhorst slapped a two-run single, Loosbrock singled home one run and Norman drew a bases-loaded walk to record RBIs during a six-run first inning that included two more runs scoring on an error.

Beers singled home two runs, Wenninger added an RBI double and Norman registered a sacrifice fly when the Redbirds scored five runs in the second to open an 11-0 lead.

Brooks Mauer pitched six scoreless innings before surrendering one run in the top of the seventh to lose a potential shutout.

Mauer yielded five hits and recorded four strikeouts in seven innings.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	4	1	0	0
Lundgren	1	0	0	0
Beers	3	0	2	2
Paquette	4	2	2	0
Wenninger	3	2	1	1
Zeutenhorst	4	2	1	2
Hiller	0	0	0	0
Norman	1	1	0	2
Serie	4	2	1	0
Loosbrock	2	0	1	1
Crabtree	2	0	0	0
Gonzalez	1	1	0	0



John Rittenhouse photo/0718 triathlon 6

Shelbie Nath completes a swimming lap for a team that placed second during the World Wienerman Championships Thursday. Nath was a member of the Ketchup If You Can squad, which posted a time of 1:26.17.

Pipestone athletes rule 2019 Wienerman

By John Rittenhouse
A total of six, four-person teams accepted the challenge of participating in the ninth version of the World Wienerman Championships Thursday in Luverne.

The annual event, which is a part of Luverne's Hot Dog Night celebration, tests the participants' skills in biking, running and swimming as well as handling eating challenges.

The 2019 version of the event included four female teams and two mixed squads.

A team consisting of four Pipestone entries took top honors in the female division and the overall competition.

The Dawg Dames, consisting of Hollie Pater, Laura Wurster, Livia Wallace and Stacie Wallace, produced a time of 1:20.06 to emerge as the top dogs of the triathlon.

Two more all-female squads placed second and third in the their division and the overall competition.

Ketchup If You Can, made up by Luverne's Phoebe Flom, Diane Rowden and Shelbie Nath as well as Sioux Falls entry Jen Moser, recorded a time of 1:26.17.

That time was seven seconds



John Rittenhouse photo/0718 triathlon 4

Sean Bortman, Chamberlain, South Dakota, chows down on a macaroni and cheese hot dog during the World Wienerman Championships Thursday in Luverne.

faster than the 1:26.24 turned in by Hot Mess Express, a team consisting of Sioux Falls athletes Nancy Kirstein, Karen Lechtenberg, Jacqueline Palfy and Natalie Stamp.

Wacky Wienies, a team consisting of Ellsworth's Devin Dreesen, Morgan Dreesen, Rebecca Dreesen and Larchwood, Iowa, entry Chayton

Metzger capped the female field with a time of 1:42.12.

South Dakota athletes took top honors on the mixed division.

Sioux Falls athletes Jenna Stroup, Jenna Booth and Bryan Engelhart, along with Chamberlain's Sean Bortman, formed the PR Dawgs squad. They registered a time of

1:30.51 to win the division title.

Placing second in the mixed division with a time of 1:36.36 is Let's Be Frank.

Pipestone's Jeff Albertson and Cassie Goebel, Margaret Eichman (Valley Springs, South Dakota) and Angie Hageman (home town is unknown) formed the squad.



John Rittenhouse photo/0420 0718 mg derby

Member Tim Connell (left) and John Kvamme, the guest of Nate Golla, captured The Derby title Friday at the LCC.

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the event.

Members Craig Nekali (and John Nekali, Cerritos, California) and Gary Kurtz (and Bill Wallace, Omaha, Nebraska) led teams that placed fifth and sixth with respective 10- and 8.5-point tallies.

Members Mike Haakenson (and Tyler Kashdan, Minneapolis) and Tony Sandbulte (and Ryan Goebel, Sioux Falls)

led teams that share seventh place in the field with seven points.

Members Pete Connell (and Pat Connell, Edina) and Skyler Hoiland (and Austin Hoiland, Brandon) led squads that produced six points to round out the top 10 finishers.

Jason Sudenga had an outstanding tournament and won the low gross championship



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Pat Sexton (left) and Jason Sudenga won the low net and low gross titles respectively during the Member-Guest Tournament.

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Wolves create love-hate relationship with most people

When it comes to wolves, I think it is a love/hate relationship for most folks. If they are not eating your livestock, they are the ultimate large predator, and large numbers of them deserve a place in the ecosystem. It they are eating your very livelihood at night, then getting rid of those thieves is the right thing to do. The timber wolf has been on and off the endangered species list several times over the past 15 years.

The last time they were delisted, about five years ago, their population in Minnesota was about 2,600 to 2,700 animals. The recovery goal was 1,600 animals. By those numbers, they were more than recovered to desired populations.

Wolf advocates are passionate about wolves. The wolf has been managed by lawsuit for the last 20 years or more. Science says they are recovered and activist judges say they are not. They come off and then a wolf advocate lawsuit puts them right back on.

Politicians and wolf lovers should not be in charge of managing wolves. Not in Minnesota and not in any other state for that matter. Science and biology — not how many people love them — should dictate wolf policy.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing yet again to delist the wolf as endangered in Minnesota. They are required to have a public input meeting to hear what the public thinks. They just had one in Bemidji last week and over 400 people attended.

The same stories were told over and over again. One segment of the population thinks wolves are recovered and need to be regulated to protect their business interests.

The other group says that wolves are special to their society and under no circumstances should



Outdoors

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

they ever be hunted or trapped. Others yet will say that they only occupy a small portion of their traditional ranges and until they are restored to their prior glory, wolf expansion should continue. No population control allowed.

Now, I am a pretty science-based outdoorsman, but what if we used the same logic with buffalo? Would we not be satisfied until the original 3 to 4 million buffalo were roaming all over North America?

There is just no way that every species will ever occupy 100 percent of its traditional range when they have 350 million humans to share it with.

Wolves are expanding in Minnesota and are getting closer to the metro every year. Wolves belong in Minnesota. There is a place for every animal in a diverse ecosystem, given their populations are kept in balance.

What I am completely sick and tired of is judges and lawsuits trying to smother sound conservation science. Determine what is recovered, manage to that population level and use wildlife professionals to decide what is the best way to accomplish and maintain that. If you want to give some input, logging into www.fws.gov/home/wolfrecovery/ will get you where you need to go.

Follow me on twitter @habitat champion or Instagram at the same handle for short tidbits of wildlife wonders a few times each week.

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 scottarall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.



John Rittenhouse photo/0718 donut 1

South Dakota riders (from right to left) Ryan Waterfall (Milbank), Jens Kuiper (Watertown) and Jade Miller (Milbank) make the turn into the Beaver Creek donut stop during the Tour de Donut Minnesota Saturday.

Participation rate swells for Tour de Donut

By John Rittenhouse

The second version of the Tour de Donut Minnesota proved to be a resounding success Saturday.

While no participant information was available from the 10-mile mini tour, the main divisions of the event (55-mile, 33-mile and 17-mile rides) attracted 84 participants overall.

There were 47 entries during the event's debut in 2018.

Winning the overall male and female championships in the 55-mile ride were Nathan Rahm (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) and Amanda Adams (Sioux Falls).

Rahm registered an adjusted time of 1:58.11, while Adams, who consumed seven donuts to lead all entries in the event, posted a time of 3:11.39.

Kenneth's Kraig Rust produced the lone championship for area competitors by winning the male division for participants 60 years of age and older with a time of 2:40.37 during the 55-mile ride.

Luke Arnts (Sioux Falls) and Margett Eichmann (Valley Springs, South Dakota) claimed the overall championships of the 33-mile ride.

Arnts logged an adjusted time of 1:42.30, while Eichmann



John Rittenhouse photo/0718 donut 4

Kenneth's Kraig Rust, a division winner in the 55-mile ride, consumes a donut in Beaver Creek Saturday.

checked in at 1:55.40.

Eichmann led all 33-mile riders by eating five donuts.

Phil Lentz (Sioux Falls) and Jessica Alvey (Hartford, South Dakota) captured the overall

titles of the 17-mile ride.

Lentz completed his trek with an adjusted time of 58:17, while Alvey finished the course in 1:01.36.

Jenna Stroup (Sioux Falls)

led all entries in the division by eating five donuts.

Here is a look at the age division winners with their adjusted times during Saturday's event.

55-mile ride
Male 29 and under: Jens Kuiper, Watertown, South Dakota, 2:22.04.
Male 30-39: Rahm, 1:58.11.
Male 40-49: Ryan Waterfall, Milbank, South Dakota, 2:09.07.
Male 50-59: Marty Takagi, Mitchell, South Dakota, 2:34.29.
Male 60 and over: Rust, 2:40.38.
Female 30-39: Adams, 3:11.39.
Female 40-49: Bev Mentzer, Sioux Falls, 4:52.14.
Female 50-59: Betsy Hansen, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, 2:58.43.
Female 60 and over: Glenda Wilts, Sioux Falls, 3:43.18.

33-mile ride
Male 29 and under: Arnts, 1:42.30.
Male 30-39: Jon Alvey, Hartford, 1:46.37.
Male 40-49: Corey Docken, Minneapolis, 1:55.30.
Male 50-59: Craig Pierzchalski, Sioux Falls, 2:27.42.
Male 60 and over: Douglas Bakkene, Worthington, 2:04.24.
Female 29 and under: Amanda Miller, Sioux Falls, 3:02.10.
Female 30-39: Eichmann, 1:55.40.
Female 40-49: Kimber Pierzchalski, Sioux Falls, 2:33.40.
Female 50-59: Debbie Ptacek, Sioux Falls, 3:05.45.
Female 60 and over: Pamela Ephgrave, Sioux Falls, 2:44.20.

17-mile ride
Male 39 and under: Lentz, 58:17.
Male 40 and over: Jeff Stroup, Sioux Falls, 1:19.56.
Female 39 and under: Alvey, 1:01.36.
Female 40 and over: Tiffany Snider, Superior, Wisconsin, 1:33.07.



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Moving on

Gaige Nath and the Luverne American Legion baseball team qualified for the Sub-State Tournament by claiming the title of the Sub Sub-State A Tournament in Luverne over the weekend. The Cardinals defeated Minneota and Adrian to claim the championship. The Cards host the Southwest Sub-State Tournament, which begins Thursday. Luverne takes on Minnesota Lake at 7:30 p.m.



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Haugen yielded five hits and fanned six batters during his seven-inning effort on the mound.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	1	1	0
Lundgren	0	1	0	0
Beers	3	1	0	0
Haugen	2	1	0	1
Bartels	3	1	0	0
Crabtree	3	0	2	4
Buss	0	0	0	0
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Thursday, July 18: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid program at Mary Jane Brown Home. Sunday, July 21: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 4 p.m. Worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, and installation of missionary for Brandon, S.D. Thursday, July 25: ELS Lutheran Youth Association Convention at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato.

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Friday, July 19: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, July 20: 2-4 p.m. Stoel 60th Anniversary Open House. Sunday, July 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior High Youth Group. Tuesday, July 23: Noon staff meeting. 2:30 p.m. Word search. Wednesday, July 24: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

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Thursday, July 18: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, July 20: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, July 21: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 22: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Messenger deadline. Wednesday, July 24: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, July 25: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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Thursday, July 18: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Salad luncheon. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Sunday, July 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship; Music staff meeting. Monday, July 22: No quilting. Tuesday, July 23: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 24: No deacons. Thursday, July 25: 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
Thursday, July 18: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, July 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 21: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, July 24: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Assembly. Thursday, July 25: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

Living Rock Church
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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Jesse Baker, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, July 21: 10 a.m. Worship Service at First Lutheran.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemiuth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, July 21: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 23: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, July 24: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Free for what?

This month our nation celebrated Independence Day on July 4.



Not everyone has a deep understanding of this celebration, but most people get the significance of this day.

We in the United States make clear we live in a land that affords us freedom: free from taxation without representation, freedom to determine our own affairs, freedom to pursue happiness, and a whole host of other freedoms.

We are free FROM a number of oppressive things, but we are also free FOR a great many precious things. We are free FOR the pursuit of liberty and justice for all.

We also have freedoms as believers in Christ. Jesus says in John 8:36, "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

We are free FROM

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ron Nichols, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

the consequences of sin, death, and the devil. We are also free FOR serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.

To be free to serve Christ is not a contradiction like some might think. These are precious freedoms we have in Christ; free to hear His Word, free to follow Him, and free to serve Him.

Freedom is a sacred trust we share in this country of ours. Freedom is also a sacred trust we share with Christ. Our freedoms contain many freedoms FROM a great many things that harm us, but also freedoms FOR a great many things that bring us abundant life, happiness and joy.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, July 21: 10 a.m. Worship Service at First 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: magnoliamumc@gmail.com
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
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hillsurc@alliancecom.net
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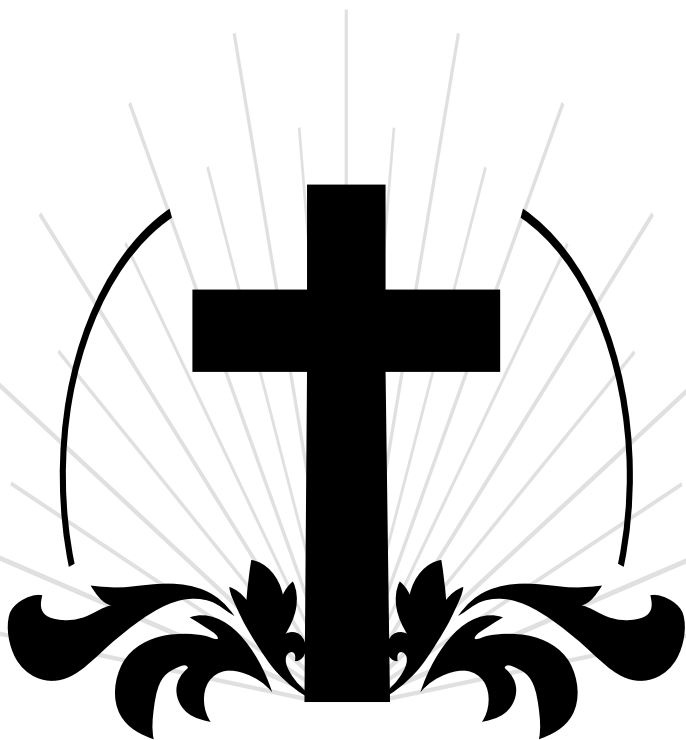
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Notice of sheriff's sale
Aug. 8 under
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

First Farmers & Merchants National Bank,
Plaintiff,

v.

Craig L. Hawes and Katherine A. Hawes,
Defendants.

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE TYPE: Other Civil/Misc.
Court File No. 67-CVC-18-180

Honorable Terry S. Vajgrt

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER
JUDGMENT AND DECREE
(Real Property)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that by virtue of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order Adjudging Amounts Due, and Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (the "Judgment") made and entered in the above-entitled action on May 21, 2019, whereby it is adjudged, among other things, that there is due to First Farmers & Merchants National Bank from Defendants Craig L. Hawes and Katherine A. Hawes the sum of \$626,260.62, plus interest at the rate of \$94.88 per day after April 22, 2019, and that the real property described therein shall be sold to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due, with the costs and expenses of such sale, a certified transcript of which Judgment has been delivered to me, I, the undersigned Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, will offer and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on **August 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 the real property in Rock County commonly known as 923 151st Street, Luverne, Minnesota, and legally described as follows:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWN SHIP 103 NORTH, RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
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YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE HOMESTEAD YOU HAVE DESIGNATED.

IF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD CONTAINS SEPARATE TRACTS, YOU MAY REQUEST THAT THE TRACTS BE SOLD AND REDEEMED SEPARATELY. EACH OF THE SEPARATE TRACTS MUST CONFORM TO LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCES.

YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A COPY OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH OF THE TRACTS YOU HAVE DESIGNATED TO BE SOLD SEPARATELY.

Dated: June 7, 2019

EVAN VERBRUGGE
ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF
By: /s/
Deputy Sheriff

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(06-20, 06-27, 07-04, 07-11, 07-18, 07-25)

Fick feedlot hearing
set for July 22

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit For Josh Fick

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Bluemound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2019. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Josh Fick
Location: The NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing feedlot of more than 1000 animal units
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use permit is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of total confinement barns housing 2400 head of finishing swine; and a total confinement, and partial confinement barns with open lots and runoff controls housing 1440 head of finishing cattle. Total existing capacity is 2160 animal units.

The proposed expansion will consist of the elimination of one partial confinement barn with open lots and runoff controls, and replacing with a total confinement cattle barn with deep pit manure storage under slats housing an additional 300 head of finishing cattle.

After the expansion, the site will continue to house 2400 head of finishing swine and 1740 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the total confinement barns will be stored in a poured reinforced concrete pits under the floor of the barns, and the manure pack on the lot. Total animal units after the expansion will be 2460 animal units.

Dated: July 11, 2019

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862

(07-11, 07-18)

City of Luverne seeks
bids by Aug. 6

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Luverne, Minnesota, at the City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., P.O. Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659, until 1:00 PM, on August 6, 2019, for South Substation Feeders, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The general nature of the work on which bids will be received consists of installation of mainline circuits that are fed out of the new south substation and extend to the southwest part of town and circuits that tie into the existing part of town. The project also includes the installation of Owner- and/or Contractor-furnished equipment, including, box pads, manholes, conduit, ductbanks, and power cables.

The above work shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the office of the City of Luverne, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

Contractors desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$20 by inputting Quest project #6424668 website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union Street, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, IA 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$75.00, none of which is refundable.

All bids shall be made on bid forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Payment to the Contractor will be made on the basis of ninety percent (90%) upon certification of work completed; ten percent (10%) thirty-one (31) days after final completion and acceptance.

The construction shall be performed upon a Notice to Proceed issuance. Substantial completion of the project shall be no later than June 1, 2020. See the specifications for more details on construction timing requirements.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period. The City also reserves the right to reject any or all bids and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the City.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2019.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

/s/ Jessica Mead

City Clerk

(07-18)

Notice to creditors of
Elcock probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT COURT-COUNTY COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Barbara Elcock,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-19-207

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of August, 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 May 25, 2018, and for the appointment of Sondra Hladky, whose address is 27014 462nd Avenue, Chancellor, South Dakota 57105, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in a 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 personal 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 co-personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: June 28, 2019

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma

Attorney for Petitioners

Eisma and Eisma

130 East Main

Luverne, MN 56156

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(COURT SEAL)

(07-11, 07-18)

City of Luverne adopts
Ordinance No. 8

ORDINANCE NO. 8, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "ZONING MAP" PROVIDED FOR IN CITY CODE, SECTION 153.022, TO INCLUDE REZONING UITHOVEN ADDITION FROM R-R, RESIDENTIAL RESERVE DISTRICT TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" governed and established by City Code, Section 153.022, originally adopted by Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, and succeeding amendments, is hereby amended and this ordinance constitutes the "Seventh Amendment to City of Luverne Zoning Map" to rezone the said property from R-R, Residential Reserve, to R-1 Single Family Residential described as follows:

DESCRIPTION - Parcel 20-0018-000 1.59 acres
Parcel 20-0018-100 18.86 acres

Lots 1 & 2, Uithoven Addition, Luverne, MN

SEC. 2. The City Administrator is hereby instructed to cause the official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" as adopted in said Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, to be amended consistent with the amendment adopted herein including the notation of this ordinance number and its adoption date thereon and when so amended, said Zoning Map shall henceforth be the "City of Luverne Zoning Map" of all zoning districts delineated in City Code, Chapter 153.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication. (7-18)

Campground permit
hearing set for July 22

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

Request for Campground Facility

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Bluemound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:15 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2019. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: William Cowell
Location: A 13.1 acre tract located in the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 12 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Construction and operation of a campground facility in the A-2, General Agriculture District

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

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(07-11, 07-18)

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More than 15,000 free hot dogs were grilled and served free of charge Thursday night, July 11, by Luverne merchants and organizations for the hundreds of people who crowded Main Street for the 57th annual event. Many other merchants participated on South Highway 75 and side streets.

Luverne’s 57th Annual Hot Dog Night enjoys great weather, big crowds/continued from page 1A

Another 200 stood along the designated area for the annual beauty pageant followed by the dog races. Twenty-one dogs and their owners participated in the 12th Annual Wiener Dog Beauty Pageant. The judges selected “Louise” as the winner of the female dog category. Owners Wendy and Ava Alexander of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, dressed the dachshund in a Wonder Woman costume. Taking the male category was Ethan Olander, also of Sioux Falls, who dressed as Harry Potter with his dog Walter B. Wiener as Harry’s



Lori Sorenson photo/0718 hot dog night triplets

Triplets (from left) Hazyl, Levisy and Bronley Boyenga find a shady spot under a tablecloth to enjoy their hot dogs. **Below**, Green Earth Players, aka “The Three Amigos,” take time out from grilling and serving hot dogs for a quick pose. From left are Shawn Kinsinger, Jim Harsma and Joseph Stearns.



Mavis Fodness photo/0718 Hot Dog Night

pet snow owl named Hedwig. Hundreds of people walked the four blocks of Main Street for the Hot Dog Night lineup of activities. They enjoyed the more than 15,000 hot dogs given away at this year’s 57th annual event. “The weather (temperatures in the lows 80s) was perfect,” Lanphere said. “It wasn’t humid.”



Mavis Fodness photo/0718 Hot Dog Night 2019

Barb Van Grootheest of Rock Valley, Iowa, points her dog named Rascal toward the finish line during the wiener dog races. This is the 16th year for the races, which attracted 20 competitive runners.

At left, Ezra Breyfogle strikes a pose at the grill where he worked Thursday night cooking hot dogs for Prairie Rehabilitation Services on North Cedar Avenue.

Chamber, CVB announce Prairie Photo Contest winners

By Lori Sorenson
The first round of 2019 Prairie Photo Contest judging is complete, and the Luverne Area Chamber announced winners Friday. “I can honestly tell you that they had a very hard time,” Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said about judges for the May-June contest. Winners in the Animals category are Kelly Doyle with “Bison Stroll,” Jason Schutz with “Resting Place” and Steve Bloemendaal with “New Legs.” Plants and Flowers category winners are Linsey Duffy with “Prairie Onion” and Linsey Duffy with “Aster & Quartzite.” Landscapes winners are Kelly Doyle with “Tangerine Sunset” and Jason Schutz with “Serenity.” General Interest winner is Mary Herr with “Bison Buggy Ride.” Lanphere said \$400 in cash prizes was awarded, and the Chamber and CVB will use the photos to promote prairie visits and travel. Area photographers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the sixth annual Prairie Photo Contest sponsored by the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau. The CVB accepts photo entries for three contest periods: May and June (just completed), July and August (deadline Aug. 31) and September and October (enter by Oct. 31). Photographers may enter up to five photos per entry period, and two \$50 prizes will be awarded per category per entry period. Call 507-283-4061.



Steve Bloemendaal’s fawn photograph titled, “New Legs,” is a winner in the Animals category of the photo contest.



Above, Jason Schutz’s image of monarch butterflies called “Resting Place” is a winner in the Animals category.



Jason Schutz’s image “Serenity,” above, is a winner in the Landscapes category. At right, Kelly Doyle’s submission of a bison cow and calf was a winner in the Animals category of the contest.



Below, Linsey Duffy’s image, “Prairie Onion,” is a winner in the Plants and Flowers category of the contest.



Midwest Rides and Concessions, Elk River, will again return to the Rock County Fair this year with midway entertainment.

Welcome to the fair!

Rock County Fair Board offers glimpse of planning to offer something for everyone

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Fair this year will be noted for quality grandstand attractions, more free family entertainment and the always-popular 4-H and Open Class competitions.

According to Fair Board Secretary Lee Sells, the 2019 event is shaping up to be better than ever with more attractions for more visitors of all ages.

"We're hoping to get the people down to the fairgrounds to spend more time at the fair," Sells said. "If there's more going on, they'll spend more time at the fair."

Free fun for the family

New this year will be the Pipestone System's Miracle of Birth Discovery Center near the Show Arena where visitors can witness piglets being born, chicks hatching from eggs and more. (See the story at the bottom of page 1B)

Also popular will be the Farm Bureau Imagination Station in the Commercial Building. It's a kiosk that offers a collection of online educational games that bring the farm to life.

New to the Historical Barns this year will be Dutch oven demonstrations and featuring old-time cooking of beef stew, dessert and other entrees with an open fire.

Dutch oven cooking and free samples will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 25 and 26, and from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday.



John Rittenhouse file photo

More than 50 children participated in the mutton-busting competition at the bull-riding event at the 2018 fair.

All these new offerings will join a full lineup of free attractions that are returning to the fair this year — woodcarving, blacksmithing, pottery demonstrations, fish tanks, a petting zoo, miniature farm display and more.

"We want to make sure we have a family-oriented fair with lots of entertainment for all ages," Sells said.

A series of "Music on the Patio" will be all three days, with Ron and Jane Cote from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, Gloria Wieneke from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Bruce Dysthe from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Other free entertainment at the fair includes a meet and greet with Tri-State Neighbor personality Jim Woster from 4:30 to 6:30



Mavis Fodness photo/0802 Wednesday 2018 Fair

With their animals all bedded down during the 2018 version of the Rock County Fair, 4-H'ers (from left) Claire Popkes, Samantha Moser, Dalton Popkes and Donovan Leenderts take a break in the beef barn.

p.m. Thursday under the tent where Teals will offer free watermelon at 5:30 p.m. and the Rock County Farm Family of the Year will be introduced at 6 p.m.

Photographer Doug Ohman will host presentations at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday and the Antique Trac-

tor Parade will wind its way through the fairgrounds between 7 and 8 p.m. (See the story on page 11B)

Fair visitors can take in the Pedal Pull (registration at 1 p.m.) at 2 p.m. Saturday in the grandstand, and 4-H cook-off under the tent at 2 p.m. that day. In addition, the

public is encouraged to take in all the 4-H and Open Class exhibits and shows throughout the three days of the fair.

Free shuttle service is available from 4 to 10 p.m. daily.

Fair preview/continued on page 2B

4-H brings 'Meats Cook-off' to Rock County Fair

By Jason Berghorst

A little bit of the Food Network is coming to this year's Rock County Fair.

A reality TV-like food cook-off competition for 4-H members has been added to this year's fair lineup.

"It's a spinoff from a similar event that happens at the state fair each year," said Angie Sandbulte, who is organizing the 4-H Cook-off event with her husband, Derek.

"We've seen kids have fun with it and wanted to bring the fun to our fair, so we ran with it," she said.

The competition will take place on Saturday during the fair at 2 p.m. under the tent between the 4-H food stand and the floral hall.

Sandbulte said 4-H members in grade six and older can form teams of up to four members to enter the cook-off.

Each team will be provided with beef, some produce, a couple of spices and utensils, camping grill and other supplies needed to create



Submitted photo/0718 4H cookoff

Participating in the Minnesota State 4-H Meats Cook-off in 2018 are Rock County 4-H members (from left) Leah Kruse, Karly Kruse, Lanae Elbers and Grace Sandbulte, who made beef Alfredo pizza on the grill.

"It's fun to watch the kids get creative and see what they come up with."

— Angie Sandbulte, cook-off organizer Rock County 4-H

a meal or entrée to be entered into the competition.

"The kids can also bring up to three ingredients of their choice per team to add to their food," Sandbulte said.

The young contestants will present their final products to a team of five judges who will taste-test the

4-H Meat Cook-off/see page 4B

Discovery Center to feature piglets in Miracle of Birth exhibit

By Jason Berghorst

The Rock County Fair has always been a place where farm and town connect.

A new Rock County Discovery Center at this year's fair will help enhance those connections.

Pipestone System is sponsoring a Miracle of Birth exhibit in the Discovery Center attached to the show arena July 24-27.

The attraction will include a sow that will give birth to piglets during the fair, eggs that will hatch during the fair, and various other displays about farming.

"We recognize that farming does not directly touch as many individuals as it did in decades past," said Sylvia Wolters, public relations director for Pipestone System.

"Our goal is to bring farm to town

and help build connections to where our food and fabric come from," Wolters said.

In addition to the animals, the exhibit will include educational displays, videos, games and trivia.

The Rock County Discovery Center will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. "We encourage people to come visit us often as different things will

be happening each day during the fair," Wolters said.

"We hope the sow farrows during the day so that people can be there to see it, but if not, we will have videos showing birth if people miss the farrowing."

Wolters said Pipestone System has been providing farm discovery

Discovery Center/see page 4B

See inside:

- Mark Dahl and Diane Kennedy are 2019 Farm Family of Year

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- Enduro races are enduring tradition at Rock County Fair.

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- Four Rock County farms are designated Century Farms.

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- Antique Tractor Parade returns for ride through fairgrounds.

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Fair Board works to make sure there's something for everyone of all ages/continued from page 1B

Fun for a fee

In addition to free fun, families can pay to enjoy other activities, such as balloon art, face painting, caricature drawings, the arcade and Xtreme Balls, which allows competitors to wear inflated human-sized balls and attempt to bounce each other off their feet.

Other classic stops that require cash at the fair are the Rib Tickler and Ice Cream booths, 4-H Eat Stand, funnel cakes, corn dogs and other food vendors, plus the beer gardens.

Midwest Rides and Concessions returns to Luverne again this year with carnival rides, games and food to the Rock County Fair.

Sells said families can save a considerable amount of money on ride tickets by purchasing them in advance of the fair.

"They can buy eight tickets for \$20 at one ticket per ride," he said. "If they wait and buy tickets at the fair, they'll pay double that."

Advance ride tickets are available at Teal's, Luverne Pizza Ranch, the Chamber and at Rauk's in Beaver Creek.

Sells said county fair organizers all over are finding it increasingly difficult to line up quality midway carnivals, due to rising costs of equipment maintenance and liability insurance.



John Rittenhouse photo/0802 bull 3

Crowds line the corral for the 2017 version of Xtreme Bull Riding at the Rock County Fair. Pictured at right, Javier Garcia registers an eight-second ride that produced 69 points during the Minnesota Xtreme Bull Riding Company's show at the Rock County Fair Friday night.



"We've had a great relationship with Midwest Rides over the years," he said.

"We've always been able to work with them."

He said carnival businesses do well when the county fairs bring in plenty of people, and Sells said that happens when organizers bring good things to the fair that gets people to come.

In addition to providing attractions on the fairgrounds, grandstand entertainment plays a big

role in bringing crowds to the fair ahead of nightly grandstand events.

Grandstand attractions

From the Fair Board's perspective, filling the 1,000-seat grandstand all three nights is a priority, and the lineup this year appears poised to do that.

Thursday night sees the return of Rock County Speedway's popular micro sprints, sportsman, hobby stock and BMod races on the track. Two years ago so many people lined up

for the races that the fair board brought in additional bleacher seating.

The event, sponsored by R&S Seeds and Fick Seeds, starts at 7 p.m. with hot laps at 6:30.

Friday night features Xtreme Bull Riding and Mutton Busting, which returns to Luverne for the third year in a row.

"It's a big hit across all ages," Sells said.

Parents and grandparents come to watch kids ride the sheep, which is the same as bull-riding,

only it's sheep. ... They see how long they can stay on."

The event, sponsored by Wyffels Seed and Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers, starts at 6 p.m. with mutton busting followed by bull riding at 7.

Saturday night's Enduro Race is expected to bring even bigger crowds this year, thanks to collaboration with enduro events at Murray County Speedway in Slayton and Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids. (See the related feature story on page 5B.)

Organizers set up a six-event schedule that started earlier this year — three of them staged in Luverne, and drivers have started accumulating points that will add up to bigger cash prizes at the end of the season in mid-August.

According to Fair Board member Justin Kemp, this all adds up to more people in the grandstands.

"Having three races here helps us raise more money for the free events we provide at the fair," he said. "Just like anything else, it costs us more to provide things like the free petting zoo and wood carving demonstrations."

The Commercial Building is open from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Ida Reverts Floral Hall Building is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the Rock County Historical buildings are open daily from 1 to 9 p.m.

For a complete run-down of the 2019 Rock County Fair schedule of events, see the listing on the back page.



A crowded pack comes out of a turn at Rock County Speedway during the 2018 Rock County Fair. At right, Xtreme Airball players attempt to upright themselves at the 2017 fair.





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Luverne couple named 2019 Rock County Farm Family of Year

By Mavis Fodness
Surprise, honor and shock were Mark Dahl's immediate thoughts when he and his wife, Diane Kennedy, were selected as the 2019 Rock County Farm Family of the Year.

"Being a small farm, I didn't think we even qualify," he said. "This is pretty cool for us."

Each year county Extension committees across the state select a local family who demonstrates a commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture and agriculture production.

Dahl and Kennedy operate MD Partnership, a farm name the couple selected after purchasing four purebred Angus cows to start their current herd.

The couple operates 160 acres north of Luverne to support the cow-calf herd.

Dahl is the farmer in the family, Kennedy eagerly admitted. Kennedy is a family practitioner with Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Both, however, are avid supporters of the 4-H program and were members of the Pipestone County 4-H Program as youth.

Their enthusiasm for 4-H and improving their livestock program caught the attention of Stacy Mente, a member of the Rock County Extension Committee.

"They have been very active in 4-H," she said.

Each of the Dahls' now adult daughters — Jessa, Kat Mauer and Ellen — was a 4-H member. The show



Mavis Fodness photo/Fair Tab Farm Family Dahls

Mark Dahl and Diane Kennedy, who farm northeast of Luverne, are the 2019 Rock County Farm Family of the Year.

preparation and tending to the beef herd became a group effort.

"4-H is such a family event," Kennedy said. "It was really time for us to work together and show at the fair."

The work began at home with the responsibilities of breeding and caring for quality stock.

However, with fewer families are spending time showing and raising livestock together, youth are losing a connection to the rural way of life.

As a youth Dahl almost lost that connection, but was reconnected to farming through his grandfather.

"I went out with grandpa

to his farm and I liked it," he said.

His family later moved to the farm while Dahl was still in high school.

After high school, Dahl earned an animal science degree from the University of Minnesota.

While Kennedy finished the U of M medical school,

Dahl tended the livestock herd at the university.

"He found a way to farm on the U of M campus," Kennedy said.

The couple moved to their Luverne acreage in 1993, joined the 4-H program and began building connections within the ag community.

"I liked the people the most," Dahl said. "That has kind of been the whole thing about the Angus group and showing is the people."

The couple is still involved in supporting 4-H.

Kennedy assisted Mente in exposing kindergarten through second-grade 4-H Cloverbud members to livestock at the fair.

The kids are paired with older 4-H members to expose the younger members to the responsibilities of handling livestock and their care.

A special ceremony honoring the MD Partnership will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25, during the county fair.

They will receive additional recognition at the Family Farm Recognition Program Aug. 8 during Farm Fest near Redwood Falls.



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The local judges will rate each entry on both taste and appearance. The winning team will receive prizes.

Sandbulte said some Rock County 4-H members have participated in similar contests at the state fair in the past and had fun.

"It's fun to watch the kids get creative and see what they come up with," she said.

Beef Alfredo Grilled Pizza'

Her daughter, Grace Sandbulte, created a beef Alfredo pizza entrée that earned third-place accolades at last year's event in St. Paul.

"It was fun competing against other kids," Grace said. "It was fun to learn what cooking skills other people have."

She created the dish using ingredients provided, plus those she brought from home — pre-made pizza crust, Alfredo sauce and shredded mozzarella cheese.

Because of the cook-off style assembly, the dish doesn't have a recipe, per se, but Grace offered an overview of her award-winning method.

"We grilled the meat first. Then on the crust we put on the Alfredo sauce, cut up the meat, put meat on, sprinkled it with cheese," she said.

"We placed it on the grill to warm everything."

Rock County cook-off set for Saturday, July 27

According to the organizers, the cook-off will fill a lull in activities for 4-H'ers at the fair on Saturday afternoon between morning horse shows and the parade of champions later in the day.

The Sandbultes are encouraging all 4-H youth eligible to participate to form a team for the cook-off.

They are also accepting monetary donations and donations of produce to help the first-time event be a success.

Angie Sandbulte can be reached at 507-220-0190 for those who have questions or want to register or make donations.

"We want to make it a fun kickoff event this year and hopefully it grows even more for next year," Sandbulte said.

Miracle of Birth offered at Pipestone System's Discovery Center/from page 1B



Above, a new litter of piglets nurse at the Pipestone System Miracle of Birth Discovery Barn at the Sioux Empire Fair in 2018.



At right, local volunteers Teresa Kramer (left) and Stephanie Nussbaum work with a newborn calf at the dairy exhibit.

exhibits at area fairs for about eight years and will be at nine different fairs this year.

The largest and most well known is the Pipestone Discovery Barn at the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls.

Rock County farmers Teresa and Dick Kramer and their daughter, Amy, have volunteered with the Discovery Barn in Sioux Falls since it started there in 2014.

"Everyone enjoys it and everyone usually makes their way to the Discovery Barn at some point during the fair," said Teresa, who spent the first few years bringing dairy cows and calves to the Sioux

Empire Fair display.

"Of course, over there, it's a lot more city people who have never seen a cow up close before — they can't believe how big they are seeing them up close rather than from the road."

Helping the public better understand animal care on the farm is the primary goal, she said, and when visitors ask questions, that's ideal.

"That's probably what I enjoy the most is answering people's questions," Kramer said.

"Mostly they are legitimate questions from people who really want to know how things work. Some people have some really different ideas about what goes on with animals on the farm, so it's always nice to get the right information out there."

Being able to pet the animals — like hogs, cows, chickens, etc — is popular, Kramer said, but the birthing process is the most interesting draw.

"It is pretty cool to see that when it's happening," she said. "But it doesn't always happen during the fair's open hours."

The Discovery Center at the Rock County Fair next week won't have cows and calves, but it will feature sows and their piglets being born.

Ultimately, Wolters said she hopes curiosity sparks questions and generates educational discussion.

“We want to make connections with people, share our passion and help build a relationship with where your food comes from,” Wolter said.

"The more people know, the more confident and informed they can be in their food choices."



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Local racers drive longtime interest in Rock County Enduros

By John Rittenhouse

The annual Enduro Race has been a fixture in the Rock County Fair grandstand lineup for a number of years.

The event always is staged on a Saturday night, and it packs the stands and the infield at the Rock County Speedway on a regular basis.

One of the main reasons why the Enduro Race usually attracts the most fans is because it attracts a lot of local drivers.

Luverne's Greg Vande Velde is one of the Enduro regulars, and he plans to be on the track again when the race begins at 7 p.m. on July 27.

"I've been racing for roughly 30 years," Vande Velde said.

"I started competing in the Enduro Race in 2000, but I raced in the limited sprint car class and the factory stock class for a number of years before that."

It was the grind of having to prepare and race cars on a weekly basis that prompted Vande Velde to make the move to Enduro racing.

As the father of two children and a full-time mechanic at Connell Car Care, a less demanding racing schedule gave him more time to spend with his family without giving up on motor sports entirely.

It didn't take long for Vande Velde to grow fond of the Enduro Race at the Rock County Fair.

After making three consecutive appearances at an event that usually attracts more cars than any event on the schedule, Vande Velde won his first fair race in 2004.

One might think claiming his first Enduro title would make him hungry to make a bid at becoming a repeat champion, but Vande Velde took on a different challenge.

"The year after winning the



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Luverne's Greg Vande Velde has won three Enduro Race titles at Rock County Speedway, including the championship of the Rock County Fair Race in 2004. Along with being a driver who has competed in an estimated 20 fair races, Vande Velde served as a co-race director of the event for 10 years.

2004 race is when Bob Boelman and I decided to run the race as co-directors for the next 10 years," Vande Velde said.

"That was something I wanted to do while I was still young enough to take it on. A lot of people don't realize how much work goes into putting on an Enduro Race. It takes a lot of people working together as a team, but we enjoyed it."

Vande Velde may not have been competing on the track during the next decade, but the 1982 Chevy Caprice he drove to victory in 2004 could be viewed on the

oval.

Greg's son Taylor Vande Velde claimed a fair race title during the next decade.

Steve Rolfes, a good friend of Greg's who resides in Brandon, South Dakota, claimed a race title at the fair as well.

When Vande Velde and Boelman handed over the race director title to Adam Kinsinger after their 10-year run, Vande Velde started racing the same car again.

He won the Late Season Enduro Race at RCS in 2016.

With the help of friends and relatives, Vande Velde converted

a 1983 Chevy Caprice into another successful ride.

"Driving in an Enduro race is much better than running one, so I had to retire the car I had for 18 seasons," he said.

"A lot of friends and family members helped me build another car over the winter two years ago, and I've been driving it ever since then."

Strapped inside his second car, Vande Velde captured his third championship at RCS at the Late Season Enduro Race last fall.

Vande Velde plans to chase more ace titles this year.

"I like the challenge of competing against other drivers and driving the car to the best of my ability. I like the people involved with these races and talking with all of the other drivers."

— Greg Vande Velde, veteran Enduro racer

He missed the opening race of the Sturdevant Auto Parts Enduro Series in Slayton back in June, but he placed seventh in the field at the second event at RCS June 22.

He plans to race in the four remaining series events, including the Rock County Fair Race (July 27) and Late Season Enduro set for the local track on Sept. 7.

"I'm 53 now, which makes me and Tom Walker the oldest local guys who race at our track on a regular basis," Vande Velde said.

"I can see myself doing it for a few more years. I think about it every year, but I'm not ready to call it quits yet. I have told my buddies that the car I drive now will be the last one I ever build."

Vande Velde still enjoys the process, so there's no reason to step away from the sport he loves at this point in time.

"I like the challenge of competing against other drivers and driving the car to the best of my ability. I like the people involved with these races and talking with all of the other drivers. I still enjoy working on the car and driving my own car. That's still a lot of fun for me."



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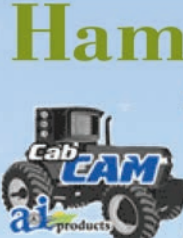
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Century farms honored Thursday night in ceremony

By Mavis Fodness

Since the Minnesota Century Farm program began in 1976, more than 10,500 farms around the state have been recognized for 100 years of continuous family ownership.

This year, four Rock County farms joined the 89 already recognized by the program sponsored through the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Association.

The farm owners celebrating 100 years of family ownership include Paul and Diane Boyenga, Ellsworth; David and Lisa Hamann, Luverne; Harlan and Sue Stueven, Hills; and Glen and Marla Paulson, Steen.

To be eligible, families must have owned their farms that are at least 50 acres in size for at least 100 years and must be currently involved in farming.

The farms and their current owners will be recognized at the Rock County Fair beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25, under the tent near the 4-H eatstand.

Century Farm: David and Lisa Hamann



David and Lisa Hamann have seven children and two grandchildren (a third is on the way) to see the family farm into the next century. Pictured from left are David, Lisa, Jenae, Jordan, Karissa, Andrew, Kynzie, Justin, Erin (Hamann) Schneckloth holding Jayse, Tim Schneckloth and Kade Schneckloth.

At left, snow blankets the David and Lisa Hamann farm south of Luverne. This year, the family farm celebrates its 100th year of Hamann family ownership.

By Mavis Fodness

Farming is in the blood for the Hamann family.

For 100 years, beginning with E.H. and Annie and now with David and Lisa, the 120 acres purchased in 1919 continues to produce hogs and crops in section 24 of Luverne Township.

The Hamann farm is one of four Rock County parcels being honored in 2019 as a Minnesota Century Farm.

"It's kind of in the blood," said David as to why the homestead continues to be an active farm.

The Hamann Farm begins with E.H., who emigrated to the U.S. from Germany. His early focus was to farm, having made that career choice before coming across the ocean and settling in Rock County.

He homesteaded the current Hamann Farm south of Luverne in 1919 with the purchase of 120 acres from Clayton M. and Genevieve Snook for \$251 an acre or a total of \$30,120.

Twenty-six years later, John Ernest and Alma Hamann took over the farm in 1945 and owned the parcel until 1968.

John replaced the original farmhouse in 1950.

Of John and Alma's children, Melvin chose to continue the farming career with wife Phydell in 1968, keeping the family tradition going until David took over in 2000.

As a youth, David recalls helping with the family's farrow-to-finish operation, set up in the lower level of the old barn.

Century farm Hamann/see 10B

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Century Farm: Harlan and Sue Stueven

By Mavis Fodness

One structure paints the quintessential picture of a Midwest farm of the twentieth century — the round roof barn.

For Harlan and Sue Steuven of Hills their round roof barn (constructed in 1930 by the farm's original owners, Harlan's great-grandparents, William and Sophia Kitchenmaster) is a strong reminder of the 100 years of continuous family land ownership begun by Harlan's great-grandparents.

This spring the farm celebrates its 100th year in the Stueven family. The barn now houses the family's newest livestock venture of raising Olde English "Babydoll" Southdown sheep.

Harlan's great-grandparents originally purchased the 160 acres in 1919.

The purchase price was \$18,240 for the section 26 Martin Township parcel from William and Effie Rons.

Both William and Sophia emigrated from Germany. He's from Mecklenburg and she's from Emden.

They built the farm's present home in 1939, right next to the original home, which was later torn down.

Eli and Alvina Kitchenmaster purchased the family farm in 1962, and their daughter, Evelyn, purchased the farm in 1968 with her husband, Wilfred Steuven, after Eli passed away unexpectedly.

The couple operated a dairy in the 1932 round roof barn. They had four children: daughters Eldora, Myra and Verla (Fick) and son Harlan.

Harlan purchased the family dairy herd in 1982 and was joined by Sue when the couple married in 1988. They purchased the 20-acre farm site in 1990 followed by the 100 acres of cropland in 2018.

"Harlan and I are happy to be the fourth generation living on our farm," Sue said.

The couple milked until 2001 but sold the cows so he could be involved with their daughters' activities.

Their daughters, Meagan and Natalie, were very involved in 4-H and brought sheep and horses to the farm east of Hills.

First came purebred Hampshire lambs and the registered Paint and quarter horses, all housed in the round roof barn at one time or another.

The barn remains in good condition, having received a new metal roof in 2017. A barn quilt was painted by Meagan to dress up the barn in honor of Natalie and Greg Fick's wedding with the reception at the farm that same year.

Corn, soybeans and hay continue to be raised on the Century Farm. However, all the Stuevens currently work off the farm.

Harlan operates his own semi, hauling distiller's grain to local cattle feeders and drives the activity bus for Hills-Beaver Creek Schools. Sue is the purchaser and office manager at Rock Veterinary Clinic in Luverne.

"Agriculture is very important to our family," Sue said.

"God willing, our farm will continue to be in our family for many, many years to come."



Workers build a large round roof barn for the William and Sophia Kitchenmaster farm in 1930. This year the farm is celebrating 100 years of continuous ownership by one family.



Harlan and Sue Stueven (center) continue the family's Century Farm tradition that began in 1919 along with daughters Meagan Stueven (far left) and Natalie Fick (far right).



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Century Farm: Paul and Diane Boyenga

By Mavis Fodness

An opportunity to own their own farm brought Meinert and Reka Boyenga to Rock County in 1910. A hundred years later, the couple's former home- stead is being recognized as a Minnesota Century Farm this year.

Grandson, Paul Boyenga, and his wife, Diane, continue to farm Meinert and Reka's original 160-acre parcel.

The two researched and wrote a narrative of their family farm's history.

Their narrative begins in 1878 in the East Friesland area of Germany in Greetsiel with Meinert's birth.

He immigrated to the U.S. at age 10 with his par- ents and settled near Cleves, Iowa. There he married Iowa-born Reka Schultz and the two settled and farmed on a small acreage in the Cleves-Ackley area.

"Meinert also worked as a milk hauler, using horse and wagon to haul whole milk from the farmers to the creamery, and then haul- ing the skim milk back to the farms," according to the Boyengas' research.

The couple had four chil- dren. Daughter, Bena, and sons Fred, Ernest and Jacob traveled with their parents by train to Kanaranzi Township in 1910. Trains also carried the couple's household and personal items, livestock and machinery the 250 miles north to Ellsworth.

Roads in Rock County



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Diane and Paul Boyenga pose in front of the original barn on their Century Farm that was purchased by Paul's grandfather in 1919.

were simple dirt paths in the early 1900s when the Boyenga family arrived at the Ellsworth train station.

"They arrived at Ells- worth at night and some people came to get them with a bobsled, which they rode in to a relative's place in the area, where they stayed until their rented farm was available to move onto," the narrative read.

Two of Meinert and Reka's sons guided teams of horses to construct more roads in the township.

For ten years, the Boy- engas lived on the rented farm in section 24, paying \$3 an acre cash rent.

They moved in 1919, this time in section 23 and

Century Boyenga/see 10B



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The Boyenga Century Farm is located on County Road 1, two miles south of Kanaranzi. The main barn, granary and portions of the house are original to the homestead, which Meinert and Reka Boyenga purchased in 1919.



At left, Calvin Boyenga was the second generation of Boyengas to farm the family homestead, pictured in 1958 combining oats.



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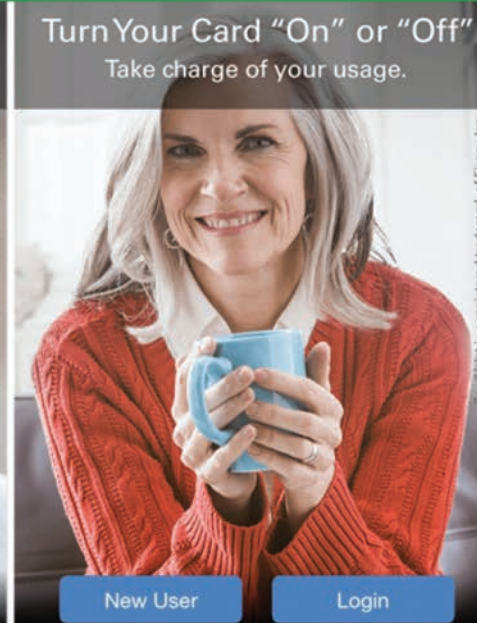
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Fair time means busy time for 4-H'ers ... just ask the intern

By Mavis Fodness

The biggest event for the 4-H program is the exhibition of projects and livestock at the Rock County Fair.

For the 203 local youth enrolled in Rock County 4-H, the fair culminates months of hard work and show preparation. A successful county fair may mean a trip to the Minnesota State Fair.

Rock County 4-H Program Summer Intern Brooke Hendrickx knows firsthand that recognition from the community could be more impactful to the youth than receiving a blue ribbon.

"They put a lot of work into their projects," Hendrickx said. "Just asking them questions about their animals or projects often brings a smile to their faces and improves confidences."

Early registration numbers for both the livestock and general projects is about the same as last year.

Rock County 4-H'ers plan to bring 348 animals and 1,078 general projects to next week's four-day event.

Hendrickx, along with 4-H program coordinator Kelsey Maeschen and 4-H program assistant Sheila Steinhoff, will be on hand to help make sure the youth exhibition goes smoothly.

Hendrickx began the summer position May 23.

"I applied for this internship because I wanted to learn more about the Extension side of 4-H and expand my leadership skills with all ages of youth," Hendrickx said.

A former East Otter Tail County 4-H'er, Hendrickx grew



Mavis Fodness photo/Fair Tab 2019 4-H Intern

Brooke Hendrickx is this year's Rock County 4-H Program summer intern and is instrumental in organizing the 4-H events at next week's county fair. She'll assist coordinator Kelsey Maeschen and assistant Sheila Steinhoff.

up on an 80-acre farm near New York Mills.

The family raised small grains, sheep and swine.

Involvement in the 4-H sheep

and swine projects are among Hendrickx's favorite.

Her parents, Alan and Linda Hendrickx, are 4-H alumni and passed the passion for the pro-

gram off to their four children.

Brooke is the youngest and spent 12 years on the 4-H program and showing their home-raised stock at the East Otter Tail County Fair.

"I really looked up to them and learned a lot," she said.

Another adult who helped Hendrickx excel in other 4-H projects is her grandmother, Carolyn Richter, who passed time-honored baking skills to her granddaughter.

Even as a college junior at South Dakota State University in Brookings, Hendrickx still shares recipes and, when home, bakes cookies with the elder Hendrickx.

"I really learned basic cooking and would go over to her house regularly and bake cookies," Hendrickx said.

In addition to foods, Hendrickx also participated in the clothing, creative arts, woods and flower gardening projects at the fair.

Hendrickx received a preview of Rock County 4-H projects at Presentation Night July 8.

Early judging was completed for individual projects in performing arts, demonstration, foods review and clothing projects. Clubs were judged on their banner and community pride projects.

The quality of the projects impressed Hendrickx.

"They are so creative in their things they do," she said. "The projects are so cool."

Judging for the rest of the non-perishable general projects is Monday. Perishable general projects are judged Wednesday.

Public viewing of general projects and the ribbon placings will be Wednesday through Saturday at the 4-H exhibit building attached to the 4-H food stand.

Livestock shows begin Wednesday evening and are scheduled through Saturday.

A complete schedule of livestock shows is available on page 12.

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Combining in 1952 on the Boyenga farm consisted of tossing bundles of small grain into a threshing machine, which separated the grain from the bundled stalks. (submitted photo)

Century Farm: Boyenga/continued from page 8B

established what is now the Boyenga Century farm. The farm was purchased from Ole L. and Mary Tostenrud for \$36,800, or \$230 an acre, “which was a fairly high price for that time,” according to the narrative. Tostenruds purchased the land in 1889 for \$1,750 from the St. Paul and Sioux City railroad company. Calvin Boyenga was the last child born to Meinert and Reka in 1912. He became the second generation to own the Boyenga Century Farm. Calvin and his wife, Beatrice, became the farm’s official owners in 1962 after his parents’ deaths. The third generation of Boyengas began arriving in the home built in 1902 by the Tostenruds. Of the four children — Mary, David, Paul and Dennis — Paul continues to call the farm in section 24 home.

When Calvin and Beatrice retired in 1979 to Luverne, Paul and Diane moved onto the homestead. In addition to parts of the house, the Century Farm continues to boast the original granary and barn. After decades of various livestock enterprises including milk cows, beef, hogs, chickens, cattle and stock cows, the farm currently only raises crops. Paul and Diane Boyenga have one child, a son, Brian, who works for the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Brian returns home regularly to help with fieldwork and harvest along with his spouse, Travis Hahler. “Hopefully, ownership of this Century Farm will continue into the fourth generation,” concluded the Boyenga narrative.

Century Farm: Paulsen

By Mavis Fodness
The Paulsen Farm became a Century Farm in 1918 and will be recognized with the other Rock County farms at the annual 2019 county fair. In 1918, Otto and Kate Paulsen purchased 80 acres in section 30 of Clinton Township, north of Steen. Purchase price was \$50 per acre. The couple owned the parcel for 13 years before their son, Fred, and his wife, Laura, took over the homestead in 1931.

Otto Paulsen went on to be a state representative from 1935-1939. Over the past century, corn, soybeans and oats have been grown in the Paulsen Farm with its occupants tending to dairy cows, sheep and hogs. Otto’s grandson, Melvin Paulsen, and his wife, JoAnn, took over the original 80 acres in 1974 and 40 years later Otto’s great-grandson, Glen, and his wife, Marla, currently live on the Century Farm.

The Rock County Century Farms and their current owners will be recognized at the Rock County Fair beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 25, under the tent near the 4-H eatstand.

Century Farm: Hamann/ continued from page 6B

A nursery was constructed in the 1980s and expanded to a 2,400-head finishing operation with a new barn constructed a few years ago. Two livestock buildings, a hog house and a chicken house still stand as original buildings from the 1919 purchase. Wood from the original granary was recycled into the construction of other buildings on the farm. Today, along with his brother Dan, David farms 400 acres along with oper-

ating a machinery repair shop. Over the years, the farm housed a dairy operation and chickens. The building improvements and farm expansions may position the farm for the fifth and sixth generations already enjoying the Hamann family farm. David and Lisa have seven children — Jenae, Jordan, Karissa, Andrew, Kynzie, Justin and Erin (Tim Schneekloth). The couple has two grandchildren with another on the way.



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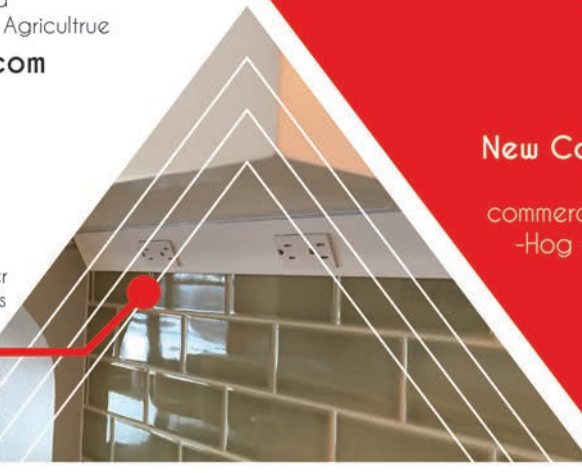
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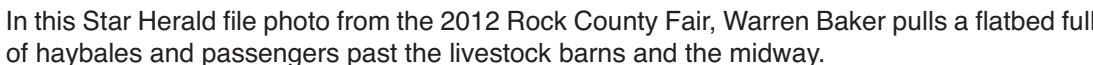
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Schedule of events at 2019 Rock County Fair



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*Senior Citizens Day Program - Doug Ohman Pioneer Photography Presentation "They Chose Minnesota" & music by Bruce Dysthe

**Doug Ohman Pioneer Photography Presentation "Name that Town"

***Doug Ohman Pioneer Photography Presentation "Making a Difference - The Role of Women in MN Ag"

****Michelle Weber author & illustrator of "Harvey - A Ranch Birthday"

Monday, July 22

4-H general exhibit judging.....1:30-7 pm

Open Class non-perishable registration.....5-8 pm

Wednesday, July 24

Livestock entries can be brought in.....9 am-noon

4-H Eatstand & Exhibit Hall open.....noon-9 pm

Open Class non-perishable/perishable exhibit registration...3-7 pm

4-H Poultry Show.....3 pm

4-H Rabbit Show.....5 pm

RC Talent Show*Historic Palace Theatre*.....7 pm
(Sponsored by Sioux Valley Energy)

Thursday, July 25

Herdsmanship begins.....8 am

4-H Swine Show.....8 am

4-H Dairy Show.....11 am

4-H Lamb Lead/Sheep Show.....1:30 pm

Music on the Patio by Ron & Jane Cote.....2-4 & 7-8:30 pm

4-H Goat Show.....3:30 pm

Meet & Greet with Jim Woster-Tri State Neighbor...4:30-6:30 pm
under tent

Rock/Nobles Cattlemen Beef Feed.....5:30 pm

FREE Watermelon Feed Sponsored by Teal's5:30 pm

Presentation of Farm Family of the Year & Century Farm..6 pm
under tent

Presentation by Jim Woster.....*History of the Stockyards*.....6:30 pm
under tent

Rock County Speedway Races.....*HOT LAPS - 6:30 pm*.....7 pm
(Sponsored by R&S Seeds & Fick Seeds)

Friday, July 26 SENIOR DAY

4-H Beef Show.....8 am

RC Library "Rockin Red" Children's Musical.....*under tent*.....10 am

4-H Horse Showmanship.....11 am

4-H Horse Pleasure Show.....noon

Senior Citizens Day Program*.....2 pm

4-H Fashion Revue.....*under tent*.....4 pm

4-H Pet Show.....5 pm

Doug Ohman Pioneer Photography Presentation**.....5 pm

Rock County Pork Producers Pork Feed.....5:30 pm

Music on the Patio by Gloria Wieneke.....6:30-8:30 pm

Mutton Busting.....6 pm

Xtreme Bull Riding.....7 pm
(Sponsored by Wyffels & RC Corn & Soybean)

Doug Ohman Pioneer Photography Presentation***.....*under tent*.....7 pm

Antique Tractor Parade.....7-8 pm

Saturday, July 27 KIDS DAY

4-H Livestock Ribbon Auction.....9 am

4-H Horse Training.....10:30 am

4-H Horse Games Show.....noon

Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Guy.....*shows at noon, 1:30 & 4*.....noon-4 pm

Music on the Patio by Bruce Dysthe.....1-3 pm

Michelle Weber Bookreading & signing****.....1-3 pm

Pedal Pull (registration at 1 pm).....*Grandstand*.....2 pm

4-H Cookoff.....*under tent*.....2 pm

Shriners.....2-5 pm

4-H Premier Showmanship.....4 pm

4-H Parade of Champions.....6 pm

Music on the Patio by Gloria Wieneke.....6-8:30 pm

Enduro Race.....7 pm
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THURS. & FRI. 4-8 PM, SAT. 1-5 PM

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JULY 26 6 PM

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JULY 27 7 PM

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JULY 24 7 PM

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JULY 25 7 PM HOT LAPS 6:30

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